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125th anniversary celebrated in grand style!



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The MSU Foundation is raising funds for the memorial garden to be located on the south side of the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center. For a gift of \$500 or more, a granite plaque with your honored veteran's name, military branch, and year(s) of service will be placed on the memorial walk. **Order your plaque by July 1 to be included in the inaugural unveiling during Homecoming 2015!**



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Wednesday, June 17

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MN Twins vs. Seattle Mariners game
at Target Field Saturday, Aug. 1!**



Game time is 6:10 p.m.
A limited number of seats
will be available for
Mayville State
alumni and friends.

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will be held.

**See more at www.mayvillestate.edu/twins
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Reunion of 1990 Championship Football Team

Performing Arts Hall of Fame Induction • Dedication of Military Honor Garden

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Comet Athletic Club Sportsmen's Raffle. Aug. 29

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Honor Society President's Dinner.Nov. 1

Madrigal FeastDec. 4 & 5

See details at www.mayvillestate.edu.

On the cover: Mayville State University Alumni Days 2014 festivities began with the official grand opening of the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center. The historic building, formerly known as Northwest Hall, now serves as an alumni and community center and houses the offices of the MSU Foundation and Alumni Association. **Inset photos - Far left:** The flags that graced the south entrance to the building added a festive flair to the occasion. **Second from left:** A large crowd gathered at the west entrance to the building, where the grand opening program was held. **Center:** Doug Anderson ('74), Mayville State alumnus and volunteer leader of the project to rehabilitate Northwest Hall for use as an alumni center, takes a selfie with the crowd before he begins his remarks as part of the program. **Fourth from left:** The First & Farmers Filharmonic brass ensemble played as people gathered for a picnic, which was sponsored by the First & Farmers Bank of Mayville and Portland. Pictured are band members Lowell Domier (left) and Dennis Peterson (right). **Far right:** Distinguished Alumna Ruth (Juvet) Stone Glaser ('39) celebrated the 75th anniversary of her college graduation during Alumni Days 2014. She is shown here riding in the SummerFest parade with driver Lori (Wolden) Nelson ('83).

Looking to the next 125 years with optimism and excitement

It's been a grand celebration! Over the last several months, Mayville State alumni and friends have enjoyed many activities held in recognition of the university's 125th anniversary, which was officially on Nov. 2, 2014. Much has happened over the past 125 years. We are grateful to the pioneers of the state of North Dakota who fulfilled their dreams of better education for their children through the establishment of colleges where teachers would be prepared to go out into the rural areas to change the lives of children forever.

Many things have changed since the establishment of Mayville Normal School. The dreams of the early pioneers became reality, and their hopes have blossomed over and over again into new hopes and dreams for the future, but always with one goal in mind, to make the world a better place for future generations.

Mayville State is truly in a renaissance period today. The work that has taken place during the last several years to ensure our mission is remarkable. When we reflect and evaluate what has been accomplished, we are filled with excitement for the future. New partnerships and academic achievements are raising the university to new heights and facilities have been greatly improved.

What a difference the installation of a coal-fueled heating plant has made! That single change freed up millions of dollars that would otherwise have gone up in smoke in fuel costs, and now we've been able to put that money to good use in making much-needed improvements all across the campus.

A few years ago, we were able to completely renovate Agassiz Hall, our largest residence hall. We now offer suite- and apartment-style living facilities for our students. Students



Dr. Gary Hagen.

are enjoying this great opportunity offered to them, and it has definitely made a difference when students are making their decisions about where to attend college.

And the State of North Dakota is pitching in too! A state-funded renovation of the Science Building and Byrnes-Quanbeck Library was a great improvement, and the addition to these buildings is now the home to the Division of Education and Psychology. A \$2.2 million campus drainage project was completed late last summer. Not only does it provide a safe and friendly campus environment, it has made the east side of campus look great! The Legislature also supplied funding in the last biennium to complete an upgrade to the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation facilities. Bids have been let, and construction/demolition has begun. In addition, we've had the funding to generally spruce up many areas on campus.

All faculty and staff are working hard to provide the best possible education in flexible and accommodating ways as we carry out our mission of educating students and helping to meet the needs of the people of North Dakota.

Physical and programmatic improvements have had a direct impact on the enrollment increases we've seen across the board. We set all-time enrollment records in both the fall and spring semesters again this year. Final spring semester 2015 figures show 1,025 students enrolled, breaking the previous record of 1,018 students enrolled, which was set in 2014, and 981 students enrolled in 2013. The number of new transfer students grew by 35% over last spring semester.

As we look toward the next 125 years for Mayville State University, we are filled with optimism, and like the early pioneers, we, too, have dreams for the future. Consistent enrollment gains have put us in a position to explore the possibility of building a new residence hall for students. The Mayville State 125th Anniversary Legacy of Leadership Campaign is underway! Fifteen alumni and community leaders have put together a \$350,000 challenge to all MSU alumni and friends to match dollar-for-dollar all gifts given for artificial turf for football and baseball by the end of 2015. These are exciting times!

At Mayville State, it always has been, and always will be, about the people. At this special time in our history, we remember the many extraordinary people we have had the opportunity to get to know. We are privileged to have some very great students who are already making a difference in the world and who will continue to make us proud as they leave us as Mayville State alumni. Our faculty and staff are second to none. We are grateful to them as they work with our students in their quest to reach their full potential. Last, but certainly not least, we remember our fabulous alumni and friends, including the people of the Mayville-Portland community. We truly appreciate all that you do to support our university.

Dr. Gary Hagen
President

**Calling all former
Mayville State cheerleaders!**

**Plans are being made for a reunion
during Homecoming 2015,
Oct. 16-18.**

**Find out more and let us know
of your plans to attend at
www.mayvillestate.edu/cheerleadingreunion.**

East side of campus has a new look, transformation continues

Mayville State University celebrated the completion of the campus-wide drainage improvement project with a grand opening of the new and improved Stan Dakken Drive last fall.

The re-opening of the road marked the completion of a \$2.2 million project, which has provided a great improvement to Stan Dakken Drive and the adjacent parking on the east side of campus. Storm water from the campus buildings and sidewalks now drains to a lift station south of Jerome Berg Field. The water eventually flows into the city drainage ditch on the east end of town.



Prior to completion of the drainage project, Stan Dakken Drive flooded each spring.



Stan Dakken is the passenger in President Gary Hagen's vintage Model A during the ceremonial first trip down the new and improved Stan Dakken Drive, located on the east side of campus. A couple of Mayville State's cheerleaders can be seen riding in the rumble seat.



Parking is now located west of Stan Dakken Drive, rather than east of the road.

HPER facility replacement project underway

Work has begun on Mayville State's \$5,754,484 state-funded HPER facility replacement project, which involves replacement of the 1929 Old Gymnasium and expansion of classroom and lab/practice space for Sports Management, Fitness and Wellness, Health Education, and Physical Education majors. Functionality of the project will be enhanced with a health and wellness training lab, classroom sound-system enhancements, fitness and weight room protective flooring, additional classrooms, furniture, and equipment. A separate locally funded project will provide new locker room space for the football team.

The project consists of three building additions totaling approximately 17,000 sq. ft. and includes new classrooms to be built in the footprint of the Old Gymnasium, which will be razed in May of 2015. This building addition will be located south of the racquetball courts and along the west wall of the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse.

Attached to the east side of the Lewy Lee will be two building additions, a Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Division and Athletics office complex to house faculty and athletic administration and coaches. This will be located north of the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse main entrance. A weight room and high-performance lab will be located just south of the Fieldhouse main entrance.



Architect rendering of the completed HPER replacement project.



Mayville State student Brooke Schurman from Walhalla, N.D. reads to students at the MSU Child Development Programs Mayville State center.

MSU awarded two major grants from U.S. Dept. of Human Services

Mayville State University Child Development Programs will receive \$1,117,837 in the first year of funding in a new Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grant for North Dakota. The Administration for Children and Families in Washington, D.C. announced in December of 2014 that Mayville State was a preliminary winner of the grant. The university is one of 234 organizations nationwide selected to receive this funding. More than 700 applications were received. The grant is funded on a five-year cycle.

"This comes at an opportune time," said Mayville State Child Development Programs Executive Director Allison Johnson. "Child care access for infants and toddlers, especially in the Grand Forks area, is desperately needed."

Mayville State University will partner with several center-based child care centers in Traill, Steele, Griggs, Nelson, Walsh, and Grand Forks counties, expanding current child care opportunities. Sixty-four additional children, birth to age three, will be served through this first year of funding.

Mayville State is collaborating with Child Care Aware of North Dakota and the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) project, the Department of Public Instruction, the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Children and Family Services and Economic Assistance Policy Division through this grant-funded project.

"Mayville State University is excited to be 'paving the way' in providing collaborative, affordable, and comprehensive early care and education services to more infants and toddlers," said MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen. "Through this project, we are helping to expand the early care and education workforce and impact systematic changes across North Dakota."

Mayville State University has also received notification of its first installment for ongoing Head Start and Early Head Start award for the 2015-2016 program year. Annual funding amounts to \$1,920,366, and provides services for children from birth to age five from 172 low-income families across Traill, Steele, Griggs, Nelson, and Grand Forks counties.

MSU offering N.D.'s only undergrad generalist special ed teaching degree

Mayville State University is now offering a Bachelor of Science degree in special education for early childhood, elementary, and secondary levels! The program is the first undergraduate special education strategist degree available in North Dakota. All core classes within the special education area of study are available online. Mayville State's tradition of providing a personalized approach to higher education at an affordable cost continues in the era of online learning.

This is an exciting new opportunity for those who teach in North Dakota. The new bachelor's degree in special education allows teachers to work with children in any category of disability. Since it's available online, those individuals currently licensed in North Dakota can continue to work while pursuing the special education degree.

There is a big need for qualified special education teachers. The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the discipline's professional organization, has acknowledged a "chronic and severe shortage of personnel to deliver special education services," which negatively impacts the learning of more than a million students with disabilities.

The goal of MSU's special education program is to prepare teacher candidates for entry to special education professional practice with the knowledge and skills to practice safely, ethically, and effectively with a multi-categorical population of students with special needs. The program consists of a double major in professional education (early childhood, elementary, or secondary) and special education, as candidates must master appropriate core academic subject matters, as well as be prepared for the complex challenges of teaching individuals with exceptional learning needs. The skills of general educator and special educator complement each other, and as such, dual certification is a goal of this program.

For more information about Mayville State's special education program, go to www.mayvillestate.edu/specialed. Feel free to contact Dr. Sarah K. Anderson at 701-788-4829 or sarah.anderson2@mayvillestate.edu with any questions.

Berg Hall Reunion

Friday, June 26, 2015

Open House at Berg Hall • 1 to 4 p.m.

Find out more and let us know of your plans to attend at

www.mayvillestate.edu/berghallreunion.

RN to BSN nursing program successfully launched

Mayville State University's new online RN to BSN nursing program is now in its second semester. The program, which started in the fall of 2014, is offered in three five-week blocks per semester. Full-time students can expect to take three to four classes per semester while part-time students can expect to take two to three classes. The program provides flexibility for students by offering fall and spring semester starts. Applications for the fall semester are reviewed in March and spring semester applications are reviewed in October.

So far, the program has enrolled a total of 20 online students - eight students who started in the fall and 12 students who started in the spring 2015 semester.

Mayville State's Nursing Program Director, Tami Such, says the need for the online program evolved from identifying nurses who had not earned their baccalaureate degrees, but wished to do so.

"We worked very closely with our vice president for academic affairs and recognized the need for the online program," says Such. "Now in our second semester, we just accepted our second group of students. We've really been enjoying the process of getting to know our students and implementing the new program. Our program is entirely online, which helps us reach out in rural areas of North Dakota. Beyond that, our

program also reaches students who live on the North Dakota/Minnesota border, which allows our program to expand nursing quality in both states – the potential to reach others across the country."

Such says for nurses considering a RN to BSN program, Mayville State's online format offers several advantages.

"A big consideration is cost. MSU is very affordable when compared to other universities. Plus, the accelerated nature of our program is appealing. Students can complete the program requirements in one year (three semesters), full-time; and in two years (six semesters), part-time."

To learn more about Mayville State's nursing program and offerings, visit www.mayvillestate.edu/nursing or contact Tami Such at tami.such@mayvillestate.edu.



RN to BSN nursing program student Samantha Thykeson.

MSU friends support RN to BSN program through Giving Hearts Day

The Mayville State University Foundation participated in Giving Hearts Day, a 24-hour online give-a-thon for non-profit organizations in western Minnesota and North Dakota, held Feb. 12, 2015. The event is hosted every year by the Dakota



Giving Hearts Day donors were invited to make their online gifts from their own computers or to stop by the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center and do so. A chili luncheon was provided for those who stopped by. Pictured from left to right are Tami Such, MSU nursing program director, Shannon Skovlund, administrative assistant for the program, Jim Johnson from the Traill County Tribune, and Pam Soholt, director of the MSU Bookstore.

Medical Foundation (DMF) and Impact Foundation to help participating charities dramatically increase fundraising success by creating awareness and a 24-hour window of participation that spurs donors to action. This is the second year in which the MSU Foundation has participated. Gifts of \$10

or more (up to a total of \$4,000) were matched by the Dakota Medical Foundation.

Gifts made to the Mayville State University Foundation through the efforts of Giving Hearts Day are being used to help with development costs of the RN to BSN program at Mayville State, including funds needed to hire faculty and purchase additional library resources. No state appropriations are used to support this program. The give-a-thon provided an opportunity for donors to help make a difference in the need for nursing professionals in the local area, as well as the state of North Dakota and beyond.

"Giving Hearts Day provides a fantastic opportunity for donors to get a super 'bang for their buck,'" said Dena Bergstrom, MSU Foundation annual giving associate/phonathon coordinator. "A gift of \$10 has the potential to become a gift of \$20, which goes a long way in supporting the needs of our new RN to BSN program at Mayville State. We are grateful to all who have joined us in this important cause."

Through the Giving Hearts Day activities in 2014 and 2015, Mayville State alumni and friends contributed about \$60,000 to the RN to BSN program at MSU. This includes matching funds from Dakota Medical Foundation and the North Dakota Educational Fund for Excellence, which supplied a 50% match on gifts received during Giving Hearts Day in 2014.

Hoeven, Norwegian heritage highlight 2014 commencement festivities



MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen (right) presents the Mayville State University Distinguished Service Award to U.S. Senator John Hoeven.

Mayville State University had the distinct honor of hosting Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) during the university's annual commencement festivities Saturday, May 17, 2014. Senator Hoeven delivered the commencement address and was also awarded the Mayville State

University Distinguished Service Award, in recognition of his support for MSU, especially when he was governor of North Dakota.

In introducing Senator Hoeven, Mayville State President Dr. Gary Hagen told of the challenges Mayville State faced when he first took over as the university's president. Then-Governor Hoeven contacted President Hagen and offered not only financial, but also human resources to help get Mayville State back on track. Hagen credited this assistance with a dramatic change process and the resulting success the university is now experiencing.

Hagen said, "In honor of Senator Hoeven's vision and assistance, and for his help in re-energizing and redefining our campus, it is my honor and privilege to present to Mayville State University's friend, and my friend, Mayville State University's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award."

In his address, Senator Hoeven congratulated the graduates on marking this important milestone in their lives. "The skills you have learned here at Mayville State University - both in your studies and also through the rich experiences you have had living and studying in this tightknit, wonderful community - will serve as your passport to your future," he told the graduates.

Senator Hoeven issued a challenge to the graduates. He said, "We will look to each of you to foster and lead our country forward so that future generations will continue to know this most exceptional nation. Use your education and the values you have learned here at Mayville State to be a force for good, a catalyst for improving our state and nation. Use your talents to empower people and ideas. We need this now more than ever. Make every moment count, work hard to achieve your dreams, and make a positive difference in this world. Rather than witness history, make history, and leave your mark - you can do it."

Students who spoke on behalf of the graduating class at the commencement exercises were Elizabeth Cakebread from Shelly, Minn. and Adam Edwards from Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, England. Pastor Nathan Strong of Portland (N.D.) Lutheran Parish delivered the invocation, and Dr. Kirsten Diederich, then-president of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, brought greetings on behalf of the Board. Dr. Diederich's mother, Beverly Bakke, was among those in the audience. Beverly and her husband, Jerry, are both Mayville State alumni.

