

Staff Senate Mission Statement: NDSU Staff Senate addresses the needs and aspirations of university staff by promoting a progressive campus environment.

A message from NDSU President Dean Bresciani



North Dakota State University and our state's university system make profound and vital differences in so many ways. It is critically important for us to bring that message to the public, so I recently began a series of op-ed submissions to leading news agencies across the state.

In "We talk about higher ed because it's so important," I wrote that economists have irrefutably established the personal and social benefits of higher education. I described how our two nationally ranked research universities have contributed a stunning amount of benefits, while our two-year and four-year undergraduate campuses have made important contributions both in their communities and statewide.

I also wrote that North Dakotans have long valued education, and our state is increasingly realizing its unparalleled role in creating the success of North Dakota and its residents. As a state on the

culsp of reframing, and achieving, a bright economic future, a growing number of business, civic and legislative leaders are coming to fully appreciate the investment opportunity and economic return being contributed by our North Dakota colleges and universities.

As a hard-working contributor to NDSU's success, you recognize the significance of what we do and how more Americans than ever before are accessing a higher education experience. What we do is important – take pride in our contributions.

In the months to come, I plan to contribute more op-ed submissions, explaining what higher education is and is not, and I will address our critics. I will discuss why we, as a state and nation, support higher education like few other places in the world, and the many benefits that result from that support. It's a formula that spells success for our students, but also perhaps even more importantly for our state and nation.

With time, I believe the contributions of higher education will, for most North Dakotans, be more understandable and substantially more appreciated.

Thank you for all that you do.

Dean L. Bresciani
President

NDSU Staff Appreciation Day set for March 20

By Mary Asheim

The NDSU Staff Senate 2014 Staff Appreciation Day is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, from 8:30 to 10:00 AM, in the Great Room of the Memorial Union. An open house format will be utilized with an opportunity for refreshments, entertainment, and networking between 8:30-9:00, followed by a short program at 9:00. The event will recognize the many contributions NDSU staff make to the university community. In addition, staff will be able to meet their senators, and there will be an opportunity to learn about the nomination process for Staff Senate.

All NDSU staff are invited to attend, so mark your calendars and plan for a wonderful morning!

A message from Staff Senate President Kelly Bisek



I want to take this opportunity to give a big thank-you to the NDSU Staff Senators. Not only those that are serving this year, but those that will serve into the future and those that have served in the past. I hope we will see some renewed interest from some of those gone, but not forgotten,

former senators in the next few years. I remember the leadership and insight that these individuals brought to the Senate. Thank you for establishing and continuously building the Staff Senate.

This past year we have tried to continue the many outstanding projects, events and programs established in former years, and we have also added some new ones. I thank the current senators for your ideas, your planning, your effort, and your

enthusiasm. I am very impressed with the breadth of talent, skills and ideas that emerge from this group, and I am very proud to have had the opportunity to work with you.

Unfortunately, from time to time staff members leave the senate. We hope they come back, but their departure allows for new people and new ideas. I want to thank the new senators in advance for your willingness to fill those vacant roles. To get the most out of your time in the senate you need to be involved. If you are, you will have the opportunity to do some wonderful things and meet some really great people.

The Staff Senate will be hosting the Staff Appreciation event on Thursday, March 20th from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Please take some time to stop by. We will also be seeking out nominations for new senators and maybe some of our former senators can make some time to stop by as well. That way I can thank you again personally-- the past, present and future NDSU Staff Senators.



Discover U workshop notes

By Kimberly Buckley

Staff Senate's Professional Development Committee hosted a wonderful morning of professional development in the Great Plains Ballroom on Thursday, February 20, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. and was followed by lunch.

Steve Winfrey and Matt Skoy presented an interactive workshop focused on several new personal development concepts designed to increase an individual's "power-mindset" and enhance confidence. They showed staff how to use these skills to become "indispensable at work." Steve and Matt also discussed strategies to better work with students.

The session had 80 registrants and 74 in attendance.

We'd like to thank everyone for their participation in this event. We always appreciate your support!



Campus Kudos presented at Staff Senate meetings

Issued as a heart-felt thanks for contributions to campus and the people on campus, Campus Kudos is a certificate of appreciation for anyone, including students, staff, and faculty.

Staff Senate sponsors this program to encourage NDSU employees to recognize co-workers when they exhibit one or more of the valued behaviors of customer service, continuous improvement, teamwork, integrity and quality.

Each Campus Kudos recipient is presented with a gift certificate, which may be redeemed at either the Minard Hall or Memorial Union Coffee Cart, and a \$10 gift certificate to the NDSU Bookstore.

You can submit your nomination online at www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate . Nominations may also be made during any regularly scheduled Staff Senate meeting.

Campus Kudos presented since the last publication of The Messenger are as follows:

The Help Desk team of Nate Gonser and Michael Aho nominated by Jill Spacek and the Office of HR/ Payroll.

