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We’ve cleverly hidden the UND flame somewhere on our cover. Find it for a chance to win a prize! Simply e-mail AlumniReview@UNDalumni.net and give a detailed description of the flame’s location. Subject line: Found the flame.
Dear Alumni & Friends,

Please mark your calendars to attend Homecoming 2018; I assure you, you won’t want to miss it! This year, due to a quirk in the scheduling, Homecoming will be combined with Potato Bowl USA Week Sept. 17 – 22. It will make for an action-packed week with all your Potato Bowl and Homecoming favorites like the French Fry Feed, parade, tailgating, and Sioux Awards. It is going to be a GREAT week!

Speaking of the Sioux Awards, I am thrilled to announce our recipients for this year. The highest honor bestowed by the UND Alumni Association and Foundation will be presented to legendary basketball player/coach/executive Phil Jackson, ’67, HON ’08; Bremer Financial Corporation CEO Jeanne (Heilman) Crain, ’82; former CEO of TMI Hospitality Lauris Molbert, ’80, ’83; San Francisco-area construction company owner Michael Lodoen, ’65; and former North Dakota Supreme Court Justice Mary (Muehlen) Maring, ’75. Young Alumni Achievement Awards will go to healthcare industry executive Darren Moquist, ’00, and education reformer/technology champion/teacher Kayla (Hoeth) Delzer, ’08, ’14. The Sioux Awards Banquet will be held Thursday, Sept. 20. You can purchase tickets by visiting UNDalumni.org/siouxawards.

Also taking place this Homecoming will be a gathering of our Golden Grads from 1968. We have some very special and dedicated alumni from 1968 and they have decided they want to go BIG for their 50th class reunion. They are expecting to have so much fun that they are inviting their friends from other classes of that era to join them in commemorating their time in Grand Forks and at UND. We have been sending emails to alumni from that era to keep them up to date on the reunion plans. If you don’t have your email, you can update your alumni profile by visiting UNDalumni.org.

Also turning 50 this year is the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences. The Odegard School will be hosting a grand celebration on Friday, Sept. 21, during Homecoming. You can register for that fun evening at UNDalumni.org/aero50.

As you can see Homecoming 2018 is going to be great! We’ll have a full schedule of events, biographies of our Sioux Award and Young Alumni Achievement Award recipients, and a look back at what campus life was like 50 years ago in the summer issue of the Alumni Review. However, I encourage you to book your hotel and make your plans for travel now since we are expecting one of our largest Homecoming crowds ever!

Strategic Thinking

As I mentioned in my winter column, the UND Alumni Association & Foundation is playing a large role in helping to implement the OneUND Strategic Plan. The five-year plan will determine the path UND will follow to achieve its mission to serve as the Chief Opportunity Engine for its students and the state of North Dakota.

To help with our part of that plan, we have added new positions to our staff and have been filling open jobs. We now have a mix of new staff members who are graduating this May, mid-career professionals, and “old-timers” like myself with several decades with the organization. In fact, even though I’ve been with the Alumni Association & Foundation for 28 years, there are several people on staff who outrank me in seniority! What a joy it is to work every day with this group on our mission to improve the lives of UND students and help our alumni connect with their alma mater and each other. I am so excited to see the impact we together—alumni, friends, students, faculty, and staff—will have over the next five years!

Thank you for all that you do for the University of North Dakota and its outstanding students. If you can’t make it for Homecoming, watch for us in your area during our summer travels and feel free to visit any time and stop by your home on campus, the Gorecki Alumni Center. We’d love to see you!

Sincerely,

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PEDAL POWER

UND grad puts her MBA and her love of fitness to good use running a boutique cycling studio
ON DISPLAY
This bike was found in the studio when renovations began on the space. Sarah Newgard’s father, Doug Newgard, ’70, fixed it up, and it now hangs on the wall of The Pedal.

Photo by Sam Malequist

Sarah Newgard, ’00, ’03, has the kind of energy you want in a fitness instructor: relentless, but cheerful and encouraging. That drive to help her clients meet their goals is the same inner flame that has motivated her to take on the challenge of running a boutique indoor cycling studio in downtown Grand Forks called The Pedal.

Newgard, who earned a bachelor’s in marketing and an MBA from UND, had been working in the marketing department of an area bank for five years when she decided she wanted to transition into the fitness field.

“I had one of those moments where you think about what you really want to do and what’s really important to you,” says Newgard. “Fitness always was something in my wheel house. And I wanted to have my own schedule and have my own business, so I studied and got my personal training certification.”

Newgard started doing personal training in client homes in 2011. Despite following her heart and her own strong belief in what she was doing, she says not everyone was supportive of the move.

“Everybody thought it was crazy,” she says. “They were like, ‘You have your MBA and you’re going to go be a gym teacher?’”

“They thought I was crazy, but my marketing background and my MBA certainly haven’t gone to waste. They have served me very well.”

Powered by UND

Newgard says her MBA has been critical in helping her start her businesses and understand all that goes into the “back end” of those enterprises, which also include an online nutrition business. She says her undergraduate degree in marketing has also been key to her success. She has adapted what she learned to the digital age—finding clients and exposure through social media.

“Marketing is hard to measure. You can’t easily equate an Instagram post to dollars. But we’ve grown three businesses with marketing and social media. It’s crazy.”

In 2016, Newgard and her then-fiancée-now-husband, Chip Shea, renovated a garden-level retail space along Demers Avenue downtown and created The Pedal.

Newgard says she wanted the business to cater to all fitness levels and for all to feel welcome. To that end, spin classes are conducted in the dark with only a few candles illuminating the 21 client bikes, which are nearly always full for the seven to 12 classes taught at The Pedal each week.

“I turn a spotlight on myself when I need to get people into their next move and then the lights go off again. I think that’s been a huge draw because people can just do what they can do and be their best.”
There is some risk in starting a spin-only gym, but Newgard says she had faith that her vision of a community developing around the classes would come true.

“We just wanted the vibe to be good here. And we just wanted it to be a place where people could just come and feel good no matter what kind of day they had or what they’re going through. I had envisioned people coming and then friendships starting to form. And now I see that: people are sharing recipes and all this stuff, and nobody judges. That was my mindset coming in the whole time.”

**Intern Power**

One of the things Newgard cherished about her time at UND was the internship she had with UND Athletics. The value of that experience has stayed with her and, wherever she has worked, she’s mentored an intern from the University of North Dakota. Her current intern, Hadley Purdy, a senior from Elk River, Minnesota, has been with The Pedal since it opened in the fall of 2016.

“We give her very real world stuff, you know, not a bunch of fluff. She’s doing real stuff for us and was so critical when we opened this business,” says Newgard of Purdy.

“It’s been really interesting seeing the behind-the-scenes work that it entails to be an entrepreneur,” Purdy adds. “That’s been fantastic to see from start to finish. And Sarah has been a fantastic mentor because she’s just given me creative freedom.”

**Power of Positivity**

Whether she’s motivating clients, posting on social media, or talking about her business ventures, it’s easy to get caught up in Newgard’s positive energy.

“Sarah is just the type of person who radiates that energy,” says Purdy, “and she truly has a contagious spirit where as soon as you’re around her there’s this warmth that emanates out of her and she is truly doing what she’s meant to be doing because she’s changing lives every day with her energy, her motivation, and inspiration to others.”

“It’s unreal what it is brought into my life by following my gut,” says Newgard. “I just wanted to help more people with their health and their fitness, and things have come into my life at the right time that have allowed me to do that. And I don’t take that for granted.”

— By Milo Smith
HOT PLATES

Haylee (Swanson) Houkom, ’13, turns passion for health and fitness into booming meal prep business
“We have USDA inspectors at our kitchen today and soon you will be able to buy Power Plates on the UND campus. This is huge for busy students.”

HAYLEE (SWANSON) HOUKOM, ’13
Almost in the same breath, the young entrepreneurs followed their “crazy” notion and got to work experimenting with a few token recipes Seth had created—many of which Houkom says are still on the menu today.

“He has always loved eating and cooking healthy. We started out in a rental kitchen in Fargo in January of 2016. At that time we were just doing pickup meals where people could come to the shop once a week and get their food and we were also shipping out meals. Back then we were making about 25 meals in a batch. Now our batches are 250 meals,” said Houkom.

A fire in that rental kitchen a few weeks after the couple started cooking there forced them to push pause briefly, but not for long.

“In April 2016, we opened our first actual store in West Fargo. At that time Seth and I were doing it all—the cooking, managing, prepping, marketing, everything. I worked the store from Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. We wondered what we had gotten into,” Houkom laughed.

A UND College of Nursing grad, Houkom worked in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Sanford Health for four years following UND. “I never even took a business class.”

But here she was, managing an innovative meal prep company that was taking off more quickly than she could have ever imagined.

“As a nursing student at UND I learned how to handle a full plate, a good work ethic and responsibility, which has really helped us with building a business.”

And what a successful business it has turned out to be. In just two years, Power Plate Meals has expanded to two locations in the Fargo area, one in Grand Forks and its newest location in Bismarck, North Dakota. Customers can come in and purchase meals to take home and heat up later, or they can have a seat and enjoy their meal right in the store.

Each fresh meal has an expiration date (they are good for about a week) or customers can buy frozen meals, which last about three to four months in the freezer.

It seems convenience is key for the young and old alike, which explains some of the big things coming for the business.

“We have USDA inspectors at our kitchen today and soon you will be able to buy Power Plates on the UND campus. This is huge for busy students. We are also opening another location in Eagan, Minnesota, this spring as well as a third Fargo-area location in downtown Fargo.”

Houkom explains that Power Plates is currently producing 8,000 meals a week and shipping to 12 states in the upper Midwest. Her husband continues to run the kitchen, while she manages each of the stores. Now, though, they have a little extra help all around. “We have five full-time chefs as well as five meal packagers and in total about 40 employees.”

Power Plates also just opened a brand new 4,000-square-foot industrial kitchen in West Fargo to accommodate their rapidly growing company.

Just last month, the meal prep company added all-natural juices to their menu and plans to introduce cold meal options such as salads and wraps this summer. In addition to individual meals, family-sized portions are also in the works for the near future.

“There is really nothing else like this in North Dakota and people love the fact that they can come and pick up meals that are ready to go—and the fact that they are healthy is a bonus," Houkom explains of their success. "

— By Leanna Ihry, ’02
A BALANCING ACT

Cassie Thompson, ’17, went directly from the classroom to owning a business while holding down a fulltime job

Those first few weeks after commencement can be hectic and stressful for a new college graduate.

Do you have a job lined up? How will you pay your bills?

But Cassie Thompson not only secured fulltime employment after graduation, she also became a business owner by starting a yoga studio with two partners.

Perhaps being a yoga devotee since she was a teenager growing up in Grafton, North Dakota, gave her the sense of self to tackle such a daunting post-graduation path.

“Yoga comes from an ancient word that means to yoke, which means to bring your physical body and your mental body into one; learning how to realign ourselves,” says Thompson.

Thompson finished up her last UND classes in June last year and by July 1 was working with her partners on renovating the space in a building along Demers Avenue in East Grand Forks. Ganesha Yoga was ready to offer its first classes in September.

During the two-month renovation process, Thompson also started her professional career, so she was working fulltime in marketing,
while helping out nights and weekends at the studio. Since it opened, she has maintained that schedule by teaching yoga classes at times when she’s not working as a marketing specialist for Dakota Commercial in Grand Forks.

"At first, it was stressful in the fact that I wanted to make sure I was dedicating my time between being a good business partner, a good employee, and a good instructor! I think for the first few months of everything, I ran on very little sleep."

Ganesha Yoga has two studio spaces, including one that is kept around 100 degrees for "hot yoga" classes. Thompson says those classes are particularly popular with college students.

"Hot yoga is really good at detoxifying your body as you stretch and release. You sweat a lot in there, so you're sweating out all those toxins," says Thompson. "You're also able to get into postures deeper within the hot yoga room just because your body becomes more flexible."

UND Connection

Thompson earned a degree in marketing and a certificate of entrepreneurship at UND. She says both have been helpful in opening the studio and giving her confidence in developing a business plan.

"I probably wouldn't have been able to do it without [my UND background]. It really has helped a lot. In marketing, we focused a lot on the Grand Forks community and a lot of our projects were about local businesses, so that really helped because I had a really good grasp on the community when I decided to open a business here. It just felt right."

Thompson hasn’t left UND too far behind; she has students from Sandi Luck’s social media marketing class running the studio’s online presence as part of a class assignment this semester. Thompson says she gives them some direction, but also has given them the freedom to be creative.

