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75 YEARS

An anniversary worth celebrating

This is a very special year—It marks the 75th time Lake Region State College has opened its doors for a new school year!

Seventy-five years ago, in the fall of 1941, thirty-eight students enrolled in classes for LRSC's first year as an official college. Today, LRSC serves 2,000 students each year. We have come a LONG, LONG WAY since those early days!

This summer the Community College Foundation and the Royals Booster Club hosted a celebratory 75th anniversary weekend featuring a golf tournament (July 8) and campus open-house (July 9). Many alumni and friends joined us for golf and to explore the campus, finding memories and swapping stories with friends along the way. Those who attended the open house received a commemorative history booklet and were invited to tour the campus to view the

Through the Years displays in the library. A picnic lunch was served and a special program in the



auditorium followed.

The audience was treated to a “guided tour” of LRSC’s colorful history. They were surprised, however, to discover that the guides, two of LRSC’s longest-serving icons—Duane Schwab (athletic director/women’s basketball coach) and Dan Johnson (math professor/regis-

trar)—were actually impostors! “Duane” aka Peter Foss and “Dan” aka Dustin Wolf (a comedy duo well known in theater circles) narrated a slide show which captured 75 years of college highlights and a few “near-death” experiences. Their presentation was punctuated with #Dan-Johnson-tweets (delivered by the modern technologies of each era—from telegraph to cellphone.

Several individuals contributed first-hand accounts, helping to bring the history to life.

Amy Pulst Mosbaek, a proud member of the college’s first class (1941), recounted her excitement to be able to enroll. She credited the college’s opening to leaders of the community and local school district who saw a need and took action. Like many of her classmates, distance and cost would have prevented Amy from attending college any other way. The business courses she completed opened doors to a life-long career.

Corry Kenner, LRSC’s business manager for more than thirty years, described some scary days in the college’s history when even meeting payroll was a constant challenge. He noted that in 1984, the Devils Lake School District gifted the college and its 120-acre campus to the state, and LRSC became part of the North Dakota University System along with colleges in two other communities, Bismarck and Williston.

LRSC’s president, Dr. Doug Darling, joined

Making an Impact

LRSC is feeling the powerful impact of gifts received during the last three years.

From July 2013 to today, the college has benefitted from an outpouring of support that has been truly transformational. Donors directed gifts to priorities that matter to them, individually, and that also help LRSC to do more and better work.

Without doubt, the impact of these gifts will be benchmarked in LRSC history as transformational!

This extraordinary support, has empowered the college to serve more students and strengthened learning in the classroom. Many donors chose to invest in LRSC at this time, in part, because of the availability of matching funds. The North Dakota Higher Ed. Challenge Match caused gifts for approved purposes to grow by 50 percent. Gifts of \$10 became \$15, or \$100 became \$150. Visiting with donors as they plan their gifts has been exciting and almost magical. The cumulative impact of their gifts, large and small, is the construction of an enduring, powerful legacy—a stronger college for the Lake Region.

This unusual opportunity to impact the future for LRSC and those it serves will continue to the end of this year. Beyond that point, the future of this unique and powerful match program is unknown.



Those who supported construction of the Bergstrom Technical Center with major gifts were recognized during April at the center’s grand opening. Pictured above, shortly after the unveiling of the Wall of Excellence, are (from left) Richard and Kelly Sager, CCF President Chad Peterson, CCF Past President Jeff Wahl, LRSC President Doug Darling, Lee Ann Johnston, Renard and Candace Bergstrom, and Varick and Lolly Fawcett Olson. Also in attendance but not pictured were Rick and Shirley LaFleur and Chuck and Betty Jo Erickson.

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New to Hall of Fame

■ 1990/91 Lady Royals

With seven returning sophomores and five freshmen, the 1990/91 Lady Royals began their season with talent, confidence, and determination. At the end of conference play, the team was the 1991 Mon-Dak Champions and Region 13 Champions. The Lady Royals continued their season by advancing to the NJCAA National Tournament held in Tyler, Texas. This was the 7th consecutive year a Lady Royals team had made an appearance at nationals. In a well-played season, the 1990/91 Lady Royals closed out their year with a 29/6 record.

Jacqui Short, Ranelle Leier, and Sarah Cofer were named All-Conference players. New records were set: Ranelle Leier with most assists in the season (272) and most assists average per game (7.7). Sarah Cofer also set records with the most blocked shots (127) and the best blocked shots average per game (4.2). Jacqui Short was 10th all-time leading points scorer with a career high of 746.

Team members were Michelle Bradford, Sarah Cofer Hargrave, Stacy Hawkins Harwood, Denise Kitsch Hornstein, Sandra Tschepen Iverson, Marcee Winnegge Logie, Jacqueline Short Nelson, LeAnn Moldenhauer Olson, Sarah Faaland Richards, Rita Hardy Visser, Ranelle Leier Warcken, and Lori Wang Youngdahl. Head coach was Duane Schwab and assistant coach was Jim Nixon.

