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Soaring to new heights

New technologies are created daily on the prairie horizon

Today's new technologies are spurring a curriculum transformation in higher education. High-tech programming in wind energy, precision agriculture, simulator technology, and even business is adapting to meet the needs and challenges of employers regionally and worldwide.

One of the newest pieces is drone technology, or unmanned aerial systems. Companies like EdgeData are bringing BladeEdge software and services to the LRSC Wind Energy Technician program to train the next generation of wind turbine technicians in UAS and turbine blade inspections.

This spring, students in the Wind Energy program started training for certification to conduct UAS inspections of turbine blades.

"Students have been learning in a hands-on environment, gaining real-world maintenance and repair experience on actual wind turbines," said Jay Johnson, instructor and coordinator for the program.

Students took the FAA Part 107 certification course, and many passed

on their first attempt.

"The Wind Energy curriculum focuses on drone use as a tool," Johnson said.

Part 107 certification is becoming standard in the college's Precision Ag program, too, enhancing student experiences and making them more marketable.

"We offer training on in-the-soil, hands-on applications as well as in new technologies students may be working with," said Preston Sundeen, director of the Dakota Precision Agriculture Center.

LRSC also is promoting an older learning tool—internship opportunities.

Internships help boost a student's marketability. Electronics technicians in high-tech industries are reaching retirement age, creating demand for new technicians with a skillset similar to what LRSC students learn. Opportunities for students in our Information Technology, Simulation Technology, Precision

Agriculture, Wind Energy, and other programs continue to grow. Precision Ag students, for instance, have at least four internship offers per student.

Dr. Doug Darling, LRSC president, is pleased to see an increase in internship opportunities in a variety of LRSC program areas.

"There is a resurgence of internship options for students. We match students with corporate partners and build win-win situations for both!" he said.

"Those internships will continue to grow as more industries watch what our students are doing in the classroom to prepare for the workforce."

In the world of simulation, the demand for technicians continues to increase. Last year, 25 students were enrolled in the Sim Tech program. While many land industry jobs in faroff locations, others are employed in related fields right here in the Lake Region.

"There are a lot of opportunities here for our graduates," said instructor Will McConnell, himself a graduate of the Sim Tech program. "The skills they gain here are transferable to other fields. They leave with electrical and mechanical skills to fix things, and there are lots of industry jobs out there."

Instructor Richard Drury first became interested in simulators while in the Air Force. He then gained experience by working for Delta and fulfilling military contracts to service weapons, Humvee, and

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Legislative update

Rolling into this year's legislative session, LRSC was apprehensive. Earlier allotments had caused a cut to the budget, and the campus had to present a 90-percent budget for 2017-2019.

Always cautious with budgets, and foreseeing additional budget reduction, LRSC administration began addressing the big budget picture early. All areas were scrutinized to reduce cost without impacting service to students or academic quality. Most positions opened by personnel departure were left unfilled. Instead job duties were absorbed across departments.

As the session continued, additional cuts appeared imminent as the economy remained stagnant, especially in the oil and agriculture sectors. When

On a brighter note, the Legislature reinstated the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Match. See "Here we go again!" on page 4.

the session wrapped up in April, colleges and universities in the North Dakota University System—including LRSC—had a 20-percent reduction in budget.

"Every area incurred reductions in positions, spending, travel, and other costs," said LRSC President Doug Darling. "Staff and faculty are giving a bit more to cover duties left when positions were vacated."

As the session ended,

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Otter Tail Power supports Wind Energy program



Presenting a check (from left)—Mark Helland, Otter Tail VP for Customer Service; Damien Rieter, Otter Tail Acting Manager; LRSC President Doug Darling; and CCF Executive Director Laurel Goulding

A recent gift of \$25,000 from Otter Tail Power Company will provide new instructional technologies for the LRSC Wind Energy Technician program and support other technical needs for programs based in the new Bergstrom Technical Center. Otter Tail also provides important support for scholarships for students enrolled in the Wind Energy program.

Otter Tail Power Company's gifts were matched by the North Dakota Higher Ed Challenge fund, which enlarged them by 50 percent. ■

See what we have to offer!

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

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

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

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

■ **Business Administration**—Prepare to transfer for a baccalaureate degree after completing this AA program which provides a broad understanding of finance, management, and marketing. Students may focus on accounting, marketing, or management. *(Learn more about this new degree option on page 3.)*

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

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

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

■ **Information Technology**—Acquire the business application and technical

skills needed for entry-level positions in a wide array of business settings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



From the desk of Doug Darling President

Lake Region State College

Dear Friends of LRSC,

What would you do with an extra \$20 thousand? That's the question staff at Lake Region State College pose to future students who are doing their college search. Finding the right fit for a student heading to college isn't always easy. What we tout about Lake Region State College is that it is the perfect size so students aren't intimidated by a 300-person lecture class; it has many career path options to get you into the workforce making a great wage in two years or less; and that it is the place to go if you are seeking a major without the price tag attached to larger public universities and private institutes.