"It's been fun for us to watch the girls take control of our social media. We have enjoyed having them in the studio with us. I love how creative they have gotten with it; I get excited to see what they post each day. I think it's great how she [Sandi Luck] gets them out in the community because I think getting out into the community was one of the best things that I did during college."

Finding Balance

Thompson has been practicing yoga since the age of 16. She says she wasn't sure she wanted to teach, but the further she advanced in her own practice, the more she wanted to share the positive impact of yoga with others.

"One of my favorite things to say to my students is that it's not really what happens on your mat. It's what happens after you leave your mat, after you leave the space, and you take the yoga off your mat into your daily life. That's a really cool part of it and I wanted other people to feel what I felt from that change.

"I think most of us are—and I'm not perfect either—most of us are really out of whack. So we just want to create a safe environment where you can come and just work on you without judgment. I definitely do feel called to it."

— By Milo Smith
GOLD RUSH

Alumni make UND proud with Olympic efforts in Pyeongchang, South Korea

For eight current and former North Dakota hockey standouts and one alumni curler, the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea were an opportunity to prove their mettle.

And for most of them, it was also an opportunity to win a medal.

UND boasted no fewer than 12 alumni—a dynamo dozen, if you will—who competed or served in some sort of official support capacity at the Winter Olympics this year. That number would have dwarfed many of the actual national delegations represented in Pyeongchang. UND also had 12 alumni with Olympic connections in the last Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

Team UND’s seven total medals earned (3 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze) would have tied Finland in the final medal count, and would have surpassed the number won by Great Britain, Belarus, Slovakia and 70 other countries that sent delegations to this year’s games.

Double Domination

For sisters Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson, ’12, ’13, and Monique Lamoureux-Morando, ’12, ’15, who starred at North Dakota from 2010 to 2013, history came with becoming the first born-and-raised North Dakotans to win Olympic gold in any sport. Both played central roles in the United States’ stirring 3-2 overtime win over Canada in the final, with Monique tying the game in the waning moments of the third period and Jocelyne delivering the game-winner with a monumental shootout goal.

It represented the peak of the mountain for the Lamoureuxs, who were forced to settle for silver medals with heart-wrenching losses to Canada in each of the two previous Olympic games in Sochi and Vancouver.

In the aftermath, both sisters took center stage globally with a whirlwind media blitz and worldwide acclaim. They landed in Los Angeles to make an appearance on the nationally syndicated Ellen Show with Ellen DeGeneres. That appearance was followed by a guest shot on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, and several appearances at NHL stadiums throughout the country.

Curling is Cool

Joe Polo, ’06, a native of Caco Lake, Minn., who now lives in Duluth, Minn., was not a UND athlete during his days at the University, but he did spend his fair share of time on the ice. Polo was an alternate on this year’s Team USA Olympic team, which defeated Team Sweden in thrilling fashion for its first-ever gold medal.

Polo’s new-found gold will go nicely with the bronze he earned at the 2006 Olympics in Turin, Italy.

His team made curling cool at the 2018 games, attracting new followers across the world, and at least one celebrity in 1980’s TV star, “Mr. T.” The mohawked muscleman sent the U.S. curlers, including Polo, tweets of encouragement and a pep talk through voicemail before their championship match against Sweden.
In addition to Polo’s Olympic legacy, he is a six-time U.S. men’s national champion.

Polo and his wife, Kristin, have one daughter, Alisa, who is named after the sacred Scottish island where granite for curling rocks are honed.

Genoway’s journey

For Chay Genoway, ’11, the road to a bronze medal with his native Canada was a more unlikely—albeit every bit as satisfying—story. After a standout career at UND in which he was an All-American defenseman, Genoway played one NHL game with the Minnesota Wild. In the six years since, Genoway’s career path has taken him from Houston to Russia to Finland and back to Russia, where he currently plays for Tolyatti of the KHL (Russia’s NHL equivalent).

With the NHL declining to send its players to the Olympics, the likes of Genoway and other professional journeymen were called upon to represent their countries. Genoway played in every game for Canada, logging heavy minutes throughout on the way to a 6-4 win over the Czech Republic in the bronze medal game.

Genoway became the 13th UND men’s hockey player to medal at the Olympics and the first to win a bronze.

Nordic Influence

Genoway’s wasn’t the only bronze medal by former UND hockey players, as former letter winners Michelle Karvinen, ’15, Emma Nuutinen and Susanna Tapani also did it for Finland in the women’s tournament. It was the second such Olympic bronze for Karvinen, who also won one in 2010 in Vancouver. She finished this year’s games as her team’s leading scorer.

Ludwig Hoff, who played for his native Norway, was the only current UND student-athlete at the Olympics. After sitting out the first two games of the men’s ice hockey tournament, the Oslo native got into the lineup the rest of the way, including a stunning 2-1 upset of Slovenia in the qualifying round.

That victory, which sent the Norwegians into the quarterfinals, was Norway’s first Olympic win since 1994 when Hoff’s father was on the team.

It was also noteworthy for another reason: Hoff was the first active UND men’s hockey player to compete in the Olympics. Since Dave Christian was a member of the United States’ famed “Miracle on Ice” gold-medal-winning squad in 1980.

Hoff was back in the lineup for UND later in the same week, having met up with his teammates in Oxford, Ohio, in time for a weekend series with Miami of Ohio.

Finally, Johanna Fallman, ’15, a former UND player on defense, competed this year for her native Sweden, which did not medal. Fallman was a dominant player at UND on the ice and in the classroom, earning a spot on the WCHA All-Academic Team as well as other scholar athlete honors.

Fallman, who holds a psychology degree from UND, cites Team USA stars and former UND teammates Jocelyne and Monique Lamoureux as her biggest influences.

Supporting Roles

Three other UND alums took part in the games in non-competing roles: Dr. Phil Johnson, Jason Switzer, and Andy Parr.

Dr. Phil Johnson, ’00, ’04, a clinical professor of surgery at UND’s School of Medicine and Health Sciences, spent the two weeks of the Olympics behind the bench of the U.S. Men’s Olympic Ice Hockey Team as its physician.

Johnson has been involved with USA Hockey in a variety of ways since 2000. He’s worked with players and coaches at the International Ice Hockey Federation’s (IIHF) World Juniors Championship since 2004, including stints with the U.S. National Under-17 and Under-18 teams and the gold medal-winning Team USA World Junior Team. He was also chief medical officer for the IIHF Under-18 World Championships in Fargo (2009) and Grand Forks (2016).

Jason Switzer, ’07, was the athletic trainer for the U.S. Ski and Snowboarding Team. It was the second Olympics for the Lisbon, North Dakota, native.

Andy Parr, ’14, a Grand Forks native, worked the Olympics for NBC Sports as a production engineer. He has been with the national broadcaster since 2016. 

— UND Athletics Sports Information Director Jayson Hajdu and UND Today Senior Editorial Director David Dodds compiled the information for this report.
Nearly a thousand fans turned out to Ralph Engelstad Arena in early March to greet the first native North Dakotans to win Olympic gold. Monique Lamoureux-Morando (left), ‘12, ’15, and Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson, ‘12, ’13, talked about what it was like to beat the Canadians in the gold medal women’s hockey game in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum declared it Monique and Jocelyne Lamoureux Day in the state. “There were three states without a gold medal,” Monique told the crowd. “Now, there are only two.”
Dear Alumni & Friends,

Just as soon as a new calendar year falls upon us, another academic year seems to draw near its end at the University of North Dakota. This spring has seen a flurry of activity at UND and I want to share with you some of my favorite developments since our last edition.

We recently unveiled our campus master plan for the University. This final concept now serves as a blueprint for the future development of UND. The plan is an exciting prospect for our institution’s outlook, and we truly took a holistic approach on how we can foster a campus that is cohesive and thoughtful in design.

There were also a few events on our campus over the past months which stood out to me. First, our School of Graduate Studies recently hosted their second annual Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition. This event challenged our students to engage an audience with a quick presentation on how their research can help change the world around us. Second, we hosted Harold Hamm, Chairman and CEO of Continental Resources, in late January for a forum delivered to students of our School of Engineering and Mines. Mr. Hamm has been a strong supporter of UND and its graduates. We were happy to have him share his wisdom with students who will soon be entering the workforce where he has seen so much success. Lastly, our Alumni Association hosted a very successful Giving Hearts Day on February 8. This philanthropy blitz yielded nearly $50,000 for student scholarships, and a simultaneous drive by our School of Medicine and Health Sciences raised more than $30,000. This fundraising resulted in several scholarships being granted to students, an exceptional result to a great event.

We also have a new face in a prominent position at UND. Bill Chaves was named as UND’s next Athletic Director in January. Chaves comes to us from Eastern Washington University (EWU), where he served in the likewise role since 2007. As the Athletic Director at EWU, he was the two-time recipient of National AD of the Year, captured an NCAA Division I Football Championship, and led several key fundraising initiatives. Suffice to say, I have great confidence in the future of athletics at UND with Chaves at the helm. He follows Brian Faison, who is retiring after a decade of tremendous service in the AD role.

Speaking of athletics, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to congratulate the fantastic success achieved by those with UND roots at this year's Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang. Nine athletes and three support staff members at the Olympics shared a bond as UND alumni while representing a multitude of countries at the Games. Seven of these athletes achieved medals, including Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson and Monique Lamoureux-Morando helping to spark a nationwide celebration with the USA Women’s Hockey Team capture of gold over Team Canada. Additionally, Joe Polo helped Team USA bring home its first gold medal in curling. It is incredible to see our former athletes and alumni making their mark on the grandest stage of sports.

Finally, as you may know, in February I was presented with an invitation to apply for the role of President at the University of Central Florida. It was an attractive opportunity, but ultimately they chose their own provost. That is just as well. Debbie and I feel at home in North Dakota, back in the Red River Valley where Debbie grew up on the Minnesota side.

Debbie and I will continue to work hard for the benefit of UND with the passion for its success and love for the state and its people we have demonstrated since our arrival. I am committed to work with the UND Team to continue to implement our OneUND Strategic Plan to deliver ever more opportunity for our state and students.

As this is our first edition of the Alumni Review in 2018, Debbie and I would like to close by extending our warm wishes to each of you for this year. We are constantly humbled by the enthusiasm and passion exuded by those who call UND their alma mater, and it drives us every day to lift up a school that instills pride in all who have called this campus their home. I know this resolve is shared by many at UND, and we have found constant inspiration in the hard work that is put forth by so many to make this an even greater institution. We are truly home to Leaders in Action.
Fighting Hawks community welcomes new UND Athletics Director at combined public introduction and celebration

The blare of UND Pride of the North horns and drums filled the Ralph Engelstad Arena lobby in mid-January, with glittering pom-poms guiding a new Fighting Hawks leader through dozens of fans, alumni, coaches, staff and students.

It was epic pomp for significant circumstance.

This was new UND Athletics Director Bill Chaves’ introduction day, and, in a style which many have already noted, he quickly turned the attention from himself to the students.

“Wow, this is tremendous. Thank you to the band and to the cheerleaders for coming,” Chaves said, a genuinely warm smile and bright eyes turned their way. “That was really awesome. Thank you so, so much.”

Chaves is UND’s 16th athletics director, taking over for the retiring Brian Faison, who led the department to regional and national success for nearly a decade. Faison announced his retirement in October, sparking a search for the program’s next captain.

Student-centric priorities

UND President Mark Kennedy touted Chaves’ achievements as athletics director at Eastern Washington University, which include two National Athletic Director of the Year awards, a 2010 NCAA Division I Championship in football, and an appearance at the “Big Dance” – the NCAA men’s basketball tournament.

Kennedy also highlighted successes like three Big Sky President’s Cups, awarded to the conference’s highest performing programs when considering both athletic and academic achievement—something that cuts closer to the core of Chaves’ priorities.


“You want to make sure the very first question is, ‘Is it good for the student-athlete?’”

Chaves expanded on the sentiment, saying that students are the reason why people find careers in higher education. He added that he’ll ask three things of his student-athletes: “I’ll ask them to earn their degree – number one. Absolutely that’s why they’re here,” he said.

“Be a leader, but be a leader in action. And then, perform to your highest ability.”
Ear to the people

Chaves laid out how he plans to work hand-in-hand with the coaching staff to inject direction and drive into an already excellent program that’s now approaching transitions into two new conferences.

The way to do that? A bit of strategy.

“The One UND Strategic Plan for the institution is tremendous. I think the Athletics department can follow suit with a plan of its own that can lift the department, and I look forward to building that,” he said.

Women’s Basketball Head Coach Travis Brewster said that it’s clear Chaves had a plan for UND Athletics in mind when he applied for the role. Just as clear is his excitement about now having a chance to implement it.

