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Introducing incoming President Stewart

North Dakota State University selected Marshall Stewart as its 16th president last month. He will begin serving in this role starting May 26. Over the past several weeks, incoming President Stewart has been visiting campus and meeting with students,

faculty, staff and external partners to gain a deeper understanding of NDSU's priorities and to help ensure a smooth leadership transition. This summer, he will continue that work through a statewide tour focused on listening and learning more about North Dakota's priorities and how NDSU, the state's land-grant university, can help address them.

Get to know our newly elected student body leaders

Students have elected their next student body leaders, with Kaley Quam chosen as student body president and Drew LeBrun as vice president. They plan to prioritize student advocacy, affordability, campus safety and collaboration with university leadership. Their work will ensure student perspectives are represented in institutional decision-making and in conversations that intersect with state policy and public investment in higher education.



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Bison Fund provides students real investments and responsibility

Students participating in the Bison Fund get direct experience managing a real investment portfolio. This applied learning model reinforces classroom concepts while developing workforce-ready skills in financial decision-making, accountability and risk assessment, preparing graduates to contribute

immediately in North Dakota's banking, finance and business sectors.

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Environmental engineering students connect with industry early

First-year environmental engineering students at NDSU are already gaining exposure to professional practice through structured interactions with industry partners. These experiences connect coursework to real-world challenges such as water quality, infrastructure and sustainability while helping students understand career pathways aligned with North Dakota's workforce needs.

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Student startups and innovation take center stage

The annual Possibility Showcase highlighted NDSU student startups and innovation-driven projects ranging from technology-based ventures to consumer products and service concepts. The event reinforces the university's commitment to entrepreneurship as a driver of workforce development and economic growth.

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NDSU researchers tackling issues impacting state's water supply.

Researchers with the North Dakota Water Resources Research Institute are leading projects focused on improving water supply reliability and water quality across the state. Their work informs policy, supports agricultural and municipal decision-making and strengthens long-term stewardship of North Dakota's water resources, demonstrating NDSU's role as a trusted research partner on issues critical to the state's future.



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Agriculture technology degree strengthens workforce alignment

With support from legislative funding through the New Horizons initiative, NDSU has introduced an Agricultural Technology degree that builds on the university's long-standing strengths in precision agriculture while aligning curriculum with today's workforce demand. The program integrates agriculture, technology and data-driven systems to prepare graduates for evolving roles across North Dakota's ag and technology sectors, ensuring public investment continues to support a modern, industry-responsive workforce.

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