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## NDSU officials announce first day enrollment numbers



Chapman



Mathew

On Aug. 25, NDSU officials reported that first day enrollment numbers are 7.6 percent higher than last year at this time. Prakash Mathew, vice president for student affairs, attributes the increase to several factors including an increase in student retention, transfer students, PATHWAYS participants and a higher number of international, graduate and Minnesota students choosing NDSU. The official enrollment count will be announced Sept. 22.



Wittrock



Nostrum

"It was unlikely that we would see

the huge increase in freshman enrollment we had last year (22 percent). Nevertheless, our international student population and graduate student population helped tremendously with our first day enrollment numbers. Retention efforts have paved the way for a higher percentage of returning students. Of course, enrollment figures will fluctuate up and down in the next several weeks. So we'll have to wait and see what happens with the final enrollment figure," said Mathew.

As of the first day of classes on Aug. 24, NDSU has 13,855 students enrolled in its undergraduate, professional and graduate programs

compared to fall 2008 first day count of 12,871. This represents an increase of 984 students. Undergraduate students are up 652, and the number of graduate students has increased by 327.

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman said, "I am pleased that more and more students are choosing NDSU for its academic credibility. Our programs are nationally recognized and students like what we have to offer."

David Wittrock, dean of the graduate school said, "We have added some new programs and interest in all of our graduate programs remains strong. I anticipate that the final enrollment numbers for the fall term will reflect that interest."

Residence life is pleased to offer all first-year students housing on campus this year. Last year, nine motels were utilized during the fall semester. This year, no motels were needed. In addition to 3,270 permanent beds, NDSU also has 102 overflow beds throughout the residence halls.

Rian Nostrum, director of residence life said, "A greater emphasis was placed on first-year student accommodations by allocating more beds for our new freshmen. However, upper-class students still have an opportunity to live on campus in our residence halls and apartments. The new downtown apartments provide greater flexibility to accommodate late requests for apartment housing."

## NDSU addresses alcohol and other drug use with new students

NDSU officials are implementing "Electronic Check-Up to Go," an interactive online program about alcohol and other drug use. The program provides students with feedback about their personal risk factors, information about state laws regarding alcohol use and information about NDSU's policies.

Prakash Mathew, vice president for student affairs, sent an e-mail about the program to students on Aug. 19. The program also will

benefit students who do not drink alcohol. It will provide them with information on identifying key personal risk factors and teach them about resources available on campus and in the community so that they can intervene to help someone they care about.

Contact Jane Vangsness at [jane.vangsness@ndsu.edu](mailto:jane.vangsness@ndsu.edu) or 1-5478 for more information. To learn more about the program go to <http://interwork.sdsu.edu/echug2/NDSU>.

**NDSU** [www.ndsu.edu/itshappening](http://www.ndsu.edu/itshappening)

### Outdoor group exercise classes offered

The Wallman Wellness Center is offering five different outdoor exercise classes. Go to <http://Wellness.ndsu.edu/wellness/fitness/GroupExercise/OutdoorGEx.php> for more information.

### Part-time Jobs Fair set

The NDSU Career Center will sponsor the Part-Time Jobs Fair on Thursday, Sept. 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom.

### It's Happening at State early deadline notification

The deadline for the Sept. 9 issue of "It's Happening at State" is noon on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

### Labor Day Holiday observed

NDSU will be closed on Sept. 7 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. No classes will be held and offices will be closed.

## NDSU announces new programs

NDSU Distance and Continuing Education has added three online undergraduate degrees for fall semester and two online graduate programs that will be available for spring semester.

### New online degrees for fall 2009 are:

A bachelor's degree in public relations and advertising will offer a course of study that includes organizational communication, crisis communication, communication principles involved in business and how to manage problems when they occur.

A bachelor's degree in journalism, broadcasting and mass communication technologies will offer a course of study that includes print journalism, television broadcasting and Web design.

A bachelor's degree in health communication will offer a course of study for students in health-related fields (nursing, pharmacy, etc.) who want to work in health-service operations (nursing homes, hospitals, etc.) and for students who want to work in health campaigns.

### New online graduate programs for spring 2010 are:

A Master of Software Engineering degree is designed for students who want to strengthen their credentials or gain current skills and knowledge in software engineering. Projects and larger assignments can be customized to each student's specific needs. The program consists of 36 credits and can be completed in as little as one year. While this degree will not be fully available online until the 2010 spring semester, several courses are ready for students to take during the 2009 fall semester.

