

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

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## BSC enters Grow Your Own partnership with MDU

BSC began another Grow Your Own internship partnership with Montana Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) this fall to help the company fill positions due to pending retirements. Students enrolled in the one-year Lineworker certificate program can apply to MDU for a summer internship and then follow a modified Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) curriculum the next year. The modified curriculum includes additional coursework in sheet metal, gas distribution and wiring diagram reading, resulting in an HVAC Certificate with service tech emphasis. MDU has provided \$10,000 in scholarships through the BSC Foundation for students entering the internship program.

Three students enrolled in the dual training this fall and three former students with Lineworker certificates returned to begin the HVAC segment, said **Lee Friese**, chair of the Transportation and Construction Department. “No other college program ties this training together,” he said. “We plan to have six to eight students on the internship track by next fall.”

Grow Your Own internships will offer both MDU and BSC students an opportunity to evaluate a potential job offer. Interns will train in Dickinson, Bismarck, Williston/Kenmare and Ellendale, and work hand-in-hand with lineworkers, gas and electric employees, and service technicians in furnace and appliance repair. If hired, BSC graduates will serve smaller MDU communities that need multi-skilled electric workers.

## Board of Governors co-sponsors forum on Constitutional Measures

The BSC Board of Governors is joining with The Bismarck Tribune and Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce to host a forum on Constitutional Measures 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 in the NECE Basin Electric Auditorium.

Measure 1 is a proposed amendment requiring a vote of the people to approve a protected permanent oil trust fund. This measure will be discussed from 7 to 7:50 p.m. Speaking in favor of the measure will be Rep. Dave Weiler, R-Bismarck. Stuart Savelkoul, campaign manager for Partners to Protect North Dakota’s Future, will speak in opposition to the measure.

Measure 2 will be discussed from 8 to 8:50 p.m. If approved, this measure would lower the state corporate income tax rates by 15 percent and the adjusted state income tax rates by 50 percent. Speaking in favor of the measure will be congressional candidate Duane Sand. Speaking in opposition will be Greg Burns of the N.D. Education Association.

Tribune Editor John Irby will moderate. These measures will be on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

## Mayville State and BSC sign early childhood transfer agreement

The presidents of Mayville State University and Bismarck State College on Tuesday signed an articulation agreement that will allow students taking education courses at BSC to apply their earned credits to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood from Mayville State.

“We are pleased to have joined in partnership with Bismarck State,” said Dr. Gary Hagen, president of Mayville State University. “Both of our institutions are committed to offering students flexible and innovative educational opportunities. Our cooperative efforts will ensure a seamless transition for students wishing to make an impact on the lives of young children.”

Mayville State’s Early Childhood program gives students the opportunity to further their professional growth by preparing for a variety of leadership positions, including early childhood administration, supervision, curriculum development, and education coordination.

Students can choose from Mayville State’s on-campus program, which offers the opportunity for students to work with pre-school students in Mayville State’s on-campus child development center, or the Early Childhood program online.

Mayville State Early Childhood graduates find many career opportunities open to them. Students can choose to focus on administration or teaching, and can select from many specializations. This allows graduates of the program to secure positions in child care, pre-school teaching, paraprofessional areas, Head Start, pre-school special needs, after school programs, family day care, child care resource and referral, infant-toddler programs, and administration.

BSC President Larry C. Skogen said, “We’re always looking for agreements to increase opportunities for our students, and this would give BSC students the opportunity to pursue early childhood education careers through Mayville State University.”

## BSC welcomes new employees

**Kayla Wald**, campus information center office assistant, graduated from BSC in May with an AA and an AAS in business management. She worked as a financial service representative at American Bank Center the past two years and held two concurrent positions at Wells Fargo Bank as teller/receptionist and Dan’s SuperMarket as a customer service manager from 2004-2006. A Linton native, Wald first spent a year at BSC and then transferred to NDSU to major in business and economics before withdrawing to care for her ill mother. She was a member of Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity and Kappa Delta sorority at NDSU and served on the BSC Board of Governors. On May 16, she will marry Nicholas Seifert.

Cook **Gwyn Grenz** works the Student Union lunch and dinner shift. She managed the Dairy Queen on Bismarck Expressway the past three years. Grenz also held positions as childcare worker at the group home Southwest Key and Dakota Boys Ranch in Mandan during a three-year period. Grenz grew up in Bismarck and graduated from Bismarck High School. She has three daughters, ages 27, 18 and 15. Her volunteer activities include manning the 211 emergency help line for the N.D. Mental Health Association.

## BSC overseas spring tour features Berlin, Prague

BSC will take students and others on a college study tour of Berlin and Prague for a look behind the former Iron Curtain on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berlin Wall's destruction. An informational meeting with tour leader Michelle Lindblom, chair of the BSC Arts and Communications Department, is scheduled Monday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. in Werner Hall 105.

The trip spans May 20 to June 1 and includes a three-day optional stay in Vienna. Participants will also visit the fire-bombed city of Dresden; Weimer, home of Goethe; and Wittenberg, known for its connection to Martin Luther, Schiller, and the dawn of the Reformation.

