

FYI Campus Newsletter

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12th annual ArtsQuest begins April 1 with musical

ArtsQuest assumes a music focus this year at Bismarck State College with two guest artists, guitar virtuoso David Burgess and concert pianist and poet Oni Buchanan, along with performances by instrumental and vocal students.

The month-long celebration of the arts begins its 12th year with musical theatre as a cast of student and community actors take on the Emerald Isle with the new Irish musical, “A Man of No Importance,” April 1-5 in Sidney J. Lee Auditorium. For reserved seat tickets, call 224-5511.

Read more about ArtsQuest and the North Dakota premiere of “A Man of No Importance.”
(News Releases link)

CETI now associated with TrainND

BSC Continuing Education, Training and Innovation (CETI) will offer its workforce training under a new brand name. North Dakota Workforce Training is now known as TrainND with expanded services to more industries and communities across North Dakota. Focus continues to be on customized instruction and employee development paid for by employers.

“The new brand will help position us in the minds of our clients and increase awareness that the four regions are a statewide system of training,” said **Lori Heinsohn**, CETI director.

North Dakota Workforce Training was an umbrella organization created by the Legislature in 1999 to administer four workforce training regions served by BSC, Williston State College, Lake Region State College and North Dakota State College of Science. The Workforce Training Initiative set out to address the urgent need to train employees in current technologies. Rapid program expansion since then has produced a number of educational options, among them computer, technical, organizational development and soft skill training. Visit the new TrainND Web site at <http://www.trainnd.com/>.

BSC welcomes new employees

Deb Kraft, accountant for College Advancement, worked 16 years for International Netherlands Group (ING) insurance company in Bismarck as senior policy service coordinator until 2006 when the offices moved to Minot. In 2007, she joined BSC’s Continuing Education, Training and Innovation as an account technician. Last year, she worked for the state Department of Human Services as an auditor. Kraft graduated from BSC in 2003 with an AA degree and AAS

degree in computer support specialist. She earned a BS in management from Minot State University through BSC in 2006 and graduated with a BS in accounting from Dickinson State University in 2007. Born in Bismarck, Kraft was raised in Raleigh and enjoys walking, fitness and reading. She and husband Bert Kraft have five daughters and one son ranging in age from 22 to 34.

Kim Luptak, information technology data analyst, will help IT create targeted reports from the PeopleSoft database. She has an AAS degree in computer information systems from North Dakota State College of Science. Luptak worked 10 years for Job Service North Dakota in Bismarck as a programmer analyst III, where she received ongoing technology training. Raised in Bismarck, Luptak plays volleyball and softball and enjoys family activities. She and husband Jeff Luptak have three daughters, Ashlee, 11, and Hailee and Hannah, age 4.

Security officer **Scott Brand** has 28 years experience with the North Dakota Highway Patrol and served 26 years in the North Dakota National Guard, retiring in 2004. He began his law enforcement career in 1981 as a trooper in Center, Beulah, Bismarck and Fargo, became district sergeant in Devils Lake and Grand Forks, and in 2000 was assigned as district commander in Devils Lake, later transferring to Minot. In 2004, Brand became assistant field operations commander at headquarters in Bismarck and was asked to start an intelligence center, the North Dakota Homeland Security Fusion Center at Fraine Barracks. Last year, he became director of the Law Enforcement Training Academy east of the BSC Armory. Brand is near completion of a BS in criminal justice. He earned credits through Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and attended Park University at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. He has an AA in criminal justice from North Dakota State College of Science. Brand grew up in Wahpeton and enjoys hunting, fishing and golf. He and his wife Jackie have a grown son and daughter and one grandchild.

Lindblom's art accepted for several exhibits

Michelle Lindblom, associate professor of art and chair of the Arts and Communications Department, will adjudicate the Minot State University Juried Student Art Exhibition in late March. She will have a solo exhibition of her work at the MSU Library Gallery March 23-April 27. Lindblom has several pieces accepted for regional and national exhibits this spring:

- National Association of Women Artists 120th Anniversary Exhibition, "A Dialogue with Beethoven's 9th Symphony," Pennsylvania State University HUB-Robeson Galleries, State College, Pa., Feb. 19-April 26.
- National Association of Women Artists National Small Works Exhibit, "In a Blur," NAWA Gallery, Fifth Avenue, New York City, Feb. 26-March 20.
- 30th Annual Southeastern Montana Juried Exhibition, "Gestural Expression In Red" and "Gestural Expression in Violet," Custer County Art & Heritage Center, Miles City, Mont., Jan. 25-March 8.
- National Association of Women Artists Celebration of 120 Years, "Emerging Dialogue" and "Release III," Delaware County Community College, Media, Pa., Feb. 16-March 13.

Dan Leingang selected a Faculty Scholar second consecutive year

Dan Leingang, associate professor of mathematics, was selected for the second year in a row as a Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar for the 2009 Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar Conference and 2009 Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institute.

Leingang is one of 24 people selected for this honor from a large pool of applicants. Applicants must be Phi Theta Kappa advisors who have exhibited exceptional knowledge of the current Honors Study Topic, *The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges, and Consequences*, and demonstrated excellence in teaching.

