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Stay connected with NDSU's latest highlights — featuring groundbreaking campus news, exceptional faculty, staff and student achievements, major media spotlights and more!

SPREADING THE WORD



NDSU students are winning major industry accolades before they even graduate, setting a standard for success for all the Bison who follow them. This spring, 11 students from the School of Design, Architecture and Art combined to win 28 total awards — plus a “Best in Show” award for SoDAA director Michael Strand and collaborator Carlos Roybal — at the American Advertising “ADDY” Awards. The Marketing and Communications team is proud to share their story through targeted messaging across digital platforms and earned media, highlighting how students excel while on campus, readying them to hit the ground running in their future careers.

Click the image below to view the short video celebrating SoDAA's big wins.



BISON SPOTLIGHT



Our Bison Spotlight this month celebrates Lisa Montplaisir, professor of biology in the College of Arts and Sciences, as she concludes a remarkable period of service. Lisa is wrapping up two terms as Faculty Senate president, along with a four-year appointment as faculty advisor to the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education. Her leadership, time and care have made a meaningful difference across campus, and this moment offers a chance to recognize the extraordinary contributions she has made in these roles.

[Click the image below to read Lisa's story.](#)



“Shared governance is just one of the ways to become involved. Every college, every department and NDSU as a whole all have committees that are there to improve university life. Committees work on things like recruiting and retaining students, first-year experiences, curriculum development and a whole spectrum of other topics. There’s something out there for everyone who wants to get involved and serve the university community.”

– Lisa Montplaisir

VOICES OF THE HERD



From cutting-edge programs to inspiring faculty and alumni, the experiences at NDSU are vast. Through feature stories, we highlight the innovation, impact and meaningful connections that shape the NDSU journey, offering a closer look at the individuals whose passion and grit define what it means to be a Bison. Read more at [Experience NDSU](#).



NDSU design students travel to Dallas to showcase data center design concepts



Become an innovator with NDSU's robotics and automation degree

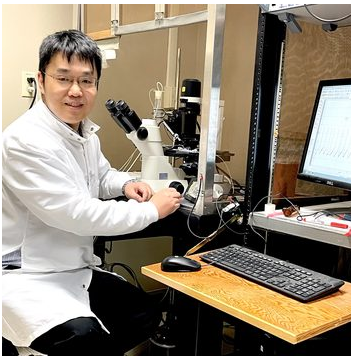


Find your path to success with an NDSU microbiology degree

RESEARCH RECAP



As an R1, land-grant institution ranked among the nation's top 100 public research universities, NDSU is driving innovation through groundbreaking research that serves North Dakota and beyond. From emerging technologies to community-focused studies, our faculty, staff and students are advancing knowledge and creating real-world impact. Stay connected to the latest discoveries shaping the future at NDSU.



NDSU associate professor receives NSF CAREER Award to study how heart cells sense danger signals



NDSU research links maternal gut health and microbiome to stronger, more sustainable cattle production



NDSU assistant professor receives NIFA award to study meatpacking consolidation efforts

#BISON PROUD



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AROUND CAMPUS



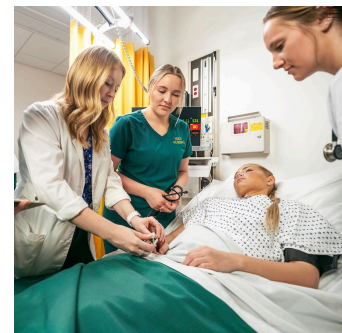
Read the latest campus news on the [NDSU news site](#), or [submit a news story](#).



[Possibility Showcase highlights student innovation and entrepreneurial spirit at NDSU](#)



[NDSU freshman environmental engineering students connect to industry through professional rotation](#)



[NDSU now offering Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner graduate certificate](#)

MEDIA MENTIONS



Do you have a great story to share, or have you been approached to provide expertise to the media? Please direct media inquiries to Jennifer Burris, media and community engagement specialist, at jennifer.r.burris@ndsu.edu or 701-231-7652. We look forward to facilitating media connections and sharing our Bison stories and expertise with the community.



[WDAY - NDSU pantry expands to meet growing student food needs](#)



[InForum - NDSU students bring forth a garden of designs during annual fashion show](#)



[New England Construction - Making work zones safer in the upper midwest](#)

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



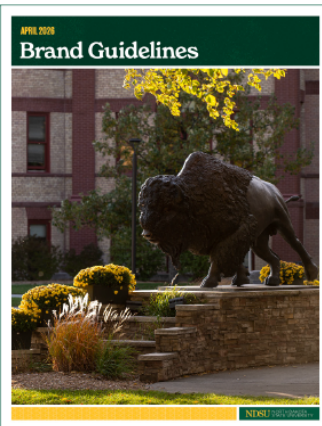
Join us in celebrating our graduates by attending NDSU's commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Fargodome. Nearly 1,500 students are expected to participate between the two ceremonies.

Click the image below to get to know spring 2026 commencement speakers, Paige Sanders and Akua Osei-Bonsu, with a fun video about their NDSU experiences.



Stay up to date with all the exciting happenings at NDSU by checking out the campus [Event Planning Calendar](#) and [myNDSU Calendar](#). For university sponsored events, reach out to the Marketing and Communications team to learn more about the resources we have.

BRAND 101



Brand 101 is an engaging brand training experience designed to equip faculty, staff and student leaders with the tools to represent the university clearly and consistently. Through clear guidelines, real-world examples and practical exercises, participants learn how to confidently communicate the university's values, personality and visual identity – ensuring every message, experience and touchpoint reflects one unified brand.

Participants are encouraged to connect with NDSU's Marketing and Communications department for guidance, resources and collaboration.

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