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President's Report



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT of Minot State University during the past year, and thank you for taking time to read this 2022-23 President's Report. As we prepare to welcome a new class of students to MSU and are making final preparations for the start of the 2023-24 academic year, now is an important time to reflect on the many highlights of the past year. Many of the recent milestones are simply not possible without your support of MSU and our students.

Several recent achievements at MSU include: major progress on the \$26.6 million Hartnett Hall renovation — it is on schedule to be completed by the end of 2023; the addition of new academic programs to provide important opportunities for future MSU students in such fields as data science, data analytics, project management, and a new Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education; the public announcement during 2022 Homecoming of our \$50 million EMPOWER capital campaign; our men's hockey team winning the Division 1 ACHA national championship and the women's hockey team finishing as the D1 ACHA national runners-up; conclusion of the first season in the beautiful MSU Summer Theatre amphitheater following a nearly \$3 million renovation; historically strong student retention and graduation rates; impressive enrollment growth in cyber-related fields; upcoming renovations being planned in the Student Center; and expansion of the successful Hometown Pride Scholarship supporting graduating high school students from western and central North Dakota.

During the past year, thanks to your generosity, we also reached new milestones with MSU's fundraising efforts. We added 20 new endowed scholarships, raised a record-breaking \$717,000 during our year-end Annual Excellence Appeal, nearly set an all-time record for the number of President's Club members, and set a record for dollars contributed during MSU's annual Faculty and Staff Giving campaign.

Thank you again for your belief and investment in Minot State University, our students, faculty, and staff. Your support is helping MSU further its mission each day by continuing to educate and assist students while adding to the vibrancy and vitality of North Dakota. We look forward to a new academic year and continuing to make important contributions to Minot, North Dakota, and beyond!

THANK YOU for your continued support of the MSU campus and our students.

As always, GO BEAVERS! ■

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EMPOWER ... a campaign for Minot

ON OCT. 13, 2022, MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCED THE MOST AMBITIOUS FUNDRAISING EFFORT IN THE UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY.

Campaign
goal

**\$50
million**

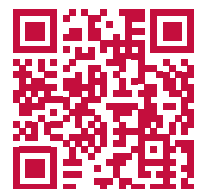
EMPOWER — a campaign for Minot State University focuses on five main areas:

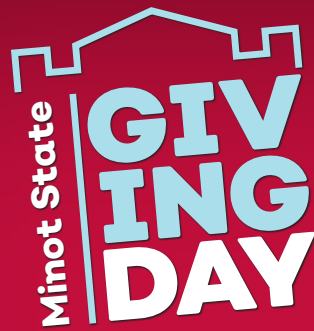
**SCHOLARSHIPS • ACADEMIC PROGRAMS • UNIVERSITY FACILITIES •
ATHLETICS • VISION FUND**

This campaign emphasizes innovation in and out of the classroom, creating a vibrant, modern campus, while also increasing funding for scholarships, including growth in endowments. EMPOWER will continue to dramatically enhance the student experience in perpetuity.

The \$50 million fundraising and engagement initiative will strengthen the University to attract the best students from our region and the world.

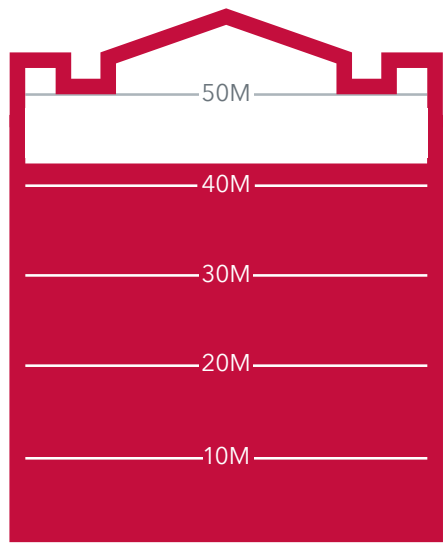
Join us in **EMPOWERING**
our students!





State University

\$41,055,633
as of 6-30-23



CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES:

- Scholarships..... \$18M
- Academic Programs..... \$12M
- University Facilities..... \$10M
- Athletics..... \$ 8M
- Vision Fund \$ 2M

To learn more about the campaign scan the code or visit
MinotStateU.edu/empower/

IMPACTFUL GIVING DAY

Alumni and friends showed their support in a BIG WAY making generous, heartfelt gifts to dozens of MSU causes.

\$366,760
Raised

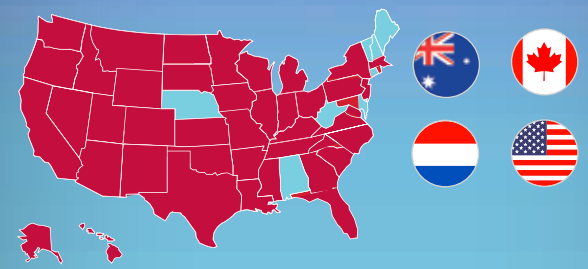
1,695
Gifts

400
New donors

65
Projects assisted

200
MSU faculty & staff donors

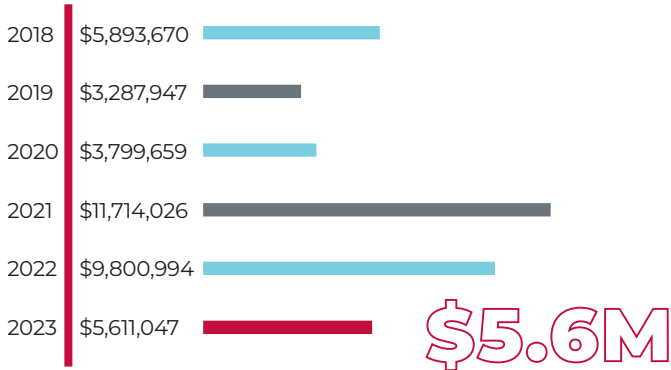
Gifts from **42** states & **4** countries



SAVE THE DATE
GIVING DAY 2024
Wednesday, April 10

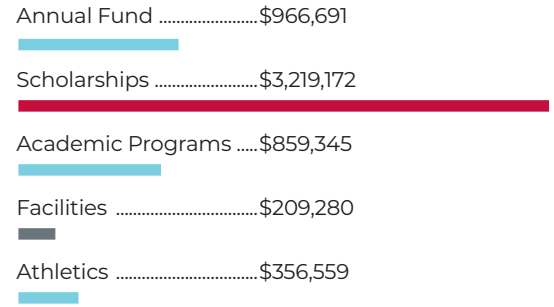
DONOR IMPACT:

Total Support By All Donors



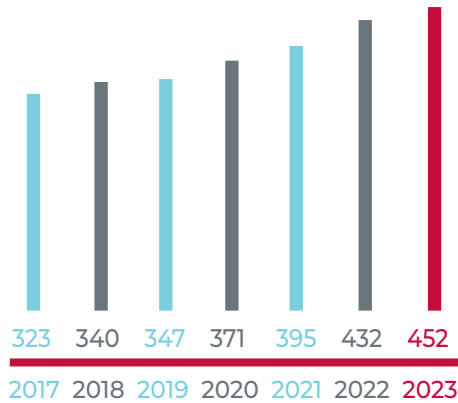
Donor Gift Designation

The \$5.6 million in total donor gifts were distributed among five University priorities.



