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## LRSC—Changing lives!

Like most high school seniors, when Evan Stack first looked at attending Lake Region State College, she wondered if it would be a good fit. Some high school students overlook LRSC because it's small and in a small town, but that appealed to Evan.

*"Lake Region State College was introduced to me in my senior year of high school, a year filled with stressful days worrying about going to a big university. I was terrified because I knew how hard it was for a lot of people. When I learned about Lake Region, I thought it sounded friendly and didn't seem too far away from home. After just a few days my whole perspective was changed," she said. "This college is a great stepping stone to what comes next!"*

That's exactly what LRSC always has been and still is. Our solid, strong, innovative, and yes, smaller campus is the gateway to the region's hottest careers.

Faculty and staff provide a comfortable learning atmosphere. Stack says one thing she loves about LRSC is that there is always someone to help. *"Teachers and staff don't simply pass you off*

*to the next person. They make it their job to get you what you need as soon as they can."*

*"We change lives' is more than a tagline; it's our daily mission,"* said Doug Darling, LRSC president.

Today is an exciting time to be a college student, he says.

The workforce is demanding employees with communications, leadership, and "soft" skills as well as the exceptional technical skills they learn at LRSC. From nurses to wind turbine technicians, mechanics to marketing specialists, our students are poised for bright futures with many job options.

They benefit from hands-on learning experiences, applying classroom theory in live labs that require face-to-face instruction on specialized equipment. Many also capitalize on educational internship opportunities through partnerships with area businesses and industry.

LRSC works with other NDUS campuses to deliver programs as efficiently as possible. Written articulation agreements for most majors within the North Dakota University System allow for seamless transfer of general education requirements.

Through the Dakota Nursing Program—a partnership of four North Dakota community colleges—the LRSC Nursing program is filling the need for nurses across North Dakota. Besides having

a strong enrollment at its home campus, LRSC offers nursing in Grand Forks and Mayville.

A program called LAUNCH! is offered on the UND campus which allows students who do not meet UND entrance requirements to take classes from LRSC in Grand Forks. When they successfully qualify as transfer students, they are able to enroll at UND and continue their studies.

*"We deliver many programs and courses via distance education technologies,"* Darling added. *"We offer online, hybrid, and interactive video courses. We deliver needed programs when and where employers and students need them."*

Peace Officer Training is held at the campus and in Grand Forks, Fargo, and Minot.

Community colleges like LRSC also have a mission to be an entry point for anyone seeking the opportunity to learn. They make physical entry points

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## Precision Ag Teaching the next generation of agriculturalists

The CHS Foundation and LRSC share a passion for preparing the next generation of agriculturalists. A generous grant from the CHS Foundation is helping faculty in the college's Dakota Precision Agriculture Center (DPAC) build a fleet of simulators to use when teaching many core agriculture skills. Some of the simulators were available for purchase, ready-made, and some had to be "invented." But all are proving to be exciting and effective ways to strengthen student learning.

## Simulation—an exciting and effective way to strengthen student learning.

Preston Sundeen, DPAC faculty member was excited to get started with the project. *"Simulators make it possible for learners to watch as textbook theories come alive. They provide hands-on learning that helps students make sense of abstract concepts."*

The CHS project made it possible for LRSC to build and/or purchase 5 simulators to use in recruiting and teaching:

- The rainfall simulator helps students understand and prevent/minimize runoff. It includes tools to test soil nutrients, soil culture, respiration, etc. and tanks for growing native grasses, crops and weeds.
- Root development simulator and growth

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## It's our daily mission

## College for Kids a great success!



Who would want to go back to school in the middle of summer? About 150 Lake Region youngsters did, attending College for Kids at Lake Region State College the week of July 17.

About 150 children in grades 1 through 6 participated in College for Kids, a fun, enriching program which challenges kids to use their imaginations, ask questions, think creatively, experiment, meet new friends and experience a taste of college.

The courses are designed to be fun and educational. They are challenging, but no homework is assigned nor grades given. Students were enrolled in classes from culinary arts (at left), police academy, nurse camp, and agriculture to dance, outdoors, pioneer days, and more. ■



## See what we have to offer!

**LRSC** is committed to being a progressive and diverse institution as it prepares students for success in a rapidly changing local, national, and world community. We offer unique and varied programs which will provide students with exciting job opportunities and advanced positions of responsibility. Enroll in one of these exciting programs of study:

■ **Associate in Arts/Associate in Science**—Universities throughout the country are transfer-friendly. It's not uncommon for AA and AS degrees to be accepted as a block of study in place of specific first- and second-year course requirements

■ **American Sign Language and Interpreting Studies**—Interpreters are needed in a wide variety of settings including education, medical, human service, legal, and performance arts.

■ **Automotive Technology**—Work in a variety of fields in the industry including dealerships, independent shops, and service centers.

