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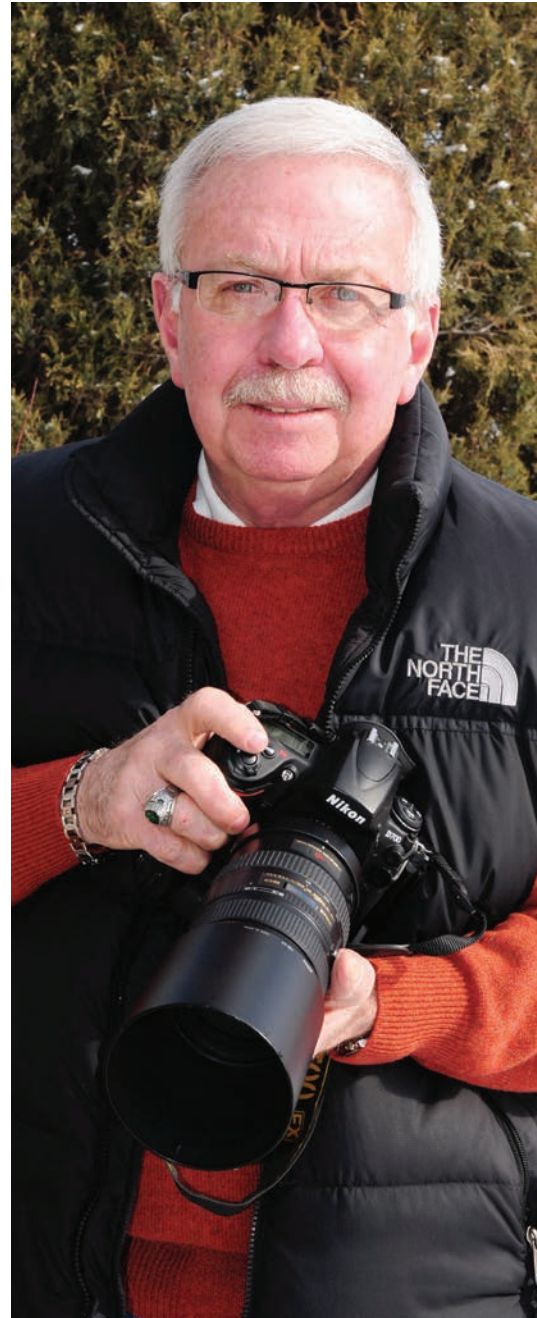
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LALONDE/ MCCORMACK CONNECTION

This issue of BSC Magazine happens to contain stories of two lifelong friends. Mike McCormack and Mike LaLonde were born the same day, Feb. 9, 1942. They lived in the same Bismarck neighborhood and went to Cathedral School. Together at St. Mary's Central High School, they dated some of the same girls and made "a cold move" to public education at BJC. Each populated The Mystician in many roles, joined Circle K (a Kiwanis student service club), sang in choir, and graduated in 1962. Later, they entered University of North Dakota graduate school about the same time and were roommates and groomsmen at each other's weddings. Both photographers, they continued on together in community groups such as the Elks Chorus, Rotary and Bismarck Historical Society.

"We've been best buddies," McCormack said. "We have a bond that has gone through marriage, death, divorce, the best and worst of times, and we're still close friends. And mark – the day is coming when we jump into LaLonde's Corvette with cameras and shoot everything that moves."



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A BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE STUDENT PRODUCTION

David Peterson, BSC assistant professor of mathematics, works with sophomores Cole Roberts and James Yesel, who are both blind.



FINDING THEIR WAY – BLIND STUDENTS NAVIGATE COLLEGE LIFE

BY MARNIE PIEHL

Sight provides more than just a view of the concrete objects around you. It provides context, non-verbal social cues, visual stimuli, warnings of danger and cultural reference points. It identifies a friendly smile, an open chair in the cafeteria, the beginning of an argument. Sight is also the primary sense used in a traditional academic environment – check the notes, study the charts, read the textbook, watch the video.

BSC sophomores Cole Roberts and James Yesel, both legally blind, have mastered their college experience without access to those visual cues. These students have an impressive ability to problem solve and get what they need from their environments. Both excel at finding workarounds for challenges, advocating for their specific needs and advancing toward their goals.

These two young men are, as Roberts states, “the same as you.” For the most part, yes, but few college students apply such determination to their studies.

Due to an inherited genetic disease called retinoschisis, Yesel had very limited vision most of his life, then lost the rest his senior year of high school – waking up one day with no vision.

“I wasn’t expecting it. My disease is genetic and wasn’t supposed to get worse than it was at birth, but it did.”

And yet, he went to school that day. He says his biggest challenge that year was his advanced math class. Transferring formulas, understanding differentials, all proved difficult at the time.

At BSC, Yesel has completed several math classes, as well as an array of other subjects, with the help of his professors and some innovative adaptive methods.

Yesel cites accounting as one of the more difficult BSC classes he took. “It’s so visual. You see a journal and a ledger. I can’t see that. [Associate professor of accounting] Joe Vuolo worked for hours to help me mentally see what others saw on the page.”

Vuolo is not the only instructor to work closely with these young men. From incorporating tactical graphs into math class to reading tests aloud and providing transcripts to videos, BSC faculty have partnered with the young men to ensure they succeed in the classroom.

The Sykes Student Success Center at BSC has also been a resource. In addition to creating 3D graphs and charts, Shirley Jacobchick, student support services assistant, makes digital books accessible for the students by converting each PDF file into an accessible format, editing the text and removing photos and graphs from the document. Only then can their reading software read the textbooks back to them.

"They both are exceptionally smart students, and have taught me to think outside the box. For instance, when they took accounting, logic and statistics, I've had to visualize how the screen reader would read it back to them so it would make sense and they would understand the material," Jacobchick says.

Born with WAGR syndrome, Roberts has been blind since first grade when he also lost a kidney to cancer – both issues associated with WAGR. He says losing his sight was a shock, but considers himself lucky.

"We knew I'd lose my sight, we just didn't know when. But I was lucky because many people lose their sight later in life and then they have to learn everything twice – once with sight and once with blindness. I just had to learn things once throughout grade school and middle school."

In addition to his computer and tactile accommodations Roberts also uses a Braille-based device, called a BrailleNote for some work, as well as a talking calculator and a talking dictionary.

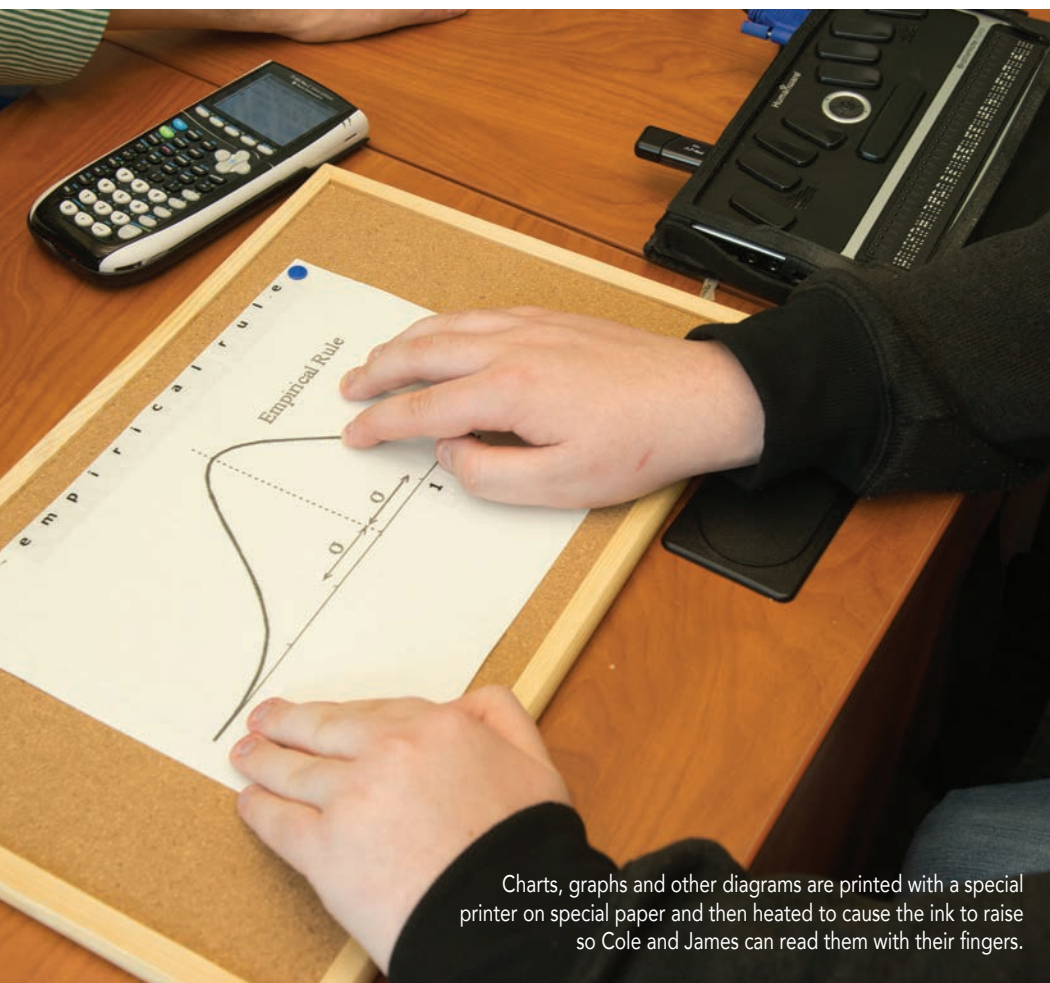
Roberts has one semester to go at BSC and then plans to attend Global University, an online bible college, and go into ministry.

"So many people have supported me – my vision teacher, classroom teachers – all have taught me to be independent and successful, to never give up. I want to help others never give up."

Yesel will complete his associate degree at BSC this spring with a 3.94 GPA. He plans to go to Dickinson State University on the BSC campus and start his own business someday. He isn't sure what that is, but perhaps something involving his passion for cars.

Yesel says he likes to add horsepower to vehicles people don't expect to be powerful.

"My friends do the driving though." 



Charts, graphs and other diagrams are printed with a special printer on special paper and then heated to cause the ink to raise so Cole and James can read them with their fingers.





