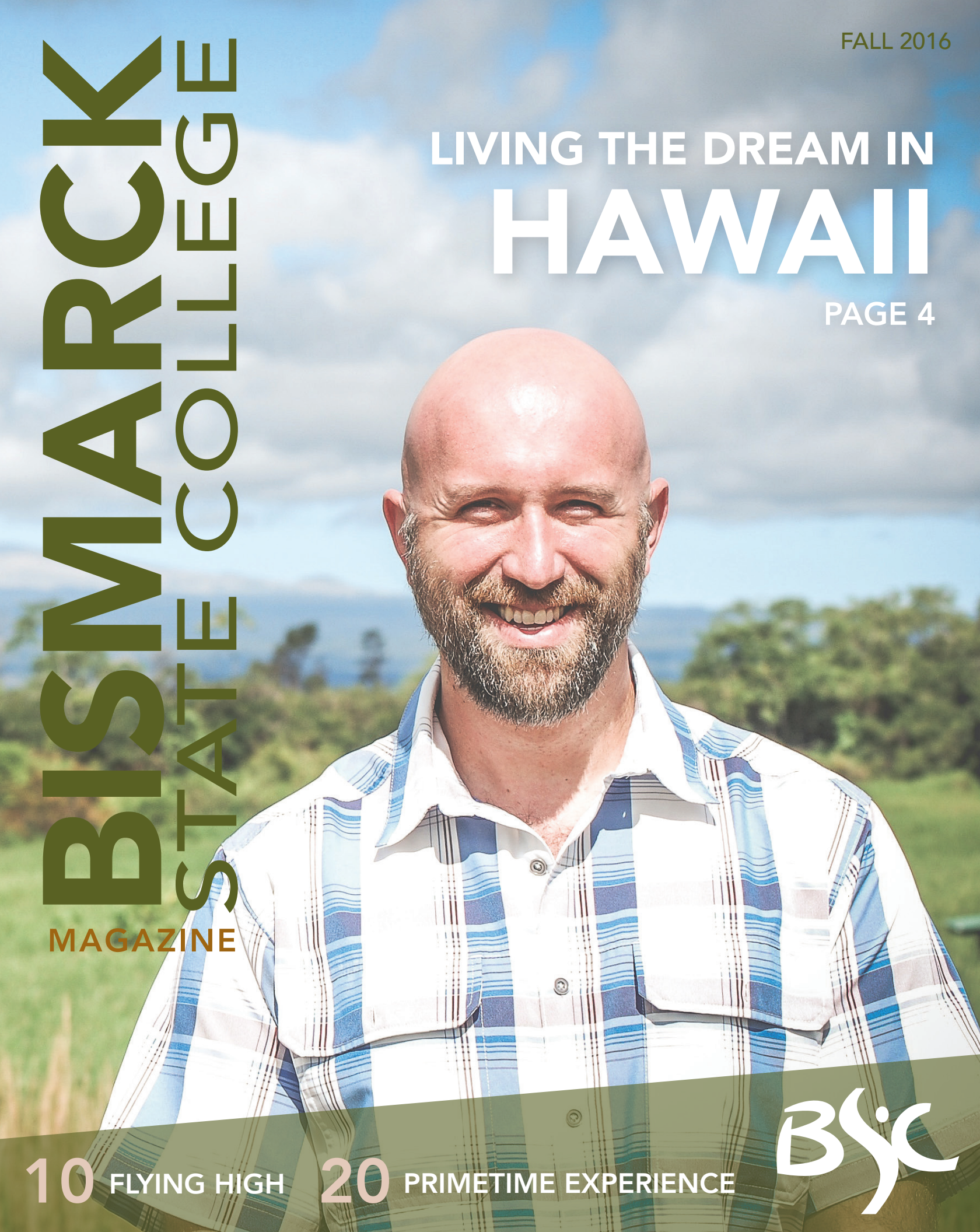


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EDITOR'S NOTE

As we researched and wrote the stories for this issue of BSC Magazine a theme arose. Much of the success our students find happens beyond the book, outside the classroom. This isn't new, it was true for me back in the day. The skills I developed at my college newspaper (the NDSU Spectrum) rounded out the lessons learned in class. Collaboration, deadlines and feedback from my colleagues all made me career and life ready.

Inside you will see all the ways the life and extracurricular experiences of our students and alumni complement what they learn in the classroom. As President Skogen says in his essay, we are living in transformative times. Read on to discover how BSC students, faculty and alumni are evolving with these times.

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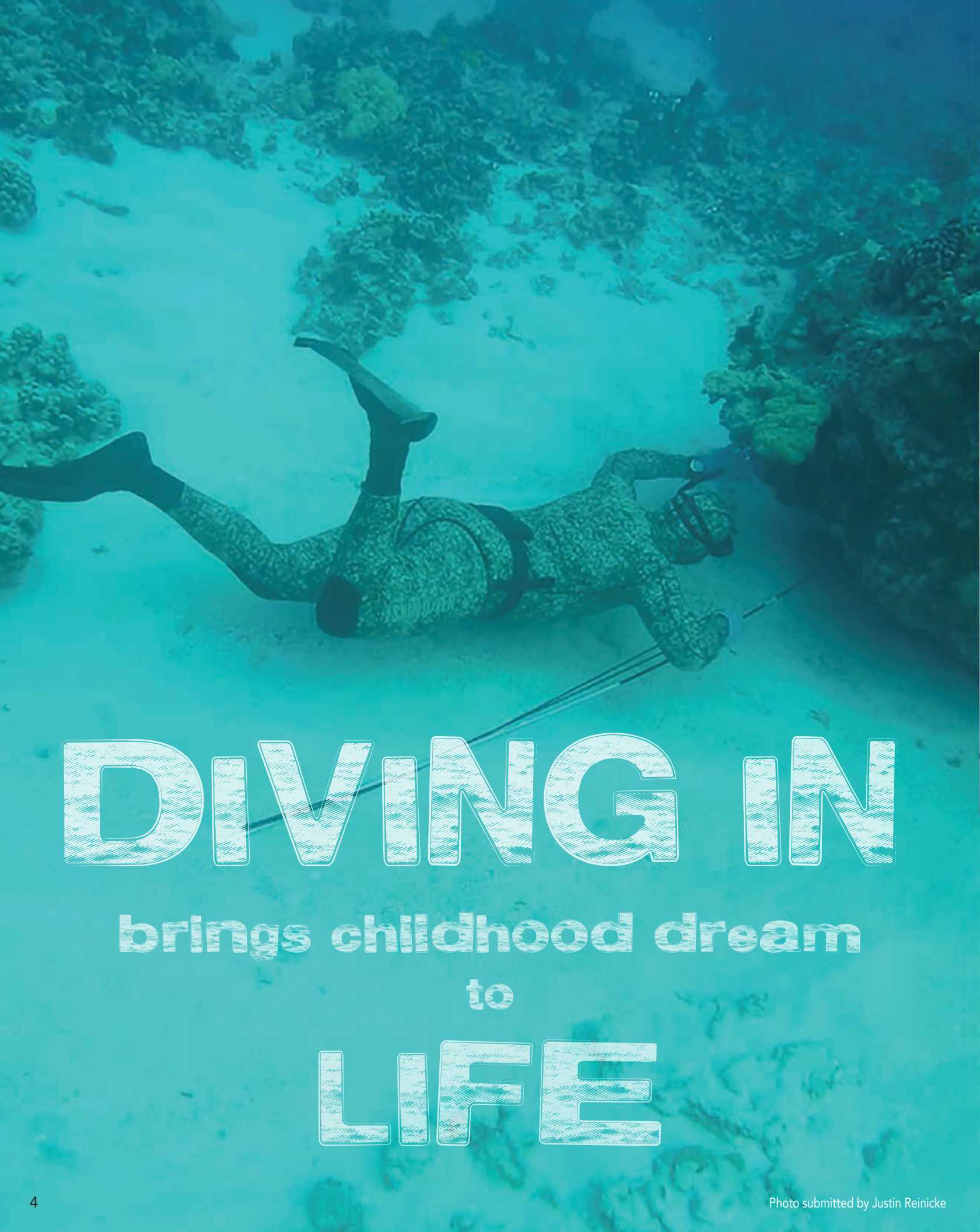


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DIVING IN

brings childhood dream
to

LIFE

Justin Reinicke felt like he was swimming against the tide in high school.