In her nomination, Jill wrote,

"I want to express the great appreciation that I and my department have for the work that the IT Help Desk team does. They are absolutely terrific. Each and every one of them.

Most recently, we had 4 new positions to fill in our office. With that came the removal of email accounts, obtaining email addresses and access to shared drives, etc., etc. I was constantly bombarding Nate Gonser and Michael Aho with requests and minor issues. Their response time could not have been better. I really felt that they went above and beyond. They were so helpful and made getting our new employees up and running possible with barely a hitch.

I can't tell you how good it feels to new employees to be 'ready to go' on their first day of work. It makes them feel like part of the team they are joining and not so out of place.

Thank you for all you do to make our world - and the whole campus - a better place to work. IT is lucky to have you!"



Pictured: Jill Spacek, nominator; Michael Aho; Nate Gonser; Steve Sobiech, supervisor



Pictured: Wendy McCrory, nominator; David Dahl; Terry Wieland, supervisor

David Dahl was nominated by Wendy McCrory. In her nomination, Wendy wrote,

"While trying to set up the Bison Card reader for Panda Express on Thursday, 8/30, a wiring issue was discovered by David Dahl. In 24 hours the connection was set up correctly, and the campus had the capability to use Bison Bucks and Bison Charge at Panda Express.

David dropped what he was scheduled to do to make certain the campus community had the services they have come to expect."



Pictured: Chris Suriano, supervisor; Sara Kuhry; Anne Bodensteiner, nominator

Sara Kuhry was nominated by Anne Bodensteiner.

In her nomination of Sara, Anne wrote,

"Sara is the Communication Coordinator at the Wellness Center and has made it a pleasure to come to work. She continues to provide high quality work no matter how many projects she is given. She is easy to work with and gives honest, open feedback!

I want to nominate Sara for this award for being a great asset to my team, always providing great results in a timely manner. I love working with her!"

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Pictured: Rich Lodewyk and Bison Information Network student employees

Rich Lodewyk was nominated by Carol Renner. In her nomination, Carol wrote,

"We were in need of great video footage of campus life at NDSU for a project, when uncooperative weather prevented us from getting the video we needed in a time crunch.

After contacting Rich Lodewyk, Communications Department faculty and advisor to Bison Information Network, Rich quickly located excellent video footage taken by NDSU students that could be used for our time-crunched project. He provided excellent customer service, while promoting the work of his students in the Bison Information Network and SUTV."

Who makes NDSU smile?

By Shauna Pederson Dubuque

The Mary McCannel Gunkelman Recognition Award was established in January 1987, by the late John L. Gunkelman and his family in memory of Mrs. Gunkelman, who was a 1942 graduate of the College of Home Economics.

The purpose of this award is to honor the late Mary McCannel Gunkelman, who, from the time she was a student on the NDSU campus and throughout her unselfish life as a wife, mother, and active citizen in the Fargo-Moorhead community, found greatest expression and satisfaction in her contributions to creating an atmosphere of happiness for others to enjoy. Mary was firmly dedicated to the principle that students would be more apt to attain their full potential if they were working and living in an enjoyable environment. She further believed that the more enjoyable the campus and programs of NDSU, the better university it would be in the future. It is in the firm endorsement of Mary's belief that this award was established.

Chris Anderson, Dave Dynes and Frank Duray were nominated by Nancy Hillen.

In her nomination, Nancy wrote,

"Chris, Dave, and Frank work in Print and Copy Services in Ag Communications. All three have excellent customer service.

On several occasions I have witnessed a customer wanting a print job on very short notice, sometimes immediately, and they accommodate the request no matter what it is. They are all very easy to work with and make being at work enjoyable."



Pictured: Becky Koch, supervisor; Frank Duray, Dave Dynes, Chris Anderson; Nancy Hillen, nominator

You are invited to nominate one student or employee of NDSU who you believe has made the most significant and unselfish contributions to creating a happy environment for the enjoyment of NDSU students. Nomination information can be found at www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate. Please provide specific examples of how this individual has had direct impact on making NDSU a pleasant, cheerful campus for students during the current academic year.

Nomination forms will be shared with the nominee. Nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, March 25.

The recipient will be announced at a reception open to the campus community at the NDSU Alumni Center on Wednesday, May 7.

Nominees must be present at the reception in order to receive the award.

Staff Senate scholarships are available

By Angela Seewald-Marcquardt

NDSU Staff Senate is accepting applications for scholarships that will be dispersed in Fall 2014.

Students eligible for the scholarships include NDSU broadbanded staff, dependents of broadbanded staff, and undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's degree.

Additional details appear below and on the Staff Senate webpage, www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate.

The application deadline for the scholarships is Friday April 4, 2014. Recipients will be announced prior to the Fall 2014 semester.

