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COVERSTORY

Dakota Wesleyan dedicated the DWU/Avera Sports and Wellness Complex on Feb. 4 with the campus community, Mitchell residents, donors, alumni and friends. See pages 6-7 for photos of the new facility and the dedication.



Administration: Amy Novak, president; Theresa Kriese, executive vice president; Rocky Von Eye, provost; Kitty Allen, vice president of institutional advancement; Lori Essig, vice president of marketing and communications.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

opportunity

The early Methodist circuit riders, whose vision founded Dakota Wesleyan in 1885, sought to provide educational opportunities for those “who might otherwise not have such opportunity.” Early Methodists paved the way for women, the children of farmers, and the region’s American Indian population to strengthen their future through education. As I conduct senior exit interviews, I am grateful for the way in which DWU continues to honor that mission as the demographics of our region change.

Undergirding the anger in our political discourse today is a simple but powerful word: opportunity. People are expressing dissatisfaction because they feel their opportunities are limited. Opportunities for job growth, opportunities for economic and social mobility, opportunities for community cohesiveness, and opportunities for leadership appear inadequate. And so, the American people are expressing their concern.

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau confirms that education remains the most significant differentiator of opportunity. A college education remains the single most important factor in the economic and social opportunity of a student; economic and social capital create networks of opportunity. Tragically, despite our national efforts to promote higher education, less than 30 percent of the U.S. population has earned a four-year bachelor’s degree; and thus, an opportunity deficit continues to mount.

Elite Ivy League colleges have garnered headlines for their efforts to enroll first-generation, low-income students. Yet, among the Ivy League schools, which together have nearly 95 percent of the total university endowment in America, fewer than 15 percent of the students represent first-generation or low-income college students. In fact, Ivy League institutions are in the bottom 5 percent of all institutions nationally who invest in educating first-generation, low-income students.

In contrast, DWU remains true to its mission to support students who “might not otherwise” have an opportunity. This past year, more than 42 percent of our students were first generation or low income. As a percentage of its total population, DWU routinely serves more students who are the first in their family to attend college or come from low-income backgrounds than any of its peer institutions in the state and region.



President **Amy Novak** poses with graduates **Lino Cortez**, of Santa Cruz, Bolivia; **Hannah Harbour**, of Ore Grande, Calif.; and **Lionel Karyea**, of Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Our TRiO Student Support Services program provides outstanding support to assist students whose parents may not be familiar with the nuances of the college experience. From mentoring services to free tutoring and counseling, our program is designed to make college accessible and achievable. In the 2014-15 school year, 84 percent of our TRiO-supported first-generation, low-income students graduated in four years, most with debt levels at or below state and regional averages.

Friends, your generous support of DWU and student scholarship fosters opportunity. To put it bluntly, I can think of no better investment in our future than an investment in raising up the next generation of leaders to tackle the challenges before us. So when Hannah, Mareisha, Lionel, Joey, Jolanda and countless others walked across the stage at graduation, I teared up a bit in knowing that these are people who have hope, who see opportunity within reach, and who are prepared, not with cynicism, but with optimism, to change their part of the world to something better.

More than 130 years after our founding, our work remains deeply rooted in our mission and ever vital to our collective future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy C. Novak".

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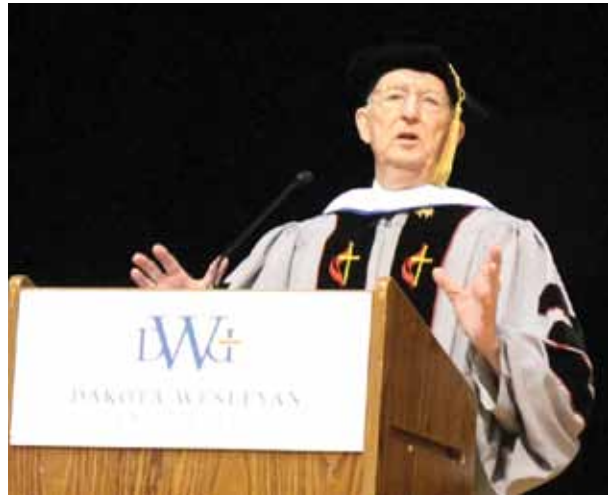


Snapshots

COMMENCEMENT 2016



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The Rev. Boyd Blumer was the Commencement keynote speaker and also received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during the ceremony. Blumer's career as a pastor spanned 33 years, more than eight churches and 10 communities, beginning in 1956 in Goodrich and Chaseley, N.D. He has worked at DWU since 1997 as interim campus pastor, carpenter, custodian and adjunct professor.



Dr. Rocky Von Eye, provost, was thanked during Commencement for her years of service to Dakota Wesleyan. Von Eye will retire in December after 32 years at the university. (Photo by Matt Gade/Daily Republic)



Mallory Jark, Anthony Husher and Michael Rohde snap a selfie before Baccalaureate services begin.



The 2016 graduating class of history and history education majors was the largest class that history professor Dr. Sean Flynn has seen since he began at DWU in 1999. There are 10 total this year.



Ariana Arampatzis, a junior at DWU, was named this year's recipient of the Bishop Armstrong Peace and Justice Award during the Baccalaureate service.

DWU/Avera Sports and Wellness Complex



DEDICATION

The new DWU/Avera Sports and Wellness Complex was open in January of this year and formally dedicated on Feb. 4, 2016. It is an 87,000-square-foot, \$10.7 million facility which houses the Donna and Paul Christen Community Health & Fitness Center – a cardio and weight-training room run by GreatLIFE Malaska Golf & Fitness Club; a new athletic training suite; a multipurpose room for fitness and classes; DWU's first wrestling training room; and the Glenda and Fritz Corrigan Fieldhouse and Athletic Institute with a 200-meter running and walking indoor track and three multipurpose sport courts.

This is the first indoor track for the university since Morrow Gym – which was built in 1920 and razed in 1993, seven years after the Christen Athletic Center opened on Jan. 6, 1986. Thirty years later, the college has grown in numbers and athletic teams, as well as student-led intramurals and activities.



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Following the dedication ceremony, president **Amy Novak** is seen here with the major donors and partners for the DWU/Avera Sports and Wellness Complex: **Tom Clark**, regional president and CEO of Avera Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell; **Paul '50** and **Donna Starr '51 Christen**, of Huron; **Novak**; and **Glenda '64** and **Fritz Corrigan**, of Edina, Minn. The Christens, Corrigan and Avera led the fundraising efforts for the new facility.



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COLLEGE BRIEFS

DWU's online bachelor's program ranked by U.S. News & World Report

Dakota Wesleyan University's online bachelor's program has been named as one of the best by U.S. News & World Report.

"Excellence in higher education is not determined by size, but by the quality of the experience," said Dr. Rocky Von Eye, DWU provost. "Our faculty are working hard to ensure students are having the best experience possible."