■ 2005/06 Lady Royals

In a well-played, stand-out season, the 2005/06 Lady Royals closed out their year with a 30/5 record. They were the 2006 Mon-Dak Champions and advanced to the NJCAA National Tournament by defeating Iowa Western for the Region 13 Championship. They went on to win their first game in the National Tournament in Salina, Kansas defeating Moberly Area Community College, Moberly, Missouri. This is the last Lady Royals team to win a game at nationals.

Rebecca Mercer, Katie Schafer, and Anna Skala

were selected as 1st Team All-Conference players. Rebecca Mercer and Katie Schafer were also selected to the Region 13 All-Tournament team. All-Conference team member Anna Skala remains 20th in scoring with 727 career points. Head Coach Duane Schwab was named the Mon-Dak and Region 13 Coach of the Year. Rebecca Mercer was selected as a 2nd Team All American and remains first at LRSC with a career free throw average of 82.1 percent. She is 2nd (2005/06) and 3rd (2004/05) in average points per game with 21.5 and 21.2 points per game respectively and remains 2nd in points scored in her Lake Region career with 1343.

Lady Royal team members were Rebecca Mercer Benson, Samantha Brekke, Rosie Chase, Anna Leigh Brady Finkbonner, Ashley King, Robyn Herman Mertens, Kylie Linstad Moen, Leigh Ann Brady Tyner, Lamesha Walker, Katie Schafer Washington, Anna Skala Weisbeck, Head coach for the team was Duane Schwab and assistant coach was Patrick Martinson.

■ 2006/07 Royals

The 2006/07 Royals men's basketball team started its season with great confidence having seven returning sophomores and five freshman. The Royals finished the season 24/9. They were the 2007 Mon-Dak Champions with a conference record of 10/4 and moved on to become the Region 13 Champions.

Royals Head Coach Mark Graupe was named Mon-Dak Coach of the Year and Region 13 Coach of the Year. Sophomore Marlo Davis was named All American 2nd Team and All Conference 2nd Team. Freshman Ola Adegboruwa was named Region 13 MVP, and freshman Travis Mertens was 1st Team All Conference Player.

Royals team members were Ola Adegboruwa, Jay Anderson, Chris Davies, Marlo Davis, Dustin Gannerelli, Rashann Goodwin, Lewis Grant, Veljko Lalovic, Travis Mertens, Ryan Swallow, Justin Thomas, and Konrad Wisniewski. Head coach was Mark Graupe assisted by Danny Mertens.



From the desk of Doug Darling President Lake Region State College

Sharing, shared services....

Lake Region State College has a long, successful history of providing shared services and collaborating to bring educational opportunities to students. So, when the state's budget issues caused the governor to direct colleges to cut their budgets by 4.05 percent, we first looked where we could share.

Every time we need to look at ways to scale back, we always look at where we can share—shared services within the walls of LRSC and within the North Dakota University System.

The college is sharing projects across many areas. As staff positions open, we evaluate and absorb duties within current departments as much as possible.

We see similar sharing throughout the NDUS. The five community colleges within the system have been doing joint marketing efforts which highlight the benefits of all our community colleges and the impact our programs have on creating our workforce for today and tomorrow. Soon, all colleges within the system will be using the same online learning software.

Partnerships between campuses also continue to grow. Instruction in information technology has grown into a joint venture between LRSC, Williston State College, Dakota College at Bottineau, and Turtle Mountain Community College. LRSC and Minot State University are working on bringing more American Sign Language Interpreters into the workforce. The Dakota Nursing Program continues to be a strong partnership in nursing education, filling a need for an in-demand workforce. Counseling staff here and at Williston State College and Dakota College at Bottineau are utilizing each other via Telemed to best serve students needing assistance.

In August, we were asked to trim another 2.5 percent and prepare a 90-percent budget for the next biennium. To make up this 2.5 percent, we are going to continue to examine positions that open to see if they can be covered in another manner and utilize ongoing savings from the strategic cuts made in first allotment process. Employees have been strategic and cautious with budgets while continuing to focus on the core mission of a quality education to enhance students' lives.

Continued review of processes and shared services will help us maintain a high quality of service to our students inside and outside of the classroom. We will continue to deliver the quality education we work so hard to offer to prepare our students for the chapters in their lives that await once they leave LRSC.

Together, we continue to change lives!

Doug Darling, Ph.D.

Lovin' the air up there

Wind technicians in high demand across the country

Kyle Olson loves his job and “the view is pretty cool, too!” he says.

A certified wind technician, Olson was hired weeks before he even finished his studies at LRSC. Originally from Minnesota, he decided to pursue a wind energy career after high school. A love for hunting and fishing helped seal the deal. “When I discovered LRSC was near Devils Lake, and I could do the things I loved while getting my education, that sealed the deal.”

LRSC offers the only wind technician certification program in the state and is one of the only programs in the country to have its own wind turbine which serves as an instructional lab and also supplies energy to the college. Director Jay Johnson says LRSC wind students stand out because of their hands-on experience. “Students learn to be wind techs by doing and by being in our industrial-sized wind turbine, not just the classroom.” The two-semester program produces “job ready” students in just nine months. LRSC also offers a two-year associate degree.

