



Bismarck State College ~ August 21, 2009

BSC set to begin 71st academic year

Bismarck State College begins its 71st academic year with the start of day classes on Tuesday, Aug. 25. Evening classes begin Monday, Aug. 24.

Students will be welcomed to campus with various events during the first week, including a scavenger hunt on Monday to help new students become familiar with the campus, a lunch luau on Tuesday, and a dance on Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Bismarck Civic Center.

Several firsts will mark the new academic year. Here's a sampling.

- BSC's first season of men's and women's soccer begins Saturday, Aug. 29, with contests against Century College of White Bear Lake, Minn. Women are scheduled at 1 p.m. and men at 3 p.m. in the Bismarck Community Bowl.
- A Fulbright Visiting Specialist, Dr. Indu Anand of New Delhi, India, will be on campus for six weeks, beginning Sept. 8. She will speak to classes and at several events for the community. This Fulbright Visiting Specialists Program, titled Direct Access to the Muslim World, aims to promote Americans' understanding of Islamic civilization and the history, politics and culture of today's Muslim world. Dr. Anand is an educator and expert in medieval Indian history of the 16th-18th centuries.
- BSC Music department is sponsoring a community talent show at 3 p.m. Sept. 27 to raise money for students in the Concert and Chamber choirs performing at New York City's Carnegie Hall next spring. Details at bismarckstate.edu/news/spotlight

Business and Office Tech Education program receives Award of Excellence

BSC's Business and Office Technology Education program received the Director's Award of Excellence during the opening session at the 39th annual Department of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Professional Development Conference held WHEN in Bismarck.

The award is an acknowledgement of superior career and technical education programs in North Dakota. Accepting the award were faculty members **Vickie Volk, Lynette Borjeson Painter, Yvonne Peters** and **Kristina Wells**, and **President Larry C. Skogen**.

The program was recognized for promotion of CTE by exhibiting in "CTE in Memorial Hall" at

the Capitol Building, providing service learning wherein Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) members raised \$1,500 for the March of Dimes, and internships and cooperative work experiences used to provide occupational experiences for students.

BSC makes list of Military Friendly Schools

BSC is one of about 1,000 colleges named to the 2010 list of Military Friendly Schools by G.I. Jobs magazine. The list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students.

Lane Huber, chief distance learning and military affairs officer, said this designation is important because it demonstrates BSC's commitment to our nation's service members and veterans in providing a quality educational experience that's delivered in a manner that is flexible and affordable.

BSC will be listed in the 2010 Guide to Military Friendly Schools, on a poster distributed to all education services offices, and on a website that will launch in September.

"This list is especially important now because the recently enacted Post-9/11 GI Bill has given veterans virtually unlimited financial means to go to school," said Rich McCormack, G.I. Jobs publisher. "Veterans can now enroll in any school, provided they're academically qualified. So schools are clamoring for them like never before."

The list can be viewed at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/mfspr

MACC holds open houses

The new Mystic Advising and Counseling Center in the lower level of the Student Union is holding an open house for students on Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and for staff on Sept. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. Remodeling of the office complex across from the BSC Bookstore was completed this summer.

Services include academic advising, career counseling, job-seeking services, personal counseling and multicultural program services. Improving academic advising and bringing these services together in one location was one of the goals of the Action Project on Academic Advising of AQIP (Academic Quality Improvement Program.)

Stories on BSC's NECE appear in industry publications

The National Energy Center of Excellence was prominently featured in articles recently published by the Lignite Energy Council, in the August issue of North Dakota Living magazine, and in a national industry publication.

"Industry and education, partners in workforce" was the July Energy Success Story for the online publication of the Lignite Energy Council.

In North Dakota Living, the editorial focused on the Workforce Training Grant BSC received recently from the N.D. Department of Commerce.

A staff writer from Electric Co-op Today also wrote about the grant and the investments co-ops are making in education. The magazine is a publication of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Grand Forks company earns SHARP achievement

Rydell Auto Center, Grand Forks, became the 14th company in North Dakota to earn OSHA's SHARP status (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program). The award was presented July

13 by **Al Koch**, manager of the N.D. Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program, located at BSC.

Faculty and Staff News

Ron Jyring, associate professor of biology, attended the Association for Biology Laboratory Education Conference in Newark, Del., June 9-14.

Vance Vesey, assistant professor of instrumentation and control technology, traveled to Phoenix July 5-10 for the Honeywell Automation College Course EXPO2.

Liz Mason, technical services librarian, attended the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago July 9-14.

Melinda Landis, advisor, NECE, traveled to San Diego July 18-24 for the Navy Education Fair.

Carmel Miller, associate professor of ATNR, traveled to Phoenix July 20-23 for the High Impact Technology Exchange Conference.

JoDean Knutson-Person, assistant professor of chemistry, attended the Integrating Computers into Laboratory Instruction Conference in Bozeman July 26-Aug. 1.

Michael Kubisiak, institutional research analyst, traveled to Nashville July 27-Aug. 2 for the Association of Institutional Research 2009 Professional Development Institute Series.

Lee Huber, OSHA safety and health consultant, attended Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Training Institute Course #2040 "Machinery and Machine Guarding Standards" in Arlington Heights, Ill., July 28-Aug. 7.

Diane Eichhorst, music instructor, attended the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy in Chicago July 29-Aug. 1.

Bobbi Bingeman, assistant professor of ATNR, traveled to Champaign, Ill., Aug. 2-6 for the 2009 Agcareers.com US Ag HR Roundtable.

Kari Knudson, vice president, NECE, and **Bruce Emmil**, associate vice president, NECE, attended the Midwest Governor's Association "Creating Jobs in a New Energy Economy" Advisory Group Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 4-6.

Alicia Berger, training and partnership manager, NECE, traveled to Oklahoma City Aug. 4-7 for the Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE) Conference.

Amanda Dockter, distance learning and military coordinator, attended the Navy College Education Fair in Chicago August 11-13.

