



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Earlier this year, we made the difficult decision to cancel in-person Homecoming events. But we did not want to let this tradition pass without considering that we could still hold Homecoming 2020 in a virtual setting.

Our staff has put together a week of virtual events to commemorate Homecoming October 5-10. The virtual events include:

- President Armacost's Inauguration
- Nistler College of Business & Public Administration building groundbreaking
- Gershman Graduate Center Welcome and tour
- A Coaches Corner chat
- and more!

There will also be a coloring contest and a place for alumni to download Zoom backgrounds and print signs to decorate your home.

You can follow the Homecoming plans at undalumni.org/homecoming.

Women for Philanthropy

Speaking of virtual events, we are holding our annual Women for Philanthropy event virtually this fall. I'm looking forward to hearing our keynote speakers, Dr. Kathy Gershman and Angie Freeman, '91, talk about finding what makes you passionate and learning about ways to support that passion. You can register at UNDalumni.org/WFP.

Remembering David Gipp

I was saddened to hear of the death of Dr. David Gipp, '69. As the longtime president of United Tribes Technical College, Dr. Gipp was a national advocate for higher education for American Indians. You can read more about the achievements of this remarkable UND alumnus in this Bismarck Tribune [article](#).

Filling the Gap

Finally, I'd like to share Morgan Tomchuk's [story](#) with you. Morgan worked various jobs throughout her college years with scholarships helping to fill in the gaps. She graduated this spring debt-free and works as a dietician in Bismarck.

It is because of supporters like you that we have success stories like Morgan's. Thank you for all that you do to support UND and its outstanding students.

Sincerely,

DeAnna Carlson Zink, '86



WOMEN *for* PHILANTHROPY *Online*



YOUR 'WHY' MATTERS

With Kathy Gershman and Angie Freeman, '91



It's back! We are bringing our annual Women for Philanthropy right to you this fall. Join in virtually with other UND women around the world on Sept. 22. You'll hear from keynote speakers Dr. Kathy Gershman and Angie Freeman, '91, about the "why" behind their giving.

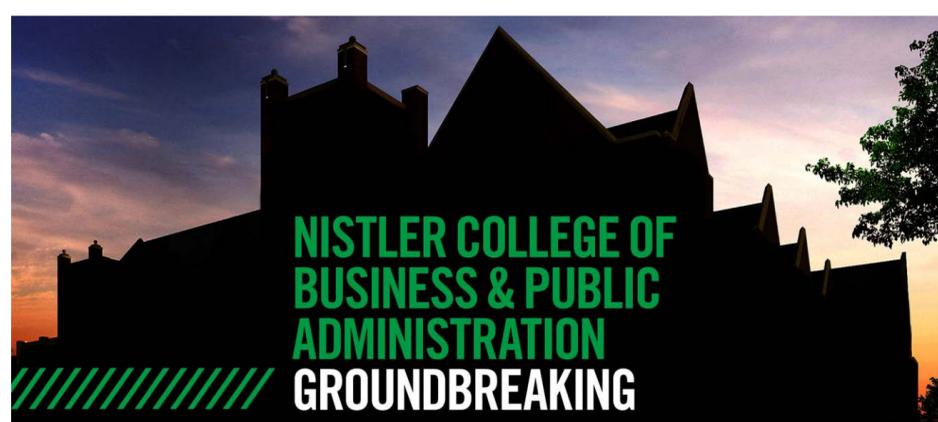
Women for Philanthropy brings women together to embrace philanthropy and share experiences. You're invited to this inspirational, virtual event to discover your own reasons for philanthropy and strengthen your connection to the University of North Dakota.

Women for Philanthropy: Your 'Why' Matters

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Noon - 1 p.m. (central) | VIRTUAL

For more information or to register, go to undalumni.org/wfp



You're invited to the virtual groundbreaking on the Nistler College of Business & Public Administration! Witness the start of a new era and hear from those who have helped pave the way for future business leaders.

Nistler CoBPA Groundbreaking

Friday, October 9, 2020

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (central) | VIRTUAL

For more information or to register, go to undalumni.org/groundbreaking



Provost Search

The University of North Dakota will launch a series of listening sessions this week as the search for the next Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs heats up. Dr. Beth Bjerke of the Odegard School and Dr. David Flynn of the Nistler College will serve as co-chairs of the search committee. The listening sessions on September 15, 16, & 17 will be held via Zoom.