A student who attends LRSC and then transfers to a four-year university to complete studies saves almost \$20 thousand compared to a student who goes right to a four-year university. The savings is even higher compared to a student who goes right to a private university. LRSC has written articulation agreements for most majors at North Dakota University System universities which ensure seamless transfer of general education requirements.

Other benefits Lake Region State College provides are smaller class sizes and the opportunity to participate in many co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Organizations like the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society help students grow as leaders and scholars. PTK has many activities to enhance students' experiences at LRSC and the universities to which they transfer. Other student groups have advanced to regional, national, and international competitions that boost their marketing potential when it's time to enter the professional workforce.

You've probably seen coverage of budget cuts at colleges in the North Dakota University System. We're weathering the cuts here at LRSC without impacting student studies or services. The faculty and staff are here for students through thick and thin!

We are here to change your life and give you the opportunity to reach your educational goals and save you \$20 thousand on a bachelor's degree.

That will never change.

Please see what Lake Region State College is all about. Tours are available any time!

Doug Darling, Ph.D.

Exciting happenings in the Paul Hoghaug Library!

LRSC's faculty and staff dedicate their time and talents to our students, providing quality education in a collaborative learning environment. Our students succeed! Not only during their time on campus, but throughout their lives with skills learned from our faculty and staff.

With the help of funds received from the Otto Bremer Foundation and the ND Challenge Match, our traditional library is being converted to a vital learning resource commons that will help strengthen and maximize use of digital and technological resources.

A "learning commons" has proven to be a destination point for students on college campuses. It becomes the go-to spot for specialized support as well as for access to traditional research resources. Current and new resource technologies will be available to students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Plans include individual study spots, small group study rooms equipped with collaborative technology, larger collaborative areas, laptop computers available for checkout in the resource center as well as new desktop computers and stations, a recording and editing

studio, and a presentation area that will be used as a classroom and maker space. There will also be a quiet testing area for anyone taking a proctored test. A new printing/scanning/copy area will be available.

For those who like to come in to sit in comfy furniture and read, a new reading area will be developed. Book shelving will be moved to the center of the

library to create a division between study and socialization areas, and natural sunlight will fill the spaces.

The New Horizons computer lab will remain available for use 24/7.

We invite you to stop at the Paul Hoghaug Library to visit with staff. See our plans and experience the excitement we're feeling as this great conversion takes place! ■

Prince shares love for science

Shaun Prince, LRSC associate professor of biology, learned a love of science in elementary school.



Because many elementary and middle school students today don't have the opportunity to do hands-on science activities, Prince strives to share her passion.

"I just want to see every student have the opportunity to love it too," she says.

At the end of February,

Prince (pictured second from left) presented three workshops to students ages 8-12 at the North Dakota Home

School Convention in Bismarck ND. Over thirty kids in each workshop explored fun topics such as crime scene investigation,

why leaves change color, and introduction to microscopes.

Prince volunteers her time for these experiences. Whether it's in the classroom, in the community, or in her own backyard, she shares her love for science with students of all ages. ■

In with the new

Unless you're a regular at LRSC, chances are you haven't noticed or experienced the activity taking place with the college's electrical system. The elec-



trical switch gear, original from the 1966 construction, had maximized its power. Maintenance on our older system was creating challenges when parts needed replacement. Switching to a more modern electrical switch gear system was costly, but necessary.

Thanks to an appropriation from the State, LRSC has tackled the issue. Mini power outages have taken place as crews have worked on replacing the old with new. At left, Chad Estenson, Buildings and Grounds supervisor, inspects the new equipment. The end result will be a stronger, more reliable electrical system for the campus. ■

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LRSC had reduced an equivalent of 14 full-time positions. Sports programs are curbing long-distance travel, and the men's and women's golf teams are on hold.

Dr. Darling points out that although the budget cut is steep, LRSC was in a stronger position than others to weather the storm.

"Lake Region State College always has been conscientious with its budget. We're a small campus, and we've hit budget roadblocks before that have been more challenging. It's not an ideal situation, but I know the staff and faculty will continue to serve students in the same excellent manner," he said reassuringly, "even if there are fewer personnel." ■

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submarine simulators.

There are also many opportunities in production control, says Drury. "In factories, paper mills, and manufacturing, production control systems are like simulators; they use the same sensors and driving mechanisms and lots of the same software."

