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WELCOME TO NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY,
an institution recognized as a leading student-focused, land-grant, national research university. You will find a unity of purpose on this campus that few other organizations enjoy.

NDSU is a very special place. We are a Top 100 research university, offering an exceptional educational experience to a purposefully sized student body of degree-seeking students with appropriate academic credentials for success. There are few, if any, other land-grant universities that conduct research at our quality and quantity, but remain student focused.

The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education has named NDSU to the elite “Research University/Very High Research” category, which represents the 108 most successful private and public universities in the United States. NDSU is the first and only institution in North Dakota to receive the prestigious categorization. For fiscal 2013, our annual research expenditures were more than \$150 million.

Aside from basic research, our highly successful Research and Technology Park continues to expand in size and productivity as we apply our research to the creation of new technologies, businesses and jobs.

We have a national and international presence, and students come to us seeking a quality education at an affordable price. In fall 2014, NDSU had 14,747 students enrolled in its undergraduate, professional and graduate programs. Our international student enrollment stands at 1,059. We have 2,283 graduate students.

NDSU has more than 100 buildings on campus and takes pride in the quality of its facilities. The university has a major presence in Fargo’s historic and vibrant downtown area – architecture and landscape architecture programs are housed in both Renaissance Hall and Klai Hall: Renaissance Hall also is home to the visual arts department; and Richard H. Barry Hall holds the College of Business and Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics.

The North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and NDSU Extension Service are integral parts of the university, and the university remains deeply committed to its land-grant traditions. NDSU participates in the Tri-College University consortium with neighboring Minnesota State University Moorhead and Concordia College.

NDSU has a strong national reputation for excellence in education, research and service. It clearly has a positive and lasting impact on the lives of students and the vitality of our community, state, region and nation. Thank you for joining our university family and making NDSU even stronger.



Sincerely,
President Dean L. Bresciani



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Axelson earned his doctorate in 2001, Master of Science in 1990 and Master of Arts in 1994, all from the University of Arizona, Tucson; he received his bachelor's degree in 1979 from the University of Minnesota. Axelson has written 16 peer-reviewed publications. He is a member of the American Evaluation Association and the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations.



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Jung earned her Master of Fine Arts in 2011 from the Theatre School of DePaul University, Chicago, and bachelor's degree in 2005 from Augsburg College, Minneapolis. Jung received the Drama League Director's Project Fellowship. She is a company member at Young Playwrights' Theatre in Washington, D.C., and an ensemble member at Forum Theatre in Maryland.



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