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Message from the President

Our outstanding university continues to shine.

In January, our football team accomplished the historic and unprecedented feat of winning a fifth consecutive national title. The game again put our university in the spotlight and our reputation for excellence grows. The 17,000 thousand fans in the stands and thousands more participating at watch parties and in living rooms around the globe show the loyalty of our alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students.

That theme can be found in each corner of the NDSU campus – every level of measurement shows our dedication to quality education, research and service. Ranging from the newly completed STEM instruction building to our thriving full-time student enrollment, we are setting marks for academic and research achievement. Together, we are serving our citizens at the highest levels ever known by our state.

NDSU is clearly on an upward trajectory, and your efforts are helping us become a national model for our peers. We enjoy a culture of excellence, and the hard work of our faculty and staff is key to our many accomplishments.

I view NDSU as the modern version of the land-grant ideal – we recognize that education is the most productive path to an improved quality of life for our citizens. Take pride in your extraordinary contributions, because you are helping NDSU's remarkable transformation.

Thank you for your dedication to NDSU.

Dean L. Bresciani
NDSU President



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- Dean. L Bresciani





Message from Staff Senate president Gennifer Sprecher

What a wonderful year it has been

This has been a fantastic year so far in Staff Senate. I have had a great time leading these awesome senators and have learned a lot from this experience. I have been in Staff Senate since 2010 and have enjoyed every minute of it. I like getting involved with different activities/

events and having the opportunity of being a leader. The best part of all is the friendships I have made with different senators that will last for years to come. Thank you to all!

Preparing for a busy spring with several events

Spring will be a busy time for our senators as we get ready for the Gunkelman Award ceremony and the Staff Recognition Awards. There will be another Staff Appreciation Day in march along with two Discover U events, one in February and one in May. We will also be accepting scholarship applications from staff members and their dependents so we can allocate funds that we raised this past fall to help them achieve their educational goals.

Meeting the needs of our campus community

Our senators take pride in helping fulfill the needs of the campus community. Since those needs are forever changing, we hope you will consider joining Staff Senate this year as we love fresh, new ideas and faces at our meetings. Nominations for becoming a staff senator will be coming out soon. Even if you don't join as a senator, we would like to remind you that staff members are always welcome at our meetings and can bring ideas and concerns to our attention at any time. Have a great spring and I look forward to seeing you at the senator elections in May!

Staff Appreciation Day Event

Your NDSU Staff Senate would like to say "Thank You" for all the hard work and dedication all of our NDSU staff give year round. Remember to come to the Annual Staff Appreciation Day event on Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 in the Memorial Union Great Room from 8:30-10 a.m. There will be refreshments and a short program starting at 9 a.m.



First Annual Waste Audit Scheduled

The first annual Waste Audit is scheduled for April 20 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Volunteers and members of the NDSU Environmental Sustainability Committee will sort and weigh trash and recycled items collected from one residence hall and one academic building and will compare waste vs. recycling for each, with the intent to see who is generally better at recycling: students or faculty/staff. For more information, please contact Jen Kacere at Jennifer.Kacere@ndsu.edu or Gennifer Sprecher at Gennifer.Sprecher@ndsu.edu.

Nominate the One Who Makes NDSU Smile

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 whose life, from the time she was a student on the campus of NDSU 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 in creating an atmosphere of happiness for others to enjoy. Mary was firmly dedicated to the principle that a student would be more apt to attain his or her full potential if he or she 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.

You are invited to nominate a 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 by going to http://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 **Thursday, March 24th**.

The recipient will be announced at a reception open to the campus community at the Harry D. McGovern room at the Alumni Center on **Wednesday, May 4th**. Nominees must be present at the reception in order to receive the award.



*Mary McCannel
Gunkelman
Recognition Award*

BISON CHARGE offered to full time / benefitted NDSU employees

As a full time benefitted NDSU employee, you have the option to enroll in the Bison Charge program. Bison Charge allows you to have expenses taken out of your paycheck. You can charge around campus the same places Bison Bucks is accepted. Use your charge for purchases at all NDSU Dining operations, NDSU Bookstore, Herd Shop, Panda Express, Wallman Wellness Center, vending machines, GoPrint stations, as well as Spicy Pie and CVS. Go to www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/bisoncard/images/Bison_Bucks.pdf for a full list. For more information about this benefit and enrollment, contact the NDSU Card Center at 231.6252.

