

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College – July 7, 2006

## Phi Beta Lambda students place in national competition

Three BSC students placed in the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Nashville June 24-27. Austin Wolf of Bismarck and Maleah Nelsen of Minnewaukan took fifth place in Web Development and Design. Kim Jensen of Bismarck placed tenth in Management Analysis and Decision Making.

Also competing at the event was Shananne DuFrame of Bismarck. All students competing had to place first or second in their respective state contests in order to compete nationally.

**Lynette Borjeson Painter**, BSC's PBL advisor and assistant professor of computer information systems, accompanied the students and also served as an event coordinator for the Job Interview competition.

Phi Beta Lambda is a professional organization for students interested in pursuing business careers. Its mission is to bring business and education together through innovative leadership and career development.

## GIS courses to be offered online this fall

BSC will offer two online courses in Geographic Information Systems this fall. Courses to be offered are Fundamentals of GIS (GIS 105) and GIS Applications (GIS 107).

BSC eventually will offer an associate in applied science degree and two types of certificates in the Geographic Information Systems Technician program. The complete program is under development and will be available in the next 12 to 18 months.

**Dr. Jane Schulz**, dean of instruction, said students interested in the program could begin with the online courses this fall and complete other courses required for the program. A listing of the curriculum is on BSC's Web site at [www.bismarckstate.edu/academic](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/academic)

"BSC is developing this program to satisfy local and state demand for skilled GIS technicians," said Schulz. "A broad range of employers need technicians with these specialized skills, including telecommunications, utilities, agriculture, mining and transportation."

"Proficiency in GIS technology is one of the top ten skills employers are looking for in job applicants," she said. "These jobs offer good pay and potential for advancement."

## Foundation provides professional development awards

Eight employees received the first awards given through the BSC Foundation Professional Development Fund. Nearly \$10,000 was awarded in the spring for professional development activities for which department funds are not available.

Receiving funds for conferences or workshops were **Trudy Riehl**, surgical technology instructor; **Bonnie Weisz**, testing and assessment coordinator; **Ryan Caya**, process plant technology instructor; and **Kristin Larson**, advisor coordinator.

Those who received funds to pursue higher degrees or advanced education were **Jeff Jacobs**, director of financial aid; **Theresa Felderman**, psychology/sociology instructor; **Karen Arlien**, assistant professor of computer science; and **Bill Cossette**, automotive technology instructor.

Professional development funds will be awarded twice a year. The next closing date for applications is Oct. 4. For applications and information, contact **Rita Nodland**, programs coordinator with the BSC Foundation.

## Search Committee selects 11 semifinalists for BSC president

The Presidential Search Committee for BSC has selected 11 semifinalists from 26 applicants for the college's next president. They are:

- **Daniel J. Blankenship**, campus dean and chief executive officer at University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac;
- **Wayne C. Boekes**, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs at Bismarck State College;
- **Alex Capdeville**, chancellor of Montana State University-Northern in Havre;
- **David L. Clark**, executive vice president at Bismarck State College;
- **Stephen L. Hilterbran**, vice chancellor for student services at Baton Rouge Community College, Baton Rouge, La.
- **Gary E. Johnson**, assistant vice president for research at the University of North Dakota;
- **Jon P. Martinson**, executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association;
- **David J. Mathieu**, vice president for academic and student affairs at Normandale Community College, Bloomington, Minn.;
- **Jerome R. Migler**, provost, Moorhead Campus – Minnesota State Community & Technical College;
- **Thomas J. Quinn**, vice president of academic affairs, South Arkansas Community College, El Dorado; and
- **Larry C. Skogen**, academic dean and deputy superintendent for academic affairs, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell.

For brief biographies of each one, see the Presidential Search Web site at [www.bismarckstate.edu/hr/Semifinalists.asp](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/hr/Semifinalists.asp)

## McCormack involved with planning national symposium

Michael McCormack, professor of history, was involved in planning and contacting speakers for the "Finding Sacagawea: A National Symposium on an American Phenomenon" held in Bismarck June 1-4. As vice-chair of the Bismarck-Mandan Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee, McCormack, along with Amy Mossett and Clay Jenkinson, worked on the symposium for over a year.

“We planned the event with the idea we would present the best Sacagawea scholars available in an attempt to find the real and mythological Bird Woman,” McCormack said. “Judging by the comments from all involved, we succeeded.”

McCormack moderated the symposium session “Who Was Sacagawea?” and also introduced many of the speakers.

On June 22, McCormack spoke at the 4th annual Fort Abraham Lincoln History Symposium on “The Images of Custer in History.”

## Employees invited to TNT Conference

**Karen Selensky**, CCE conference manager, invites employees to consider attending the 15th annual Teaching & Technology Conference Aug. 1-3 at Century High School. Selensky says there are many benefits of attending, including knowledgeable keynote speakers and presenters, graduate credit, and networking with peers and vendors.

These are some of the session topics: What can I do with my digital photos, Adobe InDesign for beginners, Using Photoshop elements in the classroom, Fun with movies and pictures, and Excel pivot tables. For details, go to [www.bismarckstate.edu/cce/tnt](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/cce/tnt)

## Faculty/Staff News

**Alicia Berger**, ETO training associate, and **John Holtan**, assistant professor of power and process plant technology, traveled to Salt Lake City June 19-22 for the Western Utility Training Advisory Board Conference on Training the Next Generation.

**Michelle Lindblom**, assistant professor of art and Phi Theta Kappa advisor, traveled to Philadelphia for the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute June 19-25.

**Dan Wahlman**, instructor of heating, ventilation and air conditioning, accompanied students to the SkillsUSA National Convention in Kansas City, Mo., June 19-23.

**Dean Gunsch**, assistant professor of automotive technology, traveled to Plymouth, Minn., June 19-23 for the Daimler/Chrysler Automotive Training Seminar.

**Bill Wahlman**, ETO director, gave a presentation on BSC's WebLab at the American Society for Engineering Education Conference in Chicago June 20-21.

**Chad Wetzel**, power and process plant technology instructor, and **Kyren Miller**, energy technology online course developer/instructor, attended the Fuel Ethanol Workshop and Expo in Milwaukee June 20-23.

**Al Koch**, OSHA manager, traveled to Denver June 26-29 to attend the OSHA Region VIII Managers Meeting.

**Ken Paulus**, professor of welding, attended the Basin Electric Apprenticeship Training (welding testing) in Wheatland, Wyo., June 26-30. He will attend again July 10-14.