Growth of Endowed Funds Supporting Scholarships and Programs

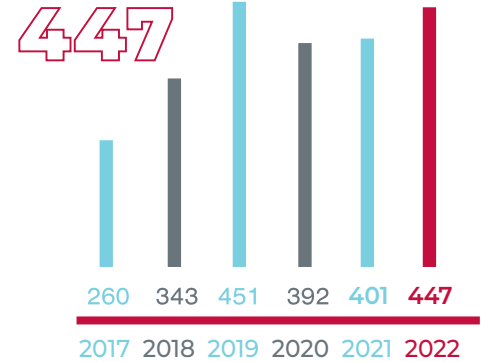
In fiscal year 2023, endowed funds provided \$1.9 million in support of Minot State, with 74% of the funds supporting student scholarships and academic programs.



Endowed funds continued positive growth, reaching a total of **452**

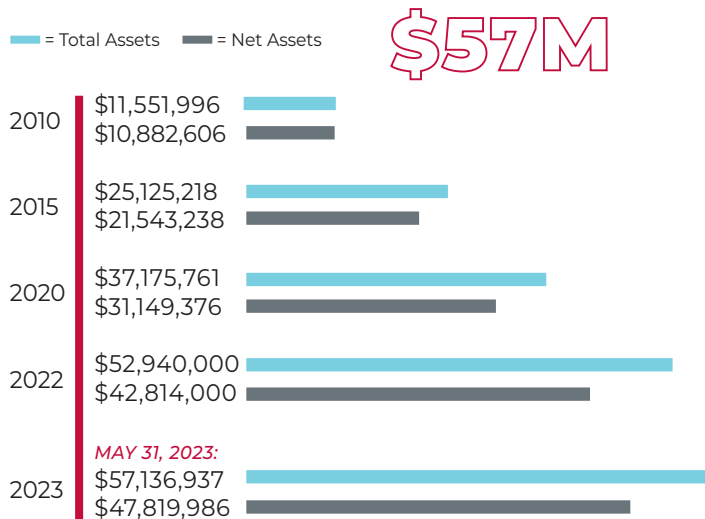
President's Club Members

Annual contributions of \$1,000 or more.



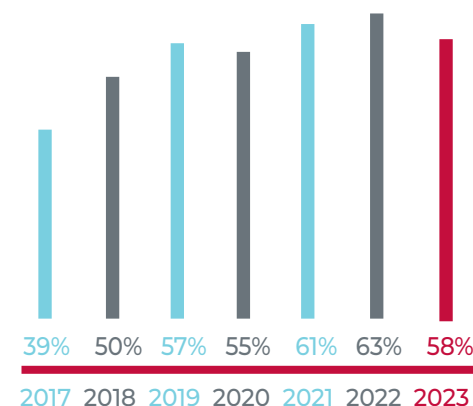
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Development Foundation Total Assets



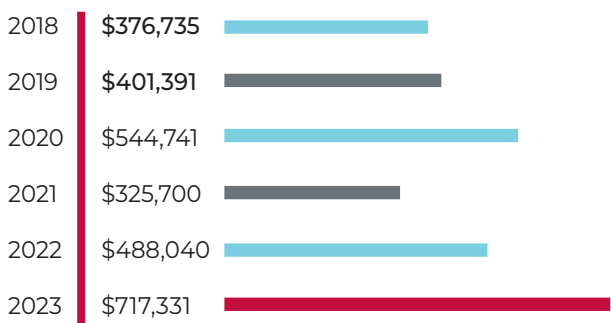
Faculty and Staff Giving

58% of all faculty and staff support MSU financially



Annual Excellence Donations

Our Annual Excellence Appeal is critical to the support of the University



\$717K



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North Dakota

CHALLENGE GRANT

*Now is a great time to make an
INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION!*

THE NORTH DAKOTA CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM allows individuals to make gifts to Minot State University and receive matching funds. The program allows for a 50% match on gifts designated to scholarship endowments and other areas such as technology, educational infrastructure, classroom enhancements, and equipment. Minot State has been allocated \$1.7 million in matching funds. Match eligible gifts must be received between July 1, 2023 and Dec. 31, 2024. Additionally, the program allows donors to make multi-year pledges (up to seven years) and receive the full 50% match immediately.

The program
allows for a

50%
MATCH

EXAMPLE ND CHALLENGE GRANT

Donor cash gift	\$10,000
Donor pledge (\$10K/year for 7 years)	+ \$70,000
Total donor gift & pledge	\$80,000
ND Challenge Grant 50% match	+ \$40,000
Total donor gift + ND Challenge Grant match	\$120,000

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MATCHING
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The current North Dakota Challenge Grant program, paired with the North Dakota Tax Credit for Charitable Giving, creates a unique opportunity to have the impact of your gift multiplied.

NORTH DAKOTA TAX CREDIT

The North Dakota Tax Credit for Charitable Giving provides for a 40% ND tax credit on charitable contributions of \$5,000 or more to a qualified endowment. Any unused portion of the tax credit can be carried forward for up to three taxable years. The maximum tax credit is \$10,000. For couples filing joint returns, a \$20,000 maximum tax credit applies. Credit applies to ND income taxpayers only.

EXAMPLE ND TAX CREDIT

Donor gift amount <i>(from example above)</i>	\$80,000
ND tax credit	- \$32,000
Actual Net Cost of Gift	\$48,000

For more information, please contact Rick Hedberg at 701-858-4483 or Rick.Hedberg@MinotStateU.edu.

Establishing a **SCHOLARSHIP**

CREATING A NAMED SCHOLARSHIP

through the Minot State University Development Foundation assists students and leaves a legacy at Minot State University. It is also a meaningful way to honor family and friends.