Wind energy technology is the fastest growing pro-

fession in the country, and North Dakota is helping to lead the way. A “wind tech” installs, repairs, and maintains wind turbines. North Dakota has one of the highest wind technician employment rates—160 technicians in 2015 and growing (US Dept. of Labor). The state has over 1,050 wind turbines with more under construction, including a facility in Stark County, which will result in 87 new turbines.

Wind energy is projected to employ nearly 400,000 technicians by 2030 (US Dept. of Energy), and North Dakota and LRSC are working to educate those technicians. A certificated wind tech earns between \$43,000 and \$63,000 per year, and North Dakota boasts the second highest average salary at nearly \$60,000.

Kyle has worked for a local wind energy company for only a year and has already moved up in the industry. He currently works in turbine service but is hoping to move into the resource tech area which will allow him to travel the country and build and power up new turbines. ■

From the shop



Students in the LRSC Auto Technology program are excited about the new alignment rack which was added to the shop last spring. Instructors Rick McAllister and Randy Olson (center, l-r) say the new rack makes learning much easier for students who no longer need to crawl beneath vehicles to make their adjustments. The rack was purchased with funding for the Bergstrom Tech Center project which has provided many technology improvements for the center’s instructional programs. ■

Mental health services

LRSC and two other community colleges in the North Dakota University System are joining forces to expand availability of mental health services for students. A request to share services resulted in one-time funding for three colleges (LRSC, Williston State College, and Dakota College at Bottineau) to pilot the project

The three colleges will utilize Telemed with funds allocated to the project by the NDUS Mental Health Task Force. A Skype-like program, Telemed is a system where students will be able to talk via a monitor to any counselor affiliated with WSC, DCB, and LRSC. Each school will have latitude to provide for different needs.

“Transitioning into college can be hard. Being away from home, relationships, and coursework all can create various issues for students. We want to be able to offer as many routes of assistance as possible,” said Brigitte Greywater, director of counseling at LRSC. ■

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 the AA and AS degrees to be accepted as a block of study in place of specific first- and second-year course requirements

■ **Accounting/Business Administration**—Combines the two closely linked fields to provide a broad understanding of finance, management, and marketing

■ **Administrative Assistant/Office Management**—Develop the skills necessary to fulfill an essential role as a professional assistant.

■ **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.

■ **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.

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

■ **Speech Language Pathology Assistant**—Become a school-based paraprofessional. 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!

PBL students recognized at national competition

Atlanta, Georgia is one of the country’s most bustling, energetic cities. It’s a destination with world-class cultural attractions, diverse neighborhoods, and architectural wonders—a place well-suited for over 2,000 future business leaders.

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda held its National Leadership Conference in Atlanta June 23-27. Participants from around the country and the world were in attendance, including LRSC students Carah Hestdalen and Jasmine Swinland and their advisor, Diane Karlsbraaten.

Hestdalen brought home a sixth place award in Administrative Technology which requires participants to complete an objective and production test using word processing software. Swinland received a pin for achieving the *President’s Level*, the top level, of the Career and Membership Achievement Program. Winners of these highly competitive and prestigious awards were selected from among FBLA-PBL’s membership of 250,000 students and advisers and represent some of the best and brightest of today’s youth. Advisor Karlsbraaten also received a plaque for being North Dakota’s *Advisor of the Year*. ■

Perry Horner memorial endowment

The Ramsey County community was saddened recently by the death of Perry Horner, 71. Most will remember him as Sheriff Horner who served in that capacity for 18 years. Born and raised in Devils Lake, Perry believed deeply in service to his country and community. He was a US Army military policeman in Vietnam and earned awards for his dedication. During his time as Ramsey County sheriff, he was president of the ND Sheriff's Association, a Search and Rescue diver, a volunteer fire fighter, EMT instructor, and Boy Scout leader. He and wife Pat eventually retired to Arizona, but Devils Lake was always home. He returned often to spend as much time as he could with family and friends.

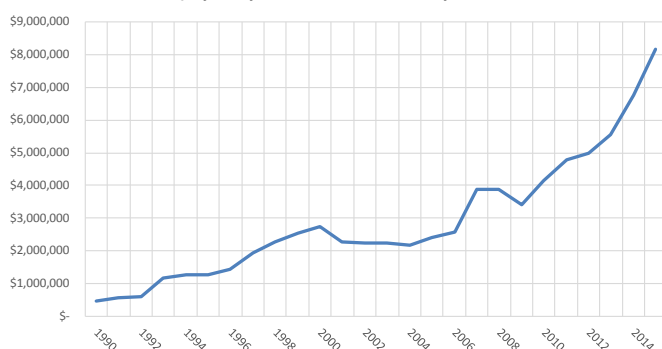
As a tribute to Perry's memory, Pat and sons Chad and Travis chose to establish an endowment to provide scholarship support for students in the LRSC Peace Officer Training Program. Memorials arrived from a multitude of friends and family, and the first Perry Horner Peace Officer Training Scholarship award will be made fall 2017. ■

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Without doubt, the impact of the gifts received during the North Dakota Higher Ed Challenge Match will be benchmarked in LRSC history as transformational. Matched gifts received during the challenge match (2013 to today) have made it possible for LRSC to:

