

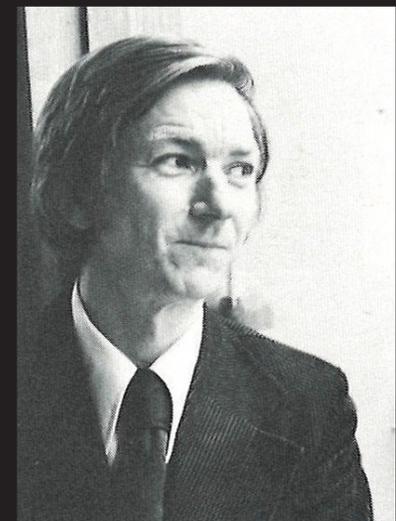
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JOHNSON
AND THE LIFE OF PI**



Dan Johnson, Math Instructor, 1978

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Lake Region State College and the Community College Foundation that supports LRSC is proud to introduce its new version of *Branches!* It's been a long-time dream to move to a magazine format and showcase some of the great people and activities at LRSC.

There are so many great things happening at LRSC, and we are excited to highlight a few of those successes in each issue. The opportunities our students find at LRSC are wonderful; college programs are outstanding; the students, faculty, and staff phenomenal.

If there is a specific program, faculty, student or graduate that you would like us to cover, let us know. We already are outlining future issues. One thing is for certain, we won't run out of topics. It's amazing what grand things a small college like LRSC can accomplish.

Enjoy your new version of *Branches*, and have a great summer.

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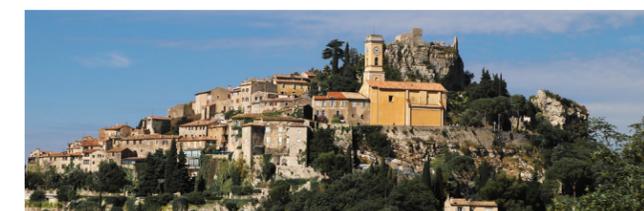
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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I'm writing this, another legislative session has concluded. Legislators had an incredibly difficult task prioritizing funding for agencies, campuses and a seemingly unlimited number of projects with a limited amount of revenue. We have some great area legislators in Representatives Johnson, Westlind, Monson, Sandford and Senators Oehlke, Boe, and Holmberg.

They saw the value of our Precision Agriculture program and our need for a modern, efficient facility on campus. They secured \$1 million in appropriation, \$500,000 plus matching funds, and gave us the authority to raise the \$1,500,000 balance to complete the project.

Now we need your help and the help of our industry partners to raise the funds to build a facility on campus that meets the instructional needs of the program and training needs of our partners. If you wish to help, there is an envelope included for you to send a contribution or to let us know how you are willing to help.

As part of our mission to meet the labor market needs of the region and the state, we are developing non-traditional apprenticeship opportunities for some of our programs. Students will be hired and sponsored by an employer, complete related classroom instruction with LRSC and have on-the-job training at the worksite. At the end of two years, the students will have completed a registered apprenticeship, earned an AAS degree from Lake Region State College and have a full-time job plus work experience.

In most cases, during the apprenticeship, they are being paid, and the costs of the related training are covered by their employers. So – a paying job, paid training for credit, tuition and fees covered, salary increases at pre-defined milestones and a completed apprenticeship, college degree, a job at full pay and little to no student loan debt. Almost sounds too good to be true – almost, but it is true!

We had a great year in 2018-19. We had a record enrollment in the fall (2072 students). LRSC was ranked a top 25 community college in the United State based on its graduation rate by the Chronicle of Higher Education. Our Precision Ag program was ranked in the top 10 in the US by Precision Ag Magazine.

It's a great time to be at LRSC. Keep following the good news on Twitter @lakeregionstate and Facebook @lakeregionstatecollege.

Have a great spring and summer!



Doug Darling, Ph.D.
President, Lake Region State College



NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Community College Foundation has had an exciting year, celebrating many firsts and changes. The first annual Presidential Reception was held for our Presidential Scholarship recipients honoring our young scholars. In February, President Darling and I traveled to warmer weather to provide a campus update to our Lake Region community residents spending the winter in Arizona.

With these firsts and changes, one thing that has remained is your steadfast support. Our Key Event, *Rollin' on the River*, supported LRSC students by raising almost \$80,000. In addition, we were able to meet the challenge set forth by the State of North Dakota to LRSC and the Community College Foundation raising \$400,000 with the third ND Higher Education Challenge Match.