"I just didn't like the whole public education system," he said. "I was uninspired."

His poor grades reflected his disillusionment, and when he graduated he looked for a different path. He worked a few jobs and ended up pouring concrete. A few years passed, and he got anxious.

"After high school I was so relieved: I'm free! But, I knew in the back of my mind that I had potential, and I didn't want it to go to waste."

Then, one night Reinicke was watching the Blue Planet series (a BBC production), and had a revelation.

"His experiences as a Phi Theta Kappa, especially as a leader, allowed him to be competitive for scholarships. I believe his experience at BSC transformed him into a person who can succeed at other levels and places," says Dan Leingang, faculty advisor to PTK at the time and currently serving as dean of Humanities and Social Sciences for BSC.

Reinicke double majored in Biochemistry and Marine Biology at HPU, graduating summa cum laude. His resume is teeming with honors – National Honor Society, overall outstanding



Reinicke refilling the nitrogen containers in the lab.
Photo by Lea Black Photography

"I thought: That's it! That's what I'm going to do. I knew then I wanted to go back to school to pursue my dream I've had since childhood of being a marine biologist. It was the turning point."

He decided to start at BSC.

"I could build up my base knowledge and rectify my grades. This was a huge shift for me. I dedicated myself to this goal. It was one of the best choices I have ever made."

Reinicke took 18-21 credits per semester, earned straight A's and two associate degrees while at BSC. He drove the reintroduction of honor society Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) on campus and served as president for two years – a leadership role that helped him earn a scholarship to Hawaii Pacific University (HPU).

student in Natural Sciences, outstanding student in Oceanography, outstanding student in Chemistry and etcetera.

He says BSC Chemistry faculty Tim Thorstenson, Frank Koch and Mary Ann Durick brought chemistry to life for him, helping him marry the disciplines that have shaped his career to date.

"My whole point to going back to school was to fulfill my childhood dream and get a career that I enjoy," Reinicke says.

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Reinicke has researched marine natural products, served as an adjunct instructor and is currently the Instrument Specialist for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. In that role, he manages an analytical core facility that facilitates pharmaceutical science research in areas such as natural products and medicinal chemistry.

He's currently in the process of launching a side business raising marine ornamental fish for the aquarium trade, alleviating the pressure for wild caught specimens.

His lifelong love of aquariums and fishing along with his work with BSC Associate Biology Professor Jean Rolandelli on the saltwater aquariums in Schafer Hall, inspired his fish breeding venture.

"I wanted to study marine biology, but had no exposure. In landlocked North Dakota we don't understand the world's oceans and their importance to the globe."

"I was completely fascinated by the ocean because it was so mysterious to me... so much beauty and diversity."

He got up close with that mystery in summer of 2006, when he landed a month-long research cruise in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands also known as the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.

He spent 30 days at sea assessing spiny lobster populations around Maro Reef and Necker Island for a division of National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

"I loved being on the water. It was really cool. We'd wake up, haul in the traps, collect the organisms – lobsters, reef sharks, eels, octopus – and bait traps for the next round," he says.

Reinicke loves being in the water as well. Shortly after arriving in Hawaii, he developed a passion for freediving and spearfishing. Spearfishing combines the hunting and fishing Justin grew up with in North Dakota. Freediving is what it


sounds like, diving deep into the ocean on one breath of air.

Once while spearfishing, he heard humpback whales singing. "I stopped spearfishing. I would dive down, hold onto the reef and listen to the whales sing. It's like they were right next to me. I did this for about a half an hour coming up for air and right back down to the reef until I couldn't hold my breath anymore. It was so majestic to hear them."

"Down there you get intimate with the ocean because it's just you, one breath of air and the ocean. Nothing else. You're just like another animal in the ocean. It's so therapeutic and freeing. "

The revelatory moment watching Blue Planet, the pursuit of freediving and spearfishing, his academic achievements at BSC and HPU all lend themselves to an obvious analogy: He dove in with a dream, but swam with the tide to find his place.

"My dream of becoming a marine biologist was just that. Studying to be a coral reef ecologist morphed into something else. You grow and change as long as you stay true to what you're passionate about."

"You can't get discouraged by hardships along the way – focus on the good not the bad. Stay on track and stay true to yourself." 



Reinicke explaining the phases of molecular research within each machine in the pharmacy lab at University of Hawaii Hilo.



Bottles containing mobile phases for the liquid chromatography system.



Reinicke showing sample vials within the liquid chromatography mass spectrometer at the University of Hawaii Hilo Pharmacy Lab.

Photos by Lea Black Photography



LESSONS NEEDED IN A TRANSFORMING WORLD

BY LARRY C. SGOGEN



Dr. Larry C. Skogen became president of Bismarck State College in 2007. He was named acting chancellor of the North Dakota University System in June 2013 and served as interim chancellor of the NDUS from November 1, 2013 until June 30, 2015, when he returned to BSC.

"We do not ride on the railroad," lamented Henry David Thoreau, "it rides upon us." His lamentation reflected his anguish over the Industrial Revolution transforming American life, rapidly and inexorably. He saw before him the end of life as he knew it, a life in which he longed to "simplify, simplify." He knew, as many intellectual Americans knew at that time, that they were living in transformative times from which a new world would emerge.

We, too, live in an extraordinary time in which our world is being transformed rapidly and inexorably. The rate of technological change has catapulted our society and our lives into a future hardly imaginable just a short time ago (relative to the lives of us coming from the 1950s and 1960s). Even much younger adults, say in their twenties and thirties, have seen tremendous changes through the Internet of Things (IoT) as their cellphones have created an instantaneous connectivity with all their personal devices and to the Internet writ large. In their lifetimes, the iPhone has already replaced the iPod, a personal device itself only about fifteen years old.

On another level, the incorporation of IoT into automated technologies has created a world in which machines act, interact, and react with little or no human intervention. Cars park themselves; cars slowdown automatically when approaching other cars; cars sound alarms and brake when sensing collision dangers. Even at Bismarck State College we're training students to operate autonomous welding machines. As a faculty member in that program told me, "We're not educating welders; we're training programmers."


Automation is taking over industries from welding to radiology. Already, autonomous taxi cabs

have invaded major cities and will disrupt traditional transportation companies already reeling from private drivers using apps in a business model called "uberization." Uberizing is set to disrupt industries from taxis to hotels to restaurants.

In this world, transforming rapidly and inexorably, I've come to the conclusion that higher education must focus on four areas. First is communications. This is nothing new. Pericles of ancient Athens said, "A man possessing . . . knowledge without that faculty of exposition might as well have no idea at all. . . ." In our digitized, automated age, one that Pericles could not have imagined, this is more, not less true.

Second is collaboration. Jeff Bewkes, the CEO of Time Warner, was asked what skill is most useful in business today. "Teamwork," he said. "You have to know how to work with people and get others to want to work with you." In a rapidly changing world where knowledge must be shared not hoarded, teamwork is crucial.

Third is critical thinking. This has long been the bulwark of liberal arts. In an age in which we are drowning in information, one has to critically sift through all that data, separating the wheat from the chaff. This is critical in an uber-informed world.

Finally, I believe we must build foundational knowledge in all disciplines. What must a student know in any discipline that establishes the foundation upon which she can build her marketable skills in the future? Technologies are changing so rapidly in every industry that providing all the information that a student needs in his job is virtually impossible. What students learn one year is obsolete the next. But there are foundational concepts and principles upon which students will build their expertise as they develop professionally. Our job at BSC is to provide those initial building blocks. 

