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It's time to celebrate!

Be our guest this summer as we celebrate our 75th anniversary

For 75 years, we have been the "community's college," serving educational needs of the Lake Region community and beyond. Structured as a comprehensive community college, LRSC has touched many lives—from traditional high school graduates starting the path to a baccalaureate degree to those seeking skills needed for quicker entry into the workforce as auto technicians, nurses, and in a variety of skilled trades. We've touched the lives of soldiers re-entering civilian life, of newly single parents seeking greater earning power, of workers recovering from injuries that force the need for new career paths. So many life stories, challenges, and successes are bound into the history of this great college.

"From day one, we've been a true example of the community college model," explained Dr. Doug Darling, LRSC president. "We work 'with and for' the community to meet educational needs.

Our mission statement—We enhance lives and community vitality through quality education—drives decisions. It sup-



Celebrating 75 years

ports the much appreciated open-door philosophy that invites the community to use campus resources, such as the auditorium and meeting rooms for cultural and educational activities beyond the classroom," Darling continued. "Seventy-five years ago, thoughtful community leaders

opened the door to educational opportunities for the Lake Region by creating this college. Now, it's our turn to nurture and grow this great institution," he concluded.

Special activities commemorating the anniversary have been ongoing since last fall, but July 7, 8, and 9 will be extra special, Dr. Darling said.

Activities will kick off with the Devils Lake Area Chamber's summer movie series, Thursday, July 7. LRSC will sponsor the movie *Madagascar* in Roosevelt Park at dusk. The college's Royals mascot, *Louie the Lion*, will be on hand to entertain before the movie.

Friday, July 8, is the Booster Club Scramble at Creel Bay Golf Course. Registrations are being accepted at www.lrscroyals.com. Cost is \$50/person or \$200/team. A steak fry will follow at the Creel Bay clubhouse.

Saturday, July 9, is filled with activities. Starting at 9:00 am, a 7.5K fun walk/run will begin and end at the LRSC campus. Tours, an open house, and a picnic will take place from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. A tribute show and Hall of Fame inductions will take place at 2:00 pm in Robert Fawcett Auditorium.

Campus tours will be provided, and a few classrooms will showcase memorabilia by decade to spur memories and serve as gathering places for former students with shared memories. The college is looking for memorabilia any alumni or friends would be willing to lend for the weekend.

"Please contact us if you have yearbooks, memorabilia,

(It's time to celebrate, continued on page 5.)

Wall of Excellence unveiled

It was a joyous gathering! Many who provided support for instructional programs and invested in LRSC's technical education center project joined us, April 27, to formally unveil the lovely display

"This college has such an impact on this community" says Renard Bergstrom

of engraved recognition tiles in the front entry of the new Bergstrom Technical Center. The tiles recognized gifts of \$2,000 and larger. All gifts for this important initiative were matched by the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge. The funds will strengthen instructional programming all across campus and enable the college to upgrade older sections of the tech center complex which were not included in the original, legislatively funded capital project.

During the program, Anne-Marit (Mrs. Bill) Bergstrom and Renard and Candace Bergstrom were honored for their anchor gift to support facility improvements and endowments for scholarships and program support. The Bergstrom family has been involved with LRSC for generations. Family members' participation in governance, growth, or arts/music and general education programming has impacted the col-

(Wall of Excellence, continued on page 2)



Renard and Candace Bergstrom being recognized by President Darling for their support for the Bergstrom Technical Center. See "Wall of Excellence unveiled" at right.

(Wall of Excellence unveiled, continued from page 1)

lege in many positive ways. When the need for an anchor gift to drive the tech center project arose, the Bergstrom family stepped forward. This special gift inspired others and helped the college and foundation reach the goal of \$2 million required to capture the available \$1 million in matching funds. This transformational gift was recognized with the privilege of naming the building.

"My dad was a huge fan and supporter of the college when it first opened," Renard said.

Indeed, Bergstrom family involvement with LRSC has been in place since the beginning when Bill Bergstrom served on the college's first board of trustees.

"This college has such an impact on this community," Renard continued. *"When we were working on this project, we counted up the people at work who have had a course or more or a degree from the college, and it's more than 60 percent of our team! Everyone in our family has taken courses here. When I was in high school, I took college calculus from Irv Thompson and English from Astrid Anderson. When I went away to college, my roommate at basic training was from Georgia and had taken a year from Georgia Tech. The U.S. Air Force Academy accepted credits from Lake Region State College, but it did not accept them from Georgia Tech,"* he added.

Donors that sponsored named learning spaces were also honored.