BSC BIDS FAREWELL TO LONGTIME FRIEND

BY MARNIE PIEHL

Sheila Schafer and her husband Harold were great friends of Bismarck State College. In fact, Harold Schafer donated the land upon which this campus was built, and Sheila was not only BSC's oldest graduate – earning a degree in 2011 at age 85 – she was one of the college's most generous and enthusiastic graduates, as well.

Sheila passed away on March 15 at age 90. Her last public appearance occurred on campus when she met with the Young Professionals Network – an appropriate meeting for someone so eternally young at heart.

Clay Jenkinson, BSC Distinguished Scholar of Humanities, called her the “most life affirming person I ever met.” Dean Bellin, assistant professor of technical theatre, said on Facebook that she not only supported students through theater scholarships, “... she was one of us. Long before most of you were born, Sheila was performing on the Sidney J. Lee stage.”

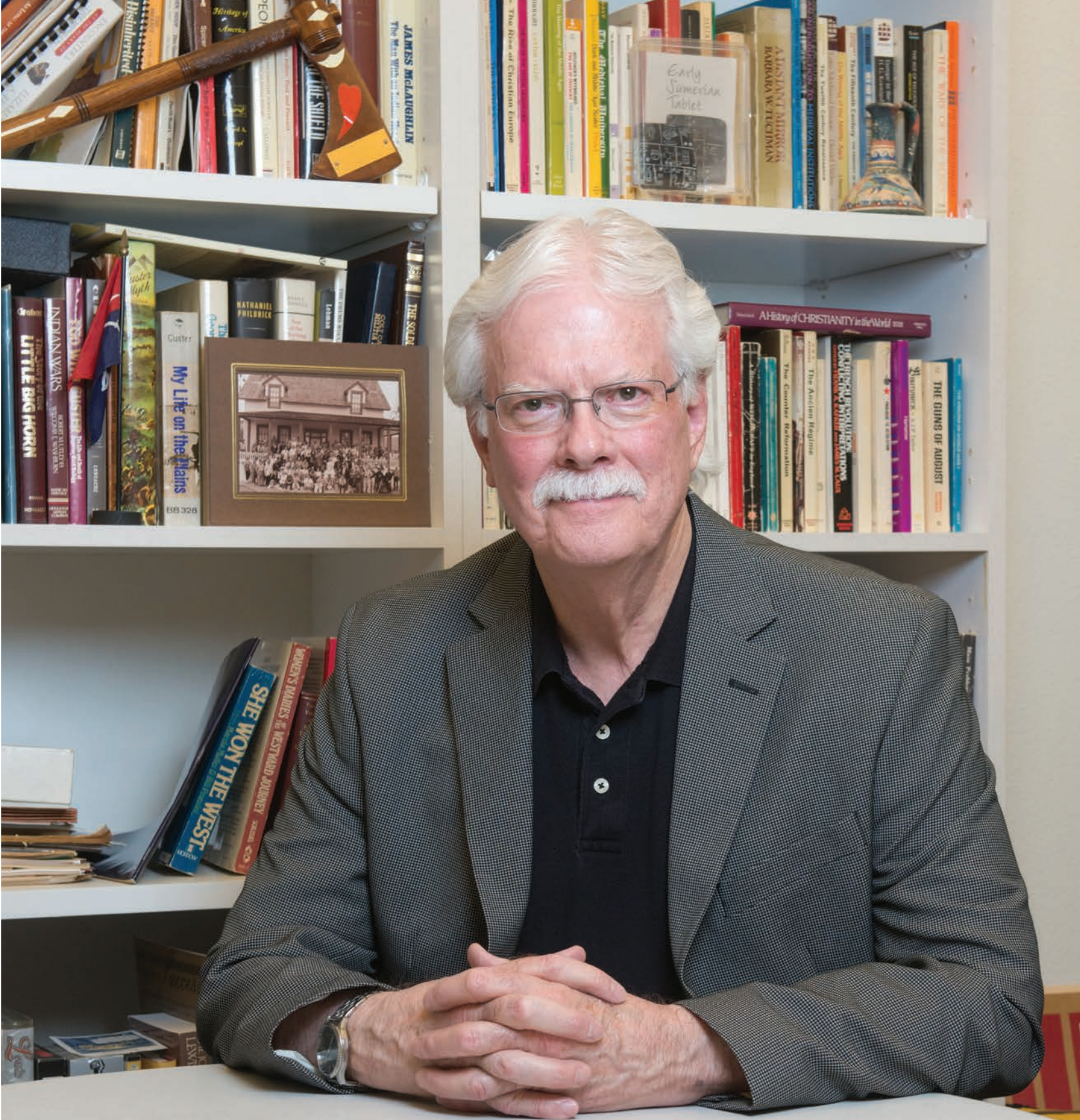
In a documentary developed to commemorate BSC's 75th anniversary, Sheila delightfully described her time on that stage as Dolly in the BSC production of “Hello Dolly!” in 1978. During that interview she raved about the theater program, gave high praise to her fellow students, her good friend President Skogen, her favorite professor Mike McCormack and all things BSC.

In the many eulogies and tributes that have been given since her passing, it is clear that Sheila Schafer was universally loved because she loved so universally. As BSC President Larry C. Skogen noted in a communication to campus “no one clapped harder, laughed more robustly, whooped louder or appreciated the event more than Sheila. And no one I've known has loved life and her fellow human beings more than Sheila.”

BSC will miss her. 



Sheila Schafer was chosen to be the student commencement speaker when she graduated from BSC in 2010.

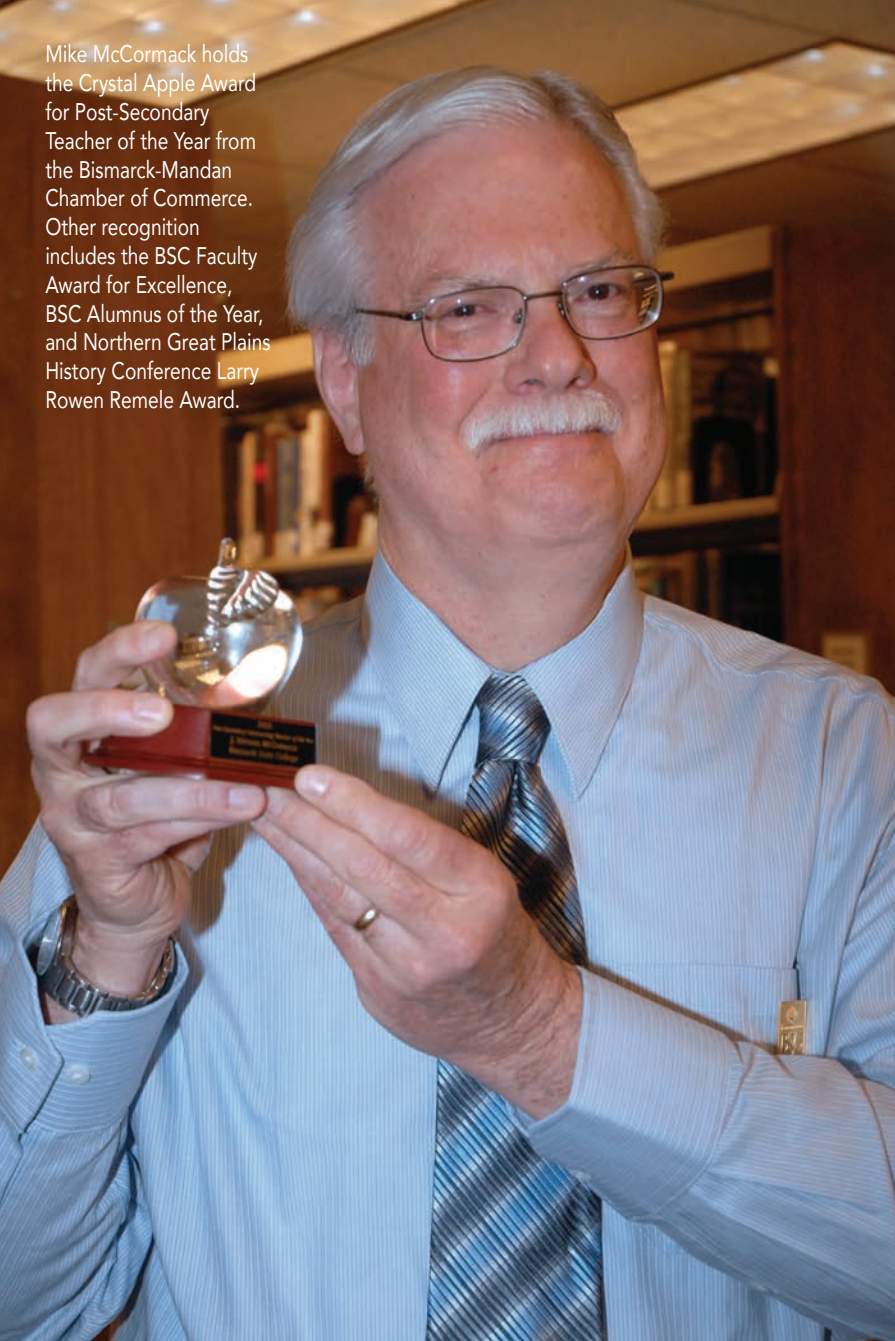


BSC LEGEND

FINISHING A 50-YEAR CHAPTER

BY VICKI VOSKUIL

Mike McCormack holds the Crystal Apple Award for Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year from the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce. Other recognition includes the BSC Faculty Award for Excellence, BSC Alumnus of the Year, and Northern Great Plains History Conference Larry Rowen Remele Award.