- Purchase high-fidelity patient simulators for three new hospital scenario rooms in the Bergstrom Technical Center which provide realistic experiences that boost students' skill and confidence.
- Develop a fast-track curriculum for paramedics preparing for licensure as practical nurses (LPN) and associate degree nurses (RN).
- Improve curriculum and teaching of financial literacy and strengthen the finance management resource collection in the library.
- Evaluate current library services and make plans to create a "learning commons" which models best practices for service delivery and improves information literacy.
- Create a 2+2 BAS degree in American Sign Language and Interpreting, delivered online and on campus, by partnering with Minot State University and the North Dakota School for the Deaf.
- Design and build a five-part simulation laboratory for agriculture students which enhances teaching and learning about crop/soil science and precision tool operation.
- Provide new instructional technology/infrastructure to enhance teaching and learning in classrooms, study spaces, and lecture facilities all across campus.
- Expand the reach of LRSC's scholarship program to reduce barriers and encourage enrollment.
- Provide more and larger endowed scholarships (*Created 23 new endowments and enlarged 55 previously established scholarship endowments*)
- Create endowments to provide perpetual support for instructional programs. (*Created 17 new program endowments and enlarged 7 previously established endowments*)
- Strengthen the Community College Foundation's ability to provide continuing support for LRSC.

CCF Total Net Assets
\$8,160,825 as of June 30, 2015



Building a Legacy

Desperate survival stories from the "dirty thirties" make it hard to understand how citizens of Devils Lake would decide to increase taxes so that college-level educational opportunities could be provided for area students. But, in 1941 they did just that!

F. H. Gilliland, superintendent of Devils Lake Public Schools from 1930 to 1959, worked with the school board and community leaders to share a remarkable mission and vision. Devils Lake Junior College and Business School was launched in September 1941.

The fledgling college persisted because, through the years, there were many who stepped forward to protect and strengthen this educational legacy. The courage and leadership of these education advocates was extraordinary.

Today it is our turn to lead and inspire. Fortunately, today and until December 31, 2016, we have a very special tool in our legacy-building toolbox. It's called the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Match. We are currently in the second, and likely final, round of this state-funded matching program. Nearly one million dollars have been set aside for LRSC to capture by providing proof that \$2 million in private gifts for approved purposes has been received or pledged. During the first Challenge Match, we claimed the full match plus a little bit more. In this second campaign, we are about halfway to the goal,

with 4 months remaining. Any matching funds we do not claim will be available to other campuses.

Today, our challenge is to be like Mr. Gilliland and his team. It is our time to be the education advocates who carry the message and provide leadership.

It is our time to seize this opportunity to transform the lake region's college into a truly exceptional education institution. Each of us can help with this task by telling the LRSC story. Here are some "talking points" about match-eligible gifts.

■ Gifts for scholarships, education infrastructure, and technology are Challenge Match priorities.

■ Gifts that are endowed (*only the earnings are spent*) are encouraged. Endowments may provide scholarships or support for instructional programs.

■ New endowments require a \$15,000 commitment, but the Challenge Match can provide \$5,000 of this total.

■ North Dakota taxpayers receive a 40-percent tax credit for gifts of \$5,000 or greater to any endowment held by LRSC's foundation.

■ Gifts for scholarships are recognized in Heritage Hall on the main campus. (*Plaque recognition begins at \$2,500.*)

■ The *Wall of Excellence* located in the Bergstrom Technical Center will recognize gifts that provide

support for instructional programs. (*Engraved tile recognition begins at \$2,000.*)

■ Naming opportunities for classrooms, laboratories, and instructional wings may be linked to major gifts.

■ Gift commitments made through estate planning

(wills) will be matched IF the commitment is "irrevocable" and disclosed before year end.

■ Gifts of stock or properties may be matched. Tax savings are often important considerations for this type of gift.

Today, the small educational spark that started out serving 38 students is known as Lake Region State College with an enrollment of 2,000

■ Most gift commitments may be pledged to be paid over 5 years.

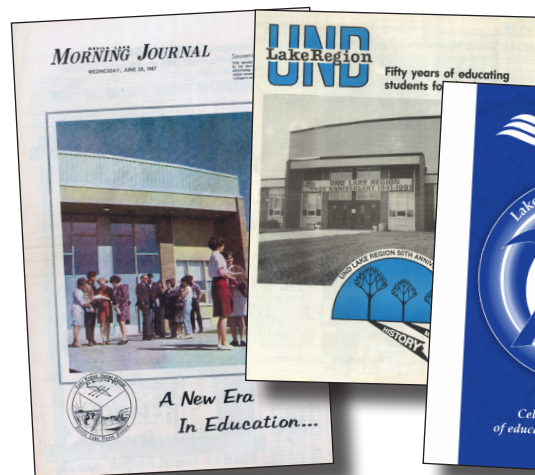
■ Gifts for athletics or capital projects are welcome but do not qualify for the Challenge Match.

■ Every gift, no matter its size, is welcome and appreciated!

Currently we are closing the books on the 2016 fiscal year and are proud to report that 575 generous donors made gifts and pledges of nearly \$965,000. We congratulate and thank each donor for his/her exemplary commitment and support.