Drury loves working with students. "Being able to guide them is the most enjoyable part of the job. Not many students get the chance. I wish there were more! I love seeing them have that 'a-ha' moment!" he says.

Students who feel the

pull of computer sciences but who also like to be busy working with their hands would be a good fit for the Sim Tech program.

"It's where computer science meets auto mechanics," explains McConnell, "It's the best of both worlds!"

Employers have discovered that our students have a broad base of knowledge and hands-on experience. LRSC plans to continue to meet their needs as we adapt and prepare our students to soar to new heights with innovative new technologies. ■

Legislative showcase

The North Dakota University System held a legislative showcase in March. All eleven public colleges and universities were in attendance.

LRSC showcased drone technology to members of the North Dakota Senate. From Precision Ag to Wind Energy, LRSC brings drone technology into its programs so students are prepared for careers that meet industry needs.



Above, Nick Bittner, with LRSC's Wind Energy Technician program, describes how drones can be integrated into several industries. To learn more, call (701) 662-1600 or check our website at www.LRSC.edu. ■

Creating more marketable degree options

Students seeking a business related degree and transferring for a bachelor's degree or higher have some new options at LRSC. The State Board of Higher Education recently approved changing the Associate in Arts for Accounting/Business Administration to an Associate in Arts in Business Administration with emphasis in one of three areas—Accounting, Marketing, or Management.

"This degree strengthens our entire business division," says Dr. Doug Darling, LRSC president. "Our ... programs have always been strong, but now we're giving students an option to emphasize one of these areas in an AA degree."

Many times we've had students wanting to empha-

size marketing or management before they pursued a bachelor's degree, but those students were required to earn both an associate in arts and an associate in applied science degree, said Cindy Brown, assistant professor of Marketing.

"Expecting students to earn two separate degrees created increased credit loads and cost for students. Often, they would pick one degree over the other, but now they can earn the transfer degree plus the core components for a specialty in marketing, management, or accounting," Brown said.

Students also can opt for an Associate in Applied Science in Marketing/Management, which is a good option for those going right into the workforce after graduating from LRSC. ■



Travel with the President

Traveling across the pond to see firsthand the artifacts, art, and sites of cultures studied in the classroom has been well received by students and the community. LRSC Travel Abroad Coordinator Teresa Tande has arranged many well-attended trips. However, people continue to ask, "When are you going to Scandinavia?"

"We couldn't tie a Scandinavian trip to classroom experiences as we just didn't have the correct curriculum," Tande said.

So, instead, a *Scandinavian Trip with the President* was created. Next year, from May 31-June 13, forty adults will travel with the LRSC president to the Scandinavian capitals of Oslo, Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Helsinki. This is

an EF Travel "GoAhead" project which is specifically geared towards adults older than the typical college student. The pace is a bit slower, although people will still walk about two hours a day; the rooms are a bit posher and closer to city centers; and meals feature wine and beer.

In the months leading up to the trip, the college will offer seminars on various aspects of Scandinavian cultures—their contributions to the world, and their presence in North Dakota. President Doug Darling will lead the way on some of these seminars.

Seats are limited, so anyone thinking of signing up should do so soon! More detailed information can be found at www.LRSC.edu. ■

Are we in your will?

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

A new match campaign is underway, thanks to the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund. The Legislature assigned \$200 thousand 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!

Qualifying gifts must be directed toward scholarship or program support or enhancement of academics.

The challenge match period will continue until December 31, 2018. 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. ■

2017 Booster Club Golf Tournament

COME AND SUPPORT THE LRSC ROYALS!

Friday, July 7th, 2017—Creel Bay Golf Course

10:00—Registration & Lunch
12:00—Shotgun start
5:00—Steak Fry and Silent Auction

\$100/individual or \$400/team of 4
Steak Fry and Auction only/\$20

Contact (701) 662-1654 or
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A message from CCF President Chad

Whenever I'm asked to write or speak about the foundation, I tend to reflect on what we've done as a group, what I've done as a part of that group, and the journey it took for me to be able to write these very words.

Another school year has come and gone, and I believe I've spoken at my last graduation ceremony representing the foundation. I realize I'm on the quick downhill run to pass my title on to the next person who I know will ably lead us into the future. It has been eye-opening, and the most important lesson I've learned is—Lake Region State College changes lives!

I'm far from a manly man. I get a bit embarrassed when I get choked up in public, and it has happened to me a few times, but there are two instances I'd like to share. I might be off on a few details, but the fact remains in both stories—Lake Region State College changes lives!