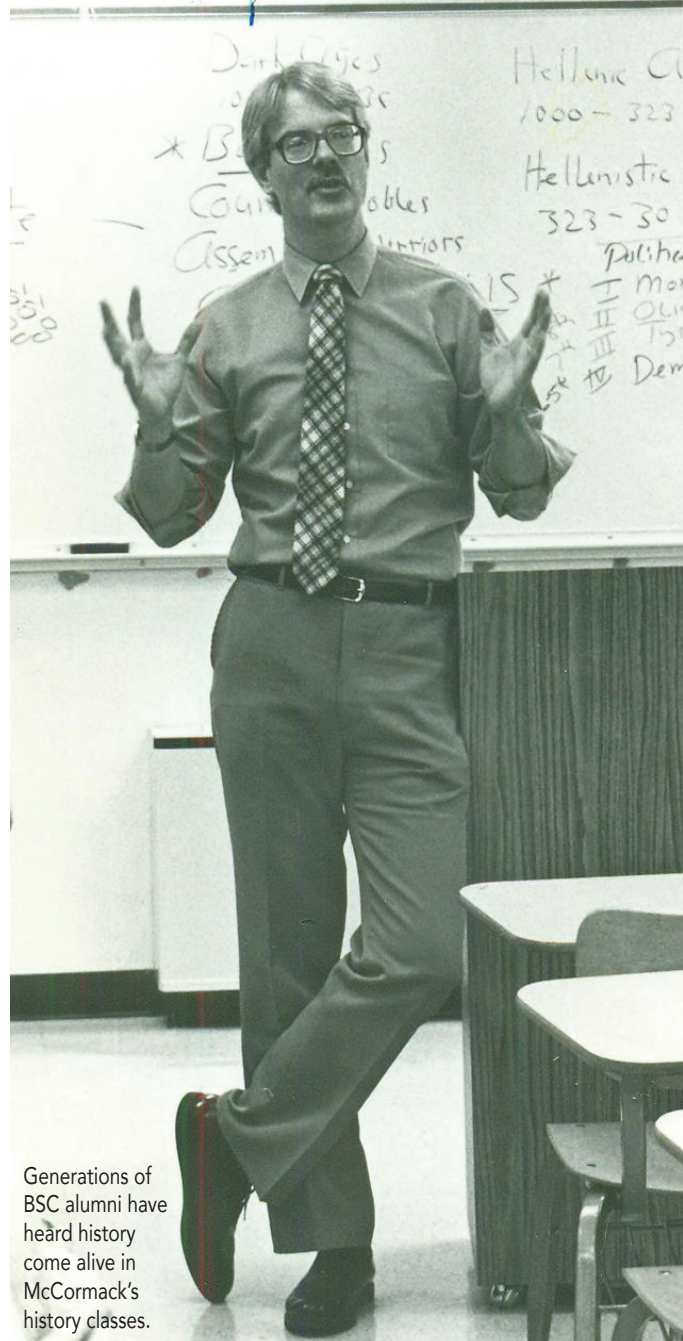
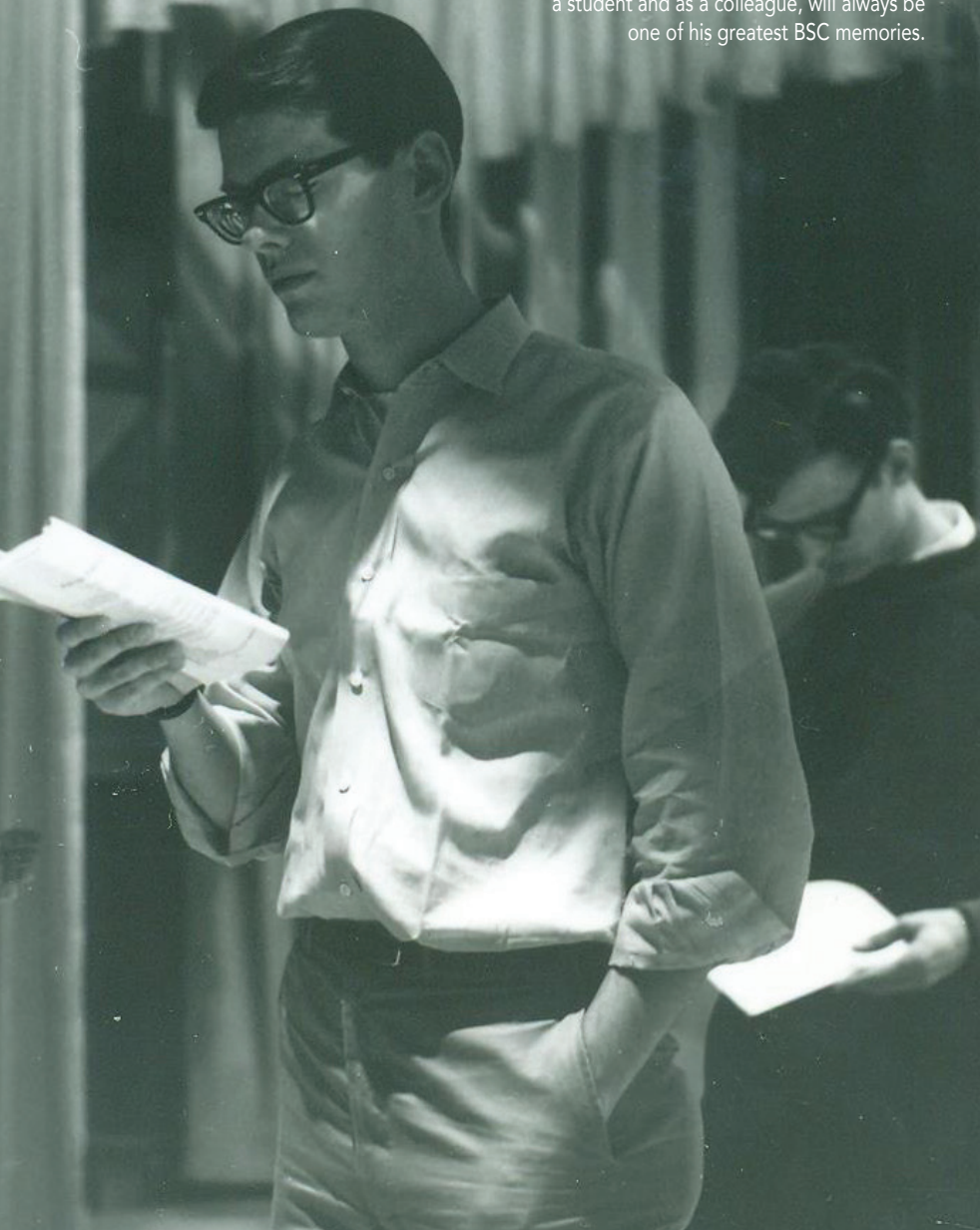
He answers to “terminal extrovert” and has the credentials to prove it. He knows, and has said good-bye to, more people than the population of some mid-size towns. As master of ceremonies to all, photographer of many, singer of songs, scholar advisor, and author editor with a crammed resume of presidencies, chairmanships, speakerships and good will – Mike McCormack has made himself famous. Some might say infamous... but that’s another story for another time.

What happens when someone considered to be an institution leaves an institution? Bismarck State College finds out next fall when McCormack’s archival office rests bookless, empty and quiet, the antithesis of the boisterous, sharp-witted professor who taught and entertained history classes for 50 years.

Among the few full professors at BSC, McCormack is legendary among generations of students, including grandchildren of his early ones. He taught the sprawling “Western Civilization” class and “History of the Western Frontier.” Though his subject was vast, he made himself, and therefore his message, stick, as so many students have told him over the years. For that, he feels a lucky man.

“Teaching is a little bit like being an architect because you are trying to form knowledge,” McCormack said. “What happens sometimes is those constructions don’t get completely built. But I believe there are multitudes of students in whose life I have made a difference.”

McCormack says working with longtime theater director Jane Gray Stewart, both as a student and as a colleague, will always be one of his greatest BSC memories.



Generations of BSC alumni have heard history come alive in McCormack's history classes.

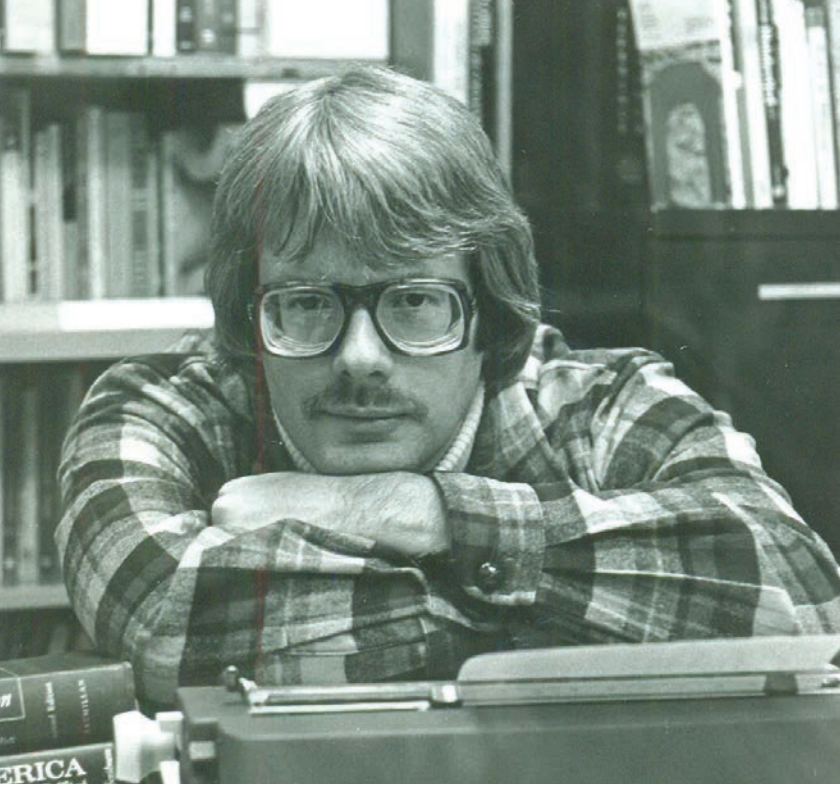
Former students who have traveled to Egypt, Italy and elsewhere tell him that while in country, they recall something he said or a class discussion about emperors, Roman architecture, or the real purpose of the pyramids. Remarkably, a former student engaged him in Denmark, when McCormack was there on a Rotary Foundation study exchange, saying she remembered his class and enjoyed her time at BSC.

"I've had more than a fulfilling life doing what I was meant to do, teaching at a college. Never did I not want to enter my classroom. Any teacher will tell you, the best legacy is your students."

His first association with BSC was as a student himself. It was 1960, the year before Bismarck Junior College moved from the capitol grounds to Schafer Heights. The new Schafer Hall building held everything, and McCormack joined everything, from choir and The

Mystician to Circle K service club and all things social. By then, he was already the "indentured servant" and "slave," he says fondly, of Jane Gray Stewart, BJC's longtime theater director.