As we stand on the base created by historic leaders, we are building LRSC's educational legacy. Our efforts will help to assure that this proud college-on-the-prairie will continue its mission—changing lives and opening doors to opportunity ... forever! ■

Presenting 75 years of LRSC history!



We are pleased to make these three publications available on our website. Each highlights 25 years of history marking this college's 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries. As you read your way down memory lane, you will learn not only how LRSC has faithfully served this community, but also how this community has worked hard to build this college. Find these history documents at www.lrsc.edu/foundation/foundation-news. ■

It's Tiki Time! Come to the Royal Blue Hawaii Key Event



One warm August day when the sailing winds were mild, the Key Event crew gathered in a little grass shack to plan a great party. The Community College Foundation's annual Key Event will take place on October 21. Party guests will celebrate Lake Region State

College when they are whisked away to a beautiful tropical paradise.

It all begins at 6:00 at the Devils Lake Memorial Building with socializing and silent auction bidding. At 7:00, partiers will be invited to take their places for a luau fit for a king. A quick annual meeting will feature induction of LRSC alumni Manny Ohonme into the LRSC Hall of Fame.

(Read his story on page 7.) There will be one more chance for silent auction bidding, and the big action follows when the live auction begins.

Key Event party coordinator Carol Levers says this is a party you won't want to miss! It's a great opportunity to support LRSC and the good work it does.

Mark your calendars and get your tickets now while the surf's still up.

Tickets are \$60/person and are available from foundation board members or at www.lrsc.edu. Aloha! We hope to see you on the beach!

We're on a quest for items for the Opportunities Auction now. Some have begun arriving in the Foundation Office already, but much, much more is expected to wash ashore. What can you find to add to the auction? Homemade goodies or handiwork? Artwork, antiques, or collectibles? Sporting goods, equipment, or tools? Trips? Gift certificates Your services? As always, all proceeds will support scholarships and programming at LRSC. To donate an item, or to have one picked up, call (701) 662-1520. ■

The emotions of gift making

Each of us can think of someone who impacted our life in a powerful and positive way

Looking back, it's clear that special person's impact was truly, life-changing.

It often takes a while for the one who was helped to gain insight as to just how powerful the helping hand really was. And by then, it may not be possible to return the favor, at least not directly.

When I started working as executive director for LRSC's foundation over 25 years ago, I remember being a bit surprised that there was so much emotion linked to the process of making a gift. I quickly learned to keep a box of tissues handy because discussing gifts often involved tears. Tears of sadness, certainly, when memorial gifts are envisioned, but also tears of joy. Actually, I have found that the joyful tears surface in discussions about every kind of gift. Many layers of emotion are present when individuals contemplate making a gift to benefit someone they don't know and might never meet. I always encourage



Laurel Goulding
CCF Executive Director

donors to talk about how they reached this decision ...

"My brother helped me go to college and wouldn't let me pay him back, so I'm paying forward."

"I wanted to attend college, but we couldn't afford it. It feels good to be able to help someone else achieve that dream."

"We should all try to make the world a little better than we found it; opening doors to education is a great way to do that."

"I'd rather invest in education for some hometown kids

than let Uncle Sam decide what to do with my estate."

Reasons vary, but joy seems to be part of all gift-making decisions. Accompanying joy are many powerful emotions—satisfaction, hopefulness, peace, and more.

I am looking forward to many joy-filled discussions with new and current donors between now and the end of 2016. That's because the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Match Campaign ends December 31, and anyone who has been thinking about starting or strengthening a gift to LRSC's foundation will want to act before that deadline. The campaign provides a 50-percent match for gifts (and pledges) that strengthen academics at LRSC.

Making a gift is a joyful experience ... and watching it grow by fifty percent feels Really Smart!

Hoping to visit with you soon!

Laurel Goulding

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the historians with stories of the multi-generational impacts of the college for members of his family.

Each of the first-hand accounts was told from the heart and resonated throughout the audience. All agreed that LRSC's colorful life story is one of tenacity, resilience and pride.

The program concluded with a Hall of Fame induction ceremony for three notable Royals basketball teams, the Lady Royals teams of 1990/91 and 2005/06, and the men's

Royals team from 2006/07. In acceptance remarks, several inductees expressed appreciation for the support they received as student athletes and gratitude to the many who struggled to build and sustain our vibrant college.

From its very first day, LRSC has served a critically important mission opening doors to opportunities and changing lives.

You can learn more about LRSC's history and additional activities to celebrate the 75th anniversary on page 4. ■

Ever wonder what LRSC has to offer?

Check out our new video, and find out how even though the campus has evolved and grown over the years, its first-priority focus is on student success and interaction with students.

The video was made possible with funds from the Community College Awareness Initiative which showcases program offerings at community colleges and raises awareness of the career opportunities available right here in North Dakota. Go to www.lrsc.edu/discover-lrsc/welcome-to-lrsc. ■

Buy a brick, and be an Anniversary Sponsor

Alumni and friends are invited to honor the college's 75 years of education and service, from 1941 to today. Your "\$75 Anniversary Sponsorship" will support work to collect, preserve, and share the college's history for its 75th Anniversary Celebration and for years to come. Your gift is also tax-deductible.