During the last three Challenge Match campaigns, the Community College Foundation has been able to claim \$2.1 million in matching dollars. With these dollars, we were able to provide over \$300,000 to 298 students this past year, and at our Named Endowment Recognition Event held in March, we honored over 250 sponsors and scholarship recipients.

The 2019 State Legislature has once again approved this challenge. LRSC is set to commence the fourth Challenge Match campaign this July and we hope you are as excited for it as we are.

This May, as members of the class of 2019 make their way down different paths, their lives will have inevitably changed because of LRSC, because of you. Just as their lives will change, we too will change and evolve. You are holding one such evolution in your hands. *Branches* has been given a new look. We hope you are as pleased as we are with this change.

If you or anyone you know would like to be on our mailing list, please forward their names and contact information. We are trying to reach out to all of our alumni and friends.

Enjoy your summer!



Elonda Nord
Executive Director, Community College Foundation





Precision Ag students scout their field of canola. The 40 acre plot of land creates a live lab environment for students.

LRSC AG PROGRAM

PREPARING TOMORROW'S

BY ERIN WOOD | PHOTOS BY AGENCY MABU

WORKFORCE TODAY

Agriculture is the heart of North Dakota and a substantial driver of the Lake Region economy. Now, it's a big reason many students choose Lake Region State College.

For students like Shae Tofte of Devils Lake, LRSC's Precision Ag Program is preparing her for a career in agriculture and the opportunity to achieve her goal to live and work in the Lake Region.

"I've always dreamed of working for a farmer. A few years ago, I started my dream job and have loved every day."

When she first looked at going to college she was looking at going to her hometown college, and getting a degree quickly.

"Upon entering the Precision Ag program, I quickly realized that it was so much more than that. The relationships you build with classmates and instructors are something that can never be replaced," she says with a smile. "I came into this with the mindset of 'I can't wait to be done.' But as my final days in the program near, I think the opposite because I'm not ready to leave. The program and all its activities have brought me out of my shy, introverted shell and made me into a new person."

Since 2013, students have been able to enroll in courses and study for degrees in Precision Agriculture.

Today, the program is nearly full with continued interest. A recent graduate was a National Star Farmer finalist.

The Precision Ag Institute ranked the LRSC Precision Ag program #10 in its Top 20 list in September 2018, citing the mix of hands-on and high-tech programming.

The all-inclusive ag program focuses on today's technology to provide students awareness and experience preparing them for the demanding agriculture field. "LRSC provides this in a hands-on, field experience-type atmosphere using the college's own precision ag equipment, 40 acres of farmland, and industry access," said Preston Sundeen, director of the program.

Having an agricultural-related degree is central to the college's mission, especially when the college is in the heartland, says LRSC President Doug Darling

"It's great to see this program progressing. This is a degree that affects so many employers in the region, so it's imperative to help create the skilled workforce to keep agriculture advancing with emerging technologies and needs," he said.

The ag program had been shelved in 2003 due to years of enrollment decline, but in 2006, the college brought agriculture back onto campus with the state's Centers of Excellence program.

Under the direction and leadership of Dr. Paul Gunderson, the college was named a center of excellence with its Dakota Center for Technology-Optimized Agriculture.

The center, which later became the Dakota Precision Ag Center, was created through LRSC and many private- and public-sector partners. Managed by a director and guided by a steering committee of local, regional and national leaders, the center engaged in product design, prototype development, testing, agronomic impact assessment, creation of answer farms and innovation incubation.

"That opportunity took ag education at LRSC to the next level," Darling said.

Then, in 2012, the U. S. Department of Labor awarded a \$2.99 million grant to Lake Region State College to develop training programs in precision agriculture.

"Rapid changes in agriculture with the constant advances in technology teamed with our center of excellence program, and the federal grant opportunity created a perfect storm to rejuvenate the program," Darling said.

But space was needed.

Additional square footage to locate the agricultural program was required to handle both the academic program and the work of the center of excellence. Space on campus was not large enough to handle the needs of both the center and Department of Labor grant. The college leased a former implement dealership 1.25 miles north of the campus. The college's farm management program also relocated there to be close



Precision Ag student Haley Lorenz heads out to the field.

to the agricultural activities, but the focus remains on the students.

Staff numbers have declined some since the Department of Labor grant expired in 2018. Dr. Paul Gunderson, who led the charge for the Center of Excellence and eventual expansion of the center back into an academic program has now retired. But Sundeen, faculty member Dr. Oybek Turayev, and program coordinator Mylee Kenner are keeping the program humming.

Sundeen said the program ensures students have a solid base with soil science, weed science, management and other areas and introduces them to precision ag technologies equipment, software and practices.

