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**Mayville State alumni and friends
travel to Norway this summer**



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Norway: from the prairies and plains to the fantastic fjords

The Mayville State University Alumni Association sponsored its first-ever Norway trip July 25 through Aug. 4, 2016. MSU President Gary and Debbie Hagen hosted the 11-day trip planned through Brekke Tours and Travel of Grand Forks, N.D. Forty-nine Mayville State alumni and friends experienced Norwegian heritage while immersed in an amazing backdrop of gorgeous hills and valleys and marvelous fjords.

The Grand Hotel in Oslo was the starting point for a weekend adventure of seeing the sights of Vigeland Park, the Viking Ship Museum, the folk museum, and many other local points of interest. (See cover photo.)

The group then boarded a bus and headed for Bergen, staying at four lovely hotels located along the fjords, Oslofjord, Solfjord, Bjornesfjord, and Aurlandsfjord. They toured the Fredriksten Fortress built in 1661 as a protection from the Swedes. At a museum in Nesbyen in Hallingdal the group visited an emigrant house that was originally built near Hatton, N.D. They crossed the Hardanger Plateau, viewed the Voring Waterfall, and shopped at the Hedeland glassworks factory and the Hardanger Bestikk pewter factory.

Many in the group felt that the highlight of the trip was a trip on the Flamsbana, one of the top-20 train rides in the world. They stopped at Flam and then cruised on the fjord the

next morning. They were able to see a multitude of waterfalls during that two-hour water adventure.

Time spent in Bergen included a visit to the home of Edvard Grieg, Norway's internationally known musician, and wandering around the historic Hanseatic Wharf, a UNESCO world heritage site.

The last two evenings of the trip were spent at the lovely Solstrand Hotel, which, like many of the other hotels, treated the group to special Norwegian-style buffets. As with the other buffets at which they'd had the pleasure of dining, the food was plentiful. A person could take a full plate of cold food, go back for a plate filled with hot food, and end with a selection of desserts on a plate. People were able to swim in the fjord before departing the next morning for the trip home.

"We were delighted to have had the opportunity to share this special time with our Mayville State alumni and friends," said President Gary Hagen. "Everything about the trip was amazing."

The Norway trip came about as a special activity prompted by the celebration of the 125th anniversary of Mayville State in 2014. Plans are to make alumni and friends travel a regular part of the Alumni Association's activities. In September of 2017, the Hagens will be hosting a trip to Italy. Details will be available soon at www.mayvillestate.edu/italy.

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2016-17 Calendar of Events

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Homecoming Oct. 7, 8, 9, 2016

Honor Society President's Dinner Oct. 27, 2016

Poinsettia Ball Dec. 10, 2016

Traill County/MSU Luncheon in Mesa Feb. 14, 2017

Graduation Brunch/Commencement May 13, 2017

Alumni Day 2017 June 23, 2017

See details at www.mayvillestate.edu.

On the cover: The Grand Hotel in Oslo was the starting point for a grand Norwegian adventure for 49 Mayville State alumni and friends July 25-Aug. 4, 2016. Pictured in the front are Debbie and Gary Hagen. Second row: Ron Carlson, Shelby Strand, Benjamin Strand, Donalee Strand, Fred Strand, Jan Klocke, John Klocke, Larry McGillis. Third row: Sarah Thuen, Dawn Holter, Connie Kaldor, Sharyl Hanson, Bev Nelson, Janice Sand, Clyde Naser, Lynn Dilivio, Dixie McGillis, Claudette Carlson, Susan Niska, and Dawn Thuen. Fourth Row: Lee Ann Strand, David Holter, JoAnna Hart, Jennifer Taylor, Annamarie Langlie, Cleone Whelan, Bernell Bachmeier, Brett Bachmeier, Lynette Krogstad, Debbie Tollefsrud, Mary Craveiro, David Craveiro, Nancy Zimney, Bob Zimney, and Betty Beck. Back: Rhonda Knodle, Richard Langlie, Mary Ellen Kirking, Gregg Kaldor, Dean Krogstad, Ryan Carlson, and Neil Tollefsrud.

Four months remain in matching gift program

There are only four months remaining for the 64th North Dakota Legislative Assembly's amazing matching gift program. The program to spur philanthropic giving to North Dakota state universities and enhance academic excellence has been very successful so far. We've received nearly \$300,000 in matching dollars to date. The Matching Fund for Enhanced Academics is providing a 50% match for each and every dollar donated to the Mayville State University Foundation for approved projects between July 1, 2015 and Dec. 31, 2016.



Dr. Gary Hagen,
Mayville State University
President.

Gifts given to Mayville State annual scholarships, endowed scholarships, the Master of Arts in Teaching program, and nursing program scholarships will receive 50% in state matching dollars for every dollar given. Free matching dollars of up to \$600,000 can be awarded for gifts given before Dec. 31 of this year. It's unlikely the current match program will exist in the next biennium. This may be the last chance to take advantage of these free matching dollars.

The MSU Endowment for Academic Excellence Fund

Individuals, businesses, and foundations can create a named endowment or contribute any amount to an existing endowment through this program. Every dollar given, up to \$1,400,000, will be given a 50% match, or \$700,000 in new endowment funding. This could allow for 70 or more new academic scholarships per year. Contributors can also make a pledge over multiple years and have the entire pledge amount matched as long as the pledge is received prior to the Dec. 31 deadline. For example, someone pledging \$1,000 per year for seven years would receive a 50% match of \$3,500 on \$7,000 immediately in the first year. Combine this program with the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit, which allows donors to receive a 50% state tax credit on endowment gifts of \$5,000 or more, and donors can leverage philanthropy tremendously.

The MSU Academic Excellence Scholarship Fund

Individuals, businesses, and foundations can help this drive to create a higher number of annual academic scholarships to attract more local and regional students and fuel MSU's continued levels of high enrollment. Every dollar given, up to \$200,000, will qualify for the state match. This will leverage \$100,000 in matching funds and has the potential to create more than 150 new scholarships.

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The RN-to-BSN Rural Nursing Academic Excellence Fund

Individuals, businesses, and foundations can help fund this RN-to-BSN degree program, which is now at capacity and continues to expand to meet rural nurse shortages. Every dollar given, up to \$200,000, will trigger a 50% match, for a total of \$100,000. Two-thirds of this money will fund nursing scholarships to attract even more students and one-third will help with student online resources.

Estate and planned gifts can be matched.

The Challenge Match will also be given on gifts made in a will or estate plan, including gifts through a life insurance policy or IRA or other retirement plan like a 401k, where MSU is named a beneficiary. Even though those gifts may not be received for years to come, these planned gifts can be matched. Also allowed is a 50% match on the current value of charitable life income plans that MSU Foundation can offer to senior citizens. These plans can provide guaranteed income rates of return of 5% to 9% annually based on the donor's age, as well as excellent federal and state tax deductions and credits. Many of these tools also provide tax-free payouts on portions of the annual return.

If interested in these opportunities, our supporters are encouraged to contact MSU Foundation Executive Director John Klocke. He has more than 20 years of experience in working with folks and their accountants, attorneys, and financial advisers to create these federally approved gift investments. Call John at 701-788-4787 to find out how an asset can benefit family and charities and provide income and lower taxes.

The Matching Fund for Enhanced Academics has the potential to take Mayville State's academic excellence to an entirely new level through the increased support the program offers. We ask everyone to consider MSU in a special way this year to help us take advantage of these matching funds before the plan ends on Dec. 31. If we are successful at matching all of our \$1,000,000 in funds, the state has another \$500,000 set aside for which MSU and other four-year schools may apply.

The match also opens especially exciting opportunities for donors who may wish to establish named endowments at Mayville State. The MSU Foundation's minimum is \$15,000 to set up a named endowment. With this program, a gift of \$10,000 will receive a 50% match, thus bringing the endowment to a fully funded level. My wife, Debbie, and I took advantage of this great opportunity and were also able to leverage some tax benefits. I encourage you to check this out. You may be surprised at the low dollar amount it will take to do this.

The Matching Fund for Enhanced Academics provides a golden opportunity for Mayville State supporters to increase the impact of their giving by 50%. For more information contact John Klocke at 701-788-4787 or john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu.

Gary Hagen

Grand opening held at newly renovated and expanded HPER facility

A short program held Tuesday, April 26, 2016 marked the official opening of the newly renovated and expanded Health, Physical Education, and Recreation facility at Mayville State University. The festivities took place at the west entrance to the facility. An open house followed the program.

The state-funded HPER project, which began in April of 2015, reached substantial completion on March 1, 2016. It involved 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. Additions were constructed on the east side of the existing Lewy Lee Fieldhouse, and the bulk of the renovation included constructing new classrooms and an athletic training area on the west



Members of the building committee were among the folks to cut the ceremonial ribbon, marking the official grand opening of the new and improved HPER facility at Mayville State.

Pictured from left to right are Dan Lorenz, Steve Bensen, John Klocke, Dist. 20 Representative Rick Holman ('65), Lindsey Johnson ('02), Keith Stenehjelm, Mike Moore, Gary Hagen, Donna Mark ('71), Jeremiah Moen ('02), Dist. 20 Senator Phil Murphy, Scott Berry ('78), and Tim O'Brien.

side of the Fieldhouse. Facility upgrades include new tile flooring, new ceiling tiles, and new lighting in the main lobby and hallways surrounding the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse.

CCNE grants accreditation to RN-to-BSN nursing program

Mayville State's RN-to-BSN nursing program has received full accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Official notice was received May 31, 2016, and the accreditation effective date is Nov. 16, 2015, extending to June 30, 2021. The RN-to-BSN nursing program was established in an effort to assist with the severe shortage of nursing professionals in the state of North Dakota and in response to the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) recommendation to increase the proportion of nurses with baccalaureate degrees to 80% by 2020.

Through Mayville State University's online RN-to-BSN nursing program, the university is educating nurses to achieve a baccalaureate degree. To be considered for admission to the program, an individual must have earned a nursing degree leading to RN licensure and hold a current RN license. Classes in the RN-to-BSN nursing program are offered exclusively online, and were first offered in the fall semester of 2014. The first students to complete the program graduated at the end of the fall semester of 2015.

Officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency, the CCNE is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing.

Memorial and tribute gifts can be made online at mayvillestate.edu/memorials.

85-year summer school enrollment record set

Mayville State University experienced a large increase in enrollment for the Summer Session of 2016, marking the university's largest summer school headcount enrollment since 1931. Headcount enrollment was up 21% when compared with last year. The number of full-time and part-time students increased 14% and 22%, respectively, over 2015 counts. The full-time equivalent figure grew by 14% over last year.