■ Otto Bremer Foundation—Otto Bremer Foun-

dation Patient Simulation Laboratory

■ Armen and Connie Hanson—Lady Royals Classroom

■ Richard and Kelly Sager and family—Harold "Bob" Sager Classroom

■ Rick and Boyd LaFluer and I. F. LaFleur and Son, Inc.—LaFleur Family Classroom

"It's exciting to have that sort of support in the community," LRSC President Doug Darling said.

The Bergstrom Technical Center opened for classes fall 2014, four months before the close of the first legislatively funded Challenge Match campaign. During this remarkable, 18-month campaign, more than 500 of LRSC's alumni and friends stepped forward with generous gifts to help the college and its foundation capture the \$1 million in matching funds earmarked for the college.

"A little plus a little equals a lot, and that is what put this project together," said Jeff Wahl, immediate past president of the Community College Foundation.

Another \$1 million Challenge Match Campaign currently is underway and will continue until December 31, 2016. Tiles are available for another section of the Wall of Excellence which will be erected in 2017.

To learn more about the Challenge Match Campaign, the Wall of Excellence, or other ways you can support programming at LRSC, call (701) 662-1520. ■

We want to hear from you!

On September 22nd, 1941, the college opened its doors with 32 students. Since that date a large number of students have entered the doors of Lake Region State College—or *Lake Region Junior College*, *Lake Region Community College*, or *UND-Lake Region*. All of those students, faculty, staff, and volunteers are part of the Lake Region story and we want to hear from them!

- Where are our Lake Region students and graduates today?
- What are they doing now?
- What is a favorite memory of attending Lake Region?
- Who was an influential staff or faculty member?
- How did LRSC impact you?

We want to hear from you, whether you went to Lake Region or had a child, relative, or friend attend LRSC. Information can be sent to Erin.Wood@LRSC.edu. We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you during our anniversary celebration, July 7-9! ■



From the desk of Doug Darling President Lake Region State College

Dear Friends,

It never fails! The annual commencement ceremony is always a rewarding experience. This year, a larger than usual number of students participated in the event ... walking across the stage to receive certificates, diplomas, and degrees. Because there were so many participants, we hosted overflow crowds in two conference rooms. Following the ceremony, students and their guests gathered in dining services for lunch and memory-sharing.

At these joyous occasions, I am always rejuvenated. This is my 27th opportunity to "gown up" for graduation at LRSC. Each time, I have come away recharged and confident that LRSC is living its motto—We Change Lives!

Empowering the campus to live its motto is challenging work. Fortunately, the LRSC team is student-oriented and dedicated to academic excellence. There is a strong tradition of making the most of the resources entrusted to the campus. That resolve is being tested, as we recently received word that state funding for the current biennium has been reduced by 4.5 percent. Budget planning for the next biennium must be based on 90 percent of the current plan. While this is unwelcome news, we will make it work. We are taking steps to reduce current expenditures and making plans to cope with leaner times ahead. Meanwhile, we are grateful for the private support directed to the college during the first ND Higher Ed Challenge and are working with our donor community to capture matching funds from the second (and likely final) round of the Higher Ed Challenge. Despite our challenges, LRSC is healthy and forward looking. Through the years, the college has weathered many challenges, some of which were truly life-threatening. A look back at some of those hard times will be part of the 75th anniversary event this summer and a theme of events throughout the anniversary year. With lessons in mind, we will check the priority list and strategically invest in the things that matter most. We will grow stronger as we persevere.

Please join us for the summer 75th anniversary events and the booster club's golf scramble. (See the schedule on the back page.) Bring your great stories about the life-changing opportunities LRSC has provided. Bring your ideas for new initiatives we could consider. Bring your family, meet your friends, and help us celebrate 75 years of academic excellence!

See you soon!

Doug Darling, Ph.D.

Ag simulators support hands-on learning!

Thanks to a generous grant from Cenex Harvest States Foundation, students at LRSC are able to “learn by doing” regardless

The CHS grant funds are being used to build the Next Gen SAL (simulation in agriculture laboratory) which is providing students,



LRSC Precision Ag Director Preston Sundeen tests the program's new combine simulator.

of the season or weather conditions. Using state-of-the-art simulators, students can practice operating a combine harvester, study crops and weeds as they grow, judge land, and study soil erosion.

our next generation of agriculturalists, with more hands-on activities during their time in the Dakota Precision Ag program.

“CHS Foundation is dedicated to creating a strong future for rural America,” says William Nelson, president of CHS Foundation. “The new lab will expose students and producers to agronomic principles through STEM-based agricultural education.”