“Although it’s called Precision Agriculture, the program is rooted in traditional agriculture where students learn all components of agriculture with a hands-on approach,” said Sundeen.

Students enrolled in the Precision Ag program are returning to family farms and ranch operations, entering the ag industry as skilled professionals, or continuing their education toward a bachelor’s degree or more.

Born and raised on a family farm near Brouket ND, Sundeen’s background consists of the family farm operation, custom harvesting, agronomy, sales, prescription writing and a degree in farm management.

“We are meeting workforce demands by graduating students capable of entering into production ag with agronomy, precision and management skills. These skills will aid in careers with great professional growth potential,” Sundeen said.

The program has an active advisory board consisting of a great cross section of production ag.

“All of our advisory board members help us out with their individual professional opinions along with support from the businesses they represent,” Sundeen said.

Set up to attract traditional college students, the program also offers specialized producer and industry training for those interested in a specific ag skill. The program sees a mix of male and female students with most students coming from local surrounding counties, but students come from northern and southern Minnesota, also.

“You’ll never meet friendlier people to work with than in ag, especially here at the LRSC Precision Ag program,” Kenner says. “I love waking up knowing that I am helping ag students find their future.”

Kenner adds that students have many opportunities to be connected to the field, and other producers. Industry representatives and guest lecturers keep the latest happenings and technologies in front of the students. Students also participate in many seminars, trainings, and field trips.

Last fall, the program was showcased to 65,000 high school students during the National Future Farmer of America conference. The FFA opportunity to attend came through the Cenex Harvest States Foundation which supports LRSC Precision Ag with scholarships and program enhancement. The CHS Foundation funded the purchase of the combine simulator that was on display at the FFA convention. The simulator is used in classroom application, workforce training for producers and laborers and at outreach events to showcase the precision ag program.

This January, ag faculty participated in the precision ag summit held in Jamestown ND.

Other trips this year included a visit to potash mines in Manitoba and the Budweiser brewery in Moorhead MN. Students and faculty in the program attended the Precision Planting winter conference held in Fargo ND.

The program also does service projects and hosts special events. Last summer, the students grew produce as part of a community garden that resulted in hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables for the area food pantry.

Today the program location is busting at its seams, almost literally, which is why one of the next projects on LRSC’s to do list is a new home for the Precision Ag program located on the LRSC campus. The current space met the college’s need at first; however, having students away from the main campus has produced its challenges, and the facility space has reached its capacity, stifling growth in the program numbers.

The ND Legislature appropriated \$1 million to the college for the building, \$500,000 plus in matching funds and gave LRSC the authority to raise the \$1,500,000 balance to complete the project.

“The new facility and the new location for it will help take the program to the next level. One of the most

Preparing for planting season, spring 2018.



significant reasons for pursuing the ag center capital project was to secure a financially responsible long term location to house one of our most successful and in-demand programs. We have been so fortunate to have access to the rented facility these past five years. If it weren’t for this facility this ag program would not be the wonderful reality it is today.” Darling said.

LRSC also is working with other colleges to expand their ag education offerings. A partnership called the Northern Ag Consortium — between Dakota College at Bottineau, Lake Region State College, and Williston State College — will bring an agricultural degree to the DCB campus by sharing courses with LRSC and other schools.

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN! YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR AG BUILDING CAPITAL PROJECT TODAY. GIFTS OF \$2,000 TO \$50,000 WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN THE NEW BUILDING. LARGER GIVING AMOUNTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR CLASSROOM, LAB, OR FIELD RECOGNITION.

Regardless of location, LRSC students who enroll in the precision ag program are preparing to take agriculture into the future, whether working in family operations or various ag-related service industries.

Learning opportunities will continue to grow as technology advances for the betterment of production agriculture, whether it be in the form of unmanned aerial systems, emerging software, or other undiscovered agriculture evolution. Lake Region State College’s ag program will be there to tackle those activities to produce graduates ready for the task.

Tofte hopes to continue in the farming business, whether it’s in her current occupation or an expansion into newer territory.

“Since enrolling in the ag program, I realize that I really enjoy prescription map writing. That may become a winter job. We’ll see.”

For more information on LRSC or its Precision Ag Program, go to LRSC.edu or call (701) 662-1600. ■



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1973 Pathway annual.