## Revised organizational chart is online

The BSC organizational chart reflecting recent changes is available at [bismarckstate.edu/hr/](http://bismarckstate.edu/hr/)

## BSC receives 'Making Bismarck A Healthier Place to Live' Award

BSC President Larry C. Skogen accepted the "Making Bismarck A Healthier Place to Live" Award from the Bismarck Tobacco Free Coalition Sept. 23 from Pat McGeary, coordinator of the Bismarck Tobacco Free Coalition This is the third year the coalition has presented the award

BSC was the first public college in North Dakota to adopt a campus-wide tobacco free policy. It was enacted in January 2006 when Dr. Donna S. Thigpen was college president. President Skogen has sustained the policy and continued to make it a standard for the health of students, staff and the visiting public.

Since the passage of BSC's policy, other higher education institutions have enacted campus wide policies, including Jamestown College, Valley City State University, University of North Dakota, Minot State University, and Medcenter One College of Nursing.

Information about college campuses with policies relating to tobacco- and smoke-free facilities can be found at:

<http://www.ndhealth.gov/tobacco/Facts/TobaccoFreeColleges.pdf>

## BSC featured in MISO Training News

Two stories about BSC were in the August issue of Midwest ISO Training News. One story featured the National Energy Center of Excellence, the site of a training session for Midwest ISO's Customer Training Team of 38 system dispatchers and plant operators. The training took place July 31-Aug. 1 while the NECE was still under construction. The other story summarized the industry Example of Excellence that NERC awarded to Western Area Power Administration's system operator development program, which uses BSC's online Electrical Transmission Systems Technology program.

## Faculty and Staff News

**Gordon Binek**, vice president of college advancement and BSC Foundation executive director, was recently certified as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). This is the only professional certification available to fundraising professionals and is a standard recognized worldwide. The certification process includes demonstrated experience and success, commitment to education and service to non-profits, and a written exam.

**President Larry C. Skogen** was honored as an Alumni Fellow at Dickinson State University's Homecoming Sept. 25-26. Dr. Skogen, a 1978 DSU graduate, was among 11 Alumni Fellows from the various University departments. He received the Department of Social Science Award. The award is presented to alumni who have demonstrated the quality of education at DSU.

**Craig Kleven**, assistant professor of agriculture, technology and natural resources, was elected president of the N.D. Association of Agricultural Educators for 2008-09.

Library staff members **Johanna Bjork**, **Liz Mason**, and **Marlene Anderson** attended the annual North Dakota Library Association Conference in Mandan Sept. 24-27. Bjork presented a program on "Second Life: Information Dissemination in the Virtual World," and Mason and Anderson co-presented a program titled "Telecommuting: Not Just Phoning It In." Mason is technical services librarian who telecommutes from Colorado.

**Tammy Heupel**, coordinator, Bachelor of Applied Science in Energy Management, and **Melinda Landis**, energy technology programs advisor/associate, traveled to Grand Rapids, Minn., Sept. 25-26 for the Minnesota Education Fair.

**Wayne Heckaman**, admissions counselor, was on the South Dakota College/Career Fair Tour from Sept. 29-Oct. 23.

**Tanya Fuher**, bookstore manager, traveled to Chicago Sept. 30-Oct. 1 to become a certified trainer for "True Colors."

**Sarah Olson**, advisor coordinator, attended the National Academic Advising Association 2008 Annual Conference in Chicago Oct. 1-4.

**Dr. AnnMarie Kajencki**, professor of English, presented two sessions at the Two-Year College English Association Regional Conference in Duluth Oct. 2-4. "Navigating Open Waters" was the conference theme. Kajencki presented "Dual Credit: Over Their Heads?" and "Mutiny on the High Seas: Student Entitlement in the College Classroom."

**Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for continuing education, training and innovation, attended the National Council for Continuing Education and Training in Cleveland Oct. 4-8. She also attended the Certified Innovation Trainer and Coach Seminar in Chicago Oct. 12-17.

**Bruce Emmil**, associate vice president of energy technology programs, traveled to Orlando Oct. 6-8 for the Center for Energy Workforce Development Conference.

**Kari Knudson**, vice president, energy technology programs and director, NECE, attended the President's Roundtable in Coral Gables, Fla., Oct. 7-10.

**Alicia Berger**, energy technology training and partnership manager, traveled to Las Vegas Oct. 7-9 for the American Power Dispatchers Association Meeting.

**Dave Clark**, executive vice president, and **Tamara Barber**, associate vice president for finance and operations, attended the Central Association of College and University Business Officers 2008 Annual Board Meeting (CACUBO) in Ft. Lauderdale Oct. 10-14. **Barber** also attended a Collegiate Management Institute Meeting In Ft. Lauderdale Oct. 15.

**Lane Huber**, director of distance education, attended the eCollege Product Advisory Board Meeting in Chicago Oct. 13-15.

**Dan Schmidt**, energy technology programs manager, traveled to Houston Oct. 16-17 for the Critical Issues and Best Practices in Process Technology Conference.