Sanford Health and the University of North Dakota announce behavioral health collaboration

Sanford Health

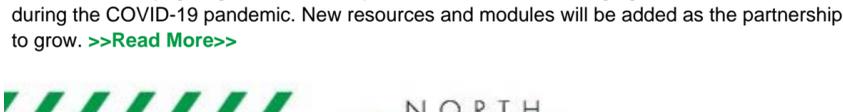
September 8, 2020

The Behavioral Health Bridge addresses COVID-19-related issues.

Sanford Health and the University of North Dakota have joined forces to offer behavioral health support services to people struggling due to COVID-19.

The Behavioral Health Bridge, a Sanford/UND collaboration, is a series of online modules aimed at helping individuals experiencing common behavioral health conditions related to COVID-19 and promoting behavioral health treatment to address the current needs of people in the community.

The partnership's new website and its associated modules are a free online service. The service is meant to offer scientific and clinically valid information – collected by the partnership team – to members of the community, giving them reliable tips and resources for managing behavioral health concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic. New resources and modules will be added as the partnership continues to grow. [>>Read More>>](#)



North Dakota firefighters headed to Oregon to help fight deadly blaze

KFYRTV.com

Sept. 10, 2020

After returning home from a 30 day mission in Jordan, Mont., firefighters with the North Dakota Forest Service are headed to Eugene, Ore.

Two engines and six firefighters left for Oregon Thursday morning to help state law enforcement battle the Holiday Farm Fire.

Squad Boss Hunter Noor says the crew will get their assignment once they are in town.

"You check in, and they plug you in where they need and what the fire is doing. They might need you for structure protection one day and then the next day they could be using you to hold out a burn operation," said Noor. [>>Read More>>](#)

Two Jamestown Women named to North Dakota Change Network

newdakota.com

Sept. 11, 2020

Strengthen ND is excited to announce the 2020-2021 cohort of North Dakota Change Network, a yearlong fellowship for individuals to gain experience driving equitable and inclusive change in their organizations and communities.

These 19 change makers were selected from throughout North Dakota and the Native nations it shares geography with for their passion to make a difference in the places they live and work. [>>Read More>>](#)

North Dakota voters to decide on expansion of state's higher education board

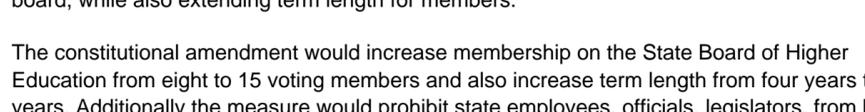
GrandForksHerald.com

Sept. 11, 2020

On Election Day, Nov. 3, North Dakota voters will decide whether to expand the state's higher education board, while also extending term length for members.

The constitutional amendment would increase membership on the State Board of Higher Education from eight to 15 voting members and also increase term length from four years to six years. Additionally the measure would prohibit state employees, officials, legislators, from being members.

The board oversees North Dakota's 11 public colleges and universities. [>>Read More>>](#)



"Build a Larger Toolbox." A Veteran Higher Ed Fundraiser on the Field's Virtual Future

Inside Philanthropy

June 23, 2020

Don Hasseltine, senior consultant and vice president at the aspen leadership group, says fundraisers need to embrace the new reliance on online tools.

The pandemic made the fate of higher ed development even less certain than it already was, raising a whole host of new questions. Will it bring alienated "middle-of-the-pyramid" donors back into the fold? Will alumni ramp up support for financial aid? Will fundraising plummet to levels that will rival or exceed losses seen during the Great Depression?

Don Hasseltine, a senior consultant and vice president at the Aspen Leadership Group, has two critical questions on his mind, in particular: How will COVID-19 change the day-to-day mechanics of higher ed fundraising, and how can professionals prepare for these changes? He predicts that online connection will play a significant role in fundraising for a long time to come—and those who embrace it stand to make their donor bases even stronger than they were before the pandemic. [>>Read More>>](#)