The first step is to determine whether you would like to establish an endowed scholarship or an annual scholarship.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Endowed scholarship funds are designed to be permanent and can be created with gifts totaling a minimum amount of \$10,000 contributed in full at the outset or with an initial commitment that is added to over time until the endowment level of \$10,000 is reached. The principal of the fund is invested to produce income, and an annual award is made to a student(s). The principal remains untouched so the endowment can last into perpetuity.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

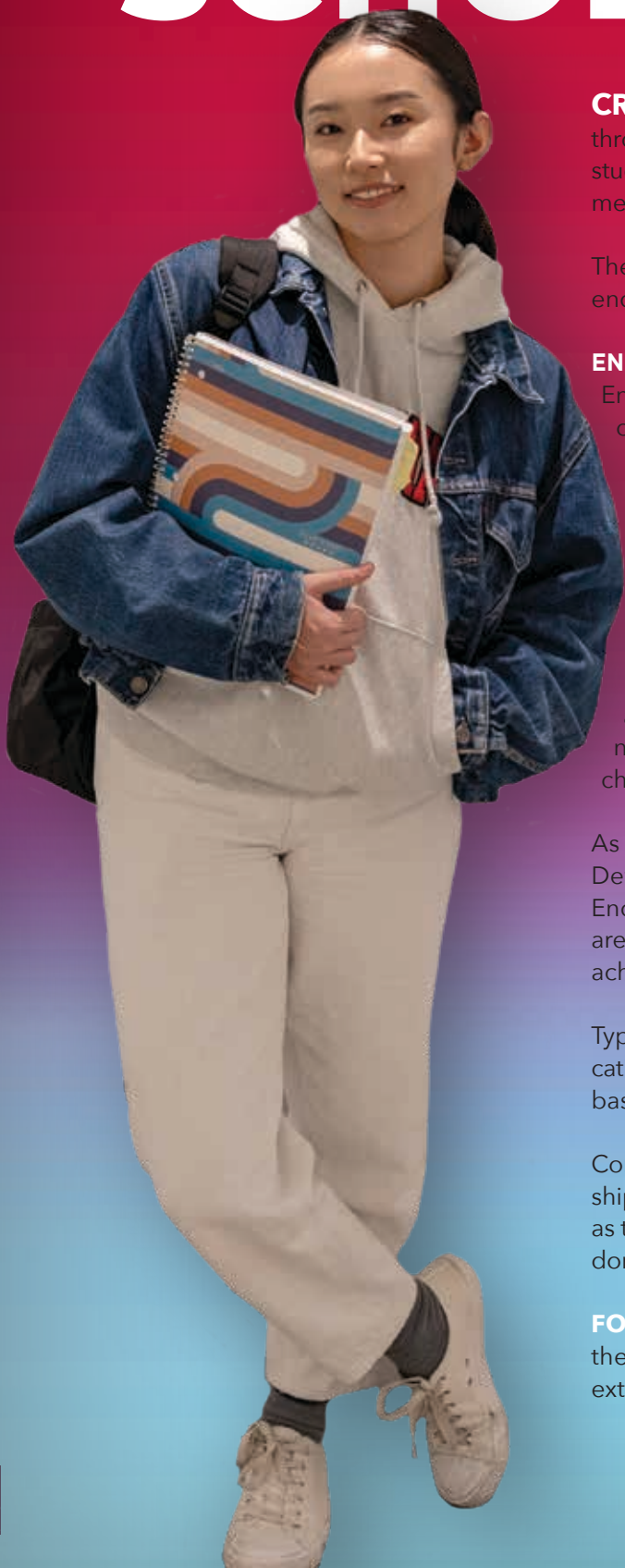
Annual scholarships can be established with an outright gift of any amount. Unlike an endowed scholarship, an annual scholarship is not a permanent fund and is awarded only as long as you (or others) choose to contribute to the fund.

As a scholarship donor, you choose the name and the criteria. The Development Foundation staff is available to help you with the process. Endowed and annual scholarships are awarded to students based upon area of interest, geographical origin, merit, financial need, academic achievement, or other criteria.

Typically, a selection committee carefully reviews the scholarship applications submitted by students and selects the most deserving recipient(s) based on the donor-established criteria.

Contributors of a scholarship fund are notified annually when the scholarship recipient(s) has been selected and are informed of the name, as well as the amount of the award. Recipients often write a thank you note to the donor, and in some cases the recipient(s) and donor are able to meet.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on establishing a scholarship, contact the Development Foundation at 701-858-3890 or 1-800-777-0750 ext. 3890. ■



Freer-Stannard continues her passion for teaching reading

By Emily Schmidt

MINOT STATE GAVE DONNA FREER-STANNARD '62 THE TOOLS SHE NEEDED TO PURSUE HER PASSION WHILE ALSO STAYING CONNECTED TO THE PEOPLE CLOSEST TO HER.

Freer-Stannard's mother, Eleanor Dorothy (Church) Freer '35, inspired her to earn a teaching certificate from Minot State College, still known as a normal school when her mother graduated.

"My mother worked all day as my teacher, and then at night, she would put her lesson plans together, so my entire childhood revolved around what was going on at school, day and night," Freer-Stannard said.

She attended a small country school outside of Mott, the same one her mother and father attended when they were children.

One specific subject and method especially excited Freer-Stannard: teaching reading using phonics, or the science of teaching basic reading skills by breaking words down into parts and using established rules to sound the word out. She realized this passion during her first year of teaching in Libby, Montana.

"Through my entire teaching career, I never ran across a situation like that in Montana, where they were so concentrated on teaching those kids how to read,"

she said. "I had a wonderful experience that year, and that inspired me to go back to North Dakota to get my four-year degree.

"I learned how to read through the process of phonics. I watched my mother teach it, and when I got to Minot, they had some really good teachers who were teaching phonics. I did it during my student teaching, so I felt pretty confident."

Once she earned her Bachelor of Science in elementary education, Freer-Stannard and two of her friends from Minot State — Joanne DesRoches-Curtis '60/'62 and the late Janice Lundt-Ward '62, who also taught with her in Montana — decided to take an adventure and begin the rest of their teaching careers in Stockton, California. While Freer-Stannard moved about an hour away to Fremont, where she still is today, the Minot State alumnae never grew apart until Lundt-Ward's passing earlier this year.

"The three of us got together for lunch about once every two or three months," she said.

Freer-Stannard taught fourth, fifth, and sixth grade

for 41 years, only three of which were not in Fremont, and she retired in 2002. She also earned a master's degree in administration and supervision with specialization in reading instruction from California State College-Hayward.