4 FOCUS AREAS FOR HIGHER ED

- 1 Communications
- 2 Collaboration
- 3 Foundational knowledge
- 4 Critical thinking

TEXTBOOKS, E-BOOKS, NO BOOKS – LEARNING EVOLVES

Today, area high schools hand out Chromebooks and iPads to students as often as they hand out the traditional dog-eared textbooks. The majority of BSC students soon will be more at ease with online learning than with hardcover textbooks and paper handouts. But, for now, BSC students are a hybrid of new- and old- school learning preferences. So BSC offers both, and more, always with an eye toward saving students money.

Tammy Staudinger, BSC Bookstore textbook associate, says the cost of traditional textbooks has risen 30 percent over eight years or about 5-7 percent annually. To help students save, “We give students every possible option – used, new, rental, and a cost comparison tool that lets them buy directly from Amazon.”

The bookstore also provides the codes needed to pay for electronic books (or e-books) when assigned. E-books are usually half the cost of a traditional textbook.

At BSC the focus is to “create an environment that supports learning, regardless of the format of the learning materials available within the class,” according to Dan Leingang, dean of

Humanities and Social Sciences. “Ultimately, BSC looks to faculty to maintain quality instruction with an eye to being flexible.”

“ Successful teaching within the 21st century educational environment requires faculty members to have a flexibility to be agile enough to adjust to the needs of the students within their classroom... ”

Brent Reems, associate professor of Chemistry, uses e-books in his classes, but says his students generally don’t like them. “They want the hardcover.” And Reems says they’ll pay to get it.

Staudinger says the same. “We get a lot of students who want to get the book.”

And at the other end of the spectrum are students with no interest in the book.


Kevin Cavanagh, associate professor of Management, assigns only open educational resources (OERs) in his classes.

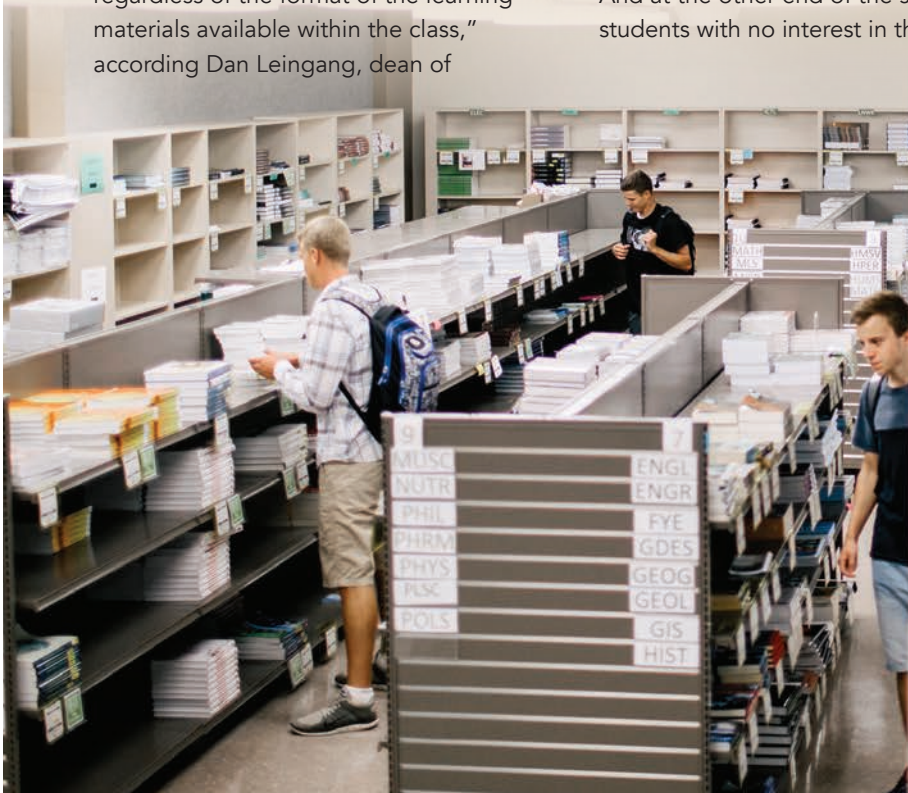
He says he’s never had a complaint and students like not having to pay for the books.

Cavanagh uses the OERs as supplements to his lesson plans. “I don’t give them a lot of specifics in my assignments. I’ll tell them to design an affiliate marketing program, for instance. In order to do that they need to look at the [OER] or Google it.”

“The point of OERs is to replace a textbook with something that is free,” says Tanya Spilovoy, Ed.D., director of distance education and state authorization for the North Dakota University System.

It all comes down to meeting students where they are Leingang notes.

“Successful teaching within the 21st century educational environment requires faculty members to have a flexibility to be agile enough to adjust to the needs of the students within their classroom, even if those needs change from semester to semester.” 



Flying High AT BSC



About the BSC STEM Club

Established in 2015, high altitude ballooning is one of the primary projects of the BSC STEM Club. Both the club and the ballooning project are a collaboration between disciplines, including engineering, mathematics, chemistry, electronics, physics, geography, computer science, agriculture and biology.



When the first high altitude balloon launched by BSC faculty and students burst 20 miles over Bismarck last fall, the GoPro camera in the payload captured the moment.

When the strap holding the GoPro camera and GPS tracking device to the balloon failed, sending the payload falling to earth, the team simply followed the signals on their computers, traipsed into the field near Steele, N.D., where it landed, and collected it – key pieces intact.

“It was exciting to see it go up, knowing you did that and it worked,” says Carlie Borchers, a sophomore engineering transfer student who has been involved with two of the launches through the BSC STEM Club.

The next launch, last May, included additional equipment for tracking the payload, along with sensors purchased through a grant from the BSC Foundation. The new sensors provided data on temperature, relative humidity and g-forces.

In addition to putting together the payload, Borchers tracked the balloon’s progress on a computer. “It’s relevant,” she says of the experience that is currently helping her understand graphing in her physics class.

Tony Musumba, associate professor of Physics, along with professors Mike Holman and Robert Arso from BSC’s Electronics/Telecommunications program led the ballooning effort. They work with other faculty, the STEM Club and local amateur radio enthusiasts to coordinate the launches.


“It teaches students that everyone on their team has value and can contribute ideas that make the project successful. This is what is expected in their future profession and life in general.... Students get a sense of accomplishment and realize what they are really capable of doing,” says Arso.

Musumba says the next launch will incorporate more engineering “rather than using sensors off the shelf, we’ll give engineering students more experience in building and designing sensors.”

Jennifer Kessler, assistant professor of Engineering, notes that the collaboration is where the learning comes in. The balloon project simulates work projects.

“You have a project, you’ll have different tasks associated with it that must be completed to be successful. Students will break down the tasks, faculty will oversee, but students will spearhead successful completion. They engage in small group dialogue and problem solving, then collectively, the small groups work as big group to collect data.”

The history of ballooning at BSC is tied to BSC’s long-term involvement with the North Dakota Space Grant Consortium. The Consortium works to make space and space science accessible to all North Dakotans. The balloon efforts are an offshoot of this, Musumba says.

This summer and fall, the ballooning group extended those efforts even farther afield, launching a balloon with faculty and students from Mayville State University. Upon graduation, the Mayville students bring ballooning to the high school students they’ll teach. 



THE POWER OF TWO: DEGREES IN POWER PLANT TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS PAY OFF

Bismarck State College's many technical degrees are often touted as a path to a great career in two years or less. Identical twins, Steve and Michael Lannoye, leveraged their BSC degrees in Power Plant Technology as a foundation for four-year degrees. Both circled back to energy eventually – better prepared for the field.

As identical twins sometimes do, the Lannoye brothers had similar interests growing up, and took similar classes in school. When it was time for college, they both attended BSC, graduating with degrees in Power Plant Technology in 2005.

Steve then went on to Minnesota State University Moorhead where a 2+2 program allowed him to couple his technical degree with a business element. He graduated with a BS in Operations Management in 2008.

Following graduation he got married, moved home to Bismarck and worked at a local bank. His brother, who also had earned a four-year

degree (in accounting), was at Basin Electric Power Cooperative by then and encouraged him to give the energy industry another shot.

After a short stint in an ethanol plant, Steve landed a job as a laborer at Antelope Valley Station in September 2014.