■ **Business Administration**—Prepare to transfer for a baccalaureate degree after completing this AA program which provides a broad understanding of finance, management, and marketing. Students may focus on accounting, marketing, or management.

■ **Early Childhood Education**—Learn to work with children in childcare facilities, recreation centers, schools, private homes, and children's institutions.

■ **Farm Management**—Designed to provide farmers with the opportunity to gather information and develop the skills they need to keep pace in the rapidly advancing technology of production agriculture.

■ **Fitness Trainer Technician**—Play an invaluable role in promoting healthy living through proper nutrition and physical activity.

■ **Information Technology**—Acquire the business application and technical skills needed for entry-level

positions in a wide array of business settings.

■ **Law Enforcement**—A common requirement for advancement in law enforcement careers.

■ **Marketing**—Prepare for exciting jobs in sales, digital marketing, and marketing management.

■ **Nursing**—Begin a challenging career in nursing and learn to care for patients in a variety of health care settings such as hospitals and long-term care facilities.

■ **Peace Officer Training**—A rigorous one-semester program to prepare for employment as a peace officer in North Dakota.

■ **Precision Agriculture**—The demand on farmers to continuously produce more food, fiber, fuel, and pharmaceuticals for the world has made it necessary that they become more efficient by using various forms of precision ag technologies.

■ **Simulation Technology**—Learn to troubleshoot, repair, and maintain electronic and mechanical components of simulators used in pilot training, entertainment, and other applications.

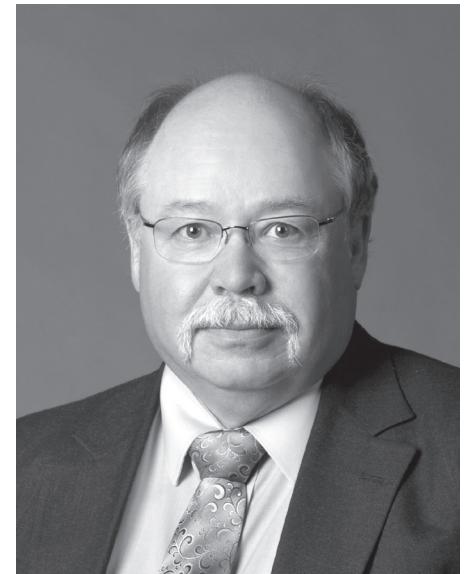
■ **Speech Language Pathology Paraprofessional**—Become a school-based paraprofessional. Learn to administer speech language screenings and carry out therapeutic tasks.

■ **Wind Energy Technician**—Rapid industry growth has sparked a growing need for technicians. It takes one highly trained technician to maintain and repair ten wind turbines.

Helping students succeed is our number one priority. LRSC offers educational outreach and life-long learning opportunities that encourage our students to reach beyond their limitations.

Enroll today and take the first step toward a lifetime of success!

## From the desk of Doug Darling President Lake Region State College



Dear Friends of LRSC,

Many have seen commercials that promote DNA testing which allows you to learn more about your unique family history, even your heritage, thanks to a simple test. People may learn they have lived their whole lives believing they are of one ethnic mix only to discover they are mistaken. They find long-lost or never-known relatives because of a massive database of knowledge which is growing every day.

Exploration is evolving, thanks to technology!

Many of us, however, do know what our background and heritage is, and if you are from the Dakotas or Minnesota, chances are some or more of your ancestors came from Scandinavia. So, we have come up with a community travel-abroad excursion—Scandinavia: The Capitals & the Fjords with the President.

Join me and English/Humanities instructor Teresa Tande as we marvel at Norway's amazing green cliffs and blue water and then set sail from Oslo to Denmark's waterside capital. The group will hit the remaining Nordic capitals—Stockholm and Helsinki, two of the world's most livable cities—and explore their maritime pasts and modern architecture.

The trip runs from May 31 to June 13. We invite you to sign up and join us. Call us at (701) 662-1600 or go to [travelingwithteresa.grouptoursite.com](http://travelingwithteresa.grouptoursite.com) for more information.

Education evolves with technology, too. Lake Region State College continues to improve programs and courses with the use of new software, online components, equipment, and more. Industry partnerships and donor gifts enhance our programs; our students expand their learning and are prepared for today's world when they leave LRSC to seek out their career dreams or to continue their education.

Thanks to gifts of support from donors and industry partners, LRSC is preparing a well-rounded workforce. Many of these gifts are eligible for the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Match where one dollar of state funds matches each two dollars raised allowing donors to strengthen their gifts. They may also be eligible for valuable tax incentives.

It's a win-win for everyone involved!

Thank you, and "god dag!"

Doug Darling, Ph.D.



## New Cyber Security concentration

*Technology constantly changes, and the LRSC Information Technology program prepares students to rise to the occasion*

IT, as it is commonly called, is all about combining the power of computing with the study of managerial know-how and social issues to effectively solve problems. LRSC's program is designed to prepare students for information-oriented office environments as they learn a variety of computer applications.

