



Notes From The Director

What a winter! At least in North Dakota it was like paradise. No snow and one of the milder in history. We all know it won't be like this every year, so we'll mark it down as a great one.

A great year it has been in the Alumni Foundation! I am happy and proud to announce our efforts and your generosity will allow us to award over 1.4 million in scholarships and program funds for the coming year. This is the most the Foundation has ever awarded. Thank you for being a part of this. If you have questions about scholarships or leaving a legacy, please reach out to myself, Denise Laymon or Yoney Fobb.

The theme for the coming year is, "A New Chapter". We all start a new chapter from time to time, just as the Foundation has been successful in raising scholarships, we now more than ever need to fill the seats and encourage young people to look at the trades or at least start their two years here at NDSCS. Please share your story with young adults who are trying to decide what to do with their future. Maybe they have an interest that **YOU** had, when you decided to attend NDSCS, or maybe you are an employer who is looking for a skilled trade employee? Telling your success story might influence someone to get their degree here at NDSCS.

Whichever chapter you are in life, we have the utmost gratitude for ALL you do to support NDSCS. Thank you—we are so grateful for our NDSCS Alumni & Friends.

Please enjoy the newsletter and we hope to see you at one (or more) of our 2024 Meet & Greet or at Homecoming. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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Thank you for supporting DREAMS 2024



The 29th Annual DREAMS Auction was held April 12th both online and at the Clair T. Blikre Activities Center. We had wonderful response, exceptional food, and a full house – all this because of YOU! Thank you for your unwavering support of our Foundation and the North Dakota State College of Science. We are grateful to you! To see photos from the event, please visit the Flickr album by clicking the button below.

[DREAMS 2024 Photos](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

**Please join us for the 30th Annual DREAMS Auction at the BAC!
April 11th, 2025**

EVENTS



May 10, 2024 | NDSCS Graduation

Commencement will be held in-person on Friday, May 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ed Werre Arena in the Clair T. Blikre Activities Center in Wahpeton. We will have over 450 students walk for the ceremony and the entire commencement will be live-streamed. To watch the live stream, please click on the button below. CONGRATULATIONS to all of our graduates!

[2024 Graduation](#)



2024 Meet & Greet Summer & Beyond!

Meet and greet your fellow NDSCS Alumni at one (or more!) of our Meet & Greet Events this summer and fall. Postcards will be sent to those in and around the area of the Meet & Greet, so keep checking those mailboxes. Everyone is invited, if you receive a postcard or not! Events will be held in Dent/Vergas/Pelican Rapids, MN area, Bismarck, ND, Ottertail, MN and Fort Ransom, ND. We'll also be at the Big Iron Farm Show this fall. Please plan on joining us at one of our event locations--we're excited to see you, catch up and fill you in on the most recent endeavors of the Alumni Foundation! Please keep checking [our website](#) for more updated

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information. Registration is requested for each event.

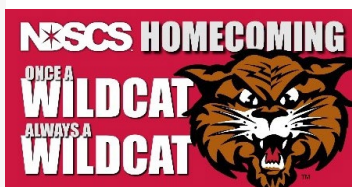
Summer 2024 | ALUMNI REVIEW coming to your mailbox soon!

Keep your eyes peeled and keep checking your mailboxes for our annual *Alumni Review* magazine. Titled "A New Chapter", you will find stories related to NDSCS's growth, how you can take part in continuing that grow, information about our Homecoming honorees, the Homecoming schedule, the limited-edition 2024 Homecoming T-Shirt order form, recaps of events, and our Alumni/Foundation events calendar. To view online, and to see some very valuable information for our alumni, please see our [website](#).



NDSCS Opening Week Block Party-You're invited!

As we welcome new students to campus, you are invited to the NDSCS Opening Week Block Party-- free to everyone! Join us from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 25 and visit with local businesses, enjoy some entertainment, a picnic meal, and partake in yard games. Let's help these students feel welcomed and supported- by our community and by you, our alumni! This is a great way to see our wonderful students starting their new chapter in life. All are welcome!



October 4-5, 2024 | Homecoming

SAVE THE DATE! Please join us for our Homecoming weekend October 4-5, 2024. Homecoming 2024 will surely be a great time of reminiscing, NDSCS Wildcat pride, parades, gatherings, great food, and football! More information coming soon. Check out our [website](#) for more information.

We are proud to announce our 2024 Homecoming Honorees! Please join us in congratulating the following:

- Alumnus of the Year – *William F Rothwell*
- Young Alumnus of the Year – *Preston Page*
- Parade Grand Marshal – *Arlen Booth*
- Friend of the College – *Com Del Innovation*
- Family Tradition Award – *Chuck & Ione (Muralt) Johnson*

- Performing Arts Award – *Laurie Lekang*
- Wildcat of the Year – *Pam Broderick*

More detailed information about our Honorees and

how to nominate for next year will be in our annual Alumni Review magazine, coming to your mailbox soon! This will also be posted on our website starting in June of 2024

And here are the Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:

- Tanya Hensch, 2004-2005
- Jaci Jensen, 2000-2002
- Jared Keaveny, 1998-2001
- 2002 Football Team

Blocks of hotel rooms are reserved at:

AmericInn Wahpeton 701-642-8365
Baymont Inn & Suites Wahpeton 701-641-5000
Travel Lodge Wahpeton 701-642-8731
Rooms will be held until September 6, 2024. Guests need to ask for the NDSCS Alumni Homecoming Block when booking, and reservations need to be canceled 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid a 1-night charge.

