## Meet Morgan,

Focused and determined are two words that describe Morgan Thielbar, a sophomore at LRSC. Morgan took a jump start at college by enrolling in dual credit courses while attending high school in Langdon, ND. She earned numerous credits, which made the transition to college smoother.

"In high school I didn't know what college I wanted to attend, but LRSC was always in my mind along with larger colleges," Morgan said.

At LRSC Thielbar is involved in a variety of ways. She is a member of the LRSC Royals Volleyball team, and active in Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (where she is vice president) and DECA.

"I started college at LRSC in Business Administration with a concentration in marketing. I found that having a chunk of college done by doing dual credit in high school helped me balance my academic workload, which was so helpful, especially being on the road with volleyball."

The stress of paying for college also was diminished, thanks to scholarships. Morgan received the Michael J. Pung Jr. Endowment and Agnes Hastad Memorial Endowment her freshman year. This year she received the Susan E. Greenleaf Endowment scholarship.

"I found LRSC affordable and am thankful for the scholarship opportunities available thanks to a generous Community College Foundation. Every aspect of Lake Region State College keeps you motivated to pursue your dream of a college degree."

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## Changing Lives!

Lake Region State College supports students as they navigate college life and prepare for their future. It's what LRSC does best. Students dream big, but they also worry about paying their tuition and other costs related to going to college.

That's where donors like you step into the picture. With a gift to the Community College Foundation, you choose if the gift will support scholarships, programs, support services, or other priorities.

LRSC offers one of the lower tuition costs in comparison with other ND colleges and universities. Scholarships bring costs down even more. A scholarship from the Foundation can seal the deal when a student is deciding where to attend college.

### Will you help change the lives of college students?



#### Meet Aiden,

Scholarships influenced Aiden Bryce Volk's decision to attend Lake Region State College. The first-year LRSC student from Devils Lake earned a Florence Lake Presidential Scholarship, Community College Foundation Board Scholarship and other external awards.

*"My tour of the campus (as a high school senior)* increased my knowledge of available scholarships and had a great impact on my decision to attend LRSC," Aiden said.

These scholarships have driven the overall cost for Aiden to attend LRSC down greatly.

He encourages future college students to educate themselves on the overall cost of attending compared to the scholarship options.

"Community colleges (like LRSC) offer the same credits for a fraction of the price," he said.

## Challenge Match

Once again the North Dakota Legislature generously funded the Higher Education Challenge Match Fund and has again appropriated funds that support North Dakota colleges and universities. Lake Region State College received an established pool of \$600,000 claimable by raising \$1,200,000 in gifts and pledges from private sources. Priority is given to gifts donated for scholarships and gifts that strengthen and enhance both academic and technical programs.

**NOW** is the time to consider becoming a "power-giver" by starting or strengthening a current endowment! For each \$2.00 gualified donation, the state of North Dakota will contribute \$1.00 of matching funds.

Additionally, ND taxpayers may also qualify for a 40% tax credit for gifts of \$5000 or more to permanent, irrevocable endowments like those given to the Community College Foundation.

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"Lake Region State College's Collegiate DECA Chapter is doing amazing things," said Cindy Brown, Associate Professor of Business Administration and LRSC DECA Advisor.

"These students leave Lake Region State College prepared and ready for the next challenges in their life. Support from the *Community College Foundation is crucial in allowing these students* the opportunity to participate in these types of conferences. Without this type of support, these students most likely wouldn't be able to participate in a conference like this. Thank you to everyone who supports the Community College Foundation!"





Meet Cindy,



Last April, all seven members in the chapter qualified for the International Career & Development Conference that was held in Orlando, Florida. Six of those members received honorable mention in their respective events.