Students select one of four concentrations:

- Web Design/Computer Support;
- Office Technologies, offered in Grand Forks only;
- transfer to Valley City State's bachelor program; or
- the newly added Cyber Security.

"Cyber security training is going to be a huge draw because it is easily adaptable to an on-the-job training format,"

explains instructor Heidi Schneider. "We're currently looking for local apprenticeship arrangements where students can gain valuable hands-on experience while they earn their degrees. Many students find that their hands-on experience helps them along as they climb the ladder in their careers," Schneider explains.

During their course of study, students are also exposed to Internet-based simulated labs and diverse situations. IT instructors are continually adjusting to changes by staying up to date with certifications and instructional techniques.

Whether it's customer service, networking, working for a financial institution, or working on the farm, IT students are equipped to meet technology challenges in a wide variety of fields. ■

## A language for all cultures

*There is a need for interpreters in so many areas*

Many graduates of LRSC's American Sign Language and Interpreting Studies program find their lives, relationships, and careers enriched by their knowledge of ASL and deaf culture.

"I never had much exposure to American Sign Language or deaf culture growing up," says LRSC graduate Kendra MacDonald.

"The best thing about being at LRSC was surrounding myself with deaf friends and others who knew sign language in order to make it my life."

MacDonald now works as an interpreter for the Rapid City School District where being able to touch the lives of young deaf or hearing-impaired students brings her joy.

Studying a short walk from North Dakota School for the Deaf, LRSC American Sign Language students have plenty of face-to-face, one-on-one practice.

"We're always moving, always engaging students with real life opportunities to enrich their experience, and the School for the Deaf gives them the immersion they need to be proficient," said instructor Lisa Ginther.

And now, a new partnership with Minot State University allows LRSC students to expand their education and credentials as interpreters.

"Collaborating with MSU gives our graduates the opportunity to earn their four-year degrees online right here in Devils Lake if they wish," Ginther added.

ASL courses also are being offered to high schools through the Dual Credit program. High schoolers immerse themselves in a new language and start using it at a younger age. This may inspire them to pursue interpreting as a career or find ways to incorporate interpreting into other careers. ASL proves useful across a spectrum of vocations such as education, medical, human services, or legal and performance arts. ■

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available for anyone who is place- or time-bound.

"Best of all, we deliver the programs for tomorrow's workforce at a competitive cost," Darling said.

A student who commutes and attends LRSC before transferring to a four-year university to complete a degree saves almost \$19 thousand compared to the student who goes straight to a four-year

university. The savings are even greater when compared to the student who goes to a private university.

Evan chose to attend LRSC because she thought it sounded friendly and close to home. What she didn't realize then was that even though it is small, LRSC is a solid, strong, and innovative college, her stepping stone to great careers and opportunities. ■

## Learning the ropes!



A grant from the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education allowed the college to set up a booth at the North Dakota State Fair this summer.

Visitors are shown here trying their hand at climbing ropes which is a skill taught in the Wind Energy Technician program. Also available for a "test drive" were John Deere Gator and combine simulators from the Dakota Precision Ag program.

Guests at LRSC's booth could also try their hand at flying the F-16 flight simulator used by students in the Simulator Technology program.

If you're interested in learning more, call (701) 662-1600 or check our website at [www.LRSC.edu](http://www.LRSC.edu). ■

## Auto program receives accreditation

The LRSC Automotive Technology program has received continued accreditation from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

To achieve this coveted recognition, the program underwent rigorous evaluation. The renewed Master certification proves that program instruction, facilities, and equipment meet or exceed industry standards.

The auto program is certified in the following areas:

- Engine Repair
- Automatic Transmis-

- sion
- Manual Drive Train
- Suspension and Steering
- Brakes
- Electrical Systems
- Heating and A/C
- Engine Performance

"Lake Region State College partners and cooperates with industry leaders and employers to enhance student experience and education," said President Doug Darling.

The LRSC Automotive Technology program has maintained continuing NATEF accreditation for more than thirty years. ■

## Enel Green Power Scholarships for Wind Energy students

Wind turbine technician is one of the nation's fastest growing careers, and Enel Green Power North America, Inc. (EGP-NA) is helping students entering that field.

EGP-NA, operators of the Lindahl wind farm in Tioga, North Dakota, have launched a new opportunity that will assist North Dakota residents enrolled

in LRSC's Wind Energy Technician program. Students are eligible to apply for one of two \$2,500 scholarships. Preference is given to students from the Tioga and Williams County area.

worked closely with industry to design a wind energy program which prepares students for careers in the industry.

The LRSC Wind Energy Technician program is the first of its kind in the state of North Dakota.

Students may complete a one-year certificate program or continue for a second year to earn an

Associate in Applied Science degree. They learn to fix and maintain wind turbines through hands-on training on an actual 1.6-megawatt turbine.

EGP-NA is a leading owner and operator of more than 100 renewable energy power plants across 22 U.S. states and 2 Canadian provinces.