Since retiring, she hasn't lost touch with her passion for phonics either. Earlier this year, she reconnected with her alma mater and learned about Minot State's Reading Clinic and Early Literacy Camp hosted by the Center for the Applied Study of Cognition and Learning Sciences.

"They were talking in the news about how reading scores were plummeting all over the country, and I thought to myself, I wonder what's going on at Minot State, if they still have that reading program and are concentrating as much as they used to on teaching reading with the use of phonics," said Freer-Stannard. "When I found out that they were, I felt like it was an important place for me to set up an endowment to give back to the college and help all I could to show thankfulness for what I learned." ■



Photo courtesy of Anastassia Dunning

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ANNUAL AND ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are the pathway to a dream. They are the difference between a future attained and a future that remains out of reach. More than 452 scholarships have been established by individuals, organizations, and families wishing to empower generations of students.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Arts and Science Scholarship Endowment
Darrell and Joann Henry Scholarship Endowment
Tom Willis Scholarship Endowment

Art and Professional Communication

Art Scholarship Endowment
Harvey and Arlone Twyman Scholarship
Vadell Family Scholarship Endowment
Walter Piehl Scholarship Endowment

Biology

Douglas and Patti Bengson Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Byron and Chris (Gay) Blowers Scholarship Endowment
Randy and Pat Burckhard Scholarship Endowment
Rose Morgan Scholarship Endowment
Ruth and Charles Hoffman Botanical Scholarship Endowment

Criminal Justice

Arthur T. Wilson Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Balas Family Scholarship Endowment
Beall Law Scholarship
Criminal Justice Scholarship Endowment
Dan Draovitch Scholarship Endowment
Gary Holum Scholarship Endowment
Judge Wallace D. Berning Scholarship Endowment

Math and Computer Science

Agnes and Ray Ladendorf Scholarship Endowment
Blaine B. Kuist Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Erma Fahlgren Scholarship Endowment
Gordon R. Olson Applied Math Scholarship Endowment
Integrity Viking Funds Computer Science Scholarship Endowment
Mary Buchwitz/Quandt Scholarship Endowment
Math and Computer Science Scholarship Endowment
Robert and Jennifer Feller Scholarship Endowment
Robert L. Holmen Scholarship Endowment
Xcel Energy Scholarship Endowment

Performing Arts

Amstutz/Sundet Woodwinds Scholarship Endowment
Arthur and Rebecca LaBrant Scholarship Endowment
Bert Skakoon Music Scholarship Endowment
Bert Skakoon Strings Scholarship Endowment
Bram Davidson Writing Scholarship Endowment
Christopher Hanson Memorial Jazz Trombone Scholarship
Community Rocks Scholarship
Dorothy Van Sickle Music Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Ira-Paul Schwarz Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Joseph M. and Jackie Hegstad Scholarship Endowment
Evelyn Sampson Music Scholarship Endowment
Frances Leach-Blanche Lynch Memorial Scholarship
Gary Stenehjerm Organ Scholarship Endowment
Gay Gidley King Scholarship Endowment
Gwenlyn Lawlar Scholarship Endowment
Harold and Verna Aleshire Scholarship Endowment
Harvey and Arlone Twyman Scholarship
James M. Feller Scholarship Endowment
Jeanne M. Sandberg Music Endowment
John and Ann Jermiason Scholarship Endowment

John and Patricia Strohm Music Scholarship Endowment
Kenneth and DeVera Bowles Voice Scholarship Endowment
Langemo Family Scholarship Endowment
Lyle C. Hanson Scholarship Endowment
Lynne and Jon Rumney Scholarship Endowment
Mary Lou Soukup Excellence in Music Education Scholarship Endowment
Mike Berg Scholarship Endowment
Minot State University Summer Theatre Scholarship Endowment
Minot Symphony Association Scholarship Endowment
Minot Symphony League Scholarship Endowment
MSU Division of Music Student Teacher Scholarship Music Division Scholarship Endowment
Ralph Wallin Keyboard Scholarship Endowment
Robert O. "Red" Wuttke Scholarship Endowment
Ruth Schell-Overholser Endowed Fellowship
Ruth Schell-Overholser Scholarship Endowment
Sally Thomas Violin Scholarship Endowment
Stockman Sisters Music Scholarship Endowment
Tim L. and Lynn M. Smith Scholarship Endowment

Science

Agnes and Ray Ladendorf Scholarship Endowment
Balas Family Scholarship Endowment
Betty Ilijana Scholarship Endowment
Blaine B. Kuist Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Bob and Pat Nelson Scholarship Endowment
Clinton and Adlyn Morgan Scholarship Endowment
Cyril Moore Scholarship Endowment
Division of Science Scholarship Endowment
Douglas and Patti Bengson Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Byron and Chris (Gay) Blowers Scholarship Endowment
Erma Fahlgren Scholarship Endowment
George and Cecilia Klovstad Memorial Scholarship
Huldah Winsted Geology and Geography Scholarship Endowment
J. Spencer Overholser Scholarship Endowment
Jock Stevick Scholarship Endowment
Karen Olson Scholarship Endowment
Kevin and Merri Jo Connole Scholarship Endowment
Mary Buchwitz/Quandt Scholarship Endowment
Meiers' Science Scholarship Endowment
Rebecca Hill Medical Lab Science Scholarship Endowment
Srejima Family Scholarship Endowment
Sundre Sand and Gravel Earth Science and Geology Scholarship Endowment
Xcel Energy Scholarship Endowment

Social Science

Dr. Jonathan Wagner Scholarship Endowment
Dr. N.M. Lillehaugen History Scholarship Endowment
Frances Bane Crockett Scholarship Endowment
Merton and Karen Johnsrud Scholarship Endowment
Paul Morrison Scholarship Endowment
Sarah Martinsen Scholarship Endowment
Social Science Division Scholarship Endowment
Virginia P. George Scholarship Endowment

World Languages and Cultural Studies

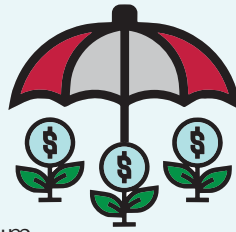
Division of Humanities Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Jonathan Wagner Scholarship Endowment
Genevieve Rammell Multilingualism Award
Harvey and Arlone Twyman Scholarship

Helen Hoar Memorial French Scholarship Endowment
Myrtle Nordwick Cantana Scholarship Endowment