A song and dance man since high school at Bismarck St. Mary's, McCormack was plucked from the hallway by "Lady Jane" to replace a lead in "My Three Angels." He not only played in everything ever-after, but wherever Jane needed men, including escorts at the Miss North Dakota Pageant. After McCormack returned to BSC as faculty, Jane Stewart asked him to design sets, a dubious skill made brilliant with help from technical program students. He claims to have turned out a few theater tech majors and professional set men from those days – some still in town. McCormack said his time with the "charismatic, demanding, charming, 5' 2" perfectionist" remains his fondest BSC memory.



He also admired history teacher and West Point veteran, Col. Wesley Wilson, Ph.D., who mentored his academic life. Wilson's beguiling, after-class, war story salons helped steer McCormack's love of history into a career. After his 1962 graduation, McCormack chose University of North Dakota to sing with the Varsity Bards and to earn a master's degree. In 1966, at the request of BJC Dean Ralph Werner, he was hired and began teaching from his deceased mentor's office. His first day made reassuring by applause from his new faculty colleagues.

McCormack worked with a cavalcade of BSC's best people and on several landmark events, but his favorite was the Visiting Scholars program and, later, the BSC Jazz Festival. He was designated raconteur and chauffeur to Gen. William Westmoreland, Dr. Benjamin Spock, James Doohan ("Scotty"), feminist Bella Abzug, and many of America's greatest jazz musicians.



BSC MILESTONES

Faculty Senate, First President

National Alumni Association, Charter Member

50th Anniversary Committee Chairman

Archives Historian/Advisor

Faculty Achievement Nominee (four times)

BSC Education Association President

1994 BSC Alumnus of the Year




BJC Men's Quartet 1961-62 (L to R) Gary Gonser, Roger Peterson, Al Richter, J.M. McCormack

"That was one of the best experiences of my life," he said. "We had everybody, the biggest names – Dizzy Gillespie, Herb Ellis, Jaki Byard – all those superb musicians will never happen again."

Whether as student or teacher, McCormack has been sustained by the camaraderie of supportive BSC friends and something he calls institutional companionship.

"I'm not sad about retiring because this college has been a family to me since 1966. I plan to be an active former faculty member and available. In many ways, it will be like coming back to a family reunion, though every year I will have less family left."

Away from BSC, McCormack will be singing and traveling with his children.

"I want to go back to Europe and see the areas I have talked about. I want to eat the food and drink the wine. I want to see the sun set over another castle in my life." 



LEAD GIFT PLEDGED FOR J. MICHAEL MCCORMACK SCHOLARSHIP

BY GORDON BINEK

In recognition of retiring BSC Professor of History Mike McCormack's dedication to education, the J. Michael McCormack Scholarship Fund has been initiated with a \$10,000 lead gift. Two additional commitments have also been pledged. Because the gifts are eligible for a 50% match through the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund, the total for the scholarship fund is now nearly \$17,000.

A scholarship goal of \$50,000 has been set, which is \$1,000 for each of McCormack's years at BSC. Based on the amount of endowed funds, an annual \$2,500 Academic Excellence Scholarship will be awarded with preference to students majoring in history or another humanities field.

THE 9TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S RUN

is scheduled for Friday, July 8th, and will benefit the J. Michael McCormack Scholarship Endowment Fund. According to McCormack, he and Mike LaLonde, 2016 BSC Alumnus of the Year, plan to attend and will "take our cameras and shoot everything".

Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. with cars and motorcycles departing at 10 a.m. for Regent, N.D. via Highway 10/ Highway 139 and the Enchanted Highway. Lunch at the Regent Park will be provided by Larry Rolfson and BlackRidgeBANK. A tour of the Enchanted Castle will follow lunch.

For more information, or to be added to the President's Run mailing list, contact Amy Brown at the BSC Foundation.

Contributions to the J. Michael McCormack Scholarship Fund are tax deductible and may be eligible for a North Dakota state 40% tax credit (please consult your tax advisor) and eligible for a 50% match from the state.

Contributions can be made online at bismarckstate.edu/alumni/foundation/foundation/waystogive

Checks can be made payable to the BSC Foundation and mailed to the BSC Foundation Office, PO Box 5587, Bismarck, ND 58506-5587.

For more information contact Amy Brown at amy.brown.1@bismarckstate.edu, 701-224-5700 or 800-272-2586.

BSC Boomers Will Be Missed

BSC is caught up in the national exodus of baby boomers from the workplace. Reports say up to 10,000 boomers retire every day in the U.S. The 15 we'll lose here by the end of 2016 are more than enough. These folks are part of the longest working, most youthful, idealistic and largest generation we've known. And at BSC, they take with them a combined 411 years of experience.

President Skogen often notes that we are preparing students for a world we can't even imagine. It's likely our retirees couldn't imagine today's world when they began their careers here. The tenure of 50-year-retiree Mike McCormack alone spans from abacuses to smart phones!

Through every change that came along, these long timers did right by our students, employees and community, making a difference in the lives of thousands. We are grateful to them all.

THE WOMAN BEHIND THE PRESIDENT(S)

BY VICKI VOSKUIL

**39
YEARS**

Debbie Van Berkom, executive assistant to the president, kept three full time and three interim BSC presidents organized. During those 39 years, her office evolved from typewriters, carbon paper, file cabinets and hand-written appointment books to a computer with two display screens and digital storage.

"My job has always been to make the president look good," said Van Berkom, whose husband Steve teases her about being the only employee never promoted. "My typical day was always different, and that's why I loved this job."

She assisted Dr. Larry C. Skogen seven years, handling the office with interim president David Clark when Skogen served as acting and then interim chancellor of the North Dakota University System. For Skogen, she blocked time for what he called a "campus perambulation" for the out-and-about executive. Van Berkom worked for Dr. Donna Thigpen 11 years, and Dr. Kermit Lidstrom, who hired her, for 18 years.

Between presidents, Van Berkom managed the office for interim presidents Dr. Kent

Alm (two months), BSC Foundation executive director Gordon Binek (eight months), and Clark (two years).

"I learned from all of them. Each had their strengths and empowered me to do my job in my own way," she said. "I've been lucky with presidents and people I worked with over the years. BSC has been a family and a large part of my social life."

She worked beyond the president's office as BSC Alumni Association coordinator nine years for Lidstrom and Thigpen, and coordinator of Learning First, a Thigpen initiative involving employee teams in campus enrichment projects. She also served on the BSC Foundation board, Staff Senate and Embracing Diversity Committee. In 2006, Van Berkom received the Staff Award for Excellence.

"I hope I left behind the perception that I made the president's office a better place in



the eyes of employees, students and the community."

The Van Berkoms plan to spend partial winters in Tucson, Ariz., and more time with grandchildren in Woodbury, Minn.

MIKE WAVRIN IS READY TO PARE THINGS DOWN

BY MARNIE PIEHL

35 YEARS After 35 years as BSC Food Service Manager, feeding thousands of students and employees, often working seven days a week, he'll narrow his focus to family when he retires June 30. He and his wife, Lori, plan to move to Omaha, Neb., to be closer to their 16-month old grandson, son and daughter-in-law.

In addition to moving and retiring, he is preparing for his daughter's wedding this summer. When the dust settles, he says he might pick up some old hobbies, and maybe even get a part time job, but not as a manager. "For now I'm going to put my mind in neutral."

All of the Wavrins graduated from BSC. He strongly encouraged both children to get involved during their time on campus. "They were in student government, band and music, played intramurals. They became a part of the BSC community."

A community Wavrin has fed since 1981. Thinking he'd go into social work, Wavrin first went to UND, then came home and enrolled in the now discontinued Hospitality and Management Program here. He went

on to work as a waiter, maître d', and in restaurant management before being hired at BSC.

Back then, the original student union was still state-of-the-art, and students filed through an old style cafeteria line with limited offerings. "Now we have 500 items out there and students expect it," he says.

The growth of the job was something he never could have predicted.

"I had no idea this job would get so big. This was a small tight-knit community when I started. I knew everyone. It was much slower paced."

While the scale has changed, the basics have not. "An oven is an oven. It might look a little different, but it's still the same concept."

Wavrin's favorite part of the job remains the people. He loves when the "old crowd" comes in – retired and soon-to-be-retired colleagues.



"I think I have the best job on campus. Think of the amount of contact I have with people. Students, instructors, staff, I know them and talk to them every day – about life and their sandwiches. Who else gets to do that?"



25 YEARS **PATRICK BJORK** Patrick Bjork, 25 years, taught composition and literature courses as assistant and associate professor of English from 1989-2000. Teaching writing courses in computer labs led to his transition to website manager and web specialist. Post-BSC plans include caring for his family, traveling, freelance website work and ghostwriting.



14 YEARS **VICKI VOSKUIL** Vicki Voskuil, 14 years, public information specialist, had a long career in print journalism before coming to BSC. Her work for the college focused on writing for the news media, college and alumni publications, academic catalog, website, BSC Foundation, admissions and human resources. She may freelance but plans time for family and friends.

BSC FACULTY CLOSING IN ON THEIR FINAL CLASS PERIOD

BY VICKI VOSKUIL

44
YEARS

JAMES WRIGHT

Three years after Jim Wright came to BSC, he was named Business Department chair.

That title has endured since 1975. With 44 years receding, he decided to hand over that job and retire to adjunct teaching status next fall.

Wright has taught it all – more than 18 different business courses and every class in the Management program. His business credential steered him into nearly every campus planning and governance committee. He led the Faculty Senate twice as president and chaired its Faculty Rights Committee. Wright also represented BSC on the State Council of College Faculties, working on faculty issues for 30 years. In 1992, he received the BSC Faculty Achievement Award.

“It’s going to change, but I’m not going to discontinue my relationship with BSC,” Wright said. “I hope people remember that I tried to do the right thing for a lot of students. That’s why I’m here – for the students and the people.”

Wright has been a lead advisor in the student advising process. His dedication and open door policy was inspired by his own small town upbringing and adjustment to college life.

Wright’s first teaching job was at Hettinger High School. His years in Hettinger coincided with BSC President Larry C. Skogen’s time at HHS. Wright said Skogen wasn’t his student, but he did observe him prepare and present for Student Congress, an interscholastic legislative-style debate – “and he hasn’t changed much.”