Commencement day at Mayville State University began with socializing and a wonderful brunch for the graduates and their families in the MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room. The brunch was hosted by the Mayville State University Alumni Association and is a tradition which serves as the first official alumni event for the new graduates each year. The brunch was sponsored by Gate City Bank. The bank's monetary contribution helped to make it possible for all guests to attend the event free of charge. Speakers at the brunch were graduates Michele Jensen, Moorhead, Minn.; Josh Jefferies, Fairbanks, Alaska; and Nisa Rajput, Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa.

As a grand finale to the day, Mayville State University teamed up with the local Sons of Norway Mjosen Lodge to host a post-commencement reception. In celebration of Mayville State's 125th anniversary and the Scandinavian roots at the founding of the institution, the reception was also a celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day, or Syttende Mai. The National Day of Norway is an official national holiday observed on May 17 each year, and 2014 marked the bicentennial of the signing of their constitution. Dressed in their traditional Norwegian costumes, members of the Sons of Norway Lodge served Scandinavian treats. A table featuring Norwegian heritage was on display, and local musicians, the "Hayshakers," performed traditional music.



Members of the Sons of Norway Mjosen Lodge, along with others, made and served Norwegian treats at the post-commencement reception.

Commencement 2015 • Saturday, May 16
2:00 p.m. • Lewy Lee Fieldhouse
Keynote speaker: Dr. Ellen Chaffee

Mayville State hosts celebration of people and cultures

Mayville State University faculty, staff, and students organized and hosted a multicultural festival and invited the community to take part Wednesday, April 8, 2015. The goal of the celebration was to promote cultural recognition and respect, to celebrate the diversity of the Mayville State campus and the Mayville community, and to honor the community's heritage and diversity. The Mayville State Office of Diversity and Division of Education and Psychology spearheaded the event, with MSU diversity coordinator Marcelo Campoverde leading the charge.

The Campus Center was the site for late-afternoon cultural events, including dancing by Allan Nota and Lloyd Marimbire, MSU students from Zimbabwe, and Paul C. Perez demonstrating salsa dancing. Students enrolled in HPER 206 at Mayville State demonstrated American folk dance, as well as dancing representing Ireland, Bavaria, and Norway.

Those making cultural presentations highlighting various countries were Alicia Loiland, Poland; Madeleyne Gallardo, Honduras; Khwaja Hossain, Bangladesh; and Debbie Hagen, Norway. Cynthia Shabb with the Global Friends Coalition had a booth, as did Emiko Kingsbury, demonstrating Japanese art. Poster boards were created by a number of students.

The finale of the celebration was a concert held in the Classroom Building Auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m., which included dancing representative of Bangladesh by Sumaiya Alam and dancing by Allan Nota and Lloyd Marimbire.

A four-member band comprised of brothers David (piano and vocalist), Nate (bass guitar) and Jon Paul (drums) Snyder from Thompson, N.D. and their friend, Lucas Campoverde (guitar) from East Grand Forks, Minn., performed a couple of



Lincoln High School senior Isaiah Burkel (left) read "Invictus" during the choir's performance of Yungay Me Twalo. Jamcy Kudde (center) and Aaron Fagerstrom (right) provided percussion for the selection. Fagerstrom is also piano accompanist for the choir.

selections. No Longer Simon is a group of young men, childhood friends, who met at church and who love to play music.

Christina Vallejo and her father, Jhonny Vallejo, award-winning vocalist and keyboard player from Cuenca, Ecuador, delighted the audience with their selections, which incorporated a variety of rhythms and styles from several Latin American countries.

The concert concluded with an outstanding and lively performance by the Lincoln High School Choir from Thief River Falls, Minn., under the direction of Darcy Reese. The choir's highly energetic performance celebrated diversity.

The group is made up of auditioned juniors and seniors. Since 2001, the choir has produced an annual spring show that focuses on diversity in our world. The choir has studied Jewish, African American, and Native American music. The spring shows are brought to New York City every other year. These shows have been performed at St. John the Divine church and Jazz at Lincoln Center in the famous Allen Room overlooking Central Park.

A highlight of this portion of the program was a piano solo performed by the choir's accompanist, senior Aaron Fagerstrom. His seemingly effortless performance amazed the audience, bringing the crowd to their feet at the conclusion of the song.



MSU students from Zimbabwe, Allan Nota and Lloyd Marimbire, also known as Clutch, danced for audiences at the afternoon and evening sessions of the April 8 multicultural festival at Mayville State.

Comets are NSAA baseball champions!

The Mayville State University Comets baseball team is a co-champion of the NSAA regular season, sharing the honor with the Jimmies of Jamestown. At the time of this writing (April 29), the Comets were 35-19 on the season and 15-5 in conference play. Although the Comets shared the honor of regular-season champion with Jamestown, MSU entered conference tournament play as the first seed. They faced Dickinson State in the opening round. The Comets had already traveled to Dickinson, N.D. this season, where they swept the Blue Hawks in the regular-season four-game series.

John Pistulka led the offensive charge for the Comets during conference play. Pistulka was white-hot with a batting average of 0.472 with 25 hits and a team-leading 18 RBIs. Pistulka also led the team with nine stolen bases in eleven attempts during conference play. John Pistulka is a senior from Wabasso, Minn.

Aaron Miller is another reason for the success of the Comets during conference play. Miller led the team in total hits during conference play with 28 and was second in batting average and RBIs with a 0.467 average and 16 runs driven in. Miller

recorded six doubles and two home runs for MSU. Aaron Miller is a junior from Anchorage, Alaska.

Tyler Leibert led the Comets from the pitcher's mound during conference play with a record of 4-0. Leibert had an ERA of 2.81 in 25.2 innings pitched. Leibert only gave up eight earned runs and led the team with 23 strikeouts. Tyler Leibert is a junior from Whittier, Calif.

John Pistulka was also solid on the mound for the Comets during conference play with a record of 2-2. Pistulka had an ERA of 3.71 with 11 earned runs and 15 strikeouts in 26.2 innings pitched.



High fives all around!



Teammates celebrate a run with Nina Gurgian.

Softball team finishes 5th

The 2015 North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) softball season came to a close the last weekend in April. At the end of conference play, the Comets were 6-30 overall and 5-15 in the NSAA. The Comets picked up conference victories over Presentation College, Valley City, Dakota State (two), and Dickinson State.

Nina Gurgian led the offensive charge for the Comets during the conference season with a 0.477 batting average. Gurgian led the Comets in hits and runs scored with 31 and 18, respectively. She was second on the team in RBIs during conference play with 17. Nina Gurgian is a sophomore from Claremont, Calif.

Tiffany Soria was also impressive during conference play for MSU. Soria led the team in RBIs with 18 and is second in batting average and total hits with a 0.404 average and 23 hits total. She also led the team with seven doubles and five home runs. Tiffany Soria is a junior from Paramount, Calif.

Haley Kravetz was the leader from the pitcher's mound for the Comets during NSAA play. At the time regular-season play ended, Kravetz held a 3-5 record in league play with a 5.93 ERA in 59 innings pitched. Kravetz led all Comet pitchers with 35 strikeouts. Haley Kravetz is a freshman from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The University of Jamestown captured the NSAA regular season championship and earned the top seed in the conference tournament. The Comets were seeded fifth.

Bergstrom wins 125th anniversary commemorative gun

Shannon Bergstrom, Portland, N.D., was the winner of the Mayville State University Comet Athletic Club raffle of a 125th anniversary commemorative shotgun. The one-of-a-kind firearm, a Franchi Instinct 20 gauge O/U shotgun, features an engraving of Mayville State's Old Main on the stock and the Comet Athletic Club logo and the Mayville State seal on other areas of the gun.



At left: Harlan Johnson (ex. 82), former CAC board president, presents the shotgun to Shannon Bergstrom ('93).



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Berry ends term as ABCA president, picks up 950th win

Mayville State head baseball coach Scott Berry officially ended his term as the American Baseball Association (ABCA) president at the conclusion of the organization's annual meeting Jan. 1-5, 2015 in Orlando, Fla. He now transitions into the role of past president.

As a past president, Berry is automatically a lifetime member of the ABCA board of directors and sits on the executive committee. At future national conventions, Berry will participate in two meetings of the executive committee, and he will also attend annual meetings during the College Baseball World Series in Omaha, Neb. These trips are provided to past presidents free of charge.

The ABCA encompasses all levels and aspects of organized baseball, from the professional Major Leagues to NCAA college ball, all the way down to grade school. The group even has some international members.

At the 2015 ABCA annual meeting, Coach Berry presided over the executive committee meetings. He also spoke at the breakfast for spouses and the honors luncheon, and he provided the welcome comments prior to the coaches clinics. He served as master of ceremonies at the coach of the year and hall of fame banquets.

He also participated in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) meetings while in Orlando. The NAIA is the league in which Mayville State competes. He attended the meetings of the baseball committee, the rules committee, the conference meetings, and the tournament procedures meeting. Whatever happens in NAIA baseball, on or off the field, is discussed and determined in these meetings.

Hats off to Coach Berry, who notched his 950th win with a Comet 4-3 home-game victory over University of Jamestown Saturday, March 28, 2015. He is the tenth-winningest coach in NAIA baseball.



Outgoing ABCA president Scott Berry (left) had a photo op with Rob Manfred (right), new Major League baseball commissioner, during the 2015 ABCA annual meeting in Orlando, Fla.

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Comets men's basketball on the rise

After three seasons with Coach DeWitt at the helm, the Mayville State basketball program is back on the rise. The 2014-2015 season saw the Comets finish with an overall record of 18-11 and a North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) record of 6-6, including a conference tournament victory.

The 2014-2015 season marks the most successful season, and first winning season, since 2007. The Comets battled their way to 18 victories in a season where they squared off against nationally-ranked opponents on seven different occasions. Much of the success can be attributed to their TEAM defensive mentality. The Comets finished the season as the fifth-best defensive team in the country in terms of field goal percentage, holding their opponents to 40.0% shooting from the field. The Comets also made it tough for opponents from behind the arc, holding them to 31.9% shooting which was good for tenth in the country. The Comets ranked 16th in the country in defensive rebounds per game and 21st in the country in blocks per game.

The Comets began their 2014-15 season with a 79-71 victory over the University of Regina of the Canadian Inter-university Sport League (Canada's top division of collegiate athletics). The Comets then faced stiff competition, losing their next three games, all to top 25-ranked opponents, before rattling off seven-straight victories to end 8-3 before the holiday break. Returning from break, MSU dropped two more games to nationally-ranked opponents before closing their non-conference schedule on a four-game winning streak, entering conference play with a record of 12-5.

The Comets hoped for a better start to their 2015 NSAA campaign as they dropped their first four games, three of which came on the road. The Comets would respond by winning their next five conference games before losing the last regular season game on the road to finish the regular season with an NSAA record of 5-5.

The Comets headed into the NSAA conference tournament as the No. 4 seed and took down the No. 3 seed Presentation College Saints on the road. Following their road victory, the Comets were unable to take down eventual conference tournament champion Dakota State, which brought their 2014-2015 campaign to a close.



Chuck Robinson dunks it for two!

Chuck Robinson, a 6'7" junior from Minneapolis, Minn., had a terrific individual season for the Comets. Robinson was named First Team All-Conference in the NSAA and was selected as the NSAA player-of-the-week on two different occasions. Robinson collected ten double-doubles on the season (points and rebounds) and ranked seventh in the country in blocks per game, 21st in offensive rebounds per game, and 22nd in total rebounds per game. Robinson finished the season averaging 15.9 points and 8.4 rebounds per game.

The Comets look to continue their success in the 2015-2016 season, returning the majority of their team, including all five starters and eight of the top 11 varsity members.

In three years, Dan DeWitt has had four players earn All-Conference honors and four players receive NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors. In two years as part of the NSAA, 11 players have received NSAA Scholar-Athlete honors.

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Make a nomination!

Athletic Hall of Fame

Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame

We request your assistance in nominating deserving individuals for induction into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame. If you know of worthy candidates, please take the time to submit a nomination at mayvillestate.edu/recognition.

- Inductees to the Mayville State University Athletic Hall of Fame fall into the following categories: athlete, team, Mayville State coach, Mayville State athletic staff, or honorary member. In order to qualify for induction, athletes must have graduated from Mayville State at least ten years prior to induction, and have earned two letters in one sport or one letter in two or more sports.
- Inductees to the Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame must have graduated or left Mayville State ten or more years prior to induction. The purpose of the award is to recognize those Mayville State graduates who have excelled in athletic coaching during their careers. The records of the nominees should be so outstanding that there would be little question as to the qualifications necessary for induction. Consideration will be given for personal conduct in sports and personal contributions to the ideal of sports.

Complete nominations on file June 1 of each year will be considered for induction in that same year.

For more information, contact Beth Swenson at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu.

Women's basketball wraps up strong season

The Mayville State University women's basketball program had another strong team during the 2014-15 season. The Comets finished the season with an overall record of 18-8 and a North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) record of 7-5, including a conference tournament victory.

The Comets began their season Oct. 24, 2014 with a 92-80 victory over Brandon University. Andi Gayner and Joelle Ertl, both new faces to the roster this season, had strong showings in their debut, scoring 15 points and 11 points respectively. Junior guard Liza Hoglo scored 14 points in the season-opening victory. A bleak spot for the Comets in their first game of the year was the season-ending knee injury suffered by senior guard Sabrina Rude. Rude was the fourth-leading scorer from a year ago and one of the top three-point shooters in the country.

Following the season opener, the Comets squared off against ninth-ranked Concordia University (Neb.). The young Comets battled hard, but fell with a final score of 89-79. The Comets would go on to have a strong showing during the first semester as they finished with a record of 8-3 before the break, including two wins over the University of MN-Morris and a win on the road against Bethany Lutheran College. The Comets picked up three more wins right after the break, including a road win over Viterbo University, which will join the NSAA in 2015-16. The Comets headed into conference play with a record of 11-3.

During the NSAA conference season, the Comets dropped their first two games, losing to Dickinson State University on the road and the thirteenth-ranked University of Jamestown at home. The Comets then grabbed two wins on the road over Presentation College and Dakota State University, despite not having the efforts of their leading scorer, Liza Hoglo, who sat out due to a foot injury.

The Comets dropped a home contest to Valley City before rattling off four-straight victories, including a revenge win against the Vikings on their home floor. The Comets dropped their last regular-season NSAA game against the University of Jamestown, which gave them a 6-4 record in the league and a third-place regular-season finish.

With a third-place finish during the conference regular season, the Comets hosted the fourth-place Dickinson State University Blue Hawks in the first round of the NSAA conference tournament. The Comets and the Blue Hawks split during the regular season with each team winning on their home floor. The Comets held serve on their home court, beating the Blue Hawks by a score of 73-70. The Comets were unable to keep their season alive on the road against Valley City State, as they would lose in the semifinals of the conference tournament by a score of 80-62.

Comets Liza Hoglo and Andi Gayner were recognized for their efforts during the 2014-15 season.

Hoglo, a 5'8" junior from Thief River Falls, Minn., was named an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention and select-

ed to the North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) First Team All-Conference. On the season, Hoglo averaged 17.3 points and 9.1 rebounds per game on 44.3% shooting and made 211 trips to the free-throw line. Liza Hoglo also surpassed 1,000 career points in the last regular-season game of the year against the University of Jamestown. Hoglo currently sits at 1,052 points scored in a Comet uniform.

Andi Gayner, a 5'11" freshman from Dassell, Minn. was selected as an NSAA Second Team All-Conference member. On the season, Gayner averaged 14.4 points and 8.0 rebounds per game. Gayner shot 47.3% from the field and got to the free-throw line 172 times.

The Comets look forward to another successful campaign in 2015-16 as they will return all five starters and their top seven scorers from this past season. Seniors leaving the program are Sabrina Rude, Erica Henrikson, Alyssa Blair, Skyler Olson, and Brooke McNary.

Hoglo enjoys successful season

Mayville State University's Liza Hoglo was named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 2015 Division II Women's Basketball All-American Honorable Mention team.



Liza Hoglo (right), who was recognized for scoring 1,000 career points, shares a happy moment with head coach Dennis Hutter.

The 5'8" junior from Thief River Falls, Minn., averaged 17.3 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. Hoglo shot 44.3% from the field and made 211 trips to the free-throw line, where she converted 73% of her attempts. She

ranked 24th in the country in total rebounds per game and 30th in the country in points per game.

Hoglo was also named North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) First Team All-Conference. During the conference season, she averaged 15.3 points and 7.1 rebounds per game on 43% shooting from the field. She also went to the free-throw line 66 times and converted 51 for 77%.

In addition to playing basketball, Hoglo sings in the MSU choir and participates in theater productions, and she traveled to Poland during spring break as part of a Mayville State Cru mission trip. Cru is an interdenominational campus ministry.