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Aas Family Scholarship Endowment
Adelaide and Eleanor Johnson Scholarship Endowment
Ardella and Clinton Larson Scholarship Endowment
Ben and Theresa Wald Scholarship Endowment
Blaine and Kathy DesLauriers Scholarship Endowment
Bob Frantsvog Memorial Scholarship
Brock and Tiffany Teets Scholarship Endowment
Burger King Scholarship Endowment
Chris Lindbo Scholarship Endowment
ChuLinda Scholarship
College of Business Scholarship Endowment
Craig and Bonnie Van Sickle Scholarship Endowment
DAK Jam Scholarship Endowment
Dale D. Atwood Scholarship Endowment
David and Dolly Gowan Scholarship Endowment
Don L. Barber Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Doris A. Slaaten Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Byron and Chris (Gay) Blowers Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Richard Schlapman Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Tom and Anita Seymour Scholarship Endowment
E. James McIntyre Scholarship Endowment
Edson and Margaret Larson Scholarship
F. Bruce and Diane Walker Scholarship Endowment
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship
Integrity Viking Funds Business Scholarship Endowment
J. Bernard Busse Scholarship Endowment
Jan Barlow College of Business Scholarship Endowment
Janis Ann Dislevy Trust Endowed Scholarship
Jay and Dyanne Altringer Scholarship Endowment
John William Ross Theisen Scholarship Endowment
Jordan and Tasha Nelson Scholarship Endowment
Kevin and Joan Mattson Scholarship Endowment
Lee Badertscher Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Magic City Networking Business Scholarship Endowment
Marilyn Joy Selland Scholarship Endowment
Marv and Barb Semrau Scholarship Endowment
Mary Buchwitz/Quandt Scholarship Endowment
Mel Hoover and Spencer Hoover Business Scholarship Endowment
Michael and Nancy Lucy Scholarship Endowment
ND Texas Hold'em Poker Championship Scholarship Endowment
Ove Jorgensen Merit Scholarship Endowment
Pat and Mary Kay Jones Scholarship Endowment
Pat and ReNae Wheeler Scholarship Endowment
Peoples State Bank of Velva Scholarship Endowment
Randy and Pat Burckhard Scholarship Endowment
Richard L. Muus Business Scholarship Endowment
Robert and Ilze Sando Scholarship Endowment
Robert Torgerson Scholarship Endowment
Ron and Donna Hensen Scholarship Endowment
Schaefer Berg Scholarship Endowment
Severson Entrepreneurship Scholarship Endowment
Stephanie J. and Richard L. Strom Scholarship Endowment
Ted and Joan Brinkman Scholarship
Terry and Gail Johnson Scholarship Endowment
Terry and Lynne Summers Scholarship Endowment
Tim and Allison Vallely Scholarship Endowment

How to donate to an existing endowment fund



You can donate to an endowment fund in any amount as often as you like. With no minimum amount required, one can contribute in a variety of ways, from once-in-a-lifetime, to annually, or monthly.

Donations can also be made in honor of or to memorialize someone special.

Tim and Laura Mihalick Scholarship Endowment
 Todd and Della Erickson Family Scholarship
 Vicky and Rich Campbell Scholarship Endowment
 Yvonne Schultz Scholarship Endowment

Accounting and Finance

Accounting Scholarship Endowment
 Brady Martz & Associates Scholarship
 Burt and Gwen Traub College of Business Scholarship Endowment
 Dr. Richard C. Walker Scholarship Endowment
 Gary Hovdestad Accounting Scholarship Endowment
 Janis Ann Dislevy Trust Endowed Scholarship
 Jerry Stai Scholarship
 Joan Houston Scholarship Endowment
 Pearl Stusrud Scholarship Endowment

Business Administration

Luther and Diann (Witham) Hanson Scholarship Endowment

BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MSIS Scholarship Endowment
 Roger Mergenthal Scholarship Endowment

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Blaine and Kathy DesLauriers Scholarship Endowment
 Darrell and Joann Henry Scholarship Endowment
 Minot Eagles Aerie 2376 Scholarship Endowment
 Pat and ReNae Wheeler Scholarship Endowment

Addiction Studies, Psychology, and Social Work

Donna Stevick Scholarship
 Dr. Richard Sheldon Psychology and Addiction Counseling Scholarship Endowment
 George Shipley Addiction Studies Scholarship Endowment
 Jim Wahlberg Social Work Scholarship Endowment
 Julia Burke Scholarship Endowment
 Kay Erickson Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Michael and Susan Hummel Scholarship Endowment
 Sarah Martinsen Student Social Work Organization Scholarship Endowment
 St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation-Social Work Scholarship

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Bob and Pat Nelson Communication Disorders Scholarship Endowment

Communication Sciences and Disorders Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Dr. David Williams Scholarship Endowment
 Dr. Lesley Magnus Scholarship Endowment
 Edna Gilbert Scholarship Endowment
 Gaylon Klimpel Scholarship
 Hearing and Training Center Scholarship Endowment
 Keith and Patricia White Scholarship Endowment
 Leisa and Kevin Harmon Communication Sciences and Disorders Scholarship Endowment
 Lunday Scholarship Endowment
 North Dakota Speech, Language and Hearing Association Scholarship Endowment
 Sertoma Club of Minot Scholarship Endowment
 Sheryl Fursteneau Sharp Scholarship Endowment
 St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation-CD Scholarship
 Susan Haanstra Elsom Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Terry and Ann Zeltinger Scholarship Endowment

Nursing

Alma M. (Bratlien) Arends Scholarship Endowment
 Anna L. Indergaard Nursing Scholarship
 Betsy Nogleby Scholarship Endowment
 Betty Jean Halvorson Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Clarence M. Kringlee Scholarship Trust Fund
 Department of Nursing Alumni Scholarship Endowment
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 Elma Severson Scholarship
 Emma L. Misner Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Evelyn R. Nielsen/Mary (Nielsen) Smith Scholarship Endowment
 Fabricius-Steinle Scholarship Endowment
 Francis Svee Scholarship Endowment
 Grace Fisher Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Gunnar Solberg Scholarship Endowment
 Helen Chatfield Shurr Scholarship Endowment
 Hillside Scholarship
 Janelle (Jehlicka) Verhey Scholarship Endowment
 Janice Smith Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Jim and Karen Jensen Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Joan Love Christianson Nursing Scholarship Endowment