The first time I saw Manny Ohonme, I was sure he was a basketball star. He took the stage at our annual Key Event to receive our highest honor, Hall of Fame induction. Manny dressed like me, spoke like me, and my overall first impression was "this is a regular guy." Then Manny started talking about his past, his time at LRSC, and his current life and family. He grew up in Africa, didn't know where his next meal was going to come from, and barely had a roof over his head or clothes on his body. His athletic ability brought him here. He now lives the American dream and gives back through Samaritan's Feet. (Google it, everyone. It's an amazing organization!)

Think about it. A young boy from Africa with basically nothing came to Devils Lake, partly because of support from the Community College Foundation; he's now a tax-paying, fun-loving guy, giving back every day of his life and making a difference ten-fold, all because of the education and opportunity provided by LRSC. Lake Region State College changed his life!

My second story is much less public but brings just as powerful a message. I wish I remembered this young man's name, but in all honesty I would have left him anonymous anyway. This young man could have

been any student at LRSC, but he showed the courage to stand up in front of a room full of adults to share his story. He told of his troubled past—a broken family, his struggles in school. He was lost until he finally found a safe place in his sophomore or junior year of high school. Imagine the struggles he went through trying to find his way as a teenager with little adult guidance. His grades had been horrible, but



now he had worked his bum off only to realize his good grades later in high school were not enough to make up for the earlier bad grades. He didn't expect to ever go to college.

As luck would have it—for him and for LRSC—a college recruiter visited his school and explained our Presidential Scholarships which are based on ACT scores, not on high school grades. Being a smart kid, he studied and scored high on his ACT test and qualified for a Presidential Scholarship. LRSC became a place of opportunity, a place where he came into his own ... leaving a mark on me as he passed through. LRSC gave him the opportunity so many others did not. Lake Region State College changed his life.

There are countless other stories just as touching that I've heard; countless others go untold. Being part of the board is reward in itself, but to see firsthand the difference each and every gift makes in the lives of our students is more than a reward; it's proof that LRSC changes lives!

Our recent campaigns have been a success, and I'm thankful for everyone who saw it in their hearts to do their part. These campaigns are not an end; they are only just the beginning. The foundation's goal is to support LRSC and to facilitate life-changing opportunities.

Think about it. Do you want to change a life?

Here we go again!

As CCF President Chad mentions in his editorial, lives are changed at LRSC, and a large reason lives are changed? Generous donors like you!

If you want to make a gift to change a life, there is a new opportunity to make a bigger impact. The North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund is back, ending December 31, 2018. It's not as large as in past years, but we're thankful the state set aside \$200,000 in funding for LRSC.

Colleges and universities are required to raise \$2 in private gifts for every \$1 provided by the fund. Matching dollars are intended to help schools build endowments to support scholarships and programs.

Gifts may be given this year or pledged over a five-year period. Gifts of stock, real estate, and irrevocably gifted bequests may also be accepted and matched.

A gift or pledge of \$15 thousand is required to establish a named endow-

ment for scholarship or program support. Smaller gifts to unnamed endowments are accepted into a pooled endowment.

Students walk through the doors at LRSC for a variety of reasons. Many arrive and transform, truly discovering themselves and their future career interests. Past campaigns have been a success because so many individuals, businesses, and organizations were inspired to give. We encourage you to make a gift and change a life! To learn more, call (701) 662-1520 or go to www.LRSC.edu. ■

Royal Blue Hawaii Key Event a big success!



On behalf of the Community College Foundation, we would like to send a very heartfelt “mahalo” to everyone who helped make our Royal Blue Hawaii Key Event such a big success!

On October 21, 2016, the Key Event Opportunities Auction raised \$84 thousand which will be used to provide scholarships and support LRSC instructional programming. The tropical theme provided a relaxing evening in paradise, according to Public Affairs Director Erin Wood.

“We’ve spent the year celebrating the college’s 75th anniversary. What better way to wind up that celebration than with a big Hawaiian luau!” she said.

Guests arrived at the Memorial Building for an hour of silent auction bidding which was followed by an island feast fit for a king.

During the annual meet-

ing, LRSC alumni Emmanuel Ohonme was inducted into the Hall of Fame. (Read his story below.)

Laurel Goulding, LRSC vice president for Advancement and executive director of the foundation, also was surprised with induction into the Hall of Fame. She has led the foundation since 1989, spurring remarkable growth in gifts and endowments. The number of endowments has grown from 3 to more than 150, and a corpus of \$474 thousand has expanded to more than \$8 million. Her semi-retirement in 2016 was the perfect occasion for us to give her a “forever” thank you with her own spot in the LRSC Hall of Fame.

The evening concluded with the unmatched excitement of the live auction.