"Growth in distance education continues to impact our overall enrollment," said Mayville State University president Dr. Gary Hagen. "Mayville State strives to be flexible and offer convenient options for students in pursuit of their educational goals. The combination of providing flexible options for those studying at a distance and the fantastic physical plant and other improvements for those who study on campus are contributing to the overall success Mayville State has been experiencing. We are delighted to serve the citizens of North Dakota and beyond in this way."

Mayville State's summer session options included 10-week, eight-week, and five-week sessions, as well as a variable dynamic option, providing students with more than 100 summer course offerings. Courses were offered online, as well as on the Mayville State campus.

Retirees leave their mark on Mayville State

Several members of the Mayville State faculty and staff retired this past spring. These folks played an integral role in the success of Mayville State University and they will certainly be missed. Dr. Carol Enger and Dr. Mark Skean were each bestowed the distinction of emeritus status upon their retirement.

Karen Amundson

Payroll/Benefits Coordinator



Karen Amundson.

During her 41-year tenure at Mayville State, Karen (Flaten) Amundson ('75) led the university through many changes and complexities surrounding payroll and benefit administration. She was at the forefront of many campus human resource management system enhancements, including the North Dakota Higher Education system-wide accounting and payroll system (HECN) in the 1970s and the present-day People-

Soft and ConnectND systems. These system upgrades required considerable learning and implementation and time and effort from Karen and she handled all of these responsibilities very well.

As the payroll/benefits coordinator, Karen interacted with all Mayville State employees, which includes about 160 full-time staff, as well as some part-timers, plus just as many student employees. She was also entrusted with seeing that the Social Security, Public Employee Retirement System, and TIAA-CREF retirement contributions, and other withholding and matching dollars would end up in the proper accounts within the appropriate entities. This was no small task, and the faculty and staff of Mayville State are grateful to Karen for her hard work.

Karen retired at the end of June.

Mike Bakken

Associate Professor of Music

Mr. Bakken began his employment with Mayville State in August of 2004, and since that time, we've seen the band grow from seven students to 28, and the choir from 15-20 students to a high of 75.

A three-time nominee for Mayville State's Teacher of the Year Award, Mike was responsible for bringing back the traditional homecoming and Christmas concerts. Under his direction, a pops concert was introduced, as was a Madrigal Feast, which is held every-other year. He was also instrumental in the establishment of Music Makers, a fund-raising booster club for Mayville State music, and the MSU Performing Arts Hall of Fame. He played a key role in the establishment of a minor degree in music at MSU.

Bakken served on the MSU Financial Aid Committee for 12 years and was president of the Faculty Senate and Faculty

Association for two years. Off campus, he directed the Trail Blazers Men's Chorus, who, through their annual performances, donated \$30,000 toward music scholarships at Mayville State. For 40 years, Bakken served as manager of the high school Region 3 solo and ensemble music contest held annually at Mayville State. He directed the Mayville State University and Community Fine Arts Series, was adviser for Comet Radio, and hosted his own radio show, "Let's Dance - The Big Band Power Hour" weekly on KMAV-FM.

"I wanted to be a music teacher ever since I started taking private trumpet lessons in the third grade," Bakken said. "I always wondered what it would be like to teach in a college setting, and Mayville State University provided me the opportunity."

Dr. Carol Enger

Professor of Early Childhood Education

Dr. Carol Enger began working at Mayville State in the summer of 1976 as a lead preschool teacher in the Child Development Center. From 1977 to 1983, she served as director and was a teacher at the center. She began teaching college courses at Mayville State in 1983 and went through the ranks as lecturer, assistant, associate, and now full professor.

In addition to activity as a member of faculty committees, she has been involved in state, regional, and national organizations that promote early childhood education, holding officer positions in several. In 2013, she was honored with the North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children Meritorious Service Award.

Since she started at Mayville State, the curriculum has progressed from only an A.A. degree in early childhood to a B.A. and B.S.Ed. She feels these additions have benefited the early childhood profession statewide. She's grateful for the opportunity to attend conferences in this country and internationally.

Carol says that while the basics of HOW to teach preschoolers has stayed relatively the same, WHAT is taught has certainly changed. Computers and online learning have made a big difference in what is taught at the college level.

Enger will continue at Mayville State as an adjunct professor. She said, "It is hard to 'give away' classes I've developed and revised for so many years. I will greatly miss my early childhood colleagues and I wish them well in the future. I am always available to support them in any way I can."

Becky Gunderson

Instructor of HPER

Becky (Karlstad) Gunderson ('72) started out at Mayville State as a part-time teacher of aquatics classes. Over the years, she was assigned to teach more of the HPER activity classes, including rhythmic activities for elementary teachers, social and folk dance, cross-country skiing, first aid and CPR, and more. By attending the state, district, and national SHAPE (Society of Health and Physical Educators, formerly AAHPERD) confer-

ences, she has learned a variety of activities to share with MSU students. She was been selected to present more than 25 times at these conferences.

Becky has served on university committees, and been the pool manager and Worksite Wellness Coordinator. She has served her profession by serving in many leadership positions in ND SHAPE and other organizations.

Gunderson was named NDAHPERD's College/University Teacher of the Year in 2002 and 2006. Other awards include NDAHPERD Honor Award in 2007, Central District's Dance Honor Award in 2010, and the Central District Honor Award for Professional Service, the highest honor bestowed on its members, in 2016. She was also named Mayville State Teacher of the Year in 2003-04.

Upon leaving Mayville State, Becky says, "The best has always been teaching and working with the students. I've tried to be the best teacher I can be, remembering the enthusiasm that I learned from Ruth Kolsrud, the hands-on approaches I learned from Ron Semmens, and the joy of teaching and doing things differently from my student teaching supervisor, Jean Capouch. I thank these folks, as well as MSU, for allowing me to take more than 5,000 showers for free in 29 years."

Janice Jorgensen Accountant

Janice Jorgensen had been the accountant at Mayville State since 1977, but her tenure with the university began in 1969 when she joined the business office staff as a purchase order clerk. In 1972, she became the payroll clerk and served in that role until 1977. Jorgensen says she has always enjoyed accounting and working in the Mayville State business office has been a perfect fit for her.

Known for her friendly disposition and willingness to serve her fellow employees to the best of her ability, Jorgensen was presented the Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award in 2003. The recipients of this award are selected by the Mayville State staff peers, making it an extra-special honor. Janice says that the constant changes in technology have been the source of some stressful moments over the years, but technology is here to stay and you learn to roll with the punches. In 1979, Mayville State implemented a new accounting system and in 2003 the university went on-board with a web-based accounting system. Adapting to these systems has been an integral piece of Janice's work.

"Working at the same place for 47 years is a long time, but it has been a very good place to work," said Jorgensen. "The business office has provided variety and challenges, which I have enjoyed. I have acquired many friends in the faculty and staff at Mayville State over the years."

Jorgensen's last day at Mayville State was April 29.



The 2016 retirees included (l-r) Becky Gunderson, Carol Enger, Mike Bakken, Janice Jorgensen, and Donna Mark.

Donna Mark Associate Professor of HPER

Donna (Ludwig) Mark ('70) was hired for a one-year interim position as division chair of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department. That one year turned into 12 years. During her tenure, she has seen the department grow from offering only four majors to offering six majors. The DAPE (Developmental Adapted Physical Education) minor was also created. The HPER faculty numbers have grown from seven teacher to 13 full-time and part-time teachers. Student enrollment in the HPER programs has grown to an all-time high.

Among her favorite memories was working with the residents at the Sun Center assisted living home in Mayville. She created the "Walking for Wellness" fitness program, where she and her students walked and exercised with the residents every Thursday morning for a semester. The residents wanted the program to continue, so she continued it for another seven years. The Luther Memorial Home earned a "Best Practice" award in North Dakota for collaborating with Mayville State on this program.

A recent highlight has been the planning and construction of the HPER facility renovation and expansion project. She said, "A dream came true on March 1 when we moved into our new facility. I finally got an office with windows and the HPER teachers are all together in one office complex. The four new classrooms, the training room, and the weight room will strengthen our programs."

Looking to retirement, Donna said, "I have been an educator for 46 years. I spent 34 wonderful years teaching physical

See "Retirees" on page 6.

MSU granted 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation, approval to offer M.A. in Teaching

Mayville State University President Dr. Gary Hagen has been notified that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has granted a 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation for the university. The university met all criteria with no interim monitoring recommended. In addition, the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), Mayville State's first master's degree, has also been approved by the HLC.

Mayville State hosted a visit from a team of HLC accreditors April 25 and 26, 2016. The team reviewed the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The Higher Learning Commission is an independent corporation that was founded in 1895 as one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. HLC accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region, which includes North Dakota and 18 other states. Mayville State University has been accredited by the Commission since 1917.

Dr. Keith Stenehjelm, Vice President for Academic Affairs stated, "Mayville State University is pleased with the exemplary final report from the HLC and approval of the MAT degree program. We appreciate the support of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education in allowing Mayville State to move forward with the MAT degree."

The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education has given Mayville State University, along with Valley City State and Dickinson State, permission to offer the Master of Arts in Teaching degree. This is being done in an effort to help ease North Dakota's teacher shortage by encouraging mid-career professionals in other fields to go into the classroom. Mayville State is currently accepting applications into the MAT degree program. Courses are available beginning with the fall semester of 2016.

For more information about the MAT degree at Mayville State University, go to www.mayvillestate.edu/mat or call 1-800-437-4104, ext. 34710.

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education and coaching at St. Cloud Apollo High School in St. Cloud, Minn., and 12 amazing years at Mayville State University. I think it is time to hang up my whistle and stop watch. It is time to relax and play more." She and her husband, Curt ('71), plan to vacation and travel in retirement.

Dr. Mark Skean

Professor of Business & CIS

Dr. Mark Skean began working at Mayville State in the summer of 1991 as an adjunct instructor of economics. In addition to teaching, he served as Mayville State's Director of Academic Assessment. He has also been Mayville State's representative to the North Dakota General Education Council and president of North Dakota College Teachers of Accounting. In 2006, he was named Mayville State Teacher of the Year.

Skean considered the opportunity to participate in many grant activities focused on improvement in student learning to be a highlight of his career. He and several colleagues presented their findings from these activities both domestically and abroad.

Most of the changes experienced during his tenure deal with technologies. He says, "Learning agility" is the characteristic new college graduates most need to possess. Competence with the '3Rs,' along with a comfort level in creative experimentation with technologies, is the basis from which learning agility is developed."

Reflecting on his time here, Mark says, "I've worked with many wonderful people in different discipline areas. That is something that happens organically only at small schools."



Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Keith Stenehjelm (right) presented Dr. Mark Skean (left) a certificate signifying his new status as Emeritus Professor Emeritus of Business. Dr. Carol Enger, another retiring MSU faculty member, received the distinction of Emeritus Professor of Early Childhood Education.