John and Leslie Coughlin Scholarship Endowment
 Keith and Elema Cunningham Scholarship Endowment
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 Leonard Boehmer Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Lois Bellet Williams Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Loretta F. Holub Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Maloney Educational Trust Scholarship Endowment
 Margaret Bruce Scholarship
 Marita Hoffart Scholarship
 Mark Ronde Memorial Scholarship
 Minot Moose Lodge Scholarship Endowment
 Nels T. and Oline Blikre Scholarship Endowment
 Orma and Halvor Nesheim Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Otto R. and Irene E. Johnson Scholarship Endowment
 Patrick Kelly Muus Memorial Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Patty Lou Pietsch Trzruc Memorial Scholarship Endowment
 Power of 1 Nursing Scholarship Endowment in Memory of Gabrielle Feller
 Randy and Holly Arneson Scholarship Endowment
 Randy and Pat Burckhard Scholarship Endowment
 Richard R. and Joyce Eckart Family Scholarship Endowment
 Roger Drobash Nursing Education Scholarship Endowment
 Ron and Donna Hensen Scholarship Endowment
 St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation-Nursing Scholarship
 Stephen Larson/Lawrence and Geraldine Larson Family Scholarship Endowment
 Tracy Petersen Snyder Scholarship Endowment
 William N. "Skip" Shirley Memorial Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Yvonne Falstad Hoover Nursing Scholarship Endowment

Special Education

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Old Main Society Members Michael and Peggy Vandall — Minot

Medical sciences, green

MICHAEL AND PEGGY VANDALL BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF GRATITUDE.

"I like the saying 'count your blessings, not your troubles,' and Peggy and I have had a good share of blessings, so it only makes sense to give back," Michael Vandall said. "I believe that gratitude and being thankful are great virtues. Generosity makes you feel better."

The Vandalls have been a mainstay in Minot's medical field for over 40 years. Michael, a graduate of the University of North Dakota's School of Medicine and the first graduate in the INMED (Indians Into Medicine) Program in 1976, enjoyed a career as an OB-GYN, while Peggy is a retired registered nurse.

Active in their profession and community, Peggy was a member of the United Way Board of Directors in Minot and an award-winning quilter. Michael used a commercial-rated pilot's license to see the country, attend medical and aviation conferences, and work with Native Americans.

"I've had a great interest in aviation," he said. "I could fly to medical conferences I wanted to attend or pilot seminars. I devoted much of my practice to being a consultant and referral source for Native American women, and I could fly to different reservations in Arizona, New

Mexico, Oklahoma, and both North and South Dakota to do that work."

Their philanthropy at Minot State University came about through this association with medical science and a love of the outdoors manifesting in support of the greenhouse project.

"I do love horticulture and the beautiful green spaces we have here in Minot including Oak and Roosevelt Parks," Vandall said. "During the pandemic, where everyone was debilitated with anxiety and fear, I found the parks to be the best place to help alleviate some of that. I'm awestruck by nature, it's very relaxing and inspiring to me.

"MSU is a fine, local university, there are a lot of students who are in pre-med or other medical fields, and it has a great reputation for nursing and communication disorders. The biologic sciences are important, so we undertook the greenhouse project."

Extended Learning Lifelong Learning Institute playing pickleball.

"I really enjoy sports and sports psychology and have recently been able to get to the University for pickleball," he said. "Kevin Yale '74 has been a great coach and teacher to get an old geezer to up his game. I also met student-athlete Lafayette Bade who is a great inspiration. They have both made an impression on me."

Interactions with individuals like Yale and Bade have solidified the Vandalls' relationship with the University.

"It's been gratifying to work with MSU because of people like Dr. Shirley (MSU president Steven Shirley), Rick Hedberg '89 (vice president for advancement/MSU Development Foundation executive director), and Steve Lipp '90 (former MSU Development Foundation officer) on the greenhouse project and the late Dr. (Erik) Shaar (former MSU president) and Dick

"It really makes me think about all the teachers, professors, and mentors who have helped and taught me and believed and inspired me."

While neither attended MSU, both have ties back to the University. When Peggy suffered a stroke, part of her rehabilitation was at MSU's Communication Disorders Clinic. Michael was a member of the MSU Board of Regents from 1993-2004 and has been active in the Center for

Jenkins (former vice president for student affairs) when I was on the board," Vandall said. "It really makes me think about all the teachers, professors, and mentors who have helped and taught me and believed and inspired me.

"I've always held education in high regard." ■

spaces inspire Vandalls

By Michael Linnell



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Justin and Jamie Hammer — Minot

Hammers invested on multiple levels

By Amanda Duchsherer

FOR JUSTIN AND JAMIE (BRIGHT) '05 HAMMER, THEIR CONNECTIONS WITH MINOT STATE ARE BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL.

As president of Investors Management & Marketing Inc. (IMM), Justin believes in the relationships built between the company and MSU.

"IMM has always been very involved with Minot State — Jay Altringer '75, CPM chief operating officer, is a big part of the University so as a company we've always

given to them," he said. "If something comes up that's attached to Minot State, we want to be a part of it somehow.

"We have also started a paid internship program and have had two great students so far, Brett Hlebechuk '21, former Minot State admissions counselor and current

graduate student, and Hayle Guy '22, executive assistant at Boppre Law Firm. It's been another way to create a new connection, and we're currently looking for our third intern."

For Jamie, her move from 17 years in nursing to becoming an assistant nursing professor in 2022



"We see the positive impact the college has on the community that we're a part of," said Justin. "And that has led to us personally wanting to be involved with the University."

has given her a different way to give back.

"What really drew me to nursing, especially bedside nursing, was that I could make relationships with the patients I had," the MSU Alumni Association Board of Directors member said. "And as a nurse working the floor, and then in management, I really appreciated having Minot State students come to the hospital. I knew how much of an impact a positive preceptor had on them, and now, as a professor, I can teach them the foundation of nursing and give them

the support they need in the classroom and when taking them to clinicals.

"I get to bring all of that relationship building together."

In addition to daughter Martine beginning her studies towards a biology degree at Minot State in Fall 2023, the Hammers have other strong personal connections, especially related to giving.

"We've been a challenge donor on MSU Giving Day to help try to raise additional funds, and we like to focus on nursing, hockey, and golf," Justin said. "We contributed

more this year than last year, and hopefully, we can continue to increase that every year."

By contributing funds to the projects that mean the most to them, their gifts also enable others to increase their impact on the Development Foundation's annual 24-hour fundraising campaign.

The couple's dedication to the two athletic programs, nursing scholarships, and the nursing simulation fund is something Jamie gets to see come to fruition in the classroom as well.

"When I went to nursing school, I can't remember a time where we had an athlete as a nursing student," she said. "And we have totally shifted to understanding the importance of what an athlete brings to nursing, to Minot State. I'm so happy we were able to make that shift, and today we have a lot of really amazing nursing students that are athletes as well."