The Transportation Leadership Graduate Certificate is a 12-credit online program designed to prepare future leaders of the transportation industry. This prestigious program is an initiative of the Regional University Transportation Centers. NDSU is one of the premier institutions that will offer courses taught by graduate faculty. This program will be available beginning in the 2010 spring semester, but students are encouraged to begin the admission process during the 2009 fall semester.

NDSU Distance and Continuing Education now offers a total of 26 fully online degree and certificate programs. New programs are continually being added. To view the most up-to-date list of online degrees and certificates or for more information about any of the programs listed above, go to [www.ndsu.edu/dce](http://www.ndsu.edu/dce) or contact NDSU Distance and Continuing Education at 1-7015 or 1-800-726-1724.

## Barley breeding program may partner with European breeders

The NDSU barley breeding program may be working with more European companies in the future. Representatives of two German companies recently visited NDSU's Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences and Research Extension Center test plots.

Richard Horsley, head of the NDSU barley breeding program, and Karen Hertsgaard, institute communications director, conducted the tours of the institute and test plots.

Johann-Friedrich Strube, managing director of the family-owned barley breeding company of Irlbach, Germany, represented J. Ackerman and Co. Matthais Kessler, manager of the malting barley segments, represented SAATEN-UNION GmbH of Iserhagen, Germany. SAATEN-UNION GmbH is an alliance of seven German family barley breeding companies.

"Kessler expressed an interest in partnering with us to more globally unite us in our malting barley breeding efforts and production efforts," Hertsgaard said.

NDSU began testing of European varieties in 2006 after discussions with the German trading and services company BaWa. In 2007, testing was expanded to include barley lines represented by SAATEN-UNION. Since then, Horsley has been evaluating about 75 European lines each year, with approximately 45 from SAATEN-UNION.

One European variety in the trials, Scarlett, is from Germany. Although Scarlett was added to the American Malting Barley Association's list of recommended malting barley varieties in 2008, little to none was contracted in North Dakota this summer.

"The goal of our evaluation program of European lines is to identify those that are better adapted to North Dakota than Scarlett and acceptable to U.S. malting companies," Horsley said.

## NDSU initiates program to help students with college transition

The NDSU Extension Service's Center for 4-H Youth Development is collaborating with the NDSU President's Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, Region V Children's Services Coordinating Committee, Fargo and West Fargo public schools and North Dakota Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention to offer a program to help students and their parents plan for a smooth transition from high school to college.

The program, called "Are You Ready? The College Transition," focuses on solutions for preventing problems during post-high school education. It will help high school seniors and their parents understand and manage normal conflicts resulting from the high school-to-college transition, increase their communication skills and create a plan for the student to use when faced with these conflicts or issues. The program's coordinators hope to offer the program at 10 sites across North Dakota during the 2009-10 academic year.

High school seniors and their parents will attend three sessions during the program, which the University of Wisconsin Extension Service created.

Topics the facilitators will cover include best practices for academic success, financial planning, staying connected and letting go, making new friends while keeping old friends, getting along with roommates, dating, values, diversity, making healthy choices, stress, personal safety and alcohol and drugs.

## Applicants sought for Dakota Memories Doctoral Fellowship

The Germans from Russia Heritage Collection is seeking applicants for the Dakota Memories Doctoral Fellowship.

The fellow will be responsible for working 20 hours per week and coordinating an oral history project. Created in 2005, the project focuses on the history and heritage of Germans from Russia. Specific topics include childhood memories, religion, agriculture, education, foodways, textiles and World War II. Fellows also can create a new focus that works for their dissertation research. The project was created in cooperation with the NDSU Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, NDSU Libraries, NDSU Department of History and the NDSU Center for Heritage Renewal.

As long as they remain in good standing with the department, the Graduate School and Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, fellows will receive a four-year research stipend worth \$16,000 (12-month contract per year) and a full tuition waiver.

Candidates are eligible to apply once they have been admitted to a doctoral program in the humanities or social sciences at NDSU. For admission requirements, go to [www.ndsu.edu/history/gradschool](http://www.ndsu.edu/history/gradschool). Applicants should have a bachelor's and master's degree in a humanities or social sciences field (preferably history). Experience conducting oral histories is preferred, but not required.