To learn more about this scholarship opportunity, call (701) 662-1514 or check out our website at [www.LRSC.edu](http://www.LRSC.edu). ■

**Wind energy field expected to grow by more than 100 percent during next 10 years**

—US Department of Labor—

from the Tioga and Williams County area.

The U.S. Department of Labor recently announced the wind energy field is expected to grow by more than 100 percent during the next 10 years. LRSC anticipated this emergence of workforce need and



## Lighting the way

Deep in the basement of LRSC's main building was an electrical switch gear, a source of nightmares for facility managers and college leaders for years. Installed in 1966, when the campus was built, the switch gear had grown increasingly obsolete. Parts were no longer available. A failure would have been catastrophic. Finding Funding to fix the problem was paramount!

Delighted and relieved, LRSC received a special appropriation of \$1.4 million to fix the problem. Bids were let, and Karges-Faulconbridge and Bergstrom Electric began work on the comprehensive electrical system upgrade in August of 2016.

The project has involved more than simply placing a new switch gear in the basement. Every transformer and wall panel and nearly every wire that carries electricity inside the buildings and underground was involved. A large diesel backup generator was also added to power the campus should the need arise.

Today, the project is nearly complete; only a few switch-overs remain. When it is finished, the campus community will hardly notice the difference. There should be a big celebration, but most likely the project will end quietly as people go about their business.

However, those who understand the magnitude of the project and have worried about it for years will most certainly enjoy the benefit of a better night's sleep.

Thank you, North Dakota Legislature! ■

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chambers were fashioned from plastic tubing and special lighting. Plant and natural insects were introduced. The simulator allows students to study root development and make determinations about healthy plant growth.

- Environmental water simulator was created using fish tanks, piping, and pumps. It works well to demonstrate effective land management strategies.

- Land judging simulator utilizes special surveying equipment and is a next step for learning introduced by the simulators above. It identifies land slope and assists with calculating water runoff related to soil content and slope.

- Combine harvester simulator was purchased from John Deere and replicates the technology available to in-the-field combine operators. The unit is easily portable, making it a popular tool for generating interest in agriculture at public events. It also serves as an effective teaching tool for new field operators.

In addition to building and buying the simulator tools, LRSC's ag team has been busy creating and testing curriculum to maxi-

mize their use. The project's vision is to utilize the simulators with a variety of audiences.

First, of course, they will serve the students enrolled in LRSC's Precision Ag program which offers a two-year degree in applied agriculture; but also, the project serves youth who may be considering careers in production agriculture and agribusiness.

The project also serves those currently working in agriculture in the region. To accomplish the work beyond the campus-based classroom, staff have loaded their trailer and hit the road. They have transported simulators to many agriculture-based events, including the CHS convention, ND State Fair, and most recently Big Iron. They have worked with FHA and 4-H groups. Foreign and domestic workers newly hired by custom combining firms have used the combine simulator for orientation training.

LRSC agriculture leaders are excited to have this new set of simulators tools at their disposal. And, they are delighted to report that using simulation in ag education is a powerful way to enhance learning. ■

## Good news ... We need another railing!

Foundation staff spent the summer working with donors to write stories and create plaques honoring gifts and pledges received during the North Dakota Higher Ed Challenge. The legislatively funded challenge fund encouraged giving by providing a 50-percent match for qualifying gifts. Gifts set up as endowments were welcomed by LRSC's foundation and matched without question by the Challenge Fund review committee. New railings are being constructed so plaques for the newest of gifts can be properly displayed.

July 1 marked the beginning of a new funding year and the beginning of a new opportunity to claim matching funds. We are pleased that, despite its budget woes, North Dakota's Legislature decided to extend the Higher Ed Challenge Match. This time around, LRSC's available match pool is \$200 thousand compared to \$1 million in two prior biennia. Rules for accessing the match remain much the same. As before, there is a priority for matching gifts that are endowed. This means the gift itself is never spent, but its earnings are distributed annually. Legislative planners were thinking about the future when they created the Challenge Fund program.

The Community College Foundation accepts Challenge-eligible gifts that provide support to strengthen instructional programs or provide scholarships. Recently, a new category of endowed gift—"hybrid"—

was created to allow donors who make commitments of \$100 thousand or greater to support both programs and scholarships. As in past campaigns, gifts may be pledged and paid over five years. Endowment donors who are North Dakota taxpayers may qualify for the North Dakota 40-percent tax credit in addition to standard federal charitable tax deductions.

### New North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Match opened on July 1, 2017

Setting up a new endowment requires a base commitment of \$15 thousand. The Challenge Match makes it easier to reach that goal, providing \$5 thousand of the initial commitment. Gifts to already-established endowments will also be matched, so this is a perfect time to strengthen funds

that are already working to support LRSC. Officially, the Challenge Match program expires in December of 2018, but it is likely the smaller pool of matching funds will be exhausted before that date.

