

WE ARE  
*Grateful*

for all that you  
do, and all that  
you've done!

*Kim, Yoney, Denise L., Barb,  
Tabitha & Denise M.*



## *Notes From The Director*

GRATEFUL! With my retirement on the horizon and looking back at my career at NDSCS, I am grateful. Grateful to have met such generous, friendly, knowledgeable people. Grateful to have shared experiences with our passionate and kind alumni and supporters. Grateful to have been part of this special institution and all that it offers.

I'm grateful for all of you who have shared your stories and your love of NDSCS with me. You all have much to proud of, and we at the Alumni Foundation are honored to celebrate with you. We welcome you back to NDSCS anytime and encourage you to stay connected. We also hope you'll continue to share your love of NDSCS with the next generation of students.

The college had record enrollment this year and the strong tradition of NDSCS lives on through our past, present and future students. "Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat".

# HOMEcoming 2024!



Thanks for celebrating Homecoming with us!

Photos can be viewed and downloaded [here](#).

*It was wonderful to celebrate our 2024 Homecoming Honorees and reconnect with so many alums who "Came Home" to NDSCS.*

- 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

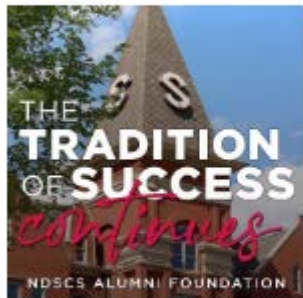
*-Performing Arts Award – Laurie Lekang*  
*-Wildcat of the Year – Pam Broderick*  
*More detailed information about our Honorees and how to nominate for next year will be in our annual Alumni Review magazine, coming to your mailbox soon! This is also posted on our website.*

### **Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:**

- Tanya Hensch Kort (Volleyball)
- Jaci Jensen Gerhold (Women's Basketball)
- Jared Keaveny (Men's Basketball)
- 2002 Football Team
- 1942 Football Team

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## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



The Annual Giving Campaign is going on right now and we would like to start our fiscal year strong! Our fiscal year is July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. If you would like to donate, we would appreciate your help in meeting 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.

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## NATIONAL GIVING DAY



Save the Date!

Giving Day 2024 is just around the corner!

The Alumni Foundation is participating in National Philanthropy Day by hosting NDSCS Giving Day on November 14, 2024. This 24-hour online event is a tremendous opportunity for all of our alumni and friends to come together to make a difference!

This year you can help the Performing Arts department procure new technology for performances.

Can't wait? Click [HERE](#) to donate now!

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## SPEAKER SERIES 2024



We enjoyed a very inspiring evening with Alumnus John A. Jenson for our 2nd Annual Speaker Series. Over 240 guests attended to hear from John while also enjoying the Wildcat Singers and delicious refreshments. Next year's event will be held on October 14th, 2025. Be on the lookout for the Speaker Announcement!

## IRA or BEQUEST OPTIONS

### Know **Your** **IRA** Options



For a long time, IRAs had two purposes – deposit money into them and when retirement comes, take money out. However, in recent years, Congress expanded our opportunities and your ability to save money with your IRA distributions. Know your options before you do anything with your IRAs. For more information, please reach out to Denise Laymon at (701) 671-2131 or [denise.laymon@ndscs.edu](mailto:denise.laymon@ndscs.edu)

**GROW** *with us*

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 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 701-671-2131 today.

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## MEET & GREETES



### Save the Date ND Picnic in AZ

Join us March 2, 2025 for the ND Picnic in AZ! Keep an eye on our [website](#) for details!



### Big Iron Farm Show

Big Iron was a great success for the NDSCS Alumni/Foundation, Diesel, Agriculture and Welding Departments. We look forward to attending this event again next fall.



DREAMS 2024 Photos

***SAVE THE DATE!***

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

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# 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 we have raised our 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. We look forward to our next biennium starting July of 2025.

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## ATHLETICS



### Volleyball

Congrats to Coach Passa on her 700th win leading the Wildcats Volleyball Team! Passa, who is in her 26th year as head coach, has built a Hall of Fame-worthy career, leading the Wildcats to great success over the years. And our Wildcats are Mon-Dak Conference Co-Champs!



### Football

Congrats to the Wildcats on finishing first in the MCAC! Their next game is Sunday, Oct. 27 at 1:30 pm at Frank Vertin Field. If NDSCS were to win on the 27th, they would then play in St. Cloud, MN on November 3rd for the MCAC Postseason and Region 13 Championship.



### **Pink Games**

Volleyball, Baseball and Softball held Cats vs Cancer Pink Games this fall. Teams incorporated pink in their uniforms, fans were encouraged to wear pink, and a free will donation was taken at each game. The football Pink Game will be Oct. 27.

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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!](#)

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## **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](#)

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

### ***"Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat!"***

Click the link to shop the NDSCS Bookstore! 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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