“When you see the growth that our Athletics department has had over the years, you have to thank Brian Faison for getting us to this point. But now you can already see that [Chaves] is ready to put the program into hyperdrive,” Brewster said.

Chaves acknowledged all of the constituencies that make UND Athletics the legacy it has become, from UND staff and students to the loyal alumni, fans and supporters spread across the country. “Our job is to make you UND proud every day,” he said. “Many of you have you pledged your loyalty – I know I pledge mine today.”

To ensure that all voices are heard, Chaves wants to start his tenure with a “listening tour” – an opportunity to gauge internal and external concerns and take action.

“I like the fact that one of the words that he’s used, almost more than anything else, is ‘listen,’” UND Volleyball Head Coach Mark Pryor said. “For me, that’s huge, because any time that you have a new boss coming in, there’s some nervous energy there – how is this going to go, how is this going to affect everything?”

“He’s the kind of person who I think will fit in well here at the University of North Dakota, and I think we’ll very much enjoy him, his wife and his family,” President Kennedy told onlookers.

-Kaylee Cusack / UND Today writer
Joint initiative provides experiential connections to UND students

Over the din of local business leaders rubbing elbows at a Chamber of Commerce event, Keith Lund’s focus was on UND’s students.

That’s when Lund, president and CEO of the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation, along with UND President Mark Kennedy and Provost Tom DiLorenzo, announced a new joint initiative aimed at the business innovators of tomorrow.

Aply named “InternGF,” the initiative hopes to offset costs for newer businesses looking to bring on interns. It’s also an effort to keep UND students in the Grand Forks region for internships and career opportunities.

The program is targeted at placing interns in entrepreneurial experiences with area startups, as well as local companies introducing a new product or service.

“We think that students who have a passion for entrepreneurship and startup companies...will find great value in it,” Lund said.

Keeping them local

Lund also pointed out that entrepreneurial students have a difficult time finding internships in the Grand Forks area. With $35,000 in seed funding from the University, the goal is to entice more companies to entertain student-intern opportunities. The program will contribute up to $3,500 — roughly half an intern’s salary or payroll costs.

Initiative backers hope to place up to 15-20 interns a year.

Many programs at UND require students to complete an internship or experiential-learning opportunity before graduation.

“InternGF is a key piece in the workforce pipeline and will help to keep those talented innovators right here, instead of having some other community benefit from their ideas and energy,” said Becca Cruger, EDC strategic initiatives coordinator.

UND and EDC officials touted InternGF’s potential to connect the local business community to a pool of UND students who have the skills employers demand.

“This will not only provide wonderful learning experiences for UND students and innovative talent for area businesses, but will connect students more closely with Grand Forks in the process,” said President Kennedy.

Improved pathway

The University also recognizes how closely InternGF aligns with UND’s new strategic plan and its goal to deliver more high-impact learning opportunities.

“This improved pathway to the talents of our eager and innovative students all over the University is also an exciting step forward in the overall mission of the Center for Innovation as we respond to workforce demands of the community and regional marketplace,” said Provost DiLorenzo.

Lately, Cruger has noticed a visible shift in millennials experiencing a higher quality of life and exciting career opportunities in and around Grand Forks. The InternGF initiative would only enhance that trend.

“I happen to be one of those people who was drawn to the area because of its opportunities,” she said. “I am excited for the potential InternGF holds in connecting UND students to the world-class companies and careers that exist right here in the region.”

Connor Murphy / UND Today Writer
ASCENDING THE LEADERSHIP LADDER

UND senior named Student Leader of the Year by nonprofit alliance

From the day Keller Karlstrom joined the Nonprofit Leadership Student Association at UND, the program’s director could tell he was a natural born leader.

The group’s project that semester was working with Prairie Harvest Mental Health of Grand Forks to renovate its thrift store. When they realized they needed more volunteers, Karlstrom made it happen.

“We needed some people power in order to paint and renovate the store,” said Heather Helgeson, UND’s nonprofit leadership program director since its inception in 2003. “He would come through with a horde of volunteers. (I would ask) Where did you get these people?”

Karlstrom, originally from Moorhead, Minnesota, also remembers that as a pivotal moment in his leadership development on campus.

“We were working on the renovations and I just had a ton of fun with it,” he said.

Karlstrom’s come a long way since that first step into volunteerism and leadership. In January, he was recognized as Student Leader of the Year for his efforts to make a difference working with nonprofits at the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance’s national conference in Kansas City.

Student of all trades

Karlstrom recently reflected on the road to his national award and how it started with that first project at Prairie Harvest.

He recalled that as a resident of the Delta Upsilon fraternity house, he had a ready-made volunteer army whom he could call on for help.

“I wanted to get all my friends involved with it,” he said. “They were really the reason we got it done on time, because so many people were eager to come help out.”

That year he won UND nonprofit leadership’s “Pied Piper Award” for securing so many volunteers.

Karlstrom studies human resources management and nonprofit administration, a major offered by the UND College of Business and Public Administration. He’s also pursuing a minor in nonprofit leadership.

Keller Karlstrom, a senior studying Human Resources Management and Nonprofit Administration, holds the Student Leader of the Year Award. This national award represents years of work in volunteering and developing nonprofits around the Grand Forks area with his student group.

Photo by Connor Murphy / UND Today

Karlstrom currently is executive chair of UND’s Nonprofit Leadership Student Association.

Helgeson describes Karlstrom as a true student leader in action.

After serving as president of his fraternity, he fittingly became the organization’s chair of involvement. He’s currently the recruitment chair for UND’s Student Young Professionals and also sits on the board of directors for Valley Health, a Grand Forks nonprofit dedicated to providing reproductive health services, regardless of income or age.

“He’s just so motivated to share his passion of giving back to the community, making a difference and getting everyone behind that,” Helgeson said.

Karlstrom said that, even more than winning the national award, being nominated for it by Helgeson was a bigger deal for him.

“Just knowing that she felt that I was contributing that much was amazing,” he said. “My whole college career has been trying to model myself after what I’ve seen her do—how she’s always contributing to the sector and going above and beyond her duties as program director for her students.”

But, according to Helgeson, putting him up for the award was a no-brainer.

“He doesn’t just talk the talk, and that’s such an important aspect of a leader,” she said. “People look up to him and he definitely follows through.”

Recognitions aside, Karlstrom says, he just wants people to have fun volunteering, and learn more about the issues they’re trying to alleviate.

“There’s people up and down the street trying to help out, help each other and help their community,” Karlstrom said. “There’s no shortage of heroes in Grand Forks, Fargo or anywhere.”

—Connor Murphy / UND Today Writer
UNL Law’s Rand to conclude her service as dean and return to faculty with school well-positioned for her successor

UNL President Mark Kennedy said it best when he called the UNL School of Law a “cornerstone” of the University of North Dakota.

Since 2009, this cornerstone program has been guided by the outstanding leadership of Dean Kathryn R.L. Rand. Recently, Rand announced she has decided to conclude her service as dean.

“I have been honored to give back to the University that has given so much to me,” said Rand, a 1990 UNL graduate. “My commitment to UNL and the School of Law won’t end with my deanship, as I will return to my role as a full-time faculty member.”

Rand was selected as permanent dean via a national search in 2011, following successive appointments as acting dean in 2009 and interim dean in 2010. She is the first permanent female dean in the school’s 119-year history. Her nine years of service as dean ranks her as one of the longest serving law deans in the country.

“Kathryn has been an inspiring leader for the law school,” said UNL Provost Tom DiLorenzo. “She has created a close-knit and supportive workplace for faculty and staff, and an exceptional learning community for law students.”

Built for the future

A capstone accomplishment during Rand’s tenure was her effort to secure state and private funding for, and complete construction of, a $14.4 million major addition to and renovation of the existing law school building.

The project was ambitious in scope and its accelerated timeline. Rand promised students they would be displaced only for a single academic year. With an extraordinary collective effort, the building project was completed on budget and on time.

Rand recalled the down-to-the-wire work of staff and faculty to ensure the school was ready for students.

“We were ripping plastic off new furniture minutes before a reception for new first-year students. I met prospective students while I was wiping down classroom tables.”

The result is a state-of-the-art professional education setting for UNL’s law students.

“I was skeptical any dean could get the necessary funding and complete the building project on time and on budget,
A NEW FOUNDATION
Rand takes one of the first swings with a sledgehammer prior to demolition of parts of UND School of Law. The work eventually led to a $14.4 million renovation and addition to the building.

Photo by Rob Carolin

but Kathryn and her team managed a "Miracle on University Avenue," said North Dakota Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle, ’55, ’58, HON ’15. "The new building is an important investment not only in the future of North Dakota's legal profession, but for our entire state."

North Dakota's law school
As North Dakota's only law school, Rand took to heart the importance of the connection between the school and the state it serves.

"Under her leadership, the law school has developed a wonderful partnership with the North Dakota courts and the State Bar Association of North Dakota (SBAND)," said Darcie Einarson, SBAND president. "She has helped to improve the delivery of legal services in our state on a number of levels."

Rand worked with SBAND and the courts to develop the Rural Justice Program, which encourages law students to pursue legal careers in rural communities in North Dakota. In 2017, the program was nominated for a national award.

Rand helped to increase access to affordable legal assistance by partnering with Legal Services of North Dakota to open an office in the law school. Law students work as externs in the office.

Navigating 'rocky rapids'
Rand and her team successfully navigated "some rocky rapids," said Kennedy, referring to national declines in law school applications and legal jobs.

While other law schools experienced dramatic enrollment declines or significant downturns in student admission profiles, UND School of Law largely has met its enrollment targets. In the context of law school downsizing, mergers, closures and accreditation sanctions, this is no small feat.

Time to transition
The time was right for Rand to return to the faculty because of these accomplishments.

"The School of Law is well positioned for the future, and is in good stead for the next dean," said Rand.

The next law dean will be selected through a typical transition process. While Rand still serves as dean, the law school, with the University's support and the help of a consultant, will track trends and innovations in legal education to develop new initiatives and programs.

"Our faculty are committed to academic excellence," said Rand. "We have received national attention for our curricular innovations and distinctive programs."

New programs will ensure the education offered continues to elevate and strengthen the UND School of Law.

"Because of Kathryn's leadership, the law school is well equipped to meet the challenges facing legal education in the 21st century while staying true to its core values," said Kennedy. "The law school has my unequivocal affirmation of support, and we will no doubt attract many qualified candidates as we formalize our search for a new dean."

—Rob Carolin
FEMALE CADETS INDICATE
ROTCA ‘ABOUT FACE’

UND alum and ROTC commander uses adventure and engagement to recruit larger, more diverse class

Nicole Gannucci and Kelli Dean-Hendricks share a lot in common.

They both hail from Twin Cities suburbs— Gannucci from Cottage Grove and Dean-Hendricks from Woodbury.

They’re both UND undergrads pursuing careers in nursing. And last fall, as members of UND’s Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), they strapped up and rappelled down the front face of Columbia Hall.

“I’m a thrill seeker. I’m not scared of things at all. But...” sophomore Gannucci recalled, “you get up there, and you realize, this is pretty high up!”

“I got off that roof as quickly as possible because those Swiss seat harnesses are not the most comfortable thing in jeans,” freshman Dean-Hendricks laughed. A backward-facing descent down one of UND’s largest buildings was just the kind of undertaking Lt. Col. Jason Murphy, ’06, wanted to reinvigorate into ROTC when he returned to campus and took over as commander in May 2016.

“We wanted to bring the adventure back to ROTC,” Murphy said, explaining that his past experience as a cadet took him out of the normal classroom and physical training and threw him into exciting situations. “But it’s not just about learning things like rappelling. It’s about learning attention to detail, confidence and overcoming fear.”

The shot of adrenaline to ROTC’s system is working. Not only have cadet classes risen in recruitment over three semesters, but the female population of the program has also climbed from 12 percent to an incredible 34 percent—well above the 20 percent national average.

“Leaders don’t come in a gender. It’s a fallacy to think that,” Murphy said. “Great leadership is in many of the people who come through the door, and we try to attract that kind of talent.”

More than pushups

So what is getting more students, including women, interested in ROTC?

Murphy points to two main components: more vibrancy and more engagement with campus and community partners.

In the last year and a half, Murphy and his team have changed the face of ROTC by incorporating new physical training elements beyond the traditional 5:50 a.m. situps, pushups and laps. It’s a more holistic approach to health that includes nutrition, stretching and recovery, spin class and yoga.

Yes, yoga.