Laborers keep the plant site clean, caring for everything from bathrooms to floors. It was a significant adjustment going from a shirt-and-tie banking role to a laborer.

"Sometimes it was difficult. I asked myself 'what am I doing?' more than once, but I also knew that this wasn't my end game."

Steve became a coalman, and then an opportunity that combined his BSC education and his banking background arose. Basin had recently moved its trading function in-house and was looking for traders and schedulers.



"I toured the trade floor and was like, yeah, this is interesting and something I think I could do well."

The trade floor at Basin is a miniature version of the New York or Tokyo Stock Exchange focused solely on energy commodities – oil, natural gas, coal, etc. Two tiers of stadium seating and desks with phones ringing off the hook are anchored by a back wall of screens tracking trends and commodity prices, showing maps and graphs.

Steve was hired as a real-time trader in May, finding and purchasing affordable energy from the grid for Basin cooperative members.


"I talk to control room operators a lot. When they tell us what's going on, I have a good feel for what that means because of my [BSC] technical degree." He says the economic principles learned at MSUM help as he searches for the best price. His time as a laborer also has proven valuable.

"The biggest thing on a real-time desk is communicating with plant operators. I have a good concept of general power plan ops. My

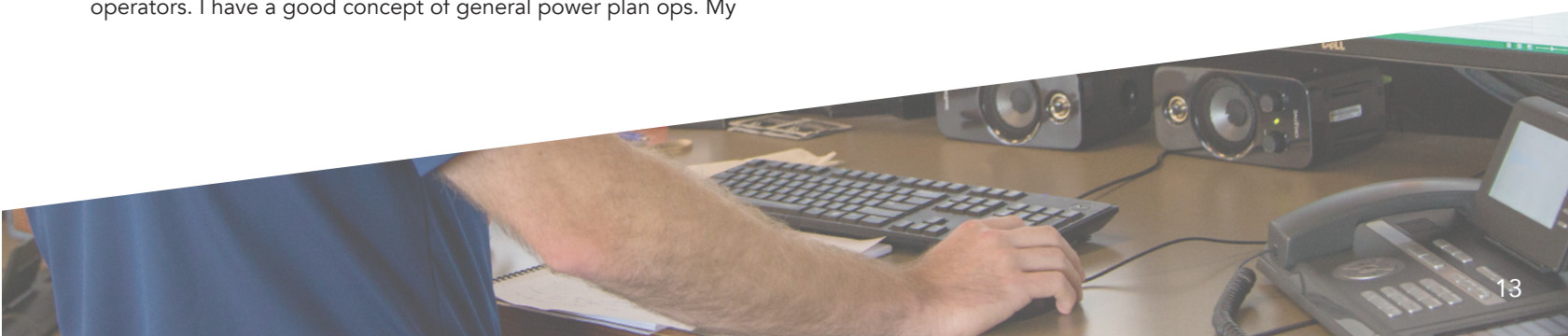
colleagues appreciate that I know that, for instance, a tripped ID fan would take a plant down for a while."

Steve recently completed his training on the trade floor, which included Basin-sponsored industry training courses at BSC, and he began working independently in August. His twin is finishing his apprenticeship in mechanical maintenance at the Leland Olds Station, which is Basin's first power plant.

While their paths to the career they initially pursued meandered and detoured, Steve says both he and his brother are glad to be in energy and especially, at Basin.

"Basin's a great company to work for. If you come in and want to work toward a specific kind of job, they'll set up a track to get you there," Steve says. 

To learn more about BSC's energy programs visit, bismarckstate.edu/energy. To learn more about careers at Basin visit bepc.com.





PROFESSOR ENGINEERS BALANCE

THROUGH MUSIC

Weekdays, she's BSC assistant professor of Engineering Jen Kessler. On the weekends, she's the guitar-wielding frontwoman of blues-rock trio, Jennifer Lyn.

If you look to stereotypes, the connection between engineering and rocking out in front of a crowd is a stretch. Engineers aren't necessarily known for their outgoing nature.

Kessler tells this joke: "What's the difference between an introverted engineer and an extroverted engineer? The extroverted engineer is staring at YOUR shoes."

While her performing shoes are worth a second look, she's definitely not looking at them when she's on stage. She's relating to the crowd, belting out originals along with classic R&B, blues and rock covers that have made her band a mainstay in the area music scene.

That relatability is one of the commonalities in her two worlds.

"The best way to lose your audience's interest in the classroom and as a musician is by not relating to them." She says it takes someone paying attention at a show three to four songs to see if they even like the band. Students need time as well.

"In the classroom I'm facilitating their learning, not dictating it. They figure out, 'she's cool, I can hang with this teacher.' Same at a performance – they need to know that I'm here so they have a good time."

Kessler's parents talked her out of taking her music on the road right out of high school, gently guiding her to a four-year degree fallback plan.

Jennifer Kessler and her band performing onstage in Bismarck this summer.
Photo by Layn Mudder



Kessler in the classroom.
Photo by Glasser Images



Photo by Glasser Images



Photo by Layn Mudder

"I only knew five [guitar] chords in high school, so I'm glad my parents reeled me in," she laughs.

She went to South Dakota State University on a basketball scholarship that segued into a soccer scholarship, earning an undergraduate degree in civil engineering, and master's degrees in both structural and fire protection engineering. Kessler worked as an engineer before moving into teaching.


She refocused on music, especially blues and rock, about five years ago. Her first studio album, a blues rock EP of original songs titled "I'm All Wrong for You Baby," recently was released, and is available on iTunes, Google Play and others, and at her live shows.

Kessler says music is a "balance thing."

"With engineering I can dive down the rabbit hole to nerdville and think only about mathematics, and theory. Music taps into the other side of my brain. It helps me be more balanced."

In front of the classroom, Kessler consciously works on the social and collaborative skills she uses as a performing musician, and that her students will need in the work world.

Second year engineering transfer student Tyler Weigel says Kessler has taught him that you need "more equations than variables" if you are going to solve a problem. He says she also emphasizes that "it's better to work with others than by yourself to figure it out."

"I see that introverted nature with students – and we work on that," Kessler says. "I get them to collaborate with each other. Working with another engineer to come up with correct answer is how we do things in the real world." 

See performance video and learn more about the Kessler's band, Jennifer Lyn, at JenniferLynMusic.com.

Engineering Transfer and Engineering Technology at BSC

BSC offers both Engineering Transfer and an Engineering Technology degrees. Transfer students gain the basic science, math and other courses required by most engineering schools with a particular focus on analysis, problem solving and real-life application of engineering principles.

The two-year engineering technology program trains technicians to assist engineers in project planning and completion. Graduates work as draftspersons, inspectors, estimators, data collectors or on survey crews.

BSC also offers a GIS Certificate.

Learn more at bismarckstate.edu/academics.

German native and BSC student Robin Jaeger-Hauer leads a tour at BSC.



“The house was never quiet, but I was always entertained.”



AT HOME IN NORTH DAKOTA

When Robin Jaeger-Hauer first arrived in Bismarck from his native Germany

in 2012 to be a high school exchange student, it wasn't the language that was most difficult for him to adapt to, it was the size of his host family. The Gross family of Bismarck have five children.

“I only had one younger sister in Germany. And the mom, Vicky, had daycare in the home then. So I was greeted by a bunch of kids every morning,” he says.

“The house was never quiet, but I was always entertained.”

That boisterousness, the friendly nature and the warmth of the family he landed in, are the American characteristics that Robin most appreciates and partly what brought him back to Bismarck for college.

“When I told people I was studying in U.S. they'd say 'Where? NY? LA?' They had never heard of North Dakota.”

After his exchange year at Bismarck High School, Robin had two full years of high school in Germany to finish. He visited Bismarck several times over those years becoming more certain that this was where he wanted to go to college.

“People are super nice – Americans are nicer than Germans, and it's such an interesting country. I love how important politics are here. People are very patriotic, you don't find that in Germany.”

He says that becoming a BSC student was simple once he was back in Bismarck, but the paperwork required in the six months prior was stressful. “It almost wasn't enough time.”