Candidates should include a cover letter, proof of admission to an NDSU doctoral program (copy of acceptance letter or confirmation letter of pending application from department head or graduate director), curriculum vita, an interest statement and two letters of recommendation. The interest statement should be 250 words explaining the applicant's interest in the fellowship and how their experience and capabilities will benefit the project.

Submit applications to Michael Miller, German's from Russia Heritage Collection director. The deadline is Feb. 1.

Contact Acacia (Jonas) Stuckle at 1-6596 or [acacia.stuckle@ndsu.edu](mailto:acacia.stuckle@ndsu.edu) or go to [www.ndsu.edu/grhc/dakotamemories](http://www.ndsu.edu/grhc/dakotamemories) for more information.

## Wallman Wellness Center serves record number of patrons

The Wallman Wellness Center served more than 2,467 customers on Aug. 25, the first full day of school, setting a record for the largest number of students, faculty and staff served in one day.

According to Brent Parmer, associate director of the center, the first full day of classes is typically the busiest day of the fall semester. The Wellness Center staff also held an event, titled Get Rec'd, that may have contributed to the high number of patrons.

The Get Rec'd event introduced members to different classes, activities and events at the Wallman Wellness Center. Staff also set up information booths, tables and games, including Plinko, giant Yahtzee, Drunk Goggles, a football skills challenge and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Parmer said that last year was the busiest year in the eight-year history of the Wellness Center. "We are already 5,000 visits ahead of last year's pace two months into the fiscal year," he said. "Our projection is that we will see our 2 millionth visit this spring."

The Wallman Wellness Center saw their 1 millionth visitor at the beginning of the 2007 spring semester.

## NDSU fraternity receives national award of excellence

On a national level, the Theta Chi Fraternity is known as "The Brotherhood of the Helping Hand." Because the NDSU Theta Chi chapter focuses their efforts to exemplify this statement, they have been awarded the Howard R. Alter Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence. NDSU Theta Chi members accepted the award at the Theta Chi Chapter Leadership Conference held in Philadelphia on July 18.

The award is the highest honor a Theta Chi Fraternity chapter can receive. It is presented annually to chapters that demonstrate excellence in philanthropy, scholarship, campus involvement, recruitment and risk management. Tony Clowe, last year's Theta Chi president, believes the fraternity received this award because of their hard work and dedication.

The fraternity has exhibited excellence in philanthropy through an annual tradition called "Theta Chi Days of Giving." Each spring, the fraternity spends a week participating in community service activities, which include events such as a Relay for Life barbecue, highway cleanup and the Theta Chi Blood Drive. "We know it is our duty and responsibility as citizens and students to help," Clowe says.

During the 2008 fall semester, Theta Chi demonstrated scholarly excellence when its members had the highest grade-point average of all the fraternities and sororities at NDSU. The fraternity's scholastic programming includes incentive programs that encourage studying and class attendance. Members also are rewarded for high test grades and most improved grade-point average.

Theta Chi exhibits excellence in campus involvement because each member is involved with at least one organization. Clowe says many members actually participate in multiple organizations and usually serve in leadership roles.

Theta Chi demonstrates excellence in recruitment with not only the quantity of its members, but the quality of its recruits. "The fraternity recruits men who are interested in being student leaders who thrive in academics, leadership and service," Clowe said. "We currently have 76 men, which is NDSU's largest fraternity by 35 men."

Theta Chi's recruitment efforts also were recognized with the Phillip S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award, which is given to any chapter that initiates more than 25 men within a given year.

The fraternity has exhibited excellence in risk management by drastically changing their policy to help members realize how their actions affect themselves and the organization. "We require an alcohol education speaker once a semester to keep us educated on the risks and dangers of alcohol on a college campus. Every weekend, we designate a group of members as 'sober patrol,'

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whose responsibilities are to be designated drivers and ensure the safety of members," Clowe said.

The NDSU Theta Chi chapter also has a standards board dedicated to risk-management and other policies. "It is their duty to hold people accountable for mistakes, yet provide them with the resources to fix mistakes or help themselves. Whether it is alcohol, academic or financially related, our standards board ensures that we expect the best out of everyone and that each individual can realize their own potential," Clowe said.

The NDSU chapter of Theta Chi has received the Howard R. Alter Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence a record nine times, which is the most out of 130 active chapters across the nation. Clowe says the best part about winning the award so many times is the amount of questions the fraternity gets from other chapters. "We have many people from across the nation who contact us for advice on how to be more successful," he said. "This award opens the door so we are able to help students at other campuses."