Volleyball has successful 2014 season



Katie Wangberg (#4) and Kaitlyn Timian (#17) are intent on getting the ball over the net.

The Comets volleyball team opened up the 2014 campaign in search of the program's fourth consecutive 20-win season and its first trip to the national tournament. The Comets were truly road warriors, as they played their first 15 matches away from the Lewy Lee. A five-match win streak got them to 7-8 before starting a seven-match home stand. Mayville State continued to improve over the season as they went 5-2 during that home stretch,

then ripped off six-straight wins during another road trip to finish the regular season 19-12 overall and 6-4 in the North Star Conference. That gave Mayville State the third seed in the conference tournament, and they opened with a sweep against Presentation at home. The Comets traveled to South Dakota to face Dakota State in the semifinals, where they played perhaps their best overall match of the season, upsetting the No. 2 seed Trojans 25-23, 17-25, 25-19, 25-18. That win got them into the NSAA championship game against the No. 22-ranked Jamestown Jimmies. After they dropped the first set 15-25, the Comets pushed Jamestown to the brink, but the Jimmies squeaked out with 25-23 and 25-22 victories to win the conference title. While just missing out on a national tournament berth, the Comets finished 21-13 for another successful season.

Player Highlights: MSU's Kyla Bugner led the NSAA with 1.5 blocks/set, which was also good for No. 2 in the nation! Katie Wangberg led the conference in assists/set with 8.7. Josette Glatt finished second in the North Star in both hitting percentage (.320) and kills/set (3.4), and Paige O'Connor finished sixth in digs/set with 4.2.

Josette Glatt finished off a fantastic career at Mayville State with numerous honors, as she received First Team All-Conference and was voted as the NSAA Most Valuable Athlete and Offensive Player of the Year, and received the NSAA Champions of Character Award. Glatt was also named to the AVCA First Team All-Region and the Tachikara-NAIA All American Third Team. Katie Wangberg was rewarded with First Team All-Conference, Setter of the Year, and AVCA First Team All-Region honors. Remington Werner was recognized as a Second Team All-Conference performer. Finally, Kyla Bugner, Katie Kolness, and Cassie Ziemer were named 2014 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes.

Haines named head football coach

John Haines took over as head football coach for the Comets Aug. 1, 2014. A 2000 graduate of Mayville State University, Haines returned to his alma mater after spending the previous year as offensive coordinator at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo. Haines brought ten years of collegiate coaching experience to his new post for the Comets.



John Haines.

At Central Methodist, Haines served under former Mayville State head football coach Jody Ford. Coach Haines served as the offensive line coach at Lindenwood University in Missouri from 2009 to 2011. Prior to Lindenwood, Haines served as head coach at Vermillion (Minn.) Community College in 2008. Dating back to 2002, Haines has previous collegiate assistant coaching experience at several colleges, including Mayville State. He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Mayville State and a master's degree in kinesiology from Humboldt State.

Haines took the helm at MSU after former Comets head coach Derek Schlieve resigned July 18, 2014 to take a position with Spring Hill High School in Longview, Texas.

Season Recap: Coach Haines stepped into a tough situation with the late summer departure of Coach Schlieve. With the combination of installing new philosophies on the fly and one of the earliest start times in the country, the Comets' season was a transitional one. The Comets did get off to a 2-2 start, with road victories over Trinity Bible and Haskell. Injuries in the skill positions hurt the Comets going into the conference schedule, with senior Rashad Flanders (474 yards rushing in five games) being the biggest loss. Mayville State lost a heartbreaker on Homecoming, 40-39 against Presentation, in an exciting back-and-forth game. Unfortunately, that was the closest the Comets got to a conference win, as they finished 2-9. On the positive side, only 11 seniors graduated, so a number of young players received valuable playing time. With a solid recruiting class and a full offseason program, the Comets look poised to rebound in 2015.

Player Highlights: Lance Jackson led the conference in receptions with 77, second in receiving TDs with 11 and total TDs with 13, second in all-purpose yards with 1490 and third in receiving yards with 1000. Jacob Grosz was fourth in the North Star with 10.3 tackles/game, John Lamour tied for third in the conference with four interceptions, and Brogen Thoren recorded six sacks, good for fifth in the North Star.

Aaron Johnson received First Team All-Conference honors as a defensive lineman. Lance Jackson (WR), Jacob Grosz (LB) and Jason Smith (DB) made the second team. Marcus Tucker (LB) was recognized as a 2014 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athlete.

Athletes and coaches welcomed to Hall of Fame

To honor and preserve the memory of those athletes, teams, coaches, and others who have contributed in a very outstanding and positive way to the promotion of the Mayville State athletic programs, the Mayville State Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1983. The literal "hall" of fame is filled with plaques featuring a photograph and description of each of the inductees. It is located in the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse.

Among the most recent inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame are Rodney Anderson ('66), Dr. Allan Larson ('55), Ron Ness ('65), Michael Sly ('67), and Cedric Weatherspoon ('92), who were inducted in 2013. The 1960-61 basketball team, Richard Fugleberg ('67), Ross Johnson ('77), Travis Lindgren ('03), and Lindsey (Eliason) McMenemy ('03) were inducted in 2014. (See more about Homecoming 2014 on pages 20 and 21.)

In 2010, the Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame was born, with the intent of honoring those Mayville State alumni who have enjoyed successful coaching careers.

Bob Zimney ('74), John Hutchison ('67), David Hanson ('70), Daniel Carr ('78), and Jim Bisenius ('59) joined the ranks in 2013. Rod MacDonald ('66), Fabian Shoults ('58), Curtis Strand ('78), and Paul Twenge ('77) were inducted in 2014.

2013 Hall of Fame inductees

Rodney Anderson, football, baseball, wrestling. *Highlights:* all-conference in football 1964, 1965; most valuable player, 1965; member of 1963 and 1964 baseball national tournament teams; second-place conference tournament wrestler 1962-1965; wrestling team captain; qualified for national competition at 175 lbs. twice. **Dr. Allan Larson**, football (lettered 1951-54); basketball (lettered 1951-54). *Highlights:* captain of the football team 1954, selected to the NDIAC all-conference football team. **Ron Ness**, football. *Highlights:* Four-year starter; earned all-conference honors 1962-1964; named most valuable player, 1963; tri-captain 1964. **Michael Sly**, cross country, track, football. *Highlights:* earned a total of 10 letters, 1963-67; member of conference championship cross country team, 1963; qualified for national competition in the 220- and 440-yard dashes; still holds the MSU record in the 440/400 dash; receiver on the Comet football team 1965 and 1966 seasons. **Cedric Weatherspoon**, basketball. *Highlights:* starter for 3 ½ years; earned all-conference honors three times, all-district honors two years; NAIA All-American; NDCAC player of the year, 1992; team captain 1990-92; lettered four years; held record for most points scored in one game (44); once was Mayville State's all-time leading scorer.

2013 Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees

Bob Zimney, high school track and field, football, basketball. *Highlights:* coach of the year at state, regional levels; inducted into the N.D. High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, N.D. High School Track and Field Hall of Fame; coached Class A track and field championship teams 1983, 1992 and Class A runners-up 1988, 1991, 2009. **John Hutchi-**



2013 MSU Athletic Hall of Fame inductees (l-r) Al Larson, Cedric Weatherspoon, Rodney Anderson, and Ron Ness. Michael Sly was inducted posthumously.

son, high school track and field, basketball, cross country, football. *Highlights:* N.D. Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Ass'n. AD of the year; Hillsboro (N.D.) Hall of Fame; N.D. High School Coaches Hall of Fame; National Coaches Hall of Fame; Mayville State Distinguished Alumni Award; president, national coaches association. **David Hanson**, high school baseball, basketball, football. *Highlights:* regional baseball coach of the year six times; baseball state coach of the year; district AD of the year six times; regional AD of the year once; inducted into N.D. Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Ass'n. Hall of Fame. **Daniel Carr**, high school boys basketball (lifetime record, 643-197), golf. *Highlights:* boys basketball coach of the year, from district to national, 25 times; golf regional coach of the year six times; state coach of the year once; member of Central Lakes College Hall of Fame, Brainerd, Minn. **Jim Bisenius**, baseball, basketball. *Highlights:* Northern California baseball coach of the year twice; area coach of the year five times; coach for 34 high school players who played in the Major Leagues; baseball teams earned 25 championships; basketball teams earned 11 league titles and recorded five undefeated seasons.



2013 MSU Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees (l-r): Bob Zimney, Dan Carr, John Hutchison, Dave Hanson, and Jim Bisenius.

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2014 HOF inductees

1960-61 men's basketball team. *Highlights:* Won first conference title since 1956 with a 14-2 record. Opened Lewy Lee Fieldhouse with win over Valley City. Team included Gil Herbel, Ray Herbel, Gene Anderson, Don Ostenson, Larry Wold, Douglas Eiken, Dale Keena, Douglas Halcrow, Vern Spitzer, Ross Julson, Don McIntyre, Vern Wegge, Duane Morris, Graydon Rostberg, Coach Al Meyer.

Richard Fugleberg, football. *Highlights:* four-year letter winner; conference award-winning 1962-65 teams lost only five games in four years. **Ross Johnson**, football, basketball, track. *Highlights:* football honorable mention all-conference honors, 1973; football all-conference team, 1974; football all-conference and all-district linebacker, 1976; lettered in track 1973, played basketball 1972, 1973.

Travis Lindgren, basketball. *Highlights:* National leading scorer (30 ppg), 2002-03; NAIA player of the week, NAIA Academic All-American, First Team All-American, 2002-03; honorable mention NAIA All-American 2000-01, 2001-02; DAC 10 MVP and most valuable senior 2002-03; set MSU career record with 2,385 career points; second-highest record in individual points in a game, 53. **Lindsey (Eliason) McMenamy**, basketball. *Highlights:* second all-time scorer, 1,382 points; honorable mention NAIA All-American 2002, 2003; DAC 10 defensive player of the year 2002; all-conference first team and player of the week, 2002; team captain, MSU MVP, DAC 10 all-conference first team; NAIA Scholar Athlete.

2014 Athletic Coaches HOF inductees

Rod MacDonald, football, track, wrestling. *Highlights:*



The 1960-61 basketball team was inducted into the Mayville State Athletic Hall of Fame at the banquet held Oct. 3, 2014. Members of the team in attendance at the banquet were (l-r) Don McIntyre, Lompoc, Calif.; Grady Rostberg, Hutchinson, Minn.; Ray Herbel, Mapleton, N.D.; Gil Herbel, Lemmon, S.D.; Vern Wegge, Cummings, N.D.; and Vern Spitzer, West Fargo, N.D.



2014 Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees were (l-r) Rod MacDonald ('66), Travis Lindgren ('03), Lindsey (Eliason) McMenamy ('03), Fabian Shoults ('58), Richard Fugleberg ('67), Curtis Strand ('78), Paul Twenge ('77), and Ross Johnson ('78).

coached 36 state place-winners, 14 state finalists, six state champions, wrestling; notched 100+ wins in football, won Class B football championship 1984. Coached runner-up teams 1989, 1990. Named N.D. Class B football coach of the year 1984, 1989. **Fabian Shoults**, golf, basketball, football. *Highlights:* N.D.H.S. Coaches Ass'n. Hall of Fame; national coach of the year, golf; won eight state championships in golf; NE Region Class A basketball coach of the year 1972. **Curtis Strand**, football, baseball. *Highlights:* conference football coach of the year four times; section football coach of the year six times; Minnesota Football Coaches Ass'n. Class 1A coach of the year 2001; Minnesota All-Star Out-State football coach 2002. **Paul Twenge**, junior college/college baseball, high school baseball, football, basketball, track. *Highlights:* NJCAA Region 13 coach of the year; head baseball coach Valparaiso University (NCAA D 1) 1988-2006; Mid-Continent Conference coach of the year 2001; high school Lake Conference coach of the year and Class 2AAA section coach of the year 2013; member, American Baseball Coaches Ass'n. since 1984.



Some of the Mayville State friends who gathered to honor Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Richard Fugleberg took time for a photo. Pictured from left to right are Richard Fugleberg ('67); Dean Bowyer ('66); Gil Rud, Portland native and former commander of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels; Mayville State graduate and retired U.S. Marine Lt. Gen. Emil "Buck" Bedard ('65); Martin Johnson ('66); and Mary (Hanson) Iverson ('68).

Larson Center grand opening headlines Alumni Days

Headlining Mayville State's 125th Anniversary Alumni Days celebration June 20 and 21, 2014 was the official grand opening of the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center.

A short program was held on the lawn west of the Center. This was followed by the Alumni Days kickoff celebration, a picnic lunch sponsored and served by The First and Farmers Bank of Mayville and Portland.

Formerly known as Northwest Hall, the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center was built in 1911 as an infirmary for sick students. Over the years, it

has served as dormitory space, the Mayville State president's home, and housing for married students. The building was vacant for years, but has been the site of activity in one form of renovation or another since 2001, when interested alumni realized the need for an alumni center at Mayville State and forged ahead with rehabilitation plans.

Construction work on the project began in 2003, and has continued project by project, as funding has allowed. The entire rehabilitation project was funded privately. A gift of \$340,000 from the Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation in 2012 paved the way for the completion of the project and the opportunity to move forward at a quick pace, with a total of more than \$900,000 raised. Fundraising for additional projects related to the renovation is ongoing.

The major renovation of the building was completed in 2013, and the offices of the MSU Foundation moved into the Larson Center in March of 2014. A decorating committee of Shireen Grinager, Mary Iverson, and Sheryl Vinje has worked hard to incorporate furnishings. Individuals and groups who sponsored rooms and other areas in the building have appropriately placed their own furniture, artwork, and photographs. Merwin Lyng has incorporated some East and West Hall artifacts. Gregg Kaldor and Kurt Skodje have added their hand-crafted bookcases.

Just a few weeks prior to the grand opening, Lute Simley of West Fargo came on-site to implement his landscaping plan. Together with the help of some volunteers and a few Mayville State grounds crew employees, the project was completed. Of special note in the landscaping is the Clenora Quanbeck Garden, which is located outside the southwest corner of the building. You'll see red geraniums, Miss Quanbeck's favorite flower, and a bronze statue of two children sitting on a park bench reading a book.

The renovation and decorating activity at MSU's much-anticipated alumni and leadership center have been replaced by the bustling of students gathering to meet, the excitement of seminars hosted by the Larson Leadership Program, the business conducted at MSU Foundation board meetings, the warm feelings of alumni and friends who come to visit, and so much more!



A ribbon cutting at the south entrance to the Larson Center marked the end of the grand opening program. Pictured are (front, l-r) President Gary Hagen; Debbie Hagen; Julie Barnum, with the Larson Foundation; Doug Anderson, alumnus and volunteer who led the rehabilitation project. In the back (l-r) are Jasper Schneider, state director of USDA Rural Development in North Dakota; then-Bishop Bill Rindy ('84); John Klocke, MSU Foundation executive director; and Dean Krogstad, president of the MSU Alumni Association. Msgr. Pilon from Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Mayville is in the back, but is not visible in the photo.

We want to hear from you!

The MSU Alumni Association is responsible for planning activities and events for Mayville State University alumni and friends. To help in this task, please share your ideas with us by contacting the Office of Alumni Affairs at 701-788-4750 or alumni.mail@mayvillestate.edu.

Distinguished alumni and friends honored

Richard Davison, Bismarck, N.D.; Joe Dunn, Bemidji, Minn.; Ronald Gibbens, Grand Forks, N.D.; Michelle Worner Kommer, Fargo, N.D.; and Jackie Puppe Wotipka, Edmonds, Wash.; were each presented with the Mayville State University Distinguished Alumni Award at a banquet held as part of the 2014 Alumni Days festivities June 20. Shireen Grinager, Kim Lauf, and Cindy Petersen, all of Mayville, N.D., received the Mayville State University Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Richard Davison graduated from Mayville State in 1956. He has been a successful educator, coach, scholar, board member, and executive in state government. Dick was a research specialist and director of federal funds for the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, and later became Associate Commissioner of Higher Education for Academic Affairs. He retired as director of the University of North Dakota Graduate Center in Bismarck in 2004.

Joe Dunn started out his working life as a teacher and coach, and spent the bulk of his career in various positions with State Farm Insurance, where he was highly successful. Joe has been very active in his community, volunteering his time for a number of causes, including Bemidji State University athletics, the Shrine, and the Elks. Joe graduated from Mayville State in 1965.

