

FYI Campus Newsletter

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Gordon Binek receives Walt Odegaard Leadership Award

Gordon Binek, BSC Foundation executive director, was honored for his leadership in a statewide nonprofit organization on June 3 in Fargo.

Binek received the N.D. Association of Nonprofit Organizations' (NDANO) Walt Odegaard Leadership Award during the Annual Nonprofit Leadership Conference. Binek has a 25-year history in the nonprofit sector and is active in fundraising and nonprofit management. He has served as a mentor to the BSC Foundation office staff and has participated on several nonprofit and community boards. Under his leadership, grants to BSC have increased, professional development grants for faculty and staff have been added, and scholarship support to students has increased.

Binek promotes local nonprofit training through monthly Association of Fundraising Professionals audio-conferences sponsored by the BSC Foundation, maintains relationships with legal and financial advisors to promote philanthropy with clients, and stays current on fundraising issues through nonprofit training and other certification. Binek was also active during North Dakota's 61st Legislative Assembly, testifying on issues that affected nonprofits statewide.

"Binek has upheld the highest standards in directing the BSC Foundation and in being a leader in the community," said NDANO President Mitch Monson. "He has set a great example for nonprofit leadership in North Dakota."

NDANO is North Dakota's nonprofit advocacy leader working to strengthen the nonprofit sector through leadership, volunteerism and philanthropy.

BSC welcomes new employees

Brenda Hoerner, custodian in the Student Union and Annex building, worked at St. Alexius Medical Center in environmental services the past three years. She spent two years at Dan's SuperMarket south side bakery and also worked as a certified nurses aide at Marion Manor nursing home in Glen Ullin for 13 years. Hoerner grew up in Bismarck and graduated from Bismarck High School. She and husband Donald Hoerner have operated a dairy and cattle ranch near Glen Ullin for 37 years. They have four grown daughters and five grandchildren. Brenda enjoys sewing and crafts.

Bonnie Krueger, CETI information processing specialist, received a BS in computer information systems from University of Mary in 2004. She also took classes in accounting at BSC. Krueger worked 15 years for Montana Dakota Utilities Co. in Bismarck as an engineer associate in the Systems Operations Department. The past four years, she was a self-employed consultant developing graphical displays for controlling monitoring transmission systems for control centers in the electrical utility industry. Krueger was born in Seattle and grew up in Lehr from age 5. In her leisure time, she enjoys fishing, camping, baking and crocheting. She and husband Joel Krueger have two grown sons, Joseph and Nicholas.

Tiffany Bailey, enrollment services assistant, worked the past six months as special sections coordinator for the Bismarck Tribune. She has an AA from BSC and graduated from North Dakota State University in December 2008 with a BS in English and minor in art. While attending NDSU, she had an internship with the High Plains Reader newspaper in Fargo. Bailey grew up in Bismarck and worked for the Grand Theatres as a cashier for eight years during high school and college. She married Steve Bailey in March and enjoys river walks, bike riding, and painting in oil, acrylic and watercolor.

Instrumentation and Control Tech program goes online

BSC's new Instrumentation and Control Technology program begins its second year this fall with offerings of online classes.

Students interested in this high demand field can take the first year of electronics theory and lab courses entirely online. Second year, the six Instrumentation and Control Technology (I&C) theory courses will be available online.

"It's important for online students to know that the second year of Instrumentation and Control laboratory classes must be completed on campus," said Robert Arso, chair of the Industrial Technology Department.

For that reason, online students will have an additional step in the BSC enrollment process – an interview with Arso or I&C instructor Vance Vesey to make sure they understand the on-campus requirement for lab courses.

The I&C program, the only one in the North Dakota University System, was developed at the request of regional energy plant managers. Automation has increased the need for highly trained technicians to operate the increasingly complicated machinery and computerized controls in plants and manufacturing industries of all kinds.

For more details, read the news release at <http://www.bismarckstate.edu/news/spotlight/>

Story on welding program at Halliday published in Community College Week

The Dickinson Press' story on the affiliation between BSC and Halliday Public Schools to provide BSC's welding program in Halliday was picked up by the national publication, Community College Week. It is one of three "Tracking Trends" features in the current issue. Read the story here: <http://www.ccweek.com/news/templates/template.aspx?articleid=1170&zoneid=3>

Former BSC faculty member is president of Middle Georgia College

Michael Stoy, a BSC graduate and former faculty member, is president of Middle Georgia College in Cochran. He was named to the position last July by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. A 1973 graduate of BSC, he taught biology here first as an assistant and then associate

professor from 1978-89.

Middle Georgia College is a two-year college with selective baccalaureate degrees. His wife, Maureen, wrote that he oversees three campuses, one in Eastman, where one of the few aviation programs in the country is offered.

She wrote about their family, "We have all 3 kids married and productive now...Jeff works at CNN in Atlanta, Mike for Progressive Insurance in Savannah, and Kati as a dietitian at a hospital in South Carolina. And we have 2 little grandsons that we are enjoying. A North Dakota start has been good for our kids too!"

Before assuming his new position, Stoy was a professor of biology, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at Gainesville State College in Gainesville, Ga. From 1989-99, he held various administrative and faculty positions at Darton College in Albany, Ga.

For more details on his academic achievements, go to <http://www.usg.edu/news/2008/070108.phtml>

Faculty and Staff News

Several BSC staff members presented sessions at the statewide Teaching and Technology Conference, held June 9-10 in Bismarck. BSC's Division of CETI coordinated the conference. Following are the presenters and the presentation title: **Johanna Bjork** and **Doug McClay**, Second Life: Information Dissemination in the Virtual World; **Kris Krause** and **Sarah Olson**, Social Learning Tools: Why and How to Use Them in Education; **Deb Larson**, Facebook 101; **Debbie Mantz** and **Carla Braun-Hixson**, Get Up and Running with TurningPoint Audience Response Systems!; and **Julie Erickson**, How to Find - and Win - Public and Private Grants.

Kari Knudson, vice president energy technology programs, and director NECE, traveled to Detroit June 2-4 for the Midwest Governors Association Creating Jobs in a New Energy Economy Advisory Group Meeting. She also attended the 2009 Summer Leadership Academy June 14-16 in Oklahoma City.

Donna Fricke, career resource coordinator, attended the XAP – Reach Further Training for RUReady ND in Los Angeles June 2-5.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, traveled to Tulsa June 6-9 for the Central Association of College and University Business Officers (CACUBO) Board Meeting.