His long view of BSC has created many memories and produced a legacy he hopes is respect for him as a person truly dedicated to the college. Wright is proud of being at BSC long enough to see his children and a grandson graduate from here.

37
YEARS

RICHARD MALSAM

Rich Malsam’s career has been a straight-line drive focus on cars. After high school, he graduated from BSC’s

Automotive Collision Technology program in 1973, spent six years in a Jamestown body shop, and returned to BSC in 1979 as a recruited teacher. For the past 37 years, Auto Collision has been Malsam’s single-handed job.

“I’m going to miss the students,” Malsam said, “but I’m also going to sleep in a little more in the mornings. And I’m going to go fish.”

His main job has been to make students employable, he said. Malsam improved their chances when he initiated Automotive Technicians Education Foundation national certification for the Auto Tech program and achieved Master Automotive Service Excellence certification as an instructor. Students also benefited from Malsam’s longtime advising SkillsUSA competitions, some placing in the Top 10 nationally.

Some program graduates diversified from body shop into welding, appraisals, insurance, business ownership, and auto collision sales. Malsam has invited paint reps he trained to talk to classes about new products. One student became a national industry teacher and demonstrated his windshield expertise on NBC’s “Dateline.” Memorable for his entrance the first day of class, the 18-year-old told Malsam he was going to have his job. Not so, but Malsam brushed up on new industry developments by taking 20 of his former student’s classes.

“Yeah, we always laugh about that,” Malsam said. “With students, I’ve covered it all.”

Besides teaching, Malsam served 30 years as chair of the Auto Collision Committee for the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education. He helped set guidelines for all auto body programs across the state.

36
YEARS

MARV MUTZENBERGER

An associate professor of sociology and ordained minister, the Rev. Marv Mutzenberger came to BSC

as campus pastor to do campus ministry. As the Lutheran church reduced its program, BSC kept giving him things to do, he said, and it started with sports.

He was asked to coach baseball (five years), cross-country (two years), then teach sociology, and for the past 10 years, all religion courses – 29 years as full-time and seven as adjunct. It wasn’t a plan but a process, he said, which included giving more than 100 invocations and benedictions at BSC events and 20 years announcing basketball games.

Sports loom large in his life. He grew up committed to baseball and spent three years trying for the big leagues, making it as a paid professional player in Charlestown, W. Va., in 1959. By then, Mutzenberger was a graduate of Wartburg College in Iowa and enrolled in seminary there. He’d also spent time at Seattle University and a year at BSC.

“I’ve had a good life in ministry and teaching at the college,” he said. “You might say, I flunked out of baseball into Lutheran ministry. That door was open, so I walked in and let the seed planted by my grandma bloom.”

Active outside BSC, Mutzenberger directed Bismarck-Mandan Communiversity, served as a Gov. Art Link appointee on the state social service board, and was a state legislator for 10 years. He has been a baseball umpire since 1979, calling games, assigning local umps and conducting clinics. Before joining BSC, he was a full-time pastor in Minot and South Dakota.

Mutzenberger continues to assist area congregations on an interim basis and performs as Martin Luther in historical presentations. In the fall, he retires to adjunct teaching.



L to R: Richard Malsam, Katherine Netzer, Dan Landeis, Drake Carter, Marv Mutzenberger, Jim Wright, Henry Reigler, Mike McCormack

30 YEARS

KATHERINE NETZER

Katherine (Kitty) Netzer spent the first 16 of her 30 years at BSC in the Sykes Student Success Center tutoring. She taught as an English adjunct before going full-time in 2002. Netzer received the Faculty Award for Excellence in 2007.

As assistant professor of English, her focus was composition and college writing prep classes. Netzer worked on Freshman Experience and MACC initiatives through AQIP, Student and Campus Relations and Who's Who Selection Committee for BSC students. She also advised the LGBTQIA organization on campus.

Netzer was a faculty mentor, chairing the Faculty Development Committee and serving six years on Faculty Senate. A founding member of Campus Read, Netzer was active on the ArtsQuest and Assessment committees and chaired Embracing Diversity. Netzer said the most memorable experiences have been her relationships with students and co-workers.

14 YEARS

DAN LANDEIS

Daniel Landeis, 14 years, assistant professor, National Energy Center of Excellence, came to BSC after a 32-year career in the energy industry. He taught electric system components, print reading and safety courses for the Electric Power Technology program, and other courses for Power Plant Technology. He served on the General Education Committee.

29 YEARS

DRAKE CARTER

Dr. Drake Carter spent 12 of his 29 years teaching human anatomy, physiology and general biology. He received the Faculty Achievement Award in 1998, entering administration a year later as academic dean and member of the president's cabinet.

"I was looking for new challenges," he said. "I very much enjoyed teaching but wanted to learn more about the college, how it worked, and to be involved in that activity."

In 2008, he was named provost and vice president for academic affairs, and later, for student affairs. As provost, Carter was in charge of credit coursework and ongoing accreditation of the college. He also oversaw distance education, continuing education, and the offices of academic dean and instructional effectiveness. What has been important to him, he said, was being part of BSC's growth and change, particularly online education and the building of BSC's new LEA Hall.

25 YEARS

HENRY REIGLER

At BSC, Dr. Henry Riegler held positions that enabled him to develop and expand curriculum for BSC social science and humanities programs.

He came to BSC in 1991 as the only full-time psychology instructor. Since then, Riegler helped add two full-time faculty plus adjuncts to the program and grow curriculum from two to eight courses. He was named chair of the Social Sciences, Humanities & Education Department in 2011.

"One of the most satisfying things for me is seeing students be successful and our programs have impact on their life," he said.

Recipient of the BSC Faculty Achievement Award in 1998, Riegler promoted student experience with internships, service learning and Psychology Club. He was president of Faculty Senate and statewide Council of College Faculties. A licensed psychologist, Riegler plans to continue consulting and teach online this fall.

TRAINER, TEACHER, PHOTOGRAPHER, LEADER – LALONDE NAMED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

BY VICKI VOSKUIL
PHOTO SUBMITTED

Mike LaLonde likes to tell the story about being 10-years-old and knowing more adults in town than any kid his age. As son of former Bismarck Tribune photographer, Leo LaLonde, he tagged along plenty, listening to gab and watching his dad develop film at the paper after sporting events. When Leo got equipment, Mike played with the boxes, and by age 6, he had his first camera. At age 10, he developed his first dark room photo. Ever since, photography has been his alter ego.

“People still think I’m him,” Mike said about Leo and his 30-year career at the Tribune. “Like him, I never thought I’d do it for my life’s work. I was interested in education.”

As it turned out, photography and education fit together just fine. Except for a PR job with the Bismarck Chamber of Commerce, LaLonde has been a teacher his whole life, made so in part by the supportive and inspiring educators he met as a kid and student at BSC.

After college, LaLonde spent seven years teaching in Bismarck at Saxvik Elementary and Hughes Junior High. Because of his many contacts, the Chamber recruited him, and then, the state Board for Career and Technical Education to do career development in 200 school districts. He was in a teaching role during his 27 years at Basin Electric Power Cooperative as corporate training and development coordinator, the job from which he retired in 2004.

However, there was always time for photography. He started shooting in high school for the newspaper and yearbook. At BSC, LaLonde attended on a journalism scholarship and was editor, writer and photographer for *The Mystician*. He also edited the yearbook at BSC and at Valley City State University ('64), working at camera shops to pay for college.

In 1971, he added a master's degree in education, and in 1975, LaLonde came back to BSC, this time to teach.

Though his main job was elsewhere, Tuesday nights were in the Technical Center explaining news photography to journalism students. That lasted 30 years until 2005 when the lab closed. By then, LaLonde was free to accept BSC's offer in Career Services, as adjunct instructor teaching photography in the Graphic Design & Communications program. When he left in 2011, LaLonde had spent only 13 years away from his alma mater since graduating in 1962.

“I’ve been involved with BSC more than half my life,” LaLonde said. “I’ve had great BSC connections all those years. BSC is a fantastic organization in a great community and one of Bismarck’s crown jewels.”

In 1960, he enrolled at Bismarck Junior College with a group of friends during its transition from Boulevard Avenue to the new campus overlooking the Missouri River. Among his memorable instructors were Wilford Miller (journalism), Joe Rossi (music), Ruth Gannon (Spanish), and I.E. “Esky” Solberg (government/economics). LaLonde joined the choir, adding his experience in Catholic school boy choirs, and Circle K, a Kiwanis student chapter formed by local businessmen as a college service club. He learned to help in grade school, and by college, the sweeper and eraser cleaner had adopted a habit of service. His experiences with Circle K on campus and in the community instilled that value for life.


LaLonde has been an enthusiastic leader in many civic, non-profit, fraternal and wildlife organizations. They comprise current and past affiliations with Dakota Zoo (board, photography), Bismarck Rotary (president), United Way (trustee, president), Bismarck Historical Society (vice president), Bismarck Library Foundation (president), and Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club (vice president).

For BSC, LaLonde was alumni association president, a foundation trustee, and member of the Energy Generation Conference Advisory Committee. Basin Electric appointed him in 1980, when BSC was developing new energy programs with industry. He served 22 years, overseeing the 30-member committee twice as chairman. Lately, LaLonde has volunteered to teach photography for BSC art students and local artist co-ops and galleries, which have exhibited his work.