Ronald Gibbens founded the North Dakota Association of the Disabled (NDAD) in 1975. He recently turned over CEO responsibilities, but remains active as the organization's president. His leadership skills have made NDAD the largest charitable gaming organization in the state, providing more than \$39 million of program services to assist individuals with disabilities in North Dakota and enhance the quality of their lives. He has dedicated his life to serving individuals with disabilities and minority groups in many different capacities. Gibbens is a 1965 Mayville State graduate.

Michelle Worner Kommer graduated from Mayville State in 1995 and went on to earn her master's and law degrees. She is the chief administrative officer and general counsel at Western State Bank, leading the human resource, information technology, legal, and loan/deposit operations functions. She has been a passionate advocate for child welfare in North Dakota, as a foster and adoptive parent, and in founding the North Dakota Heart Gallery.

Jackie Puppe Wotipka has a teaching career that spans the country, and even the globe. She's spent most of her time teaching elementary-age children and leading gifted programs in the state of Washington. Known for her innovative ideas, Jackie founded Multiple Intelligences Academy for pre-school,



The 2014 Mayville State Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Award recipients are pictured from left to right: Kim Lauf, Michelle Worner Kommer, Richard Davison, Ronald Gibbens, Joe Dunn, Cindy Petersen, Shireen Grinager, and Jackie Puppe Wotipka.

kindergarten, and first grade several years ago. She is the owner and director of the school. Jackie graduated from Mayville State in 1987.

Shireen (Lindstrom) Grinager and **Kim Lauf** have made a huge impact at Mayville State University in many ways, and especially through their work with Tables du Jour, an event held annually to support the MSU music department. Begun in 1995 through the leadership efforts of Kim and Shireen, tens of thousands of dollars have been raised, and proceeds have funded hundreds of scholarships for Mayville State students. Kim and Shireen's support for Mayville State does not begin or end with Tables du Jour. They have both been very active in planning and carrying out numerous social events for the MSU Foundation. These women have used their flair and talent for decorating and entertaining to produce some amazing events on behalf of Mayville State University and the MSU Foundation. Through their work, countless friends and alumni have been touched. Kim recently completed two terms as a member of the MSU Foundation Board, while Shireen is currently in her second term on the board. Shireen graduated from Mayville State in 1967.

Cindy (Enger) Petersen, a 1993 Mayville State graduate, was very active on the Mayville State campus while she was a student, and she has extended this involvement and commitment to Mayville State University by serving as a member of the MSU Alumni Association board. She has been a member of the board since 1997, serves as the board secretary, and will be the new president beginning July 1, 2015. She has been in charge of homecoming festivities and was an active member of the MSU Farmers Bowl Auction Committee. A true Comet, Cindy supports Mayville State through and through and in a variety of ways.

Nationally recognized musicians entertain at their alma mater

A longtime dream came true during MSU 125th Anniversary Alumni Days, when Mayville State alumni and former jazz band students of Francis Colby returned to the Mayville State campus to perform. Their musical entertainment followed the Alumni Association Awards Dinner on Friday, June 20, 2014.



Marg and Fran Colby enjoyed dancing to the music of the former Mayville State students.

During the heyday in the late 1960s and 1970s, Mayville State's music program was known as one of the top programs in the Upper Midwest. Under the direction of Francis Colby, the concert band and jazz ensemble excelled. Mr. Colby and his family arrived in Mayville in 1963.

He assembled instrumental groups of primarily North Dakota and Minnesota kids, and in a short time, they became a strong musical force in North Dakota and throughout the Midwest.

Though the concert band took a back seat to no one, it was the jazz band that brought the national spotlight to Mayville. The group won "Best Jazz Performance by a Big Band - College Division" by the prestigious journal of jazz, *DownBeat*, in 1978, winning the Shure Gold Microphone Award. Other competitors included bands from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y.; Ohio State University; and Northern Illinois University.

The stated purpose of the *DownBeat* contest was to "honor the accomplishments of U.S. and Canadian high school and college students in the recording arts and sciences." The categories and the judging criteria were patterned after the NARAS Grammy Awards. The chairman judges were voting members of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (NARAS). Editorial staff members of *DownBeat* assisted in the judging and the initial screening of the entries. Recordings were judged "blind," that is, candidate recordings were known to the judges only by number.

Members of Mayville State's Student Recording Award-winning jazz ensemble were John Pederson, Fred McMurry, and Roberta Knute on trumpet; Mark Vrem, Tom Loff, Lynn Schroeder, and Dan Finley on trombone; Conrad Miska, Merlin VanBruggen, Kelly Wilwand, Diane Strong, and Paul Dickson on saxophone, clarinet, and flute; and Kirk Overmoe, Kris Eylands, Harley Strong, Scott Greenwood, and Mike DeFoe, all in the rhythm section.

In February of 1978, Mayville State was awarded "Outstanding Big Band" recognition during the renowned Elmhurst College's Mid-West College Jazz Festival in Chicago, Ill. Mayville State joined Ohio State University and Northwestern



Among the musicians who performed were (l-r) Kris Eylands, Denny Connelly, Steve Faison, and Conrad Miska.

University as one of the top-three bands in the competition, which initially involved 50 schools from eight states.

In addition, the Mayville State jazz band was runner-up at the sixth annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Jazz Festival in 1971. Sixteen college-university jazz groups attended the festival, with ten competing for honors. The six finalists were from De Paul University, Chicago, Ill.; Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn.; Laurence College, Appleton, Wis.; Moorhead State College; University of Wisconsin at Madison; and Mayville State. In the final competition, Laurence of Wisconsin was named ahead of Mayville. The Eau Claire Festival was considered a major jazz festival with well-known jazz educators contributing their talents. In 1971, the principal personality was Charles Suber, editor of *DownBeat* magazine.

In the contest, two members of the Mayville State band members received Outstanding Soloist awards, Dennis Connelly, who was a senior saxophonist from Lawton, N.D., and Steve Faison, a drummer from Elk River, Minn.

These young performers and their leader, Fran Colby, had a profound impact at Mayville State and beyond, not only as they performed in the 60s and 70s, but also as they graduated from Mayville State and pursued careers in music, many as teachers of young people, and other careers where they've been able to continue to share their musical gifts.

According to Steven Colby, reunion organizer and son of Francis Colby, "These were - and still are - some of the best musicians in the country."

It was a treat to see and hear from an improv group featuring Kirk Overmoe on piano; Steve Faison on drums; Dennis Connelly, sax; Lynn Schroeder, trombone; Kris Eylands, guitar; and Conrad Miska, Kurt Vandermeer, and Brian Weimer, all on bass. Others who performed included Jeff Grefsheim, Herb Thomson, Doug Barta, Cordell Bugbee, Wendell VanWechel, Scott Greenwood, Jeff Jacobsen, Kelly Wilwand, Merlyn VanBruggen, and Dick Barta.

Francis Colby was a special guest of honor at the June 20 gathering. He and his wife, Marg, live in Fargo, N.D.



Kentucky Derby-style hats provided the decor for a pre-grand opening social held at the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center Thursday evening, June 19, 2014. Pictured from left to right are Margit (Burner) Eastman ('59), Fred Switzer ('55), Joanne Switzer, and John Klocke.

"Hats Off to You" was the theme for a pre-grand opening social

Those who made financial contributions to the rehabilitation of historic Northwest Hall for use as an alumni and leadership center were treated to a social held in their honor. The event, held the evening before the official grand opening of the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center, gave benefactors a chance to see the beautifully renovated building before it made its public debut on June 20. People enjoyed tours of the facility, refreshments, and the opportunity to visit with others who'd made contributions to the project.



Janice (Dalzell) ('59) and Wendell Martinson.



Linda (Peterson) Baier ('77) and her mother, Shirley Peterson, stopped for a photo in the Mark Peterson May-Port Class of 1975 Welcome Room at the Larson Center. Funded by his high school classmates, the room is named in memory of Mark Peterson, Baier's brother and Peterson's son, who died in a tragic accident the fall after graduating from high school.

Red Caps baseball players gather during Alumni Days

A highlight of the 2014 Alumni Days celebration was a reunion of former Red Caps amateur baseball players. Several members of the group contributed to a Red Caps honor area located in the lower level of the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center. Memorabilia includes a framed replica uniform and cap from Don McIntyre, Red Soholt's Red Caps state championship belt buckle from 1950, and a scrapbook collection of Red Caps player memories assembled by Doug Anderson. A stand constructed of a home plate and baseball bats helps to display the scrapbook. The stand was constructed by Merwin Lyng, with help from Rick Torgeson and Wayne Trudeau.



Larry MacLeod ('51) and Jerry Sheldon ('57).



Don Cavalier ('65), Tyrone Wacker ('67), and Doug Eiken ('64).



Al Coen ('58), Grady Rostberg ('61), and Al Fagerholt ('58).

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Gunnar and Miranda Petersen, Mayville, were among the Mayville State group who had the opportunity to go on the field prior to the Twins vs. Royals game at Target Field Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014. Gunnar and Miranda are the children of Cindy and Doug Petersen, who are both Mayville State alumni. Pictured from left to right are Gary Hagen, Don Wakamatsu, Gunnar Petersen, and Miranda Petersen. Miranda will enroll as a freshman at Mayville State this fall.

Alumni Association Minnesota Twins outing a stellar experience!

About 50 Mayville State University alumni and friends enjoyed the Minnesota Twins vs. Kansas City Royals game at Target Field Saturday evening, Aug. 16. Some members of the group had the great honor of going on the field prior to the game, thanks to connections made by Mayville State graduate and MSU Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame member Jim Bisenius. Jim was the high school coach of Don Wakamatsu, who is the bench coach for the Royals. Don met some of the members of the Mayville State group, including President Gary Hagen and his wife, Debbie, on the field while the Royals were having pre-game batting practice. What a great Comet connection! The outing was a stellar experience all the way around.



The Brown family (l-r): Lindsey ('91), Alison Magana ('85), Laurie Papenfuss ('82), Gayle (Tisdale) ('57), and Bob ('49). Son Brad ('87) was unable to attend the gathering.

Browns gather with former employees

Former Mayville State employees of Bob Brown gathered for refreshments and fun during Mayville State's 2014 Alumni Days celebration. A true Mayville State icon, Bob served as



bookstore director from 1967 to 1985; director of financial aid from 1985 to 1994; instructor in HPER from 1994 to 1995, and athletic director from 1995 to 1998.

Left: Ardis (Hegstad) Zimney ('71) (left) and Becky (Karlstad) Gunderson ('72) (right) enjoyed reminiscing while looking at yearbooks.

Who do you know?

Distinguished Alumni Award Distinguished Service Award

We request your assistance in nominating deserving individuals for the Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Awards. If you know of worthy candidates, please take the time to submit nominations at mayvillestate.edu/recognition.

- The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to graduates of Mayville State who have been leaders in their fields for a minimum of ten years.
- The Distinguished Service Award was re-established in 1998. The award is presented to Mayville State personnel, faculty, or administrators who make exceptional contributions, with a minimum of ten years of service. Other individuals who are eligible to receive the award are those whose service activities enhance Mayville State. Both Mayville State alumni and non-alumni are eligible for the award.

**Complete nominations on file Jan. 15 of each year
will be considered for selection in that same year.**

For more information, contact Beth Swenson at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu.

Alumni and friends celebrate Homecoming 2014 ...

For Mayville State alumni and friends, Oct. 3 through 5, 2014 was a weekend for recognizing friends for their college athletic accomplishments, outstanding athletic coaching careers, and performing and visual arts endeavors. There was lots of reminiscing and catching up. Traditions were honored, and a common thread that binds many special folks together, “the school of personal service,” was saluted. Homecoming 2014 was also a celebration of Mayville State’s 125th anniversary, and will long be fondly remembered by those who shared in the festivities.

The annual homecoming activities, sponsored by the Mayville State University Alumni Association, began with the Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame Awards Dinner held Friday evening, Oct. 3. Richard Fugleberg, Portland, N.D.; Ross Johnson, Portland, N.D.; Travis Lindgren, East Grand Forks, Minn.; and Lindsey (Eliason) McMenamy, Fargo, N.D.; were inducted into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame during a program emceed by Mayville State graduate Broc Lietz ('93) of Casselton, N.D. The MSU Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes people who excelled as athletes or coaches at Mayville State or who have gone above and beyond in support of Mayville State athletics. Rod MacDonald, Portland, N.D.; Fabian Shoults, Rogers, Minn.; Curtis Strand, Stewart, Minn.; and Paul Twenge, Excelsior, Minn.; were inducted into the Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame, in recognition of their successful careers as coaches after graduating from Mayville State. *(See more on pages 13 and 14.)*

Alumni and friends had an opportunity to enjoy some time in the newly opened Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center prior to the dinner. In addition, the work of 1974 Mayville State graduate and artist Doug Anderson, Cavalier, N.D., was on display in the Campus Center Heritage Room, where folks enjoyed an opportunity to visit with Anderson. The art show was sponsored by the Northern Lights Art Gallery.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, the traditional homecoming parade was followed by the first-ever CometFest!, which took place just outside of Jerome Berg Field prior to the homecoming football game. In spite of the cold and windy weather, young and old alike enjoyed inflatable games, yard games, a farmers market, a kids pedal tractor pull, music, and more. Winners of the coloring contest for kids sponsored by the Alumni Association were Maysa Larson and Hannah Ostlie of Mayville. The Comets volleyball team defeated Presentation College in a game held at the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse.

The Mayville State football team suffered a heartbreaking one-point loss against Presentation College in the homecoming game. Alumni and friends had a chance to warm up and enjoy a picnic-style supper at the all-alumni homecoming reunion which followed at the Mayville Golf Club.

Then it was time to rev things up with the fabulous Downtown Horns at the 125th Anniversary Homecoming Dance held at the MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room. Alumni

and friends had a blast while dancing the night away with their Mayville State friends.

The honoring of the newest inductees to the Mayville State University Performing Arts Hall of Fame, as well as the traditional MSU Music Department



Artist Doug Anderson ('74) discussed one of his art pieces with admirers Claudette Carlson (left) and Anderson's former high school student and now-Mayville State student Alyssa DeMars (far right). Alyssa's mother is standing next to her.

homecoming concert, were a grand finale for a fantastic weekend for Mayville State alumni and friends. The concert was held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5, in the Classroom Building Auditorium. Kris Eylands, Jeff Nelson, Bob Sylskar, and Dr. Anthony Thein comprised the second group of distinguished individuals to be inducted into the Performing Arts Hall of Fame. *(See more on page 21.)*

A powerful performance by the 125th anniversary reunion choir, directed by MSU Music Director Mike Bakken and accompanied by Greta Paschke, was the icing on the anniversary cake! The Classroom Building Auditorium stage was filled with vocalists, some of whom are members of the current Mayville State concert choir, and others who are alumni and friends who joined them in singing four numbers. The group performed in honor of Mayville State's quasiquicentennial, which was officially Nov. 2, 2014. Many in the auditorium were brought to tears during the performance of “Coming Home,” “Beautiful Savior,” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic.” Audience members joined the choir in rousing renditions of “Alma Mater” and “Hail to the Comets,” the final numbers performed.

Homecoming 2014 culminated with a social to honor the Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees. Hosted by the Alumni Association board, the social was held immediately following the concert in the MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room.

“Homecoming 2014 was a very memorable time,” said MSU Director of Alumni Affairs Beth Swenson. “It was a heart-warming celebration of what makes Mayville State University special - the people. It is our privilege to provide opportunities for our alumni and friends to be recognized for their success and to stay connected. We’ve had a wonderful time connecting with so many alumni and friends as we’ve marked Mayville State’s 125th anniversary over the last year, and we look forward to continuing that tradition long into the future.”

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annual event takes a special focus on the university's 125th anniversary



Members of the 125th anniversary reunion choir filled the stage in Mayville State's Classroom Building Auditorium. Alumni and friends joined the current Mayville State Concert Choir to perform in celebration of Mayville State's 125th anniversary. The group's powerful performance was enjoyed by a near-capacity audience in the Auditorium Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5.

Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees

The Mayville State University Performing Arts Hall of Fame was established in 2013 to honor and preserve the memory of those musicians, bands, choirs, faculty, and others who have contributed in a very outstanding and positive way to the promotion of Mayville State University performing arts programs.

Inductees fall into the following categories: educators, professional musicians and/or performers, music industry, faculty, honorary.

2013 Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees

Francis E. Colby, Fargo, was associate professor of music at Mayville State from 1963 to 1981. During his tenure, he directed the concert band, the jazz ensemble, and the brass quintet.