Each Anniversary Sponsor is invited to place a name on a brick which will be displayed as a design element in the campus courtyard landscape. You will be asked to provide the exact wording you would like engraved on your brick. Engraving is limited to 2 lines and 15 spaces per line. Alumni are encouraged to include graduation years. Bricks in honor of others are also welcome.

If you'd like to buy a sponsorship, please call (701) 662-1520 or go to www.LRSC.edu/foundation. ■

Are we in your will?

Wow, now there's a bold question, but one we feel we must ask

A generous match campaign is underway, thanks to the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund. The Legislature assigned \$1 million to Lake Region State College as match for qualifying gifts. The fund gives \$1 for every \$2 raised. A qualifying gift of \$10,000 becomes \$15,000!

To qualify, the gift must be directed toward scholarship support, program support, or enhancement of

academics.

The challenge match period will continue until December 31, 2016. Gifts that are planned to come to LRSC through a will can only be matched if we know of the gift and its intent before the challenge match closes. This is why it is important that you let us know by December 31st if you or a family member are planning such a gift.

For more information, contact (701) 662-1520. ■

Your chance to study abroad: Germany, Switzerland, Austria

It's not every day you have an opportunity to see the very places that inspired the art, architecture, or sites of some of the biggest historic events in world history.

Teresa Tande, LRSC associate professor of English/humanities, will again lead an LRSC Study Abroad adventure. The 2017 trip will cover Heidelberg, Lucerne, Munich, and Venice, and much of the travel this time will be by bus, offering travelers a wonderful view of the countryside. To date, 76 students and 40 community members have traveled to England, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Ireland, and Italy.

Students going on the trip may earn 2 credits in Humanities 211 if they enroll in HUMS 251 or 252 prior to the trip. They will also conduct a few fundraisers this fall to help offset costs, and Tande advises students who may be going on the trip to participate. "If you think you're going, get signed up to help with the fundraising," she said. A conversational German class will be offered closer to the trip.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: Currently, the trip is around \$3600. Payments can be made monthly, or periodically, or even all at once. Once you sign up, the cost is finalized. Adults over thirty pay an additional \$200 for a double room.

Q: Do I need a passport?

A: You will need a passport. If you don't currently have one, apply as soon as possible. The most important thing on the passport is how you list your name; it MUST match exactly the name you use to register for the trip.

Q: Does the money really cover everything?

A: Except for some noon and evening meals, yes, it covers everything! Of course, souvenirs and ad-

ditional entertainment are your expenses. Expect to have about \$100 put into a kitty for tips.

Q: What if I want to do some exploring on my own?

A: The rule with EF is that all planned events are attended by all members. However, EF is good about working in free time in each major city. Depending on how much sleep you need, you will generally have a few hours after dinner to explore.

Q: What if I have more questions?

A: The EF website has answers to just about any question or at least points you in the right direction. Please go to www.LRSC.edu or email Teresa. Tande@LRSC.edu. ■

What is OER?

Teresa Tande, associate professor of English/humanities, began the school year on a positive note for her students. They're saving money because her classes use open education resources—students do not need to purchase textbooks for her classes.

When she explained that on the first day of class, one of the students said, "Thank you for doing that. It makes a difference!"

Open education resources include educational materials in any media that are public through a domain, open licensed, and/or redistributed without restrictions. Students like OER because it saves on the cost of college. Faculty like the expanded choices OER provides.

LRSC and the university system have been trailblazers on the open education resource frontier. The main benefit of using OER, other than reducing costs, is that they are licensed under Creative Commons copyright, says Associate Professor Michelle Murphy, online biology/anatomy. "Instructors can modify the resources however they find best meets the specific needs of their courses ... in short, they're fully customizable." Michelle has created her own open textbook plus more than 100 free interactive activities which she released on her website.

One thing is for certain: students and the public will be seeing and learning a lot more about OER as it evolves. ■

A hub of diversity

The college's first international student arrived from Jordan in 1968. Each year, that number has increased a little, and LRSC now rivals all other community colleges in the state for the largest international student population.

Recently, LRSC has averaged about 30 international students each year. Many have come to play sports. Some have come as required by their government for technical training. Many community members have sponsored students financially and supported them emotionally during their two-year journey to complete degrees. Students have arrived from:

Australia	Costa Rica	Luxembourg	Philippines
Bahamas	Croatia	Malawi	Poland
Belarus	Germany	Mexico	Saudi Arabia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Hong Kong	Mongolia	Serbia
Brazil	Israel	Montenegro	South Korea
Cameroon	Jamaica	Nepal	Tajikistan
Canada	Japan	New Zealand	Tanzania
China	Jordan	Nigeria	The Gambia
Colombia	Liberia	Oman	United Kingdom
	Lithuania	Pakistan	

In 1998, the Diversity Committee was formed and tasked with bringing diverse programming to the campus. A variety of events has included a Native American speaker series, a Holocaust speaker, culture fests, anti-racism speakers, and more.