Once here, he moved back in with the Gross family, started classes, and went to work as a BSC ambassador. He gives tours, talking up the college and refining his English.

While Robin considered becoming a pilot, he's leaning toward teaching now – a suggestion from his host mother that took root. In fact, he's looking at becoming a high school German teacher.



He likes the

idea of being able to share contemporary German culture in the classroom – the people, the politics and even the different foods that have become mainstays due to the ethnic diversity found in Germany. In fact, Turkish food is one of the things Robin most misses from his hometown near Hanover. It wasn't until he moved here that he was exposed to the dishes North Dakota's Germans descendants consider staples.

“My high school tennis coach always talked about knoephla soup. I was all, 'What IS that?' And fleischkuchle – what? I'd never heard of it.”

Fortunately, he's developed a taste for both now as he looks to attend either Minot State or UND for his teaching degree. He'd like to make the U.S. his home.

“I could see myself living here.” 

WHEN THE STUDENT BECOMES THE TEACHER

In June, Julie Barth retired after 27 years of teaching graphic arts for Bismarck Public Schools. In August, one of her students, Abby Anderson, took her place at the Career Academy on the BSC campus. Both moved to Bismarck at a young age, both have design degrees from BSC and both have an admiration for each other's talents.

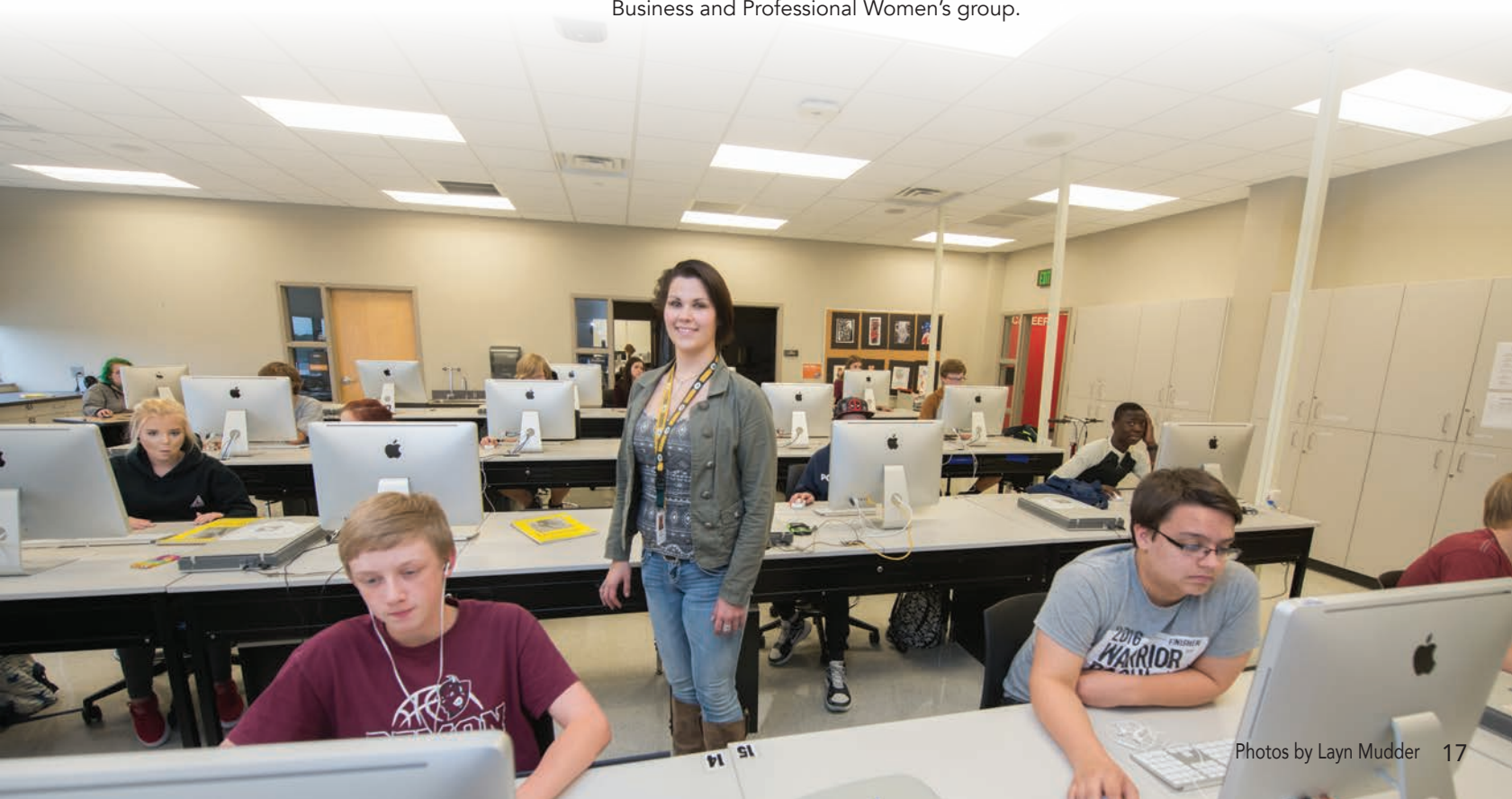
JULIE

Schools: Moved to Bismarck from Rapid City, SD at age 12; attended Roosevelt Elementary, former Hughes Junior High, and Bismarck High. She graduated from Bismarck Junior College (now Bismarck State College) with a two-year commercial arts degree in 1973 and a master's degree from UND in 2003.

On Teaching: Julie has an easy-going, warm, caring personality. She shows students that she cares about them as individuals and recognizes their unique qualities and abilities. Helping special needs students succeed is one of her passions.

Julie on Abby: "Kids knew Abby in high school because of her dreadlocks. I think it's great that I taught a student graphic design and now she's ... a teacher. It's kind of cool!"

Future Plans: Do some traveling and spend time with family. Then she wants to take some time for herself. "When you teach, you are absorbed. You have to be on stage and have lessons prepared or the kids will take advantage of you." Julie plans to fulfill a lifelong dream of creating an art room in her home. She will also continue to be involved at her church and be a part of the local Business and Professional Women's group.



BSC Associate Professor of Graphic Design & Communications Sean Thorenson shares his thoughts on his former student, what it means to have her back in the building now as a colleague, and how she will be an asset to the design community and the students she teaches.

“Abby was one of the standout talents in her class. She was a great typographer who understood composition and layout very well. She always pushed herself to do more, even if for her own benefit.”

“It’s a comfort to know that Abby is sharing her design skills and experience at the high school mainly because we know where she’s been – where she received her training. Her youth and passion will bring a new perspective and energy to the high school program. It will be exciting to see what the students will learn from her.”

For more information about the BSC Graphic Design & Communications program visit bismarckstate.edu/academics.




ABBY

Schools: Moved to Bismarck from Kansas at age 10; attended Simle Middle School where she was exposed to Kim Eslinger's graphics and communications class. While at Century High, she took Kim's class at the Career Academy in 10th grade, then Julie's class as a junior, then was a co-op student for the graphic design program as a senior, graduating in 2008 with a semester of credits from BSC. In 2010, she graduated from BSC with two-year Graphic Design & Communications degree and later got a bachelor's degree in Graphic Communications/Multi-Media from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2014.

On Teaching: "I look forward to working with Kim again. We will rock the graphic design program. It will be fun to carry on Julie's work and enhance it with today's generation. I hope to bring exciting energy and outside work experiences to my class."

Abby on Julie: "She is so sweet, considerate, caring and helpful, even when kids have personal problems."

Future Plans: In her spare time, Abby would love to do more typography work and build up her pin striping skills. "I'm really into motorcycles and cars. There are creative outlets there, too. My dad did a lot of pre-World War II automotive restoration when I was growing up." 

*This is an excerpt of a story that originally ran in *Inspired Woman Magazine*. Visit their website inspiredwomanonline.com to read the story in its entirety.