Smaller gifts to provide scholarships and program support are also welcomed and will be matched as funding allows. As before, the Legislature prohibited match distributions for athletic scholarships and programs and for capital projects.

New plaque railings will soon be hung, and there will be plenty of space to honor the many generous Lake Region families and businesses who see their investment in education as a tool to make our community stronger and better for all. Contact the Community College Foundation office for more information. ■

## What I took for granted

### Introducing Elonda Nord, CCF Major Gifts Officer

Lake Region State College is located just across the street from me. It was the place I would walk to and attend a community concert or take a continuing ed class. Occasionally, I would take a class for credit ... just for the fun of it!

It wasn't until I actually enrolled as an "other (or older) than average" student that I realized the golden opportunity that was available to me right in my very own backyard.

I began taking classes from LRSC while I worked full-time. After earning my associates degree, I was able to stay in Devils Lake and continue working, take classes collaboratively from Mayville State University at LRSC, and earn a bachelors degree. During that time, I never imagined that one day I would return to the campus as an employee

in the Advancement Office.

What an experience this has been! I have been on campus for almost two



years and have worked in several areas. I can say that in each department I have gained more knowledge and insight. The statement, "You are never too old to learn" is definitely true!

In the Advancement Office, I have been given the opportunity to work with donors who want to give back or leave a legacy for their loved ones and for the college and community. Their vision for the future and their generosity is truly amazing. Endowments are often received with the statement, "We want to help others that may not have the opportunity to receive an exceptional education without some financial help."

As I look to the future, I know that LRSC will continue to develop programs that will help students find careers that meet the workforce needs of the Lake Region community, the state of North Dakota, our great U.S.A., and other international locales and countries.

Thank you, Lake Region State College! ■



## Goulding named to Hall of Fame

*When she arrived the school was preparing for its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday; now, it has celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup>!*

They may be calling it a “phased retirement,” but you can tell that neither President Doug Darling nor her wo-corkers, not even Laurel Goulding herself, really wanted her to leave LRSC.

Laurel was initially hired part-time by then-president Sharon Etemad to work as a grant writer for special assignments. In 1989, she became full-time executive director for the Community College Foundation and coordinator for college advancement activities.

Her duties expanded when she was vice president for Student Affairs from 1994 through 2009. There she led a dedicated team focused on student success. Under her guidance, the college ramped up recruitment and advisement, developed new processes, streamlined communication channels, and more. She looked for resources to market to non-traditional audiences and open new career opportunities, whether it was women into auto mechanics or men into nursing. She did this while also managing the Community College Foundation.

Laurel has been a tireless advocate for diversity on campus and in the community. She led development of the college’s international student program which included navigating the immigration and visa process, recruiting international students, and developing support services for their needs.

Through the years, Laurel has seen the number of named endowments and foundation corpus grow from three with net assets of \$474,071 to more than 150 named endowments with assets of over \$8 million as of June 30, 2016. She also led advocacy efforts for many capital improvement projects—the Paul Hoghaug Library, the Robert Fawcett Auditorium, the Leever’s Welcome Center, a grand piano restoration, and the Bergstrom Technical Center. Current president of LRSC, Doug Darling, says that one

of Laurel’s many gifts is articulating a need that the college has. She’s become the institution’s “word-smith” for many successful grant applications.



One of Laurel’s more visible success stories is that of the Key Event, which began as a “normal” annual foundation meeting and became a gala off-campus party. With the aid of a loyal crew with members like Carol Leever’s at the helm, they have seen the Key Event generate upwards of \$1.2 million while providing lots of fun and, yes, a brief annual meeting.

Always thinking, always working to benefit the college, Laurel says there are more challenges ahead as special endowed funds are directed to support needs identified by college faculty. There are capital projects in the future, as well.

This has been a difficult decision to make because of the wonderful people she gets to work with. At the top of that list are two of the college’s presidents that she says are outstanding assets to the college and community, Sharon Etemad and Doug Darling, “*They were always supportive, creative, and present for me,*” she said. “*I care about the future of the college. My work here is not done, but [husband] Paul’s been waiting. He’s been retired for a while, and it’s time I begin the process of letting go,*” she admitted.

Laurel’s semi-retirement began July 31, 2016. She has stepped down from her full-time position, but her work isn’t done. Much more lies ahead for the college, and although she may be retiring, Laurel hopes to be able to work on special projects as they come up. ■



## Come to the LRSC HOCUS POCUS Key Event

*It’s gonna be a wicked good time!*

The witching hour is fast approaching. Mark your calendars and join us on October 27<sup>th</sup> for the Key Event, the biggest party in the Lake Region! The Devils Lake Memorial Building will be transformed into a haunted forest, and spooks of every stripe will help us gather a big pot of “spooky loot” to support scholarships and programs at LRSC.