We would like to thank the Tiki Time Committee, auction donors, and the many LRSC students, faculty, and staff who worked hard to make the night a big success. Again, Mahalo! ■

Mark your calendars! October 27, 2017, is the date for the next Key Event. A theme has yet to be chosen, but you can count on it being a spooktacular night to remember. Stay tuned ...

New to LRSC Hall of Fame

Sometimes the little things are the big things. Take a pair of shoes. To some children owning a pair of shoes is but a dream. It was for Manny.

More than thirty years ago, Emmanuel Ohonme was a young boy living in Nigeria when a Good Samaritan encouraged him to enter a contest where the grand prize was a pair of shoes. “Manny” won the contest ... and the shoes! The encouragement from the Good Samaritan changed Manny’s destiny.

A trip from Nigeria to North Dakota marked another chapter in his destiny when Manny earned a scholarship to play basketball at LRSC in 1989.

To be embraced and welcomed in a new culture was a surprise to Manny. “I have such fond memories of the people at Lake Region. They are the most loving and compassionate people. ... I had the opportunity to work with some of the best coaches and

student athletes,” he said.

Manny then met the love of his life. He and Tracie (Elfman) married and are the proud parents of daughters Nike, Dele, Yemi, and son Wale.

After graduating, Manny went on to earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees. He worked in industry and opened his own firm. Then his life changed.

“I returned home to bury my dad in 1997. ... I quickly remembered how hard it was. I saw children like me without shoes. I was still searching for purpose, and the flicker started ... I needed to let these kids know they were meant for something bigger.”

Samaritan’s Feet was launched in 2003. Today, the organization has distributed 7 million pairs of shoes in 75 countries and 325 U.S.

cities—850 pairs right here in the Lake Region.

No matter where his journey takes him, Manny has a special place in his heart for LRSC.

“What is so special about Lake Region is the authenticity of the people. They believe in you even when you don’t. ... I was here to receive instruction and direction ... to start the blueprint for the rest of my life.”

We’re happy LRSC had an impact and is changing the lives of so many around the world.

“Our legacy should be created based on what we do for others ... We will never know the impact of the ripple effect of our actions and obedience if we sit on the sidelines as spectators,” says Manny.

Learn more at www.samaritansfeet.org. ■

New named endowments

An endowment is a wonderful gift that lasts forever! More than 150 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 education program of the donor’s choice. The following endowments are new:

■ **Children of Archie and Doris Borstad Scholarship Endowment**—Born to Norwegian immigrants, Archie and Doris were raised near Devils Lake. They were married in 1943 and settled on a farm on the Spirit Lake Sioux Reservation where they raised a family of four. They were educated in Devils Lake, and each proudly pursued a higher education. Three of their four children attended LRSC, and all four earned bachelors degrees from NDSU. As a memorial to their parents, the family has erected a large white cross on the farmstead next to the waters of Devils Lake. Scholarships from this endowment will be awarded to students pursuing careers related to agriculture.

■ **Rick and Dr. Deb Follman Family Endowment**—LRSC was the educational starting place for many members of the Follman family. It provided them with wonderful experience and built confidence to reach for their goals. Rick and Deb grew up in the Lake Region area. Deb earned a doctorate in education and has, since 1998, been principal at Sweetwater school in Devils Lake. Rick attended LRSC and went on to earn a BA in economics. Children Angie and Matt both attended LRSC, and Matt was employed for a time with the college’s TrainND unit. Scholarships from this endowment will help others prepare for the field of education, which has been a life-long vocation for Deb, Angie, and many other Follman family members.

■ **Goulding Family Endowment**—Through the years, Laurel and Paul Goulding have watched and appreciated the impact of LRSC on the lives of those it serves. They both grew up in families that placed high value on education. Paul’s 25 years as a business leader and 14 years on the Devils Lake Public School Board helped to cement his commitment to the power of education. Laurel answered a call for a part-time grant writer at LRSC and for the next 30 years served in many capacities, all while serving as executive director of the Community College Foundation. Laurel and Paul established the Goulding Family Endowment as a strategy for giving back to a community they love. Earnings from the endowment will support the Automotive Technology program.

■ **Julin and Bonnie Hagen Scholarship Endowment**—Julin Hagen and Bonnie Arnold were both born to farm families at Esmond, North Dakota. After high school, Julin became a licensed auctioneer and a farmer. Bonnie earned a degree in elementary education. They were married in 1965 and raised a family of two sons on a farm northeast of Esmond, North Dakota. Their involvement in the auction business provided an opportunity to meet and make lasting friendships throughout the North Dakota farming community. They have established this endowment to provide scholarships for students in ag-related studies.