Program Director Preston Sundeen, reports that students come with the desire to take what they are learning in a textbook and apply to a real agriculture setting. The five components of the Next Gen lab will allow students to apply what they are learning, even in the dead of winter.

“We’re very excited because now we can grow crops throughout the year. In another new lab we can simulate types, characteristics, textures and properties of soil, to show the effects its composition has on moisture, fertility, compaction and plant growth.”

Grant funds also provided a combine/harvester simulator. Students can step into the “cab” of this simulator for a very realistic experience.

To learn more call (701) 662-1598. ■

On-the-job training

During spring 2016, students in the Fitness Trainer Technician program worked on personal training with Devils Lake Fire Department firefighters.

“Students analyzed where firefighters needed to build skills and stamina to not only do their jobs better, but to also improve overall health and wellness,” said Tammy Riggin, Assistant FiTT professor.

The firefighters did formal strength training with weights along with flexibility and core exercises. Fire Chief Jim Moe and Assistant Fire Chief Cory Meyer said the activities were a win-win for both the fire department and students.

“It was nice to have them there watching us work out. They made us push and didn’t cut us any breaks,” Meyer said.



FiTT students with Devils Lake Fire Department Chief Jim Moe (2nd from right)

At the end of the semester the students received a glimpse into a firefighter’s world. “We offered them a look into what we do for a living,” said Fire Chief Moe. “They got to use the cutters and cut the roof off a car. Then we brought them into our burn building so they could spray some water and feel the heat of a fire. At the end, they looked like we did after every session they gave us!” Moe said ■.

Nursing program granted national accreditation

Five-year accreditation for Associate Degree Nurse program

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing granted initial national five-year accreditation to the Associate Degree Nurse program at LRSC’s Devils Lake and Mayville locations.

Four North Dakota community colleges partner to provide nurse education using a shared curriculum—Bismarck State College, Dakota College at Bottineau, Lake Region State College, and Williston State College. BSC also received notice of ACEN accreditation this spring.

“ACEN accreditation indicates the high quality of LRSC’s Nursing program,” said Julie Traynor, director of the DNP.

National accreditation has been a department goal for several years, said LRSC Nursing Coordinator Karen Clementich. “We are dedicated to ensuring high-quality nursing education, and ACEN accreditation shows that we meet the highest standards set forth for nursing education programs across the

country,” she said.

Graduates of nursing programs must pass NCLEX before they can become licensed as nurses. LRSC ADN graduates consistently pass NCLEX at higher percentages than national and state programs.

The DNP consortium was created a decade ago and has improved access to nursing education, particularly in rural areas of North Dakota, and increased faculty collaboration.

The DNP partners also deliver nurse education at satellite sites in Mayville, Grand Forks, Valley City, Rugby, Harvey, Hazen, Minot, and New Town. The DNP also has articulation agreements in place with three universities in North Dakota to increase educational capacity for baccalaureate education.

Additional information on Nursing at LRSC can be accessed at www.lrsc.edu and www.dakotanursing.org. ■

ASL Interpreting

A new pathway to the profession

A partnership between LRSC, the North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NDSD/RCDHH), and Minot State University has created a new Bachelor of Applied Science in Interpreting and Sign Language Studies. Students can take the entire program either on campus or from remote locations via video or online.

Lisa Ginther, ASL Interpreter instructor, says the partnership will essentially create a “2-plus-2” pathway to becoming a professional interpreter. Students can study for two years at LRSC to earn an associate degree and then another two years with MSU to earn the bachelor’s degree.

“We recognized the need for more highly trained interpreters,” said Lilia Bakken, communications coordinator for NDSD. According to Lilia, NDSD first approached LRSC about creating an American Sign Language program fifteen years ago. NDSD offered to help by providing opportunities for field experience and internships. The two-year program was established in 2001 and is the only program of its kind in North Dakota.

Development of the new bachelor’s degree program was at the recommendation of a statewide task force that evaluated services available for those who are deaf and hard of hearing. They learned that requirements for those pursuing certification had changed in 2012 making a bachelor’s degree a pre-requirement for the certification test. Because a bachelor’s degree for interpreting wasn’t offered in the state, students pursued unrelated degrees but found it difficult to retain their signing skills during the process.

MSU has a long-standing deaf education and special education program, making it a great complement to the two-year ASL program at LRSC. ■

It’s becoming a simulated world

Flying airplanes, enjoying amusement parks, diagnosing patients ... simulators impact our lives

These days, simulators are popping up everywhere, and it seems they can do almost everything ... except repair themselves.