The 2016 U.S. News & World Report Best Online Programs rankings were released on Jan. 12 and can be accessed at www.usnews.com/online. This is the second year that Dakota Wesleyan's online bachelor's program has been ranked. Schools were ranked based on four categories: student engagement, faculty credentials and training, student services and technology, and peer reputation.

Conference for Leadership, Innovation and Social Change brings speakers to campus

On March 3, DWU again invited speakers, students and community members to campus to discuss ideas and empower people to create change through the Conference for Leadership, Innovation and Social Change.

The first speaker was Charles Oundo, a Christian leadership trainer and motivational speaker, who has been a licensed preacher since 1984 and ordained as a minister since 1994. He is the founder of eight functional churches and is a mentor to pastors and young Christian leaders throughout Uganda. He is an educationist, psychologist and theologian, and senior pastor of Bugiri Christian Revival Church. Oundo and Dr. Joel Allen, a DWU religion professor, worked together this summer conducting a weeklong pastors' training course in Uganda.

Alan Hirsch, founding director of Forge Mission Training Network, also presented. He currently co-leads Future Travelers, an innovative learning program helping megachurches become mission movements. Hirsch is considered to be a thought leader and key mission strategist for churches across the Western world. He also served as this year's Mitchell Area Youth Night speaker.

Drew Galbraith also joined the conference. He is in his 12th year at Dartmouth and moved into the role of senior associate athletics director for Peak Performance in 2011. As head of Dartmouth Peak Performance (DPII), he directs the academic, athletic and personal development programs for varsity athletes and coaches, in addition to overseeing the team of more than 40 DPII professionals. Galbraith has worked with the DWU athletics staff to build a similar leadership program.



Dr. Joel Allen and Charles Oundo

Roidt named DWU provost

Joseph Roidt, vice president for academic affairs and chief academic officer at Davis & Elkins College (D&E) in Elkins, W.V., has been named provost at Dakota Wesleyan University. He will assume his duties on July 1, following the retirement of current provost, Dr. Rochelle "Rocky" Von Eye.

"Dr. Roidt brings a variety of experiences and accomplishments that make him an excellent fit for Dakota Wesleyan," said president Amy Novak. "His commitment to academic excellence, his extensive experience with assessment of student learning, his spirited engagement in innovation, his support of rural communities, and his understanding of the distinctions created by small college experiences solidified our decision to hire him as the next university provost."

As provost, Roidt will oversee all of Dakota Wesleyan's academic functions, as well as the department of student life.

Roidt received a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Kent State University and his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Before joining D&E, Roidt taught at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., and Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga.

He joined the Davis & Elkins Department of Sociology in 2001. In 2009, he was promoted to full professor, granted tenure and named associate provost. In 2012, he assumed the role of vice president for academic affairs and chief academic officer. His accomplishments include developing courses for D&E's winter semester; working collaboratively with various campus departments to implement successful retention efforts and update the Faculty Handbook and various college policies; coordinating the Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation self-study; and launching D&E's inaugural online programs.

In 2007, Roidt received the college's Lois Latham Award for Excellence in Teaching.

He and his wife, Vickie, have two adult children.



The Kelley Center brings Widmer to DWU

The Kelley Center for Entrepreneurship hosted **Andreas Widmer** this spring. He is the director of entrepreneurship programs at The Catholic University of America and president of The Carpenter's Fund. Widmer spoke to a packed room about entrepreneurship, philanthropy, charity, American opportunity and faith. He is the author of "The Pope & the CEO: Pope John Paul II's Lessons to a Young Swiss Guard," a book exploring leadership lessons that Widmer learned serving as a Swiss Guard protecting Pope John Paul II and refined during his career as a successful business executive. Widmer works closely with top entrepreneurs, investors and faith leaders around the world to foster enterprise solutions to poverty and promote virtuous business practices. He has developed entrepreneurial initiatives at the intersection of business and faith, such as the Catholic Mental Models Project, a research effort through his social science research firm GSPeL LLC. Following the lecture, he spent an hour with interested students and community members in a round-table discussion.



DATELINES

February: The DWU Theatre Department performs the play, "Women of Lockerbie," in the DWU Equitem Theatre-in-the-Round.

March 2: Mitchell Area Youth Night with keynote speaker Alan Hirsch brings about 200 youth to campus.

March 5: The Dr. Seuss Carnival is held on campus for its 18th year.

March 6-13: The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music ensembles tour five cities on a spring tour.

March 8: Gary Dop, a poet, playwright and performer, visits Dr. Barbara Duffey's English class and gives a poetry reading at the McGovern Library.

April: The DWU production of "Godspell" takes place on campus for two weekends.

April 14: The 14th Around the World Cultural Festival takes place on campus.

April 24: The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music performs "The British Invasion" concert at the Mitchell First United Methodist Church.

April 29: Several faculty members are acknowledged for rank, tenure and professional accomplishment at the annual Honors Banquet: Dr. Monty Bohrer is promoted to professor of business administration and economics; Dr. Clinton Desmond is promoted to associate professor of music and granted tenure; and Dr. John Husmann is promoted to professor of history. Dr. Ashley Schoenfelder Digmann '06 is recognized for earning a Doctorate in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

April 29: Dr. Dave Mitchell receives the Exemplary Teacher Award at the Honors Banquet. Mitchell joined the DWU in 1972 and is one of the longest serving professors at the university.

May: Theresa Kriese, executive vice president, is chosen to participate in the 2016-17 Executive Leadership Academy through the Council of Independent Colleges.

May 1: The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music hosts the Spring Ring Handbell Festival on campus with five handbell choirs.

May 3: DWU conducts its seventh service day in Mitchell, now called the Great Wesleyan Giveback.

May 11: Dr. Jesse Weins '03, associate professor of criminal justice and the dean of the College of Leadership and Public Service, receives this year's Presidential Award for Outstanding Service.

May 11: Dr. Alisha Vincent, McGovern Center director, and Emily George '13, executive administrative assistant, were named the faculty and staff winners for Professional Excellence Awards.

May 17: DWU is featured at Higher Education Night at the United Methodist General Conference in Portland, Ore.

COLLEGE BRIEFS

DWU signs articulation agreements with Northeast Community College and Western Dakota Technical Institute

Dakota Wesleyan signed articulation agreements with two two-year colleges this spring, Northeast Community College, Norfolk, Neb., and Western Dakota Technical Institute in Rapid City. DWU currently has an agreement with Mitchell Technical Institute and will be working this summer to expand that relationship further.

"We decided to approach these two colleges because they have programs that align so well with Dakota Wesleyan's," said Fredel Thomas, dean of admissions at DWU. "Northeast Community College has 10 two-year degrees that are highly compatible with our programs, and 45 percent of their graduates do continue on to complete four-year degrees, so of course, we want them to consider Dakota Wesleyan."