## DIVERSITY

### International Programs seeking Family Friendship volunteers

The Office of International Programs is looking for volunteer families or individuals for the 2009 fall International Friendship Family Program. The program promotes international understanding by bringing together Fargo-Moorhead community members and NDSU's international students.

International students are paired with individuals or families. Following an informal and fun introductory orientation session on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 5:30 p.m., the families and students will plan their own activities.

The Office of International Programs recommends a planned visit at least once a month. Activities might include dinner, birthday celebrations, picnics, outings to historical sites, sporting events and holiday observances, such as Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July.

Friendship family volunteers have no financial obligation and students do not live with their friendship families.

For more information or to register for the orientation, contact Samudra Kugel at [samudra.weeratunge-kugel@ndsu.edu](mailto:samudra.weeratunge-kugel@ndsu.edu) or 1-7895.

## RESEARCH

### Akyüz and Badh publish paper

Adnan Akyüz, assistant professor of climatology and state climatologist, and Ambika Badh, a doctoral candidate of natural resource management and Earth and climate sciences, have written an article that will appear in the International Journal of Climate Change-Impacts and Responses. The article is titled "Impact of Climate Change on Growing Seasons in Select Cities of North Dakota, USA."

Barbara Mullins, North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network Center, and Gary Vocke, U.S. Department of Agriculture, also were co-authors of the article.

The researchers learned that North Dakota growing seasons in Jamestown, Williston, Minot and Pembina lengthened by 1.2 days per decade on average. "Farmers in the traditional wheat-growing areas of the Northern Plains are growing fewer acres of wheat," Akyüz said. "The shift to row crops, including corn, in recent years has been dramatic. Yields of some competing crops have been rising faster than wheat. However, there also is evidence that a lengthening of the growing season as climate change occurs may have a role in the crop rotation choices that farmers are making."

Akyüz is Badh's faculty adviser. Badh's ultimate goal is to investigate how climate change affects regional net returns for different crops and what this means for rotational cropping choices.

### Campion, Christensen and Moen give national presentation

Pete Campion, Bryan Christensen and Jeremiah Moen gave a presentation at the Central District American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance conference in Rochester, Minn. The presenters are from the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences.

Titled "Utilizing Bands and Chains as Accommodated Resistance in Training Exercises," the presentation covered the use, history and theory of accommodated resistance. "We found that there are few peer-reviewed studies published in this area," Christensen said. "The majority of the studies found that there are some benefits to using these techniques. These techniques are used by many strength and conditioning coaches."

Christensen received a Merit Award from the Central District Association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. He received the award for demonstrating leadership in presentations, committee memberships, professional activities, mentoring, and innovation in activities, programs and performance.

Christensen has held two professional offices with American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

## Phillips gives presentations on senior casino gaming



Phillips

WooMi Phillips, assistant professor of apparel, design and hospitality and tourism management, gave a presentation, titled “Senior Casino Gaming Motivation,” at the 2009 International Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Educators annual conference held in July in San Francisco. The presentation discussed motivations for older adults spending time in casino gaming.

“Finding out the motivations is the fundamental way to determine the older adults’ future casino patronage intention,” Phillips said.

The study identifies a comprehensive inventory of senior casino gaming motivations by way of an exploratory approach. The research also generated a scale development procedure to find five distinctive senior casino gaming motivation dimensions, including winning and thrill, socialization, escape, enjoyment and curiosity.

Phillips also gave a presentation titled “Senior Casino Gaming Intention: Testing Extended Theory of Planned Behavior,” at the 2009 Asia Pacific Tourism Association Conference in Incheon, Korea. The presentation revealed test results of an extended theory of planned behavior.

“The findings of a structural equation modeling suggested that all predictable variables (attitude, subjective norms, perceived behavioral control and motivation) of the theory of planned behavior had positive effects on seniors’ casino gaming intention,” Phillips said. “The overall study results suggested that the proposed extended model is a useful tool for studying senior casino gaming behavior. To support this suggestion, some of the theoretical and practical implications for casino operations were discussed.”

When Phillips examined seniors’ past casino visits, a metric invariance showed that they did not have a moderating role, which also was contrary to the proposed hypothesis.