3D LABS

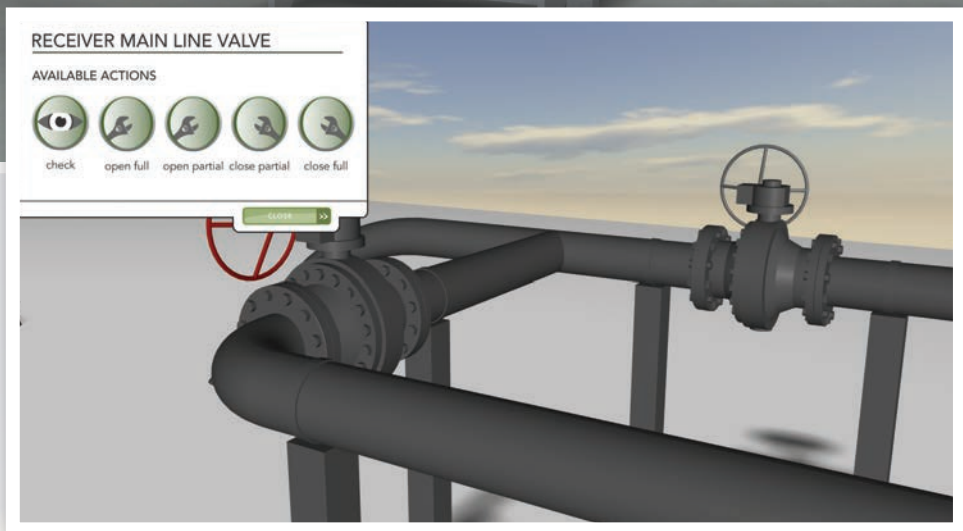


MOVING TOWARD VIRTUAL REALITY LEARNING


The 3D labs and lessons created by Bismarck State College's Curriculum Development Center bring energy students inside their future workplaces, immersing them in scenarios such as the inner workings of a drilling rig, the action in a process plant and inside the pipes of a drill site, from a computer.

"It's not easy for every student to get out to a well site in North Dakota, but we can take them there through immersive 3D," says Zak Allen, project manager for the National Energy Center of Excellence.

BSC's immersive 3D Interactive Learning Tools (ILTs) include warning sounds and realistic work scenarios students must master. The situations are meticulously recreated by BSC programmers and designers.



In the near future, this state-of-the-art approach will get even more realistic. The online labs are poised to transition to a virtual reality (VR) environment.

"Right now you can use controllers to navigate the labs, but once VR hardware comes down in price, students will have the headsets that make it feel as if they are inside the scenario," Allen says. 

Experience some of BSC's 3D labs online:

- Process Tour: <http://dev.bscnecelabs.net/3d/>
- Substation: <http://dev.bscnecelabs.net/3d/sub.html>
- Pipeline Piggling: <http://dev.bscnecelabs.net/3d/pig.html>

Learn more about BSC's energy programs at bismarckstate.edu/energy.



“It was the second time he’d ever taken a camera out with him and to share that with a national network is a big deal.”

STUDENT COVERS REAL NEWS IN REAL TIME

BSC student Dylan Bender was on the frontlines of one of the nation’s biggest news story this fall when he captured Dakota Access Pipeline protestors clashing with security officers, dogs and bulldozers near the Standing Rock Reservation in central North Dakota over Labor Day weekend.

Bender is a digital audio student expanding his skills as a member of the crew for MystiCast, BSC’s student television news broadcast. Looking to cover the story for BSC, he visited the Sacred Stone Camp with his dad, a newspaper editor from Ashley, N.D.

Carrying a shoulder camera, he’d joined the daily prayer walk from the camps to the work site when protestors became aware that bulldozing had begun nearby. “I was one of first 30 people over fence. The first couple got right in front of bulldozers and they were backing them up trying to get them to turnaround.”

“I didn’t know anything was going down that day. [It was] just another prayer march...Got to the end and found out they were bulldozing and kept going.”

Bender’s footage of the moment was picked up by MSNBC that night. “I’d been in contact with the camp organizer...and got it to the right people,” Bender says.

“It was the second time he’d ever taken a camera out with him and to share that with a national network is a big deal,”


says Dusty Anderson, mass communications instructor.

BSC’s mass communications students have the opportunity to choose what they’d like to cover, Anderson says. They report on BSC, the community and, sometimes, statewide events.

Bender’s coverage of the Dakota Access Pipeline protest was the lead story for the first MystiCast broadcast which aired the week of Oct. 3.

That broadcast also included new theme music, composed by digital audio students, who are now required to take a broadcast class as part of their program, Anderson says. That kind of cross pollination has helped the mass communications program grow and it’s graduates get jobs.

In addition to MystiCast, BSC mass communications students write for the student newspaper, the Mystician, gain radio experience on the radio through The Myx, and learn the basics of public relations.

“When they graduate, our students need to be good at a lot of things, not one specialty anymore. Especially in video, a lot of times you are a one man band – you are the photographer, the reporter, the producer. The more you know the more comfortable you’ll be,” Anderson says. 

Watch MystiCast episodes, listen to The Myx and read the Mystician at bscmysticmedia.com.



IVY GROWS IN ENGLAND

BSC sophomore Ivy Bergstrom is spending the Fall semester studying at Edge Hill University in Ormskirk, England as part of BSC's study abroad program. She's blogging about it at bismarckstat.edu/studyabroad where you can follow her daily adventures, read about her studies, live vicariously through her travels and discover firsthand the people and places she is encountering during her time overseas. 

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SCHOLARSHIP HELPS STUDENT DIVERSIFY

BSC student Chad Schoch has been in the oil industry since 2010. His original plan was to stay for two years and then go back to working as a radio DJ.

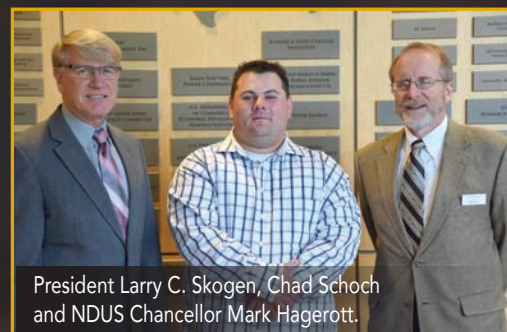
Today, he's still in the industry and can't imagine doing anything else.

As a recipient of the N.D. University System and N.D. University Foundation's Bakken U. Scholarship he won't have to. The scholarship is helping him pay for two degrees from BSC – one in Petroleum Production Technology and another in Process Plant Technology.


He says the refineries and gas plants coming online provide an array of options that didn't exist when he started.

"I wanted to expand my knowledge and experience so if push comes to shove, and I find myself looking for new job, I won't be a one trick pony. These degrees help, and the scholarship really alleviates the financial burden," he says.

Schoch is employed full time with Whiting Petroleum Corporation, and feels fortunate to have been able to work in the state he loves. He considers himself lucky.



President Larry C. Skogen, Chad Schoch and NDUS Chancellor Mark Hagerott.

"I've met so many people from all over country and the world. It's amazing. The horizon is endless in this industry." 

For more information about BSC's energy programs visit, bismarckstate.edu/energy. To learn more about Bakken U Scholarships, visit bakkenu.ndus.edu.



Keep in touch!

The BSC National Alumni Association would like your help with keeping you connected to your alma mater! If you have moved or know of someone no longer getting their BSC Magazine, keep in touch by submitting an address change and a current email address at bismarckstate.edu/keepintouch

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NEH GRANT STRENGTHENS HUMANITIES FOCUS

TAYO BASQUIAT, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
BRINGING HUMANITIES TO LIFE PROJECT DIRECTOR

Last year Bismarck State College was awarded a Challenge Grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to establish an endowment through the BSC Foundation promoting Humanities excellence. Now in its second year, the Bringing Humanities to Life project includes a faculty fellowship program, humanities programming, and a long-term planning process.


The first faculty fellowship recipients were Dr. Danny Devlin, assistant professor of Theater, and Dr. Perry Hornbacher, professor of History. Fellows received stipends for Spring semester to pursue research and professional development involving the Humanities. In the Fall semester, the fellows teach what they've learned to the community at large,

positioning our faculty as a resource for lifelong learning for the communities we serve. This program will continue for five years, is available to all full-time faculty of any discipline on campus, and is currently accepting proposals for two new fellows.