Mystic Carol Leever’s and her Phantom Pack have been brewing up a spooktacular night filled with haunting hocus pocus and spirited sorcery. Join us for hors d’oeuvres at six and place your bids on hundreds of silent auction items. At seven

o’clock, everyone will be invited to sit for a spell and enjoy a “*Dinner to Die For.*” A quick annual meeting will take place, and new nominees will be inducted into the LRSC Hall of Fame. More silent auction bidding will follow dinner, and the evening will climax with a devilish dessert and the spell-binding excitement of the Opportunities Auction. Throughout the evening, games and raffles will add to the fun.

For tickets, contact one of the foundation’s board members or check

out our website, [www.LRSC.edu](http://www.LRSC.edu).

You may also call us at (701)

662-1500. Tickets are

\$60 per person. ■



Plan to come dressed as your favorite Halloween character—witch, warlock, vampire, werewolf, ghost, or ghou, etc. You could win a prize!

**Only 300 tickets available. Buy yours today!**

*Sponsored by the Community College Foundation—supporting LRSC since 1959*

We’re scavenging for items for the Opportunities Auction at this time. What can you scare up to donate to our cause? Homemade goodies or handiwork, artwork, furniture, tools or equipment, antiques or collectibles, sporting goods, trips, or gift certificates? To donate an item, or to have one picked up, call (701) 662-1520 or 1-800-443-1313, ext. 21520.

## Courtyard under construction

LRSC’s footprint includes a lovely little courtyard tucked right at the center of campus. The courtyard is a popular spot during the summer months when Dining Services sets up picnics. Students, faculty, and campus visitors enjoy a meal surrounded by a ring of fragrant blossoms carefully tended by volunteer gardeners. The courtyard also provides a peaceful outdoor setting for reading a book or working on a project.

Students and faculty are creative about finding other ways to use this little oasis—outdoor drama productions, horticulture lessons, pumpkin carving

and ice sculpture contests, and even an occasional snowball fight.

Early this fall the windows to the courtyard were boarded up as a major deferred maintenance project was launched. Soon construction walls will come down, and we will be able to enjoy a new courtyard vista through energy efficient windows encased in air-tight walls.

The project will continue in the spring with work to replace collapsed retaining walls for the raised flowerbeds and replace the broken water fountain with one that works and is energy efficient.

Paver bricks from the

“Buy-a-Brick” campaign will be incorporated into a courtyard paving stone project that will create a water-permeable, grass-free area for activities.

It’s not too late for you, your family, or your business to purchase a brick paver with your name or a favorite slogan engraved on it. Pavers cost \$75 each, and checks should be made payable to the Community College Foundation. This is a fun and affordable way to honor your connection to Lake Region State College.

Proceeds from the Buy-a-Brick campaign are used to strengthen archival collections in the LRSC library. ■



## Students encouraged to get involved

*Co-curricular and extracurricular activities allow students to enhance skills, meet colleagues at other colleges, and network with future employers*

Most LRSC career and technical programs have extracurricular groups, and students who get involved with these groups enhance their experiences at LRSC and at the universities to which they may transfer.

Opportunities to participate in regional, national, and international competitions boost marketing potential when it's time to enter the professional workforce. Organizations

like the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society help students grow as leaders and scholars.

LRSC is a place that promotes learning and growing both on campus and in our communities. You'll discover that our faculty and staff are here to help you along the path toward success in college and in life.

Students matter at LRSC. That's why we say we change lives! ■

## Meet Jill Hanson LRSC's new Admissions Rep

The newest addition to Enrollment Services at LRSC is lifelong Devils Lake resident Jill Hanson.

She said she feels like she's always been a part of the LRSC family. "My dad, Ray Sletteland, worked at LRSC for over thirty years, so I grew up running up and down the hallways on campus."

Jill went on to take courses at LRSC during her college career and has also been a member of the Community College Foundation board of directors for the past three years.

"I always knew we had a gem of a college in our community, but it's been eye-opening to learn more about what we do and the services we provide the students." Jill says. "What is being accomplished here is amazing, and I know the students are receiving the best education and support we can offer."

Jill will be the lead LRSC staffer on the road for recruitment activities, such as college fairs, trade shows and expos, and specific site visits. She also will coordinate a variety of events that bring potential students, parents, and

community members to the LRSC campus.

"I know a lot of you and it will be fun to reconnect.

For those I haven't met yet, I look forward to learning more about each of you and the programs you are a part of. I will do my best to represent the great work you do at the college when I'm out recruiting on your behalf. You've set the standard high!"

Jill

started the job with a lot of background knowledge of LRSC, which always is a bonus.

"We couldn't ask for a better representative. She is a past student, knows the ins and outs of the college, and has a background in education and working with people of all ages," said LRSC President Doug Darling.

Jill and husband, Norm, are lifelong residents of Devils Lake and farm in the Webster area. Jill has a BS in Education and taught high school science classes for a few years before spending most of her career with the North Dakota Department of Health in the Division of Disease Control.