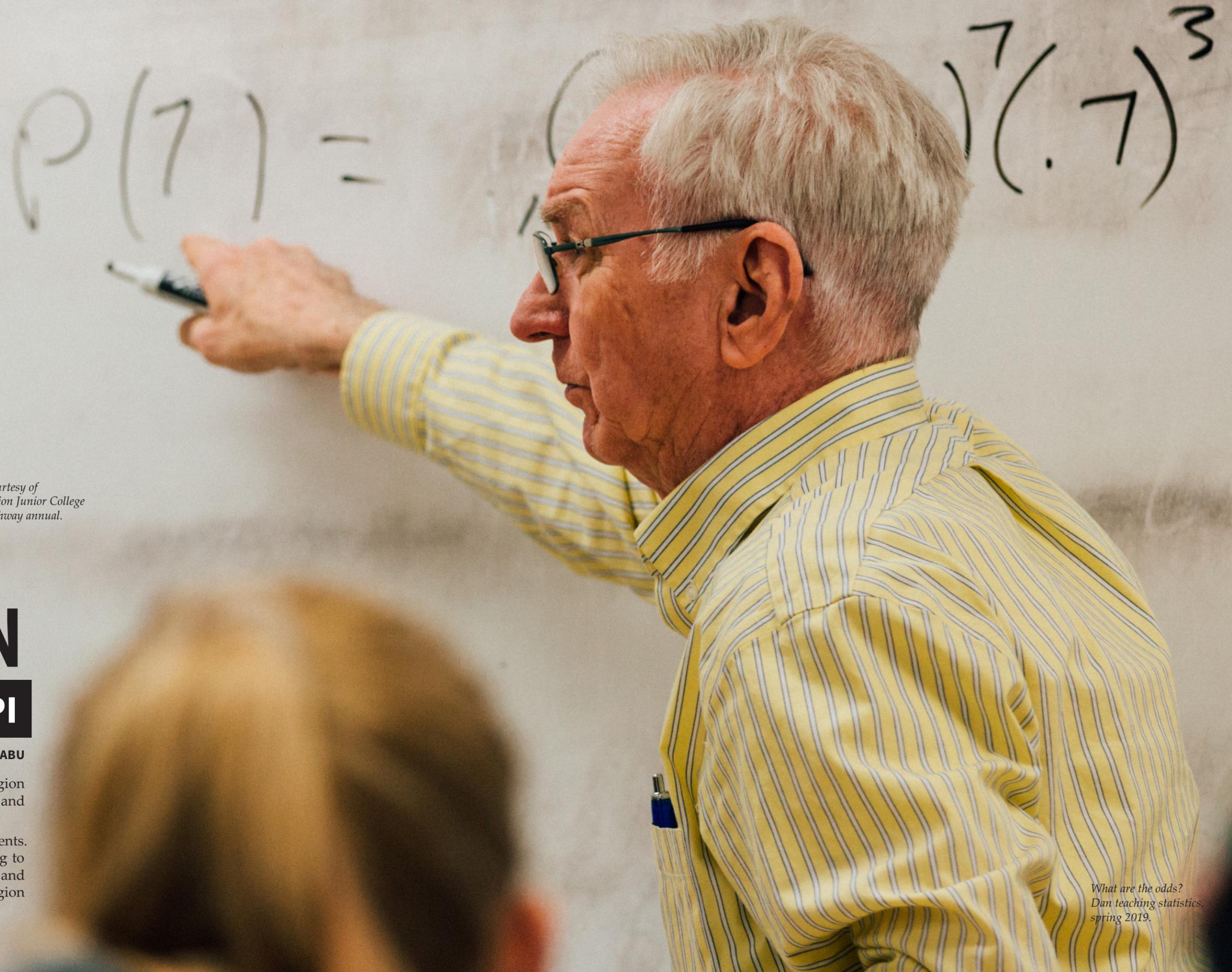
DAN JOHNSON

AND THE LIFE OF PI

BY ERIN WOOD | PHOTOS BY AGENCY MABU

He's been in the classrooms of Lake Region State College for more than 50 years, and each day has been an important one.

"You don't remember days, you remember moments. Every day is a memory, you just need something to jog the memory," he says with a sparkle in his eye and the world-class grin everyone around Lake Region State College loves.



What are the odds?
Dan teaching statistics,
spring 2019.



Give Dan a name, and he can tell you one thing or a barrage of memories about that individual.

“When you have been here this long, you remember people in different roles in life, children, college students, colleagues. Some people, you know, always remain 18,” he said.

His mathematical mind can give a good estimate of how many students have enrolled in his classes over the years. An exact count is unavailable, but regardless of the classes or years, Johnson’s enthusiasm in the classroom never wanes. Over the years student evaluations record testament of his energy, enjoyable classes and helpful, advising spirit. He also can be a jokester.