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Help needed to furnish weight, training rooms

When the Old Gym came down to make room for a new P.E. complex, the Comets got a new athletic training room and a new weight room. This puts us in a unique position to have state-of-the-art facilities for our student athletes!

The state of North Dakota has paid for the construction of this new facility, but it is up to us to upgrade or replace equipment. The number of student athletes is growing dramatically. These athletes deserve facilities that can help them achieve their full potential.

Will you help? The goal is to raise \$80,000, which will be split between the weight and athletic training rooms. Even if you're not able to make a financial commitment, you can tell others about this opportunity. You will make an immediate, long-lasting difference in the lives, experiences, and success of Comet Athletics!

To make a gift, go to mayvillestate.edu/athletictraining.

Berry notches 1,000th win, more hall of fame honors

The American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) has announced that MSU Head Baseball Coach Scott Berry has been named to the 10-member 2017 ABCA Hall of Fame class. Induction to the ABCA Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed by the organization. Inductees will be honored in a ceremony planned for Jan. 6, 2017. Festivities will take place during the ABCA/Diamond Hall of Fame/Coach of the Year Banquet at the ABCA Convention in Anaheim, Calif.



Scott Berry.

Scott Berry became one of the six active NAIA coaches to have eclipsed the 1,000-win mark during the 2016 season. The historic 1,000th win for Berry took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, against North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) conference opponent, the University of Winnipeg, on April 18. Coach Berry started the day at 997 total wins and looked for a clean sweep of the University of Winnipeg Wesmen in a triple-header in order to clinch win number 1,000. The Comets won all three games.

Berry, the 2014 ABCA president, took over as head coach at his alma mater, Mayville State, in 1982. He has grown the Mayville State program into an NAIA powerhouse. Under his guidance, the Comets have won 23 regular-season conference championships, including 17 consecutive titles from 1986 to 2002. Additionally, the Comets have collected 21 conference tournament championships and have appeared in the NAIA national playoffs 26 times, including in 2016. In those 26 appearances, Berry's teams have won three NAIA regional titles, the 2002 Plains Super Regional title, and had a top-five finish at the NAIA World Series.

Berry's career record as head coach stands at 1,012-573-1, which is good for a .683 winning percentage. He ranks fifth among active NAIA coaches in career wins despite the fact that more than 75% of the games in his career have been played away from Mayville State's Scott Berry Field, which was named in his honor in 2010.

Berry has been named as conference coach of the year 23 times, District 12 Coach of the Year nine times, and NAIA Region Coach of the Year four times, and he has coached 35 NAIA Scholar-Athletes, 25 NAIA All-Americans, and 22 players who have signed professional contracts.

Prior to his career as a coach, Berry lettered four years under ABCA Hall of Famer Al Meyer at Mayville State, receiving all-conference honors his junior and senior seasons. After graduating from MSU, Berry coached high school baseball teams in Ellendale, Binford, Rolla, and Casselton, N.D. He returned to his alma mater as an assistant under Meyer in 1981 and became the head coach the following year. Berry also coached the summer amateur baseball team in Mayville, with his "Red Caps" competing in the state finals six out of seven years and coming away with championships in 1981 and 1984.

An active participant in local, state, and national baseball organizations, Berry has been heavily involved with the ABCA for four decades. He currently serves on the ABCA's Board of Directors and Nominations Committee. Additionally, he has been involved in the North Dakota Baseball Coaches Association, North Dakota Amateur Baseball Coaches Association, North Dakota College Athletic Conference, and USA Baseball.

Along with his induction into the ABCA Hall of Fame, Berry has been honored with induction into the Mayville State University Athletic Hall of Fame, the NAIA Hall of Fame for Baseball, the North Dakota Amateur Baseball Association Hall of Fame, and the Christian Sports Commission Hall of Fame. He has also been honored with the North Dakota Associated Press Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association "Special Achievement Award," the NAIA Robert E. Smith Achievement Award, and the FCA Jerry Kindall Character in Coaching Award.

Comets looking forward to exciting times in 2016-17!

Volleyball

The Mayville State University volleyball team is in full-swing for the 2016 season. The Comets reported to campus for fall camp on Sunday, Aug. 7. The Comets finished last year with an overall record of 12-23 and made it to the semi-finals of the North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) Tournament. They made a clean sweep of the Valley City State University Vikings last season, squaring off on three different occasions and winning all three matches, including a 3-2 win at the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse in the first round of the NSAA tournament.

The Mayville State volleyball team had an outstanding season in the classroom in 2015 as they earned the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Scholar-Team Award by turning in a team cumulative grade point average of 3.23. For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar-Team Award, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution. The volleyball team also had 11 NSAA Scholar-Athletes. To be named an NSAA Scholar-Athlete, a player must have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or better on a 4.0 scale. The Comets will be working hard to continue accomplishments in the classroom as student-athletes.

The Comets graduated five seniors from the 2015 squad, including all-conference player Remington Werner from Hector, Minn. The Comets will look to replace her efforts with returning players as well as some new faces. Key returners for the Comets include Stephany Wold from Underwood, Minn., Megan Kolness from Ada, Minn., Paige O'Connor from St. Michael, Minn., and Sydney Boom from Barnesville, Minn. Key recruits for the Comets this year include TaLise Hansen from Granby, Colo. TaLise is a transfer from Ashford University and helped her team to the NAIA national tournament last season. The Comets are also excited about local products Jayden Warner from Mayville and MaKenzie Bring from Galesburg.

The Mayville State volleyball team has a total of 16 members on their 2016 squad, which includes eight new faces, seven of those eight being freshmen. In addition to Hansen, Warner, and Bring, new players include Whitney Janu (Frazee, Minn.), Hannah Bliss (Nevis, Minn.), Bryanna Thoren (Declo, Idaho), Bailey Hlavac (East Grand Forks, Minn.), and Payton Larson (Fertile, Minn.).

The Comets began their season on Aug. 26 in Peru, Neb. where they squared off in four matches. The Comets made a trip out west to Lancaster, Calif. just before Labor Day weekend to play against top competition. They'll make their home debut on Sept. 16 against Dakota State University.

Football

The MSU football team has begun a third season under head coach John Haines. Two years ago, Coach Haines was hired to head up the Comets on Aug. 1, just a few days before the start of fall camp. With very little time to recruit and implement a new system, the Comets struggled to a 2-9 record. After a full year of recruiting and a new system implementation under their belts, the Comets turned things around and went 5-5 during the 2015 season. This record included a blazing 5-1 start as they took opponents by surprise with their fast-paced potent offense attack. The Comets struggled a bit down the final stretch of the season, but the groundwork was laid for future success.

Part of the success for the Comets is due to a few key returning players on the offensive side of the football. The Comets return their field-general, quarterback Andrew Blake from Murrieta, Calif. Still only a junior in 2015, Blake led the Comets from the shotgun during his first season with the Comets and earned NSAA all-conference recognition for his efforts. Blake's success wasn't without help from a couple key players at the wide-receiver position last year. Jacob Robbins from Tampa, Fla. and Dantrel Horne from Miami, Fla. were among the NSAA's best players at the wide-receiver position, and both received NSAA all-conference honors for their efforts on the field. Two more key returners this year include Chris Mayes at the tight end position and Israel Evans as an offensive lineman.

The preseason coaches poll had the Comets finishing in sixth place out of seven teams. With so many recognized offensive threats, it will be interesting to see how the season unfolds for the Comets.

The Comets began their season at home against Buena Vista University on Sept. 3. Following their opening game, they headed to Quincy, Ill. to take on NCAA Division II opponent Quincy University. Farmers Bowl weekend will be headlined by the Comets football team hosting the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Sept. 17. After a bye-week, the Comets will host rival Valley City State in the homecoming game on Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. Last year, the Comets spoiled the Vikings' homecoming celebration as they marched into Valley City and beat them on their home turf by a score of 14-13.



The Comets football team makes a grand entrance at their home opener in 2015.

Men's Basketball

The MSU men's basketball team is looking forward to the start of the 2016-2017 basketball season. The Comets finished last year with an overall record of 17-12 and made it to the semi-finals of the NSAA tournament for the second-straight year. Memorable victories last year for the Comets included a playoff win on the road over nationally ranked Bellevue University. The Comets also had a memorable victory over the University of Jamestown at the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse. The win included a one-handed jam from senior Darnell Landon to close out the win. The Comets also beat nationally ranked Valley City State in a road game that was locally televised and shown throughout the state.

The 2016-2017 men's basketball team is not only looking to continue the momentum of last year's winning season on the court, but in the classroom as well. The men's basketball team turned in a team cumulative grade point average of 3.04 on a 4.0 scale, which earned them the NAIA Scholar-Team Award. For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar-Team Award, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution. This is the second season in a row that the men's basketball team has earned this award. In addition to receiving the Scholar-Team Award, the men's basketball team had four players receive NAIA Scholar-Athlete awards and 13 players receive NSAA Scholar-Athlete awards.

The Comets graduated eight seniors from last year's squad, so 2016-2017 will showcase some younger players in expanding roles as well as many new faces. The 2016-2017 men's basketball team will have only two seniors, Joshua DeWitt from Lino Lakes, Minn. and Terrance Lockett from West Palm Beach, Fla. Key contributors from last year's team will include Garek Droog from Grafton, N.D. and identical twins Aidan and Conor Quinn from Belfast, Ireland. The Comets are also looking for contributions from a few key players who red-shirted last season, Daniel Lindgren from Enderlin, N.D., Austin Lee from Berthold, N.D., and Michael Slaba from Canby, Minn.

The full Comets roster, varsity and junior varsity, includes a total of 31 players with 14 of those players being new recruits. The list of new recruits includes Tyrone Beckem (Grand Forks, N.D.), Konrad Bueckers (Pine River, Minn.), Max Cooper (Minnetonka, Minn.), Josh Foulds (Birmingham, England), Jaylin Johnson (Desoto, Texas), Khalil Jones (Dallas, Ga.), Ben Maranan (London, England), Colin May (Lovell, Wyo.), Norman Nelson (Moorhead, Minn.), Cory Norman (Douglasville, Ga.), Matthew Slaba (Canby, Minn.), Eric Staebler (Morris, Minn.), Tyler Stegemen (Willmar, Minn.), and Darrel Wilson (Temple, Ga.).

The varsity men's basketball program has 31 games scheduled for the 2016-2017 season and opens on Oct. 29 against Silver Lake College at the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse. The junior varsity men's basketball program has 17 games scheduled, 10 at home and seven on the road, and opens their season on Nov. 3 against MN-State Fergus Falls at the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse.

