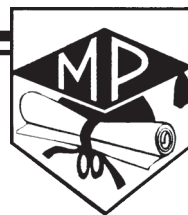


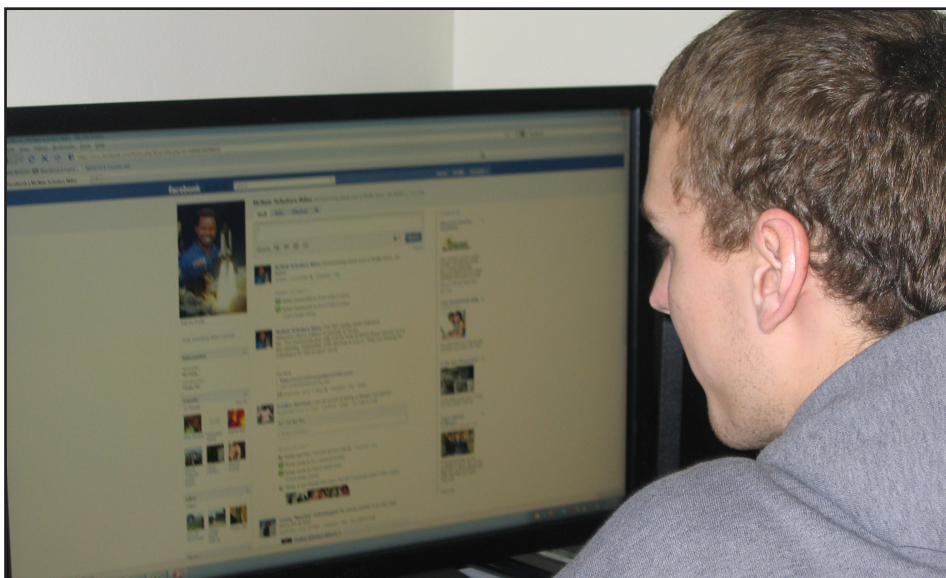
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Social media sites — Do you use them?



NDSU Student checking social media site

How do you learn about what is going on within your community or the global community? Do you grab a cup of coffee and read the paper or are you like the other 500 million people across the globe that uses Facebook to communicate with each other?

Since its conception in 2004, Facebook is becoming the norm for communicating during the 21st century. Over 50% of active users check their Facebook accounts every day. If you have a mobile phone, you can respond instantaneously to the wall posts. I believe this is one of the reasons for the growth of this social networking media.

So why use this platform or similar ones? Well, there are benefits. You can learn how to navigate in the digital age and make connections with colleagues or future employers

by creating your network. It seems like people find out about jobs through word of mouth advertising... this is another venue for that to happen.

But on the other hand, you must be aware of what you post. According to Business Day Technology, 45% of future employers are using the internet to find out about their job candidate. Some job candidates have been screened out of the job by what they posted on their social networking site. So when you prepare for the interview – do not forget to clean up your account. This is a good idea to do sporadically throughout the year anyway.

If you use Facebook or LinkedIn, join us at:
Facebook: McNair Scholars Ndsu
LinkedIn: Kay Modin

McNair fall seminar schedule

Orientation to the Library Resources
September 14, 2010
Speaker: NDSU Library Staff
Time: 6-8:30 p.m.

Scholar Orientation
September 23, 2010
Speaker: MSP Staff
Time: 6-8:30 p.m.

Mentor Orientation
October 21, 2010
Speaker: MSP Staff
Time: 2-4 p.m.

Graduate School Journey
November 8, 2010
Speaker: Eveadean Myers, J.D. & Deland Myers, Ph.D.
Time: 6-8:30 p.m.

Certification: Involving Human Subjects in Research
November 23, 2010
Speaker: Teri Grosz
Time: 6-8:30 p.m.

Save the date for upcoming forums

Winter Research Forum
December 10, 2010
Speakers: Graduating McNair Scholars
Presentations: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Spring Research Forum
April 28 and 29, 2011
Speaker: McNair Scholars
Presentations: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Kudos to Alumni!

Magdalena Brockel (2000-2002) completed her doctoral degree in school psychology at the University of Minnesota. She is a school psychologist at Northland Special Education Cooperative.



Dr. Magdalena
Brockel



Dr. Miranda Hvinden

Miranda Hvinden (1999-2003) graduated from the University of Missouri in 2010 with a doctorate degree in molecular microbiology and immunology. She is a molecular geneticist at Pfizer Animal Health in Michigan.

Darla (Powell) Jia (2002-05) completed her doctorate degree in chemistry from the University of California, Irvine, in 2010.



Dr. Darla
(Powell) Jia



Dr. Brandon Kopp

Brandon Kopp (2001-2003) earned his doctorate degree in 2010 from Ohio State University. He recently accepted a research psychologist position at the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, D.C.

Sonja Kottke (1999-2002) graduated in 2010 from Seattle Pacific University, with a doctorate degree in clinical psychology. She is a clinical assessor at Fairfax Hospital, Washington.



Dr. Sonja Kottke



Dr. Joseph Schlecht

Joseph Schlecht (2001-03) obtained his doctoral degree in computer science at the University of Arizona. He is working in Heidelberg, Germany, doing his postdoctoral research.