“We see the need for technicians in all areas now that simulators are used more in entertainment, education, and medical settings,” said Will McConnell, LRSC Sim Tech instructor.

The Simulator Technology program at LRSC is one of a kind. Students come from across the nation to receive training. Andy Ross came from New Mexico after an employer told him LRSC was the best school to receive the training he needed.

“Lake Region was recommended as the top. The company I work for likes to employ as many LRSC grads as possible,” he said.

Individuals who enjoy electronics, robotics, and computers are finding simulation to be a great career path. Technicians make great salaries and

have opportunities to move upward in many areas of industrial technology.

Sim techs have a wide range of opportunities in today’s marketplace. All major airlines—including American, Delta, United—use aircraft simulators for pilot training and certification. Most military bases conduct some kind of training using simulators. Major medical centers throughout the United States have medical simulation devices. And increasingly, amusement parks—such as Disney and Universal Studios—use advanced simulation technology for rides and games.

What do all of these places have in common? The need for qualified technicians to maintain their simulators. Graduates of the LRSC Simulator Technology program find great opportunities in a simulator rich world.

Find out more at www.lrsc.edu. ■

New endowments ... a gift that lives forever!

An endowment is a wonderful gift that lasts forever! More than 140 endowments have been established by individuals or families wishing to support scholarships or programs at LRSC. A gift of \$15,000 or larger is required to establish a new fund. Once the funds have been invested for a year, the cash earnings are awarded annually to support the scholarship or educational program of the donor's choice. The following endowments are new:

■ **K-B, Denny and Betty Besse Family Endowment**—Denny and Betty Besse worked hard and raised a family of seven children in rural Starkweather ND and later in Devils Lake and Grand Forks. Their lives centered around the needs of their family, church, and community. Their children established this scholarship to assist students who may face challenges but are hard-working and determined to complete their education.

■ **Devils Lake Masonic Lodge #21 AF&AM Endowment**—The Masons has been a fraternal organization for over 6 centuries. They understand the importance of public education and supported the first public schools in both Europe and America. Devils Lake Masonic Lodge # 21 developed this scholarship endowment to be awarded annually to an exemplary North Dakota student with a Masonic background or connection.

■ **Kathy Eisenzimmer Memorial Endowment**—Kathy Eisenzimmer devoted her life to family, friends, and children. An alumnus of LRSC, she spent 34 wonderful years working in Sweetwater Elementary School, "just doing it!" In her memory, her family established this memorial endowment to be awarded to an exemplary student from the Devils Lake School System.

■ **Hazel and Lucas "Gus" Kirchoffner Endowment**—Born in the Lake Region to parents that had immigrated from Belgium and South Russia, Hazel and Gus worked hard to give their children the education they never had. The children established this endowment in their parents' memory to be awarded to a student in the nursing, teaching, or law enforcement career field.

■ **Marvin Linde Scholarship Endowment**—From his own childhood experiences, Marvin Linde developed an appreciation for well trained and empathetic teachers, especially at the elementary level. Consequently, the Marvin Linde Endowed scholarship will serve students pursuing elementary education. Marvin attended LRSC when it was located in the Pershing Building. He became a teacher and spent many years in the classroom. Later, he pursued a second career in business.

■ **Alan Martin Memorial Endowment**—For 60 years, Alan Martin served Farmers Union Central Exchange as a licensed public accountant. In that capacity, he traveled a large region developing friendships and helping local co-op managers strengthen their accounting skills. As a tribute to his exemplary skills and caring leadership, the New Rockford-Fessenden Co-op Transport Association established this endowment to support education about cooperatives within the Dakota Precision Ag program.

■ **Mosbaek Family Endowment**—This endowment was established by Amy Mosbaek and her son, Allan Mosbaek. Amy is a member of the first graduating class of LRSC. Allan's wife, Nancy, was a registered nurse and former faculty at LRSC. The Nursing program will receive annual scholarship awards from this endowment.

■ **Stephen and Carla Pine Endowment**—An interest in medicine and love for the Devils Lake community sparked Stephen and Carla Pine's decision to create an endowment at LRSC to strengthen its Nursing program. Stephen's father was a physician, and his mother was a nurse and published author. Stephen and Carla believe that gifts given at the local level have potential to make a larger impact on students, the college, and the community served.