“It’s beneficial on multiple levels, especially for students who are experiencing stress,” Murphy said. “It’s athletic yoga—not just
sitting in the lotus pose and saying ‘om.’ It works on flexibility, strength, and gets you relaxed and balanced.”

Provost Tom DiLorenzo said he’s proud of Murphy’s tireless work to enhance the culture of ROTC, as well as others at UND who are stepping up to help. He notes that ROTC has partnered with UND Athletics to get students swimming in the Hyslop pool and running laps in the High Performance Center for an occasional change of pace and venue.

“Working together for all of our students is what One UND is all about,” DiLorenzo said.

An additional renewed partnership with the North Dakota National Guard has allowed cadets to use a Humvee rollover trainer and rifle range at Camp Grafton Training Center.

“Our core mission is to develop leaders of character, and that includes building healthy, vibrant, and resilient individuals capable of being leaders of action,” Murphy said.

Leading ladies

Gannucci believes that, beyond more pop and sizzle in ROTC offerings, more women may be stepping into uniform because of a revived connection with the UND College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines.

“There are a million reasons I joined ROTC, but one was my nursing career,” she said. “I didn’t want to just passively sit in a hospital. I wanted to move around and see more, and the military would provide that opportunity.”

Murphy says UND ROTC is working toward an application to become a Cadet Command Nursing Center of Excellence, which allows more scholarship potential for ROTC’s nursing students.

“After their junior year, we send our nurses to an Army hospital to shadow an active duty Army nurse,” Murphy said. “The nursing school provides great practicums, but the fact that you’re one-on-one with a preceptor for four weeks in an Army facility, seeing soldiers in trauma; it’s an incredible experience.”

Dean-Hendricks was just awarded a three-year Army ROTC Nursing Scholarship and hopes to one day become an active duty nurse. She said her ROTC cadre and nursing professors consistently work together to be flexible and support her goals within each program.

She also has a network of other female cadets to lean on.

“I think it adds more of a sense of community to the entire group,” she noted of the co-ed mix. “For the girls, there are more girls. For the guys, they have more female presence and unity.”

“We definitely push each other and have each other’s backs in everything,” Gannucci added. “There are many girls ahead of me in ROTC. Not only did they encourage me and the others to do everything the boys were doing, the males did it as well, including the commanders.”

—Kaylee Cusack / UND Today Writer
It's a new year with a new school, new degrees, and brand new labs at the College of Engineering & Mines.

With the return of the computer science department to the College of Engineering and Mines, the State Board of Higher Education approved a proposal to combine departments into a new School of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science.

The move, part of a larger goal to expand degree offerings and research, has been in the works for some time, said Hesham El-Rewini, dean of the College of Engineering & Mines. "This will give our students greater learning opportunities," he said.

With the new school and just-approved degree programs in cybersecurity and data science, the College expects an expanded era of student opportunities, faculty research and collaboration.

"These changes allow UND to offer programs and conduct research in interdisciplinary areas like never before, including cybersecurity, data science, machine learning, biomedical engineering and bioinformatics," said El-Rewini.

Fresh beginnings

The State Board of Higher Education approved new bachelor's and master's degrees and a minor in cybersecurity, along with graduate certificates in behavioral data analytics and cybersecurity and behavior.

Last July, the computer science department was moved from the Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences back to its original home in engineering. Most computer science programs in the U.S. are housed within engineering colleges, said El-Rewini, and the goal of the move was to place UND's program on par with others across the nation and make computer science graduates more competitive in the job market.

In December, the State Board approved a proposal to combine departments into a new School of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science.

And over the winter break, faculty, classrooms and labs moved from Streibel Hall to the main campus.

Opportunities galore

"The School opens doors for a lot of new opportunities," said Ron Marsh, associate professor of computer science and co-chair of the School of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science. "Overall, this is a good thing for everyone."

Marsh said that most students, especially undergraduates, won't see much difference at first, except for the new location.

"The difference for graduate students and faculty is that it will make it easier for departments to collaborate on research," Marsh said. "Down the road there will be more opportunity for that, and we can enjoy the fruits of our labor. There will be opportunities to work together on research, grants and degrees."
“We are looking forward to the possibilities and opportunities for students and faculty as we work together to deliver and innovate in curricula and research,” said John Mhelic, professor and interim chair of electrical engineering.

“The new school allows computer science to borrow from the expertise the College of Engineering has in online programs to offer their own online programs,” said El-Rewini. The College’s ABET accredited engineering programs were the first in the nation to be offered online.

Best and brightest

“We created two new state-of-the-art multipurpose computer labs that could be used as classrooms or labs in Leonard 110 and 112,” El-Rewini said, adding that all computer science faculty were outfitted with new computers.

El-Rewini credited the engineering IT team and students who built the labs, created computing environments for students, and made sure everything was ready for the spring semester. “Sometimes they worked until 4 a.m.,” he said.

El-Rewini sees bright skies ahead.

“Having computer science and electrical engineering in one college will help us cover the entire continuum of subjects in data, hardware and software,” he said. “It will make it easier to collaborate in the areas of cybersecurity and big data.

“Our projection is that this school will allow us to recruit the best and brightest faculty and new students in new interdisciplinary programs and increase our external funding and research productivity,” continued El-Rewini.

Eagerly looking ahead to the promise of spring, I think about our forebears, who faced harsh winters with grit, positivity, and communal pride. If you’ve attended Founders Day, you’ve seen the early pictures of UND on the barren, frozen Plains. And perhaps like me, you’ve shivered just a little.

UND’s tradition of excellence is as long as our history of hardiness. As I write this, I’m fortunate to be serving as dean in UND’s 100th year of business education.

That’s right: in 1917-18, UND offered its first courses in Commerce. Originally in the College of Liberal Arts, by 1924, the two-year School of Commerce was created. Instruction took a conventional form: intense lectures and comprehensive exams that prepared graduates to succeed as the state’s communities and economy continued to develop.

By 1955, the School’s name was changed. Graduates of the College of Business and Public Administration (CoBPA) and members of the “Greatest Generation” became proud UND alumni after securing our freedoms at home and abroad. As core content areas and instruction methods solidified, excellence in business education required professionally prepared faculty in first-rate facilities.

In 1967, this brought us Gamble Hall, named in honor of Bert Gamble, auto accessories entrepreneur and founder of Gamble-Skogmo, Inc., whose generosity funded scholarships, faculty development, and ultimately, a new CoBPA building.

Gamble Hall was state-of-the-art. The building showcased a modern look, and its data-processing center and classrooms boasted up to six electrical outlets. (I’m not kidding—I can show you the brochure!)

Fifty years in, business and business education looked nothing like they did in 1917. The same is true today. 50 years after Gamble Hall was built. Computer punch cards yielded to the Internet, and then, to smartphones. WiFi succeeded wired outlets. Virtual reality, artificial intelligence, and deep-learning networks soon will transform how we teach, learn, and work.

Together, we need to build the future. At the CoBPA, we are envisioning our future in a next-generation building with virtual and physical platforms for the next 50 years. With flexible spaces, cutting-edge technology, and a fresh design that will inspire ideas and innovation, our next-gen CoBPA will help students experience business as never before, engage the brightest experts, and generate new ideas and startups that will change the state and world we live in.

Just as we were inspired by Bert Gamble’s support 50 years ago, we need your help to create this future.

Want to know more and get involved? The future is calling. With your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure, together, we can build the next 100 Years of Business Education at UND. Join us!

—Jan Orvik / UND Today writer

Steve Light
Interim Dean
College of Business & Public Administration
NEW APPROACHES FOR HONORS

Revamped UND program presents two new pathways for student success

The new space in Columbia Hall’s southern atrium provides UND Honors with a fresh look.

New furniture, clean colors and cutting-edge technology stand ready for the next generation of high-achieving students.

Program Director Amanda Boyd and her team are in the midst of rolling out a new curriculum to pair with the new digs.

“We were looking for an opportunity to be innovative, but wanted to recognize that Honors education has a long tradition,” said Boyd, who’s been leading UND Honors for the past two years. “We wanted to recognize that, while also providing our students with an innovative second option.”

What they’ve crafted is an Honors Program that’s not only more relevant and flexible for students, but also one that branches out across disciplines on campus.

Fresh tracks

It involves two tracks: “Research Scholars” and “Leaders in Action.”

The Research Scholars track focuses on traditional liberal arts education to encourage students to think more critically and deeply about issues that interest them. It appeals to students from a wide variety of disciplines who want to sharpen their skills for goals like getting into top medical schools, graduate programs and law schools, according to Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, who as associate professor of philosophy is also an Honors Program Faculty Fellow. Her role over the past 10 months has been to bring new visions and ideas in helping the program grow.

“Research Scholars is a changed curriculum from what was there previously,” she explained. While students may no longer declare Honors as a major, the requirements to graduate with the distinction of University Honors Scholar have been cleared of obstruction.
Before, incoming students would need to complete a “Sophomore Honors Portfolio” to be fully accepted into the program. The collection and organized submission of essays, research papers and reflections required a great deal of effort from both students and faculty.

“That was creating one more obstacle for them,” Rozelle-Stone said. “It was seen by a number of faculty and students as not helpful or pertinent in any kind of way. It kept some students from completing the Honors Program. Now, when students are accepted into the program, they’re in.”

To stay in the program, students must maintain a GPA of 3.2 and complete 24 Honors credits to receive the distinction at graduation, whether they’re in the Research Scholars or Leaders in Action track.

Another obstacle receiving adjustment is the senior thesis aspect of the program. It’s something Boyd looked to change since arriving in the director’s chair.

What used to be an all-consuming nine-credit thesis study—comparable to the work of master’s students, committee and all—has been revised to a three-credit project with four options of approach.

“It had limitations,” Boyd said of the old nine-credit model. “Not all disciplines can fit into that box, nor should they be asked to.”

While there’s still the thesis option, students can also complete work in civic engagement, creative and performative projects, or professional portfolios.

One example given by Boyd was a student looking to go to graduate school for film studies. She’s now writing a screenplay for her senior project, and Boyd’s making sure current students begin working on the new three-credit option as soon as possible.

Rozelle-Stone characterized the Leaders in Action track as one that caters to the more public-minded students — those interested in politics, public service and entrepreneurship as opposed to those preparing for law or medical school.

“We’re exploring the creation of extremely unique signature experiences just for Honors students,” said Boyd, hinting at big things to come for not just Leaders in Action students but the entire program.

She and Associate Director Robin David have been in contact with entities around the community setting up shadowing opportunities, social entrepreneurship experiences and internships within UND exclusively open to Honors Program students.

**Growing the tradition**

Part of the new initiative involves expanding Honors credit-earning opportunities outside of the liberal arts. Boyd’s goal is to develop a pool of Honors-affiliated faculty across disciplines, creating a larger community.

“I want to bring in faculty who are known as excellent teacher-scholars,” she said. “I want the program to offer more. I want it to speak to the entire university and not just be the UND Honors Program, but the University Honors Program.”

Rozelle-Stone thinks this will also be a great way for Honors students to stay focused on their majors while earning a meaningful experience worthy of an Honors designation.

“We’re opening it up where faculty from across the university, who are deep in their own research specializing in different areas, are going to be teaching Honors classes,” she said. “It will be more tailored to students’ majors and interests than a set, limited-scope offering of Honors courses each semester.”

“As we move forward, things will be different,” Boyd stated. “But I am working now more closely with faculty in providing development opportunities so they can learn about the Honors approach and implementing high impact practices.”

Ultimately, she wants to ensure that the program still has the same student learning outcomes, the same rigor, and everything the program’s students already love.

“We hear about Leaders in Action all over campus,” Boyd said. “I believe that the new Honors Program is going to exemplify Leaders in Action.”

—Jan Orvik / UND Today writer
GIVING BACK NOW AND FOR YEARS TO COME

Pioneering alumna and husband set up scholarships for aspiring women leaders in fisheries and wildlife biology

Virginia Steinhaus had a unique role in UND’s history, but it never dawned on her until commencement day.

“It wasn’t until graduation when we were all standing in line and I was the only woman,” she said.

For her, it was about following her dream.

In 1977, Virginia Steinhaus DuBowy was the first woman to graduate with a bachelor of science degree in fisheries and wildlife biology. There have been many since then, and she wants to make sure it stays that way.

In commemoration of the 40th anniversary of her graduation, she and her husband, Paul, have established a gift of $250,000 in their will. The Virginia Steinhass DuBowy Endowment in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology will assist undergraduate women pursuing majors in the discipline for years to come.

The award will go to aspiring female biologists who show a commitment to conservation of fish and wildlife resources in North Dakota.