Our international students, along with the Diversity Committee, and the Study Abroad initiative (see left), have provided the Lake Region with opportunities to learn about essential differences in people and cultures. We have been delighted to experience life's exciting variety! ■

Opportunity found ... Opportunities given

Going to college is challenging enough,

But when one juggles college, work, and raising a young family, the challenge may seem overwhelming.

Kelsey Walters found herself wanting to continue college studies, but with a new son and full work schedule, she wasn't sure how to make it all fit ... until she came to LRSC and learned how to make that educational goal a reality.

With a solid plan and one-on-one interaction with faculty and staff, she was soon on her way to her associate degree. And, when her associate degree was complete, her bachelor's degree studies seamlessly began thanks to a partnership with Mayville State University that provides bachelor degree programs right here in Devils Lake.

Kelsey never had to uproot her family, change jobs, or alter her life to earn that next degree. "Being able to attend college in my hometown where I had access to my family to support me while I focused on my studies made a huge difference," Kelsey said.

"The college staff and faculty were great help in guiding me so I could achieve my goals."

She went on to work at a local financial institution and in LRSC's admissions office. Today, more than a decade later, Kelsey is able to steer future and new college students towards educational opportunities. She is an advisor with the TRiO Educational Opportunity Centers at the University of North Dakota. "I present to a University 101 class, and I recently discussed with students how I started, how I found Lake Region State College and where it has led me," she said.

Educational opportunity centers primarily serve displaced or underemployed workers from families that meet low-income guidelines. These centers help people choose colleges and suitable financial aid programs. There are 139 centers in America serving 217,836 individuals. Kelsey is located at LRSC and serves clients from the Lake Region and west.

The center works well

Don't believe everything you see online!

Every day, ads pop up on social media, television, and in emails promising scholarship searches or loan forgiveness—all services that end up with hidden charges. You should NEVER have to pay for a scholarship or financial aid service search, said Katie Nettell, director of Financial Aid. "Students and parents need to know that there are free resources out there to guide you in scholarship and financial aid information."

Always be wary of ads floating around promoting a specific college loan forgiveness program or paid scholarship searches and taking you to a site to register. "If they require payment, it is a scam," she says.

LRSC offers many financial aid sessions during the year. To learn more, contact the LRSC Financial Aid Office at 662-1516 or inquire with the US Department of Education. ■



at LRSC and complements the TRiO Student Support Services program. TRiO is a federal, grant-funded program that serves first-generation, low-income, and disabled students. LRSC is one of a few community colleges within North Dakota that offers a TRiO program. It serves 160 students.

"I love being able to help students, who in some cases were just like me. It's great to help prepare them for their college journey!" ■

Lady Royals & Royals Sports



Volleyball

9/26	home vs. Mayville State JV	7:00
9/28	home vs. Williston State	7:00
10/2	at Dakota College at Bottineau	4:00
10/5	home vs. NDSCS	7:00
10/7	at Mayville State JV	4:30
10/12	home vs. Bismarck State	7:00

■ Sleep Inn Slamfest 10/15-16

10/15	Providence	10:00 am
10/15	Northeast	1:45
10/16	Assiniboia	9:00 am
10/16	Trinity Bible College	2:30
10/19	home vs. Williston State	7:00
10/22-23	Sub-Regional XIII tournament, Wahpeton	
10/26	Region XIII Championship	

Basketball

10/8	W ... Jamestown & Bottineau, scrimmage	8:00 am
10/13	W ... at Valley City, scrimmage	6:00
11/2	WM . home vs. Fort Berthold CC	6:00

■ Spirit Lake Tournament, 11/5-6

11/5	WM . Leech Lake	2:00
11/6	WM . Turtle Mountain CC	2:00

■ Holiday Inn Classic, 11/11-13

11/11	W ... Jamestown College JV	5:00
11/11	M ... Northland Community and Tech	7:00
11/12	W ... Northland Community and Tech	6:00
11/12	M ... Gillette College	7:00
11/13	WM . Red River College	12:00
11/16	M ... home vs. Mayville State JV	7:00
11/18	WM . at Miles Community College	6:00
11/19	WM . McCook CC, Miles City	12:30
11/22	W ... home vs. Northern State JV	6:00
11/22	M ... home vs. Jamestown JV	8:00
11/25	M ... at Gillette College	8:30
11/26	M ... Miles Community College, Gillette	3:30
11/30	W ... at University of St. Thomas JV	4:00
11/30	M ... Dakota County Tech, St. Paul	7:00
12/2	WM . at Iowa Western CC	5:00
12/4	WM . at Concordia College JV	2:00
12/8	WM . at Turtle Mountain CC	6:00
12/11	M ... at Mayville State JV	2:00
12/27	W ... Southern Idaho, Las Vegas	12:00
12/28	W ... Utah State University, Las Vegas	12:00
12/29	W ... Salt Lake CC, Las Vegas	12:00
1/4	WM . home vs. Rainy River CC	6:30
1/9	WM . at Bismarck State College	5:30
1/11	WM . home vs. Williston State	6:30
1/16	WM . at Dawson CC	6:30
1/19	WM . at NDSCS	5:30
1/22	WM . home vs. Concordia College JV	2:00
1/26	WM . at United Tribes Tech	5:30
1/27	WM . at Jamestown JV	12:00
1/29	WM . home vs. Dakota College at Bottineau	2:00
2/1	WM . home vs. Bismarck State	6:30
2/6	WM . at Williston State	5:30
2/8	WM . home vs. Dawson CC	6:30
2/12	WM . home vs. NDSCS	2:00
2/14	W ... at Northern State JV	6:00
2/15	WM . at Fort Berthold CC	6:00
2/19	WM . home vs. United Tribes Tech	2:00
2/23	WM . at Dakota College at Bottineau	5:30

In the news

April Duchscher, director of the Adult Learning Center at LRSC has been awarded the *North Dakota Association for Lifelong Learning Award*.