## Hodge attends national mathematics workshop



Hodge

Angie Hodge, assistant professor of mathematics, received funding from the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute to attend a workshop titled “Critical Issues in Education: Teaching Undergraduates Mathematics.” A mathematics educator and researcher, Hodge was able to provide a unique perspective to the discussion.

Held at the institute May 11-13 in Berkeley, Calif., the workshop showcased courses, programs and materials with the goal of increasing students’ knowledge of mathematics.

The audience for the workshop included mathematicians, mathematics educators, classroom teachers and education researchers who were concerned with improving the teaching and learning of mathematics in undergraduate classrooms.

## Brotherson presents at Extension Family Science conference



Brotherson

Sean Brotherson, associate professor and Extension family science specialist, gave four presentations at the Extension Family Science Network conference held in April in New Orleans.

Brotherson gave a panel presentation, titled “The Extension Human Response to Natural Disasters in North Dakota,” which included an overview of recent flood conditions in North Dakota, community needs and responses and the role of the NDSU Extension Service in responding to community needs during the natural disaster.

He also delivered “Parents Forever and Other Adventures in Assessing the Value of Divorce Education for Adults,” which addressed the importance of evaluating educational programs for divorcing adults and the Parents Forever program in North Dakota. “Research on the program indicates that even brief educational experiences can have a positive impact in changing the trajectory of an adult’s response to the divorce experience,” Brotherson said.

“Father Times, FRED, and Other Approaches to Working with Fathers in Extension” focused on educational approaches to working with fathers in parent education and high-quality educational resources, such as the Father Times educational newsletter developed by the NDSU Extension Service. Brotherson’s research with this program indicates that fathers prefer resources that target them directly, value the educational materials highly, and report moderate changes in knowledge and behavior as a result of using the materials.

Along with Sharon Query, Extension 4-H youth development specialist, Brotherson also gave a poster presentation titled “Gearing Up for Kindergarten: A Parent Education and School Readiness Program.” The presentation offered participants an overview of the Gearing Up for Kindergarten program and its effectiveness in helping parents to prepare their children for the transition into kindergarten.

## Sanders and Saxena publish article in international journal

Greg Sanders and Divya Saxena from the College of Human Development and Education will publish “Quality of Grandparent-Grandchild Relationship in Asian-Indian Immigrant Families” in The International Journal of Aging and Human Development.

Sanders and Saxena conducted a study that looked at Asian-Indian immigrant grandchildren, age 10-16 years, from different parts of the United States. The grandchildren completed survey questionnaires regarding the quality of their relationships with their grandparents in India.

“Findings indicated that role importance, amount of contact and health of the grandparent uniquely contributed to the relationship quality,” Sanders said. “Results also indicated acculturation was not a significant predictor of relationship quality, although it was a significant predictor of role importance.”

## PEOPLE

## Berg named meat science fellow



Berg

Paul T. Berg, associate professor of animal sciences, is the recipient of the American Meat Science Association Signal Service Award. He was selected for this honor to recognize his service as a teacher, mentor and renowned meat judging coach. His instruction, judging and coaching have influenced students, fellow faculty and colleagues for more than 30 years.

Berg earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from NDSU. He joined NDSU in 1965. During the early 1980s, he helped initiate NDSU's Carnivore Catering student organization. Today, students have raised some \$450,000 through event catering, defraying their meat science educational costs while learning to plan, prepare and serve meals to groups as large as 4,000.

Many credit Berg with pioneering "culinology," which combines meat science and the culinary arts to benefit livestock and meat industries. Berg, who is well known for coaching and judging, took over the meat judging team from V.K. Johnson in 1975. He has coached 228 senior team students and more than 340 junior team students through 2008. He coached his 31st Meat Animal Evaluation Team this year, instructing more than 250 students in the old Ak-Sar-Ben and current LAME contests.

Berg is a three-time past president of the Intercollegiate Meat Coaches Association, a three-time recipient of the NDSU Bison Ambassador's Apple Polisher Award for Excellence in Teaching and was honored with the North Dakota Stockmen's Association Lifetime Membership Award in 2006.

## Graduate students receive ND EPSCoR research awards

Five NDSU students are recipients of the Doctoral Dissertation Award program through North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR). The recipients will receive \$174,240 in stipend support during two years.