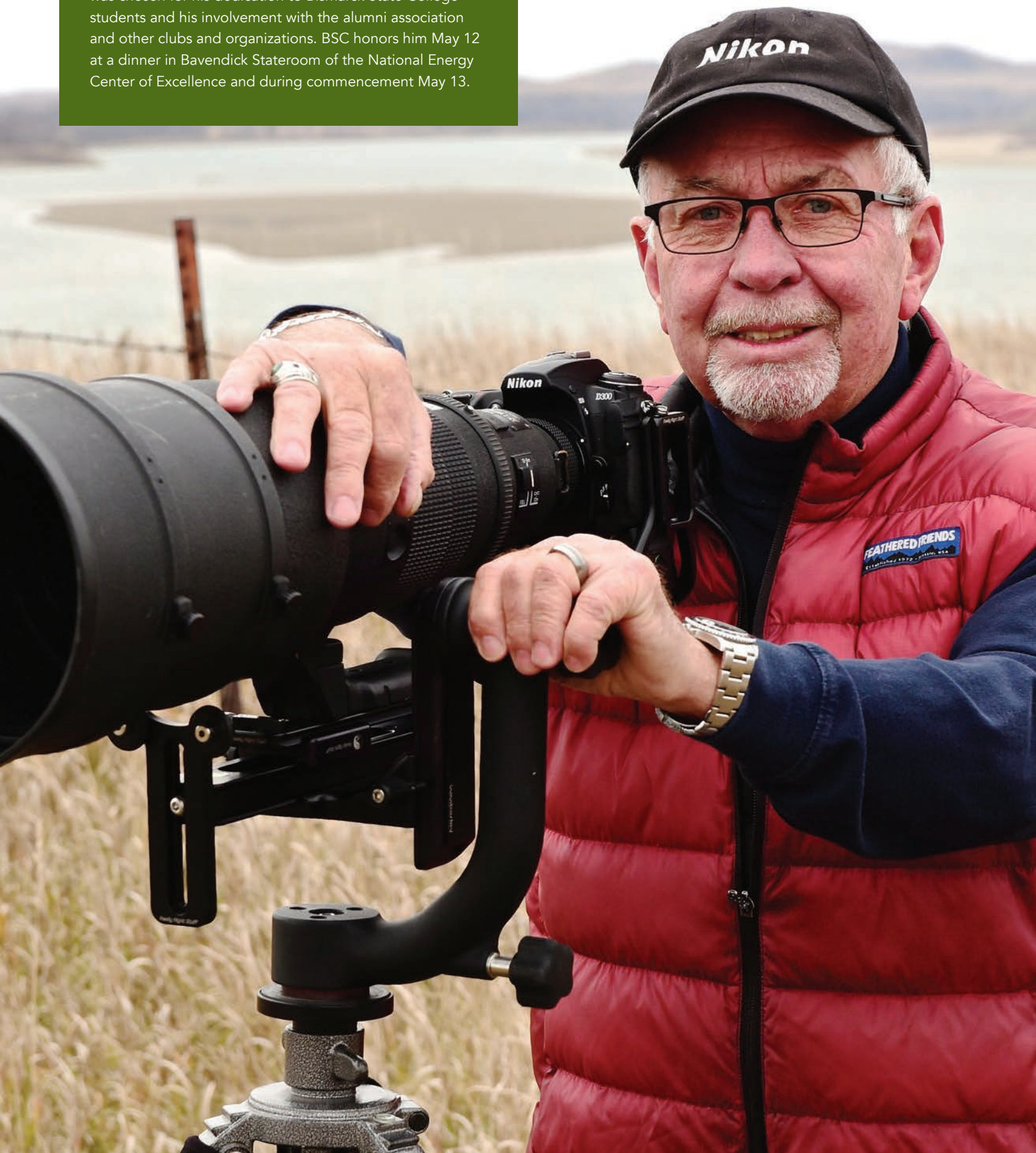
What is important to him, he said, is involvement with people and organizations of all types, interaction with fellow citizens, and helping solve issues and problems. As a certified senior professional in human resources management, LaLonde is a consensus builder with superior communication skills.

“Bismarck is a wonderful community, and for me it is giving back,” he said. “Rotary’s motto is ‘Service Above Self,’ and I enjoy trying to live up to that. I like to help out, be part of a team, get things done, and feel a sense of accomplishment.”

An outdoors supporter, LaLonde considers his greatest contribution to be photography that promotes conservation of wildlife, habitat and land, and conveys the fragility of the environment. His photography legacy includes wildlife images published in numerous state and regional publications and several awards, namely Wildlife Educator of the Year and Wildlife Communicator of the Year from the North Dakota Wildlife Federation. His first book of photography was published in December 2015.

LaLonde has 40,000 photos and compiled the book for his family – wife Karen, sons John and James, and daughters Michelle Hintz and Jodi Gordon – to have some of his best. Another is underway. 

The BSC National Alumni Association board selected Mike LaLonde as the **2016 Alumnus of the Year**. LaLonde, '62, was chosen for his dedication to Bismarck State College students and his involvement with the alumni association and other clubs and organizations. BSC honors him May 12 at a dinner in Bavendick Stateroom of the National Energy Center of Excellence and during commencement May 13.



"Digital photography of today relies on technology. Wet plate photography relies on 165-year-old chemistry, a bit of magic and some luck."

- Shane Balkowitsch



WET PLATE PHOTOGRAPHY

Invented simultaneously by Frederick Scott Archer and Gustave Le Gray in 1850, wet plate collodion is one of the earliest forms of photography. Images are captured on glass (ambrotype) or metal (tin type). An intricate process, wet plate requires that the glass be coated, sensitized, exposed and developed over a span of 20-30 minutes. Collodian, a flammable, syrupy solution of pyroxylin in alcohol or ether is applied to the surface. The plate is then submerged in a silver nitrate solution to make it light sensitive. Chemicals must remain wet while the photograph is exposed in a wood bellows camera box fitted with an antique brass lens.

RISING STAR HIGHLIGHTS HISTORY WITH AN OLD TECHNIQUE

BY VICKI VOSKUIL
PHOTOS SUBMITTED


Shane Balkowitsch grew up in Bismarck and is finding unexpected fame as an ambrotypist. He is the only person in North Dakota doing wet plate collodian photography, a process invented about 1850. Self-taught, Balkowitsch made his first plate in October 2012, 60 days after researching a fascinating image he found on the Internet. Despite no formal photography training, he has produced 1,700 plates of images captured on glass (ambrotype), as opposed to metal (tin type).

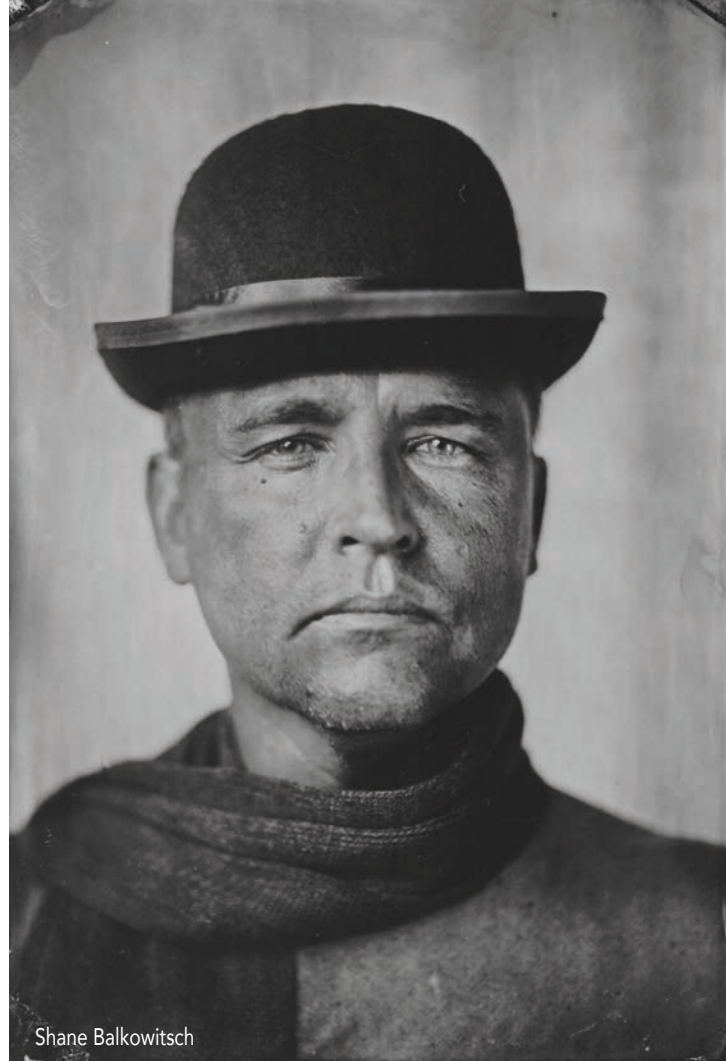
"I just love the process," Balkowitsch said. "I've always done things artistically, painted miniatures, made marionettes for my kids, and sought out artists to work for me. Now I have this avenue of creativity to express myself. In the process to find myself, I found photography."

Balkowitsch has been an administrative assistant, oncology nurse and online retailer. Since "artist" became part of his job title, the self-made businessman has had to find time away from Balkowitsch Enterprises, an online distribution company he co-founded with his mother 18 years ago. The warehouse he built south of the airport houses medical products that now share space with Nostalgic Glass Wet Plate Studio. On any given Friday, Balkowitsch is there, arranging people in photographs that will last for centuries.

His growing recognition has resulted in a commission of Native American images curated and archived by the State Historical Society of North Dakota – including Ernie LaPointe, great-grandson of Sitting Bull – and period photos for the Custer House at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. This spring, BSC's Gannon Gallery displayed his one-man show, "Souls of Silver," an exhibit that traveled to galleries across the state. In June, he and a cast of 30 collaborators will capture in wet plate an 1800s "murderer's gulch" tableau on a Bismarck side street. In July, his work goes to Washburn for exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

Generous with his time and resources, Balkowitsch demonstrates his skill for student groups and organizations, sharing his passion while educating his audience. He has impressed many BSC classes of visual and graphic art students at his studio. Expertise in wet plate evolved, in part, from knowledge of chemotherapy when he worked at Medcenter One (now Sanford Health). It was during those years that he began helping with his mother's hobby business by selling her collectibles on eBay. His success at being named a Top 5 eBay retailer attracted stories by Time magazine and Readers Digest. The company now focuses on medical supplies that are shipped worldwide.

Balkowitsch fills many roles, including CEO and company owner, but his most important role, he said, is husband to Bonnie and father to Abby, 13, Greyson, 11, Alyvia, 4 and Mahliya, age 2. 



Shane Balkowitsch

The **Rising Star** award honors alumni age 40 and under who have shown exceptional achievement in a career, public or volunteer service, or reached a position of distinction for someone so recently graduated. Shane Balkowitsch, '98, was selected for his entrepreneurial achievements and dedication to sharing his wet-plate photography talents with BSC students and the Bismarck community.



The BSC National Alumni Association selected the Myron H. Atkinson Jr. family as the **2016 Legacy Family** in recognition of the family's attendance at BJC, demonstrated achievement in careers and public service and as ambassadors for BSC.