CAREER INOVATION CENTER

The Career Innovation Center is full of activity this spring. The exterior is all closed, and the interior is full of contractors installing electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and framing walls with the goal of opening summer of 2025. NDSCS and the Career and Tech C3Tech programs involving Fargo, West Fargo, Northern Cass and Central Cass continue to work on the programming for the high schools and college students as well as the exploration planning for the younger grades. We are excited to have all of this activity and are looking forward to the progress over the summer.

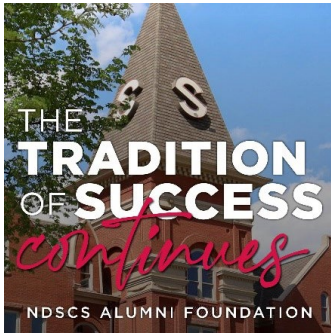


GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Has the economy impacted your charitable giving? If you feel like you have less to give this year, or are waiting until the economy recovers, we want to let you know about some creative gift options that won't cost you a dime this year. Making

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a bequest commitment is the easiest way to make a gift this year without impacting your savings or investments. To learn more about the benefits of making a charitable bequest, call 701-671-2247 today.



The Annual Giving Campaign kicked off in September and we would like to finish our fiscal year strong! Our fiscal year is July 1 to June 30 of 2023. If you would still like to donate, we would appreciate your help in raising our last \$30% of our goal. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, you can go online (click the button below), mail in a check, or contact us at 701-671-2247 and we can take your credit card information over the phone. With sincere gratitude, we thank all of you that have given.

Annual Campaign

Club Campaign

Challenge Grant

The North Dakota Challenge Grant Fund Program was established in the 2013-2015 Legislative Session to match private donations on a 1:2 match, made to state college foundations. We are excited to announce that since July of 2023 to date we have raised over 3.1M of the 3.4M goal for this biennium. Thank you, thank you! Qualifying projects must be \$25,000 or more in size and designated for student scholarships, program equipment, program enhancements or educational infrastructure. Lower amounts will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. The contribution can be paid as a one-time gift or pledged over five years. Project eligibility must be approved by the grant review committee. Please contact Kim Nelson at 701-671-2187 for further information about how you can take advantage of the state match. You do not need to be a North Dakota resident to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Wildcat Athletics



2023/2024 Athletic Highlights (as of 5/2/24)

Volleyball – District & Region Champs
Football – Conference Co-Champs
Women's Basketball – District & Region Champs
Men's Basketball – Conference & Region Champs
Softball – Conference Champs

For up-to-date scores, schedules of games and stats, check out the website below. **GO CATS!**



Catbacker/Letterwinners Club Raffle Results

The 15th Annual Catbacker/Letterwinners Club raffle will be held during the Wildcat Golf Open on June 6th. Raffle tickets are available to purchase from the Athletic Department or call 701-671-2285.

Raffle Winners

Wildcat Athletic Camps



NDSCS holds a variety of youth athletic camps in the summer months, and all camps are held at the Clair T. Blikre Activities Center near the NDSCS Campus in Wahpeton. Types and dates are listed below, but please visit their website for more information, ages for attendees and to [register](#).

- Wildcat Girls Basketball Camp: June 10-12, 2024
- Wildcat Boys Basketball Camp: June 17-19, 2024
- Wildcat Volleyball Camp: July 15-17, 2024
- Kiddy 'Cat Basketball Camp: July 22-24, 2024
- Kiddy 'Cat Volleyball Camp: August 13-14, 2024

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FUTURE WILDCATS

We are looking to keep our college strong, and you can help us with that! Know of a relative, neighbor, or friend who has plans of going to college, but isn't sure where? Send them to us!

Click below for more info on scheduling a tour, applying, and scholarships!

Schedule a Tour

Apply to NDSCS!

Scholarship Application

[NDSCS is Hiring!](#)

**Join
our team!**
We're hiring.

NDSCS currently has a variety of positions open at both our Fargo and Wahpeton locations. If you or someone you know are looking for a career change, come join us and become a Wildcat (again!).

Job Opportunities

In need of some new NDSCS gear? You can order online!

"Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat!"

After clicking on the button below, click on *Wildcat Shop* to start browsing their great selection! Because the NDSCS Bookstore is owned and operated by NDSCS, all revenue brought in by the Bookstore goes back to the college. If you're on campus, feel free to stop in and shop between the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday; located in the Hektner Student Center on the NDSCS Campus in Wahpeton. For NDSCS Fargo bookstore hours, please call 701-671-2125.

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