Women's Basketball

The MSU women's basketball team is gearing up for their 11th season under head coach Dennis Hutter. The Comets were 16-13 overall during the 2015-2016 season and advanced to the semi-finals of the NSAA tournament. One of the most memorable games of the season, and in the history of the NSAA, came on the road when the Comets defeated the Trojans of Dakota State University by a score of 109-101. The 210 combined points is the highest point total in the history of NSAA women's basketball. The Comets were led throughout the 2015-2016 season by two stellar seniors, Liza Hoglo and Jenna Lundon.

The Comets had nine players receive NSAA Scholar-Athlete honors and four players receive the NAIA Scholar-Athlete Award. In addition, the Comets received the NAIA Scholar-Team Award with a cumulative team grade point average of 3.44.

The 2016-2017 women's basketball team will return a handful of familiar faces including a few key contributors. Joelle Ertl (Avon, Minn.), Karleigh Weber (Thompson, N.D.), and Andi Gayner (Dassel, Minn.) each played significant minutes in 2015-2016 and should continue to help the Comets' winning efforts. Alicia Nopola (Silver Bay, Minn.) should see an increased role this year, along with Alex Arp (Blackduck, Minn.), who red-shirted for the Comets in 2015-2016.

Of the 16 players that make up the Comets roster for 2016-2017, 11 will be new additions to the basketball program. They include Haley Anderson (Lisbon, N.D.), Claire Blaszczek (Lakeville, Minn.), Jasmin Fast (Warroad, Minn.), Sydney Gangl (Dickinson, N.D.), Cyan Hale (Crosby, Minn.), Katie Lenci (Soudan, Minn.), Taylor Shamp (Bertha, Minn.), Andrea Skillingstad (St. Cloud, Minn.), Taylor Skjoldal (Grafton, N.D.), Hannah Torgerson (Anoka, Minn.), and Naomi Torgerson (Anoka, Minn.).

Katie Lenci and Sydney Gangl are both junior college transfers and should be able to step on the floor and help the Comets immediately. Katie will be a junior. She played



The Lady Comets look for Andi Gayner (42) to be a significant contributor this year.

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last season at Mesabi Range Community and Technical College. Lenci helped her team to an 18-11 finish on the year and was the leading scorer, averaging 13.8 points per game. She made 47 three-point field goals. Sydney Gangl is also a junior and came from Bismarck State College, where the Mystics posted a 21-5 record on the season. Gangl averaged 5.1 points per game and made 34 three-point field goals.

The women's basketball team is also very excited about incoming freshmen Naomi Torgerson and Claire Blascziek. Torgerson played her high school basketball at Anoka High School and Blascziek for Lakeville North High School. Both girls helped their teams reach the state tournament in the largest classification in the state of Minnesota.

The Comets begin their season on Oct. 22 at the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse against the University of Winnipeg. One week later, the Comets welcome Brandon University to the Lewy Lee. The schedule also includes a trip out to the West Coast, where they will play two games in Atherton, Calif. during the semester break.

Softball

This will be the fourth season with Ashley VandeVeen as the head coach for Comets softball. With VandeVeen at the helm, the Lady Comets have improved each season. During 2016, the Comets finished with an overall record of 13-32 and 6-18 in the NSAA. A noteworthy victory for the Comets came against nationally ranked Dickinson State University on Feb. 28. The Comets shot down the Blue Hawks 11-6. Dickinson had just come off an NAIA World Series run in 2015 and would follow it up with another appearance in the 2016 tourney.

Haley Wedgewood represented the softball program in the classroom by receiving the NAIA Scholar-Athlete Award. This award is given to student-athletes who have reached junior level status and maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or better on a 4.0 scale throughout their academic and athletic careers. Haley and Megan Evans both earned NSAA Scholar-Athlete Awards. This award is given to student-athletes who have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

The 2017 season looks positive for the Lady Comets as a number of returning players received NSAA all-conference honors during the 2016 season. Alexandria Tinoco (senior, Sacramento, Calif.) and Nina Gurgian (senior, Claremont, Calif.) were both first team all-conference selections. Kiana Ishikawa (junior, Henderson, Nev.) was a second team all-conference selection and Haley Kravetz (junior, Winnipeg, Manitoba) was a recipient of the Gold Glove Award. These four players will provide a solid core of talent and experience as the team heads into the 2017 season. Altogether, the Comets have 13 returning players for the coming season.

The Lady Comets worked hard in the summer months to sign a group of new players for 2017, and eight new members will join the 13 returners. New recruits for the Comets include Harley Boulanger (Phelan, Calif.), Hailee Gall (Woodland, Calif.), Shaye Kemball (Winnipeg, Manitoba), Kaitlyn Kuntz

(Fargo, N.D.), Breeana Martinez (Roseville, Calif.), Bailey Nordquist (Shingle Springs, Calif.), Jordan Picard (Bismarck, N.D.), and Jolene Ruiz (Indio, Calif.).

The Lady Comets will be plenty busy during the fall as they await the start of their season. The fall schedule will include strength training and conditioning and practices outside as long as the weather stays nice. The Comets will begin play on Feb. 23 when they travel to Arizona.

Baseball

The MSU baseball team is coming off a season that ended in their fourth-straight trip to the NAIA national tournament opening round. The Comets finished the regular season by winning 12 of their last 16 games before the NSAA conference tournament. In the tournament, the Comets opened with a win over Dakota State and then squared off against the University of Jamestown in three-straight games. The Comets won two out of the three to earn a spot in the NSAA championship game and a qualifying bid to the national tournament. The Comets finished the season with an overall record of 31-30.

The Comets performed well in the classroom, and seven players were honored with the Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athlete Award. In addition, the Comets had 15 players receive NSAA scholar-athlete awards. The Mayville State baseball team was also awarded the NAIA Scholar-Team Award, having achieved a cumulative team grade point average of 3.03.

Last year's team was somewhat young and inexperienced, so the 2016-2017 season looks good for the Comets. They return three all-conference players in Drake Yoshioka (Waipahu, Hawaii), Dondrei Hubbard (Houston, Texas), and Jose Guzman (Hollister, Calif.). Yoshioka was a first team all-conference selection as a second baseman while Hubbard and Guzman were both second team all-conference selections.

The Comets are looking for increased production from a few returning players. On the pitcher's mound, Kody Rock (Canora, Sask.) and Zach Mahoney (Fargo, N.D.) will lead the charge. The Comets are also looking at Brady Nygaard (Mayville) to step into an expanded role. Nygaard played a lot for the Comets as a true freshman and they are hoping to get increased production from him now as a sophomore.

Jonathon Folen (El Paso, Texas) red-shirted for the Comets last season and is expected to contribute significantly this season. The Comets are also looking for big contributions from incoming players Eryn Yamaguchi (Kealahou, Hawaii), who is expected to compete for the starting spot at the catcher position, and outfielders Zach Sweeters (Rochester, Minn.) and Nick Gonzales (Riverside, Calif.), who should play key roles during the 2016-2017 season.

The Comets will compete this fall, beginning at Valley City State University on Sept. 7. The Comets will also see action against Dickinson State University, Morningside College, Midland University, and the University of Jamestown this fall. The Comets will play their only home games of the fall season against the University of Jamestown on Sept. 25. The spring season begins on March 1 when the Comets travel to Minneapolis, Minn. to play at US Bank Stadium.

See the Comets sports schedules at www.msucometes.com.

'I'm Thankful for Mayville State' Day is an overwhelming success



Pictured from left to right are Mayville State students Logan Staigle, Center, N.D.; Miranda Petersen, Mayville; Dwayne Holloway, Hialeah, Fla.; Levi Lemer, Drake, N.D.; Conor Quinn, Newtownabbey, Great Britain; Donte Stevens, Opa-Locka, Fla.; and Aidan Quinn, Newtownabbey, Great Britain.

The MSU Foundation's "I'm Thankful for Mayville State" Day, a 24-hour give-a-thon to benefit MSU students through the annual fund, was an overwhelming success. April 28 was designated as a special day when alumni and friends could remember the importance of Mayville State University and show their gratitude with monetary gifts. Charitable giving totaled more than \$25,000

for the day, which leveraged a match of \$11,620 from the MSU Foundation board of directors.

"We are thrilled that we were able to reach the goal of having more than 100 donors participate in our first-ever giving day," said Dena Bergstrom, annual giving coordinator for the MSU Foundation. "It is very evident through the gifts received and the comments made, that people truly are thankful for Mayville State."

Among the comments that came with gifts were: "MSU gave me opportunities to do things I couldn't have done at a larger university." "It taught me the art of teaching. Mayville State does a wonderful job!" "My whole life changed for the better because of MSU. I've had a lot of great connections here and it gave me a career."

Contributions to the annual fund at Mayville State are critical. Every dollar given to the annual fund helps the MSU Foundation to exist and complete its work, which is essential to Mayville State's success. Last year, each dollar given to the annual fund created more than twenty new dollars of charitable support. These new charitable dollars supported the areas of greatest need.

According to Bergstrom, "Without an annual fund drive, there would not be an MSU Foundation to support the good work of Mayville State University. With enrollment increasing every year, you can be assured that private contributions are helping to fuel Mayville State's growth for the future."

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.

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First milestone in turf campaign is near



The dream of artificial turf football and baseball fields is making great headway as the campaign closes in on the end of the leadership phase with \$459,000 raised as of this writing. Gifts are coming in every month.

"We are excited and so thankful for each and every gift because these fields will transform, protect, and strengthen Mayville State University, the community of Mayville-Portland, and Traill County," said John J. Klocke, executive director of the MSU Foundation. "We are just a short way from reaching our first milestone of raising \$650,000, at which time we can commence building the first field."

Challenge grant makes the project possible.

The MSU Foundation was fortunate to receive a challenge grant in 2012 that would reduce the cost of these two fields from \$2.6 million to \$1.3 million. Turf's positive economic impact to Mayville-Portland and Traill County will be huge.

Currently, 210 football, baseball, and women's softball student athletes would be able to use the turf fields. These players comprise more than 1/3 of Mayville State's tuition. A recent economic impact study shows that these student alone generate more than \$13,000,000 of economic impact in Mayville-Portland and Traill County.

Jerome Berg family endorses the field.

Shirley Berg and her family are excited to see that Jerome Berg Field could receive this turf. Shirley said, "Artificial turf for our football and baseball fields would be a great improvement to the athletic facilities. I would encourage everyone to consider supporting the project. Jerome would have been very excited to have the best for Mayville State students."

Turf will become a classroom.

In 2014, there were 140 students majoring and 52 students minoring in HPER, making up 23% of the student population. Many HPER classes could utilize the turf throughout the year to conduct parts of their classes that are not possible due to unlevelled or muddy ground. Because of its level- and safety-inducing cushion, the turf becomes ideal for class uses and helps to take the strain off other already-crowded indoor facilities.