Western Dakota Tech is the only technical institute that serves the western South Dakota region, and there are six majors that fit perfectly into programs at DWU.

"We are looking at sports, performing arts, student ministry, transfer programs – all potential 'pipelines' – that might bring more students to Dakota Wesleyan," said Thomas. "We decided that transfer students really needed more of our attention, so we hired a transfer coordinator and have been hard at work creating program maps for students at these schools. If they follow our program map, then once they transfer to DWU, there is a very good chance they will still finish their bachelor's degree within four years."

Bishop Ough receives honorary doctorate

President Amy Novak presented an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree to Bishop Bruce Ough, bishop of the Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area, at the Dakotas Annual Conference in June.



Bishop Bruce Ough and Dr. Amy Novak

Bishop Ough has been lauded as "one of the most influential episcopal leaders in United Methodism," and he has been a great champion for DWU. Bishop Ough has been a pastor, district superintendent and bishop, serving in several Midwestern states, and he was appointed bishop of the Southeast Asia Mission from 2010-2015. He has served the Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area since 2012.

In May, he became the president of the Council of Bishops at General Conference in Portland, Ore.

Theatre students, director return from regional festival with awards

Dakota Wesleyan University Department of Theatre students participated in the weeklong Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) and came home with new experiences, skills and awards – including one for DWU director Dan Miller.

The students competed for awards and recognition for various productions from the spring to fall in 2015. Junior Ann Thury, of Parkston, received an award for Achievement in Scenic Design for both “Bedroom Farce” and “Spiders in the Night”; Jake Habermann ’15, received Achievement in Set Construction for “Bedroom Farce”; and senior Ian Hyde, of Irvine, Calif., received an Achievement in Directing award for “Spiders in the

Night.”

“Spiders in the Night” was an original play by DWU alumnus James Van Oort ’99, of Mitchell.

Alaina Bertsch, a junior from Mitchell, and Madison Miller, a senior from Mitchell, both competed for the prestigious Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship. For the first time in DWU history, a student advanced to the second round; Miller was one of 64 students chosen out of 334 auditions to advance, though she did not win in the next round.

Dan Miller also received Best Director of a Musical from BroadwayWorld. com for the production of “Spamalot” at the Sioux Empire Community Theatre in Sioux Falls in 2015. He directed the musical with a

crew consisting of Thury, Habermann, former DWU student Austin Schoenfelder, Brittney Kaufmann ’15 and Madison Miller, who received the Best Choreographer award for her work.

DWU, belonging to Region 5 of the KCACTF, attends the regional festival each January along with North Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Minnesota. The region showcases its best productions, as well as offers activities, workshops, symposiums and the regional-level award program. The program involves 20,000 students from 700 academic institutions throughout the country.



“Spiders in the Night”
(Photo provided by Dan Miller)



DWU announces new welcome center and theatre

President Amy Novak has announced DWU’s third building project in four years; a new theatre expansion will begin this fall.

DWU will have a groundbreaking ceremony on Aug. 25, 2016, during Opening Convocation. The new black box theatre will be built onto the existing Dakota Discovery Museum, which sits on the east side of campus and came under management of the university last year.

Within this project is a vision to create a welcome center for the university that complements the museum and tells the story of the university’s connection to the region and its history. The expansion will include 4,700 square feet dedicated to the theatre department with a multipurpose black box theatre seating for 100 to 125, makeup and dressing rooms, a classroom, and offices. The space is envisioned to offer opportunities for theatre performances, historical readings and Chautauquas, or other small group performances by students within the university’s College of Arts and Humanities.

The university has received significant gifts toward this project, but fundraising is not yet complete.

“This facility, attached to the museum, will provide a unique opportunity to fuse the DWU arts with other cultural celebrations,” said Novak.



Intercollegiate Band

Three Dakota Wesleyan band members were selected to participate in the 2016 South Dakota Intercollegiate Band, which performed on April 1 during the South Dakota All-State Band weekend. The students chosen were, from left to right: senior clarinet player **Heidi Willett**, of Canton; senior trumpet player **Abby Roseland**, of Canton; and sophomore flute player **Rheanna Pheifer**, of Platte.



“Now I’m like this cylinder: we’re both graduated.” Biochemistry faculty members **Dr. Bethany Melroe Lehrman** and **Dr. Paula Mazzer** demonstrate their approval of graduate **Shelby Vosburg**’s decorative mortarboard. The largest class in DWU history graduated on May 6; 283 students received diplomas. Degrees included Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts and Master of Business Administration.

from the field to stage to screen

After discovering passion for film-making, former football player screens movie at Cannes



Search YouTube for “Last Will by Chris Ferera” to watch the film trailer.

wt feature

By Mari Olson

Chris Ferera, a 2012 DWU graduate, came to Mitchell to play football and major in history – what he found was a passion for the arts.

He participated in multiple theatre productions at DWU and for local community theatre, and then went on to obtain his master’s degree from the New York Film Academy in Los Angeles.

He has grown to love the stage and screen for different reasons.

“As an artist, I prefer theatre; you go through a whole arc of a character on stage,” he said. “In film, you become more immersed in technology, in the technique needed to play to the camera. Film is forever. You capture something and enjoy it for years. And the stage can be different every single time; the heart of that is that it’s never the same performance.”

His master’s thesis, a short film called “Last Will,” which he wrote, produced and starred in, was chosen for Cannes Short Film Corner, which is organized by the Cannes Film Festival in France. He and three friends who helped create the film returned from the festival the end of May.

“Last Will” had a small

screening and received positive reviews,” Ferera said. “I got some good feedback and constructive criticism to help me with my next project.”

He hopes to return next year with a film that he could potentially sell.

“During the days, we screened films and discussed potential projects, and at night the city really came alive,” he said.

While there, he screened more than 20 award-winning films and networked with industry people from New York, Italy and Berlin.

Ferera came to campus on March 5 to premiere his film. Ricardo Diaz-Guillen (key grip), Aditya J. Patwardhan (director) and Anup Kulkarni (cinematographer) joined him in Mitchell for the premiere.

Being in L.A. and attending the New York Film Academy hasn’t just opened doors for Ferera, it has developed important friendships that are essential to his current success. Diaz-Guillen, Patwardhan and Kulkarni helped direct and create “Last Will.” In turn, Ferera helped Diaz-Guillen with his own project, a pilot episode to a television series he hopes to sell, called “The Head

of the Mouse.” They premiered the pilot, which was in Spanish with English subtitles, during their Dakota Wesleyan visit. Diaz-Guillen describes it as “‘Game of Thrones’ meets ‘Godfather.’”

Because they were able to cast Victoria del Rosal, an established actress in Mexico, for “The Head of the Mouse,” Ferera and Diaz-Guillen now qualify to join the Screen Actors Guild.