“I had a lovely 8:00 am college algebra class with him my second semester of 2008,” said LRSC graduate Amanda (Kennedy) Tieszen.

“He would take our pictures on the first day to learn our names. At some point in the semester he started asking me to answer a lot of the questions. But the thing was, it wasn’t just one or two; it was pretty much every question,” she said with a laugh.

Answering a Job Service notice for a math teacher at the junior college in Devils Lake, Johnson joined the faculty in 1968 teaching statistics and math (algebra and liberal arts math).

The rest, they say, is history, or, in this case, statistics.

A native of Woodworth ND, Johnson is a graduate of UND. He taught junior high math in Enderlin ND, and then went to Oakes (ND) High School for two years before venturing to the little college on the prairie in Devils Lake.

Dan and his wife Marilyn embraced Devils Lake as their new home and became active in the community, supporting a variety of events and organizations. They raised their two children (Angela and Paul) in Devils Lake.

Visiting with Dan is a highlight to many in the hallways, and he lights up the classroom, too.

YOU DON'T REMEMBER DAYS, YOU REMEMBER MOMENTS.

“My fondest memory to date of Dan while I was attending LRSC was that no matter what kind of day you were having, every time you’d see him, whether on campus or out in the Devils Lake community, he’d say ‘hi!’,” said LRSC graduate Kyle Boyer. “It was always especially fun to see him at the Liquid Bean in the mornings for coffee on my way to work after I had graduated. I never had a class with him, but his commitment and positive attitude was always a joy to be around.”

Through the years, he was often asked to take on additional duties, usually related to student services. When Clarence Laber retired, Dan took on the registrar role. He took on admissions and financial aid for a time, as well.

He helped the college move from records kept on recipe cards stored in a vault to electronic records entered into a computer-based system. Eventually, the initial electronic system became obsolete, and Dan oversaw



@abbabibeau is in town. She says to play vb. I think for the coffee



The shot @TaylorReiten #lifeatLR



#6amatthebean this wasn't how i had my life pictured when I graduated college



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the transition to a more comprehensive record-keeping software system.

Most recently, he led the college through a migration to Image Now, a cloud-based document management system. Through all these changes, LRSC collaborated with ND University System campuses. Dan provided leadership for each system-wide innovation and is well respected for his ability to find creative solutions to technical problems and for his collegial kindness.

Despite the many administrative roles he carries or has carried, students are always Dan’s number one priority. Stepping into a classroom (math, physics, statistics, astronomy, etc.) is the highlight of Dan’s day. Guiding students as they learn new skills brings him great joy.

Sarah Wall, a former student employee, said Dan had a huge impact on her when she was a student.

“Dan Johnson allowed me to see my potential and gave me the opportunity to work in the Registrar’s office. Dan, along with Judy Lee, the former Registrar’s assistant, gave me the responsibility necessary to grow my confidence and recognize my potential. Dan always encouraged my abilities, presented the intellectual challenges I sought and helped however he could to teach me about what would be necessary to work as a professional someday,” she said.

Although he’s technically retired from instructing, Dan still teaches statistics when needed and continues his registrar duties.

To honor Dan’s 50 years of teaching excellence, LRSC dedicated room 101 to be known as the “Dan Johnson Mathematics Classroom.” President Darling has also proclaimed that March 14 shall forever be “Pi Day” at LRSC, honoring Dan’s playful tradition of serving pie in the Student Services office area at 3:14 pm each March 14, to encourage campus students and staff to be curious about the mathematical concept of pi.

Dan is also renowned for prolific photography. Camera in hand, he attends most campus events and many community gatherings, snapping candid photos along the way. In the early years, Dan spent many hours in the college dark room



Top photo taken in 1973, bottom photo taken in 1974. Photo courtesy of Lake Region Junior College Pathway annual from LRSC archives.

developing films and then sharing prints with delighted subjects and the campus newspaper.

Today, Dan’s photos have many followers in Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds.

He has become a social media expert with a large Twitter following. His posts have become quite popular as his shots have a small presence of Dan and action in the background.

Through the years, Dan has embraced the Lake Region community the same way he embraced campus. In 1993, with his son, Paul, he opened and continues to operate the Lake Region’s first coffee shop in 1993. The “Liquid Bean” is a popular gathering spot for the community and provides work experiences for students. Dan is an active Kiwanis member and enjoys working on a variety of community betterment projects. Despite busy schedules, Dan and his wife, Marilyn, delight in watching their grandchildren grow.