Immediate impact

By establishing such a gift, the DuBowys are further establishing their roots where they call home. They’ve been donating to UND sports and academic programs for years.

“We love hockey, so we check in to see how the team is doing,” said DuBowy, who was born and raised in Enderlin, North Dakota. Numerous family members attended UND, and her uncle, Gordon Kroeber, was director of facilities for years.

“North Dakota is still home,” DuBowy said. “It’s where I travel to visit home, and the school is part of that.”

When Jeff Dodson, director of development for the UND College of Arts & Sciences, called the DuBowys to thank them for their most recent donation, a discussion began about their future plans. As a philanthropic advisor at the UND Alumni Association and Foundation, Dodson seeks to create the biggest impact for donors’ contributions.

The DuBowys created what’s called a blended gift. So while they’ve established the endowment for when they’re gone, they will also contribute immediately through a $1,000 scholarship each year.

“They have been great to work with,” Dodson said. “They’re very passionate about their time here at UND and their intent to benefit future students.”
Outdoor dreams

DuBowys's dream since childhood was to work outdoors, interacting with nature. Growing up in a small town, she was outside whenever possible and trips to national parks were always a highlight during family vacations.

"We’d go to Glacier, Yellowstone and sometimes up to Canada to see other parks," recalled DuBowys, now a national park official herself. "I was always an animal lover and nature lover."

It was at such parks where she met the rangers and biologists who would inspire her life’s goal to serve among them.

She’s never wavered.

Field education

Her time at UND only solidified her resolve to become an ecological caretaker. She described her undergraduate experience as an active one: with field trips, weekend science camps and putting classroom lessons into practice.

"It was a lot more hands-on," DuBowys said. "We couldn't look things up on the Internet so we relied on books and field data. That work in the field gave us interactions with biologists and wildlife experts as well."

Being the only woman, she was never deterred from her passion.

"I’m glad I had the experiences I had," she said. "One of my professors, (Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of Biology Emeritus) Dr. Richard Crawford, was very encouraging with regard to my studies."

After her time at UND, she married Paul DuBowys in 1979. Paul was at UND for his master's in wildlife biology, and then it was a life on the go for the couple as he completed his Ph.D. in California and then took academic positions at universities around the world.

Lives of service

Virginia’s career in the National Park Service began when she landed at Vicksburg National Military Park in Mississippi, where she eventually became national resources program manager. Her affinity for history and culture went hand-in-hand with her responsibilities for the natural resources of the Civil War site.

Currently, DuBowys is chief of cultural and natural resources at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area near Lovell, Wyoming. Her office is a short distance from Bighorn Lake and the Wyoming/Montana border.

She oversees four historic ranches, multiple American Indian sites and miles of water, canyons and wide open spaces, plus all of its animals. Her position is administrative, but she still gets out to check on the park as often as she can.

"We incorporate the cultural and natural together," DuBowys said. "It creates a better experience for those who visit."

Growing group

Susan Ellis-Felege, associate professor of biology at UND, works with students in regional wildlife research and conservation. To her, the DuBowys’ endowment can make a huge impact for aspiring women in biology.

"Our fisheries and wildlife biology program is known for students that go on to make a big impact in conservation by working for a variety of agencies and in leadership positions in the state, region and beyond," she said. "Virginia is one of those alumni that fits this tradition and it is especially inspiring to the young women in our program to see her successes."

Ellis-Felege thinks the scholarships can help increase the number of women in the field, though they’re already a growing group.

DuBowys thinks wildlife conservation and management is a great profession for women.

"Life is different these days and women are able to expand their horizons," she said. "They have more opportunities and I think we’re making strides. Looking around our network of parks, many positions of management are held by women, which is great."

— By Connor Murphy / UND Today Writer
5 DAYS OF PHILANTHROPIC ‘THANKS’

UND students show pride and gratitude during Spirit Week

“This is for UND Spirit Week,” UND Student Ambassador Allie Harvey told a student stopping by her booth at Memorial Union. She continued as the visitor grabbed a 100 Grand candy bar and an “I Heart UND” button. “In the spirit of giving back, we also have buy one, get one free cards for Archives Coffee so you can pay for the person behind you – just to show them some kindness.”

Harvey, a nutrition major from Lakeville, Minnesota, was just one of several students, staff and faculty helping spread love and gratitude during Spirit Week in late February, an annual celebration of the UND community and its generous donors.

Just a couple of hours after Harvey was asking others to share their UND pride and thankfulness, she received a call that filled her with an abundance of her own.

She was one of six winners of a $5,000 Spirit Week scholarship, supported by a Giving Hearts Day donor drive on Feb. 8. Three additional scholarships were already awarded on that day, boosted by a partnership between the Dakota Medical Foundation, led by J. Patrick Traynor, ’88, ’91, and the UND Alumni Association & Foundation (AA&F).

“We had hundreds of students register for scholarships, and they’re all learning about philanthropy,” said AA&F CEO DeAnna Carlson Zink. “In February, you have Giving Hearts Day, then Valentine’s Day – which is all about the heart – and then Spirit Week, where you get an opportunity to go and thank those who helped make a difference in the lives of our students. How fun is this month?”

Pre-dentistry freshman Brooke Hunstad was also handed a $5,000 Spirit Week scholarship check, named after one of her scholarship supporters – Carrie Huwe, UND Creative Services art director and brand manager. Giving Hearts Day donors were entered into a drawing to have their names attached to these life-changing gifts.

“I want [Huwe] to know that I’m really going to try and put it to good use,” Hunstad said, grasping her oversized check, barely containing her bliss. “I hope one day I can do the same and give it back to another student, just like she did. Thank you so much!”

The AA&F’s own Roberta Beauchamp was one of the randomly chosen donors to have a scholarship named after her. She had the chance to surprise her scholarship recipient, incoming freshman Taylor Ebertowski, during class at Red River High School.

“She was pretty shocked,” Beauchamp laughed. “I was totally thrilled and so very proud. I just love the UND campus and all of the students, and this was a nice opportunity.”

Tag – you’re thanked!

Among the most visible aspects of Spirit Week—from the buttons to the booths to the UND birthday cake—were the large green tags taking over several campus hot spots, indicating that the space had been made possible by a donor.

Muriel Kingery, AA&F director of donor relations and Spirit Week organizer, said the tags were a little idea that made a big impact. A UND representative shared a photo on social media of the marker on the room designated for the Poolman Leadership Academy. Jim Poolman, the donor behind the leadership academy, was the first to “like” the post, and commented on how special the shout out was to him.

“That is exactly what I had in mind when I was helping to create this,” Kingery said, “that this would give an opportunity for some of the students and staff to really say thank you for the great things that have happened on campus.”

The torrent of thanks poured into every area of campus. At the Memorial Union, a large chalkboard wall with the prompt “Thanks to philanthropy” was artfully scribbled with passerby sentiments like, “I can attend UND with a scholarship” and “I am fulfilling my dreams.”

Tables set up at several colleges’ headquarters allowed students to sign posters capturing their gratitude or write personal thank you notes to donors.

Sophomore Spanish/Philosophy major Samantha Klocke noticed a Thank-a-Thon booth and penned a quick postcard message.

“I don’t think that they get direct appreciation when they give their donations, and a lot of time they don’t get to see the results and the effects that they have on the University,” Klocke said, adding her note to a growing stack. “So it’s nice to get a physical thank you as a reminder.”

As Kingery helped hand out the last of the scholarship checks, she was already thinking of Spirit Week 2019 and how her team can bring more attention to the people who are supported by the University’s benefactors.

“This has been such a good starting point,” Kingery said with spirited optimism, “but there’s so much opportunity for us to make it even bigger next year.”

—Kaylee Cusack / UND Today Writer
CELEBRATING PHILANTHROPY
UND President Mark Kennedy dropped by the Spirit Week “Pay It Forward” table. One of the table attendants, Student Ambassador Allie Harvey (left), was notified just a couple of hours later that she had been randomly chosen for a $5,000 Spirit Week Giving Hearts Day scholarship.
Photo by Sam Melquist

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Awarded during Spirit Week
(Feb. 19-23)

Brooke Hunstad
Carrie Huwe Giving Hearts Scholarship

Raegan Palesch
Jennifer Aamodt Giving Hearts Scholarship

Allison Harvey
Rodney Kjellberg Giving Hearts Scholarship

Taylor Ebertowski (incoming freshman)
Roberta Beauchamp Giving Hearts Scholarship

Zane Janneck
Tim Shea Giving Hearts Scholarship

Joshua Lieberman
Tom Gaudreau Giving Hearts Scholarship

Awarded on Giving Hearts Day
(Feb. 8)

Jace Dukart
Megan Glasgow Giving Hearts Scholarship

Shelby Stoltz
Monica Musich Giving Hearts Scholarship

Matthew Brown (incoming freshman)
David Solseng Giving Hearts Scholarship

A WINNING ENTRY
UND law student Joshua Lieberman (right) was one of six students surprised with $5,000 Giving Hearts Day scholarships during Spirit Week. He gave a special thank you to donor Tom Gaudreau, who was selected to have his name attached to the gift. Pictured with Joshua is Deb Wilson from the UND AAFF.
Photo by Sam Melquist
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MAKING STUDENTS
A PRIORITY

New endowments at UND Law strengthen school, benefit students

When David Stowman, ’72, former chair of the Minnesota Board of Public Defense, visited with younger lawyers, he became increasingly aware of how difficult it is to recruit new public defense attorneys.

That’s because many new law graduates, even though they might want to enter the public sector, need higher paying jobs to cover student loans.

“I realized how much different economic conditions are today,” said Stowman. “I became acutely aware what an economic burden this is.”

And even though UND has one of the most affordable law programs in the country, the cost of earning a law degree has increased.

That’s why Stowman, who received the Minnesota State Bar Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014, decided to endow a UND Law scholarship fund along with his wife, Judith.

“I felt good about the UND law school and my education,” Stowman said. “I wanted others to share in the same experience. The endowment will lessen the economic burden for students.”

That scholarship fund is one of several new endowments that will help UND attract the best and brightest.

George Schubert wanted to ensure that the memory of his wife, Arline, ’67, ’73, ’82, lives on. His endowment will fund the Arline Schubert Study Room in the UND law library. It will also fund the study of sports law.

“I wanted to honor Arline,” said Schubert, who served UND for 50 years, and taught in communication disorders and also served as dean of the former University College & Summer Sessions. “She began law school at age 40 and then taught business and sports law in the College of Business & Public Administration and English at UND, as well as practiced law. Both our daughters are law graduates, and I wanted to do something in her memory that would last.”

Longtime donor Jack Marcil, ’63, ’68, took advantage of the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund, which matched every $2 he gave with another $1 from the state.

“I attribute much of my success to my education at UND,” said Marcil, who is known as a “lawyer’s lawyer.” He received the Distinguished Service Award from the State Bar of North Dakota in 2007, a distinguished service and lifetime achievement award from the U.S. Court of Appeals, and multiple other awards. A trial attorney since 1969, he specializes in arbitration and mediation.

“Supporting UND is one of my priorities,” Marcil said. “Getting a law degree opened so many doors. It’s important to give back. It’s a matter of trying to make the profession better.”

Best and brightest

The new endowments showcase the strength and reputation of UND Law, said Nick Jensen, development director for the School of Law at the UND Alumni Association & Foundation.

“These endowments and scholarships have an impact that will be felt forever,” Jensen said. “Year after year, students benefit.”

The state benefits too, Jensen said, noting that 80 percent of North Dakota judges trained at UND and 75 percent of the attorneys in the state graduated from UND. Of the five current state Supreme Court justices, four are UND Law alumni.

UND Law alumni uniformly talk about the quality of education they received, as well as the camaraderie that is a hallmark of the law school.

“That’s not something you see at other schools,” said Jensen. “Attorneys practice together in North Dakota. They know people, build deep relationships, and have built-in networks as they move forward.”

That’s why these new endowments are so important.

“Without scholarships, many students can’t achieve their dream of being attorneys,” Jensen said.

“Endowments like these help keep legal education affordable for our students, while allowing us to offer the same kind of student opportunities as higher-priced law schools,” said Kathryn Rand, dean of the School of Law. “Students who are awarded scholarships tell us how meaningful it is for them to have a donor who believes in their potential. They work even harder to earn the respect of the donor who has helped fund their dream of becoming a lawyer.”

— Jan Orvik / UND Today Writer
MEET A STUDENT

EVAN GOOD

Chaska, Minnesota

Area of Study: Psychology Major and Biology Minor

Sophomore

Why UND?