April has done an outstanding job leading the Devils Lake learning center for the past three years. Her dedication and “get-it-done” attitude are a great fit for an outstanding leader, said Bridget Hanlan, ALC instructor.



“As an administrator, April has demonstrated exceptional leadership and responsibility. She’s opened a new satellite site, encouraged professional development amongst her staff, and advocated for new technology in all her sites.”

The Devils Lake ALC serves the Lake Region community along with satellite sites in New Rockford, Rugby, and Langdon. April also developed a new site in Lakota which offers English language classes.

She works closely with other adult learning centers in North Dakota. “Her focus is student achievement across the state, not just in Devils Lake,” Bridget said. “April recognizes the value of collaboration and welcomes suggestions to improve her program.”

April highlights GED testing during high school career fairs. The Devils Lake ALC utilizes the newest GED testing and has produced a fair number of graduates compared with other centers in the state. The Devils Lake ALC has been in the top three for the past two years!

“She has set up flexible official testing to accommodate all students and has successfully located scholarships from community organizations to assist in paying for GED tests,” Bridget added. “The list continues to grow each week, month, and year for April’s achievements.” ■

Samaritan’s Feet event scheduled

Manny was climbing the ladder of success in the technology industry when, on a trip home to Nigeria, his passion and compassion collided and became a vision of Samaritan’s Feet. (samaritansfeet.org)

Manny Ohonme has changed many lives by taking a dream and making it a reality. That dream revolves around a simple pair of shoes.

New shoes were a luxury where Ohonme grew up in Nigeria. He won a pair in a contest, and his destiny began to play out on the basketball court. The game brought him from his home to LRSC where he played basketball and fell in love with a Devils Lake girl, Tracie Elfman. Manny went on to earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees, and he and Tracie were married and blessed with four children.

In 2003, Manny founded Samaritan’s Feet to inspire hope through the gift of shoes and the acts of washing feet and giving encouragement. His organization has distributed more than 6 million shoes and held various shoe events here in North Dakota and across the country. Shoes and socks are listed in the “Top 5 Items Needed” by students in school (Champions for Kids, 2015).

For the worldwide impact he has made and the inspiration he has brought to students and citizens of the Lake Region and beyond, Manny will be inducted into the LRSC Hall of Fame during the Key Event (see page 5).

A shoe distribution event will take place October 22 at Peace Lutheran Church. To get involved call 662-1500. To learn more about Samaritan’s Feet and Manny’s story go to samaritansfeet.org. ■

In memory

A memorial gift is a lasting tribute and a meaningful way to honor loved ones. Since July 1, 2015, the Community College Foundation has received gifts in memory of the following:

Adam Allmaras, Robert Alves-tad, Neil Anderson, Dorothy M. Johnson Beck, Cindy Berg, Venote Bergrud, LaVerne Blake, Joe Brandt, David Bring, Marvel Brustad, Shigeko Toni Burckhard, Duane Bye, Kim Bylin, Donald Calderwood, Florence W. Carpenter, Sandi Christofferson, Joan Cowger, Ronald H. Dahlen, Shirley Davidson, Deloris Dinger, Elizabeth “Betty” Dosch, Ron Dosch, Kenneth Dubois, Carl Duchscher, Kathy Eisenzimmer, Lester Ellingson, Sr., Chris Enget, Helene Erickson, Scott Ericks-tad, David L. Fankhanel, Linda Felchle, Mitch Felchle, Emery Fisher, Carol Mae Flaagan, Mary Elizabeth Longie Goodell, Cale Goodwill, Thomas W. “Goose” Greening, Kathryn Wenzel Gustafson, Agnes Halvorson, Harold Halvorson, Michael F. Haman, Lenora Hanson, Linda Hanson, Britt Haslekaas, Marilyn Hatles-tad, Daniel R. Heisler, Halie Hendrickson, Helene Hendrickson, Curtis Herman, Sr., Curtis L. Hofstad, Brian L. Holtz, Perry Horner, David Jacobson, Loren Jechort, Duane “Bud” Johnson, Richard Johnson, Stuart D. Johnson, Teresa Jorgenson, Robert Bob Kjsa, Scott Knutt, Leo Kraft,

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A bird's-eye view of summer on LRSC campus

Not only are we observing the college's 75th anniversary, we're also marking the 50th birthday of the present campus on the north edge of town which opened for business fall 1966. The inset below shows the campus in much earlier years. We have come a long, long way!



July 2016, courtesy Huck Krueger

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