Amy (Bertelsen) Syvertson (2000-02) completed her doctorate degree in Adolescent Civic Development and Prevention Science from Pennsylvania State University. She is a research scientist for Search Institute in Minnesota.



Dr. Amy (Bertelsen)
Syvertson

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dream." ~Eleanor Roosevelt



Garrett Brunell, team captain, was a member of the winning national Steel Bridge Competition that was held on May 28-29 at Purdue University. This is the sixth time NDSU has held this title.

"Being a part of the NDSU Steel Bridge Team for 3 years taught me many things but the most important was how to lead in a real world type of engineering scenario. The opportunity was one that I greatly appreciate having taken advantage of and hope that the future of NDSU Steel Bridge is passed on the way that it was to me," stated Brunell.

NDSU Updates...

Bresciani named president



Dr. Dean Bresciani

Dean Bresciani has been named the 14th president of NDSU. The State Board of Higher Education made its decision May 24 after interviewing three finalists for the position.

Bresciani, a native of Napa Valley, Calif., is the former vice president for student affairs at Texas A & M University. His start date was June 15.

"I've never been so excited in my career," Bresciani said during a news conference following the board's deliberations. "This felt right from the moment I first became aware of the opportunity, and it became more right in every conversation I've had with every individual. This is a fit and job that I've been preparing for my entire career."

Excerpts from "It's Happening at State" June 16, 2010, volume 2 issue 20.

First day enrollment up

NDSU officials report first day enrollment was two percent higher than last year. As of the first full day of classes on Aug. 24, NDSU has 14,204 students enrolled in its undergraduate, professional and graduate programs compared to fall 2009 first full day count of 13,929. This represents an increase of 275 students. Undergraduate students are up 305.

Prakash Mathew, vice president of student affairs, attributes the increase to several factors, including an increase in student retention and a higher number of international and Minnesota students choosing NDSU. The official enrollment count announced on Sept. 21 was 14,407.

Excerpts from "News/ Media Relations website at NDSU" August 26, 2010

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NDSU Career Center Offers Assistance to Alumni

Throughout the nation, we continue to hear about the economic recovery and how that affects job seekers as they look to transition careers or find new employment. While there are certainly challenges, the NDSU Career Center would like to remind our alumni about the opportunities that are available.

For the past two years, the Career Center, supported by the NDSU Alumni Association, provides job search assistance to our alumni. Whether you are looking to have someone review and critique a resume, practice for upcoming interviews or want to visit with a Career Specialist about developing a job search strategy, the staff of the NDSU Career Center are available to all alumni who have secured a degree from NDSU.

Since implementing the Alumni Services program, the Career Center has seen a dynamic increase in the number of alumni that have registered with us through CAREERlink, the Career Center's electronic job board for alumni and students. Calls to the Center and one-on-one appointments have also increased as the word gets out about the valuable service we provide.

RECENT NDSU GRADUATES

All Career Center services are available to recent graduates for no charge through the end of the academic term following graduation.

COMPLIMENTARY SERVICES FOR NDSU GRADUATES

NDSU Career Fairs

On-Campus Interviews

NDSU CAREERlink Account

CAREERlink will allow you to: - View electronic job board - Post your resume online - Choose to have your resume viewed by employers

To Register for CAREERlink visit
www.ndsu.edu/career

INDIVIDUAL CAREER SERVICES

All other graduates are eligible for one 30 minute complimentary assessment appointment with a Career Specialist.

Additional appointments are **\$25** and can include:

Resume Critiques

Cover Letters Critiques

Interview Preparation

Job Search Strategies

Mock Interview sessions are available for **\$50**.

Resume/Cover Letter Rewrite starts at **\$150**

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Amber McGuire

Amber McGuire is pursuing a management communication degree with a minor in psychology. She chose NDSU because she heard great things about this institution, and it is large enough to offer various resources but small enough to allow for individual attention.

What led you to choose your major or field of study?

"I began in communication but decided to go to graduate school for education. I love working with people but students inspire me the most. I want to be a guidance counselor because I know the true value of education and hope to influence

Spotlight on scholars...

featuring Amber McGuire

others to find that value as well."

Are you involved with any school or community organizations?

"I am currently the president of the Black Student Association and the Alumni secretary of the Blue Key Honor Fraternity. I am also a research assistant for the cognitive aging lab."

What motivates you to put forth your greatest effort?

"My dreams keep me going. My dream to make my neighborhood schools better pushes me to achieve my goals."

What do you do when you aren't studying or doing research?

"When I'm not studying or doing research, I'm reading or watching movies. I love all types of movies and can watch the same movie over and over again but books are truly my passion. I love curling up on my couch with a hot cup of chai to read

a great book."

What's your favorite funny story about yourself?

"I'm a huge theatre kid and have fallen or tripped on the stage in almost every play I've been in."

If you could be a superhero, what would you want your superpowers to be?

"I would want to be able to read, analyze and fully comprehend any book by just touching it. I heard it all the time as a kid but didn't truly understand how much power is in knowledge."

Do you have any words of wisdom for your fellow McNair colleagues?

"My words of wisdom would be to keep seeing big. It's easy to become short sighted and think of only how certain classes or research don't benefit me in the short term. When this happens, I just think about all I want to accomplish and how each phase is a stepping stone to my dreams. Seeing big enables me to dream big."