"We see the positive impact the college has on the community that we're a part of," said Justin. "And that has led to us personally wanting to be involved with the University." ■



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Logan Gunderson

— Velva

Gunderson makes impact on field, as a donor

By Mike Stetson

STANDING OVER THE FOOTBALL, BRACING FOR THE IMPACT OF THE CHARGING DEFENSIVE PLAYERS, MINOT STATE CENTER LOGAN GUNDERSON'S FOCUS FOR FOUR SEASONS AND 43 GAMES WAS ON PROTECTING HIS QUARTERBACK AND BLOCKING FOR HIS RUNNING BACKS.

But the second-generation Beaver and native of Berthold also recognized the impact others had on his opportunity to play football, and since his playing days,

he's committed himself to making the same impact.

Just a half-dozen years removed from his own college career, Gunderson is making a difference as a multi-faceted

donor to Minot State, annually supporting the Beavers over the past five years financially while also giving of his time as a member of the Beaver Booster Board of Directors



and most recently, serving on the search committee for Minot State's new football coach.

"I am just trying to give back as much as I can," said Gunderson, who graduated in December 2017 with degrees in accounting and finance and began his professional career in the finance world just a few months later with Farm Credit Services.

Since then, he has earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of North Dakota and became an ag lending officer at First Western Bank & Trust.

A local farm boy whose mom, Rhonda (Erickson) '99, graduated from Minot State and whose dad, Shane, also was a Beaver, Logan admits he looked at other colleges when considering his playing options but adds, "I also wanted to go someplace where I knew I could play and have an impact."

On the Minot State campus since his junior high days when he started attending Beaver football camps, Gunderson stepped in as a redshirt freshman and played in every game but one — because of a concussion — at

center, making a huge impact during his four-year career.

A big family guy, the chance to play just 30 minutes from home provided the perfect opportunity for his parents to watch him play, as well. They made all but one of his games, and his grandparents saw every game.

And while he had an impact on the field for the Beavers, scholarships influenced his ability to play football and earn his degree and he never lost sight of the impact of that support.

"None of this works without all those generations stacked

on top of each other who give back," Gunderson said.

Soon after graduating and embarking on his professional career, he began giving back with small donations. But with time, his contributions continue to grow in a variety of ways.

"The employment I have is because of Minot State and people who knew who I was," said Gunderson. "I try and support the football program as much as I can, they gave me so much, and it's time to give back to some of those kids. Minot State has done so much for me so I do what I can." ■



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The end of an era

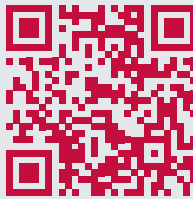
Due to deteriorating conditions, Minot State was awarded funding in the 2023 legislative session to demolish Dakota Hall, turning it's former location into green space.

Do you have memories of your time in

DAKOTA HALL

that you would like to share?

Bethany Andreasen's History of North Dakota class will be researching the history of Dakota Hall this fall and would like to include your memories in their presentations. If you would like to contribute to this effort, scan the code or visit <https://oer.MinotStateU.edu/projects/dh/> to contact Andreasen.



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Lesley Magnus

— Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada



Magnus leaves a legacy

By Amanda Duchsherer

WHEN LESLEY (CHLOPAN) MAGNUS '85/'86 RETURNED TO MINOT STATE AS A COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS PROFESSOR, SHE ONLY INTENDED TO TEACH FOR THE DURATION OF HER TWO-YEAR CONTRACT.

Instead, she stayed at the University for 18 years.

"I trained at Minot State, and I knew it was a good program," the May 2023 retiree said. "I had seen that firsthand, and then when I was a frontline speech-language pathologist, I often took MSU students for their practical experiences, their externships.

"A lot of the students in the program aren't from Minot, and I could in some ways be that mothering figure.

"We lost six babies, and that was a real challenge. Had any lived, I would not have come to teach at Minot, I would have been busy raising those children. I've told my students that story, and they said, 'But you have been mothering to us.'"

Part of that community involvement has been through monetary donations as well.

"I have stepchildren who I love dearly, but I don't have biological children," she said. "So, I want to have something that's a legacy for the next generation."

With the creation of the Dr. Lesley Magnus Scholarship Endowment, she will

continue to positively impact future speech-language pathologists.

"I remember as a student, that it can be so hard to make ends meet," she said. "If there's any chance a student doesn't have to work during their tenure on campus, it gives them the opportunity to really focus on what's most important at that time." ■

"I wanted my students to become the best speech-language pathologists that they could, but I also wanted them to have a person that could be there for them."

"Knowing they were still being trained really well, made me want to be a part of that. And I loved the idea that I could give back to my profession, too. It's a full circle sort of thing."

Magnus spent breaks and long weekends at the home she shares with her husband, Randy, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. While in the Magic City, she immersed herself in more than just the classroom.

"I wanted my students to become the best speech-language pathologists that they could, but I also wanted them to have a person that could be there for them," she said.

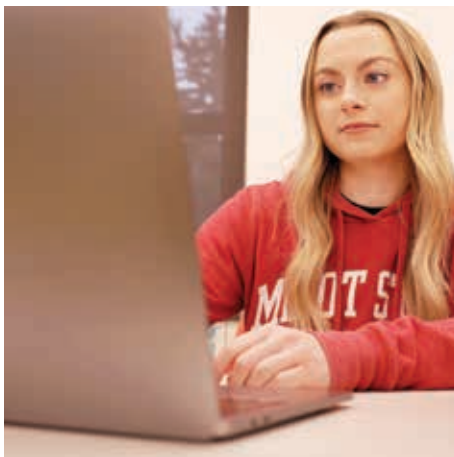
The Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Sciences and Disorders spent much of her time at students' events, from hockey and basketball games to band and choir performances. Within her department, she often served as faculty mentor and advisor for the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association.

"My belief is that teaching is not a 9 - 3 job," she said. "I tried to come early and leave late, and I tried to be involved as much as I possibly could. A teacher is not just going and teaching your class. A teacher is being engulfed in the community of the university."



HIGHLIGHT

Minot State University's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science is offering a new data science degree beginning Fall 2023. Data science takes partial information and seeks to make reliable conclusions. Students will now be able to choose from earning their Bachelor of Science, minor, or program certificate in data science or a program certificate in data analytics from the University. All core data science courses are available online or in person on Minot State's campus. The program draws from three key areas that define data science today: math, computer science, and business.