In my college search, I toured many of the leading universities in the Midwest. I knew that I wanted to stay relatively close to home near the Twin Cities area. I was very interested in a few universities in Minneapolis/St. Paul, but after touring UND, I ironically felt more at home here than I did there. The student body at UND is a very tight-knit group and you can connect with everyone, which wasn't really the case at other schools. I noticed that so many students were walking around campus wearing UND gear—I could really sense the pride those students had in their university. I felt that UND would be the best fit for me. After spending about two years at UND, I know that I made the right decision.

What is your dream career?

As a psychology major, I am very interested in how the brain works, specifically mental illnesses. My dream career would be to work with Alzheimer's patients. I have had multiple family members battle Alzheimer's, so I can relate to the struggle that families and patients go through with the disease. It is a very serious disease and I would love to make a difference in the lives of people who struggle with it.

How has UND helped you realize your dream?

The students and faculty at UND have been very influential in my collegiate career thus far. My professors and advisors have given me valuable advice that has led me to where I am today and will continue to influence me as I move forward. UND provides so many different resources for students to find themselves and discover their passions. Everyone wants each student to succeed.

Who has believed in you?

Many people have believed in me throughout my academic career. My parents have been an incredible support system for me in my collegiate career and always push me to make a difference in my community. They are a great example for me in various facets like school, relationships and life in general. Secondly, my grandpa always had a big interest in college and higher education. Every time I saw him, he would always ask me where I was going to college and what I wanted to be when I grew up. Without even realizing it, he pushed me to make education a priority in my life.

What's next?

I will graduate from UND in 2020 and plan to go on to graduate school in clinical or health psychology after graduation. I have applied for various internships in the Minneapolis area for this summer and hope to gain valuable experience as I move forward in my collegiate career at UND. I am very excited for what my future holds at UND and beyond. ///
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Dr. Omer Larson from the UND Biology Department? Larson, pictured here in 1967, spent 30 years in the department.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA ALUMNI NEWS

Updates from around the world.

1960s
Remember when, on the last day of 1963, the eternal flame was first lit in the Old Main Memorial Plaza? The flame symbolizes the light of truth and knowledge.

1964
Robert Wefald, ’64, has been appointed by President Trump to the American Battle Monuments Commission. Wefald is a retired judge who served 27 years in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve.

1965
Duaine Sanden, ’65, has been elected into the North Dakota Associated Press Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame. Sanden began his radio career at age 13 and has spent more than 50 years in the business. He has broadcast thousands of games for KNOX Radio in Grand Forks.

1966
Harris Bailey, ’66, ’67, has retired after 17 years as Richland County (N.D.) Auditor.

1967
Joan Meyers Baker, ’67, is serving as vice president of the boards of directors of the United States Tennis Association (USTA), USTA Player Development and USTA National Tennis Center. The USTA owns and operates the US Open, one of the four tennis Grand Slams and the largest attended sporting event in the world. Joan also serves on the board of directors of the USTA Foundation, the USTA’s philanthropic arm.

1968

1970s
Remember when, in 1973, room and board rates increased $10 each? During the 1973-74 school year, students paid $160 for a room and $236 for a five-day meal plan per semester.
1973
Deane Johnson, '73. and his wife Jill (Musburger) Johnson, '74, have co-authored a book "Little Minnesota in World War II: The Stories Behind 140 Fallen Heroes from Minnesota's Littlest Towns."

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1975
Sheryl Ramstad, '75, is chief external relations officer at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

1976
Dave Wallis, '76, retired from The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead on Oct. 30, 2017, after 40 years as a photojournalist with the newspaper. Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney issued a proclamation making that day "Dave Wallis Day" in the city. Wallis began his career at the Grand Forks Herald in 1975 before moving to The Forum.

1977
Wayne Nelson, '76, sports editor at the Grand Forks Herald, has been elected into the North Dakota Associated Press Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame.

1978
Kevin Dunlevy, '78, '84, has been certified as a flight instructor by the FAA. Dunlevy, a shareholder attorney in the Minneapolis law firm Boiselo & Dunlevy, PA, is a volunteer search and rescue pilot with the Civil Air Patrol.

1979
Marcia (Yonker) Ketterling, '78, is a family nurse practitioner with Sanford Health Highway 2 Clinic in Minot, N.D.


Sean Smith, '78, '81, is in-house council for Capital Credit Union in Bismarck, N.D.

1980s
Remember when, in 1988, the Chairman of AT&T came to UND to establish a $100,000 endowment in the name of his predecessor, the late James Olson, '50?

THE MAKING OF A MASCOT

Given a blank canvas and an open mind, what kind of creature would you envision embodying the spirit of the University of North Dakota? Does it stoke fear in the competitor? Is it sleek and mobile for acrobatic feats? Is it fluffy, smiling and ready for a photo op?

These are the difficult decisions at hand for a newly assembled, 17-person UND Mascot Committee born from an initial task force formed this winter. The student-led group, co-chaired by UND Student Body Vice President Erik Hanson and former UND golfer Matt Jacobson, is discussing which mascot attributes will best engage the Fighting Hawks fan base.

"We have a great mix of people with various backgrounds – a combination of nine students with staff, faculty and alumni who are very passionate about UND," Jacobson said.

"Resoundingly what we've heard is we want this mascot to be something that's energetic, that's fun, and that really captures the strength of the hawk logo that we have," Hanson said. "We want stoic, while also having something that's approachable and can make that game day experience even better than what it is now."

The committee has passed along its ideas to a design firm, Rickbeaub Graphics in Ohio, which will work collaboratively with the committee to create three graphic identities for the UND mascot.

By the end of the semester, the student body will have a chance to vote on which of the three mascot designs best fits the essence of UND Athletics – now and into the future.

"We want to make sure we're looking forward to future students; and that they have something to be proud of," said Hanson.
1980
Paul DuBowry, '80, recently completed his tenure as Fulbright Distinguished Chair of Ecohydrology at Universidade Federal do Espirito Santo in Brazil.

1981
Frank Haynes, '81, is retiring as executive director of Helping Hands Outreach in Holdingford, Minn. He will spend his time volunteering and with his business, the Northern Plains Jerky Outpost.

Mark Jensen, '81, is a lecturer in the Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota.


Bernard Simleton, '81, has joined the board of directors of the Limestone County (Ala.) American Red Cross. Simleton is the president of the Alabama NAACP.

1982
Dennis Dahlen, '82, is chief financial officer of Mayo Clinic. The nonprofit medical organization reported revenue of $11 billion in 2016 with net operating income of $475 million.

David Kolpack, '82, longtime reporter and columnist for The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead who now works for the Associated Press, has been elected into the North Dakota Associated Press Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame.

Bill Thorne, '82, of Seattle, has just published his fifth book, "Cycling the Pacific Coast: The Complete Guide from Canada to Mexico." It was released in November by Mountainners Books.

Shane Nygard, '83, '85, is a family medicine doctor in Sanford Health Park Rapids (Minn.).

1984
Brent Edison, '84, has become a shareholder in the Vogel Law Firm. Edison returned to the firm’s Fargo office after a stint in public service, most recently serving as North Dakota’s Disciplinary Counsel.

Jeff Frane, '84, has been selected to the position of B757/B767 Standards Check Airman with FedEx Express. Frane celebrated his 20-year anniversary with FedEx in January.

Brian Wilson, '84, is vice president of field development for the Bankers Life business segment of CNO Financial Group, Inc. in Carmel, Ind.

Kari (Magnuson) Bernardy, '85, is a senior treasury analyst with Medtronic in the Twin Cities.

Jeffrey Davis, '85, is an attorney with Barnes & Thornburg law firm in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Craig Pietruszewski, '85, is the chief financial officer for Advanced Elements, the holding company for several companies under the AE2S umbrella.

1987
John Larsen, '87, is president of Alliant Energy Corporation in Madison, Wis. Larsen has been with the company since 1988.

Linda (Schieffer) Pouliot, '87, '90, is an instructor at the Hazen (N.D.) Learning Center, an education program that helps high school students who struggle in the traditional classroom setting.

Thomas Erickson, '88, '90, chief executive officer of the UND Energy & Environmental Research Center, has been named by Gov. Doug Burgum to the North Dakota Higher Education Task Force.

Lisa (Kryzsko) Ertman, '88, is a controller with AE2S Construction in Grand Forks.

Troy Dunavan, '89, is a system engineer with Veeam Software in the Twin Cities.

1990
Remember when, in 1993, superfan Ed Neibauer, '54, was honored by the men’s basketball team for attending 400 games?

Rebecca (Westall) Pemigilly, '90, '99, is a family medicine physician with The Corvallis Clinic at Waverly Drive in Albany, Ore.

1991
Tim Lykken, '91, was promoted to sergeant with the Wenatchee (Wash.) Police Department. Tim is assigned to the Patrol Division and has been with the department for 16 years.

Steven Davis, '92, is a senior regional credit officer-vice president at First Community Credit Union in Bismarck, N.D.

Tes Kurtz, '92, is a digital content specialist with Pericent Digital in Orange County, Calif.

1993
Chad Anderson, '93, has been named treasurer of the Board of Directors and Products and Services Member Advisory Council for the National Aircraft Resale Association. Anderson is president of Jetcraft, an international aircraft sales and marketing company.

Dan Hendrickson, '93, is the communications manager for the Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota. He also recently authored and self-published "Dark Glasses," a collection of comedic poetry.

Monte Koshel, '93, is a project manager for the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute in Crookston. The AURI was created by the Minnesota Legislature to generate economic impact by developing new uses for ag products through science and technology.

Cindy Sorensen, '93, is a mortgage loan servicer and processor with Capital Credit Union in Bismarck, N.D.

1994
Eva (Spindler) Keiser, '94, is president of the executive leadership team for the Minnesota chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Keiser is a principal at the plural, a Twin Cities integrated communications firm.

Julie (Klincie) Koerner, '94, is an occupational therapist with ProRehab in Fargo.

1995
Carol Archbold, '95, '97, professor of criminal justice at North Dakota State University, has been recognized with a
2018 Outstanding Mentor Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. The honor acknowledges mentors who have made significant contributions to the professional development of graduate students and junior faculty members.

Stephen Ferrazano, '95, is a judge in Watonwan County (Minn.) District Court. He had previously served as an assistant state public defender.

Chad Schmidt, '96, is a trust administrative assistant with First Western Bank & Trust in Minot, N.D.

1996
Margaret (Pearce) Dahlberg, '96, is the interim president of Valley City (N.D.) State University. Dahlberg is the school's vice president for academic affairs.

Randy Eken, '96, has been presented a Friend of Medicine Award by the North Dakota Medical Association. Eken recently retired from the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences as associate dean for administration and finance.

Aaron Garman, '96, medical director and a family practice physician at Coal Country Community Health Center in Beulah, N.D., has been named to a National Quality Forum workgroup. Garman has been practicing medicine at CCCHC since 2003.

1997
Carmen Best, '97, is director of Policy and Emerging Markets at Open Energy Efficiency in Sausalito, Calif.

Christine (Grohn) Lauzon, '97, '99, is a nurse practitioner with Altru's Specialty Care in Cavalier, N.D. Lauzon specializes in obstetrics and gynecology.

1999
Michelle (Midstokke) Brisiin, '99, is a gift planner with Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. Brisiin lives in Shokopee, Minn.

Shara (Thompson) Fischer, '99, is a relationship manager with Heartland Trust Company in Fargo.

1997
Teresa (Thom) Moe, '99, is manager of Payer Reimbursement at Altru Health System in Grand Forks.

2000
Remember when, in 2007, the apartment-style student housing complex University Place opened?

2000
Richard Stenberg, '00, is a member of the North Dakota Historic Preservation Review Board. Stenberg is an associate professor of history and political science at Williston State College.

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2001
Jay Knudson, ’01, ’04, has been appointed by Gov. Doug Burgum to a judgeship in the Northeast Central Judicial District of North Dakota.

Michael Kreun, ’01, has been elected to a six-year term on the Spring Lake Park School Board in Blaine, Minn. Kreun is an attorney with Beisel & Dunlevy, PA in Minneapolis.

Josh Hochgraber, ’02, is a technology advisor with Marco in Detroit Lakes, Minn., has been named one of the top 40 business professionals in the Northern Plains under the age of 40 by Prairie Business magazine.

Tracie Malberg, ’02, is a staff physician with Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Ross Munns, ’02, is a human resources officer with the Bank of North Dakota in Bismarck.

Jeffrey Schatz, ’02, will retire at the end of the school year as superintendent of the Fargo Public Schools system. Schatz, who has spent 32 years working in K-12 education, has been superintendent since 2012.

