

FYI Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College – September 1, 2006

BSC welcomes new faculty

Four new instructors were hired to fill teaching positions in chemistry, nursing, English, and the new Global Information Systems program. Three of the instructors grew up in Bismarck and all four either attended or graduated from BSC.

JOSHUA KERN, English Instructor

Kern received his BA and MA in English with emphasis in composition from North Dakota State University, where he taught writing for two years and joined the Golden Key Honor Society. He has an undergraduate minor in computer science from NDSU and worked four years for Forum Communications Co. in Fargo as a customer service representative for Interactive Media Group and its i29.net, a wireless Internet provider. A Bismarck native, Kern graduated from BSC in 2000 with AA and AS degrees and participated in vocal music, Phi Theta Kappa, and was president of the choir. Kern was employed by BSC last year as an adjunct English instructor. He is married to Rebecca and has numerous interests, including music, outdoor activities, and raising tropical fish.

ANGIE (BINSTOCK) MILAKOVIC, GIS Coordinator/Instructor

Milakovic is pursuing a Ph.D. in natural resources management from North Dakota State University, where she also earned her master's degree. At NDSU, she updated GIS maps for the N.D. Army National Guard's field research and training areas, and provided research-based training for youth and adults in geospatial science and technology at the Center for 4-H Youth Development. As a geographer for Navteq in Fargo, she produced digital maps of Europe and North America with GIS software. Milakovic began her college studies at BSC, earning an AA, and then earned a BS in geography from the University of North Dakota. At BSC, Milakovic served as student government vice president, was photo editor of *The Mystician*, and was a State Board of Higher Education student representative. Her scholarship includes numerous publications, workshop presentations, and professional organizations. Milakovic grew up in Strasburg and is married to Stewart.

SUZIE McSHANE, Nursing Instructor

McShane entered pre-nursing at BSC, received an AS degree, and graduated from Medcenter One College of Nursing in 1998. A registered nurse, she is pursuing a master's degree at University of Mary and was a BSC adjunct nursing instructor last year. McShane worked in Medcenter One's pre- and post-operative care unit as a shift charge nurse. In the early 1990s she worked at Sakakawea Medical Center in Hazen as data processing coordinator and network troubleshooter. She has a computer operation certificate from N.D. State College of Science. McShane enjoys art and making pottery. She and her husband David have three boys, Ryan, 14, Chris, 12, and Jon, 7.

SCOTT TSCHAEKOFKSKE, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

After attending BSC, Tschaekofske earned a BS in chemistry from the University of North Dakota and MS in criminal justice at Michigan State University, East Lansing, maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout

his college years. At MSU, he specialized in forensic science and worked for the Michigan State Police Drug Identification Unit after graduation. During his graduate study, he taught introductory material and demonstrated lab techniques. Tschaekofske spent five years as a forensic scientist for the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension drug chemistry section in Bemidji, where he also trained police officers in sample collection techniques. He and his wife Jennifer have an infant son, Samuel. Scott and Jennifer love to read and camp and are delighted to be back in Bismarck near their parents and siblings.

MRCC program receives award for computer-assisted instruction

The Automotive Technology program at the Missouri River Correctional Center received the Al Maresh Award for excellence in computer-assisted instruction from the Correctional Education Association. The award was announced at the national CEA conference in Anaheim, Calif., on Aug. 1.

Bill Cossette, automotive technology instructor, said his students use desktop computers as part of their instruction, and have access to several types of software, including automotive instruction, electronic workbench, and choices for career development. This is the second award the program has received from the CEA. The program, offered through the N.D. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and BSC, is certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

Video project cited in national career counseling magazine

The national publication "Campus Career Counselor" published a story about a BSC video project that helps students learn what employers expect from job interviews. The videos are available on BSC's Counseling and Career Services Web site. The story's headline is "Videos Feature Job Search Advice from Local Employers" and the story is in the "Good Ideas" section of the July issue.

The Job Seekers Advantage videos were developed through a team effort of BSC, Job Service of North Dakota, and human resources personnel from several area companies. **Jay Meier**, director of counseling and career services, and Dan Schumacher of Job Service developed the idea. Meier said the project took longer than he expected (8-9 months) and his goal is to add more employers to the site.

Meier engaged the talents of other BSC staffers for the project. **Doug McClay**, multimedia specialist/online instructional designer, shot and produced the video. **Kevin Kyes**, assistant business office manager, is the narrator. Meier wrote the narrative script and provided guidelines to the HR professionals for their spoken parts.

Read the newsletter article online at <http://www.campuscareercounselor.com/sample.htm> and go to page 4. View the videos at <http://www.bismarckstate.edu/student/career/jobseekers.asp>

Faculty and Staff News

Jason Matthews, alumni coordinator, has been selected as a participant in this year's Bismarck-Mandan Chamber Leadership Program. He will join other local employees of Chamber members in the program that prepares them to be effective, progressive leaders by strengthening their skills and broadening their awareness.

Jeff Jacobs, financial aid director, traveled to Denver Aug. 12-13 for the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Aid Administrators Transitional Board Meeting.

Dan Schmidt, energy technology online program manager/instructor, attended the Maysville Subaward Meeting in Maysville, Ky., Aug. 22-24.

Albert Koch, OSHA consultation program manager, attended the Confined Space Entry Course Training Aug. 28-30 in Lakewood, Colo.