Welcome aboard, Jill! ■



## Opportunity found

Rudy Horak always loved airplanes, mostly commercial jetliners and military aircraft.

"I came to the United States in 1984 aboard a Soviet-built Ilyushin IL-62m. That was the start of my love for aviation," he said.

This love for all things aircraft stayed with Rudy throughout high school, so upon graduating high school, he joined the U.S. Air Force.

"I told the recruiter I wanted to work on aircraft so, he got me a job as an Aircraft Armament Systems Technician on the F-16 Fighting Falcon."

In his free time, Rudy would buy simulator time from companies such as Pan Am, British Airways, and Virtual Aviation.

"This was a very enjoyable but expensive hobby. I knew I loved aircraft but did not want to be a pilot or an aircraft mechanic."

Surely, there had to be

something in between!

As Rudy approached his 20-year mark in the USAF, he needed to figure out what he would do for



a second career. He found simulator schools.

"I had been talking to Lake Region State College about their program for about three years when I was invited to visit and check out the program. The place was amazing!"

He and the instructors made a course plan and analyzed work experience and past classes. With his previous experience Rudy was able to take the course backwards beginning in

January and finishing in December.

Today, Rudy is employed by Airbus at the Miami, Florida, Training Center. He quickly points out he could not have arrived where he is today without LRSC.

"The thing that impressed me the most was the care the instructors put forth. They want you to succeed. They encouraged questions during lectures and made themselves available after class. The course has lots of hands-on projects and labs which is great for people like me who like to learn by doing.

Instructor Richard Drury even helped Rudy get an internship with Fly Right, Inc. in North Carolina where Rudy spent the summer putting knowledge into action.

"I felt right at home as I was exposed to many systems that were covered in our lectures. Doing the job gave me confidence in what I had learned, and I think that was the icing on the cake when it came to the job interviews." ■

## Dual Credit—double benefits!

In 1990, LRSC pioneered a program called Dual Credit for the state of North Dakota which remains available to students today. Through this program, high school students may enroll in college courses and earn high school and college credit simultaneously.

"This is a great opportunity for gifted and talented academic students," says program director Dan Driessen. "They simply enroll in college courses, and their high schools grant credit for successful completion."

LRSC works closely with 55 to 60 schools each year to bring academically challenging, diverse courses to small communities. The classes are taken online, through the IVN system, or face to face. This year, over 150 are offered.

Dual Credit classes are often available at a lower tuition rate if they're taken at the high school. And though the cost is the same for online or on campus offerings, students benefit by taking courses while they live at home, saving on room and board costs.

"Dual Credit students must be at least at a sophomore level and can take no more than eleven credits per semester," Driessen explains. "One of our goals is to help a them mature into college-ready individuals."

Some "one-year wonders" are even able to complete enough college credits during their high school years to enable them to earn an A.A. or A.S. degree in only one year after high school graduation.

LRSC President Doug Darling pioneered the Dual Credit program in the nineties when he was director of Continuing Education. His commitment to it remains strong today because of its proven effectiveness.

"The commitment of our president to keeping this option available to students across North Dakota can be seen in the longevity and scope of our program," Driessen says, "Schools, parents, and students trust us because they know we work hard to do what's right for them."

Ask your high school principal or counselor for more information or call (701) 662-1508. ■

## Drones

*Becoming a part of more industries every day*

Tioga Economic Development and Enel Green Energy North America recognize this trend in technology and played host to the second annual Drone Camp for Kids in August. During the camp, LRSC had an opportunity to showcase drone use in a variety of occupations.

Jay Johnson, LRSC Wind Energy Technology instructor, and Preston Sundeen, instructor with LRSC's Precision Ag program showcased what drones do to assist the wind and ag industries.

The Tioga Drone Camp for Kids was awarded the 2016 Impact Award for Community Development by the Economic Development Association of North Dakota. The two-day, 80-student camp was for grades 5 through 12. It focused on drone use, safety, privacy, competitive flight, and vocational opportunities, and all lucky student participants went home with their own drones. ■



# Lady Royals & Royals Sports



## Volleyball

10/5	U of Jamestown JV	7:00
10/7	Dakota County Tech	1:00
10/11	Bismarck State	7:00
10/13	home vs. Dawson CC	8:00

### ■ Sleep Inn Slamfest, 10/14-15 @ DL Sports Center

10/14	home vs. Providence	10:00 am
10/14	home vs. Red River	1:45
10/15	home vs. Assiniboine	9:00 am
10/15	home vs. Oak Hills	4:15
10/18	home vs. Williston State	TBA

## Basketball

10/7	W ... home vs. Dakota College at Bottineau	TBA
10/24	W ... home vs. Valley City State	6:00
11/3	M ... home vs. Dakota County Tech	7:00
11/4	WM . home vs. Anoka-Ramsey CC	5:00
11/5	WM . home vs. Turtle Mountain CC	2:00
11/10	WM . home vs. Miles CC	4:00
11/11	WM . home vs. Northland Community Tech	3:00
11/15	M ... home vs. Mayville State JV	7:00
11/18	WM . home vs. Concordia JV	3:00
11/19	WM . home vs. Jamestown U JV	2:00
11/22	M ... Sheridan College	8:00

