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BSC receives nearly \$200,000 in Workforce Enhancement Grant

N.D. Commerce Commissioner Shane Goettle, pictured at right, presented a check totaling \$196,959 to Bismarck State College on July 7 to support the school's efforts to train new workers for North Dakota's energy sector. The funding will support BSC's Lineworker program and Process Plant Technology program. The two Workforce Enhancement Grants were matched by industry. Pictured with Goettle are Basin Electric CEO and general manager Ron Harper, representing industry, at left, and BSC President Larry C. Skogen.

A grant for \$52,770 will enhance the Lineworker program by funding purchase of a new trencher. The other grant supports Process Plant Technology with an additional \$144,189 to acquire a biodiesel process trainer with materials and supplies.

BSC faculty member wins regional award

Lynette Borjeson Painter, associate professor of computer information systems at Bismarck State College, received the Postsecondary Business Teacher of the Year Award at the annual Mountain-Plains Business Education Association Conference held in Rapid City in June.

The award is presented annually to a postsecondary business teacher who has made significant contributions to the field of business education by implementing creative and innovative ideas in the classroom, by involvement in department or school activities, and by participation in professional organizations.

The Mountain-Plains Business Education Association represents business educators from a region that includes Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming, and the Canadian provinces Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

As a regional award winner, Borjeson Painter qualifies to compete for a national award at the National Business Education Association convention in March.

BSC welcomes new employees

Jessica Trautman, residence supervisor at Lidstrom Hall and student activities associate, graduated from Valley City State University in May with a BS degree in history education and minor in athletic coaching. She was a resident assistant for two years and active in Student Activities throughout college. Trautman was Student Activities board president and worked at the Student Center Information Desk. She grew up in Enderlin and played high school basketball and volleyball. Trautman enjoys running and spending time with family and friends.

Lori Welder started at BSC July 1 as graphics designer and developer in the NECE. She has worked in the print industry in Bismarck for many years, most recently as art director for Spit 'n Image and as

graphics/Web designer for Trimlife. Lori and her husband, Mike, have an 11-year-old son, Keenan. Lori enjoys spending time with her family and gardening.

Brenda Nottestad, veterans services specialist as of July 16, worked part-time in the Veterans Services and Student Accessibility department since January. Previously, she worked as office manager for a local insurance agency branch. Brenda has an AA degree in liberal arts from BSC and a bachelor's degree in university studies with a minor in psychology from Dickinson State University. She and her husband, Tim, moved to Bismarck from Washburn six years ago and have a grown daughter and son and five-year-old twin grandsons. Her hobbies are motorcycle riding and golf.

Lorelei Anderson, CETI training coordinator, has a BS degree in criminal justice from UND. Originally from Bismarck, she moved back from West Fargo because of her husband Mike's job promotion and transfer. Before the move, Lorelei worked as office assistant at a Fargo elementary school and in sales and educational programs for the Fargo Home Builders Association. The family includes two children, Olivia, 6, and Noah, 10.

Students win national awards at Phi Beta Lambda conference

Five BSC students won national awards at the Phi Beta Lambda National Conference and Competition in Anaheim, Calif. in June.

Winning third place in E-Business were Steve Rahrich and Dan Lincoln, both of Bismarck, and Felipe Martyn of Mandan. This team also won sixth place in Web Site Development.

Angela Erhardt and Stephanie Hojian, both of Bismarck, won fifth place in Desktop Publishing.

Assistant professor of Computer Information Systems Yvonne Peters accompanied the students to the conference.

Tanya Fuher and Sara Vollmer named to "40 Under Forty"

BSC employees **Tanya Fuher** and **Sara Vollmer** are among the "40 Under Forty" community leaders selected by the Bismarck Tribune's Business Watch magazine. Interviews with each of the 40 were published in the June issue.

Fuher, bookstore manager and purchasing coordinator, said this to the question "What's the biggest risk you've ever taken?" Fuher: "Becoming the first and only college in North Dakota to start a textbook rental system."

Vollmer is a workforce training manager with Continuing Education, Training and Innovation (CETI). This is how she responded to the question "What motivates you?" Vollmer: "I love the fact that every day is something different. I love a good challenge and striving for my next goal. I can find fun in whatever I do, which is very important and satisfying to me."

Read the stories online at <http://www.ndbusinesswatch.com/> The 40 Under 40 link is near the top menu bar.

Faculty and Staff News

Mel Fischer, BSC soccer coordinator, recently was named National High School Coach of the Year for boys' soccer by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Fischer was the boys' soccer coach at Bismarck High during the past season.

Attending the 2009 Nuventive Users Conference: Improvement in Action were **Amy Juhala**, assistant professor of English; **Bonnie Weisz**, testing and assessment coordinator; **David Sagsveen**, assistant

professor of civil engineering technology; and **Michael Kubisiak**, institutional research analyst. The conference was held in Pittsburg June 14-17.

Wendy Pank, associate professor of sociology, traveled to Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 14-23 for the Great Teachers Leadership Colloquium.

Craig Kleven, assistant professor of ATNR, attended the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Region III Conference in Valentine, Neb., June 15-18. Craig serves as President of the North Dakota Association of Agricultural Educators (NDAAE).

Chere Allard, assistant professor of energy technology programs, attended the Energetic Women's Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz., June 16-18.

Sean Thorenson and **Tom Marple**, assistant professors of graphic design and communications, attended the 2009 HOW Design Conference in Austin, Texas, June 23-27.

Bonnie Weisz, testing and assessment coordinator, attended the ACT Midwest Region State Council Meeting in Iowa City June 24-26.

Yvonne Peters, associate professor of computer information systems, traveled to Anaheim, Calif., June 20-24 for the National Phi Beta Lambda Competition.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, attended the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) 2009 Annual Meeting in Boston June 24-30.

Carla Braun Hixson, associate vice president of CETI, attended the National Consortium for Continuous Improvement in Higher Education Annual Conference in Boston June 25-28.

Kari Knudson, vice president NECE, attended the Midwest Governor's Association Creating Jobs in a New Energy Economy Advisory Group Meeting in Washington, D.C., July 6-8.

Ken Paulus, professor of welding, conducted the Basin Apprenticeship Weld Training/Mobile Training Lab in Wheatland, Wyo., July 6-10 and 13-16.

Jacklyne Lippert, assistant professor of chemistry, traveled to Salt Lake City July 9-12 for the Standard Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning (POGIL) Workshop.

Angie Milakovic, GIS coordinator/instructor, attended the ESRI Education and Users Conference in San Diego July 10-17.

Deborah Shipman, assistant professor of microbiology, attended the Summer Update in Clinical Microbiology, Immunology and Infectious Diseases Workshop in Jackson Hole, Wyo., July 12-18.

Kevin Holmstrom, energy technology programs manager, participated in the WiN Global Conference in Washington, D.C., July 20-24. WiN stands for Women in Nuclear.

Marlene Swenson Seaworth, veterans' services and student accessibility coordinator, attended the 2009 Conference for Association of Veterans Education Certifying Officials in St. Louis July 25-30.

Amanda Dockter, distance learning and military affairs coordinator, traveled to Fairfield, Calif., July 21-23 for the Travis Air Force Base Education Fair.

Six employees are attending the Department of Defense Worldwide Education Symposium 2009 in Atlanta July 27-31. This symposium is held every three years. Attending were **Amanda Dockter**, distance learning and military affairs coordinator; **Lane Huber**, chief distance learning and military

affairs officer; **Mary Sennert**, energy technology programs advisor; **President Larry C. Skogen**; **Donna Fishbeck**, associate vice president for student affairs; and **Zak Allen**, project manager, NECE.