To learn more about establishing an endowment, please contact the Foundation Office at (701) 662-1520. ■

A great leap of faith

Believing in the life-enriching power of education

On the eve of the college's 75th year, it seems appropriate to take time to reflect and to appreciate those who courageously led the effort to create a college for the Lake Region community. They took a great leap of faith. Because they believed in the life-enriching power of education, they were determined to build a college that would open doors to opportunities for students.

The dream was spearheaded by F. H. Gilliland, superintendent of the Devils Lake Public School District, and launched in 1941 based out of the Pershing Building attached to the public high school. Day-to-day operations were managed by Professor H. L. Woll who also served as the college's first full-time faculty member.

In the 75 years that followed, there were many, many challenges and ever more heroes. We are grateful to all who had the vision and the courage to embark on a college-building mission. The heroes' work inspires us.

Today, it is our turn to carefully steward this important resource. It is our turn to make the most of college-building opportunities as they arise.

Right now, and until De-

cember 31, 2016, there is a special opportunity to make a difference for students of today and tomorrow. The Legislature re-authorized the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Match.

It will sunset at the end of December; and considering the fact that North Dakota is cutting budgets, it is unlikely that match availability will continue. So, we are hoping to capitalize on the current legislatively funded match.

LRSC and its foundation can claim nearly \$1 million in matching funds by raising \$2 million in gifts from private sources. We are making good progress, but there is still plenty of match available.

To qualify for matching funds, gifts must support scholarships, instructional technology, or program-strengthening initiatives. Gifts may be pledged to be paid over 5 years. There is also an option to receive matching funds for irrevocable commitments built into estate plans. In addition, North Dakota tax

payers can receive a 40-percent tax credit for gifts of \$5,000 or greater in a single tax year. Matching funds combined with the North Dakota 40-percent tax credit make great partners for making a powerful gift.

**Today, it
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resource.**

Seventy-five years ago, there was a remarkable, determined line-up of leaders who invested time, talents, and resources to establish a college in the Lake Region. LRSC and

its foundation have been blessed to benefit from the commitment of an equally determined community of advocates. Supporters and donors of today share the vision of the college's historic leaders. Both groups are committed to building and sustaining excellence in education for the Lake Region.

To learn more about how you can help LRSC make the next great leap forward, contact a member of the foundation's board of directors or the Foundation Office at (701) 662-1520 or LRSC.Foundation@LRSC.edu. ■

A Night to Remember ...

Few Holocaust survivors remain to tell of the nightmares that existed during that time. LRSC was honored to welcome Inge Auerbacher, a Holocaust survivor, to speak in the Robert Fawcett Auditorium during March 2016.

Inge shared her story through a book discussion with community members who read her autobiography *I Am a Star*. She held discussions with the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and gave a community presentation to a capacity-filled Robert Fawcett Auditorium.

In Ms. Auerbacher's book she explains, "My childhood birthdays were always very happy and typical. That is, until my eighth birthday." She continued, "My next three birthdays marked the years of a nightmare."

Inge presented her story of life in Hitler's Germany and in the Terezin Ghetto. In 1942, when Inge was just seven years old, she and her family found themselves in a

Nazi concentration camp in Czechoslovakia. Of the 15 thousand children who moved through that ghetto, Inge is one of only about 100 who survived to be liberated in 1945.

Inge sent attendees home with a message: "Don't stand by ... if you see something wrong, do something about it."

Ms. Auerbacher has written many books, including *I Am a Star*. ■



Holocaust survivor
Inge Auerbacher



Come to the best Key Event EVER!

**Look to the future and look to the past.
Seventy-five years have sped by so fast!
We'll remember those who paved the way
And celebrate success on a special day.**

**Mark your calendar for October 21st
And be the one to buy your tickets first!**

**Come "Key Event-ing" with great college fans
Who are helping to build exciting new plans
for bright, bright futures for LRSC
And generations still to come. You'll see
LRSC's future is bright!**

Message from CCF President Chad

Hello, all,

In January I became the president of the Community College Foundation, and I am excited! Even though I served as vice president for two years, there is much to learn. The college is always changing and adapting to the needs of our community and students. And likewise, the work of the foundation is always evolving. But our mission remains the same—*opening doors to bright futures for students!* We accomplish this mission by gathering resources to make the college stronger, by reaching out to the community with information about the good work of the college and highlighting needs, and by encouraging thoughtful planning and support by our state's leaders and legislators.