**Award winners and their advisers are:**

- Michael Caruso, biological sciences; Mark Sheridan
- Rebecca Hermann, chemistry and molecular biology; Glenn Dorsam
- Christopher Heth, chemistry and molecular biology; Seth Rasmussen
- Bethany Kubik, mathematics; Sean Sather-Wagstaff
- Shashindra Man Pradhan, civil engineering; Dinesh Katti

The program is designed to increase the completion rate of doctoral students enrolled in the science, engineering and mathematics disciplines at North Dakota's two research-intensive universities and to increase the number of competitive proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation.

ND EPSCoR is a federally and state funded program designed to improve the ability of university researchers to compete more effectively for federal, regional and private research grants in the sciences, engineering and mathematics.

## NDSU alumnus promoted to major general



Jacobson

Dennis E. Jacobson, a North Dakota National Guardsman and NDSU alumnus, was recently promoted to major general and will begin a two-year assignment as the U.S. Forces Korea deputy chief of staff for Restationing and Tour Normalization Facilities. Maj. Gen. Jacobson is one of two active major generals in the North Dakota National Guard.

With the promotion and assignment, Jacobson assumes responsibility for overseeing the policy development, master planning, execution, coordination and status reporting of several areas in Korea. "This is one of the biggest projects the Corps of Engineers has undertaken since the Panama Canal," Jacobson said.

"I believe my military and civilian experience in North Dakota has prepared me well for this assignment," Jacobson said. "It is a very complex project development mission, which is heavily influenced by engineer considerations."

Jacobson earned bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from NDSU. He also holds a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College. In his civilian career, Jacobson worked as a transportation engineer with the North Dakota Department of Transportation and as a research engineer at NDSU for four years. He is a registered professional engineer.

## Soltani receives Beachell-Borlaug International Scholars Award



Soltani

Ali Soltani, an incoming plant sciences doctoral student, was selected as one of the first recipients of the prestigious Beachell-Borlaug International Scholars Program Award. Soltani is working with the Wheat Germplasm Enhancement and Hard Red Spring Wheat Breeding Projects under the direction of Shahryar Kinian and Mohamed Mergoum.

Soltani was ranked in the top 10 among the candidates evaluated for a joint project between NDSU and the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, titled "Analysis of Nuclear-Mitochondrial Communication Defects: A Critical Step to Increase Wheat and Rice Productivity."

Plant sciences has an applied planting breeding program with breeding efforts in 15 different crops. Both the Wheat Germplasm Enhancement Program and the Red Spring Wheat Breeding Project are recognized worldwide as outstanding programs.

Monsanto established the program in 2009 in honor of two of the world's most pre-eminent rice and wheat breeders, Henry Beachell and Norman Borlaug. Their lifelong work laid the foundation for the increases in rice and wheat production that continues to help feed the world today.

## EVENTS

## NDSU to offer biomedical writing workshops

The Office of the Vice President for Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer and the Center for Protease Research are offering two writing workshops for biomedical researchers on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops are putting on the workshops.

The first workshop, titled "Write Winning Grants," is a full-day event and emphasizes writing proposals to the National Institutes of Health. The second workshop is a half-day event titled, "Writing for Biomedical Publication."

David Morrison will present the workshops. He co-founded the Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops in 1994 and brings extensive grant research experience and knowledge to assist workshop participants in obtaining funding.

For more information, visit [www.ndsu.edu/cpr](http://www.ndsu.edu/cpr). The workshops are free of charge, but do require advanced registration by Sept. 7.

## Dakota Memories Heritage Tour set for September

Organizers from the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection have planned the Dakota Memories Heritage Tour for Sept. 18-20. Participants will experience the rich history of North Dakota while taking a three-day bus tour through German-Russian sites in south-central North Dakota.

A welcome reception is planned for Thursday, Sept. 17, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the NDSU Main Library. The tour will depart from Fargo on Friday, Sept. 18, at 8 a.m. The bus also will pick up tour participants in Jamestown and Streeter.

Throughout the weekend, stops are planned for Streeter, Fredonia, Lehr, Wishek, Zeeland, Hague, Linton and Strasburg. Organizers have planned several presentations that are free and open to the public.

Allan Ashworth, NDSU Distinguished Professor, will deliver a presentation on Friday, Sept. 18, at 1 p.m. at the Central Grasslands Research Center in Streeter. To register for a noon lunch before the presentation, contact Acacia (Jonas) Stuckle at 1-6596 or [acacia.stuckle@ndsu.edu](mailto:acacia.stuckle@ndsu.edu) by Sept. 4.