Also through the exposure of the two projects, Ferera was cast in a new James Franco movie, “In Dubious Battle,” based on the John Steinbeck novel by the same name. Ferera will be playing an apple picker in the upcoming film about the labor movement in California in the 1930s.

Ferera’s journey to the screen was much like that to Dakota Wesleyan – completely ruled by happenstance.

He was a football player in L.A., and one of his friends was contacted by then-DWU coach Brad Pole. Ferera half-jokingly told his friend to tell Pole about him. After sending in his game reel and visiting campus, he signed with the DWU Tigers.

While enrolling for general education courses, he decided to take theatre. No more thought went into that decision than “let’s fill this requirement,” but the class opened a new world for Ferera, especially once he tore his ACL his sophomore year.

While in rehab, his attention turned to the stage, and his enthusiasm was actually instrumental in bringing about a

period at Dakota Wesleyan when multiple football players became involved in theatre – some of whom took on major roles.

Ferera healed and returned to the football team full time. Though his focus was always absolute whether on the field or stage, his passion was now divided.

“I didn’t know I would love acting. I was never an actor in high school,” he said. “If I had gone to a bigger university, I wouldn’t have made the connection to the theatre program. And Dan (Miller, theatre director) was more than a teacher to us.”

Miller often takes students not only under his wing, but also into his home. It’s common for theatre students and international students to find their way around the Miller family table for holidays.

After graduation, Ferera stayed in the area, working for the Prairie Repertory Theatre in Brookings. He returned to Mitchell to star in “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” at the Mitchell Area Community Theatre, and he directed “Woman in Black” at DWU. His decision to pursue his master’s degree and gain more experience led him back to California.

His next project will be a documentary in New Zealand, which he will produce and film.

“I was content and happy to stay in the Midwest, but I always had this drive and passion to do something bigger,” he said. “The Dakota Wesleyan theatre department did so much for me; I’m proud to represent them now.”



Chris Ferera, a 2012 DWU graduate (shown second from right), returned to campus on March 5 to premiere his short film, “Last Will,” which was chosen for Cannes Short Film Corner, which is organized by the Cannes Film Festival. From left to right are: **Ricardo Diaz-Guillen** (key grip), **Aditya J. Patwardhan** (director), Ferera (writer, producer, actor) and **Anup Kulkarni** (cinematographer).

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a look at the DWU Campus Community



DWU's mission trip to Trujillo, Peru, took place in mid-May. There were 14 DWU students and three staff members on the team. They hosted vacation Bible school at the Center for Attention and Education for Families (CAEF), the orphanage that DWU works with, as well as other mission/service/repair work. This year they also conducted health screenings for children at the local elementary school, provided by nurses **Donna Metzger Gerlach '85** and **Kayla Berndt**. The women also taught some basic health lessons. The team worked on several cultural exchange opportunities with students at a local university which attends church at DWU's host family's house. (Submitted photo)



A team of 10 traveled to Uganda, Africa, in May for a service-learning trip through the McGovern Center. **Dr. Joel Allen**, DWU professor of religion; and **Matt Morrison**, Fusion pastor; as well as **Lynette Steiner**, the mother of DWU student **Rachelle Steiner**; led seven students on the adventure. **Ariana Arampatzis** created videos from the journey and posted them to Facebook (viewable at www.facebook.com/dwublue). The trip included health training, pastoral education, bicycle repair workshops, and business and agricultural training, as well as several other projects. Students Arampatzis and **Amy Zeller** also extended their trip through July to conduct a social survey in Rwanda for a nonprofit. This photo shows Arampatzis (holding the selfie stick) and Steiner, of Holstein, Neb. (Submitted photo)



This campus photo was taken using a drone, operated by **Kyle Herges**, assistant professor of communications. For a short drone video of the campus in spring, visit the Dakota Wesleyan University YouTube channel.



The DWU Department of Education hosted the 18th Dr. Seuss Carnival in March. **Dr. John Husmann**, associate professor of history, and his 6-year-old daughter, **Isabella**, were among the many parents and elementary-aged students to attend.



DWU conducted its seventh service day this April, renaming it the Great Wesleyan Giveback. Here, education students **Jacey Jira** and **Courtney Albers** volunteer at the Mitchell Middle School. (Photo by Dr. Donna Johnson)

athletes in action



SPRING BREAK 2016 took 13 DWU soccer student-athletes, president Amy and Ken Novak and six of their children, along with provost Rocky Von Eye, head women's soccer coach Clayson Glasgow, former head men's soccer coach Jeremy Tosaya and men's soccer graduate assistant Danni Garcia to the Caribbean island of Dominica. The group worked with the nonprofit Christian organization Athletes in Action to conduct sports ministry through soccer clinics.

Senior **ALEXIS (LEXI) WILDE**, of Gillette, Wyo., reflected on the trip and its significance. Lexi, captain of the women's Tiger soccer team, graduated in December with a pre-med biology degree. She is currently working at the Avera McKennan Regional Lab as a client services representative, and she plans to go to medical school next year. Lexi also participated in a DWU student ministry mission trip to Peru in 2013.



Allison Blow, Brittany Forsman and Lexi Wilde were three of the team members who traveled to Dominica over spring break.

Q&A

LEXI WILDE

Q: What did you do in Dominica?

A: We spent the majority of our time putting on soccer camps for the kids. The first few days, we spent half of the day with the kids and the other half learning about the island. One day we got to go see where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Caribbean. The Caribbean side was extremely calm and the Atlantic was very rough and full of waves; it was an amazing thing to see.

Q: Describe a typical day.

A: We usually woke up around 7 a.m. and shared a simple breakfast. Then we would pray together and head to our soccer camp location. Each session consisted of three soccer-related stations and three life lesson talks. It was pretty funny to watch their faces when they realized we girls could actually play. For the life lesson talk, we focused on personal experiences. For example, Gaston (Miteff, men's soccer player) and Danni (Garcia) spoke about their experiences coming to America and what

it took to get there. Some of us spoke about how important school is, others about the importance of having strong faith. We really wanted to open up with the kids and share not only our struggles, but also how we've overcome them.

Q: Why are these experiences valuable?

A: I've learned so much about other cultures that I never would have experienced through a textbook or a classroom. It is one thing to take a vacation or go site seeing, but to be



Coach **Clay Glasgow** (in hat) works with local soccer camp participants.

Right: President **Amy Novak** and provost **Rocky Von Eye** show their Tiger pride in Dominica.



Below: The entire Dominica mission team poses for a group photo with the local campers.