In April, I participated in a wonderful celebration—the unveiling of the *Wall of Excellence* in the new Bergstrom Technical Center. It is so important to take time to celebrate success. Those who attended couldn't help but feel pride in the extraordinary investment made by the LRSC family. Wall of Excellence

gifts were matched during the first ND Higher Education Challenge and



President Chad Peterson

will be used to finish the Tech Center renovation project and strengthen instructional programs all across campus. In addition to this group of donors, we earlier celebrated the many who invested in scholarship support during the first Challenge Match. Together, these gifts totaled \$1.2 million, and the impact will be felt years for come!

If I were to choose a time to serve as president, this would be it! Having just concluded the most

successful fund-raising initiative in our history, we are at the midway point in the second Challenge Match opportunity. We hope to report equal success when it concludes on December 31, 2016.

This is a great time to be president of a foundation that works for a better tomorrow. This work has new meaning because of changes in my life. Mandy and I are new parents, and wow, what a difference that makes! We find ourselves thinking about the things that make a community a great place to raise a family. We love the Lake Region, and doing our parts to keep the community and the college strong has taken new meaning.

Please enjoy this edition of *Branches*, and please contact me if you have thoughts or suggestions for me during my two-year term as president of the Community College Foundation board of directors.

Best regards,



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clothing, equipment, or other special items to display, said Erin Wood, Director of Development and Community Relations.

A Proud History

In the spring of 1940, Superintendent of Devils Lake Schools F. H. Gilliland and the Devils Lake School Board discussed the law permitting school districts to operate a "department" of junior college work in cities of 10,000 or larger, but Devils Lake wasn't at that population threshold. So, in early 1941, the Devils Lake School Board passed a resolution favoring a bill that would revise the law to allow establishment of colleges in cities of over 5,000 residents. Senator G. F. Drew introduced Sen. Bill 83 addressing this, and it passed.

City voters then went to the polls and overwhelmingly approved establishment of a college in Devils Lake.

In the summer of 1941, Mr. Gilliland had classrooms in the Pershing Building readied, developed a curriculum, wrote and produced a catalog, and hired H. L. Woll as dean and other instructors from the high school who would be teaching classes.

And on September 22nd, 1941, the college opened its doors with 32 students.

Since that date, many students have been served. Some were students of *Lake Region Junior College, Lake Region Community College, or University of North Dakota-Lake Region*, and all benefited from access to our community's college.

"All of those students, faculty, staff, and volunteers are parts of the Lake Region story, and we want to hear from them," Dr. Darling said.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you July 7-9! Check the back cover of this newsletter for a schedule of events! ■

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 the 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 to be displayed as a design element in the campus courtyard landscape. Please 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. ■

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. ■

Newsmakers

■ **Dr. Betsy Banner**, associate professor of chemistry and mathematics, was invited to serve as a program chair and deliver a plenary address at the 7th



International Conference on Distance Learning and Education at the University of Hertfordshire, UK, October 2016. The title of her address was *Accelerated Online Learning*. Her corresponding paper will be published in an upcoming issue of the International Journal of Information and Education Technology (IJET). Dr. Banner has taught for LRSC since 1998. *"As the only American on the conference committee, I am afforded an outstanding opportunity to discuss our online program with educators from Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East,"* she said.

■ **President Doug Darling**, Ph.D. has been awarded Phi Theta Kappa's prestigious *Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction*. He was honored at Phi Theta Kappa's 98th annual convention April 7-9. College presidents and campus CEOs are selected for this award based upon outstanding support of PTK. President Darling was nominated by the LRSC chapter for his serious attention to meeting with students to determine a college project, which he has done every year of his presidency. He is also recognized for designating a portion of his family's endowment earnings to recognize the work of the PTK chapter president.

■ **Diane Karlsbraaten**, associate professor of Business and Office Technology, was named the 2016 North Dakota *Advisor of the Year* for North Dakota Phi Beta Lambda at the 46th annual State Leadership Conference which was held in Fargo, April 15-16. She is advisor to the LRSC



Phi Beta Lambda chapter and also a state advisor to the North Dakota PBL. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for college students which prepares its members for careers in business. PBL is headquartered in Reston, Virginia, and organized on local, state, and national levels.

■ **Julie Traynor**, director of the Dakota Nursing Program, has been selected for an Outstanding Rural Health award. She was recognized as the



Outstanding Rural Educator/Mentor at the 2016 Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health's annual banquet early in May. This award recognizes a professional who has made outstanding contributions to the education, development, and placement of new health care professionals in rural North Dakota. Julie spearheaded creation of the unique collaborative Dakota Nursing Program. She currently serves as director of the four-campus DNP which includes LRSC, Bismarck State College, Dakota College at Bottineau, and Williston State College,

■ **Andy Wakeford**, LRSC online coordinator/advisor, has been elected the 2016-2017 State Board of Higher



Education staff advisor. He will assume his new role on July 1. The SBHE, the policy-setting and advocacy body for the North Dakota University System, is made up of seven citizen members appointed to four-year terms by the governor and one student appointed by the governor to a one-year term. The Council of College Faculties selects the board's non-voting faculty advisor, and the NDUS Staff Senate selects the board's non-voting staff advisor. Andy has worked at LRSC since 2002.

