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NDSU NORTH DAKOTA
STATE UNIVERSITY

A message from President Cook

Welcome to North Dakota State University!

You're joining a vibrant, student-focused, land-grant research university with a clear mission: to move the horizon of possibility for our students, our state and the world.

At NDSU, students are the reason behind everything we do. Our campus brings together bright minds from across North Dakota and around the globe to pursue academic excellence, make discoveries that matter and build community. In fall 2024, we enrolled 11,952 students across undergraduate, graduate and professional programs. That includes 1,980 graduate students and 823 international students representing 73 countries. Our student-to-faculty ratio is 16 to 1, creating space for connection, collaboration and personalized learning.

NDSU is proud to be recognized as an R1 research university by the Carnegie Classification, the highest level of research activity. In fiscal year 2023, we recorded $190.3 million in research expenditures and ranked No. 97 among 420 public universities nationally, according to the National Science Foundation. Our researchers and students work side-by-side to solve real-world challenges, from food security and biotechnology to cybersecurity, sustainability and health.

We continue to expand the spaces where learning and innovation thrive. NDSU has 92 buildings on campus, eight major research and Extension centers across the state and a presence in every North Dakota county through NDSU Extension. Facilities like the Peltier Complex, Aldevron Tower, Sugihara Hall and the A. Glenn Hill Center offer hands-on, high-impact learning experiences. And coming in 2026: the Richard Offerdahl '65 Engineering Complex, a $100 million project designed to be the region's premier engineering facility.

NDSU also plays a vital role in downtown Fargo, where programs in business, design and the arts flourish in spaces like Barry Hall, Klai Hall and Renaissance Hall. And at our Research and Technology Park, innovative partnerships spark new ideas, companies and jobs that drive economic growth. As a land-grant university, our mission includes service to the state and beyond. From the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station to workforce partnerships across the region, NDSU brings people together to create impact with heart and purpose.

We are proud of our more than 96,000 alumni, whose careers and contributions reflect the strength of an NDSU education. They are leaders, innovators and difference-makers. You're now part of that tradition.

Thank you for joining the Bison community. Your journey starts now, and we're excited to see where it leads.

Sincerely,

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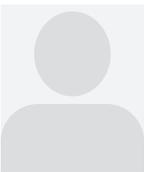*Assistant Professor of Practice | Division of Performing Arts*
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