2003
Brian Bailey, ’03, is a graphic production designer with Buffalo Wild Wings in Minneapolis.

Kelsey (Reek) Fellows, ’03, is a manager of strategic partnerships with Discovery Benefits in Fargo.

Elizabeth (Kolstoe) Mackowick, ’03, ’05, received the 2017-18 Exceptional Title I Educator Award from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. Mackowick is a Title I reading coordinator for West Fargo (N.D.) Public Schools.

Brandy Moe, ’03, is a sourcing manager with Momentum Recycling in Denver, Colo.

Michael Neis, ’03, is the manager of Central City Lumber in Carrington, N.D.

Stephanie Stiel, ’03, is a judge in the East Central Judicial District of North Dakota. Stiel was appointed by Gov. Doug Burgum after working as an attorney with Connym Feste Ltd. of Fargo since 2004.

Todd Van Orman, ’03, assistant professor of finance at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D., has been appointed to Railway Credit Union’s Supervisory Committee.

2004
Courtney (Barstad) Logan, ’04, ’06, is a licensed realtor with RE/MAX Grand in Grand Forks.


Bradley Jaeger, ’04, is co-owner of a Pizza Ranch restaurant in Dickinson, N.D.

Dustin Scott, ’04, a senior project manager at Moore Engineering in West Fargo, graduated from the American Council of Engineering Companies of North Dakota Emerging Leadership Institute. Scott was also named to Prairie Business magazine’s list of 40 Under 40.

Tim Solberg, ’04, is a nationally accredited planner for the city of West Fargo, N.D.

Lora (Petrik) Wilson, ’04, is a stay-at-home mom in Bismarck, N.D.

2005
Jonathan Fortner, ’05, is the director of government relations for the North Dakota Lignite Energy Council.

Scott Holdman, ’05, ’15, director of the Impact Institute in Fargo, has been named one of the top 40 business professionals in the Northern Plains under the age of 40.

Dennis Newell, ’05, is head Cross County and Track & Field coach at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D. Newell coached the school’s women’s Cross Country team to its second consecutive conference and regional titles and a runner-up finish at the NCAA Division II Cross Country Championship.

Kevin Till, ’05, is the manufacturing manager for Autoiiv Electronics Night Vision in Goleta, Calif., where the vast majority of the world’s supply of infrared night vision cameras for automotive safety applications are designed and produced.

Joan (Schaefer) Zander, ’05, ’06, is a therapist with Dakota Family Services in Minot, N.D.

2006
Meghan Compton, ’06, ’10, chief legal counsel for Altru Health System in Grand Forks, has been named one of the top 40 business professionals in the Northern Plains under the age of 40.

Jonathan Fortner, ’06, is the director of government relations for the North Dakota Lignite Energy Council.

Aaron Haskins, ’06, is a mortgage banking officer with Starion Bank in Fargo.

Cody Schulz, ’06, is North Dakota’s Director of Homeland Security.

Alyssa Weber, ’06, ’10, is a post-doctoral psychology resident with Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in Minot, N.D.

2007
Michelle Alland, ’07, ’13, is the program director of the post-graduate Cardiology Nurse Practitioner Fellowship program at Mayo Clinic in Arizona.

Brittany Keller, ’07, is a certified nurse practitioner with Sanford Medical Center in Fargo.

Michael Lopez, ’07, ’11, is a research consultant with HBR Consulting in Fargo.

2008
Amanda Black, ’08, is a SAP-certified consultant with Cloud Consulting Partners, Inc. in Shakopee, Minn.

Amber (Flickinger) Flynn, ’08, ’10, is a realtor with Hatch Realty in Grand Forks.

Rob Meek, ’08, is a client sales executive with the Minneapolis office of SAP Concur, a provider of integrated travel and expense management services and solutions.

Cory Mock, ’08, executive director of the Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals, bookstore owner, and minority leader in the N.D. House of Representatives, has been named one of the top 40 business professionals in the Northern Plains under the age of 40.
Amy (Thorn) Wilkens, ’08, is a doctor of nursing practice with CHI St. Alexius Health in Bismarck, N.D.

2009

Jeremy Brandt, ’09, superintendent of the Central Valley School District has been named to the board of the North Dakota High School Activities Association.

Paul Campbell, ’09, ’12, has authored his first novel, “Love’s Will.” Campbell is an attorney in Fargo.

Stephen Fashant, ’09, is a CRM support analyst with Thomson Reuters in the Twin Cities.

Kelsey [Brookberg] Kalberer, ’09, is an administrative assistant with Jensen Hughes in Goodyear, Ariz.

Dave Lehman, ’09, is a realtor with Alliance Real Estate in Bismarck, N.D.

Christopher Virta, ’09, ’11, has been made a shareholder in Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., a law firm headquartered in Duluth, Minn. He has been with the company since 2009.

Sarah (Tondryk) Wondrasek, ’09, ’10, is a project engineer with Swenson Say Faget in Seattle.

2010

Katie Darling, ’10, is a senior accountant with Alerus Financial in Grand Forks. She has been a CPA with the company for five years.

Kayla Despres, ’10, Human Resources business partner with Billfinger Westcon, Inc. in Bismarck, N.D., has been named one of 15 young professionals to serve on the Society for Human Resource Management’s Young Professional Advisory Council.

Tim Jahraus, ’10, is a shorelife survey assistant and a member of the Washington State Department of Health.

Robert James, ’10, is a safety professional with Kelleher Construction in Duluth, Minn.

Derek Mattson, ’10, is a vice president with Christensen Group Insurance in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Luke Miller, ’10, works in external relations for Shell in Houston, Texas.

Jake Schuster, ’10, is a maintenance scheduler with the Hibbing, Minn., division of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.

Michael Sherman, ’10, is a commodity merchandiser with General Mills in the Twin Cities.

2011

Erik Burke, ’11, ’16, is a family nurse practitioner with Northwood (N.D.) Deaconess Health Center.

Alexa (Skjold) Ducioame, ’11, a project engineer with Moore Engineering, Inc., in West Fargo, has been named one of ten 2018 New Faces of Civil Engineering, Professional Edition by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Zachary Ernst, ’11, is a general surgeon with Essentia Health-32nd Avenue Clinic in Fargo.

Holly (Forsness) Gruhlke, ’11, chair of Dickinson (N.D.) State University’s School of Business and Entrepreneurship, has been named one of the top 40 business professionals in the Northern Plains under the age of 40 by Prairie Business magazine.

Taylor Sandquist, ’11, is a product manager with YAI | Engage, a Twin Cities engagement marketing agency.

2012

Ryan Coye, ’12, is an assistant regional leader/assistant vice president with Gate City Bank in Minneapolis.

Dr. Derrick Kuntz, ’12, is the medical director for the Sturgis (S.D.) Ambulance Service. Kuntz also works at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Lauren (McIntyre) Prante, ’12, is the new care coordinator at Community of Care in Casselton and Arthur, N.D.

Chris Roiland, ’12, a certified physician assistant, has joined the hospitalist team at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar, Minn.

Dr. Shereen Talatt, ’12, ’14, has joined RiverView Health in Crookston, Minn. She specializes in internal medicine.

Cassandra (McKinney) Torstenson, ’12, is the city administrator for Brainerd, Minn.

Benjamin Brandt, ’13, founder of Capital City Wealth Management in Bismarck, N.D., has been named one of the top 40 business professionals in the Northern Plains under the age of 40 by Prairie Business magazine.

2014

R. Mark Elowitz, ’13, is in his final year of earning his PhD in Astronomy from the Open University. He is also employed as a senior spectral scientist at Altamira Technologies Corporation in Fairborn, Ohio.

Jacob Henke, ’13, is a manager with Brady Martz & Associates in Bismarck, N.D.

Brian Maxwell, ’13, is an English professor at Eastern Florida College, received the school’s 2017 Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Award.

Hannah (Loesch) McDonald, ’13, ’15, is a speech language pathologist with Pediatric Therapy Partners in Bismarck, N.D.

Timothy Paulson, ’13, is a manager with Brady Martz & Associates in Bismarck, N.D.

Lindsey (Sloan) Peterson, ’13, is a nurse practitioner with the Behavioral Health Department at Essentia Health-St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Brainerd, Minn.

Andrea (Collins) Turner, ’13, is a project manager at Star, a marketing and advertising firm in Minneapolis.

Matt Upgren, ’13, a civil engineer at the engineering and architectural firm Karvavik in Bemidji, Minn., recently received his professional engineer’s license with the state of Minnesota.

2015

Erik Kolsb, ’14, is a Title I paraprofessional with the Minot (N.D.) School District.

Kirsten (Gieser) Little, ’14, is a speech language pathologist with Pediatric Therapy Partners in Bismarck, N.D.
Luke Lordemann, ’14, is the HR specialist for JMAC Resources, a heavy civil and energy services contractor in Williston, N.D.

Elle Molbert, ’14, ’17, is an associate attorney with Ohnstad Twichell Law Firm in West Fargo.

Callie Ronkowski, ’14, ’16, is an assistant community manager with Greystar in Minneapolis. Greystar is an international real estate development and property management company.

Keith Crisman, ’15, is a safety officer - Human Spaceflight Lab at the Human Centered Design Institute - Florida Institute of Technology.

Taylor (McLean) Eck, ’15, ’17, is a high school science teacher with the Bemidji Area (Minn.) Public Schools.

Gabriella Fundaro, ’15, is a marketing coordinator for All Around Creative in Medford, N.J.

Ashley Halvorson, ’15, is an associate attorney with Conny Feste Ltd. in Fargo.

Erin Moody, ’15, ’16, is a mental health clinician at Allina Health in St. Paul, Minn.

2016

Kreg Anderson, ’16, is the airport manager for the Alexandria (Minn.) Municipal Airport.

Landon Bahl, ’16, is a receptionist at Creative Artists Agency in Nashville, Tenn.

Brianna Berry, ’16, is a territory sales manager with Acel, Inc., a regenerative medicine company.

Alexandra Bettmeng, ’16, is a production assistant at Bunim Murray Productions in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Brent Boeddeker, ’16, is an associate attorney with Ohnstad Twichell in West Fargo.

Caitlyn Cameron, ’16, is a certified physician assistant with Sanford Moorhead (Minn.) Campus.

Matthew Collier, ’16, is a police officer in New Hope, Minn.

Matthew Coy, ’16, is an Occupational Health physician assistant with Winona (Minn.) Health.

Brandt Doerr, ’16, is an associate attorney in the litigation group of Fredrikson & Byron in Fargo.

Mariah Fevig, ’16, is a nurse practitioner with the Sleep Medicine Department at the Essentia Health-South University Clinic in Fargo.

Morgan Goulding, ’16, is a regional admissions representative for the University of North Dakota. She is based in the Twin Cities.

Matt Koken, ’16, is an account coordinator with Cuneo Advertising in Minneapolis.

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Tyler Narum, ’16, is a fourth grade teacher at Beulah (N.D.) Elementary.

Karissa Schultz, ’16, has joined the Geriatrics Department at the Essentia Health-Deer River Clinic in Deer River, Minn., as a nurse practitioner. Schultz is certified as an adult/gerontology nurse practitioner by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Gustave Sobczak, ’16, is an air traffic controller with the Kansas City Air Route Traffic Control Center in Olathe, Kan.

Jeremy Straub, ’16, associate director of the NDSU Institute for Cyber Security Education and Research, has been named one of the top 40 business professionals in the Northern Plains under the age of 40 by Prairie Business magazine.

2017

Melissa Devries, ’17, is a nurse practitioner in the emergency medicine department of Essentia Health-Virginia (Minn.).

Jesse Hiti, ’17, works in engineering and design for Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricating Inc. in Hibbing, Minn.

Emily Kuennen, ’17, is a resource specialist with Robert Half Management Resources in the Twin Cities.

Sarah Peterson, ’17, is a marketing coordinator with Inspire Homes & Real Estate in Grand Forks.

Sami Swartz, ’17, is a GIS technician with Houston Engineering, Inc. in Fargo.

Cassie Thompson, ’17, marketing specialist with Dakota Commercial and co-owner of Ganesh Yoga in East Grand Forks, has been named one of the top 40 business professionals in the Northern Plains under the age of 40 by Prairie Business magazine.

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ADDITIONS & CELEBRATIONS

If you would like your addition or celebration to be included in the next Alumni Review, send a high resolution photo to alumnireview@UNDalumni.net. We look forward to helping you celebrate!

Additions

2 EllieAnna Mae Johnson was born on Aug. 12, 2017, to James Johnson, '13, and BreAnna Vidas, '13. The family resides in Duluth, Minnesota.