President Hagen cites turf as major boost to enrollment growth.

"We have beautified and improved so many areas of the campus," said President Gary Hagen. "In the last ten years, we have learned over and over again that facilities do matter. Students make their college selection based on the physical amenities of a campus. This is especially true for student athletes who come to MSU to play a sport while earning a college degree. We must make these two fields a reality to protect our tuition revenue and our record enrollment, while making a safer place in which our students can play. I hope you will look at this project and help us make MSU a highly competitive campus for those students who come right from our own back yard. We can't afford to jeopardize our future by being complacent with the facilities and watching other area schools take students away. We are deeply grateful to all alumni and friends who have already given to the project. We owe it to Jerome Berg, Harvey McMullen, Al Meyer, and Lewy Lee, all of whom blazed a trail for us. Let's do it for them!"

Tax-saving tools can help make gifts to turf possible.

The campaign is seeking a few individuals who believe strongly in the future of Mayville State and who may want to be major donors to the project, or even name the turf in honor or in memory of someone special. There are some very beneficial tax planning tools that would allow an individual, family, or business to make a major gift and get some outstanding income tax savings while keeping the assets in the family. The "Give-It-

Twice-Trust" can be funded by a donor with appreciated land, securities, or other property, including business or mineral interests. It allows capital gains tax on the sale of an appreciated property to be spread out and also offers phenomenal income tax and estate tax deductions.

Learn more by contacting
John Klocke at 701-788-4787 or
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Who do you know?

Distinguished Alumni & Service Awards

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
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Turf Campaign Team Roster as of Aug. 1, 2016

Legacy Transformer \$250,000 +

Legacy Leader Gold \$100,000-\$249,999

Legacy Leader Silver \$50,000-\$99,999

Mayport Insurance and Realty
- Larry and Dixie McGillis
- Corey and Tracy McGillis
Jeff and Lee Ann Strand

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
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Legacy Leader Bronze \$25,000-\$49,999

Terry Bachmeier
Jon and Betsy Ewen
Tim Garrett
Goose River Bank
Paulson Gravel/Chad's Excavating
Connie and Gary Tharaldson

Legacy Finisher \$10,000-\$24,999

Jim and Helen Bisenius
Fugleberg Seed & Bean Co.
- Richard and Vicki Fugleberg
- Lance and Jodi Fugleberg
Gate City Bank
Curt and Lydia Larson
Harold Newman Family
Tim and Karen Pratt
Nick and LaVonne Storhaug

Legacy Finalist \$5,000-\$9,999

Richard and Marilyn Davison
Andrew and Bi Kjos
Rob Montgomery
- Securian Financial Advisors of N.D.
Mike and Jen Osland
Mike and Susan Zier

Legacy Starters \$1,000-\$4,999

Ole and Marilyn Aarsvold
Don and Jo Amiot
Michael and Diane Belseth
Kari Berg
BSN Sports
- Tom and Deb Piche
Gerald and Rita Dalzell
Joe and Karen Dunn
Allyn and Marian Fagerholt
Lance Fugleberg
Gil and Elna Mae Herbel
John and Roseann Koppy
David Lenaburg and Cheryl Bard
Don and Leah McIntyre
Jerry and Tina McLain
Wayne and Sylvia Nelson
Ron and Carol Ness
Brian and Kristine Olson
David and Ilene Ouradnik
Harley and Judy Reed
Grady and Sharon Rostberg
Janice Sand
Susan and Scott Sayer
Mack Susag
Fred and Joanne Switzer
Tyrone and Vereen Wacker
Robert and Nancy Zimney

Legacy Team \$500-\$999

Lyle Arneson
Steve and Deb Bensen
Don and Jeanie Bowyer

Lyle and Charley Fugleberg
Roman and Joy Horejsi
Lori and Sam Kalainov
John and Jan Klocke
Rhonda and James Nelson
Roxanne (Tisdale) and Rich Parker
Gary and Judy Vorachek
Michael Walker

Legacy Recruits \$100-\$499

Curt Almlie
Roger and Linda Baier
Richard and Ruth Balstad
Brian Beaudrie
Shirley Berg
Jim and Linda Berube
Carl Bye
Les and Lorraine Christian
Gary Cook
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Lon and Paula Enerson
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S. Frances Gordon
David and Julie Gurbada
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David and Marguerite Kent
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Michael D. Mann
Curtis and Donna Mark
Rob McDonnell
Theresa McNaught
Robert Miess
Mike Moore
Ken and Gwen Mukomela
Ken Nessa
Rodger D. Olson
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Roger L. Petersen
Wally and Debby Rindy
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Virgil and Marcia Sheggerud
Fabian and Elsie Shoults
David and Kayla Smith
Clark and Pam Soholt
Keith and Loree Stenchjem
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GOAL: Raise \$1.3 million

\$456,929 in cash and pledges raised to date!

105 alumni and friends on the team!



Things are developing

Ending the year well

by John J. Klocke, CFRE, MSU Foundation Executive Director



As I visit with Mayville State alumni and friends, many ask, "What is the best way to make a gift when supporting Mayville State University?" I love the question because there are a lot of wonderful tools that can help you get more out of your charitable gifts and benefit your family and your tax situation tremendously. Here is just a sampling:

Free match money from the state of North Dakota ends Dec. 31.

Free money is always good. And until Dec. 31, 2016, every gift to an annual scholarship, endowed scholarship fund including Comet Athletic Club, Music Makers, and gifts to the new HPER performance lab, or Master of Arts in Teaching, will receive a 50% matching gift from the State of North Dakota's Higher Education Challenge Fund. After Dec. 31, our million-

dollar pool of matching funds is gone for good. We'd like to claim as much of that fund as we can. As an extra bonus, you can also make a pledge of giving to MSU in one of these areas for up to seven years and the whole amount can receive the 50% match this year! The state will also match a gift you have in a will, life insurance policy, revocable or irrevocable trust, or beneficiary designation on an IRA, 401K, or retirement plan or annuity.

Take advantage of the N.D. Endowment Credit.

If you pay North Dakota State income tax, you can make a gift of \$5,000 or more to an MSU endowment fund and receive a 40% state income tax credit. A gift of \$5,000 gets you a \$2,000 tax credit. Add your federal charitable deduction for the gift, and the real cost of the gift gets even lower. If a donor is in the 35% tax bracket, a \$5,000 gift costs only \$1,250 out-of-pocket. Individuals can receive up to \$10,000 in credit and married couples can get up to \$20,000. Most businesses can also receive up to \$20,000 in tax credit.

Does your company match your giving?

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Comets spotted at Newman Outdoor Field

The Comets were out in full force at the June 29, 2016 F-M RedHawks game when Mayville State sponsored the game and hosted a social. 145 alumni and friends enjoyed the game from the new third base party deck. MSU's own Scott Berry threw out the ceremonial first pitch and MSU Foundation Executive Director John Klocke sang the national anthem. The Comets had a great time, in spite of the huge rain storm that delayed the game.

Photos ...

Top right: Scott Berry throws the first pitch.

Second right: Joni (Bjornstad) Keller ('84) is pictured with her son, Joe, and daughter, Kayla. Kayla is wearing her mom's vintage Mayville State intramurals T-shirt.

Third right: Julie (Kovarik) Anderson ('99) brought her son and nephew for some great baseball fun.

Bottom right: These ladies were dressed in the Comets shirt of the day. From left to right are Sindy (Olson) Riedman ('84), Miranda Petersen, Cheryl (Hoffman) Angen ('81), Lindsey (Johnsen) Johnson ('02), and Cindy (Enger) Petersen ('93)

Bottom left: Bricker and Bentley Johnson, sons of Dave ('09) and Lindsey ('02), got to meet Hawkeye.



Distinguished Alumni honored during Alumni Day festivities

Mayville State University's highest awards were bestowed upon six distinguished alumni during Mayville State University's Alumni Day celebration held Friday, June 24, 2016. Dr. Nannette Bagstad, Mayville, N.D.; Randy Eken, Grand Forks, N.D.; Al Larson, Tempe, Ariz.; and Dale Norton, Pahrump, Nev.; each received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Jerry Bietz, Mayville native and formerly of Peoria, Ill., was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award posthumously. His wife, Myrna (Blair) ('63), accepted the award on his behalf. Doug Petersen, Mayville, N.D., received the Distinguished Service Award.



Six Mayville State University alumni received the university's highest awards, the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Distinguished Service Award, on June 24. Pictured from left to right are Randy Eken, Al Larson, Myrna Bietz (for Jerry Bietz), Doug Petersen, Nannette Bagstad, and Dale Norton.

The awards were presented at the annual Alumni Association Awards Dinner which was held in the MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room. The program, emceed by Alumni Association board member Dean Krogstad, also included music. Alumni Lori (Wolden) Nelson ('83), Portland, N.D., and Greta (Anderson) Paschke ('85, '99), Mayville, led the audience in the singing of the Mayville State school songs. Myrna Bietz played three piano selections.

Alumni Day 2016 festivities began with an ice cream social on the lawn at the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center. The event was hosted by the MSU Alumni Association board and sponsored by Dick and Cleone (Holum) ('62) Whelan of Crystal, N.D. The First and Farmers Filharmonic provided music for all to enjoy.



A beautiful new lighted sign was installed at the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center as the Alumni Day festivities began. Funding for the sign was provided by the Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation.

The beautifully landscaped Military Honor Garden provided a lovely backdrop for the occasion. The landscaping project was wrapped up just in time for the festivities. Mayville native Lute Simley, West Fargo, N.D., designed the landscape plans and coordinated and carried out the work along with his son, Scott, West Fargo. They were assisted for an afternoon by local volunteers Dennis Peterson and Jay Henrickson ('89). The Avenue of Flags provided by the local American Legion Post 8 beautifully enhanced the garden on June 24 and 25.

Guided campus tours on June 24 gave visitors an opportunity to see the physical improvements that have been made on the campus over the last several years.

The Mayville State class of '76 and their friends were joined by a host of others for an alumni and friends social at the Mayville Golf Club on the evening of June 24. The members of the class of '76 had gathered for a 40-year celebration. The Mayville State alumni of Pembina County/Hoople, N.D. provided a continental breakfast for the group at the Larson Center on the morning of June 25.

"Alumni Day 2016 was a great time for connecting. Alumni and friends connected with each other and also with their alma mater. We are grateful for the opportunity to foster these relationships," said Beth Swenson, MSU Director of Alumni Affairs. "Mayville State University is truly a special place because of the countless alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and students who are a part of the MSU family."