■ **Agnes and Edward Halvorson Scholarship Endowment**—Established by Edward as a memorial to his late wife, Agnes, this endowment is a testament to their support for quality education. Edward is proud to point out that four of their children attended LRSC, as well as five grandchildren. He was a math and science instructor in Devils Lake schools for thirty-three years while Agnes provided daycare for younger children. Awards will be made to students from the Lake Region.

■ **Nicci and Merle Henke Endowment**—Merle and Nicole moved to Devils Lake in 1965 so Nicole could teach at the North Dakota School for the Deaf. Her career there spanned from 1965 to 1997; she then worked part-time

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for Lake Region special education. Merle worked as a city police officer and then for twenty-four years for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Sadly, Nicci was diagnosed with cancer in 2007. She gracefully remained full of joy throughout her illness until March 2013 when Nicole died. She left behind a legacy of loving her community. Scholarships will be given in her memory to students in the American Sign Language and Interpreting Studies program.

■ **Philip John Kenner Science Scholarship Endowment**—Born to Corry and Dr. Kristin Kenner of Devils Lake, Philip graduated from Devils Lake High School in 2005. During high school, he got a jump start on his college studies by taking dual credit courses through LRSC and earning college credits. He continued his education at Harvard where he earned a degree in biochemical sciences in 2009. Philip went on to earn a Masters Degree in molecular medicine from University College in London and is currently employed by ClearView Healthcare Partners in Boston. Philip chose to establish this endowment to support students planning careers in the sciences. He feels a distinct satisfaction in giving back by helping others who may have the desire to pursue a career in science but who may not have the resources.

■ **Marilyn Pederson Nursing Scholarship Endowment**—Marilyn lived her life passionately and with deepest affection for the community she loved, the Lake Region. She earned her first nursing degree from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Fargo and began practicing at General Hospital in Devils Lake. In 1961, she began a 30-year career as a nurse educator at LRSC which produced more than one thousand practical nurses. She went on to direct the college's community education program. Her family and friends established this endowment to encourage and support students pursuing careers as nurse professionals.

■ **Arvin and Jeanette Rohrer Scholarship Endowment**—With this endowment, Arvin and Jeanette seek to create a lasting legacy that will reflect their strong belief that success is possible through hard work and determination and that education plays an important role in achieving this success. Both natives of the Lake Region, they took their marriage vows in 1956 and proceeded to take over the family farm. Arvin clearly remembers working with teams of horses before upgrading to a forty-horsepower, two-cylinder John Deere tractor. They raised small grains and cattle and four sons. In spite of difficult times, farming provided a good life and a great way to raise a family. *"We feel blessed and privileged to establish this endowment,"* says Arvin. Scholarship priority will be given to Benson or Ramsey County students enrolled in agriculture, nursing, or wind energy.

■ **Lyder and Boots Tande Memorial Endowment**—After a stint in the U.S. Army, Lyder Tande left Scobey, Montana, to attend Concordia College in Moorhead on the GI Bill. It was there he met Isabelle "Boots" Eklund, and they married in 1950. He brought his bride back to Scobey, where they worked in the grocery business and raised a family. Daughter Teresa Tande, LRSC associate professor of English/Humanities, has established this endowment to honor her parents' memory and to provide support for exemplary students who are actively engaged in collegiate activities.

■ **Les and Karn Windjue Endowment**—Les and Karn were born in and raised on farms in the Lake Region, and they both attended LRSC. When asked why they established their endowment, they said they wanted to help secure the future of LRSC and its programs. *"We believe in the college and the life-changing opportunities it has to offer,"* said Karn. All three of their children attended LRSC, and Karn was employed by the college for ten years. They have observed first-hand many student success stories, and their passion for LRSC has grown stronger. They were inspired to build this endowment *"for future students of LRSC ... and our grandchildren!"* Earnings will support programs with priority needs, as determined by college leadership.

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

No doubt about it—college isn't easy!

Luckily, here at LRSC, there's TRiO. Serving students since 2001, our program is one of only a handful located at a two-year college in the North Dakota University System.

TRiO Student Support Services, along with the PowerSkills Center, helps students with study skills and creates goals and objectives for their education, careers, and beyond.

TRiO offers academic advising, career/transfer advising, professional tutoring, financial literacy and FAFSA assistance, computer/printer loans, and disability support services. Its ideal study space includes math and science labs, technology and textbook lending libraries, and knowledgeable staff.

TRiO boasts an 84-percent retention rate which exceeds the institution's overall average.

TRiO Director Dr. Cathleen Ruch invites incoming students to apply for acceptance into the program. You must be low-income, first-generation, or disabled, but statistically you will be twice as likely to complete your degree! ■

Graduation rate increases *It takes a village to raise a child.*

As the graduation season leads in to another fall semester, we are proud to announce a 10-percent increase in graduation rates.