The grant also strengthens BSC's capacity to offer humanities programming. This fall we brought in Dr. Scott Samuelson, professor of Philosophy at Kirkwood Community College in Iowa, to conduct a three-hour philosophy drop-in sessions for students and a professional development workshop for staff and faculty on the art of conversation, helping us to foster meaningful conversations in and beyond the classroom.

Our campus is also working in close partnership with the N.D. Humanities Council to offer humanities programming in the community. "Think and Drink" is a facilitated conversation on various topics,

the first being "the paradox of suffering." "Think Outside," is a series of outdoor adventures combined with lifelong learning, the first of which is in the badlands and is a philosophical exploration of the sense of place.

The committee is also tasked with long-term planning for Humanities excellence at BSC once the endowment is established at the five-year mark. The goal of the NEH is capacity-building. A strong foundation in the Humanities is critical for a thriving democracy, fulfilling personal and professional lives, leadership and citizenship, and for the kind of employees that employers desire and demand in today's workforce. This project helps BSC step up to that challenge and provides us reliable funding to make it happen. 

For more information about the Humanities at BSC visit bismarckstate.edu/humanities.



FRIENDS AND DONORS HIT THE ROAD AND THE LINKS



PRESIDENT'S RUN

Forty-one motorcycle and car enthusiasts joined BSC President Larry C. Skogen on July 8 for the 2016 President's Run. Participants rode along the Enchanted Highway to Regent for lunch, followed by a tour of the Enchanted Castle. The event raised over \$6,000 for the J. Michael McCormack Scholarship Endowment Fund.

In recognition of retiring BSC History professor Mike McCormack's dedication to education, the J. Michael McCormack Scholarship Fund has been initiated with a \$10,000 lead gift. A scholarship goal of \$50,000 has been set – \$1,000 for each

of McCormack's years at BSC. 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 is famous. He has been the face and voice of BSC for 50 years, a true institution.

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PRESIDENT'S CUP GOLF CLASSIC

The annual BSC President's Cup Golf Classic raised more than \$19,000 for scholarships for student athletes. Thirty-four teams gathered at Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan for a gorgeous day of golf and fun on June 17.

Following the tournament, a basketball player and team were inducted into the BSC Athletic Hall of Fame. Tanya Bullhead was an outstanding scorer and team player for the Mystics during the 1995-96 women's basketball season. The 1975-76 men's basketball team was the third Mystic basketball team to advance to the NJCAA National Tournament. Five players from the team attended the induction ceremony.

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BSC CHANGES PROGRAM FOCUS TO CYBERSECURITY


Bismarck State College changed its Computer Support Specialist program this fall to better prepare students for future jobs in cybersecurity.

The program, now called Cybersecurity & Computer Networks, includes four core classes in cybersecurity to address heavy demand for such skills from business, industry and government.

"The way industry is going, it's harder to compete if you don't have some security background," said Matt Frohlich, associate professor of Computer Information Systems. "The biggest advantage to BSC's program is students can be marketable and go into the workforce in two years."

Frohlich said they also enriched the program by emphasizing security in all Cybersecurity & Computer Networks classes. The different focus now qualifies students to obtain a position as a systems security or administrator officer.

To accommodate the new content, a three-year option was added for students to complete the program at a less intense pace.

Students are trained in system administration fundamentals and best practices to implement, administer and secure operating systems and computer networks. Convenient course delivery allows students to take classes on campus, online, a combination of both or to attend live, interactive class sessions through the Internet. 


100% PASS RATE ... AGAIN!

Students in the Surgical Technology program at Bismarck State College achieved a 100 percent pass rate in the most recent national Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) exam cycle.

This is the eighth straight year the Surgical Technology program has earned a 100 percent pass rate.

The CST designation is the foremost credential for surgical technologists in the nation and

required for employment at many local, state and national health care organizations. Graduates obtaining national certification demonstrate basic competence for safe patient care in the operating room.

In addition to Surgical Technology, BSC offers an array of health care programs including Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technician, Paramedic Technology, and Phlebotomy Technician. 





SPORTS RECAP



MYSTIC VOLLEYBALL

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With five sophomores and eight freshmen, the 2016 Mystic Volleyball team has persevered through adversity since the beginning of the season. Personnel changes and injuries have changed the line-up multiple times yet players rise up and play to the best of their ability. The team is coached by veteran Jeni Walsh.

Sophomores

- Cassidy Wilhelm (5), Bismarck, N.D., serves as a leader from the setter position.
- Cassidy Miller (2), Bismarck, N.D., leads the team in kills.
- Bismarck's Hadley Rosales (9) is the team's primary serve receiver.
- Rumor Stokes (4), Hewitt, Minn., switched from rightside opposite player to leftside outside.
- Morgan Erickson (6), a transfer from Hutchinson, Kan., leads the team in blocks.

Freshmen

- Jaycee Walter (1), Bismarck, has converted from a middle hitter to the rightside opposite hitter.
- Allie Mischel (12) is a primary serve receiver from Bismarck.
- Sierra Graff (7), Oxbow, N.D., is a back row specialist.
- Alyssa Beck (3), Bismarck, was sidelined with a broken finger.
- Cassie Pike (10), Devils Lake, N.D., is a reserve rightside player.
- Secora Schmidt (13), Flasher, N.D., is an outside hitter.
- Brett Carley (14), Philip, S.D., is a defensive specialist.
- Kristina Lucier, Fargo, N.D., is a red-shirt freshman with hopes of being cleared for spring training.

As of Oct. 10, the Mystics record was 10-12, third in the Mon-Dak Conference. The official season end is November 19.

MYSTIC GOLF

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The 2016-17 Mystics ended their golf season as runner-up in the 2016 NJCAA Region XIII Golf Championships and golfers Jordan Christianson and Derek Nolz, secured a trip to Nationals in June 2017, in Chautauqua, N.Y.

"I was impressed with how our men stayed with Fergus after day one... we just couldn't get it done this year," says Mystics Coach Michael Herzog. He's now focused on hard work in the classroom and getting his golfers prepped for a great Nationals showing.

The Mystics women's golf team had their best season since Herzog took over the program in 2013. The team shot their lowest team total in years – a 355 at the Dickinson State Invitational this year. In six tournaments, the Mystics women finished with three wins, two second place and a third place finish.

"These girls played their hearts out day in, day out," says Herzog.

2016 Mystic Men's Golf Team

From Bismarck, N.D. – Sophomores Jordan Christianson, Connor Hellman, and freshmen Derek Nolz. From Dickinson, N.D. – David Porkorny, sophomore and Dakota Porkorny, freshman. Mathew Rueb, freshman from Ashley N.D.; Bready Warcken, freshman from LaMoure, N.D., and Jack Zimmerman, freshman from Washburn, N.D.

2016 Mystic Women's Golf Team


Kylie Bergan, freshman from Bismarck, N.D.; Lindsey Duben, sophomore from Coleharbor, N.D.; Aimee Kittilson, sophomore from Killdeer, N.D.; From Wishek, N.D. – sophomores Rachel Nantt and Katelynn Hoggarth.

*2016 NJCAA Academic All-American

TIP-TOP TRAINING

Students in the BSC Energy Services & Renewable Technician program and industry partners can practice roping, rappelling, and other safety scenarios using a new Nacelle Tower on the BSC campus. The tower replicates the top portion of a commercial wind turbine, but is just 32 feet tall instead of the typical 300 feet.

“This tower allows technicians to practice different scenarios and perform numerous descents in a safer, controlled environment,” says Bruce Emmil, dean of the BSC National Energy Center of Excellence.

Construction came from state, local and federal grants, and donations from Montana-Dakota Utilities, Minnesota Power, and NextEra Energy. 



MYSTIC MOBILE



Every day we use apps to check weather, monitor finances, order pizza – all to make our lives easier. When students stepped on campus this fall, they quickly learned of the new tool that would make college life a little easier – Mystic Mobile.