Re-thinking the library

The digital information and technology of the 21st century are impacting the way we think about libraries. Across the nation, public and academic libraries are studying services, designs, and patron usage. With help from a grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation, LRSC is also evaluating its Paul Hoghaug Library.

Our goal is to transform our traditional library into a vital learning resource that will strengthen information literacy and maximize use of available resources. Electronic resources will replace many paper books reducing the footprint reserved for shelving. The freed-up floor space will be used to create a "learning commons" filled with services designed to help students, faculty, staff, and community patrons find and use information effectively.

A learning commons features a blend of traditional library reference resources and modern technology. Where adopted, the learning commons quickly becomes the heart and soul of the academic library. Dedicated collaboration spaces are popular as they support opportunities for people to work together. Contemplative areas are also important features in most learning commons. Many feature comfortable lounge-type furniture in addition to more traditional furnishings. Often, the learning commons becomes the go-to place for writing and communications support, tutoring, and other specialized support. At the same time, the learning commons maintains critically important access to traditional research and technical services.

In addition to changing the floor plan, a learning commons often breaks many traditional library behaviors. In communal areas, there is no "hush-hushing," food and drinks are allowed, and teamwork is encouraged. Maker-spaces and virtual reality labs are found in some innovative learning commons, opening opportunities to build prototypes or "fly" through the galaxy. Video production technology is frequently a popular option in learning commons. And of course, a soft chair in a nice, sunny corner provides an inviting setting for a scan of a newspaper.

As change is being studied, library renewal committee members have visited several academic libraries, viewed numerous webinars, and reviewed research. Students, faculty and staff have completed surveys and offered input. Librarians from throughout the region are being interviewed.

With LRSC's mission in mind—*We enhance lives and community vitality through quality education*—plans are well underway to transform the Paul Hoghaug library into a vibrant hub of learning for the future. ■

Choose wind

Continued growth of wind farms means openings for wind turbine technicians

Become job-ready in just 9 months (*two semesters*) in LRSC's Wind Energy Technician program.

■ Enter a rapidly growing industry. (Workforce is expected to grow by 108% over 10 years.)

■ Prepare for a new career with great starting wages and benefits. (Average start is \$58,580.)

■ Earn college credit from LRSC's nationally accredited and industry-approved program.

■ Complete the 1+1 program in the order that works for you—tech or academic courses first.

■ Finish your two-year degree (AAS) through distance education while you work as a wind technician.

■ Gain experience through an industry internship.

■ Access great scholarships and federal financial aid.

■ Climb and learn by doing. Some classes meet at the top of LRSC's 1.6 MW GE wind turbine.

■ Discover a "military friendly" campus.

■ Participate in the "green revolution."

■ Work in North Dakota or travel the world. Wind farms are popping up around the globe.

Opportunity found ...

Since he was a junior in high school, Jonathan Oien from Linton ND knew he wanted to go into law enforcement.

"But I didn't know where I was going to achieve this goal. I talked to the deputy sheriff in Linton, and he gave nothing but good reviews about Lake Region State College."

Jon scheduled a tour of LRSC. *"After the tour I knew this was the place for me. It was such a friendly environment, and it made me feel at home."*

Since starting college, Jon has become involved in a variety of activities. He's been a tour guide for a year and a half, joined Student Senate, and become a Resident Assistant.

Jon was also awarded scholarships at LRSC that helped offset the cost of college and solidified his bond with the college, his future career field, and North Dakota.

"At the end of last semester, I was informed that I received the Val Pascal Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to one of the peace officer students. Val's life was sadly taken in the line of duty, and it was an honor to have received this scholarship. He and I shared many of the same ideas and goals. Like Val, I am a huge community guy. I enjoy doing volunteer work because it makes community members happy, and that makes me happy! Val loved North Dakota as I love North Dakota."



Home is where your heart is, and that's North Dakota for me. I never see myself working outside of North Dakota because I'm content here and here to stay."

Scholarships make an impact. Not only do they make paying for college a lot easier. Scholarships help students achieve goals. Scholarships solidify career plans. Scholarships change lives! ■

2016 student and faculty awards

Outstanding students and faculty were honored at LRSC's 74th annual commencement exercise May 13, 2016. More than 300 students graduated with certificates, diplomas, and/or degrees.