Like the old "It takes a village" saying proves, *"It takes a campus-wide effort to graduate one student,"* says Dr. Cathleen Ruch, director for the TRiO and Powerskills programs. *"That is what LRSC does: collaborates to assist with student success."*

Graduation rates are based on a relatively small percentage of a student population. Only first-time, full-time students are considered, and that's only seventeen percent of the student population; but the increase gives a clear view of LRSC's success in mentoring and retaining students to help them reach their educational goals.

A college Retention Committee ensures that from initial recruiting to advising to graduation, the entire student experience is evaluated. The committee brainstorms ways to come alongside students and help them graduate. A network of behind-the-scenes support for those who are face

to face with students each day provides needed information.

"We've expanded our orientation to two days where students begin lasting relationships and focus on team-building skills," says Brandi Nelson, director of Institutional Research/Instructional Services. *"Advising is critical, and we also require all students to take a first-year experience class."*

Part of LRSC's student success strategy involves programs such as TRiO and Powerskills. *"TRiO/Powerskills provides numerous services to assist with academic success, such as tutoring, academic advising, and assistance with transferring to four-year institutions,"* says Dr. Ruch.

LRSC is already looking ahead to 2019 and 2020 when this year's incoming freshmen will graduate. We're evaluating support strategies that will be most effective for those students most in need of them.

"Student success is very much a flow from start to finish," Nelson says, *"and it takes a unified effort from the entire campus to make that happen."* ■



When Jace Greene set foot on the UND campus in 2014, it was with confidence gained from a year and a half of LRSC coursework, knowledge that he was debt-free, and certainty that business administration was the major he wished to pursue.

Jace had focused on business and accounting classes at LRSC in a program that teaches highly marketable skills. And because many students transfer to four-year uni-

Opportunity found

versities, LRSC offers an atmosphere and services to make the transition to a larger university smoother.

"The classes at UND are so much bigger, and I didn't have the face-to-face connection with my teachers that I had at Lake Region," Jace recalls. *"But Lake Region had prepared me to put in good work and effort. That enabled me to be successful."*

Accounting instructor Kay Grinsteiner always tells prospective students that accounting is the language of business. *"Anyone interested in any aspect of owning, operating, or managing a business should consider at least one or two accounting classes,"* she says. *No matter what job you have, you will be impacted by financial data at some point."*

Jace found that the accounting and business administration program at LRSC equipped him

with what he needed to succeed at UND and then find employment at Western State Bank. *"I felt that LRSC's business classes helped me ... because of the skills and theories I learned,"* he says.

Graduates of LRSC's Business Administration program have a firm grasp of accounting principles and theories, recording revenues and expenditures, explaining legal requirements for businesses, using basic budgets and cost estimates, and reading, understanding, and explaining financial statements.

An essential benefit of the Business Administration program is the opportunity to form relationships within the Lake Region community. Jace worked as an overnight data center representative for Western State Bank while he was a student, and he is now their full-time employee! ■

Lady Royals & Royals Sports



Fifty LRSC student-athletes have earned Mon-Dak Academic Team honors for getting it done on the court/field and in the classroom with cumulative GPAs of 3.00 or higher. LRSC had more students receiving this honor than any other Mon-Dak college.

Danny Mertens, LRSC athletic director, said he is proud of the accomplishments of our athletes during their seasons and for their classroom success. *"We have a long history of academic success. Royals' student athletes lead in academics, skill, and dedication. They devote one hundred percent of themselves, whether it is the classroom, at practice, or in a game."*

Congratulations to Harvey Barr, Adrianna Bibeau, Carly Boe, Jordan Bolton, Brett Bourdreau, R'ionna Brocks, Nicholas Brooks, Ryan Clark, Kaden Doerksen, Katie Dufner, Nic Fassos, Jadyn Fee, Emma Gary, Hanna Gary, Jared Gesell, Eric Gilbertson, Ella Gobald, Jessica Hagen, Landen Hall, Jaden Hanson, Jillian Hanson, Brittany Harris, Hannah Hextall, Bryce Hunt, Mackenzie Irwin, Andrea Jorgenson, Mary Kalal, Karly Kennelly, Payton Kritzerberger, Jade Ledochowski, Jon Lund, Haunani Morton, Mercedes Navarrette, Cassidy Nelson, Brett Peterson, Ben Rennie, Sam Riley, Jaeleon Roberts, Emily Schafer, Helen Schuster, Gina Selfe, Evan Stack, Amber Stewart, Rebekah Stoe, Hannah Swartz, Landyn Swenson, Bridger Urban, Krista Waldo, Mikayla Wallace, and Tai Yamamoto.