NDSU Career Center Events Abound

Programs of Learning

by Kate Nelson

There is a lot happening in the Career Center this spring! Passport to Payday, a series of workshops for International Students navigating their United States job search, finished up the final two sessions on February 18 and 25. Career Conversations continues this spring as well. This is a monthly program that focuses on a different industry; students can learn from working professionals in that industry about career opportunities for them. On March 9, is careers in human development and family science and on April 6, it is careers in research. The Career Café is a new program being hosted in March and aimed to help graduate students navigate a job search with their advanced degree. The first session is March 4 and will focus on industry job search; a second event on March 11 will focus on academic job search. On March 3, an event is being hosted to promote the Career Closet program, a service for students that allows them to borrow professional attire at no cost. The Career Center, in collaboration with the students of ADHM 181 Aesthetics and Visual Analysis of Apparel Products, will be hosting a fashion show that features ensembles created with Career Closet pieces. There will be fashion, music and snacks; this is a free event open to all students, faculty and staff. For more information on any of these events, visit: https://www.ndsu.edu/career/calendar_of_events/.



2015-16 Career Fairs

by Jamie Blazek

The Career Center has hosted career fairs that have been extremely successful this year. In the fall semester, a record of 1,207 recruiters represented 505 companies, and a total of 3,103 students were in attendance at the Part-time Jobs Fair, Meet the Firms, Agriculture and Agribusiness Career Expo, Engineering and Tech Expo, and the inaugural Business Internship and Career Expo.

As a result, a record breaking number of interviews took place on campus. A total of 98 companies conducted 930 interviews for both full-time and internship positions. The Career Expo on February 9th and 10th brought 1,475 students and 785 recruiters representing 348 companies between the two days. After the career fair, 37 employers stayed on campus to conduct 314 interviews for full-time and internship positions. Coming up are the Part-time and Summer Jobs Fair on March 1st and the Marketing and Sales Hiring Fair on March 30th to close out our career fair season. Thank you to all staff members who volunteer to help us make the career fairs run smoothly. We couldn't do it without you!

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Help Someone Shine!

Is there someone who has impressed you with their hard work, knowledge, or commitment to their profession? Someone who has an enduring positive influence that radiates to others? Is there someone you know who has made NDSU a better place to work or inspires others to do their best? Let them know how much their efforts are appreciated!

The Staff Senate Recognition Committee is now taking applications for the 2016 Staff Recognition Awards.

Individual and team nomination forms can be accessed online by going to http://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate_recognition_award/.

Nominations for broadbanded staff members will be accepted through March 4, 2016. The Staff Senate has up to 10 Staff Recognition Awards for individuals and one award for a team of 2-10 members. Staff eligible for nomination are those who serve within the five broadbanded categories at NDSU: Administrative/Professional, Technical/Paraprofessional, Office Support, Crafts/Trades, and Services. Individual award winners receive \$250 cash awards; the team receives \$600 collectively (\$250 per team member maximum).

The ten individual awards and one team award will be announced and presented at the Staff Recognition Social on April 13 along with the years of service recognition awards.

Silent Auction and Vendor Show a Success

The Scholarship and Campus Relations committees organized the 4th annual Vendor Show and new this year included a Silent Auction. We were able to raise approximately \$1,600 toward the student scholarship fund.

We had almost 30 baskets to bid on. Some of the themes were: Car Care, BBQ, Fitness, Coffee/Tea, Game Night, Men's Grooming, Sewing Kit, and Gift Wrap. All baskets were created by Staff Senate members and their other committees. A big thank you to everyone that donated and helped to make this first auction successful!



For the Vendor Show - there were close to 20 vendors that reserved tables and sold their goods. We had a wide variety of vendors including: Jamberry, Mary Kay, Thirty One, TupperWare, Scentsy, Norwex, homemade ornaments, scarves, and mittens. It was fun to look around! We estimate that close to 100 people stopped in to do some holiday shopping.

Additionally, we were able to provide some light refreshments and one of our international students played an instrument called the zither. We were happy to have her play music for our event! On a final note, we appreciate all of the hard work that the Alumni Center staff did to help make our event successful. They worked with us on last minute set up changes and everyone was happy with the outcome. Thank you Alumni Center staff!

We will start working on the application process soon and will notify Staff Senate when the applications are available.



SAVE THE DATE!

Discover U 2.0—Equine Guided Learning

Monday, May 23, 2016, 1-4 p.m. or Wednesday May 25, 2016, 1-4 p.m.

\$20 per attendee

Registration information to be sent later in the semester

Upcoming NDSU Staff Senate meetings

All NDSU staff are welcome to attend

March 9, 2016	9:30 AM	Prairie Rose Room, MU	Relay for Life
April 6, 2016	9:30 AM	Plains Room, MU	Dean Bresciani, President Matt Larsen, Athletic Director
May 4, 2016	9:30 AM	Plains Room, MU	Elections
June 1, 2016	9:30 AM	Plains Room, MU	TBD

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

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