THE STRENGTH OF GENERATIONS – ATKINSONS HONORED WITH FIRST LEGACY FAMILY AWARD

BY VICKI VOSKUIL
PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Generations of the Atkinson family have been associated with BSC since its founding in 1939. Myron H. Atkinson Sr. was city administrator in the 1930s, when citizens approved a mill levy authorizing the Bismarck school district to operate a junior college. He spoke favorably of the college and sent his children there – Myron H. Atkinson Jr., '47, and Caroline Atkinson. A generation later, four of Myron Jr.'s seven children went to BJC – Tim, '74, Tom, '77, Kathleen and Patrick. Myron and Patrick support current BSC students with named scholarships.


"When I attended, I had a very personal relationship with the institution," Myron Atkinson Jr. said. "With 78 of us [enrolled], most classes were eight to 10 students."

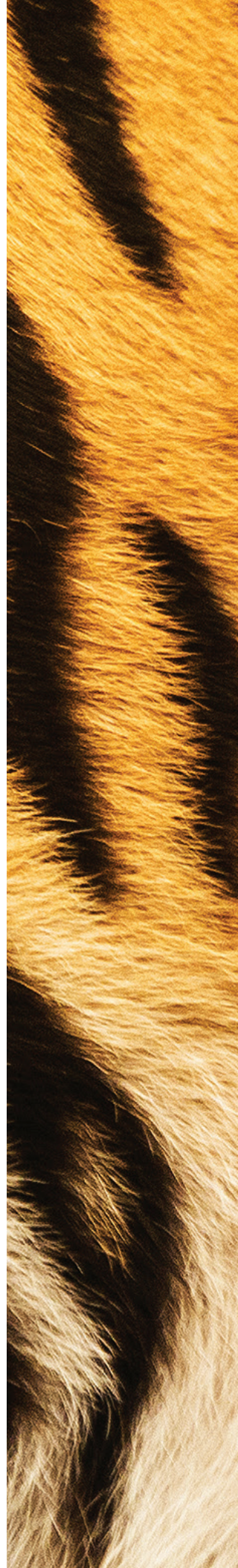
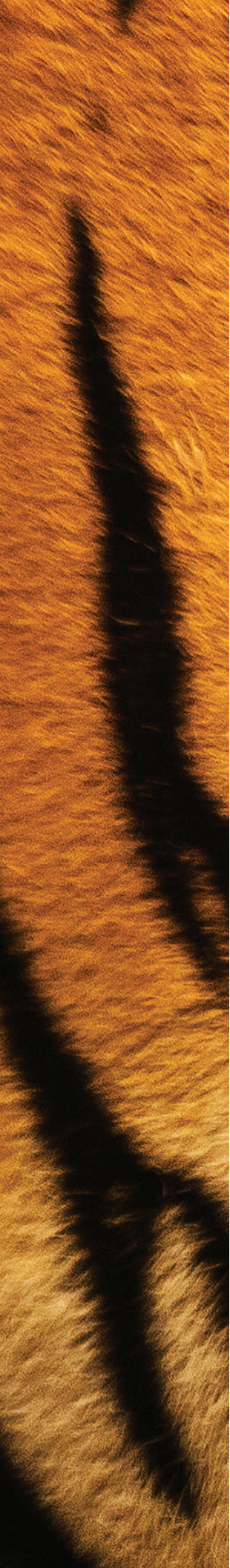
Myron Jr. formed a band with classmates and wrote the words to the first BJC "fight" song. Inspired by Dean Walter Swensen's economics classes, Myron followed a law and real estate career and became a civic leader, state legislator and company founder. He was among the first three BJC graduates honored as outstanding alumni and later received BSC's Distinguished Service Citation. Myron taught a real estate class at BSC, and he and wife Marjory took classes of interest.

Family members were involved in several BSC milestones, including the 1955 groundbreaking for BJC's first campus building. In 1963, Myron became secretary of the Bismarck College Corporation, a 1930s entity that preceded the BSC Foundation. A trustee since 1979 and now emeritus, he held all foundation board offices and was instrumental in the first development campaign, "50 and

Forward." Tim Atkinson joined the foundation in 1997. He serves on the Executive Committee and chairs the Finance Committee.

Tim, Tom and Kathleen work in Bismarck, where they live with their families. Tim is chairman of North Dakota Guaranty & Title Co. and served as chairman of the Bismarck-Mandan Development Association and Burleigh County Planning Commission. Thomas is an environmental engineer with Western Area Power Association, member of the City of Bismarck Planning Commission, and state coordinator for North Dakota Science Bowl. Kathleen is a Benedictine Sister with Annunciation Monastery and founder of Ministry on the Margins. She is a leader in hunger and homeless education and serves on the boards of CHI St. Alexius Health Foundation, Dacotah Foundation, and Burleigh County Housing Authority.

Paul is a commercial business broker in the Minneapolis area and lives with his family in Prior Lake. Elizabeth and family live in Minnetonka, Minn., where she is active in church and community service. John teaches computer technology to developmentally disabled adults in Mesa, Ariz., where he and his family are involved with the Pilot International service group and their church. Patrick is founder and CEO of the international GOD'S CHILD Project and related charities, including the Institute for Trafficked, Exploited & Missing Persons. He is an international public educator and frequent court witness on gang and domestic violence and organized crime. He volunteers with Special Olympics and local literacy programs and lives in Bismarck, Minneapolis, and Antigua, Guatemala. 



A DIFFERENT BREED OF PATIENT

BY JUANITA LEE
PHOTOS SUBMITTED


Earlier this year the Bismarck State College Paramedic Technology program had the unique opportunity to assist in the care of a real live patient. Unique because not only was the patient not a dummy, she wasn't human. Their patient was a tiger named Vemila.

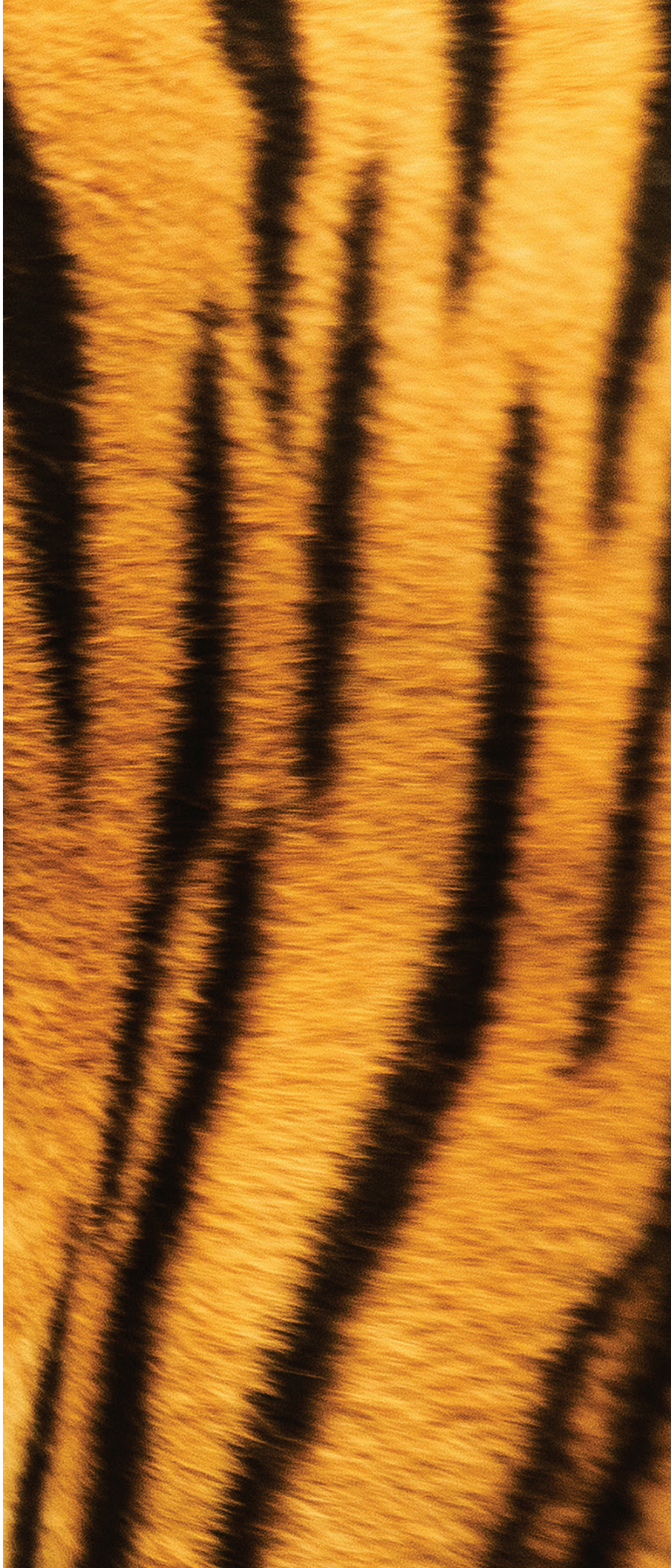
BSC Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) student and director of the Dakota Zoo Terry Lincoln, BSC Paramedic Technology program director Darci Grunett and BSC EMT instructor Tara Wilkens were called upon to assist in monitoring the blood pressure of Vemila while she was sedated for a check-up after a few medical complications.

"Apparently it is not standard to take blood pressures on tigers. There are no real baselines for that," said Grunett, who admits that she's done a lot in the field as a paramedic, but this is a first. "The zoo staff and veterinarians were very concerned about Vemila."

So what started as a discussion about blood pressures in an EMT class, and Lincoln inquiring about the logistics of taking the blood pressure of tigers ended with the three joining veterinarians for Vemila's check-up under sedation to determine and monitor the wild feline's blood pressure.

Fortunately, the diagnosis was good, and Vemila received a clean bill of health. She is currently accepting visitors.

For more information about the BSC Paramedic Technology program visit bismarckstate.edu/academics. 



FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES HAVE NOTHING ON US, ACCORDING TO BSC STUDENT

BY KATIE WINBAUER, BSC STUDENT
PHOTOS SUBMITTED

When two of my instructors brought up a fellowship opportunity for a college journalist in North Dakota, I thought my chance of getting it was a long shot. While I take great pride in attending Bismarck State College, it seems as though people expect that universities produce the students who are granted these opportunities. When I found out that I was selected out of seven other journalists – all university students – I was ecstatic.