Ulysses Jones II and Alaina McKinnon were recognized as members of the *All North Dakota Academic Team*. Alaina also received the *Richard D. Knoke Leadership Award*.

Jasmine Swinland was awarded the *Glenn H. Larson Memorial Drama Award*, and Michael Reeves received the *Lloyd Jones Memorial Music Award*. The *Writing Excellence Award* was presented to Madysen Kouba. Tammy Riggan, Fitness Trainer Technician instructor, was selected by her peers as *Teacher of the Year* and received a monogrammed oak study chair. Congratulations to all! ■



Who's Who on Campus: (l-r) Andy Ross, Ryne Dolletslager, Kelsey Schlenk, Jon Oien, Brandon Kartes, Ryan Clark, Kaitlyn Halvorson, Jasmine Swinland, and Alaina McKinnon

Royals athletes had a great year!

The Lady Royals clinched the Region 13 and District D title and made a return trip to the NJCAA National Tournament in Lubbock TX. Their season came to an end in the opening round which featured #20 Lady Royals taking on #13 Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

Two golfers also made national appearances. Eric Gullicks placed in the Top 5 at the Region XIII Tournament at Mesabi Range to advance to the NJCAA National Tournament held in May at Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth IN. Sophomore Kelsey Schlenk qualified for nationals for the second year in a row. She finished third in the region to qualify for the national tournament held in May at the LPGA International in Daytona Beach.

Kelsey's appearance made her a four-time national tournament athlete. She was a part of the Lady Royals basketball team

that advanced to national competition in 2015 and 2016 and has two NJCAA golf tournament appearances.

"LRSC has never produced a four-time national competitor before ...," said LRSC Athletic Director Danny Mertens.

In other Royals activities, the college had two national players of the week—another first for LRSC. Basketball player Kristal Flowers and fastpitch player Emma Gary both were named *National Player of the Week*.

Women's basketball player Cassidy Nelson was selected to participate in the 8th annual NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Weekend. She was one of 40 NJCAA student athletes chosen.

Men's basketball player A. J. Nywesh scored his 1,000th career point at LRSC, and Ryan Clark now holds the LRSC rebounding record with 636.

We're proud of our Royals athletes! ■

Schwab inducted into NJCAA Hall of Fame

by Sam Herder, Devils Lake Journal Sports

Duane Schwab, retired athletic director and head women's basketball coach at LRSC, has been inducted into the Class of 2016 NJCAA Hall of Fame. Duane was LRSC athletic director from 1990 to 2014. He coached women's



basketball 1989-2014 where he won 572 games, won 14 Mon-Dak Conference titles, and appeared at nine NCJAA National Tournaments.

"It's probably the highest accomplishment he can get as far as the NJCAA goes," Danny Mertens, who took over the role of athletic director and head women's basketball coach, said. "It's pretty honoring to click on the website and see your mentor. I mean, he taught me everything I know. I spent quite a few years with him and we had some good teams." ■

Royals named to All-Academic Team

For the second straight year, the Royals finished with the most players of any team on the Mon-Dak Conference's *All Academic Team*. Overall, there were 44 student athletes representing all 7 sports that LRSC offers—men's and women's basketball and golf, volleyball, baseball, and fastpitch softball. The Royals athletic department continues to strive to produce quality student athletes, said Athletic Director Danny Mertens. However, he adds, that success wouldn't be possible without the wonderful faculty and staff who are here to see each student succeed.

"We have true student athletes, but I want to thank faculty and staff for their hard work and help to make these student athletes successful off the playing field." ■

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. ■

In memory

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

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Join us this summer for the 75th anniversary celebration of Lake Region State College!

Celebration Events

Thursday—July 7

LRSC presents *Madagascar*..... DL Chamber summer movie series..... Roosevelt Park

Friday—July 8

Booster Golf Scramble Creel Bay Golf Course

Saturday—July 9

7.5K Walk/Run..... LRSC Campus, 9:00 am

Open House...Nursing, Ag, Business, Auto TechLRSC Campus, 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Community Picnic.....LRSC Campus, 11:00 am-2:00 pm

LRSC Through the Years Hall of Fame inductions..... Auditorium, 2:00 pm

Evening Social.....The Cove Lakeside

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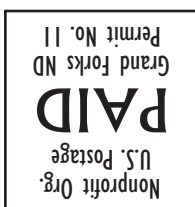


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