Dennis Connelly, Bismarck, N.D., is a saxophone player who has been an active musician, clinician, and adjudicator in the Upper Midwest for more than 40 years.

The Clark and Joann Ewen Family members have been steadfast in their support for the arts at Mayville State University and in the entire Mayville-Portland community.

Gene Gaffney, Detroit Lakes, Minn., taught band and choir at Neche, N.D. and at Lakota, N.D. before spending 30 years as high school band director at Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Vernon Gerig, Jr., deceased, was a music teacher at public schools in Leeds, N.D., Bottineau, N.D., and Moorhead, Minn., and was active in the International Music Camp Corporation.

Merwyn A. Green, deceased, was influential in establishing a highly-reputed music program and culture at Mayville State.

Dr. Christopher Jones, Pinson, Ala., was associate professor of speech and drama and director of the drama department at Mayville State from 1966 to 1985.

Olaf J. Ringerud, Carrington, N.D., taught vocal and instrumental music at several North Dakota Schools.

2014 Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees

Kris Eylands, Grand Forks, N.D., has been playing guitar professionally since 1978.

Jeffrey Nelson was owner and president of Popplers Music in Grand Forks, N.D. from 1991 to 2005.

Bob Sylskar, Mayville, N.D., is an associate professor of English, speech, and theatre, and director of theatre and forensics at Mayville State.

Dr. Anthony Thein, Minneapolis, Minn., was an integral part of the Mayville State music department for decades.



2013 Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees included (l-r) Olaf Ringerud ('52), Dave Trottier ('77) (accepting for Christopher Jones), Francis Colby, Lori Hylden ('79) (accepting for her dad, Vern Gerig), Dennis Connelly ('72), and Gene Gaffney ('57).



Inductees into Mayville State's Performing Arts Hall of Fame were recognized during the homecoming concert. The 2014 inductees are (l-r) Dr. Anthony Thein, Kris Eylands ('79), Bob Sylskar ('84), and Jeff Nelson ('74).

Marge Fugleberg receives Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award



Marge Fugleberg.

Marge (Grinde) Fugleberg ('75) was named the recipient of the Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award at the annual Mayville State University employee recognition banquet held Thursday evening, April 23, 2015. Fugleberg is a serials librarian at the Byrnes-Quanbeck Library and also serves as the Interactive Video Network coordinator. She began her employment with Mayville State University in 1975.

One of the fellow Mayville State employees who nominated Marge for the award had this to say about her: "In all of her roles, Marge goes above and beyond to make sure people receive the help that they need. She is incredibly organized and

her time management skills are top-notch. She is dedicated to the university and shows that through her years of service and participation in campus events and support of the MSU Foundation. She is incredibly thoughtful, professionally poised, and always respectful and polite."

The Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award is given to an employee who shows outstanding dedication, loyalty, and trustworthiness toward Mayville State University and his or her fellow employees. Each year, staff members nominate and select a fellow employee to receive the distinguished award.

Orville Johnson is remembered as a faithful Mayville State employee who worked as a custodian from 1959 until his retirement in 1980. Orville passed away Dec. 17, 1986. Upon his death, his family donated his United States military service flag and \$10,000 to Mayville State. The monetary donation is used to help honor and recognize Mayville State staff members.

Submit your alumni news at

www.mayvillestate.edu/alumniupdates.

Deere appointed medical director



Dr. Joshua Deere.

Dr. Joshua Deere has been appointed Medical Director, Primary Care at Altru Health System in Grand Forks, N.D. Dr. Deere served in several leadership positions, including Chair of Family Medicine, North Dakota Academy of Family Physicians board of Directors, and University of North Dakota School of Medicine Community Faculty, before being named to this new leadership role.

Dr. Deere completed his residency at Altru Family Medicine. He earned a bachelor's degree at

Mayville State University in 2002, before earning his medical degree from the University of North Dakota.

Monilaws promoted to manager

Terri Monilaws was promoted to manager of the Part A and Part B Provider Call Center at Noridian Healthcare Solutions (Noridian) in Fargo, N.D.

She began her career at Noridian in 1998, and has assumed roles with increasing responsibility during that time.

Terri (Korynta) graduated from Mayville State in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.



Terri Monilaws.

Make a nomination! Performing Arts Hall of Fame

We request your assistance in nominating deserving individuals for induction into the MSU Performing Arts Hall of Fame. If you know of a worthy candidate, please take the time to submit a nomination at mayvillestate.edu/recognition.

- Inductees to the Mayville State University Performing Arts Hall of Fame fall into the following categories: educators, professional musicians and/or performers, music industry, faculty, and honorary.
- In order to qualify for induction, candidates who are alumni must have graduated from Mayville State at least ten years prior to induction.
- The record of the nominee considered should be so outstanding that there would be little question as to the qualifications necessary for induction.
- Consideration will be given for personal conduct in performance and personal contributions to the ideal of performing arts.
- Criteria and qualifications for alumni will be based primarily upon the nominee's accomplishments after leaving the university.

Complete nominations on file June 1 of each year will be considered for induction in that same year.

For more information, contact Beth Swenson at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu.

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1940s

Elton Skarperud ('37, '42) was honored posthumously with induction to the Grand Forks (N.D.) Public Schools Hall of Fame in 2014. Dr. Skarperud was a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent in the district starting in the 1940s, until his death in 1965. A former student noted, "Dr. Skarperud was a guiding light for many lost junior high school students during his many years at the helm. He carried out his duties with a stern, but humorous hand. He commanded the respect of each and every one of us who had the pleasure of running into him in the halls."

1950s

Dr. Merwin J. ('54) and Myrna (Dallzell) ('61) Lyng observed their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception their children held for them in Mayville Oct. 25, 2014. Their actual wedding date was Sept. 12, 1964, but on that day in 2014, the Lyngs were in Columbus, Ohio to watch the OSU Buckeyes play football. Merwin completed a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1967. The Lyngs have three children, **Karen ('90) (Garnet '90) Asmundson, Kathy (ex. '93) (Glen '94) Sawa, John ('01) (Megan) Lyng**, and seven grandchildren. The Lyngs retired from MSU in 1998.

1960s

M. James Bryn ('61) retired in 2013 after 51 years of teaching high school science and math in Nevada. His first teaching job was at Douglas High School for nine years, followed by a year at Billingshurst Junior High. The next 28 years were spent at Sparks High School and the final 13 years at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School. During his career, he earned several state, regional, and national awards for outstanding efforts in the classroom, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching in 1988 and the Milken Family National Educator Award in 1991. He helped found the teachers associations in Douglas and Washoe counties. As his retirement approached, Mr. Bryn's students paid tribute by dressing in his classroom uniform – long-sleeved dress shirt, tie, and glasses. The school's "Miner Messenger" noted, "Merlyn James Bryn, a modest and humble, but outstanding teacher, is calling it a career. Students who have encountered him in his 51 years consider both him and the experience unforgettable." Married since 1961 to wife Vicky, Jim has two children.

Ralph Johnson ('66) works part-time as a funeral assistant with Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson, Minn. He retired in 2001 after teaching for 35 years. He and his wife, Geri, have two children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They both enjoy volunteering in their community and following Hutchinson school activities.

1970s

Bonnie (Boyd) MacIver ('70) retired in Dec. 2013 from her position as director of the Leach Public Library in Wahpeton, N.D., after nearly 25 years on the job. As director she was instrumental in upgrading the library's technology as well as creating more space for patrons in the building and improving the 89-year-old building's exterior. She and her husband, **Philip ('70)**, live in Wahpeton.

Becky (Hofstad) Melhus ('70) has retired from a longtime career as a music teacher in Mayville-Portland and is now living in Fargo.

Dave Ouradnik ('72) was hired in September 2013 as vice president and mortgage loan officer at Western State Bank in Fargo. He has more than 25 years of banking experience with 19 years as owner of Executive Mortgage Co.

Ryam Brantl ('73) was a finalist for the 2014 national high school baseball coach of the year. It was the third time the Thompson, N.D., teacher and coach had been nominated for the honor awarded by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Brantl retired at the end of the 2013 school year after 37 years at the helm of the Tommies program. His coaching achievements include more than 500 wins and four state championships, in 1983, 1985, 1999, and 2005.

Kevin O'Leary ('73) was recognized in October 2013 as a "Teacher Making A Difference" by WDAZ-TV. He has been a fourth-grade teacher at Cavalier, N.D. for more than 40 years.

Allen Ralston ('73) moved to Fargo in August 2014, where he works as a professional development consultant for Whitewater Learning.

Art work by **Michael Holter ('74)** was selected for the 2013 National Watercolor Society annual international exhibition. His painting, "Lace and Grace," was one of 84 accepted into the prestigious show which features some of the most widely recognized watercolor artists painting today.

Nancy (Berg) Zimney ('75) was inducted into the Grand Forks (N.D.) Public

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1980s

A photograph of two women sitting and talking. The woman on the left has long dark hair and is wearing a light blue button-down shirt. The woman on the right has blonde hair and is wearing a dark grey sweater, holding a white coffee cup. They are both smiling and appear to be in a casual setting.

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Olson became athletic director of Fargo (N.D.) Public Schools in 2013 after holding the same position for Grand Forks (N.D.) Public Schools for seven years.

Dana Parkhouse ('94) was promoted in 2014 to vice president at Bank Forward. She has been with the bank for 20 years. She works in the bank's administrative offices in Fargo and lives in Casselton, N.D.

Michelle (Worner) Kommer ('95)
joined Western State Bank in April 2014
as their chief administrative office/general
counsel. She previously was an executive with
Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota and
Otter Tail Corp.

Darren Smith ('95) began working as an assistant professor of English at Gyeongju University in Gyeongju, South Korea in March 2014.

Evelyn Gitau ('97) lives in Kilifi, Kenya, where she works as a post-doctoral research assistant for Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. She earned her Ph.D. in 2007 from the Open University. She was sponsored by the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Programme in Kenya. Her research has focused on malaria and host-parasite interaction using proteomics and functional cellular assays. Her husband is Henry Nyoike.

Todd Kaiser ('97) is a senior credit analyst with AgCountry Farm Credit Services. He lives in Fargo, N.D. with his wife, Kristina, and their two daughters.

Christine (Hobbs) Turner ('97) moved to Northwood, N.D. in October 2013. She works as director of resource development at the Good Samaritan Society in Larimore, N.D.

Martha (Worner) Velasco Suarez
(‘97) is an attorney with RoachGannon LLP in Houston, Texas, a firm specializing in workplace investigations, training, and labor

and employment litigation and arbitration matters.

Marty Dick ('98), a history teacher at Hayfield (Minn.) High School for the past decade, was honored in Feb. 2014 as an "Excellent Educator" by the local ABC-TV affiliate. He commented on the surprise on-camera announcement, "This is a very rewarding profession; something different happens every day."

Melanie Ust ('98) was awarded an OPEM award (Ordinary People, Extraordinary Measures) by the Nevada chapter of the Community Association Institute for her work as a teacher and coach. The CAI recognized individuals or non-profit organizations who have gone "above and beyond" to improve the lives of others. Ust is a science teacher at Basic High School in Henderson, Nev.

Andy Byron ('99) was named 2014 president of the Grand Forks Builders and Traders Exchange. He is vice president of business banking at Choice Financial Group's 42nd Street South location in Grand Forks.

2000s

Jennifer Carlson ('00) is in her fifth year of teaching fifth-grade math and science at Legacy Preparatory Christian Academy in The Woodlands, Texas.

John Maritato ('00) is the director of peace officer training at Lake Region State College, Devils Lake, N.D. and runs four training academies across the state. From 2000 to 2012, Maritato worked for the Devils Lake Police Dept. as a patrol officer and school resource office. While with the DLPD, he investigated computer crimes. That work led to an affiliation with ICAC (Internet

Crimes Against Children) Task Force. For the past five years, he has traveled around the state teaching school personnel, teenagers, and parents about Internet safety.

Dr. John Lyng ('01) and Megan Savolainen were married Sept. 14, 2013 in Minneapolis. John is an ER physician and medical director, Ambulance Service and Air Care, at North Memorial Hospital, a Level I trauma center in Robbinsdale, Minn. Megan, a St. Olaf (Minn.) College graduate, earned a master's degree in organizational management from the California School of Professional Psychology in San Francisco. She is employed as a change management specialist for a company in the Twin Cities. Their daughter, Evelyn Susan, was born Dec. 18, 2014. The family lives in Minnetonka, Minn.

Jen Fehrmann ('02) has been a center director for Sylvan Learning Center in Woodbury, Minn. since 2012. She started with the company in 2004 in Grand Forks and has worked at a center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Jen and her husband, Jon, welcomed their daughter, Hazel Rose, Feb. 4, 2014.

Rebecca (Hayden) Rue ('02) coached her volleyball team, the Tigers of Delano (Minn.) High School, to the 2013 Minnesota State Class AAA tournament, earning a runner-up finish and a 30-4 season record. She was also named state coach of the year. Her mother, Ruth Hayden, was coaching the Ada-Borup team in the Class A tournament at the same time.

Darian Warner ('02) married Lindsay Waters June 22, 2014 in Okoboji, Iowa. The couple makes their home in Kansas City, Kan. Darian is a fifth-grade math and science teacher at Troy Elementary School in Troy, Kan.

Luke Barnes ('03) is a chief sales officer for Madwire Media. He lives in Loveland, Colo., with his wife, **Alyssa (Fielding) Barnes ('03)**.

Katie Carr ('03) and **Matt Chandler ('06, '13)** were married May 31, 2014 in Reynolds, N.D. Katie is a teacher at Schroeder Middle School in Grand Forks. Matt is a third-grade teacher in Thompson, N.D. They live in Thompson. Katie is the daughter of **Dan ('78)** and **Anne (Adams) Carr ('78)** of Linton, N.D. Matt is the son of **Rick ('83)** and Marilyn **Chandler** of Thompson, N.D.

Craig Keating ('03) was named N.D. Sportscaster of the Year in January 2014. He was honored at a national event in North Carolina in June 2014. A part-owner of KMAV Radio, Keating also works as an information systems specialist at Mayville State University.

Rikka (Fugleberg) Brandon ('00) was the keynote speaker at Mayville State's 2015 Business Activity Day held in January. Rikka is chief recruiting officer for Building Gurus. In her presentation, "It's Never Too Early to Set Yourself Up for Success," Rikka shared some of her experiences, as well as her advice meant to assist individuals with their educational and career plans.

Rikka has a wealth of employee recruitment and entrepreneurial experience. She started her first business in 2003, at the age of 26, and has made a successful career of matching up employees and employers. She and her family recently returned to the United States after living in Mexico for a year, and she has now started RikkaBrandon.com to help entrepreneurs hire better. On the website, she shares tips, products, and training for finding, recruiting, and interviewing potential employees.



Portland, N.D. native Rikka (Fugleberg) Brandon is pictured at left as MSU Assistant Professor of Business Rhonda Nelson ('04) introduces her to the Business Activity Day participants.

Mitch Ford ('12) was hired as an ag and business banker at American Federal in Grand Forks in April 2014. He previously worked as a credit analyst for Ramsey National Bank in Devils Lake, N.D.

Scott Hanson ('12) married Becky Sorum Oct. 26, 2013 in Moorhead, Minn. They live in Fargo, N.D., where Hanson works as a paraprofessional at Hawthorne Elementary School.

Jennifer Keating ('12) lives in Sauk Centre, Minn., where she is a medical laboratory scientist at Douglas County Hospital.

David Locken ('12) is a social studies teacher at Fessenden-Bowdon (N.D.) High School.

Lucas Neumann ('12) lives in Fargo, where he works for Petroserve USA.

Ariana Odegard ('12) works in Minneapolis, Minn. as a project coordinator for RBC Wealth Management. She previously worked for Target.

Mallory Reich ('12) is a lead infant teacher at the Goddard School in Fargo.

Krista Roder ('12) was hired as an infant/toddler teacher with the MSU Child Development Programs, Mayville site, in January 2014. She had been a substitute teacher with the program since May 2012.

Andrew Walters ('12) lives in Clarkfield, Minn., where he is an assistant personal lines underwriter for North Star Mutual Insurance Co.

Nick Bata ('13) started working as a physical education teacher at the New Rockford-Sheyenne (N.D.) School in August 2013. He works with students in grades 5-12. He had previously been working as a substitute teacher and elementary basketball coach at Northern Cass Public School, Hunter, N.D.

Kelsey Herter ('13) married Chris Genereux July 12, 2014 in Detroit Lakes, Minn. They live in Fargo. She is a sixth-grade special education teacher for the West Fargo Public Schools.