Jessica Clark, Dakota Memories Coordinator and Childhood Historian, will deliver a presentation on Friday, Sept. 18, at 7:45 p.m. at the Lehr Tabernacle. To register for a German meal before the presentation, contact Stuckle by Sept. 4. The cost for the meal is \$11.50.

Bob Dambach, Prairie Public Broadcasting director of television, will deliver a presentation on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 8 p.m. at Sisters' Café in Linton.

Tom Isern, NDSU Distinguished Professor and project scholar, will deliver a presentation on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 12:30 p.m. at the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Strasburg.

Ethnic foods, including strudels, borscht, kuchen, plachenda, knoephla soup, homemade sausage, German potato salad and kase knoephla, will be served on the tour. To register or for more information, contact Stuckle or go to [www.ndsu.edu/grhc/dakotamemories](http://www.ndsu.edu/grhc/dakotamemories).

Michael M. Miller, Germans from Russia Heritage Collection director, will host the Dakota Memories Heritage Tour. The sponsors for the event include the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, The NDSU Extension Service, Center for Community Vitality, Center for Heritage Renewal, Prairie Public Broadcasting and NDSU Libraries.

## North Dakota EPSCoR state conference set

The 2009 North Dakota EPSCoR state conference is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, in the Memorial Union. "Research Groups in Focus - Displaying Dynamic Discoveries" is this year's theme.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the research community to showcase their core areas of concentration and discuss potential collaborations. Researchers are invited to attend and exchange ideas and instruct their undergraduates, graduate students and postdoctorates to participate in a poster session focusing on their research.

Alice Parker, professor of electrical engineering at the University of Southern California, will be the featured luncheon speaker. Parker is studying the feasibility of creating a synthetic brain using carbon nanotubes. Her topic is "Synthetic Brains: Technology in the 21st Century - Revenge of the Nerds."

Registration and the luncheon are free. The registration deadline is noon, Tuesday, Sept. 1. Poster abstract registration closes at noon, Thursday, Sept. 3. Details and registration are available at [www.ndepscor.nodak.edu](http://www.ndepscor.nodak.edu).

## NDSU community invited to grant-writing workshop

NDSU faculty and staff are invited to attend a grant-writing workshop presented by the Fargo Police Department and Grant Writing USA. The two-day grant-writing workshop will be held Sept. 24-25 in Fargo.

Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofit organizations, K-12 schools, universities and colleges are encouraged to attend. The workshop will cover how to write grant proposals from start to finish and how to locate and track relevant grant opportunities.

Tuition for the workshop is \$425 and includes workbook and accompanying resource CD full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals. Due to limited seating, online registration is recommended.

Go to <http://grantwritingusa.com/events/write/fand0909.html> or call (800) 814-8191 for more information.

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## SHORTS & REMINDERS

### Positions Available

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, SGC, 1919 N. University Drive. Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at [www.ndsu.edu/jobs](http://www.ndsu.edu/jobs).

### Academic Assistant

Graduate School  
\$30,000+/year  
Sept. 2

### Lead Food Service Worker/#00020799

Monday to Friday  
6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Dining Services  
\$9+/hour  
Sept. 7

### Custodian/#00021121

Residence Life  
\$19,760+/year  
Sept. 7

### Child Care Assistant/#00018832

Full-time, Nine months  
Wellness Center  
\$19,000+/year  
Sept. 3

### Admission Counselor/#00019481

Admissions  
\$32,000+/year  
Sept. 10

### Food Technology Specialist

Plant Sciences  
\$28,000+/year  
Sept. 20

### Food Technologist

Northern Crops Institute  
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## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

**3 Career Center – Part-time Jobs Fair,**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Great Plains Ballroom

**7 Labor Day holiday observed –**  
university closed

**8 Anti-Racism Team – “Subtleties of Racism: from the Land-o-Lakes Maiden to the Handshake,”** Monique Vondall-Rieke, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room.

**11 Volleyball vs. Oral Roberts,** 7 p.m., Bentson/Bunker Fieldhouse

**12 Volleyball vs. Centenary,** 7 p.m., Bentson/Bunker Fieldhouse

**17 Career Center – Meet the Firms,** 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Great Plains Ballroom

**19 Football vs. Wagner College (Trees Bowl),** 6 p.m., Fargodome

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