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The home field of Minot State University football and soccer is sporting a newly installed FieldTurf playing surface and has a new name as MSU announced a 10-year naming rights agreement with First Western Bank & Trust. The Beavers' home is now known as First Western Bank Field at Herb Parker Stadium. While this is the first time the field will bear a name, it is the second time the University partnered with industry leader FieldTurf for the surface. MSU originally installed FieldTurf as part of Phase I of the Herb Parker Stadium renovation in 2010. The stadium is named after former Minot State football coach, basketball coach, and athletic director Herbert M. Parker.



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Langemos strengthen community through MSU

By Michael Linnell

DAN AND JERLYN (DOERR) '80 LANGEMO WANT TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY OF MINOT AS A WHOLE AND FEEL THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE TO START THAN MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY.

"We have supported a variety of things at MSU because the University connects with the entire community," Dan said. "It's important to us because it is important for Minot, and our philosophy is if Minot State can thrive, there is a good likelihood that the greater Minot area will as well."

Much of that support has come in the form of helping the performing arts. Jeri's association with MSU started with music many years prior to enrolling and eventually earning a degree in music education.

"I've been in Minot since I was about 5 years old. I subsequently graduated from Minot High and was playing in the symphony at about that time," she said. "But my connections with music-related activities at Minot State actually started much earlier with Northwest Music Festival and events like that."



After the couple met and were married in 1982, Dan's first formal association with the University came in the late 1980s, when he became manager for the Minot Symphony Association's endowment fund, a position he held for over 30 years. He is a past chair of the MSU Board of Regents and currently serves as vice president of the MSU Development Foundation and vice president of MSU Summer Theatre board.

Jeri has also been very involved with Summer Theatre. In addition to appearing in a number of performances onstage, she has served as musical director and has been a keyboard player in the orchestra pit.

"Summer Theatre, the Minot Symphony Orchestra,

and Western Plains Opera have all touched people's lives and those connections were made possible because of Minot State," Jeri said.

"The Western Plains Children's Choir is especially near and dear to my heart because it is where our kids started back in third grade."

Their association with MSU has progressed over the years, and now has blossomed beyond just the two of them.

"Our daughter Katie '11 maintains close ties with Summer Theatre and still comes back (from Minneapolis) every summer to choreograph a show," Dan said. "Katie's time with Summer Theatre goes all the way back to when she and her older brother (Tim) were in 'The Wizard of Oz' at ages 4 and 5."

"I remember because she fell into the orchestra pit during a rehearsal and had to go to the emergency room," Jeri added.

Daughter Karen has also appeared in a number of MSU performance groups, including Minot Symphony Orchestra, Concert Choir, Percussion Ensemble, as well as various Summer Theatre appearances.

The recent renovation of the iconic north hill amphitheater is a testament to the tangible benefits of helping to better MSU.

"The amphitheater renovation project is a perfect example of where local, private dollars have turned into something wonderful," Dan said. "It is great to see it finally come to

fruition after all the planning and hard work."

They have also established two scholarship endowments on campus. Jeri especially understands and appreciates the power of scholarship money and how it can change a young person's life.

"My parents got me started, but I worked to finish my degree," she said. "So, to support these young people with financial assistance is important, so they can focus on school and all the activities provided on campus."

"We are now seeing our scholarship dollars being awarded to students and have had a chance to meet some of these individuals and attend their recitals and other performances," Dan added. "It is very gratifying." ■



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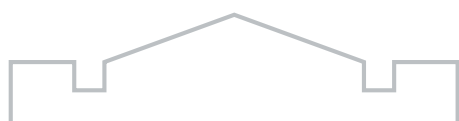
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Minot State University and Minot State Summer Theatre announced the green room at the newly renovated MSU Amphitheater will be named after longtime professor Kevin Neuharth '74. Neuharth spent 40 years teaching communication arts at Minot State and is synonymous with the stage in Minot, directing 149 plays. The updated Kevin R. Neuharth Green Room is part of an overall \$2.8 million renovation that has spanned the past two summers.



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Minot State announced the addition of men's club soccer to begin play in Fall 2023.

The team is not affiliated with the Minot State Athletics Department and NCAA Division II but will join a robust list of clubs at the University.

Minot State University Beavers FC hired its first-ever coach in former MSU women's soccer head coach Jason Spain. He was the architect for MSU women's soccer and built it

into a conference contender, earning four trips to the NCAA Division II National Tournament.



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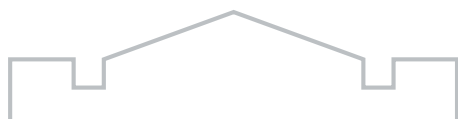
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Minot State community saddened by the passing of Shaar



THE MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY community was saddened to learn of the passing of former University President Dr. H. Erik Shaar.

Shaar, who was MSU's president from 1992-2004, passed away on May 11 in Sneads Ferry, North Carolina, at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife, Jane; sister, Christine Hogarth; and daughters, Gretchen Shaar-Hagwood (R. Bruce Hagwood) and Rachel Roach (Sean Roach).

"On behalf of the entire Minot State community, we mourn the passing of President Emeritus Erik Shaar. We extend our deepest condolences to Jane and the Shaar family," said Minot State President Dr. Steven Shirley. "Dr. Shaar will be remembered for moving the University forward, both

physically, with improvements to multiple campus facilities, and virtually, by launching MSU's online programs. His commitment to helping build the MSU Development Foundation continues positively impacting our students today and into the future."

Shaar was raised in Pennsylvania and majored in music at West Chester State College. During a stint in the U.S. Air Force, he played cello in its symphony orchestra. He earned a doctorate in music from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1964.

His academic career started at Northern Michigan University, where he taught music. He was dean of fine arts and humanities at Chicago State University, became Shippenburg University's vice president of academic affairs, and was president of Lake Superior State University from 1986-1992.

During his time as president, Minot State extended its campus boundaries by launching an online delivery program, the first in North Dakota. MSU remodeled the 90,000-square-foot Memorial Hall in 1996 and renovated several other campus buildings including the MSU Dome, Cyril Moore Science Center, Hartnett Hall,

Old Main, and the Student Center.

In 1993, the Old Main Society was established to recognize cumulative contributions to the University. Shaar increased the school's endowment to \$11 million by the end of his presidency, a 700% increase from his first year.

Shaar was an avid supporter of the arts while at MSU, performing with the Minot Symphony Orchestra and, on occasion, wielding the conductor's baton.

He continued to teach music and music appreciation after retiring in 2004. ■





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