More than 50 years of perseverance, 50 years of service, 50 years of making an impression on thousands of hearts and minds makes Dan Johnson the ideal cover story for the new generation of Branches Magazine. ■

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY IN YOUR BACK YARD

One thing Sarah Wall emphasizes about college is that everyone has his/her own experience. Just because one person's college experience looks different than another's, that doesn't mean one is better than the other.

"I know I struggled with the idea of not going off to a four-year college immediately after high school like the prototypical college experience, but once I realized everything I gained from going to LRSC, I couldn't have appreciated my decision more and have never regretted it," she said.

Today, Sarah (Kuntz) Wall is an Associate Attorney with Smith Porsborg Schweigert Armstrong Moldenhauer & Smith in Bismarck. A native of Devils Lake, she graduated from DLHS in 2007 and attended LRSC, graduating in 2009.

She chose LRSC because financing college was an obstacle. She decided to stay close to home for cost savings, and LRSC offered great scholarship opportunities.

"Having grown up in Devils Lake, I was excited to earn the first two years of my college degree in a more personal environment with people I knew in high school and from the community."

While attending LRSC, she served as a student senator, and eventually student body president. She was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. Sarah also worked as an assistant in the Registrar's Office and as a tutor. In 2009, Sarah was named North Dakota All-State Academic Team and was a Coca-Cola Scholar National Finalist.

The respect and collegiality she experienced from LRSC administration, staff, faculty and students in her two years helped her confidence to blossom and allowed her to understand what was really possible for her future.

"LRSC helped me grow personally and academically through close mentorship from my instructors and the ability to get to know my classmates with intimate class sizes. It also helped me grow professionally through my work on campus in the Registrar's Office, as a tutor and as a coordinator of various on-campus activities."

After LRSC, Sarah continued her education at NDSU, graduating in 2012, and then went on to law school at UND. She earned her Juris Doctor in 2014. Today, Sarah resides in Bismarck with her husband, Jared, their two



SARAH [KUNTZ] WALL

Devils Lake, North Dakota
Associate in Arts — Liberal Arts
Associate Attorney
*Smith Porsborg Schweigert
Armstrong Moldenhauer & Smith*

dogs, Watson and Harper, and their cat, Jules. But LRSC is close to her heart.

"The people at LRSC, from administration, to staff and to faculty, provided encouragement, words of wisdom, a listening ear, flexibility, expertise, assistance and everything I could have needed and asked for as a student. This was especially important to me as a first-generation college student who did not have many resources to turn to when difficulties arose."

This all-encompassing support created the environment Sarah needed to succeed. Without it, she doesn't know what her life would look like today, which is why one should always remember that a world of opportunity may be in your backyard.

"Forget whatever preconceived notions you may have about going to a two-year college. LRSC has whatever you need, and more. After my time at LRSC, I was fully and confidently prepared to attend a four-year university and go on to earn a doctoral degree. I had a well-rounded college experience, having taken classes with students with every type of college plan and career path. And most important, the tools I gained from LRSC have allowed me to succeed in every area of my life. If you jump in feet first, LRSC will provide the experiences you need to succeed too." ■

FOR ANDY ROSS, THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

The simulation industry couldn't wait for a student like Andy Ross. A graduate of the college's Simulation Technology program, he is a Mission Information Manager for CAE USA MSI, Inc. in support of the US Air Force and future aviators. That career came from being a talented student and enrolling in the country's top simulation technology school.

Andy chose Lake Region because its simulation technology program was highly recommended. "The skill set I learned while attending Lake Region had the greatest impact on me," he said.

These skills prepared him for the start of a successful career immediately after graduation in 2016.

There wasn't one specific person that had an impact on his experience at LRSC, Andy said. Instead there were many people who were great influences for different reasons. Whether it was a specific class, extra-curricular activity, hangouts/study groups, etc. everything left a lasting impression.

LRSC IS MORE THAN A GREAT CHOICE, IT'S AN INVESTMENT. A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES STARTS RIGHT THERE AT LRSC.

"Looking back, I wish I would have learned about LRSC and its specialty programs sooner. I truly believe the opportunity these programs offer is a hidden gem."

Since 2017, LRSC has held an agreement with CAE to provide internships for students studying to be simulator technicians. CAE is globally recognized for its training services and solutions and is excited to expand into this new market to support our warfighters. In 2018, CAE USA established a separate business unit named CAE USA Mission Solutions. This business unit is a subsidiary of CAE USA and operates under a Proxy Agreement with the United States Government.

