

# Year in Review

December 2022

Happy Holidays everyone. If we haven't had the chance yet to meet, my name is Dave Cook and this is my wife Kate.

Hello everyone! We are loving our first holiday season in North Dakota, and we have had a great summer and first semester.

NDSU is a very special place and we really appreciate the very warm welcome all of you have given us since we've come on board. We're really proud of everything that NDSU has accomplished and we're really excited about all that we'll accomplish in 2023. As we usher in the New Year, we'd like to take the opportunity to share a few highlights from the past year.

2022 started with our football team capping off another successful season by defeating Montana State in the FCS National Championship in Frisco Texas.

On campus, we built a beautiful new science building, Sugihara Hall, named after a longtime NDSU faculty member and administrator James M. Sugihara. We're excited about new research possibilities and dedicated spaces for enhancing our students' education. Throughout the year we secured millions of research dollars to study a variety of areas, including cancer, dementia, and diabetes.

We further diversified our educational reach by offering new programs, majors, and courses to meet the needs and interests of prospective students, our community, and North Dakota. We celebrated thousands of graduates from NDSU who are on their way to successful careers. Our graduates had a 92% success rate of employment or continuing education. Congratulations and best of luck to all of our recent grads.

At the beginning of the academic year, we welcomed more than 2,500 bright and eager first-year students to campus as they focused on continuing their education at NDSU. And don't forget about our students' academic achievements and hands-on projects whether it's developing a robot that could one day help build structures on the moon or saving a species of bees, our phenomenal faculty and students conduct groundbreaking, cutting-edge research that makes a difference in the world.

This fall, we celebrated our homecoming with a full week of events. It was truly an exciting time as I was officially inaugurated as NDSU's 15th President, our students gave back to local organizations and we celebrated with the FM community in our downtown parade.

Looking back on 2022, I'm proud of what NDSU has accomplished. I'm confident we will continue to build on progress and grow as a university. I'm grateful to all the students, faculty, and staff and alumni who contributed to this success. I appreciate the energy, ideas and passion that you all bring to NDSU each day. I'm excited about NDSU's future.

We hope you enjoy your holiday season. Happy New Year! Go Bison.