Emma French ('14) student-taught in her former kindergarten classroom under her former kindergarten teacher in her hometown of Lake Stevens, Wash.

Brittany Olson ('14) is a customer service representative and internal auditor for the Hunter, N.D., branch of Dakota Heritage Bank. She had interned at the bank's Hillsboro, N.D. branch.

Jeff Ringstad ('14) joined the faculty at Midkota (N.D.) High School, teaching social studies, geography, and history. His wife, Lisa, is a kindergarten teacher at Griggs County Central School in Cooperstown, N.D., where they live. They have four children, Billy, Hunter, Alex, and Jonah.

Yates authors book

Kari (Knudson) Yates ('85) has dedicated her professional life to helping readers and their teachers take the small steps necessary for success. She began her career as an elementary teacher, which led her to becoming a reading interventionist, a special education teacher, and a principal. She is now a program manager for literacy and English learners, helping teachers and administrators plan for amazing literacy instruction.

She has recently authored a book, "Simple Starts," a book filled with teaching strategies, quick reflection charts, and teacher know-how. The book was released in March of 2015.

See more at Kari's blog: simplyinspiredteaching.com.



Kari Yates.



Kemmer endowment celebrated

Friends, former students, and family members of MSU Professor Emeritus of Business Terry Kemmer gathered during Alumni Days 2014 festivities to celebrate the establishment of the Terry Kemmer Endowed Scholarship Fund at Mayville State University. Several of these folks contributed to the fund.

Pictured from left to right are Matthew Worner ('94), Corby Kemmer ('94), Colin Kemmer, Kelly Peters ('92), Dawn Cruff ('91), Tammy (Knudsvig) Adam ('92), Shannon Bergstrom ('93), Terry Kemmer, Doug Petersen ('93), Broc Lietz ('93), Brian Halvorson ('01), Matt Strand ('91) and Charlie Lindberg ('94).



Berg Hall friends enjoy Homecoming 2014

These ladies became lifelong friends while they were students at Mayville State in the 1970s. Most of them lived in Berg Hall, where they formed their own sorority, PZK. The group enjoyed a fun-filled homecoming weekend, which included the Fran Colby reunion concert, dancing to the music of Downtown Horns, a tour of campus, and participating in the parade. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Jill (Rosset) Dick ('71), the group's pink mascot, Deborah (Berg) Haugen ('72), Carol (Parkman) Field ('72), and Audrey (Setnes) Blair (ex. '71). Seated (l-r) are Joanne (Clementson) Peterson ('72), Caroline (Knudson) Brown ('71), and Ilene (Moe) Ouradnik ('71).

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Among the Mayville State alumni and friends who gathered in Florida in January were (l-r) Rita (Mathison) Dalzell ('62), Adonica (Schultz) Aune ('72), Debbie Hagen, and Jan Klocke.

Second annual luncheon for MSU alumni and friends held in Florida

Mayville State President Dr. Gary Hagen and his wife, Debbie, together with MSU Foundation Executive Director John Klocke and his wife, Jan, headed for the Sunshine State in January to visit with Mayville State University alumni and friends. A luncheon was held in The Villages, Fla. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. Bob ('72) and Adonica (Schultz) Aune ('72) hosted a social in their home following the luncheon.



MSU Foundation Executive Director John Klocke (left) and Corwin Tuftte ('69) take a break from visiting during the Florida gathering for a photo op.

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California friends gather

Mayville State alumni and friends enjoyed connecting in California this winter. A social was held at the home of Ross ('60) and Maxine Njaa in Salinas, Calif. the evening of March 13, 2015, and a dinner was held at a Salinas restaurant the evening of March 14. President Gary Hagen and his wife, Debbie, and MSU Foundation Executive Director John Klocke and his wife, Jan, were among those who gathered.



Pictured from left to right are Ross Njaa, President Hagen, Maxine Njaa, and Debbie Hagen.



Gary Hagen, Roxanne (Tisdale) Parker ('64), Debbie Hagen, and Roxanne's husband, Rich Parker, were among the guests for the Friday evening social hosted by the Njaas. The Parkers are from Cupertino, Calif.



Helen (Jonasson) ('59) and Jim Bisenius ('59) (couple at left) from Hayward, Calif. and Don ('61) and Leah (Boe) ('61) McIntyre from Lompoc enjoyed the opportunity to see one another again.

Honor your loved ones with a gift to Mayville State.

The MSU Foundation has a memorials and tributes fund set up to receive contributions honoring departed alumni, friends, and loved ones. Gifts may also be given to honor a friend or loved one on a special occasion. If contact information is provided, a card of acknowledgment will be sent to the family members of the departed or those being honored.

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A listing of gifts given in memory of or in honor of friends and loved ones will be published on the MSU website and updated quarterly. You can find that listing at mayvillestate.edu/donorrecognition.

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- Carl Ambrosion**, Hatton, N.D. Feb. 6, 1927-Feb. 15, 2014.
- Marjorie (Score) Thompson Bjerkager**, San Jose, Calif. May 17, 1921-July 4, 2013.
- Jeff Braaten**, Portland, N.D. Nov. 30, 1959-Feb. 8, 2014.
- Loren Brovold**, Mayville, N.D. Sept. 28, 1939-Oct. 17, 2013.
- Helen (Evanson) Eiken**, Fargo, formerly of Portland, N.D. Dec. 14, 1930-Oct. 4, 2013.
- Wylie Hammond**, Dandridge, Tenn. May 15, 1946-April 18, 2015.
- Jane (Jacobson) Hanson**, Mayville, N.D., Oct. 26, 1917-Feb. 22, 2015.
- Al Holmes**, Moorhead, Minn. Aug. 22, 1932-Feb. 16, 2015.
- Maybelle Kibler**, Fargo, N.D. formerly of Mayville, N.D. March 25, 1922-Feb. 8, 2015.
- Betty (Burner) Moen**, Pahrump, Nev., formerly of Mayville, N.D. May 25, 1930-April 14, 2015.
- Jack L. Renken**, Plover, Wis. June 18, 1941-July 23, 2014.
- Doris (Evanson) Wiggen**, Portland, N.D. May 18, 1920-May 5, 2014.

Alumni

- William N. Aaland ('77)**, Fosston, Minn. Aug. 8, 1955-Nov. 2, 2014.
- Roger R. Aamold (ex. '54)**, Bemidji, Minn., formerly of Buxton, N.D. April 14, 1935-March 23, 2015.
- Lorraine (Pomplun) Aberle ('60)**, Bismarck, N.D., formerly of Edgeley, N.D. June 9, 1937-Aug. 19, 2013.
- Daniel E. Adamson ('52)**, Williston, N.D. Nov. 23, 1933-Feb. 7, 2015.
- Mavis (Ponto) Ahlschwede ('44)**, West Fargo, N.D., formerly of Grandin, N.D. May 17, 1924-Oct. 2, 2014.
- June (Lageson, Vole) Almen ('55, '58, '70)**, Park River, N.D. June 30, 1927-Jan. 25, 2015.
- Bonnie (Lerud) Amundrud ('68)**, Edinburg, N.D. Aug. 29, 1946-April 23, 2014.
- Alice (Still) Anderson ('45)**, Hatton, N.D. formerly of Finley, N.D. Dec. 21, 1926-Dec. 26, 2014.
- Elizabeth "Liz" (Shephard) Anderson ('38)**, West St. Paul, Minn. Oct. 8, 1918-Sept. 24, 2013.
- Grace (Colebank) Anderson ('47)**, Newfolden, Minn. Nov. 11, 1927-Sept. 25, 2014.
- Rodney F. Anderson ('66)**, Lisbon, N.D. April 29, 1943-Feb. 21, 2014.

- Thora O. (Torvick) Anderson**, Fergus Falls, Minn. Nov. 21, 1915-Jan. 12, 2014.
- Eric J. Andreson, ('95)**, Lawrence, Mich., formerly of Mandan, N.D. Feb. 24, 1971-May 15, 2014.
- Terry Aronson ('65)**, Devils Lake and Doyon, N.D. June 26, 1942-Dec. 4, 2013.
- Ruth (Thompson) Babinski (ex. '69)**, Sharon, N.D. Oct. 4, 1949-March 23, 2014.
- Secelia Delina (Woldseth) Sagen Johnson Barden (ex. '38)**, Ballard, Wash. May 31, 1919-Dec. 22, 2013.
- Anna (Grinley) Bates (ex. '37)**, Aberdeen, S.D. Dec. 13, 1917-April 5, 2014.
- Golda (Dickie) Bauer ('42)**, Grand Forks, N.D., formerly of Pembina, N.D. May 29, 1922-Jan. 31, 2015.
- Jerold Bietz ('63)**, East Peoria, Ill. Feb. 22, 1942-Sept. 27, 2014.
- Mildred (Lunde) Bigwood ('34)**, St. Thomas, N.D. March 15, 1913-Dec. 10, 2013.
- Theodore S. Bjerke (ex. '35)**, Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 19, 1914-March 17, 2013.
- Karen M. (Donnell) Blumberg (ex. '97)**, Lonsdale, Minn. April 8, 1978-Dec. 20, 2014.
- Henry "Hank" Boeddeker ('64)**, Little Falls, Minn. Nov. 17, 1931-Sept. 20, 2013.
- Margaret (Callahan) Bolster (ex. '42)**, Federal Way, Wash. Aug. 20, 1923-July 8, 2014.
- Lillian (Weberg) Bolton ('42)**, Duluth, Minn. March 5, 1922-Aug. 10, 2013.
- Eunice (Vigen) Borgeson, ('44)**, Park River, N.D., formerly of Adams, N.D. Oct. 14, 1926-Aug. 11, 2013.
- Vernice (Bakke) Borowicz, ('59)**, Waconia, Minn. June 18, 1937-Oct. 6, 2013.
- Melissa (Scheer) Chadwick ('02)**, Hensel, N.D. Aug. 25, 1979-May 5, 2014.
- Barry G. Christianson (ex. '69)**, Mayville, N.D. Sept. 25, 1949-Jan. 26, 2015.
- Dale H. Christianson (ex. '59)**, Grand Forks, N.D. March 26, 1938-Jan. 13, 2014.
- Stephen G. Croft (ex. '92)**, Fairmount, N.D. Jan. 20, 1969-Nov. 26, 2013.
- Allen J.K. Dahl ('61)**, Park River, N.D. Jan. 29, 1936-Nov. 14, 2014.
- Duane R. Darling ('64)**, Leeds, N.D. April 20, 1942-Nov. 11, 2014.
- JoAnne (Bosh) Dornseif (ex '64)**, Forest Lake, Minn. Jan. 30, 1945-Dec. 19, 2013.
- John Roger Drengson (ex. '71)**, Emerson, Man., formerly Grand Forks, N.D. Aug. 30, 1946-March 25, 2014.
- Verna (Sampel) Ecker ('40)**, Grandin, N.D. Dec. 16, 1922-April 19, 2014.
- Elaine Eichhorst (ex. '55)**, Hillsboro, N.D., formerly Pacific Grove, Calif. Feb. 23, 1936-Jan. 31, 2014.

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Halfred "Hallie" (Ramstad) Ellin-grud ('37), Grand Forks, N.D. June 30, 1918-March 5, 2015.

Ragna (Haslekaas) Ellingson, Los Angeles, Calif. April 9, 1920-July 15, 2014.

Harriet (Gullickson) Engebretson ('43, '75), McVile, N.D. April 17, 1923-Nov. 28, 2014.

Stacy M. Engel (ex. '98), Hillsboro, N.D., April 24, 1978-March 27, 2014.

Elayne (Crawford) Enger ('49), Mayville, N.D. Oct. 8, 1929-Oct. 31, 2014.

Anita (Unruh) Erickson ('68), Fargo, N.D. Aug. 2, 1920-Aug. 13, 2013.

Ann (Rustan) Fagerholt ('36), Hoople, N.D. Nov. 8, 1916-June 11, 2014.

Viola A. (Anderson) Flaagan ('36), McVile, N.D. formerly of Pekin, N.D. Oct. 15, 1918-Nov. 16, 2014.

Alice (Kalgard) Flaten ('47), Warren, Minn. Feb. 27, 1928-May 2, 2014.

Ruth Ann (Thompson) Fletschock ('74), Devils Lake, N.D. May 24, 1952-Sept. 21, 2013.

Judith (Mergenthal) Freeland ('56, '59, '66), Apple Valley, Minn., formerly of Hillsboro, N.D. 1933-July 20, 2014.

Merle (Olson) Freije ('85), Mayville, March 14, 1941-Jan. 6, 2014.

Shabel Wayne Freije Jr. ('56), Steele, N.D. Nov. 25, 1933-Jan. 11, 2015.

Kathleen (Thompson) Fuglesten (ex. '71), Buxton, N.D. July 5, 1952-Jan. 28, 2015.

Dorothy (Beneda) Gaarder ('73), Park River, N.D. June 8, 1931-Dec. 22, 2013.

Fern Kruger Georgeson ('49), New Rockford, N.D. March 21, 1929-Nov. 8, 2014.

Travis Gierszewski (ex. '96), Grand Forks, N.D. June 5, 1977-Nov. 22, 2013.

Avis (Ulland) Grandalen ('54, '58, '70), Portland, N.D. July 19, 1923-Oct. 4, 2013.

Anna (Menke) Grindeland ('43), Mayville, N.D. Oct. 23, 1925-Nov. 1, 2014.

Emily (Kristjanson) Gudmundson ('46), Mountain, N.D. March 22, 1929-Jan. 2, 2015.

Rose Gudmundson ('50), Fargo, N.D., July 17, 1922-March 7, 2015.

Patricia (Guss) Gustafson ('67), Rugby, N.D. formerly of Wolford, N.D. Aug. 24, 1929-Oct. 21, 2014.

Douglas M. Halcrow ('62), Wadell, Ariz. Nov. 6, 1940-Feb. 20, 2014.

Norma I.O. (Olson) Hallgrimson ('48), Mountain, N.D. Nov. 15, 1928-Feb. 19, 2014.

Myron Halstenson ('42), Grand Forks, N.D., formerly of Niagara, N.D. Aug. 18, 1924-Nov. 2, 2013.

Kathryn (Johnson) Haltli ('49, '76), Grand Forks, N.D. Aug. 9, 1930-Oct. 22, 2014.

Curtis H.B. Halverson (ex. '48), Fargo, N.D. March 3, 1929-Jan. 15, 2014.

Ardis (Anderson) Halvorson ('45), Fargo, N.D., formerly of Galesburg, N.D. Oct. 2, 1927-March 20, 2014.

Phyllis (Heskin/Kringlie) Halvorson ('37), Spokane, Wash. May 20, 1917-Dec. 30, 2013.

Gerald "Jerry" Hamstad ('60), Mesa, Ariz. Oct. 12, 1938-Dec. 21, 2013.

Joyce (Klath) Hanson (ex. '48), Jan. 10, 1929-Nov. 12, 2013.

Anna (Skatberg) Haugse (ex. '58), Cape Coral, Fla. Dec. 7, 1940-May 14, 2013.

Amy (Lee) Rostberg Hausman ('32), Grand Forks, N.D. April 14, 1913-March 30, 2014.

Marilyn (Simpson) Hazard ('47), Cooperstown, N.D. May 27, 1928-June 21, 2014.

David Hedland ('76), Hatton, N.D. Jan. 13, 1951-Jan. 24, 2014.

Gary A. Hefta ('70), Mayville, N.D. Sept. 5, 1946-Dec. 8, 2014.

Jessika Henrickson ('12), Wahpeton, N.D., formerly of Mayville. Nov. 7, 1987-Nov. 3, 2013.

Helen Geraldine (Halvorson) Jacobson (ex. '37), Hope, N.D. Sept. 16, 1918-May 26, 2014.

William S. Jallen (ex. '49), Sidney, Neb. Nov. 14, 1930-Sept. 7, 2013.

Florence (Sander) Johansen, Devils Lake, N.D., formerly of Esmond, N.D. Aug. 12, 1926-Aug. 16, 2014.

Michael P. Johnston ('67), Idaho Falls, Idaho. March 31, 1945-March 26, 2013.

Muriel Kaercher (ex. '28), Dilworth, Minn., formerly of Fargo, N.D. Dec. 29, 1908-March 27, 2014.

George Kalliokoski ('53), East Grand Forks, Minn. June 5, 1930-Aug. 26, 2013.

Helen (Reszka) Kelleher ('38), Kenosha, Wis. Oct. 22, 1917-Jan. 30, 2014.