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Honoree biographies

Dr. Nannette Bagstad served as a faculty member in the Division of Education and Psychology at Mayville State University from 1989 until 2012. During her career, she became fully tenured and served as chair of the division. Upon her retirement in 2012, she was granted the distinction of professor emeritus. Nannette was instrumental in the addition of the applied psychology and special education minors at MSU. She was co-coordinator of the Bush Grant that taught students and faculty the research-based methodology of critical thinking and cooperative learning. She taught teaching methods and special education classes, ensuring that graduating seniors were up to speed on the latest and best classroom methodology before entering the profession. As a respected member of the faculty, she was an integral part of the National Council of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation process, working with faculty to see that Mayville State graduates continued the university's reputation for preparing excellent teachers. She was often a presenter at regional, national, and international conferences, sharing her expertise and experience with others in the field of education. Nannette worked to help the entire education program by mentoring new faculty. She encouraged and assisted colleagues as they adjusted to college teaching and pursued advanced degrees. Her efforts in helping her colleagues ultimately benefitted all students. Dr. Bagstad earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Mayville State in 1965, and a master's degree in special education and Doctor of Education degree from the University of North Dakota.

Jerold A. Bietz was a world-renowned researcher of wheat proteins. A prolific author and co-author of significant articles for noted professional journals, he was a frequent contributor to conferences, both at home and abroad. He was widely acknowledged to be a world leader during his brilliant scientific career in cereal science. He was named a fellow of the American Association of Cereal Chemists and received the William F. Geddes Memorial Award for service to his profession, and the Thomas Burr Osborne Medal, the association's highest award for distinguished contributions in the field of cereal chemistry. In the words of his colleagues, "Jerry was a gentle and kind giant in the cereal chemistry research arena



Landscaping of the Military Honor Garden was completed just in time for the 2016 Alumni Day festivities.



Members of the Class of 1976 and their friends gathered at the Mayville Golf Club on the evening of June 24.

Pictured in the back (l-r) are: Karen (Rorvig) Ressler, Tim Strand, Sue (McMullen) Strand, Tim Sorteberg, LaVonne (Lammers) Tuck, Rod Fallis, Lyle (Dean) Krogstad, Jerry Soholt.

Front: Sylvia (Elton) Kallikowski, Audrey (Kerr) Faul, Leanne (Folland) Eylands, Linda Loing, Scott Walker, Roger Baier, and Kelly Morrison.

Plans are to continue the tradition of recognizing the members of the 40th anniversary class. Members of the Class of 1977, it's your turn next year! Make plans now for the third weekend in June!

Many of us have stood on his shoulders." Bietz graduated from Mayville State in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree, pursuing majors in mathematics and composite science, and went on to study at the University of North Dakota on a three-year National Science Foundation scholarship. He graduated with a master's degree, and then began a career at the USDA Northern Regional Research Center (the farm lab) in Peoria, Ill. Jerry Bietz passed away in 2014. His character is memorable in many ways, but particularly for his humility, honesty, generosity, friendliness, and great sense of humor. Jerry is remembered for his unique combination of a strong analytical mind, a great appreciation for art and music, his ability to tell the perfect story for any situation, his love of good food and drink, and his deep devotion to his family and friends.

Randy S. Eken is Associate Dean for Administration and Finance at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS), where he is known as a dedicated, conscientious, hardworking, trustworthy, intelli-

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gent, kind, diligent, and loyal employee. He began his career at SMHS in 1979 as an accountant, and was promoted to Director of Fiscal Affairs in 1983. He became Associate Dean in 1996. Since he began his career with the SMHS, the budget has more than tripled, to around \$90 million annually. He received the UND Meritorious Service Award in 1990, being recognized as an individual who best reflects honor upon the university and community through a combination of job performance, relationships with associates, and the ability to relate his work to the missions and values of the University. In 2012, Randy received the Hippocratic Dignity Award for his tireless dedication to the school and for being devoted to ensuring that students have opportunities to fulfill their career goals. He has served on numerous search committees at the University of North Dakota and the SMHS. He has overseen a plethora of building projects as well, and was building chair for the newly completed School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He was instrumental in securing the \$124 million in funding needed for this state-of-the-art facility, and has worked tirelessly to ensure the effective planning and execution of the design for this unique facility. Randy graduated from Mayville State in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration. He earned the Master of Public Administration degree from UND in 1996.

Alan Larson is executive director of the Maricopa Skill Center and Vice President of Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Innovation at GateWay Community College. Before this, he was with Central Arizona Governments, where he supervised economic, workforce, and community development programs for a consortium of municipal, county, and tribal entities. Larson was the Coleman Foundation awardee for Entrepreneurship in Community College in College Education in 2010, chosen for his multidisciplinary approach to infuse entrepreneurship at his learning college. In addition to his work at GateWay Community College, Larson, together with his wife, Rhonda, owns Leaps and Bounds Pediatric Therapy Center, an agency that provides services for children with disabilities, and Veloce Ventures, Inc., a holding company of their business properties. Al is the chief financial officer for Leaps and Bounds. He has been active in the communities in which he has lived. He has been an East Valley Think Tank member, vice president of Pinal County United Way board of directors, member of the Bishop's Council at St. James Episcopal Church of Tempe, Ariz., volunteer with Valley Big Brother Big Sister, board member with Success by Six, and a proud supporter of Hogar de Vita, Children of Promise International. The original Captain Comet, Al graduated from Mayville State in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in business administration and computer information systems and earning a minor in accounting. He earned a master's degree in public administration from University of North Dakota.

Dale Norton lives by the motto "lead by example." He has been a school administrator in Nye County School District (NCSD), the nation's largest geographical school district, located just outside of Las Vegas, Nev. for 26 years. He has just completed his fourth year as the superintendent of schools. He

made the decision to join NCSD when he accepted the position of principal at Amargosa Valley Schools for Kindergarten through eighth grade. This school is a remote underperforming rural school of 190 students, primarily Hispanic. Little did he know he would be involved with the same school again as the superintendent of a nearly \$1 million School Improvement Grant (SIG) and be in a national spotlight of the Journey's Project from WestEd, featuring the work being done at that particular school. He opened a brand-new building as principal of Rosemary Clarke Middle School, NSCD's largest middle school with more than 1,200 students in attendance. During his four years as principal of Rosemary Clarke, Dale was selected as Nevada's Middle School Principal of the Year. He received his state award in Washington, D.C. in the fall of 2005. According to Dale, the plaques and accolades are not his greatest rewards. The greatest reward is to have a former student come up to him and tell him something about himself. He cares about his former students and likes to learn more about their lives today. Dale graduated from Mayville State with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in 1981, earning a major in elementary education and a minor in physical education. He earned a master's degree in school administration at Northern State in Aberdeen, S.D.

Doug Petersen continues to be a Comet through and through, years after his graduation from Mayville State in 1993. He was active while he was a Mayville State student and has continued that activity into his role as an alumnus. A member of the MSU Foundation board of directors since 2014, Petersen is a staunch supporter of Mayville State University, attending events, providing financial assistance, and assisting in any way he can. Petersen is president of Citizens Insurance Agency, headquartered in Finley, N.D. He is a member of the North Dakota Professional Insurance Agents business association and has held several leadership positions within the organization. He was named the NDPIA Insurance Agent of the Year in 2012. Doug earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Mayville State in 1993, with a major in business administration and a minor in accounting.



Mayville State alumni honorees rode on the Alumni Association float in the Summerfest parade on Saturday, June 25. Pictured on chairs (l-r) are Myrna Bietz, Randy Eken, Doug Petersen, and Al Larson. In the front on the trailer bed are two of Randy Eken's lovely granddaughters.

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1960s

Grady Rostberg ('61) received the John Gagliardi Legacy Award from the Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation in April at the 9th annual Minnesota Football Honors event in Minneapolis. Rostberg, a Hall of Fame coach who led successful Hutchinson (Minn.) High School football teams for decades, compiled a career record of 277-89-1 in 34 seasons. Rostberg's Tigers made 11 state tournament appearances, rattled off 50 straight regular season wins between 1976 and 1981 and put together a streak of 38 consecutive victories from 1983-1985. His teams won state titles in 1983, 1984, and 1998, capping his final season with a championship. The Football Honors event is presented by the Minnesota Vikings.

Hank Biesiot ('67) was inducted into the N.D. Sports Hall of Fame in June 2016. He is the second-winningest NAIA college football coach of all time. At Dickinson State for 41 years, Biesiot spent 38 years as head coach, compiling 257 wins. He also served as DSU's baseball coach from 1976-2001 and was an associate professor of health and physical education. Biesiot entered the Hall of Fame with MLB player Travis Haffner and USA Olympic hockey players Jocelyne Lamoreaux-Davidson and Monique Lamoreaux.

1970s

Kermit Johnson ('75) retired from teaching after 41 years. Students and staff at Kindred (N.D.) Elementary School celebrated Mr. J's last day with a special sendoff featured on a local TV news program.

1980s

Janine (Nygaard) Groseth ('83) was recognized in 2016 for 15 years of employment with the Grand Forks Public Schools. She is a paraprofessional at Century Elementary. She and her husband, Dean, live in Grand Forks.

Lyle Simoneau ('84) retired in May 2015 after 31 years of teaching. His last position was teaching fifth and sixth grade at Sherwood, N.D. In retirement, he's driving school bus and planting trees for a soil conservation district.

1990s

Rob Ulyott ('92) teaches social studies at Detroit Lakes (Minn.) High School. He has been teaching for 25 years. He owns and operates a turf maintenance business, R U Ready Lawn Care, during the summer months.

Mark Holman ('93, '99) secured a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The \$99,998 grant will be used to implement a three-year project to record, preserve, and provide educational access to interviews with tribal elders who are fluent native speakers of the Lakota/Dakota language. Mark is director of library services at Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, N.D. on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

Corby Kemmer ('94) was recently named chief advancement officer for Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota. He works out of the organization's Bismarck, N.D. office and serves on the LSSND senior management team. His wife, Sherry, is a business analyst for the State of North Dakota. They live in Bismarck with their two children - Jordyn, 11, and Colin, 5. Corby was previously director of development and alumni relations for the University of Minnesota-Crookston and liaison to the U of M Foundation. From July 2015 to May 2016, he worked for the University of Mary Foundation in Bismarck.

Jennifer (Dressel) Kujanson ('94) was named Fargo School District's 2016 Teacher of the Year in May. She began her teaching career in Fargo's Lincoln Elementary School in 1994 and worked there 20 years as a kindergarten and second grade teacher. She then moved to Kennedy at Eagles Elementary for a year and has taught second grade at Ed Clapp Elementary since it opened in August 2015. She and her husband, **Scott Kujanson ('94)**, live in West Fargo.

Matt Schultz ('97) is the new superintendent at Lanesboro (Minn.) School District.

2000s

Darren Klabo ('00) was promoted in April 2016 to vice chairman of the senior credit committee at BlackRidgeBANK. He will continue his role as president of the Fargo region.