The Faculty Scholar Conference, sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, was held in Jackson, Miss., Jan. 29-Feb. 1. The conference prepares the Faculty Scholars to serve as group facilitators at the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institute, scheduled June 22-26 at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Va. During this conference, the Faculty Scholars will lead groups of 15-20 honor students in seminar discussions.

Employees present at NDHEUG Conference

Several BSC employees attended the North Dakota Higher Education Users Group (NDHEUG) Conference in Fargo March 16-17.

Karla Gabriel, dean of admissions and enrollment services, and **Jodi Rathjen**, admissions assistant, presented a two-part presentation on "Application Entry Procedures of Bismarck State College." Rathjen also presented with Mary Bergstrom, from NDUS ConnectND Campus Solutions, on the topic "Duplicate Identification Clean Up."

Greg Ross, controller, led a roundtable discussion on financial issues.

Faculty & Staff News

Arlan Okerson, assistant professor of heating, ventilation and air conditioning, attended the Upper Midwest Regional Association 54th Annual Education Conference in Winnipeg Feb. 19-22.

Angela Uhlich, clinical lab tech education director, and **Catherine Janikowski**, clinical lab tech education and outreach coordinator, attended the Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference in Denver Feb. 19-22.

Lonna Meier, academic support services coordinator, attended the National Association for Developmental Education 33rd Annual Conference in Greensboro, N.C., Feb. 24-March 1.

Robert Kuntz, chief buildings and grounds officer, traveled to San Antonio Feb. 27-March 4 for a Technology Conference.

Donna Fricke, SW career resource coordinator, traveled to New York City Feb. 26-March 1 for Career Development Facilitator Training.

Attending the Chair Academy Conference in Nashville March 2-5 were **Dr. Janelle Masters**, dean of academic affairs, **Angie Uhlich**, clinical lab tech education director, **Lee Friese**, assistant professor of auto technology, **Jim Wright**, associate professor of management, **David**

Sitte, associate professor of political science, and **Robert Arso**, associate professor of electronics technology.

John Ell, maintenance, traveled to Mapleton, Minn., March 3-6 for Rainbird Irrigation Training.

Karen Arlien, assistant professor of computer science, traveled to Chattanooga, Tenn., March 3-8 for the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education.

Mary Eisenbran, student finance operations manager, attended the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) Student Financial Services Workshop in Savannah, Ga., March 7-10.

Dr. Donna Fishbeck, associate vice president for student affairs, traveled to Seattle March 7-11 for the 2009 NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Annual Conference.

Kim Christianson, director of the Great Plains Energy Corridor, and **Zachery Allen**, energy technology program projects manager, attended the Renewable Energy World Conference and Expo in Las Vegas March 8-13.

Craig Kleven, assistant professor of ATNR, accompanied 12 students to the National Post-Secondary Agriculture Students Conference in Hershey, Pa., March 9-15.

Kari Knudson, vice president of energy technology programs and director, NECE, **Kevin Holmstrom**, energy technology programs manager, and **Bruce Emmil**, associate vice president for energy technology programs, traveled to Portland, Ore., March 10-13 for the Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE) Conference.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, attended the National Association of College and University Business Officers Board of Directors Meeting in Washington, D.C., March 11-14.

Jay Meier, director of counseling and career services, attended the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management Threat and Assessment Summit in Los Angeles March 11-16.

Karen Bauer, journalism instructor/Mystician adviser, and **Marc Moxon**, English instructor, accompanied six students to the College Media Advisers Spring National Convention in New York City March 13-18.

Dr. Larry C. Skogen, president, **Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for CETI, and **Dr. Drake Carter**, provost and vice president for academic affairs, traveled to Reno, Nev., March 14-17 for the League for Innovation – Innovation 2009 Conference. They presented a session titled “Assessing a 21st Century Organization in Higher Education.”

Lane Huber, director of distance education, traveled to Pensacola, Fla., March 16-18 for the Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership Education Fair.

Wayne Heckaman, admissions counselor, attended the Dakota Association for College Admission Counseling South Dakota College Fairs in Sioux Falls March 16-19.

Buster Gilliss, athletic director, and **Dee Bertsch**, administrative assistant, attended the NJCAA National Basketball Tournament in Danville, Ill., March 18-20.

Carla Braun-Hixson, associate vice president of CETI, traveled to Pennsylvania State University March 19-20 for Facilitator Training.

Attending the American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC) Student Advocacy Conference were **Virginia Grothberg**, Residence Supervisor - Lidstrom Hall/Student Activities Associate, and BSC student government representatives **Kristine Weippert**, **Johnathon Kreitinger**, and **Joseph Odermann**. The Conference was held in Washington, D.C., March 20-24.

Buster Gilliss, athletic director, attended the NJCAA Region XIII Men's and Women's Divisions Annual Meeting in Minneapolis March 21-23.

Angie Milakovic, GIS coordinator/instructor, traveled to Las Vegas March 23-27 for the Association of American Geographers Annual Conference.