The corporate/campus partnership provides LRSC students in the Simulation Technology program an



ANDY ROSS

Albuquerque, New Mexico
Simulation Technology
Mission Information Manager
CAE USA MSI, Inc.

internship opportunity at the newly opened CAE training center in Minneapolis-St. Paul MN, for eight weeks.

Students in the Sim Tech program will be prepared for troubleshooting, repair and maintenance of electronic and mechanical components of simulators used in pilot training, entertainment and other applications. Students learn to use specialized tools, test equipment, built-in diagnostic equipment and technical data to isolate and locate faulty components or system malfunctions.

Andy was active on campus while attending LRSC from 2014-2016. He was involved in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and went on trips to Greece, Italy, France and England with the college's Study Abroad group. He also was a Royal Ambassador and served as a student representative in many college activities, tours and special events.

"I would tell a prospective student to be open minded and participate beyond the classroom. LRSC is more than a great choice, it's an investment. A world of possibilities starts right there at LRSC." ■

With the revamp of Branches, we want to feature more of our alumni. Nominate someone today by emailing LRSC.foundation@lrsc.edu. Please include their contact information in your submission. Thank you.



GARY AND RITA STENSON

Gary and Rita (Elefson) Stenson grew up in Devils Lake, and both graduated from Central High School. After Gary graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1969, Gary and Rita moved to Washington DC where Gary served as legislative assistant to then Senator Walter F. Mondale with responsibilities in the areas of housing and community development. Rita was a medical technologist at Arlington Hospital. Their sons Kevin and Craig were born during this time.

From 1973 to 1978, Gary was engaged in private practice in the Twin Cities, and Rita was employed as a medtech.

In 1978, Gary learned of plans to auction the 80-year-old historic Great Northern Hotel in downtown Devils Lake which had been vacant for a few years. The hotel, built during the railroading heyday, was acquired by the Stensons using proceeds from a second mortgage on their home in Saint Paul. The next 18 months were spent developing a plan and arranging financing for the adaptive reuse of the building into 38 apartments for senior citizens and 5,000 square feet of commercial space.

Founded in 1978, MetroPlains has grown to become the Midwest's leading provider of property development, acquisition and management support. MetroPlains and its related entities develop, own and manage multi-family housing in 9 midwest states. Approximately one third of the 130-plus developments involve the adaptive reuse of historic buildings resulting in approximately 55 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places 15 of which are in North Dakota.

Always wanting to give back to their community, proceeds from this endowment are used to support exemplary students at Lake Region State College. ■

An endowment is a wonderful gift that lasts forever! More than 180 endowments have been established by individuals and families wishing to support scholarships or programs at LRSC. A gift of \$15,000 or larger is required to establish an endowment. The cash earnings are awarded annually to support the scholarship or educational program of the donor's choice. The following endowments are new:

DEVILS LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighting is an essential service within an organized society. Volunteer firefighters frequently put their own lives at risk to protect others. The DLVFD established this endowment to help fellow firefighters and/or their families attain a college education. ■

DARREL AND CONNIE HEINS

Darrel and Connie Heins worked side by side to make their farm operation a success. They know the value of hard work and of a good education. Earnings from this endowment support students in the Precision Agriculture or Nursing programs. ■

DOROTHY KITTERMAN MEMORIAL

Dorothy Anderson Kitterman was a kind-hearted, caring woman. After graduating from Leeds High School, she went on to earn a degree in Home Economics and taught her students essential life-long skills. Earnings from this endowment support exemplary LRSC students. ■

TABERT FAMILY

In 1962, Ed and Georgene Tabert purchased Lake Region Sheet Metal, and their three children—Dianne, Duane, and Mark—grew up in Devils Lake. Six grandchildren have attended LRSC. The sons owned and operated the family business for many years. This endowment was established to provide scholarships for exemplary LRSC students. ■

DANIEL AND VICTORIA WAKEFIELD

Established by their good friends at I. F. LaFleur & Sons, Inc., this endowment supports the Simulation Technology program. A family of pilots, the Wakefields recognize the critical role simulator technicians play in aviation electronics as well as the transportation, space and entertainment industries. ■

JACK AND KATHY WILHELMI

Jack and Kathy thank their parents for instilling in them strong faith, values and work ethics. Now retired, they want to give back to the community that gave them their start. Earnings from this endowment provide scholarships to help Precision Agriculture students reach for their dreams. ■



MAARA NELSON
Carrington, North Dakota
Liberal Arts

I CHOSE LRSC FOR THE FAMILY FEEL. FACULTY, STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO HELP STUDENTS.