John Lyng ('01) and his wife, Megan, are the parents of Elliot John, born June 7, 2016. Elliot has a big sister, Evelyn.

Thomas Passa (ex. '01) has returned to the staff at Karl's in Grand Forks, where he works as the manager of the appliance store.

Andy Strand ('01) has been promoted to chief credit officer and regional president at Western State Bank in West Fargo. He is also president of the Chandler, Ariz. Western State Bank location and serves on the bank's board of directors. He has worked for the bank since 1999.

Cynthia Lovering ('03) recently joined the staff of Federated Co-operatives Limited in Regina, Sask., where she handles regional

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Carley Mattson ('15) is a first-grade teacher for Thief River Falls, Minn. Public Schools.

Kelsey Melsa ('15) is a preschool teacher at Climax-Shelly (Minn.) Schools.

Koby Myer ('15) is a professional housing developer with Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency in Duluth, Minn. Previously he worked as a mortgage lender for Northern Communities Credit Union and CU Companies in Duluth and the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Rochester Mugumbate ('15) is an accountant for Archway Marketing in Fargo, N.D.

Andrew Nelson ('15) is a sales associate with Real Estate 4-U in Devils Lake, N.D. Previously Andrew served in the U.S. Army for 20 years. He continues to be a JROTC instructor at Devils Lake High School. He met his wife, Elizabeth, while stationed in Panama. They have five children and a grandchild.

Katrina Newman ('15) is an account manager for Healthcare Services Group in Sacramento, Calif.

Tina Nygard ('15) is a library technician at the N.D. State Penitentiary in Bismarck. During the 2015 legislative session she worked as a library and records specialist for the Legislative Council.

Scott Petry ('15) owns and operates Chainsaw Art and Log Cabins in Moorhead, Minn.

Tina (Ross) Ploium ('15) is the assistant director of the DeMAND program at Candeska Cinkana College in Fort Totten, N.D.

Henry C. Rance IV ('15) is an instructional assistant for Seattle (Wash.) Public Schools.

Jonathan Raywalt ('15) works as a lab technician for American Crystal Sugar at the company's Hillsboro processing plant.

Nikki Roholt ('15) is an office and project manager for Morrissey and Associates in Cave Creek, Ariz.

Mara Rorvig ('15) is an administrative assistant for Moore Engineering in West Fargo, N.D. She previously worked for US Bank.

Alexa Roy ('15) is a pre-K teacher at the Langdon (N.D.) Daycare Center.

Sabrina Rude ('15) is an office administrator for Dakota Growers Pasta Company in Carrington, N.D.

Alexxa Sanabria ('15) is enrolled in the master's program at the University of North Dakota for counseling psychology.

Derek Schatz ('15) is a contact reduction program manager for Amazon.com in Seattle, Wash.

Josh Seminario ('15) works as the overnight team lead at Sam's Club in his hometown of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Samantha (Hambeck) Stenvold ('15) is a third-grade teacher at Sargent Central Public School in Forman, N.D.

Bobbie Taylor ('15) is the associate registrar at Northland Community & Technical College in East Grand Forks, Minn.

Laura Taylor ('15) works as a paraprofessional at Red River High School in Grand Forks, N.D. She also owns and operates a professional photography business from her home in Mayville.

Tiffany Vannett ('15) is pursuing a master's degree in business/human resources through the University of Mary. She also works as a logistics NCO with the North Dakota National Guard in Devils Lake, N.D.

Caroline Wadman ('15) is the co-branch manager at USBank in Little Falls, Minn.

Charles Wells ('15) is a personal trainer for Snap Fitness in Brawley, Calif.

Kelly Yanke Deltener ('15) works as a project manager for CoreLink Administrative Solutions in Fargo.

Jenna Yri ('15) teaches first and second grade at Little Flower Catholic Elementary School in Rugby, N.D.

Dana Zinke ('15) works as an administrative assistant for TRiO and PowerSkills at Lake Region State College in Devils Lake, N.D.

Kelle Allred ('16) works for Idaho Milk Transport in the accounting department.

Alyssa Blair ('16) is a personal trainer at the YMCA of Cass-Clay in Fargo, N.D.

Brittany Boyer ('16) is pursuing a master's degree in library science from the Texas Women's University in Denton, Tex.

Kayle Bresher ('16) works as a designated service provider for Community Living Services in Traill County, N.D.

Kylie Davis ('16) is a third-grade teacher in her hometown of Tioga, N.D.

Matthew Douglas ('16) is a junior accountant with Collin Barrows in The Pas, Manitoba.

Dusty Rowdy Dove ('16) is continuing his education at Northeastern State University in Tahlaquah, Okla., where he plans to study counseling.

Morgan Duren ('16) is an elementary teacher at Fessenden-Bowdon (N.D.) School District.

Tracy Entzi ('16) works as the administrative lead for Eide-Bailly's Fargo office.

Kilen Flanagan ('16) is a merchandiser trainee at Walsh Grain Terminal at Park River, N.D.

Mason Grimes ('16) is a physical education and health teacher for the Climax-Shelly (Minn.) School District.

Karissa Hanson ('16) teaches high school science in the Grafton (N.D.) School District.

Corey Hedland ('16) is a service engineer for Fujifilm Medical. He lives in Bismarck, N.D. with his wife, Jennifer.

Alex Herman ('16) is pursuing a graduate degree at NDSU in Leadership in Physical Education and Sports.

Liza Hoglo ('16) plans to continue her education at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn. to become a physician's assistant.

Nicole Hunt ('16) works as a pre-K teacher for the Mayville State Child Development Program at the Central Valley School, Buxton, N.D.

Aubrey Moen ('16) joined the teaching staff at Climax-Shelly (Minn.) School as a fifth-grade teacher in the fall of 2016.

Carissa Nelson ('16) is a high school science teacher for the Finley-Sharon (N.D.) School District.

Abby Niemann ('16) works as an operations assistant for First and Farmers Bank in Mayville.

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MSU Golf Classic is a success, 2017 dates set

The 2016 MSU Golf Classic, the 40th annual, held at Forest Hills Golf Course near Detroit Lakes was a big success. About 75 golfed in the Saturday event, a medal play tournament, on June 18. What started out as a golf outing among friends has grown into the longest-running alumni stroke-play golf tournament in the country. As a result of this year's tournament, a donation \$4,560 will be made to Mayville State University. This brings the 40-year contribution total to \$114,000! Over the years, contributions have been used for a number of purposes, including scholarships for students and more.

More than 100 golfers participated in the 4-person scramble sponsored by the Comet Athletic Club on Friday, June 17. Proceeds of this fund-raiser will support scholarships for Mayville State student athletes.

The Friday and Saturday Golf Classic outings will both be held at Forest Hills Golf & RV Resort again in 2017. Dates have been set for June 16 and 17. There will again be a full meal on Friday, June 16 at 3 p.m. This is open to all Friday and Saturday golfers. The business meeting will follow at 3:15 p.m.

Next year, the Saturday event will include a 65-years-and-older seniors flight for those who are interested. Participants' handicaps will be redetermined. There will also be a ladies flight. Ladies have always been invited, but now there will be a separate flight for them. One more addition will be the serving of hot dogs and chips at the turn for all Saturday golfers.

Mark your calendar and plan to be at Forest Hills next June 16 and 17!

**We'll see you
in Detroit Lakes
June 16 & 17, 2017
for the
MSU Golf Classic!**

'Comet Cruiser' is a tribute to Jenny



Last year, Rick Karboviak ('00) restored a 1940s Hawthorne cruiser that came from the farm of the grandparents of his late wife, Jenny (Rettig) ('13). The couple talked about restoring a bike each year after they were married. Shortly after her passing, just three days after their wedding on June 4, 2016, Rick decided to search for a project and found this beauty, a 1954 Firestone, over in Portland at Jungle Jim's antique shop. Originally blue and white, Rick knew it would be the perfect "Comet Cruiser." It now has a fresh paint job, new seat, new whitewalls, and a blue chain, as well. The decals were made by Rick's friend, Brad, at Heggy's Body Shop in Finley, N.D. Rick has dedicated this one to Jenny as it showcases their shared love for Mayville State and how the university brought the two of them together.

A celebration of sisterhood



Not many actual sororities can retain the enthusiasm of its members for 45 years, but the members of

this group, although not recognized by any Greek system, have remained as close as any "sisterhood" since their inception in 1971 at Mayville State. This summer, the "sisters" gathered in Mesa, Ariz. under the record 120-degree temperatures of the Arizona sun. Hostess Caroline (Knudson) Brown crafted a full seven days of wonderful activities. This bunch used to endure winters so cold the curtains froze to the windows in Berg Hall ... 120 degrees had no chance to discourage these ladies.

With every gathering of the group, someone is in charge of bringing the "Mills," as even though the enthusiasm never wanes, memory isn't so reliable. The women are grateful for their Mayville State experience in a time when the Internet wasn't in charge of relationships. Their true friendship began around Berg Hall's ongoing whist games and has been forged by years of together time, marriages, children, professional challenges, ups, downs, going through this walk as devoted "sisters."

Pictured from left to right are Jill (Rossett) Dick ('71), Ilene (Moe) Ouradnik ('71), Deborah (Berg) Haugen ('72), Caroline (Knudson) Brown ('71), Audrey (Setness) Blair ('ex. '71), Carol (Parkman) Field ('72), and Anna Mae Suda ('72).

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Donald T. Cannon, Mayville, N.D. Oct. 9, 1929-June 3, 2016.

Alumni

Grace (Clark) Bakke ('56), Portland, N.D. Dec. 26, 1936-July 29, 2016.

Cheryl (Mukomela) Ballweg ('66), Langdon, N.D. Dec. 5, 1944-April 30, 2016.

Steven Balstad (ex. '73), Fargo, N.D. June 6, 1952-Aug. 15, 2016.

Corlyn Maedella (Haugen) Bayman ('51), Finley, N.D. June 8, 1931-April 22, 2016.

Thomas S. Bingham (ex. '58), Norcross, Ga. Feb. 26, 1932-April 2, 2016.

Dorothy (Weber) Bohlman ('41), Thompson, N.D. Feb. 23, 1922-April 24, 2016.

Donald M. Braniff ('49), Climax, Minn., formerly of Moorhead, Minn. May 10, 1925-March 27, 2016.

Miles D. Buskirk (ex. '68), San Diego, Calif. Jan. 26, 1947-May 1, 2016.

Jean (Wippler) Capouch ('57, '59), Mayville, N.D. March 9, 1933-April 10, 2016.

Florence (Schiller) Dahl ('38), Clearwater, Minn. Oct. 27, 1920-May 13, 2016.