3 Alexa (Mazaheri) Lajimodiere, '14, and her husband, Kyle, are the proud parents of Everett Maz Lajimodiere. The family lives in Fargo.

4 Henry Martin Burr was born on Nov. 5, 2017, to Oliver, '09, and Kanissa (Larter) Burr, '08, and big brother Elliott. They live in Omaha, Nebraska.

Celebrations


7 Kayla Nelson, '13, and Christian Sovak, '14, were married Aug. 5, 2017. They live in Grand Forks.

8 Kyle Bondy, '10, and Stacie Frovarp, '10, '15, were married July 15, 2017, in Grand Forks. The couple lives in Williston, North Dakota.


10 Brandon Baumgartner, '11, and Misty Rappuhn were married Sept. 8, 2017, in Fargo. The couple lives in West Fargo. Pictured left to right: Scott Eul, '12, Courtney Richman, Dan Ross, '13, Dana (Wambach) Ross '11, Brandon Baumgartner, '11, Misty Baumgartner, Brett Boxwell, Jordan Schmidt, Carly Rothfusz, '14, and Annie Klebe. ///
IN MEMORIAM

It is with great honor we dedicate these pages to alumni and friends of the University of North Dakota who have recently passed away. These members of the alumni family helped ignite the spirit of UND, paving the way for a bright future.

1930s

Robert Thomsen, EdD, ’34, Walla Walla, Wash.
Mary Anne (Benson) Prody, ’35, Madera, Calif.

1940s

Rena (Bunde) Lehmann, ’40, Enderlin, N.D.
Alice (Forkner) Schamber, ’40, Orlando, Fl.
Owen Elde, ’41, Orlinda, Calif.
Irene (Gross) Harrington, ’41, Minnetonka, Minn.
Marion (Helgaas) James, ’41, Fargo
Jean Stewart, ’42, Palaos Heights, Ill.
Earl Stoltenow, ’42, Wahpeton, N.D.
Kenneth Hall, ’43, Grand Forks
Marilyn Kirkele, ’43, Minot, N.D.
Janet (Selke) How, ’45, Ithaca, N.Y.
Doris (Setterstrom) Anderson, ’46, Odenton, Md.
Henry Homan, ’46, Egan, S.D.
Virginia (Mason) Lynch, ’46, Fargo
M. Murriel (McAulsey) Goulet, ’47, Sun City West, Ariz.
Kathryn (Lieberl) Otten, ’47, Bradenton, Fla.
Richard Quesnell, ’47, Grand Forks

1950s

Mary (Haggen) Thompson, ’48, Devils Lake, N.D.
Robert Hansen, ’49, Hastings, Minn.
Jerome Imsdahl, ’49, Minneapolis
Audrey (Kleven) Barrett, ’50, Moonhead, Minn.
Dr. Roderick Butzon, ’50, Lisbon, N.D.
John Gissel, ’50, New Orleans
Robert Kaftan, ’50, Havre, Mont.
Dr. Robert Pedersen, ’50, Haminkinson, N.D.
Joseph Elliott, ’51, ’56, Omaha, Neb.
Hans Midstokke, ’51, Freeport, Ill.
Dr. Warren Allen, ’52, Deering, N.D.
Rev. James Jeffrey, ’52, Belleville, Ill.
Charles Purdy, ’52, Jamestown, N.D.
Juel Skyland, ’52, Bismarck
Carol (Howell) Waltz, ’52, Reno, Nev.
Donald Achtien, ’53, Stafford, Texas
Patricia Higgins Cadell, ’53, Bismarck
Roger Eull, ’53, Elk River, Minn.
Orv Moe, ’53, Bismarck
Arland Gruneth, ’54, Medora, N.D.
George Hegge, DDS, ’54, Granite Bay, Calif.
Embret Hendrickson, ’54, Granite Bay, Calif.
Francis Krzyzko, ’54, Grand Forks
Paul Swanson, ’54, Bismarck
Gary Hanisch, ’55, Crosby, N.D.
James Hundley, ’55, ’58, Rochester, Ill.
Raymond Huot, ’55, Calgary, AB
Sylvester Leer, ’55, Albuquerque, N.M.
Katherine (Gregory) Overstreet, ’55, Salem, Ore.
Gerald Swanson, ’55, Anchorage, Alaska
Arden German, ’56, Vancouver, Wash.
DiAnn (Arneson) Griggs, ’56, Bloomington, Minn.
Robert McFarlin, PE, ’56, Duluth, Minn.
Allan Swanson, ’56, White Bear Lake, Minn.
Dale Boelz, ’57, Wilton, N.D.
William O’Toole, ’57, ’61, Grand Forks
James Braus, ’58, El Paso, Texas
Gary Clark Sr., ’58, Woodland, Calif.
Arne Loven, ’58, Edmond, Okla.
Walter Mathews, ’58, Mansfield, Ohio
Carrol Rognlie, ’58, Devils Lake, N.D.
Dr. Harold Wenaas, ’58, ’61, Great Falls, Mont.
Robert Hoffart, ’59, Rochester, Minn.
Mary Ellen (Tosset) Christian, ’59, Nelaun, Conn.
Richard Friend, ’59, Shakopee, Minn.
William Fruhwirth, ’59, Grand Forks

1960s

Owen Larson, ’60, Minot, N.D.
Boyso Mosley, ’60, Baltimore
Christine (Sundvor) Solberg, ’60, Pontiac, Ill.
Colletta (Albers) Stroup, ’60, Fessenden, N.D.
Marlene (Wald) Word, ’60, Kadoka, S.D.
Maryls (Froelich) Crouch, ’61, Minneapolis
Marilee ( Larson) Kuhl, ’61, Austin, Texas
Edward Schwartz, ’61, Detroit Lakes, Minn.
Diane (Biever) Solae, ’61, Lincoln, Neb.
Donald Sorum, ’61, Knoxville, Tann.
Jerome Enebo, ’62, Hopkins, Minn.
Earl Hanson, ’62, Devils Lake, N.D.
Thomas Huffman, ’62, Spearfish, S.D.
Mary (Dalhen) Hyde, ’62, Phoenix, Ariz.
Pearl (Stensland) Johnst, ’62, Fargo
Lowell Johnson, ’62, West Fargo, N.D.
Jay Jost, ’62, Minneapolis
John Marrella, MD, ’62, Northbrook, Ill.
John Merrell, ’62, Swatiska, ON Canada
Edna Neuhart, ’62, McClusky, N.D.
Paul Sandell, ’62, Collierville, Tenn.
Dr. Gayle Sobolik, ’62, ’70, Rochester, Minn.
Orlin Backes, ’63, Minot, N.D.
D. Thomas Fischer, ’63, Aberdeen, S.D.
Denis Moen, ’63, Fargo
Curtis Roseborough, ’63, Winnipeg, MB
John Sampson, ’63, Thief River Falls, Minn.
Kay (Kaatz) Berg, ’64, Walcott, N.D.
Eugene Carey, ’64, Waupauk, Wis.
Roy Eliason, ’64, Spicer, Minn.
Gertrude Gerzawski, ’64, Saint Louis, Mo.
Patrick Riddell, '64,
Winnipeg, MB Canada

Terry Torgenrud, MD, '64,
'66, Tacoma, Wash.

E. Van Alwin, '65,
New Lenox, Ill.

M. Kathleen (Thomas) Emberton, '65,
Crestlake, Minn.

Glen Gilbraith, '65, '76,
Grand Forks

Larry Johnson, '65,
Grand Forks

Eric Linden Sr., '65, '68,
Sacramento, Calif.

Robert Rodenberger, '65,
Stansfield, Wash.

Gary Brown, '66,
Shakopee, Minn.

Merton Dodge, '66,
Merced, Calif.

John Williams, Jr, '66,
Arthur, N.D.

Louis Daniels, '67,
Fargo

Terence (Gifford) McCosh, '67,
Seattle

William Reimann Jr., '67,
Schenectady, N.Y.

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Fargo

Lorraine (Roberts) Ettl, '68,
'70, Grand Forks

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'75, Bismarck

John Hoesley, '68,
Maquoketa, Iowa

Kathy (Watte) Wetherbee, '68,
Longmont, Colo.

Diane (Schmidt) Boschee, '69,
Las Vegas, Nev.

Linda (Sundstrom) Holcomb, '69,
Valley City, N.D.

James Ogston, '69,
Medicine Hat, AB Canada

1970s

Jay Duffus Hanson, '70,
Minneapolis

Lloyd Hendrickson, '70,
Dunn Center, N.D.

Allison (Efrom) Henry, '70,
Roberts, Wis.

Linda (Purcell) Hicks, '70,
Westcliffe, Colo.

Lynn Kenneth Quamee, '70,
Grand Forks

Gregory Wentz, '70,
Bismarck

Gordon Bahner, '72,
Hendrum, Minn.

Charette Barta, '72,
Buffalo, Minn.

Dale Bleau, '72,
Saol, Minn.

Nancy (Hook) Johnstun, '72,
Weippe, Idaho

Dean Karges, '72,
Onaka, N.D.

Helyne (Rakia) Wiese, '72,
Langdon, N.D.

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Saint Paul, Minn.

James Larson, '73,
Storburgh, Maine

Thomas Nehring, '73,
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Robert Ford, MD, '75, '77,
'79, Ketchikan, Alaska

Arnold Seitz, '75, Bismarck

Christopher Jacobs, '76,
'80, Grand Forks

Eleanor (Soderberg) Jones, '76,
Grand Forks

Janiece (Bauerle) Overland, '76,
Harvey, N.D.

T. Carmel (Leonard) Perrone, '78,
Cambridge, Mass.

Nancy (Carpenter) Sherman, '78,
Houston

Randall Stites, '76,
West Fargo, N.D.

Michael Zainohofsky, '76, '76,
Bismarck

Mark Winning, '77,
Byron, Minn.

Barbara Dahlen, '78,
Grand Forks

Loren Lee, '78,
Coeur Dalene, Idaho

Stuart Oliver, '78,
Fargo

Terence Paulson, '78,
Fargo

Arlene (Zinck) Cline, '79,
Lawton, Okla.

Paula (Ericson) Mertz, '79,
Fargo

Cheryl (Redalen) Nelson, '79,
Burnsville, Minn.

1980s

Pamela (Grove) Colbert, '81,
Fargo

Scott Freborg, '81,
Rock Port, Mo.

Donna (McGrath) Leake, '81,
Emerado, N.D.

Redgie Simmons, '81,
Mahnomen, Minn.

Terry Elhard, '82,
Adams, N.D.

Deborah Weaver, '82,
Albuquerque, N.M.

Kevin Charbonneau, '83,
Dickinson, N.D.

 Lois (Jacobson) Erickstad, '83,
Bismarck

Michael Pohl, '83,
Saint Paul, Minn.

James Butler, '84,
Chillicothe, Ill.

Jocelyn (Kirkhus) Kopperud, '84,
Denver

Curtis Braun, '85,
Dickinson, N.D.

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Glendale, Mo.

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Roseville, Minn.

Dan Rux, '85,
Grand Forks

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Grand Forks

Lisa (Boyle) Hogenson, '86,
'87, '09, Saint Cloud, Minn.

Brad Sanner, '86,
Grand Forks

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Bismarck

1990s

Thomas Alton, '90,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Agnes Berge, '92,
Minot, N.D.

Nanette (Roberts) Cicha, '92,
Grand Forks

Dorothy Miller, '92, '92,
Harvey, N.D.

Janelle (Siiper) Mulroy, '92,
Grand Forks

Jeffrey Carlson, '93,
Roosevelt, Minn.

JoAnn (Freeman) Roggow,...'95,
Howard, Kan.

Paula Stufflebeam, '96,
Tempe, Ariz.

Noah Storslee, '97,
Ada, Minn.

John Valeri, '97,
Spacken, Wash.

Sarah (Benson) Cheshire, '02,
Fergus Falls, Minn.

Aarin (Kulesa) Nolte, '07,
Minneapolis

Brian Ingle, '08,
Montpelier, Colo.

John Shaull, '08,
Monaca, Wash.

Sara Schaal, '08,
Mason City, IOWA

Elizabeth Knecht, '09,
Minto, N.D.

2010s

Bernice (Gielo) Kane, '14,
Grand Rapids, Minn.

Dr. Christian Albano, '17,
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Brady Gilham, '17,
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Find the Flame
The Find the Flame contest for the winter issue of the Alumni Review drew more than 100 correct entries. Eagle-eyed readers found the flame on the rope below the female student's left hand.

Three names were drawn at random from the correct entries to receive prizes from the UND Alumni Association & Foundation. The winners are Jeff Helgerson, Erin Poland, and Julie Dostal.

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