Congratulations also go out to the Lady Royals softball team for winning the 2017 Mon-Dak Fastpitch Softball Championship this spring, and to their coach, Ben Morris, named Mon-Dak Coach of the Year. ■

Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange

Want to try something different? The U.S. Congress and German Bundestag (parliament) offer full scholarships for 75 Americans every year.

The *Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX)* includes intensive German language training, study at a German university, and an internship at a German company. You will learn a lot about different cultures, travel through Europe, learn a new language, and gain experience to boost your chances for high-profile jobs. This program is also available for Germans.

One of them is Ersin Demircan, who currently lives, works, and studies at LRSC. *"Coming from a big city on a different continent, you're used to much different*

things, but I quickly realized how eye-opening this experience is. ... I learned so much and was able to travel through the States. It was definitely the highlight of my life!"

Applicants must be 18 or older, have U.S. citizenship or permanent residency, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and complete coursework in a target internship field. The scholarship includes

- round-trip airfare,
- language school,
- four months of tuition,
- housing,
- a cost-of-living stipend,
- program-related travel within Germany, and
- health insurance.

Application season is September 2017. For more information, please visit cbyx.info. ■

In the news

■ LRSC student Nicholas Hammons has been awarded a position in the 2017 *Research Experiences for Undergraduates at North Dakota Universities* summer program. He is one of just 30 students selected from across North Dakota. A graduate of Devils Lake High School, Nick earned his associate degree this spring and will continue his studies in biochemistry and molecular biology. From there, he plans a career in pharmacy or medicine.

■ Marketing students participated in the *DECA International Career Development Conference* in April in Anaheim, California. Cassidy Fayerweather received an honorable mention in Human Resources Management, and Devan Sundeen and Garrett Bonham competed in Business Ethics, a team event. Cassidy Nelson competed in the National Management Institute, also a team event. She was grouped with students from across the country. DECA is advised by Marketing instructor Cindy Brown.

■ Skylar Bergstad and Angelica Rodriguez represented LRSC at the Kennedy Center's *American College Theatre Festival* in January in Des Moines, Iowa. Both were nominated for their roles in *Sweeney Todd* presented last fall by LRSC Playmakers. They were joined by other students nominated for spring 2016 productions—Paige Prekker for her role in *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* and Hannah Hardcastle for her work on the same production. The KCACTF is a national theater program involving 18,000 students from colleges and universities nationwide.

Your chance to study abroad

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

By the time you read this, an intrepid group of LRSC students and community members will have toured from Bavaria to the Black Forest, visiting four countries in the process. A journey of a lifetime, this excursion took place after the end of spring semester. The group visited sites in Germany, Italy, Austria, and Switzerland during the college's annual study-abroad opportunity.

Another journey of a lifetime is being organized for May of 2018. The newly announced nine-day adventure will take travelers through landmarks and locations throughout Italy. The group will depart on May 14 and fly overnight to Venice. For nine days,

they will explore Venice, Florence, Duomo, Rome, and Vatican City. Students will experience first-hand what they will learn about in humanities courses during the school year which will be tailored to focus on aspects of the trip. This opportunity is also open to community members.

A tour company takes care of all the arrangements from take-off to landing back home. To view more information about the trip and accommodations, visit www.efcollegestudy-tours.com/professors-trip/1966700KZ.

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

In memory

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

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Visit with Lake Region State College at the North Dakota State Fair July 22 to July 29 in Minot. We will showcase our Wind, Simulator, and Precision Ag programs throughout the week. Come and find us in the All Seasons Arena!

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LRSC holds 75th commencement ceremony



Outstanding students, faculty, and staff were honored at LRSC's 75th annual commencement exercise, May 12, 2017. Nearly 300 students graduated with certificates, diplomas, and/or degrees.

Pictured at left are (standing l-r) Paige Prekker, Hannah Hardcastle, Tanya Kephart, Rebekah Stoe, (seated) Cassidy Nelson, Jonathan Lund, Landen Hall, and Hannah Hextall, who were named *Who's Who at Lake Region State College for 2017*.

Paige Prekker and Hannah Swartz were named to the *All North Dakota Academic Team*. Hannah Hextall received the *Richard Knoke Leadership Award*. Hannah Hardcastle was awarded the *Glenn H. Larson Memorial Drama Award*. The *Writing Excellence Award* was presented to Paige Prekker and Hannah Hardcastle. In a tie, Melissa Moser, Nursing instructor and Michelle Murphy, Science/Mathematics associate professor, were honored by their peers with the *Excellence in Educating Award*, and Janet Huffman, Physical Plant, was recognized with the *Excellence in Service to Students Award*. Congratulations to all! ■

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