DWU soccer player **Gaston Miteff**, of Berazategui, Argentina, (far right) shares his personal story with campers.



immersed in another culture, to live the way others do, is how we truly gain understanding. Talking to others who live a completely different lifestyle than you do allows you to see the world through their eyes. I think being from the United States, we often try to change other nations to get them to live the way we do. I think it's important to understand the culture and lifestyles of others so we can give help in areas they really want and need. It's all about respecting each other, and these trips give us a chance to learn, understand and respect one another.

Q: What is life like in Dominica?

A: Life is so much more laid back. People use everything they can on the island. Fruit, cocoa beans and almonds were just some of the things we tried. The people are extremely resourceful. Many of them raise goats, cows and chickens, as well. Almost everything they eat is grown on the island or supplied from their own animals. We did see a lot of poverty on the island, though you wouldn't guess it from just talking to the people. Everyone was so giving and welcoming toward us; it was hard to tell they didn't have much to give.

Q: What did you learn about yourself?

A: I really found out a lot about myself this trip, both soccer-related and life-related. Those kids really helped me to remember how great it feels to forget the little things and just play the beautiful game. Women in Dominica are not respected like we are in America. The level of respect we women received from the native boys we worked with changed considerably from the beginning of the trip to the end. The people we worked with told us often how amazing it was to see women accomplish what we had and what an impact we had on them. I think the most important thing I learned from this trip is knowing my self-worth and what an impact I can have on others. I felt a strong sense of purpose through this trip when I had a chance to see myself through the eyes of others. Not only knowing all that I am capable of, but also using that knowledge to be the best version of myself that I can be, and sharing my gifts to help others become the best version of themselves – that is truly an amazing, indescribable feeling.





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a vision for success

DWU's future is rooted in its ability to look ever forward.

By Mari Olson

One hundred years ago, Dakota Wesleyan University began a campaign for "A Greater Wesleyan." Its goal: to fund a new science building and gymnasium. The university echoed the ambitions of its past when it launched a \$40 million campaign by the same name just a few years ago.

And the credit for its success, as well as its impact, comes down to this: **You.**



It's the DWU Tigers young and old, graduates and friends, who grew this university from a single building on the prairie into the institution that it is today.

It takes courage, it takes faith, and it takes a vision.

"You are always building on the good work of your predecessors," said Dr. Amy Novak, Dakota Wesleyan's 20th president. "We aren't where we are today in wellness facilities without

the outstanding work of past president Jim Beddow; we aren't as strong financially without the good work of president Jack Ewing; or as physically changed without the significant construction in the era of former president Bob Duffett. So you are always your history, and you stand on the shoulders of people who have raised the institution above what anyone else at that time thought may be possible.

"Even the founders of the institution had this vision – which at that time was very bold – and that was to create a Christian university in Dakota Territory. They believed that the first investment they

could make in strengthening the region was to invest in education.

"We stand on the shoulders of giants, in that respect, and I'm always mindful that we honor them in what we're doing."

Following the inauguration of President Novak, A Greater Wesleyan was once again discussed among board members and donors – envisioning a new wellness complex, business facility

and theatre, while creating opportunities for students through mission and service projects.

This would be the university's most ambitious fundraising effort in its history.

The campaign was approved by the board of trustees, and the university's most generous donors set the foundation for the next big project – the DWU/ Avera Sports and Wellness Complex, which was dedicated this past February (see pages 6-7 for photos).

Paul '50 and Donna Starr Christen '51 and Glenda Kennedy '64 and Fritz Corrigan led the fundraising efforts for the new sports facility, and they were joined by Avera Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell, as well as alumni, employees and friends of Dakota Wesleyan.

This was not the first time the Christens and Corrigan had a vision for Dakota Wesleyan; both couples are credited with the largest gifts ever received by the university when each donated \$5 million toward the Glenda K. Corrigan Health Sciences Center that opened in 2013. The Christens' name is also on the Christen Athletic Center, which was built in 1985, and is still a focal point of athletic and intramural activity on campus more than 30 years later.

"Too often I think institutions our size create small visions. And so I distinctly remember calling Paul Christen and



saying we're going to have a \$50-million campaign," Novak said, laughing. "And Paul said to me, 'Oh gosh, we've never done a \$50 million campaign, how are we going to do it?' I said if we don't create a compelling vision that builds on the excellence we have created at DWU, then we're going to limit ourselves to smaller, incremental gifts, and that won't create transformation."

Novak did compromise in the end – and the \$40 million campaign began.

Early successes and the support of so many have energized this ongoing campaign for A Greater Wesleyan. From outstanding placement rates into graduate school, to exit surveys that reveal significant growth in students' spiritual and intellectual confidence; from a general education curriculum designed to help students think innovatively about the future, to student satisfaction scores that are significantly above our peer institutions; from 95 percent job placement and strong affordability data, to continued enrollment growth; DWU is quickly becoming a leader in higher education – regionally and nationally. This campaign is more than about fundraising, according to Novak.

It's about creating distinctions, visibility and a student experience that equips future leaders to approach our world with the energy, passion and skills necessary to strengthen our humanity.

It's Dakota Wesleyan University, its administrators, its board of trustees, and more importantly, its alumni, who have embraced this vision of transformation for the campus and strived to bring it to life.

Many more alumni and friends of the university have come together to support the campaign, as well as the Wesleyan

Fund. John and LuAnn Clarke, of Mitchell, made the generous offer last summer to match all new John Wesley Society donors, and are continuing that matched gift even today. At last count, there were 69 new members to the John Wesley Society in the past two years.

"There aren't words to describe the generosity of spirit I have witnessed in my three years as president and my 13 years working at Dakota Wesleyan," Novak said.

What is occurring on campus is a result of the vision of the board and administration, the donors' faith in that vision, and the students' ability to embrace it.

"We really are blessed in that our donors and our partners see what DWU is doing and the vision that we have created in our mission to educate leaders and community servants who cultivate economic vitality across the region and country," Novak said. "These donors generously support academic programs, leadership opportunities, and other programs and activities. Their support is not just financial. We are seeing a growing base of support evident at sporting events, music concerts, and posting on social media about their pride in this place."

Because of this support, students have the opportunity to explore innovative business practices in their communities and participate

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in service projects locally and abroad.

"While this vision continues to help guide the institution, our great joy is in seeing the growth in overall enrollment," Novak said. "We want every student who comes to Wesleyan to be able to afford our education. We are working diligently to curtail costs and create operational efficiencies, but the continued support of donors will be vital as our enrollment continues to expand."

The momentum continues as DWU breaks ground on a new black box theatre this fall, attached to the Dakota Discovery Museum. (See page 10 for more details.)

"When the board of Dakota Discovery Museum handed over the management and facility to DWU, we knew we had an opportunity to tie our history to the Middle Border region, as well as find new, innovative ways to utilize this beautiful museum," Novak said. "When we add the theatre, we are going to open up new event possibilities, new opportunities to bring more people into the museum and increase its patronage."