Danny Kaye Ecklund, Jr. (ex. '99), Olso, Minn. Oct. 30, 1978-April 9, 2016.

Corinne (Camrud) Eliason (ex. '47), Mayville, N.D. formerly of Buxton, N.D. Sept. 27, 1927-May 3, 2016.

Dennis D. Espe ('66), Dunseith, N.D. Aug. 30, 1937-May 2, 2016.

Barbara (Langager) Fugleberg ('49), Mayville, N.D. Oct. 1, 1929-April 26, 2016.

Ruth (Juvet) Stone Glaser ('39), Anacortes, Wash. July 25, 1917-May 24, 2016.

Marie (Boye) Goodman ('64), Velva, N.D., formerly of Grafton, N.D. Feb. 11, 1917-April 7, 2016.

Robert C. Graf ('51), Vancouver, Wash., formerly of St. Helena, Wash. Nov. 17, 1930-April 28, 2016.

Afton (Tuttle) Hanson ('75), Dickinson, N.D. March 5, 1918-May 4, 2016.

Marjorie (Thomson) "Bubby" Holt (ex. '43), Grafton, N.D. Apr. 12, 1925-June 13, 2016.

Jennifer (Rettig) Karboviak ('13), Mayville, N.D. Oct. 22, 1988-June 7, 2016.

Ruth E. Lean ('66), Bismarck, N.D. 1944-April 15, 2016.

Karen (Wiggen) Levang (ex. '67), Mayville, N.D. Aug. 13, 1948-March 20, 2016.

Earl F. Machart (ex. '47), Grafton, N.D. Sept. 19, 1919-May 20, 2016.

Milton Leroy Madson ('60), Fargo, N.D. Aug. 8, 1936-April 3, 2016.

Lorraine (Moline) Martinson ('76), Fergus Falls, Minn., formerly of Rolette, N.D. Jan. 22, 1924-Oct. 13, 2015.

Gertrude (Naastad) Morkve ('39, '41), Hatton, N.D. Feb. 18, 1919-Aug. 15, 2016.

Catherine (Sand) Nielsen ('79), Grand Forks, N.D. July 16, 1958-Aug. 14, 2016.

(Patricia) Kay (Johnson) Olson (ex. '59), Glasston, N.D. July 16, 1940-March 29, 2016.

Maynard A. Olson ('46), Helena, Mont. Jan. 9, 1921-April 18, 2016.

Curtis L. Peterson ('64), Bismarck, N.D. Aug. 27, 1942-March 29, 2016.

Amelia (Gates) Rostedt ('38, '44), Moorhead, Minn. formerly of Kensington, Minn. May 2, 1917-May 4, 2016.

Dayne W. Sather ('56), Maple Grove, Minn., formerly of Cass Lake and Bemidji, Minn. Aug. 24, 1929-Jan. 25, 2016.

Alice (Wilson) Shelquist ('42), Minto, N.D. Feb. 26, 1923-June 3, 2016.

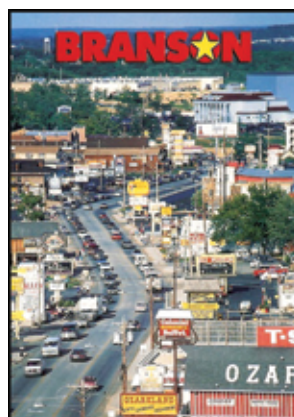
Ethel (Johnson) Smith (ex. '43), Mayville, N.D. formerly of Page, N.D. Dec. 10, 1921-May 6, 2016.

Roger Stansbury ('69), Fargo, N.D. Jan. 2, 1945-June 18, 2016.

Delmer Myron "Lefty" Swenson ('57), Milaca, Minn. Dec. 13, 1934-July 6, 2016.

James G. Vistad (ex. '67), Grafton, N.D. Mar. 8, 1948-July 3, 2016.

Dorothy (Posey) Wright (ex. '41), Grace City, N.D. Oct. 31, 1921-July 7, 2016.



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Would you like to go?

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Fugleberg earns prestigious award

At press time we learned that Jonathan Fugleberg ('07), who taught mathematics at May-Port CG High School, is the latest Mayville State graduate to be awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the nation's highest honor for a mathematics teacher. According to PAEMST, "awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education."

The award winners receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation, and are invited to Washington, D.C. for an awards ceremony, educational and celebratory events, and visits with member of the Administration.

Look for more in-depth coverage in the next issue of MSU Today.

Ending the year well

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Homecoming 2016 Honorees

Athletic Hall of Fame



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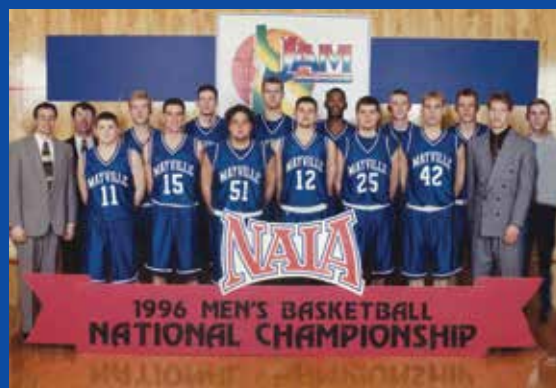


Tim Miles

Athletic Hall of Fame & Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame Dinner

Friday, Oct. 7 • 6 p.m.

MSU Campus Center Lucaksen Room



1995-96 Men's Basketball Team



1996-97 Men's Basketball Team

Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame



Rick Anderson



Mike Belseth



Ryam Brantl



Gary Gillis



Rick Metcalf



Chad Omdahl

Performing Arts Hall of Fame

Performing Arts Hall of Fame Induction

Sunday, Oct. 9 • 2 p.m.

MSU Classroom Building Auditorium

Reception will follow in the MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room.



Patti
Alderson Baker



Cordell Bugbee



Donna
Severson Evenson



Janet
Klevberg Day



Robert Hetler



Larry Pladson



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Mayville State University

Homecoming 2016

October 7 • 8 • 9

Friday, October 7

Hall of Fame Pre-Dinner Social

Socialize with this year's Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees. Everyone is welcome.

4 to 5:30 p.m.

Larson Alumni and Leadership Center

Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame Dinner

Join in honoring the 2016 inductees.

6 p.m.

Campus Center Luckasen Room

* Advance tickets required, \$20 each

Comets Volleyball vs. Dickinson State

7 p.m.

Lewy Lee Fieldhouse

Alumni and Friends Social

9 to 11 p.m.

Mayville Golf Club

Saturday, October 8

Alumni Meet and Greet and Homecoming Queens and Kings Gathering

All former Mayville State homecoming queens and kings are invited to gather to reminisce. The festivities will continue after the football game, at the All-Alumni Social that will be held at the Mayville Golf Club.

9 to 11 a.m.

Edson and Margaret Larson

Alumni and Leadership Center

Refreshments by Gran Church WELCA

Feeling hungry? Stop by to enjoy refreshments!

9 to 11 a.m., Coffee and Goodies

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lunch

Mayville Senior Center

Homecoming Parade

You're welcome to watch the parade from the Larson Alumni and Leadership Center!

11 a.m.

Starts on campus, ends near Island Park

Remembrance Ceremony

Honor our alumni and friends who have served our country that we may live in freedom and that again there may be "peace on earth, good will toward men." The names of those who have been honored with plaques in the Military Honor Garden will be read.

12 noon

Larson Alumni and Leadership Center

Military Honor Garden

Meet and Greet Lunch

Enjoy a bowl of chili and a beverage while socializing with your Mayville State friends. Free-will donations will be accepted to help defray expenses.

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Larson Alumni and Leadership Center

MSU Bookstore Open

Pick up a new sweatshirt or T-shirt! Show your Comet pride!

After the parade until 1:30 p.m.

Bookstore, MSU Campus Center

HPER Facility Replacement & Expansion Project Tour

Check out the beautiful new and improved HPER facilities!

1 p.m.

Lewy Lee Fieldhouse

Homecoming Football Game

Mayville State vs. Valley City State

2 p.m.

Jerome Berg Field

All-Alumni Homecoming Reunion

All alumni and friends are welcome to gather for refreshments and socializing. Call your friends. Bring some memories. Greet the Athletic Hall of Fame, Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame, and Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees. This will be the site for a reunion of former Mayville State homecoming queens and kings. A picnic-style supper will be served, beginning at 4 p.m. until it's gone. Free-will donations will be accepted to defray costs. Cash bar.

4 to 9 p.m.

Mayville Golf Club

Comets Volleyball

vs. University of Jamestown

5 p.m.

Lewy Lee Fieldhouse

Sunday, October 9

Homecoming Concert and Performing Arts Hall of Fame Induction

Top off the weekend with a concert featuring the MSU Concert Choir, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. The 2016 Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized.

2 p.m.

Classroom Building Auditorium

Performing Arts Hall of Fame Reception

The Alumni Association Board will host this reception to honor the Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees. Everyone is welcome to join in congratulating these individuals.

After the Concert

Campus Center Luckasen Room



Many thanks to Homecoming 2016 Comet Connections sponsors:

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Mayville, ND 58257

701-788-4687
alumni.mail@mayvillestate.edu

Don't delay! RSVP deadline is Sept. 26!

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is extended to all
former Mayville State
homecoming
queens and kings!**

Reunion activities are being planned!

See more at
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Commencement 2016 • Saturday, May 14

Mayville State University's 124th commencement exercises were held May 14, 2016 in the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse. More than 100 graduates and degree candidates participated in the annual event. In his address, keynote speaker Nick Storhaug ('74) encouraged graduates to use the three "Rs" that were fostered during their time as Mayville State students to achieve greatness. Storhaug said that at Mayville State, students are "R"espected and know about respect, so as graduates in the working world, they will earn the respect they need to succeed. "R"elationships are important, and at Mayville State, forming relationships with others is highly encouraged. He said this will be very valuable to the graduates as they build their lives and futures because employers are looking for employees

who can communicate. "R"esponsibility is taught and learned at Mayville State. This virtue will be a valuable tool as successful people need to be responsible for their actions and jobs. Storhaug reminded graduates that in their lives, they will be helping to write the users' manual for many people, the people who will be following in their footsteps.



Student speakers at the graduation brunch were (l-r) Jacob Allam, Felicia Gonzales, and Emmanuel Rasberry.



The mortarboard says it all.



Keynote speaker Nick Storhaug.



Liza Hoglo, student speaker.



Mayville State's first-ever RN-to-BSN graduates participated in the 2016 commencement ceremony. Pictured (l-r) are program director Tami Such, Samantha Thykeson, Heather Bergeron, Samantha Brekke, Lynette Huot, Laurn Christensen, and Megan Sylling.



President Hagen (left) presents Brock Sherva with his diploma.



Leigh Dean, student speaker.