Larry Lee Ketterling ('73), Lisbon, N.D. Jan. 16, 1950-July 31, 2014.

Elaine (Skurdell) Krabbenhoft ('54), Sioux Falls, S.D. Dec. 29, 1931-Feb. 13, 2015.

Margaret (Lee) Heskin Lande (ex. '41), Portland, N.D. Nov. 7, 1921-Jan. 25, 2014.

Beverly (Williams) LaRoque ('50), Grand Forks, N.D., formerly of Larimore, N.D., Dec. 26, 1930-April 3, 2014.

Mary (Martin) Lenoir ('80), Belcourt, N.D. Oct. 19, 1938-Aug. 20, 2014.

Hui "Randy" Li ('10), China. Aug. 16, 1985-April 14, 2015.

Gayle (Boe) Lider ('83), Hatton, N.D. May 13, 1963-Oct. 9, 2014.

Viola (Sandford) Lillehaugen ('32), Rochester, Minn. formerly of Brocket, N.D. Jan. 17, 1911-Oct. 11, 2014.

Michael B. Loe ('76), Sheyenne, N.D. July 10, 1945-Nov. 4, 2013.

Duane Loewen ('60), Moorhead, Minn., Jan. 13, 1938-Oct. 20, 2013.

Linda (Lee) Love (ex. '58), Columbia, S.C. Oct. 27, 1937-June 4, 2014.

Evelyn M. (Branniff) Lund ('42, '47), West Fargo, N.D. Feb. 16, 1923-May 31, 2014.

Perry D. Lyson ('60), Midland, Tex. June 19, 1934-Jan. 25, 2014.

Irene L. (Rud) Mack (ex. '62), Lake Crystal, Minn. Sept. 28, 1943-Sept. 28, 2014.

Bernadine "Bunny" (Vorachek) Mahon ('63), East Grand Forks, Minn. Aug. 17, 1941-March 20, 2015.

LaDonna (Revier) March Lodermeier (ex. '48), Redwood Falls, Minn. Sept. 8, 1929-March 16, 2015.

Arthur A. Martel ('67), Bismarck, N.D. June 21, 1944-July 3, 2014.

Allan Martin (ex. '61), Clifford, N.D. Aug. 12, 1941-March 10, 2014.

Maxine (Dick) Martin ('66), Clifford, N.D. Sept. 18, 1944-Jan. 7, 2014.

Joyce (Setter) Matheson ('48, '74), Larimore, N.D. Sept. 16, 1927-Oct. 17, 2014.

Sandra Jean Ann McDonald ('91), Devils Lake, N.D. Sept. 8, 1948-Feb. 8, 2014.

Harley L. "Curley" McLain ('50), Hatton, N.D. June 2, 1926-Dec. 29, 2014.

Linda (Potter) McMillin ('81), Fargo, N.D. Sept. 2, 1947-Nov. 22, 2013.

Shirley (Crane) Metz (ex. '53), Ventura, Calif. Sept. 27, 1935-Jan. 25, 2014.

Judith (Krogstad) Miller (ex. '62), Grand Forks, N.D. Feb. 12, 1943-Nov. 4, 2013.

Ronald P. Miller (ex. '58), Grand Forks, N.D. March 8, 1937-March 25, 2014.

Helen (Sveen) Moe ('43), Edinburg, N.D. May 21, 1922-Dec. 12, 2014.

Lila (Aasand) Monson, ('34), Grafton, N.D. Aug. 4, 1915-Nov. 22, 2013.

Elizabeth "Betty" (Hunter) Murray ('58), Portland, Ore. March 29, 1937-Sept. 11, 2014.

Larry Dale Murray (ex. '58), Portland, Ore. May 18, 1934-Oct. 12, 2014.

Sonya (Cooper) Nankivel (ex. '80), Hillsboro, N.D., formerly of Wahpeton, N.D. Oct. 31, 1960-Jan. 11, 2015.

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Brian D. Nelson ('80), St. Paul, Minn. Aug. 22, 1957-Nov. 6, 2014.

Calvin H. Nelson, (ex. '62), Horace, N.D. Dec. 23, 1943-Feb. 20, 2015.

Hazel (Klabo) Nerdahl, ('34), Hatton, N.D., formerly of Sharon, N.D. Oct. 6, 1913-May 16, 2014.

Eleanor (Julien) Nesvik ('30), Stanley, N.D. Aug. 8, 1908-Feb. 3, 2014.

Donald A. Newman ('51), Mayville, N.D. April 17, 1929-March 9, 2015.

Harold L. Newman (ex. '53), Jamestown, N.D. Aug. 28, 1933-Feb. 20, 2014.

James T. Newman ('56), Sun West, Ariz. Aug. 12, 1931-Jan. 26, 2015.

Dennis Niebeling ('57), St. Paul, Minn. July 20, 1935-Feb. 8, 2014.

Aagot (Lerfald) Nysveen ('40), Hillsboro, N.D. Oct. 18, 1919-Oct. 14, 2013.

David Offerdahl ('66), Casselton, N.D. May 19, 1944-Oct. 30, 2013.

E. Margaret (Evenson) Oie ('30), Breckenridge, Minn., formerly of Galchutt, N.D. Aug. 5, 1912-Dec. 2, 2014.

Jordis "Judy" (Meyers) Oistad ('42, '70), Karlstad, Minn. May 7, 1921-April 7, 2013.

Margaret (Vleck) Olson ('48), Mayville, N.D. Sept. 25, 1924-Jan. 16, 2014.

Shirley Ann (Loe) Olson (ex. '46), Helena, Mont. Sept. 11, 1926-Oct. 1, 2014.

Vernita (Bergsrud) Olson ('56), McVie, N.D., formerly of Aitkin, Minn. Feb. 8, 1932-Jan. 2, 2015.

Warren R. Ophaug ('69), Kloten, N.D. Sept. 13, 1944-March 14, 2015.

Bernadine (Desautels) Paulson ('43), Fargo, N.D. Oct. 19, 1925-Dec. 28, 2014.

James C. Porter ('59), Boise, Idaho. Jan. 15, 1937-Feb. 9, 2014.

Clifford O. Puppe ('51, '63), Cavalier, N.D. April 7, 1929-Dec. 9, 2014.

Ella (Heuchert) Puppe ('35), Cavalier, N.D. Sept. 29, 1914-Sept. 30, 2014.

Barbara B. Rahrlich ('50), Strasburg, N.D. March 20, 1922-March 9, 2014.

Sonjia (Strand) Ramberg ('62, '71), Fargo, N.D. Aug. 20, 1941-July 11, 2014.

Shirle J. (Sveum) Ribaudo ('49), Seattle, Wash. May 4, 1926-Jan. 6, 2014.

Gary Rieger (ex. '61), Reno, Nev. Nov. 14, 1942-Jan. 22, 2014.

Margret (Lindaas) Ringsrud ('39), Hatton, N.D. May 1, 1918-Dec. 9, 2014.

Candace "Candy" Roth ('79), Lawton, N.D. April 20, 1956-Oct. 13, 2013.

Randall R. Rustad ('73), Fargo, N.D. Feb. 24, 1950-Jan. 31, 2015.

Myrtle (Stewart) Sagen ('33), Eugene, Ore. Sept. 15, 1914-Aug. 18, 2014.

Pamela L. (Karlstad) Schieffer (ex. '76), Osmond, Neb. June 17, 1957-Aug. 10, 2013.

Melvin Schimke ('57, '69), Karlsruhe, N.D. Oct. 16, 1932-Sept. 2, 2013.

Ralph Schoephoerster (ex. '54), Fargo, N.D. Aug. 8, 1935-Jan. 27, 2015.

Verona (Engel) Semrad ('55, '75), Mayville, N.D., formerly of Hope, N.D. Nov. 22, 1934-Jan. 18, 2015.

Jerry Sheldon ('57), Fargo, N.D. Aug. 9, 1934-April 25, 2015.

Darlyne (Griese) Sieg ('54), Emerald, N.D. Feb. 24, 1935-April 19, 2014.

Monica (Tufte) Simon ('76), Park River, N.D. June 10, 1955-Sept. 29, 2013.

Dale Simonson ('66), Gillette, Wyo. Jan. 3, 1943-Nov. 9, 2013.

Agnes (Molvig) Skarperud ('38, '44), Mayville, N.D. March 17, 1918-Jan. 15, 2014.

Arlene Skjervem ('44, '46, '55), Grand Forks, N.D. Feb. 3, 1925-Sept. 13, 2014.

Mildred (Samnoen) Skurdell ('37), Northwood, N.D. Feb. 5, 1916-March 9, 2014.

Mildred (Olson) Smaalund ('50), Aneta, N.D. May 29, 1931-Oct. 4, 2013.

Roderick Smith ('86), Mandan, N.D. Aug. 11, 1954-Aug. 25, 2013.

Dorothy (Simon) Snead (ex. '42), Livingston, Texas Jan. 3, 1922-Nov. 8, 2013.

Esther (Ness) Sobak ('32), Fargo, N.D. Sept. 27, 1913-July 12, 2014.

Alf M. Soholt ('47), Bloomington, Minn. Oct. 4, 1922-Dec. 14, 2013.

Mary Ann (Greicar) Sommer ('57, '62), Park River, N.D. June 14, 1930-March 9, 2015.

Judith (Engen) Henrickson Sorlien ('41), Mayville, N.D., formerly of Finley, N.D. Feb. 9, 1921-Dec. 6, 2013.

Kenneth Steinmetz ('72), Bagley, Minn. Feb. 3, 1949-Aug. 10, 2014.

Ricky Malachi Stewart (ex. '08), Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Feb. 16, 1988-Sept. 23, 2013.

Richard Lee Strand ('70), Mayville, N.D. Dec. 1, 1944-Dec. 1, 2014.

Arleen (Hanson) Sunderland ('38), Milton, N.D. Nov. 14, 1919-Dec. 19, 2013.

Genevieve (Owen) Thompson ('40), Hatton, N.D. March 21, 1920-July 14, 2014.

Marion (Bell) Thompson ('43), Grafton, N.D. April 10, 1923-May 3, 2014.

ReNoel (Dahl) Thompson (ex. '41), Bismarck, N.D. Nov. 1, 1921-Dec. 15, 2013.

Gladys (Strand) Thuen (ex. '66), Portland, N.D. Sept. 18, 1924-Dec. 18, 2013.

Henrietta "Hienie" (Duray) Tillett ('38), Fargo, N.D., formerly of Grand Forks, N.D. July 6, 1919-June 6, 2014.

Esther (Wibe) Tisdale, Grafton, N.D. Aug. 17, 1918-Sept. 23, 2014.

Wayne Tunseth ('75), Mayville, N.D. July 8, 1949-Sept. 16, 2013.

Louise (Orvik) Urness ('44), Fargo, N.D. formerly of Dahlen, N.D. Dec. 17, 1925-Aug. 22, 2014.

Shirley (McDaniel) Vejtasa ('62), Edmore, N.D. Sept. 20, 1942-Jan. 27, 2014.

Ruth (Jacobson) Vigen ('35), Jefferson, Iowa. May 3, 1916-May 7, 2014.

Irene (Bakke) Voll (ex. '47), Grand Forks, N.D. Aug. 10, 1928-Sept. 22, 2013.

Evelyn Mae (Arneson) Vondrka ('50), Baudette, Minn. May 27, 1931-Nov. 21, 2014.

N. Jerome "Jerry" Vosseteig ('56), Winchester, Calif. Nov. 26, 1928-Nov. 7, 2013.

Marguerite (Gaffney) Walker ('42, '44, '67), Mayville, N.D. March 5, 1922-March 17, 2014.

Olga (Morseth) Wallace ('33, '38), Killdeer, N.D. formerly of Cando, N.D. Nov. 23, 1915-May 27, 2014.

Julie (Edinger) Wentz ('78), Mayville, N.D. April 6, 1957-Feb. 14, 2015.

Wilma (Flikke) Wessels, ('37), Leonard, N.D. Nov. 25, 1915-July 1, 2014.

Wayne Wiberg (ex. '66), Hatton, N.D. Oct. 14, 1947-Oct. 21, 2014.

Robert Wicker ('73), Fargo, formerly of Cavalier, N.D. May 12, 1947-Dec. 20, 2013.

Bernard E. Wojick (ex. '66), Jamestown, N.D., Feb. 12, 1946-March 20, 2014.

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Annual Traill County/MSU luncheon held in Mesa, Ariz.

About 100 current and former Traill County residents, together with Mayville State alumni and friends, gathered for the annual Traill County/Mayville State University reunion luncheon in Mesa, Ariz. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015. The luncheon was held in the Apache Hall of the Apache Wells Country Club.

The program included Mayville State University President Dr. Gary Hagen, who brought greetings on behalf of the uni-

versity, and his wife, Debbie. Mayville State Foundation Executive Director John Klocke and his wife, Jan, provided musical entertainment. John Klocke and MSU Professor Emeritus Dr. Ron Semmens joined forces as Traill County's version of The Everly Brothers singing "Dream." There was a time of reminiscing about life in Traill County, North Dakota, and excerpts from the Mayville State 125th anniversary choir homecoming performance were played via video.

Joe Dunn, Mayville State graduate and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Bemidji, Minn., coordinated this year's luncheon, with the help of Shirley Gummer (ex. '54), former Traill County resident, Mandan, N.D. In the spirit of helping to facilitate this annual event, which is a decades-old tradition, the staff of the MSU Foundation assisted with arrangements.



(From l-r): John Klocke, Joe Dunn ('64), Gary Hagen, and Terry Bachmeier (ex. '75). Bachmeier has been instrumental in organizing the luncheon for several years and has supplied a wonderful assortment of door prizes each year.



These folks enjoyed visiting during the luncheon. (From l-r): Larry Hoiberg ('63), Ellen Hoiberg, President Hagen, Donna (Creiman) Rio ('49), Ken Rio ('49), and Fred Switzer ('55).



Pictured from left to right are Harvey Noteboom, Melanie (Swenson) Noteboom ('63), Debbie Hagen, and Gary Hagen.

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Homecoming fun!

A great crowd of Mayville State alumni and friends gathered at the Mayville Golf Club for an all-alumni social following the 2013 homecoming football game. Among them were the daughters of Harvey ('50) and Rusty (O'Hara) ('49, '72) McMullen. (Harvey was a longtime member of the Mayville State faculty and staff.) The ladies had a great time visiting with Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductee and Walhalla, N.D. native Jim Bisenius and his friends and former players who joined in the celebration. As a high school coach in Hayward, Calif., Bisenius coached 34 high school baseball players who went on to sign professional contracts. Two others went on to play pro football. One of his former players, Jack Del Rio, is head coach for the Oakland Raiders. Two of Jim's former players, Ray Melville and Jon Miller, were in Mayville for the homecoming festivities. Jon Miller is the "Voice of the San Francisco Giants," and was honored by the National Baseball Hall of Fame as the 2010 Ford C. Frick award winner for baseball broadcasting excellence. Pictured in the front from left to right are Ray Melville and Laurie (McMullen) Weiskopf. In the back (l-r) are Mary Jo (McMullen) Amb ('84), Jim Bisenius ('59), Julie (McMullen) Graham ('77), Jon Miller, Mayville State graduate and Walhalla native Gerald Dalzell ('65), and Sue (McMullen) Strand ('75).

The MSU Foundation

The purpose of the MSU Foundation is to serve as the vehicle for resource development in support of Mayville State University; and to raise, manage, and disburse funds for the sole benefit of Mayville State University-approved needs. The Comet Athletic Club and the Alumni Association operate under the umbrella of the MSU Foundation.

For more information about the work of the MSU Foundation, please contact MSU Foundation Executive Director John J. Klocke at 701-788-4787.

Things are developing

by John J. Klocke, CFRE
MSU Foundation Executive Director



Our growing endowment total is just one of many successes we are counting ourselves lucky to share with you this issue. Thanks to the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund of \$1,000,000 offered by the state of North Dakota from July 1, 2013 through December of 2014, Mayville State University Foundation supporters like you helped us increase our endowment by \$348,000. This triggered a match of \$174,000, for a total of \$522,000 in new endowment funds! That is approximately 30 new scholarships for students every year forever! Just four short years ago, the endowment was a little under \$2 million. It's almost \$5.5 million today!

During the challenge match period you also helped us raise \$257,000 in annual scholarship gifts, which garnered MSU students another \$128,000 in matching funds for our academic scholarship drive. A total of \$385,000 in annual scholarship funding was raised!

