

FYI Campus Newsletter

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BSC Agribusiness students win grand prize in competition

Two BSC agribusiness students took the grand prize of \$3,000 in the Marketplace for Entrepreneurs B.O.S.S. Business Plan Competition in January.

Kari Heaton of McKenzie and Tyler Lang of Sterling won out over 24 other business plans that advanced to the oral competition with their plan for a certified, all natural North Dakota beef feedlot.

BSC agribusiness students made up nine teams, while the other students were from four North Dakota and Minnesota campuses, all four-year or research universities.

Read the news release at www.bismarckstate.edu/spotlight

Energy Generation Conference set for Jan. 30-Feb. 1

The preference to work a 12- or eight-hour shift is a big question at North Dakota power plants where generational dynamics have become an issue between older and younger employees.

How to balance personal work styles and create harmony in the workplace is the focus of the 28th annual Energy Generation Conference scheduled Jan. 30 to Feb. 1 at the Bismarck Civic Center Exhibit Hall. The conference offers a public exhibitor showcase Jan. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m.

“The energy industry’s workforce is aging and a lot of key people are retiring,” said Fara Hentsch, EGC Executive Committee member and senior purchasing agent for Coteau Properties in Beulah. “Anytime you have age and background differences, you will have miscommunications.”

Some of this is perception. Some is reality. Some just needs a little give and take, she said.

“All of our businesses will be affected by this melting pot, but it is an exciting time of change and a chance to offer new jobs to young people and retain them in North Dakota,” Hentsch said.

EGC keynote speaker Robert Wendover, managing director of the Center for Generational Studies in Aurora, Colo., will address the general session from 8:15 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the arena.

BSC’s Corporate and Continuing Education receives planning assistance from an Executive Committee of 29 representatives from North Dakota energy-related businesses, cooperatives, and agencies. The success of the conference is due in large part to the outstanding efforts of these committee members, said **Karen Selensky**, CCE conference manager.

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BSC welcomes new employees

Eric Cleveland, custodian, most recently worked for Triad Service Solutions, a Denver-based company hired to clean Target stores. He was a mechanic at Jim's Used Cars in Bismarck and a kitchen and customer service employee at Kroll's Diner and Kentucky Fried Chicken. Cleveland has a GED from Bismarck's Adult Learning Center. He enjoys going to the river, driving, and pool.

Bobbi Erhardt, agribusiness instructor, earned an M.Ed. in agriculture education from North Dakota State University in May 2006. She also has a BS in equine industries management from University of Minnesota-Crookston. At NDSU, Erhardt taught equitation courses, coached the NDSU equestrian team, and managed the NDSU Equine Center. She and her husband, Jeff Erhardt, own a home-based media company in New Salem, where they live. They provide photography, videography, graphic design, and catalog and other print production to livestock and horse sellers. Jeff also does a short radio spot called "The Country Connection" on KLTC-AM in Dickinson. Bobbi enjoys horses, walking, and creating scrapbooks.

Jacklyne Lippert, assistant professor of chemistry, has a MS in chemical engineering from South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City, and a BS in chemistry education from Dickinson State University. After obtaining her baccalaureate degree, she taught 7th through 12th grade science in Flasher for four years. She received her MS in 2003 and taught physical science and environmental science in Aurora, Colo., for a year a half before returning to Flasher to teach another year there. Most recently, Lippert worked for Schlumberger, an oil field service company in eastern Montana, as a measurements engineer. Lippert grew up in the Williston area and enjoys quilting, crafts, and working on her house in Flasher.

Wayne Haidle, Energy Technology Online course developer/instructor, is a registered professional engineer with a BS in electrical engineering from Montana State University-Bozeman. He recently concluded a 31-year career at Montana Dakota Utilities in Bismarck where he was power transmission systems coordinator. Haidle has extensive experience in substation design and construction, power flow modeling, and energy management, including wind generation. He has participated in numerous task forces involving multi-state planning groups from Midcontinent Area Power Pool (MAPP), Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO), and Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO). Wayne and his wife Rachel have a son Jordan, 15, and daughter Joelle in college. He grew up in rural Fallon, Mont., and enjoys downhill skiing and flying his private plane.

CCE offers HVAC classes at state penitentiary

Corporate and Continuing Education began offering a semester of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) classes at the North Dakota penitentiary Jan. 9. Adjunct instructor Errol Thvedt will teach three courses in the penitentiary's education unit.

Sara Vollmer, CCE training manager, said the program is part of the penitentiary's long-range plan to prepare inmates to be productive members of society. CCE also provides computer and parenting instruction classes at the penitentiary. "HVAC is an area that will need workers in the future given the building boom in Bismarck," she said. "The program is offered with the intent that inmates will enter the BSC program full-time after their release."

Eight inmates are enrolled in the program's first session. All are charged with nonviolent crimes, Vollmer said, and are within 12 months of release. The program was developed in conjunction

with **Arlan Okerson**, assistant professor of heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and CCE Director **Lori Heinsohn**.

Faculty and Staff News

John Holtan, assistant professor of power and process plant technology, accompanied Energy Club students on a trip to Nebraska City, Neb., for interviews with Omaha Public Power Dec. 14-18.

John Darling, assistant professor of music, traveled to Chicago Dec. 19-23 for the Midwest Band and Orchestra Convention.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, was recently appointed to serve for a fourth year on the board of directors of the Central Association of College and University Business Officers. CACUBO is a nonprofit association representing chief business officers at more than 700 institutions throughout the North Central region of the U.S.

Dr. Elizabeth Pross, director of nursing for the Dakota Nursing Program, is an appraiser for the Magnet Recognition Program of the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She has appraised more than eight facilities since 2003. During the past year, the Magnet Recognition Program has been transforming the program's appraisal processes and strengthening its ability to evaluate program excellence.

Staff Senate sponsors Team Jeopardy

Levity and a chance to network with other staff was the goal of the Staff Senate's Team Jeopardy on Jan. 3. A little stealth learning about BSC's history and fellow employees took place, as well. Jason Matthews was the emcee, Janelle Masters played the Mystic (all-knowing decider) and Carolyn Twingley was the scorekeeper. View several photos from the event.