Mystic Mobile is the campus community all in one app – a central place for students to find out what’s happening and to search for campus information quickly, from their phone, tablet or other mobile device.

With Mystic Mobile students can:


- Chat online with friends, classmates and fellow club members
- Sell their books, video games or even a car
- Fill their social calendar with event info and Mystic athletic schedules
- Create to-do lists and reminders so they won’t forget that Monday morning assignment
- Find out what’s cookin’ in Mystic Marketplace or land a bargain at the BSC Bookstore
- Receive real-time notifications for BSC campus activities so they don’t miss out on the fun



FOUR DECADES OF POWER PLANT TRAINING AT BSC

“This program has been at the heart of our reputation as a partner in the energy industry in the region.”

Students enrolled in BSC’s Power Plant Technology program this fall mark the 40th incoming class for this pioneering program. In 1976 the program was developed in response to demand for a skilled workforce to fill positions in the growing energy economy. Today, state-of-the-art labs are filled with equipment, plant systems, simulators and much more ensuring students gain the highly technical skill sets required in the workplace. “This program has been at the heart of our reputation as a partner in the energy industry in the region,” says Larry C. Skogen, BSC president & interim provost & vice president for Academic and Student Affairs.

The program can be completed in two years or less on campus or online coupled with hands-on competencies. 

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Laura Jean Gilbreath (Laura Orchard) died May 21, 2016 in Bismarck N.D. Laura graduated from Bismarck High School in 1952, attended Bismarck Junior College, graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelor’s degree and went on to get her Master’s degree. She was an Economics Professor at Bismarck Junior College for a number of years before moving to Arizona.

Legacy Cords at Commencement



At the 2016 Bismarck State College commencement ceremony several graduates wore green and gold cords with their gowns. This new tradition recognizes the connection graduates share with family members who have graduated from BJC or BSC before them. Legacy cords are provided as a gift to graduates who attend commencement from the BSC National Alumni Association.

Future graduates can apply for the legacy cords when submitting their application for graduation. For more information, bismarckstate.edu/legacy.

BSC FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE CLUB & PRESIDENT'S CLUB

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

EXECUTIVE CLUB

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

Action Motor Sports
Don and Lynne Bigwood
D & E Supply Company
Eastgate Funeral and Cremation Service
Kupper Chevrolet Subaru
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PRESIDENT'S CLUB

Annual gifts of \$500 or more to the BSC Foundation

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BSC CLASS CONNECTIONS

JUSTIN DECOTEAU, '96, was nominated and won the Milo Trusty award. The award is given to recognize an individual for Outstanding Contributions made to USA Wrestling North Dakota.

DR. DUANE C. ANDERSON, '66, has retired after 25 years at East Central University, Ada, Okla. During this time, he served as Graduate Dean, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost and for six months as Interim President. Dr. Anderson earned a B.S.Ed. 1968 and M.A. 1970 from the University of North Dakota and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Oklahoma in 1976.

Alumni, we'd love to share your accomplishments in the magazine!
Submit your awards, promotions and milestones to
Rita Nodland at rita.nodland@bismarckstate.edu.

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Check out the BSC Foundation Annual Report for 2015-16 to learn more about the good things our donors drive – such as \$625,000 per year in scholarships, campus projects like the Gate City Bank Residence Hall and more.

The report is available online at
bismarckstate.edu/alumnifoundation/reports



A CONVERSATION WITH *Kari Knudson*

Foundation leader talks goals and inspiration.

After nine years as Vice President of the BSC National Energy Center of Excellence, Kari Knudson became the Vice President for College Advancement and Executive Director of the BSC Foundation in early 2016.

1. Your title includes two roles: VP of College Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation. Can you talk about the differences between the two?

The BSC Foundation is a separate entity that works with donors and companies to provide funds for student scholarships and BSC projects. College Advancement is part of BSC and includes grant writers to secure grants from federal, state and local entities. I have also retained responsibility for the grant administration of two large Department of Labor grants worth \$24.5 million for the TREND Consortium; including BSC, Williston State College, Turtle Mountain Community College and Sitting Bull College. The Great Plains Energy Corridor has also been moved to College Advancement.

2. What are your goals for the Foundation?

To continue building upon the strength of the BSC Foundation. My focus is on the long-term sustainability of the Foundation through growth in order to provide more student scholarships and funding to support BSC programs. We also need to continue the pursuit of grants and provide excellent grant administration.

3. The Foundation provides more than \$625K in scholarships annually. How is that level of support unique to a community college, and what does it mean for our students?

It can be difficult for community colleges to compete with traditional four-year colleges for donations. Fortunately, many BSC graduates and others have been very

generous and loyal donors over the years. This high level of support has provided tremendous financial support for students and BSC.

4. What made you want to take on this new position?

The opportunity to learn more about planned giving, trusts and other financial aspects from an expert, Gordy Binek. It will also be interesting to help donors identify the best options and most efficient ways to contribute to the BSC Foundation. It is personally gratifying to know that students are benefitting directly from scholarships and that support is also provided to BSC through the efforts of the BSC Foundation. I also knew that the BSC Foundation and College Advancement employees were very capable and would be a great team to work with in the new position.

5. What is the most challenging aspect of fundraising in this current economy?

It is challenging for companies to donate during times of low oil and agricultural prices. Individuals can also experience financial challenges during a downturn in the economy. However, the BSC Foundation has been fortunate to have excellent partners and loyal supporters over the years. Many have continued to support scholarships and have made other donations that have directly benefitted students. I greatly appreciate the generosity of the donors and their willingness to support the BSC Foundation during a challenging economic environment.

3. What unique talents do you bring to the table?

I spent seventeen years working in the energy industry in a number of different roles at domestic and international locations. My formal education includes a BBA from the University of Oklahoma and MBA from the University of Mary. Education plus work experience in accounting, budgeting and finance have prepared me for the business aspects of the job. In addition, nearly nine years of experience as the Vice President of BSC's National Energy Center of Excellence has also provided an excellent foundation to understand the higher education model and the needs of the campus. I have also been involved with the management and administration of several grants at BSC.

7. What inspires and drives you personally to do this work?

I'm motivated to help students achieve their goals. The BSC Foundation is able to help them by providing financial support, which can be a big barrier for students. I am excited to be in this position and to have the opportunity to contribute in a new role.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay up-to-date on all of BSC's events at bismarckstate.edu/events

NOVEMBER

- 11/1 Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 11/3 Baroque Concert, Noon
- 11/7 Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 11/15 Chamber Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 11/18 Kevin Locke, Noon and 4 p.m.
- 11/22 Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 12/8-11 Winter Play "Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead" Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m.
- 12/14 Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY

- 1/8 BookTalk at BSC "The Prize that Wasn't: 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction" 1-3 p.m.
- 1/24-26 Energy Generation Conference
- 1/29 Conversations at BSC "'I Will Fight No More Forever': Chief Joseph Native American Resistance, and the End of the Indian Wars" 3-5 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 2/5 BookTalk at BSC "The Prize that Wasn't: 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction" 1-3 p.m.
- 2/26 Conversations at BSC "Genesis from the Moon: Spiritual Journeys in the American Space Program" 3-5 p.m.

MARCH

- 3/5 BookTalk at BSC "The Prize that Wasn't: 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction" 1-3 p.m.

APRIL

- 4/5-8 Spring Musical "Chicago" Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m.
- 4/11 Collage Concert with Figments of Imagination Readings, 7:30 p.m.
- 4/12 Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 4/18 Chamber Ensembles Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 4/20 Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 4/23 Student Recitals, 3 p.m.
- 4/25 Guitar Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 4/28 Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m.

MAY

- 5/3-4 Festival of Short Plays, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. both days
- 5/7 Conversations at BSC "Following the Great Trails of the American West, Especially the Great Plains" 3-5 p.m.
- 5/11 BSC Alumni Awards, 6 p.m.
- 5/12 Commencement, 2:30 p.m.

JUNE

- 6/4 Conversations at BSC "'Kill the Indian, Save the Man': Education and the Assimilation of Native Americans" 3-5 p.m.