Multiple renovations, remodels and cosmetic touches have been added to campus over the past several years, such as a completely renovated admissions department created last summer to offer a more open, welcoming atmosphere. Renovated administrative offices and the installation of new sidewalks and outdoor lighting have all been completed; and a university-wide rebranding initiative was unveiled last summer with new university

and athletic logos, a new athletics website, and a marketing campaign including digital and TV ads. A new institutional website will debut this summer.

Additions to campus sometimes do not come by way of brick and mortar, but in the classroom. The Ron and Shellah Gates Department of Music, which also provided the funds to hire a full-time instrumental professor, was established in 2014. This year, the Rollie Kelley family's contribution has funded an additional endowed faculty member for the Kelley Center for Entrepreneurship. As the university's focus on innovation expands, the Kelley Center has taken leadership in developing the freshman core curriculum focused on entrepreneurial thinking, creativity and problem solving. In the McGovern Center, grant funds were received from the Larson Family Foundation in Brookings to support another staff person to assist with expansion of community-based learning and civic engagement. In addition, the university received the Margaret A. Cargill grant to support a rural nursing initiative.

None of this would be possible without the support of alumni, friends and the community – but it also takes the right team and the right attitude.

Novak said she remembers a time when people on campus were always apologizing, especially for the university's size. Once Dakota Wesleyan took an objective look at itself, realized it was valuable to the community, and small can be strong, then attitudes changed, ideas emerged and energy was renewed.

"I think about five years ago, we became more intentional about our faith as a campus community and more authentic in recognizing that we are an institution rooted in faith. When we honor that in our work, we think differently about our vision," Novak said. "So rather than apologizing, we started to tell the stories, because they are compelling."

Dakota Wesleyan also decided some important things about its place in the region. For one, DWU was going to be known for being a university that's recognized and respected for an entrepreneurial and innovative spirit, and for the type of leadership opportunities given to

students.

"And as a place where people can authentically explore what it is God is calling them to do in their lives," Novak added. "We're going to be pragmatic in preparing them for the workplace in this region by aligning ourselves with business and industry through partnerships that bring together a synergy between the academic community and the business world."

This clear vision embracing learning, leadership, faith and service, resonates with distant alumni and donors, as well as on campus.

"I think we have a phenomenal team, and there's no way what we have done in the past three to five years could have been done without the people we have here on campus," Novak said. "I don't know of another university at which 100 percent of the faculty and staff are giving back financially to the institution."

"To succeed you have to have a vision, you have to be rooted in faith; you need a dynamic team compelled to create the university you want to become; and you must have a bold vision, and you can't apologize for it."

For more than 130 years, the vision of those early founders of Dakota Wesleyan has continued to transform lives and mold the region – through trust, intentionality and unshakable faith – the university has never been stronger and more certain of its future.

a vision for success

PLAY LIKE A GIRL

TIGER WOMEN SHINE IN BANNER YEAR FOR THREE TEAMS



wt feature

By Nick McCutcheon
Sports Information Director

Women's athletics at Dakota Wesleyan University are on the rise with three winter and spring teams having banner years, setting the Tigers on the right path for a bright future.

In 2015-16, the DWU women's basketball and softball teams reversed recent fortune with young squads to set the teams up for years to come, while the most consistent winning team in recent Tiger history, women's golf, continued more than a decade of dominance of the Great Plains Athletic Conference with another league title.

"The success and accomplishments that our women's programs have experienced this past year have been exceptional," DWU athletic director Jon Hart '11, '12 said. "Our coaches and student-athletes have worked extremely hard to get to this point in their respective sports, and I don't see the momentum stopping. The bar is set for future seasons, and we can't wait to see what's ahead."

WOMEN'S GOLF 13 AND COUNTING



For the women's golf team, it wasn't just another title, as coach Chris Gomez navigated a small roster size and an improved GPAC field to edge three other teams at the final round of the conference tournament.

After lapping the rest of the conference in 2014-15, the Tigers found

themselves in second place with four teams separated by four strokes at the top of the leaderboard heading into the final round of the 2015-16 GPAC Tournament. DWU had the advantage of hosting the final round at Wild Oak Golf Course in Mitchell, and the Tigers took full advantage. Led by senior Lauren Fitts, DWU closed the event three strokes better than Morningside College, clinching the team's eighth straight GPAC title and 13th in 14 years, sending the Tigers to another NAIA Championship.

The women's golf team trails only the school's men's basketball (29) and football (21) teams in total conference titles. Fitts took the GPAC individual championship by 15 strokes. The title is the fourth in four years for Fitts, who is one of only two athletes to be named the GPAC Player-of-the-Year four times in any sport. The only other GPAC student-athlete to accomplish this feat was former DWU women's golfer Dani Bellet Evenson (2009-12).

Fitts is a four-time All-GPAC member and has been named the GPAC Women's Golfer-of-the-Week 11 times in her four years. For the first time in her career, Fitts was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team in 2016 and is a two-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete. Fitts recently graduated with a degree in nursing.

The Tigers, who finished the season with just four players on the roster, will also need to replace the production of senior Taylor Anshutz and junior April Barnett, who graduated early from DWU. Anshutz and Barnett were both named to the All-GPAC Team in 2015-16 after finishing in the top 15 of the conference standings. Barnett's performance on the back nine in the final round of the GPAC Championships carried the Tigers to the win, as she posted the lowest score of the day.

"Once we dove into the season, I was hoping that we would finish in the middle of the pack," Gomez said. "It really came down to the improvement we showed over the course of the season. These three seniors have been champions every year they have been here. Not too many athletes get to say that."



Taylor Anshutz



Lauren Fitts



April Barnett, Lauren Fitts, Taylor Anshutz, Nicole Nelson

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REKINDLING GLORY DAYS



Coming into the 2015-16 season, DWU women's basketball coach Jason Christensen '98 was not picking out hotels for the NAIA National Tournament. His team lost potential starting point guard Chesney Nagel in the preseason to an injury, and the Tigers were picked to finish eighth in the GPAC, one of, if not the strongest, women's basketball conference in the NAIA Division II.

"This team exceeded my expectations way beyond anything I ever thought," Christensen said. "I always knew this group was going to be special, but without a senior, I thought we would need a year to rebuild to get to the next level."

Nobody told the young Tigers that they were an afterthought. DWU stormed through the first half of the season, going 14-1 and 8-1 in the GPAC through Jan. 6. The Tigers rebounded from a midseason slump to reach the GPAC Postseason Tournament final and earn a berth in the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Tournament, the first for DWU since the days of Randi Morgan Haines (2000-04).

DWU, not content with getting to the national tournament, knocked off its first two opponents, including No. 2 seed Davenport University (Mich.) before falling in the NAIA National Quarterfinals to Goshen College (Ind.). The Tigers finished the season with the third most wins in program history and tied for second in the GPAC at 27-9 overall and 15-7 in league play.