Broadbanded Staff Scholarship, \$100

The applicant must:

- Be properly enrolled with at least three (3) graduate or undergraduate credits at North Dakota State University at the time of disbursement (Fall 2014).
- Be a benefited, broad banded staff member who has been employed by North Dakota State University for a minimum of one year by April 4, 2014.
- Have earned a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.
- Preference given to applicants who have completed at least 15 semester credits.
- Preference given to degree seeking undergraduate or graduate students.

Applications are available online at www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate/scholarships or in the Office of Student Financial Services, Ceres 202.

Please contact Angela Seewald-Marquardt at Angela.Seewald-Marquardt@ndsu.edu with any questions.

Dependents of Broadbanded Staff Scholarship, \$500 maximum

The applicant must:

- Be properly enrolled at least half-time at North Dakota State University at the time of application (April 4, 2014) and at the time of disbursement (Fall 2014).
- Be a dependent of a benefited, broadbanded staff member who has been employed by NDSU for a minimum of one year by April 4, 2014.
- Have completed 15 semester credits with a 2.5 cumulative GPA or above.
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate student.

General Undergraduate Student Scholarship, \$500 maximum

The applicant must:

- Be properly enrolled full time as an undergraduate student, per NDSU guidelines, at the time of application (April 4, 2014) as well as at the time of disbursement (Fall 2014).
- Have earned a minimum of 30 credits at NDSU by the application deadline of April 4, 2014 with a 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA or above.
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate student who has not obtained a bachelor's degree.



Sign up for Staff Senate's Relay for Life team

In May of 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt used his passion for marathon running to create one of the biggest fundraising events for the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life was merely a vision for Dr. Klatt, who wanted to help raise money by running 24 hours on a track. By donating \$25 to run or walk 30 minutes with him, he was able to raise over \$27,000 in the fight against cancer. More than 25 years later, Relay for Life annually holds 5,200+ events around the USA.

Staff Senate is proud to again sponsor a Relay for Life team! The 2014 event will be held at NDSU from 6 p.m. Saturday, April 26, to 6 a.m. Sunday, April 27. We welcome more team members, donations, or both!

To sign up, donate, and/or join our team, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/m2xuer5>. Come help us celebrate life, hope, and survivorship for those who have faced cancer or honor those who have lost their battle.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact team captains Laura Dallmann or CeCe Rohwedder at laura.dallmann@ndsu.edu or cece.rohwedder@ndsu.edu.



NDSU Day of Honor held

By LaDonna DeGeldere

On January 13, 2014, the NDSU community along with family and friends attended the NDSU Day of Honor ceremony to remember students, faculty, and staff who have passed in recent years. This ceremony, coordinated by Staff Senate, was the first annual ceremony to commemorate the lives of fallen Bison family members.

In the months prior to the NDSU Day of Honor, the NDSU community was asked to submit the names of Bison family members who have passed, to be read during the ceremony. In the soft light of the Great Room a candle was lit in memory of each name read. President Bresciani and Erv Inniger shared words of welcome and hope. Students, faculty, and staff were remembered during a moment of silence as well as through arrangements beautifully performed by members of the NDSU Concert Choir under the leadership of Jo Ann Miller.

Staff Senate appreciates the support and participation from Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Faculty Senate President and Erik Diederich, Student Body Vice President (pictured above). Their collaborative support helped to make this event special in every way.

Going forward, the NDSU Day of Honor will be held annually in January to remember those who have passed in the previous year.



**Summer office hours,
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.,
are in effect
May 19 through August 22!**

NDSU staff recognized at 2013 State Employee Recognition Week

Several NDSU staff were honored during the 2013 State Employee Recognition Week for their dedication and contributions to the people of North Dakota. The awards were presented by Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley during a luncheon at the Capitol in Bismarck.

NDSU recipients of the Governor's Award of Excellence in Public Service were:

Michelle Grant, senior accounting specialist, Plant Sciences.

Jean Hagen, administrative assistant, Aerospace Studies.

Debra Sorenson, coffee barista, Dining Services.

Also nominated for this award from NDSU were Deb Baer, Judy Erickson, Patty Hartsoch, Carolee Kaylor, Tanya Kramer, Kathy Laid, Aida Martinez-Freeman, Anna Sheppard, Jeri Vaudrin, Rosella Wagner and Stacy Wang.

Nominations for this award may be submitted online at www.nd.gov/cose/gaward/index.htm. Submissions are accepted year-round, with the nomination deadline the first Friday of August.

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NDSU STAFF SENATE MEETINGS 9:30 - 11 A.M., Memorial Union All staff are welcome!

September 4, 2013, Prairie Rose Room

October 2, 2013, Plains Room

November 6, 2013, Plains Room

December 4, 2013, Plains Room

January 8, 2014, Great Room

February 5, 2014, Plains Room

March 5, 2014, Great Room

April 2, 2014, Great Room

May 7, 2014, Plains Room

June 4, 2014, Plains Room

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