As executive director of the Mayville State University Foundation, now

in my fourth year with the foundation, (My, how time flies when you are having fun!) I can't thank you enough for your support of our students. Mayville State University has led all North Dakota University System institutions with the highest increase in enrollment over the past four years. This means your support has never been more critical.

We have another big year ahead of us, so we will once again invite all MSU alumni and friends to help us as we support dreams of college education by providing scholarships to as many students as we can.

More good news! The North Dakota Legislature has approved funding of Challenge Fund matching for the next biennium. We hope you'll join us in making the most of this wonderful opportunity afforded by the state.

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Artificial Turf Leadership Campaign launched ...



“We are very excited to announce that the leadership phase of our campaign has raised \$350,000. Other in-kind gifts for construction could bring that total to nearly \$400,000 in endowed and current gifts toward the \$950,000 football and baseball field turf project,” said John J. Klocke, Executive Director of the Mayville State University Foundation. “We are nearly half-way to a goal that once met will transform Mayville State University in so many ways.”

In 2012, MSU was very fortunate to receive a grant from the Sports Development Council, a turf-building consortium, to reduce the cost of an artificial turf football and baseball field for Mayville State University, from \$2.6 million to \$950,000. Klocke, then incoming executive director of the MSU Foundation, launched a feasibility study over a year to determine the benefits and interest in a turf field. Klocke found both leadership interest and a long list of benefits that illustrate the critical nature of this project to the future of Mayville State University as well as to the Mayville community and Traill County.

More than just the surface of an athletic field

Once research and feasibility studies were concluded, the facts and benefits for this two-field project began to stack up to the point that Klocke, with support of the President’s Cabinet, began moving ahead with the project. The cabinet believes turf will transform MSU’s academic and athletic programs in an entirely new way. “The facts are quite staggering and positive for this project,” said President Gary Hagen. “It’s been clear from the outset that this project will help stabilize and build future enrollment and allow MSU to compete for the best students in the region in a big way.” Hagen added, “Our athletes are student athletes. They are students first and athletes second. This turf will help us attract the best and brightest who will study at MSU in any one of our major programs, but it will give them the opportunity to play a sport and have the experience that athletics brings to their young lives.”

The numbers show turf is more than the surface of a field. It is the very future of the university and the community.

When the impact of the turf was assessed and communicated, it quickly gained traction with community leaders who began to put their own money into the project as an invest-

ment to strengthen the university and the Mayville community. Below are just a few of the high-impact benefits of the turf to the university and the community and the future of MSU athletics:

- Currently, there are 210 football, baseball, and softball student athletes on campus at MSU.
- These 210 students account for 1/3 of Mayville State’s tuition revenue.
- A recent economic impact study puts a value on each student athlete of \$62,000 of annual economic impact to the Mayville community.
- 210 students represents \$13 million of economic impact per year to Mayville and Traill County.

“It is staggering when you realize how important the turf is to athletics, the entire university, and the community,” said Larry McGillis, owner and founder of Mayport Insurance. “We’ve always known and appreciated MSU’s impact on the community and to the students, but now we are convinced that we need to protect the growing enrollment. It’s pretty clear that as community leaders we need to step up. I invite others to do the same if they want our university and this community to thrive.” McGillis, his wife, Dixie, and their family are the lead donors for the project, and have helped inspire other area leaders to join in the project from Mayville and all around the country. “This is good for MSU’s future. Therefore it’s good for the future of Mayville and the surrounding area. I really don’t think there is any project more important,” said McGillis. “MSU needs our help to protect and secure the 1/3 of the tuition it gains from athletics.”

Facilities matter. Turf will level the playing field for recruiting the top students in the region.

When the turf campaign began two years ago, Mayville State was one of the first to start making plans for the fields. Now two years into the campaign and nearing the halfway mark in funds raised, Mayville State will need the turf field to compete with all of the other universities in the region who have raced ahead and installed their own turf fields.

“We are losing students to other schools with turf. There is simply no question about it,” said football coach John Haines. “If we truly want the best student athletes in our region then turf is a game-changer.” Haines said that he has already been in head-to-head competition with Valley City for top players and has lost them due to Valley City’s turf.

One of the most obvious recruitment benefits of turf is that Mayville State will be sought-after as a site for high school football games. “If we get top high-school players playing on our turf for high school games and summer football camps, then we become highly visible to those students as a potential college pick when they are graduating seniors,” said Haines. “Turf puts us back in the game like we were three decades ago.”

... will be big boost to the university and local economy

Haines noted that Valley City State, Jamestown University, Dickinson State, and Presentation College in Aberdeen all have turf football fields. “These schools are our key competitors for the top students. We are put at a disadvantage right from the start.”

“It’s not just college any more, high school students are playing on turf,” said baseball coach Scott Berry. “It’s becoming the norm. The kids we are trying to recruit, especially from areas like the Twin Cities and Bismarck and Fargo have already been playing on turf for a couple of years in high school.” Berry says that for these students, turf and facilities really do matter when they make their choice of which school they want to come to. “Turf is the new normal.”

Berry also said that the number of hours the baseball team spends on the road traveling to games in winter and spring is tremendous. “It’s hard on the students, but it’s what they currently have to do. We need to head to warmer places where open practice fields are available for us to practice when there is still snow on the ground so we can play early enough in the season to help us excel as a team.” Berry looks forward to the completion of a baseball turf field because snow can be cleared from the turf in March and students can start practicing early, getting the jump on other teams or simply keeping up practice levels with teams who already have turf fields. And not having to travel gives them more time for studies back at home. “This turf will indirectly contribute to better academic performance potential too.”

The turf classroom

Putting athletics aside, the turf project still holds tremendous academic benefits. Academically, MSU serves four Health, Physical Education, and Recreation majors - the fastest-growing programs on campus. In 2014-15 there are 140 majoring and 52 minoring in HPER, making up 23% of the student population. HPER majors include:

- Sport Management
- Fitness & Wellness
- Health & Health Education
- Physical Education

Many HPER classes would utilize the turf field throughout the year to conduct parts of their classes that are not possible to do on uneven or muddy grounds. Due to its level, and safety-inducing cushion, the turf surface becomes ideal for these class uses and begins to take the strain off of other already crowded indoor facilities.

Specific classes that would benefit from a turf field are Individual Fitness, Principles of Conditioning, PE for the Exceptional Child, Movement Education in Early Childhood, Health & PE in Elementary Schools, Outdoor Pursuits, Secondary Methods of PE, Concepts of Fitness & Wellness, Exercise Physiology, Methods of Appraisal, Track & Field Coaching, and Fitness & Sports Teaching Techniques. Literally

thousands of class hours would be held on the turf, making it a tremendous academic asset to MSU.

Turf will lower costs and become a source of new revenue.

“MSU has had a huge turnaround these past seven or eight years because we have had a conscious eye on both growth and fiscal responsibility,” said Athletic Director Michael Moore. “There is a list of cost savings that in time pay for the cost of turf once it is installed and allows us to redirect those savings to recover the surface every 12-15 years.” Some of the cost savings include:

- Cost of watering grass - \$2,000 per year
- Cost of supplies and machinery for upkeep - \$35,000 per year
- Donated labor and materials that could be used elsewhere - \$10,000 per year
- Cost of staff labor hours - \$8,400 per year

The total cost to maintain two fields is \$54,000 per year. Those savings, redirected over 10 years to a turf replacement fund, would equal \$540,000, or roughly \$300,000 more than replacement turf material. That means the turf becomes a source of additional athletics revenue. “We certainly could use those savings for refurbishing the stadium, locker rooms, and other much-needed projects on campus,” Moore said.

But the financial story doesn’t end with cost savings. The turf also creates event revenues each year. MSU alumnus Paul Twenge (’77), MSU Foundation Board member at-large, who coaches at Minnetonka (Minn.) High School, has an athletic turf complex that brings in \$180,000 a year of rental revenue from area schools and organizations in the Twin Cities area.

“We don’t expect right now that we would have the ability to bring in that kind of revenue, but \$20,000-\$50,000 per year is possible from high school and college field rentals, income from football and baseball camps, renting the field to non-profit community organizations for concerts, fundraisers like Relay for Life and more,” said Moore. “We have also had letters of interest from Fargo-Moorhead universities who would rent our baseball field in early spring for the same reasons we would benefit: earlier practice before the season is fully underway.”

Moore added that even \$30,000 a year in turf revenue would go a long way to enhancing our programs. Between revenue and cost savings, the turf is likely to create \$84,000 of new money to enhance scholarship programs, equipment and facilities, and more. “Turf kind of becomes a financial no-brainer after you look closely at it.”

Turf campaign begins second phase

Near the half-way mark of raising the funds, Klocke says that it is time to roll out the turf campaign to all MSU alumni

See “Turf” on page 36.

Honor Society President's Dinner held

The MSU Foundation Honor Society President's Dinner was the kick-off event for Homecoming 2014 festivities in October. The purpose of the annual event is to recognize those who have given a cumulative lifetime total of \$10,000 or more to Mayville State University. Several were honored as first-time members and others were recognized for reaching new levels of giving. The event was sponsored by Bell State Bank and Trust.



MSU Foundation President Corey McGillis, President Hagen, Arlene (Tunsth) Olson ('65), and Donald Olson ('61). The Olsons were recognized at the Platinum Club level.



MSU Foundation President Corey McGillis, Curt Larson, Lydia Larson, Darlene Garrett, Wayne Garrett, and President Hagen. The Larsons and Garretts were recognized at the Gold Club level.



Gary Hagen, Debbie Hagen, Linda (Peterson) Baier ('77), and Corey McGillis. Debbie and Linda were honored for their work in establishing and maintaining the ever-successful "After Hours" socials which have raised thousands of dollars for the Division of Business and CIS at Mayville State.

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and friends nationwide. "With a case this strong and the ability for the turf to pay for itself, we are confident that alumni, friends, and the farming and business community will see the outstanding benefits and invest with us." Klocke stated that the campaign will seek gifts from donors with varying capabilities. "Every gift will be important. This will be a campaign where large numbers of supporters will be needed and every supporter will be recognized with some unique signage at the field." Klocke added, "There's something for every supporter. A football field's square footage means a donor can give \$18 and feel like they have sponsored a square yard. Or those with more capability can sponsor the end zone or the sidelines. This has been a project from the very beginning designed to really offer every single alumnus the chance to own a piece of the field and we appreciate every single gift."

Klocke said the turf campaign information will be sent to all alumni this summer and fall with the goal of raising the needed funds by year's end, when supplies and orders would go in to install a field in 2016 if the campaign is successful.

Campaign options are many.

To support the turf project, feel free to contact Klocke for a turf information package. Gifts can be made over a pledge period of three years. There is also a turf endowment for North Dakota donors who want to give money and receive the 40% state income tax credit. Income from the endowment goes to finance any short-term turf debt and once the turf is paid for, the endowment becomes a scholarship endowment for MSU students. Klocke said the following types of assets can be helpful to the campaign:

- Cash
- Stock
- Gifts of land or property
- Paid-up insurance policies
- Gifts of portions of an IRA or retirement plan
- Grain and livestock

"There are a lot of options out there. We really hope that perhaps there is someone with a quarter section of land who wants to help us get this important turf complex for our students. That would be tremendous and would literally change the course of history for our university." Klocke can be reached at 701-788-4787 or e-mail John at john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu.

Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation makes tremendous grants

Nursing program gets major boost

In 2014 the Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation board of directors approved two grants that will enhance leadership across Mayville State University. First, a grant of \$300,000 was awarded to help with the leadership components and start-up of the MSU RN to BSN Online Degree program which is now fully underway and is ahead of enrollment goals for fall and spring semesters. The grant award also triggered a \$150,000 matching grant from the N.D. Higher Education Challenge Fund, bringing total support for the program to \$450,000. With other gifts through the 2014 Giving Hearts Day, the goal of \$500,000 of support for the program was met and has now been exceeded!

"We are so very thankful to the Larson Foundation for recognizing the value of our program and goals for the RN to BSN Online program," said Tami Such, RN to BSN program director. "The leadership components in this new program will not only help better nurses living and working throughout North Dakota and Minnesota, but it will give them the knowledge to become better leaders in their health systems and in their communities."

Such also added that the program is available online, so that rural nurses can further their education, attaining this advanced nursing degree, while working in their jobs as nurses.

Larson Leadership Program receives three more years of funding

The Larson Foundation also awarded a three-year grant of \$80,000 to fund the cross-curriculum student leadership development program that they helped start up in 2012. The purpose of the program is to build the leadership characteristics needed to prepare all Mayville State University students to become future leaders for North Dakota.

Six key traits in leadership are building the foundation for Mayville State's program: leading by example, ethical judgment, leading with purpose, communication, always learning, and leadership

self-direction. The key traits are being implemented into the curriculum with the philosophy of stimulating interest, raising awareness, and providing opportunities to explore and demonstrate skills.

"The Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation has truly done something remarkable," said Professor Emeritus Terry Kemmer, coordinator of the Larson Leadership Program. "They not only gave us the support to start this pro-

gram, but through this new grant, they are allowing us to build and expand the program in new ways that reach farther and to more students throughout MSU and the community."

In addition to the \$80,000 award, the program received \$40,000 in matching funds from the N.D. Higher Education Challenge Fund to further augment and expand the program so that in future years the program can become sustainable at a lower cost.

Learn more about planned giving opportunities at www.msugift.com.

Larson Leadership Program sponsors summit

Judy Siegle, highly acclaimed motivational speaker and author of "Living Without Limits: 10 Keys to Unlocking the Champion in You," was the keynote speaker at a leadership summit held at MSU Tuesday, April 14, 2015. In addition to Siegle's keynote presentation, breakout sessions were presented by Dr. Kelly Peters, associate principal at Red River High School in Grand Forks, N.D.; Joel Vettel, lieutenant with the Fargo (N.D.) Police Department and community volunteer; and Terry Kemmer, Mayville State professor emeritus of business and Larson Leadership Program coordinator.

In her keynote address, Judy Siegle focused on the tools that help to make people successful, powerful life keys designed to unlock the untapped potential and purpose within everyone. These are all tools that she has used in her life as she has gone from being a successful high school athlete to becoming a quadriplegic when a terrible car accident changed her life in an instant, just as she was about to begin college. Through the struggle to live a life without limits, Judy never gave up and never limited herself. She graduated from college, earned a master's degree, became a two-time Paralympian, and is living a life that is fulfilling and rewarding.

Joel Vettel gave real-life examples of how community service makes one a better person. Vettel demonstrated why community service is not only rewarding, but how it can also lead a person down the road of success.

Kelly Peters, a 1992 graduate of Mayville State, shared insights gained during his 23 years of working in public education. He focused on leadership in a teacher's life, leadership enhancement offered in the education field, the teacher's role in integration of classroom responsibilities and extra-curricular activities, and leadership opportunities available for young educators.



Joel Vettel, lieutenant with the Fargo Police Department, was a speaker at the leadership summit held at Mayville State this spring.



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This new monument on the grounds of the Larson Center will be a permanent salute to faculty, staff, students, and community men and women for their patriotic service in America's Armed Forces.

1 to 4 p.m. • Former Residents of Berg Hall Reunion Berg Hall

All former residents of Berg Hall and their friends are invited to gather, catch up, and have fun. Register at www.mayvillestate.edu/berghall.

2 to 4 p.m. • Library Reunion Byrnes-Quanbeck Library

All library science alumni and former library employees are invited to come and see the great updates that have taken place at the library, and to check out the Cienora Quanbeck Memorial Garden at the Larson Alumni and Leadership Center.

2 p.m. • Guided Campus Tour Starts at the front of Old Main

Here's your chance to see all of the great facility improvements!

3 to 5 p.m. • Reception to Honor the 2015 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Award Recipients Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni Center

Everyone is welcome to stop by and visit with Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Karen (Lyng) Asmundson ('90), Dr. James LaBarre ('66), and Leroy McClure, Jr. ('83); and Distinguished Service Award recipients Mary (Hanson) Iverson ('68) and Harlan Johnson (ex. '82).

5:30 p.m. • Alumni Association Awards Dinner Campus Center Luckasen Room

Celebrate with the newest Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Award recipients.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at www.mayvillestate.edu/alumniday or by calling the MSU Foundation, 701-788-4864. RSVP deadline is Monday, June 8.

8 p.m. • Entertainment with Jazz On Tap +2 Campus Center Luckasen Room

Come and dance, or just to listen to the great sounds of Jazz On Tap +2. The combo includes Mayville State music alumni Kris Eylands ('79), Kirk Overmoe ('78), and Denny Connelly ('72). Cash Bar.

The Larson Center will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. June 26, and from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. June 27. Feel free to stop by!



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