The best part of the DWU season may have been the fact that the Tigers accomplished all they did without a single senior. The Tigers did have plenty of leadership, coming in large part from juniors Erica Herrold and Kristin Sabers. Herrold was named to the NAIA All-American Second Team and All-GPAC First Team after averaging 16.7 points and 4.5 rebounds per game. She became the 21st Tiger women's basketball player to reach 1,000-career points and will enter her final season with 1,234.

"Erica stepped up hugely for our team this year," Christensen said. "She has not only matured as a player on the court, but also as a person off the court. She is someone our younger kids looked up to, and I expect her to continue to set the bar high for the team next year."

Sabers was a one-woman-offensive powerhouse early in the season. She won multiple GPAC Player-of-the-Week honors and tied the DWU record for 3-pointers in a game with eight in a win over Dordt College on Dec. 2. Sabers finished the season averaging 14.0 points and 3.9 rebounds per game, while being named to the All-GPAC Second Team and scoring her 1,000th point at the national tournament.

The 2015-16 season also saw the emergence of Amber Bray and Ashley Bray on the DWU front court, giving DWU size that many teams in the GPAC could not match. Ashley Bray earned All-GPAC Second-Team honors, while averaging 12.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. Amber Bray, an All-GPAC Honorable Mention, added 10.9 points and 5.4 rebounds per contest.

The concern over Nagel's injury was tempered by the emergence of freshman point guard Rylie Osthus, who started all 36 games for the Tigers and performed at an All-GPAC Honorable Mention level.

Christensen reached a career milestone as well, winning his 100th game in the opening round of the



Erica Herrold



Rylie Osthus

NAIA Tournament. With 101 career wins, Christensen is poised to become the all-time leader in wins for any DWU women's basketball coach next season. He was also named the USMC/WBCA Region Coach of the Year.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL PUTTING GPAC ON NOTICE



Much like the women's basketball team, DWU softball came into the 2016 season with limited recent success and no respect. The Tigers earned respect with a record-breaking season. In total, eight team, six individual season and five individual career records were broken in 2016 as the Tigers won more games than any previous team in school history.

Two years ago, the Tigers set numerous records with the best season seen by the program, including 22 wins. In 2016, the record book was shattered again as the Tigers finished with a 33-22 record. After being picked next to last, the Tigers finished third in the GPAC, despite starting more than a handful of true freshmen in nearly every game.

"They are hard-nosed players who, for the most part, led this year's team and are not interested in being anywhere but on top," DWU head coach Ed Kieff said. "They are hungry for wins, and they put in the work. Our expectations remain extremely high."

The Tigers had a new look in 2016 with an influx of young players to complement the leadership of seniors Hailey Unger, Katy Lazenby, Vanessa Mendez and Meghan Bovee. Unger continued to set new standards at the plate. Unger, now a four-time All-GPAC First-Team performer, set DWU career records for hits (172), doubles (37), home runs (18), RBIs (102) and runs scored (102). With a new role as a lead-off hitter for the Tigers, Unger tied the single-season base on balls record with 21, helping set the table for a young, but powerful lineup hitting behind her. Unger was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-American Team. Unger is just the second Tiger athlete in any sport to achieve first-team status, joining former DWU men's basketball star Trae Bergh, who accomplished the feat twice.

Freshman shortstop Savannah Ahumada put together the single most impressive season in the history of DWU softball. She set new school single-season records for hits (73), runs (46), RBIs (51), doubles (21) and home runs (11). The Turlock, Calif., native did all of this while playing sparkling defense, highlighted by several run-saving plays.

As a team, the Tigers set new season standards for wins (33), hits (485), runs (273), doubles (101), home runs (37), slugging percentage (.468), batting average (.319) and fielding percentage (.954). Unger and Ahumada were named to the All-GPAC First Team, as six Tigers made the postseason list.

After starting as many as seven true freshman, including a pair of pitchers, the future for DWU softball looks brighter than ever.

"They are where we have wanted them from the beginning," Kieff said. "We need to step on the field every game knowing we will win. We are pointing toward the national scene and breaking into the top 20 in the nation. That is a very doable goal for this group."



Savannah Ahumada



Hailey Unger



Men's Basketball

The DWU men's basketball team finished the 2015-16 season after a second straight run to the NAIA National Tournament in Branson, Mo. The Tigers won their first game on the strength of a 40-point performance by All-American First-Team guard Trae Bergh, which included a 30-foot 3-pointer to secure the victory. The Tigers finished the season 23-11 overall and 13-7 in the GPAC. Four Tigers were named to the DWU All-GPAC Team, including Bergh and junior point guard Tate Martin on the first team. Bergh set new records for 3-pointers in a game (12) and a career (329), while Martin tied the record for assists, held by Lynn Frederick '77, with 227.

Women's Basketball

The Tiger women's basketball team completed the most successful season in more than a decade with a record of 27-9 overall and 15-7 in the GPAC, marching all the way to the NAIA National Championship quarterfinals. The Tigers set several new team records along the way, including points in a game (126), free-throw percentage in a game (21-of-21), total points (2,727), field goal percentage (44.8 percent), free-throw percentage (76.3 percent) and assists (640). Five Tigers landed on the All-GPAC Team, while junior forward Erica Herrold was named to the NAIA All-American Second Team. DWU's win over Haskell Indian Nations University in the first round of the NAIA Championship

was the 100th in the career of head coach Jason Christensen '98, just the second DWU coach to reach the milestone.

Wrestling

In the first season under head coach Nick Hutcheson '14, the Tigers made strides toward the top of the GPAC with a pair of wrestlers reaching the NAIA National Championships. Senior Trever Devestern earned his third NAIA All-American honor in his fifth season as a Tiger. Devestern set a new DWU record for wins in a career, ending his time in a DWU uniform with 120 wins and a Tiger-best .794 winning percentage. Senior Jade Hoisington made the NAIA National Championships for the first time in his final season. Three Tigers were named NAIA Scholar-Athletes, while DWU was named an NWCA All-Academic Team.

Baseball

The Tigers rebounded from a slow start to make the GPAC Postseason Tournament with a late-season push. Despite battling injuries throughout the campaign and starting 2016 with a 0-7 record, the Tigers finished 25-27 overall and 9-11 in the GPAC. DWU finished with a team batting average of .284 and had 19 total home runs. Cole Wenande, Jonah Johnson, Austin Calhoun, Dustin Steckler, Patrick Whetham, Dominic Sebastiani, Tyler Waddle and Neil Nagle were named All-GPAC Honorable Mention after strong seasons.