### ■ Thanksgiving Turkey Classic, 11/24-26 @ Mason City

11/24	W ... Iowa Western CC	3:00
11/25	W ... North Iowa Area CC	6:00
11/26	W ... McHenry County @ Mason City	11:00 am

### ■ Thanksgiving Classic, 11/24-25 @ Gillette

11/24	M ... Gillette College	7:00
11/25	M ... Miles CC	2:00
11/29	WM . Turtle Mountain CC	6:00
12/1	WM . Concordia JV @ Wahpeton	1:00
12/2	WM . Leech Lake @ Wahpeton	11:00 am
12/6	WM . Jamestown U JV	5:00
12/8	M ... Northeast CC	7:00
12/9	M ... Southwestern CC @ Norfolk	1:00
12/10	W ... home vs. Northern State JV	1:00
12/27	W ... Salt Lake CC @ Las Vegas	6:30
12/28	W ... Colorado NW CC @ Las Vegas	6:30
12/29	W ... College of S Idaho @ Las Vegas	6:30
1/2	W ... Northland Community Tech	5:30
1/3	M ... home vs. Rainy River CC	7:00
1/7	WM . home vs. Bismarck State	1:00
1/11	WM . Williston State	5:30
1/14	WM . home vs. Dawson CC	1:00
1/17	WM . home vs. NDSCS	6:30
1/22	W ... Northern State JV	5:00
1/24	WM . home vs. United Tribes Tech	6:30
1/29	WM . Dakota College at Bottineau	5:30
2/1	WM . Bismarck State	5:30
2/5	WM . home vs. Williston State	6:30
2/8	WM . Dawson CC	6:30
2/12	WM . NDSCS	5:30
2/19	WM . United Tribes Tech	5:30
2/21	WM . home vs. Dakota College at Bottineau	6:30

# In the news

■ LRSC student athletes have helped put shoes on youth in the area during the past few years by working with Samaritan's Feet, whose mission is to create a world with zero shoeless children. These students have participated in distribution of more than 1,000 pairs of shoes, almost 500 during the month of August. Samaritan's Feet wants to inspire hope through the gift of shoes, the act of washing feet, and encouragement to those who need it most. People without shoes face dangers like laceration, fungus, and insect bites that lead to infection, disease, and even death. In many countries, children with no shoes are often denied a decent education. Since its founding in 2003, Samaritan's Feet and its partners have distributed over 6.5 million pairs of shoes in 88 countries and 325 U.S. cities.

■ Anaheim is part of the Los Angeles metropolitan area and the second largest city in Orange County—a city well suited for over 2,000 future business leaders.

Future Business Leaders of American/Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA/PBL) celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> year at its National Leadership Conference at the Hilton-Anaheim June 24-27. This year's conference was titled *A Legacy of Leadership*. Conference participants from around the country and the world were in attendance.

Attending from LRSC were **Magen Haugen** and **Pele Charboneau** along with advisor **Diane Karlsbraaten**.

Haugen brought home the seventh-place national award for *Business Communication*. Winners were selected from among more than 260,000 students and advisers representing some of the best and brightest of today's youth.

The PBL chapter at LRSC was organized nine years ago, and in each of those years, students have placed in the top ten nationally in a variety of categories.

## Your chance to study abroad

### *From the floating city of Venice ... to the splendors of the Sistine Chapel*

A journey of a lifetime is being organized for May of 2018. The nine-day adventure will take travelers through landmarks and locations throughout Italy. The group departs for Venice on May 14. For nine days, they will explore Venice, Florence, Duomo, Rome, and Vatican City. Students will experience first-hand what they will study in humanities courses during the year which will be tailored to focus on

aspects of the trip. This opportunity is also open to community members.

A tour company takes care of all the arrangements from take-off to landing back home. For more information about the trip, visit [efcollegestudytours.com/professors-trip/1966700KZ](http://efcollegestudytours.com/professors-trip/1966700KZ).

The trip can also be budgeted into a student's financial aid. For more information, contact Teresa. [Tande@lrsc.edu](mailto:Tande@lrsc.edu). ■

## In memory

A memorial gift is a lasting tribute and a meaningful way to honor loved ones. Since July 1, 2016, the Community College Foundation has received gifts in memory of the following:

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**LRSC faculty members had their first day of school on August 16, 2017. Here they are posed with the college's activity bus in the background. They welcomed students back to campus the following weekend, and just like that, the 2017/2018 school year was underway!**

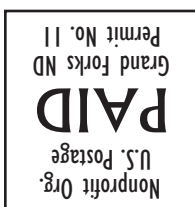
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