I was chosen by the North Dakota Newspaper Association (NDNA) to travel to Washington, D.C. March 16-18 for a fellowship focusing on the war on terrorism. From the minute I arrived in D.C., it was go, go, go! Luckily, my adviser, Karen Bauer accompanied me.

There was hardly time to introduce myself to the other fellows and mentors before we headed to a briefing at the Wall Street Journal. After that we went to another briefing at the Israel Project. Then, it was time for dinner with some National Newspaper Association members. Luckily, we were able to sneak in some pictures in front of the White House on the way to dinner.

My favorite day was the only full day I had in the city – the 17th. We had a breakfast and listened to a few presentations at Gallop International. That afternoon, my advisor, two NDNA members and I broke away from the group and went to Capitol Hill for scheduled interviews with Senator Hoeven and Senator Heitkamp. The experience of sitting in their offices while they answered my direct questions is something I will not forget.

I was the only fellow from a two-year college. In fact, when I was presented with a fellow certificate at the National Press Club Banquet, I was introduced as “Katie Winbauer from Bismarck State University.”

I point that out because the assumption that universities have smarter or more successful students is false. I know there are students like me who are scared to go up against students from North Dakota State University or the University of North Dakota. The truth is – BSC provides us with excellent instructors, resources and opportunities, just as those schools do. I am so thankful for Karen Bauer and Kim Crowley, the instructors who encouraged my application to this fellowship, and to NDNA for making this possible. 🙌





CELEBRATING SPRING WITH COMMENCEMENT

More than 1,100 students will graduate from Bismarck State College this spring and many of them will walk across the stage at the 76th BSC Commencement on Friday, May 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the Bismarck Event Center. This year's graduation speaker is Major General (Retired) David A. Sprynczynatyk. The 2016 student speakers are Kathryn (Katy) Ann Gerving and Marcie Marie Woehl.

The ceremony will stream live from bismarckstate.edu/commencement and will be

recorded and available to view at bismarckstate.edu from May 18-June 18.

The ceremony also will air on Dakota Media Access, Channel 12 (see dakotamediaaccess.org for schedule) and be available for download on BSC's iTunes U site.

Visit facebook.com/bismarckstate to see the graduates behind the scenes that day — in line and preparing to walk across the stage to accept their coveted diplomas. Be sure to "Like" and "Share" your favorite photos! [#2016BSCGrad](https://twitter.com/2016BSCGrad)



SPORTS RECAP

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Record: 21-5 overall and 10-2 in the Mon-Dak conference
- Keisha Engelhardt named Mon-Dak Conference MVP, All Region XIII MVP, and NJCAA All-American 3rd Team
- Macy Lynch named Mon-Dak Conference 1st Team and All Region XIII

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Record: 11-17 overall and 4-8 in the Mon-Dak conference
- Melvin Collins named Mon-Dak Conference 1st Team and All Region XIII

PRESIDENT'S CUP GOLF CLASSIC

JUNE 17, 2016



The annual President's Cup Golf Classic will take place on Friday, June 17 at the Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan. Event proceeds go to scholarships for BSC student athletes. For more information, visit bscmystics.com/recreation/golf_tourney. For registration, sponsorship or other questions, contact Amy Brown at the BSC Foundation, 701-224-5700 or amy.brown.1@bismarckstate.edu.

2 0 1 6 ALUMNI AWARDS

The public is invited to honor Bismarck State College Alumnus of the Year Michael LaLonde, Rising Star Award recipient Shane Balkowitsch and celebrate the Myron Atkinson family as this year's Legacy Family at the annual Alumni Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 12 in the Bavendick Stateroom, National Energy Center of Excellence on the BSC campus. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are being accepted until May 6. Tickets are \$25 per person. Checks can be made payable to the BSC Alumni Association and mailed to the BSC Alumni Office, PO Box 5587, Bismarck, ND 58506-5587. For more information, contact Rita Nodland at (701) 224-5692 or (800) 272-2586 or rita.nodland@bismarckstate.edu.

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STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS AVAILABLE TO COLLEGE GRADS EMPLOYED IN STEM FIELDS

BSC alumni employed in STEM-related occupations in North Dakota may be eligible for student loan forgiveness through the STEM Occupations Student Loan Program administered by the North Dakota University System and the Bank of North Dakota. STEM-related occupations include jobs in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The program provides loan forgiveness of up to \$1,500 per year for up to four years. In 2015, more than one million dollars was applied toward student loans for college graduates in STEM-related occupations. To qualify as an applicant for loan forgiveness, applicants must:

- Have completed an approved, technology-related program of study through a board-approved college;
- Have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading system;
- Hold a qualifying federal student loan or Bank of North Dakota DEAL Loan that is not in default;
- Have been employed on a full-time basis within North Dakota in an approved STEM occupation for 12 months following graduation, beginning at least by July 1, 2015.

Applicants who meet these qualifications will be considered based on the date their completed application is received by the North Dakota University System. Applications will be accepted from May 2 through June 16. Award recipients will be notified by July 31. Applicants must re-apply annually for funding consideration.

The STEM Occupations Student Loan Program was approved by the 2001 Legislative Assembly. The application materials and program information can be accessed online at ndus.edu/students/paying-for-college/grants-scholarships/#STEM

Contact the North Dakota University System at 701-328-2906 or ndfinaid@ndus.edu with any questions.



THE 9TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S RUN FRIDAY, JULY 8

For more information, or to be added to the President's Run mailing list, contact Amy Brown, amy.brown.1@bismarckstate.edu at the BSC Foundation.

BSC FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE CLUB & PRESIDENT'S CLUB

The Foundation welcomes new and renewing Executive and President's Club members for January 1 through March 31, 2016.

EXECUTIVE CLUB

Annual gifts of \$250-\$499 to the BSC Foundation

Greg and Michelle Gunderson
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BSC CLASS CONNECTIONS

GORDON JOSEPH WEISS, '69, appeared in Sam Sheppard's play "Tool for Love" at the Samuel J. Friedman Theater in New York City, Oct. through Dec. 2015. Weiss was the 1984 BSC Alumnus of the Year.

AL ROYSE, '70, was appointed chairman of the American Heart Association and will head the national organization through June 2017.

KENT NIES, '81, joined Carpet Direct to market floor-covering products in Bismarck-Mandan, N.D.

KURT DILGER, '86, is the new owner of Scotty's Drive-In in Bismarck, N.D.

KARL LEMBKE, '90 and **PATTI HUBER, '00**, have joined Vaaler Insurance in Bismarck, N.D. Lembke is an insurance producer and Huber an account executive.

JANE HALVERSON, '95, owner of Dakota Promotions & Printing and **MICHELLE CHARVAT, '09**, owner of the Memory Shack, have partnered and relocated to Mandan, N.D. Charvat is also a marketing specialist and **GWEN BOSWORTH, '09**, a graphic design specialist with Dakota Promotions & Printing.

HEATHER MCCORMACK, '96, is the Cloud Library vice president, collection development and publisher relations at Bibliotheca in Portland, Ore.

LOREN TOLLEFSON, '98, has been promoted to branch manager of Capital Credit Union Sunrise Branch in Bismarck, N.D.

DUSTIN KETTERLING, '98, has been promoted to manager of internal auditing of information technology at MDU Resources Group, Inc.

JON SIMMERS, '98, CEO of Bismarck Aero Center, has been named the North Dakota Small Business Person of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

JASON TOMANEK, '98, was named the assistant city administrator for the city of Bismarck, N.D.

SUE BALCOM, '99, is the communication coordinator at Charity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, N.D.

JONA ZIEMANN, '00, has been promoted to systems administrator III at Starion Financial Mandan, N.D.

KAREN STENEHJEM, '04, a staff accountant at Ritter, Adair & Associates, PC, has successfully completed the certified public accountant exam.

ETHAN HINTON, '05, joins Western State Bank, West Fargo, N.D., as a systems engineer.

KENDALL VETTER, '07, has joined Oaktree Realtors in Bismarck, N.D., as a real estate agent.

KASSY LANDIS, '07, and **LINDSEY MATTER, '07**, mortgage bank officers at Starion Financial, were named to Mortgage Executive magazine's Top 1% of Mortgage Originators list for 2015. Matter is also the assistant vice president at the Mandan, N.D., branch.

SARAH LUND, '07, recently joined the staff of the North Dakota Safety Council, Bismarck, N.D., as office coordinator.

LISA GOETZ, '11, received the Excellence in Precepting Award at CHI St. Alexius Health, Bismarck, N.D. She is a home health and hospice nurse.

ANDREW BUCHMANN, '12, has been hired as a CADD technician at Moore Engineering, Inc., in Bismarck, N.D.

JENNA WEIGEL, '12, joined the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service as an Emmons County soil conservationist in Linton, N.D.

MARI BAUMAN, '13, has been hired by Catholic Charities North Dakota as a Wendy's Wonderful Kids adoption recruiter for the Adults Adopting Special Kids program in western North Dakota.

SHELBY GEIGER, '13, has been promoted to financial services representative at Capital Credit Union, Bismarck, N.D.

SARA BITZ, '14, has earned the designation of certified ophthalmic assistant at Dakota Eye Institute.

SYDNEY SNEED, '15, was hired as a student loan processing specialist at the Bank of North Dakota, Bismarck, N.D.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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MAY

MAY 12 BSC Alumni Awards Dinner, 6 p.m., Bavendick Stateroom
BSC National Energy Center of Excellence

MAY 13 BSC 76th Commencement, 2:30 p.m., Bismarck Event Center

JUNE

JUNE 7 BSC Tech Camp, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., BSC Tech Center

JUNE 9 BSC Summer Admissions Open House, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Bavendick Stateroom,
BSC National Energy Center of Excellence

JUNE 12 Conversations at BSC, "Custer and the Black Hills: The Thieves Trail," 3 p.m.,
Bavendick Stateroom, BSC National Energy Center of Excellence

JUNE 13-16 Lignite Energy Council Teacher Education Seminar
BSC National Energy Center of Excellence

JUNE 17 President's Cup Golf Classic, Prairie West Golf Course

JULY

JULY 8 BSC 9th Annual President's Run

JULY 13-14 BSC Summer Ag Academy, BSC

AUGUST

AUGUST 22 BSC Freshman Orientation, Bavendick Stateroom,
BSC National Energy Center of Excellence