

FYI Campus Newsletter

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Young reader author visits BSC Nov. 15

The BSC Visiting Writers Series presents Minnesota novelist Julie Schumacher in a reading of her fiction for young readers Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the BSC Library. Readers age 9 to 12 and their parents are encouraged to attend the public event sponsored by the English discipline of the Arts and Communications Department.

Schumacher's first published story, "Reunion," was included in the Best American Short Stories 1983. Since then she has been writing about family relationships, parents and children. The reading is funded in part by a grant from the BSC Foundation. Read more details at the News & Events link on the home page.

BSC welcomes one new, one returning employee

Taunia Welch, grants and financial accountant, was a disbursement support analyst for accounts payable and travel at Unisys Corp. in Bismarck for four years. She worked as an auditor at the North Dakota auditor's office for two years and did accounting and reconciliations for Consec Financial in Rapid City. Welch has a BS in accounting and business administration from the University of Mary. She grew up in Linton and she and her husband Sheldon have three daughters. She enjoys spending time with family and friends and shopping.

Tammy Dillman, bookstore assistant, is a familiar face on campus. She worked full-time in Career Services from 2004-06 while also attending classes. Dillman briefly lived and worked in Colorado and returned to her hometown of Bismarck in May, when she was re-hired by BSC to do part-time office support in HR and Career Services. Dillman is currently a full-time student pursuing an AAS degree in human services. She spends most of her time in activities with her son Chase, a first-grader, and two nieces.

BSC acquires scholarships from Gomez's work

Dr. Juan Gomez, assistant professor of physics, participated in a workshop that provided the hands-on experience and knowledge on how to start a student space hardware program at BSC. Gomez received training last summer through the NASA North Dakota Space Grant Consortium at the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Studies at UND. He attended the fifth annual Student Space Hardware Workshop at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he built a cricket satellite, a small device named for the "chirping" sound of its transmitter. Gomez worked on a team that built a balloon satellite capable of reaching nearly 100,000 feet. Each satellite contained instrumentation to measure atmospheric radiation levels. The balloon satellite was able to do video imaging of the upper atmosphere and track temperature changes and solar cell efficiency. As a result of Gomez's work with the N.D. Space Grant Consortium, BSC now has

three \$1,000 scholarships available to qualified science, technology, engineering, and mathematics students for the spring 2007 semester.

Grants available for math/science/engineering students

The BSC Financial Aid Office is accepting student applications for the North Dakota Space Grant Scholarship program for the 2007 spring semester. Primary selection criteria are academic excellence and relevance of the student's discipline (science, mathematics, engineering, and technology). Application deadline is Nov. 30. The scholarships, valued at \$1,000, will be awarded by Jan. 15. For more information, contact Jean Hushagen at Jean.Hushagen@bsc.nodak.edu or 224-5401.

Cashman provides tips in business article

Carol Cashman, associate professor of speech, provided tips on public speaking for a story in the Bismarck Tribune Business Watch publication for September-October. Writer Deborah Dragseth also interviewed three other college speech teachers for the story, "Speak Up – Words of Wisdom from University Speech Teachers," which can be read online at www.ndbusinesswatch.com. Cashman and others talked about how to prepare yourself for speaking, where and how to practice, how to deal with anxiety and overcome the fear of public speaking, facing an unfriendly audience, the importance of good communication skills at work, and maintaining the focus of your message.

Math, science, engineering scholarships available

The BSC Foundation is taking applications for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. Deadline is Dec. 31. The program is designed to provide opportunities for outstanding American students with excellent academic records and demonstrated potential for a career in mathematics, engineering, or natural science field. Candidates must be nominated by their institution, and BSC may nominate up to two students who are sophomores during the 2006-07 academic year. See more details at [News & Events](#).

Scholarship helps fund four-year degree for BSC students, recent alumni

Current students and recent alumni of BSC can apply for scholarships from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation to continue their education at a four-year college.

The foundation provides the nation's largest scholarships available to community college students, who make up 46 percent of all undergraduates in the United States. Amount and duration of the scholarship varies based on cost of attendance or grants received but can total up to \$30,000.

Current BSC students and alumni who earned their degree since May 2002 and have not since transferred to a four-year college are eligible. Applications are due in the BSC Foundation by Dec. 31 for the 2007 spring distribution. Application materials are available on the Foundation's Web site, www.jackkentcookefoundation.org, or by calling 1-800-498-6478. For more information, contact Rita Nodland in the BSC Foundation office at rita.nodland@bsc.nodak.edu. Learn more at [News & Events](#).

Alumni board seeks nominations for award

It's time to think about former students who deserve recognition for their successes. The BSC National Alumni Association board is seeking nominations for the 2007 Alumni of the Year Award, which honors alumni for distinguished service, career success, and/or leadership. The nominee must be a BSC graduate, but anyone can make a nomination.

Recipients are honored in May at a dinner and at commencement. Deadline for submitting nominations is Nov. 20. An awards committee will review nominations and forward finalists' names to the alumni board. For nomination forms, contact Jason Matthews, alumni coordinator, 224-5692, Jason.Matthews.1@bsc.nodak.edu, or submit the form online at www.bismarckstate.edu/alumni.

Faculty and Staff News

Keith Landeis, assistant professor of electrical lineworker, was recently selected by his fellow board members of Mor Gran Sou Electric Cooperative to represent them on the statewide level, with the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives.

Martin Nielsen, Jason Rosdahl and Lee Huber, OSHA safety and health consultants, attended the Construction and Safety Seminar in Lakewood, Colo., Oct. 23-26.

Julie Erickson, director of resource development, and **Barbara Burgum Lee**, research and grants specialist, attended the Council for Resource Development Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., Oct. 29-Nov. 4.

Pat Gross, audiovisual/IVN coordinator, attended the Western Conference for Educational Telecommunications as a member of the steering committee. The conference was held Nov. 1-4 in Portland, Ore.

Julie Bruns, assistant professor of criminal justice, attended the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference in Los Angeles Nov. 1-3.

Michael Kubisiak, institutional research analyst, traveled to Bloomington, Minn., Nov. 1-5 for the Association of Institutional Researchers for the Upper Midwest Conference on Enriching Organizational Learning and Development through Institutional Research.

Daniel Leingang, Linda Tonolli and Jeff Skibicki, associate professors of mathematics, traveled to Cincinnati Nov. 1-5 for the 32nd Annual American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges Conference.