WHY LRSC

LRSC is close to home and had smaller class size with more one-on-one interaction with instructors. Plus, when I toured the campus I met Auto Technology instructors Rick McAllister and Randy Olson. I was impressed with them and the program.

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL FUTURE STUDENTS

If you want hands-on activity and instructors who will know you and care about your work and success, then LRSC is the right college for you. The programs here give you opportunities to succeed.

YOUR BEST MEMORY AT LRSC

The best part of Lake Region is the wonderful relationships I've built with the instructors and the new friendships created with classmates.

NAME ONE THING YOU NEED TO SUCCEED

Being on time and going to class is important, but first and foremost you must have the desire to go to class and learn. Then, put in the effort to make it all worth it.

WHY LRSC

I was being recruited by other colleges to play basketball. I chose Lake Region State College because of the family feel. This college has helped me grow into the person I am today.

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL FUTURE STUDENTS

Faculty, staff and community go out of their way to help students. Faculty impact students in ways they may not even know. I truly believe the experiences I had at LRSC will stay with me for the rest of my life.

YOUR BEST MEMORY AT LRSC

I've gained confidence through everything I've participated in at LRSC. Each club, organization and athletic team has made me into a leader.

NAME ONE THING YOU NEED TO SUCCEED

Focus and commitment.

With the revamp of Branches, we want to feature more of our students. Nominate someone today by emailing LRSC.foundation@lrsc.edu.



DAMIAN PFEIFER
Cooperstown, North Dakota
Automotive Technology

AFTER MEETING THE AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTORS, I KNEW LRSC WAS THE RIGHT FIT FOR ME.



Discover some of the world's most sought-after destinations with President Darling and first-lady Teresa Tande along with Elonda Nord, Executive Director of the Community College Foundation. Southern France and Spain are bursting with personality and beauty, making the possibilities for cultural discovery virtually endless. Set off on this guided adventure to soak in Mediterranean sunshine in Nice, take relaxing siestas in Barcelona, admire renowned artwork in Madrid and visit some of the most stunning places Europe has to offer.

The tour includes 10 nights in handpicked hotels, guided sightseeing tours, expert guides and a train ride. Highlights include the French Riviera, calanques of Cassis, Avignon's Papal Palace, Carcassonne, La Sagrada Familia, Royal Palace and Prado Museum. You'll walk for about 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets.

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Overnight | 1 Night

Day 1: Travel Day
Board your overnight flight to Nice.

French Riviera | 2 Nights

Day 2: Arrive in Nice
Day 3: Guided tour to Cape Ferrat & Nice

Avignon | 2 Nights

Day 4: Avignon via Cassis
Day 5: Sightseeing tour on Avignon

Barcelona | 3 Nights

Day 6: Barcelona via Carcassonne
Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Barcelona
Day 8: Free day in Barcelona

Madrid | 3 Nights

Day 9: Train ride to Madrid
Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Madrid
Day 11: Free day in Madrid
Day 12: Departure

POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Lisbon | 2 Nights

Day 12: Flight to Lisbon, Portugal
Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Lisbon
Day 14: Departure

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7/1
NEW! ND MATCH CAMPAIGN
The State Legislature has approved the challenge match.



7/12
ROYALS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Teams can sign up at Irsroyals.com.



9/6
PRESIDENTIAL TEA
Recipients of Florence Lake Presidential Scholarships to be honored.



10/18
2019 KEY EVENT
Mark your calendars!



Nov
NAMED ENDOWMENT RECOGNITION EVENT
Recognizing donors and recipients for their gifts and hard work.



12/16-20
END-OF-YEAR GIVING COUNSELING
Set up an appointment, and learn how to qualify for the ND tax credit.



Feb
LOVE YOUR COLLEGE
Show your love to LRSC during the month of February.



3/6
ARIZONA UPDATE
Dr. Darling and CCF Executive Director Elonda Nord will be at Apache Wells Country Club.

WAYS TO GIVE

Are you looking for ways to help support students or programs at Lake Region State College?

An endowment is a wonderful gift that provides scholarships or program support forever! Endowments can be established through gifts of cash, securities or property. Pledge payments can be established also. Other options include:

- Cash, securities and property
- Bequests
- Trusts
- Charitable gift annuity
- Life estate reserved

A charitable contribution to a qualified endowment fund must be at least \$5,000 to qualify for the North Dakota 40% Endowment Fund Contribution Tax Credit. Qualified endowment funds are permanent, irrevocable funds held by qualified nonprofit organizations. Endowments are established for religious, educational or other charitable purposes.

Always visit with a financial advisor or legal consultant to discuss income or tax options that are best suited to each individual legal and tax situation.

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