Softball

The DWU softball team recently completed the most successful season in program history with an overall record of 33-22 and a third-place finish in the GPAC. The Tigers started the season 2-8, then proceeded to tear through Arizona with an 11-3 record in the weeklong spring trip. DWU set new team records for wins (33), hits (485), runs (273), doubles (101), home runs (37), slugging percentage (.468), batting average (.319) and fielding percentage (.954). Senior Haley Unger and freshman Savannah Ahumada were named to the All-GPAC First Team, as six Tigers made the postseason list.

Women's Golf

The Tigers continued their dominance of the GPAC, winning the league championship for the eighth year in a row and 13th in the last 14 years. The championship sent DWU to the NAIA National Championships, where the team finished 26th in a rain-shortened, two-round event. Senior Lauren Fitts won the individual GPAC title for the fourth straight season. The win gave Fitts the GPAC Golfer-of-the-Year honor for the fourth time, making her just the second GPAC athlete in any sport to accomplish that feat, joining former DWU women's golf star Dani Bellet Evenson '12. Senior Taylor Anshutz and junior April Barnett joined Fitts on the All-GPAC Team.

Men's Golf

The Dakota Wesleyan University men's golf team made strides under head coach Chris Gomez. The Tigers set a new DWU team record for an 18-hole score, shooting a 277 at the Wild West Shootout in the spring, winning the event. The Tigers were led by junior Thomas Hogg, who tied senior Anthony Husher at the Wild West Shootout with a season-low score of 66. Hogg finished fourth on the GPAC individual leaderboard, earning All-GPAC honors. Husher was also named to the All-GPAC Team as the Tigers finished fifth overall at the GPAC Championship, the best for DWU since 2012-13.

Women's Track

The Dakota Wesleyan University women's track and field team sent three athletes to the NAIA Outdoor National Championships at the end of May, including seniors Jessica Fossum and Nicole Court-Menendez, along with freshman Abigail Collingham. Fossum finished 11th in the women's heptathlon, setting a new DWU school record for points with 4,305. Court-Menendez finished one spot shy of a sixth All-American finish, placing ninth in the 5,000-meter racewalk. Collingham competed in the pole vault, but she was unable to clear the first height in three tries. During the indoor season, Court-Menendez earned her fifth All-American award, taking fourth in the 3,000-meter racewalk, while senior Skylar Forgey earned All-American honors for the first time in the 1,000-meter run. Freshman Kristen Longville also had a breakout season, earning All-GPAC recognition in the indoor and outdoor seasons in the triple jump. Freshman Kamber Lamer picked up an indoor All-GPAC award for her performance in the long jump.

Men's Track

Freshman Ben Hammer was the star for the DWU men's track and field team in 2016. He set several new DWU records in the throwing events, while earning two GPAC Field Athlete-of-the-Week honors. He qualified for Nationals in the indoor and outdoor season in his first year as a Tiger. Senior jumper Daniel Porter closed his strong DWU career with All-GPAC honors in the triple jump during both seasons for the Tigers.

Tiger Schedules

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TRAE BERGH CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 7th on DWU all-time scoring list with 1,847 career points
- Most 3-pointers made in a career at DWU with 329
- Set DWU record for 3-pointers in one game with 12
- 2015-16 NAIA All-American First Team
- Two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American
- Two-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete
- Three-time All-GPAC performer
- 2014 Emil S. Liston Award winner
- 2016 KMIT Award and Matthew D. Smith recipient



2016 DWU Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



PRESTON BROUGHTON '10 is a Corsica native who was named to the NAIA All-American First Team in 2008 and was GPAC Player-of-the-Year in the 2007-08 season for the DWU men's basketball team. As a senior, he was an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention. He was an NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons. Broughton averaged 12.7 points per game from 2005-10. He finished his DWU career playing in 129 games, scoring 1,644 points, grabbing 896 rebounds and dishing out 154 assists. Broughton was on the All-GPAC Second Team in 2006-07 and on the All-GPAC First Team in 2007-08 and 2009-10. He helped the Tigers to three 20-game win seasons, finishing 24-8 in 2006-07, 24-9 in 2007-08 and 28-6 in 2009-10. The Tigers made four appearances in the NAIA National Tournament with Broughton.



KELLY CUSTARD '00, an Omaha, Neb., native, is considered the greatest pitcher in DWU softball history. Custard was a four-year starter from 1997 to 2000 and an All-Conference performer four times in her career. Custard holds DWU records with 30 pitching wins in her career and the best single-season ERA (1.20) in 1999. She was named her team's MVP for all four years as a Tiger. Custard was one of the best softball players to ever wear a DWU uniform. Custard now lives in the Detroit area and works as a freelance court reporter and transcriptionist. She ran and completed the New York City Marathon in 2010.



JAMES HANSEN '11 was one of the best offensive linemen in the NAIA during his time as a Tiger football player. The Rapid City native was named a 2010 AFCA All-American, a Victory Sports Network All-American in 2010 and College Fanz All-American Honorable Mention in 2008. The 6-foot-2 offensive guard was a three-time All-GPAC First-Team honoree and was named to the second team once. In 2011, Hansen was named the Rapid City College Male Athlete-of-the-Year. After college, Hansen returned to Rapid City and currently works for the South Dakota Department of Corrections as a parole agent.



With 1,355 career points, **ALLISON JOHNSON '10** had a standout career for DWU women's basketball. Johnson was an NAIA Scholar-Athlete in 2008-09 and 2009-10. She was also a GPAC representative for the 2009 Emil S. Liston Award. Averaging 14.6 points per game throughout her career, Johnson was an All-GPAC Second-Team performer in 2008, 2009 and 2010. The Mount Vernon native moved to Sioux Falls following college and currently works as a physician assistant at Orthopedic Institute.



DWU graduate **DANNY RICHARDSON '10**, a native of Wichita, Kan., is the first ever hall of fame member from the Tiger women's soccer team. The 2009 NAIA All-American Honorable Mention, the first for DWU women's soccer, was a member of the 17-1-4 2009 GPAC Championship Team. She helped lead DWU to 33 wins over a two-year period from 2009-10. Richardson was also a two-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete and a 2010 CoSIDA Academic All-American Third-Team honoree. The two-time GPAC Defensive-Player-of-the-Year was a four-time All-GPAC honoree. Richardson holds school records for shutouts in a season (12), saves in a career (495), wins in a career (41) and shutouts in a career (28). She earned All-GPAC First-Team honors in 2009 and 2010, while picking up second-team recognition in 2008 to go along with five GPAC Defensive Player-of-the-Week awards in her career. Richardson was named a team captain for three years at DWU.



For decades, **LOU AND CAROL SEBERT** have been a staple of Dakota Wesleyan University athletics. The couple has given generously to the school for years and can be spotted in the same seats at every Tiger home game. Several of the couple's children are alumni of DWU. Lou and Carol have lived in Mitchell since 1968 after moving from McLaughlin. Lou accepted a position at Dakota Pump in 1972, working to later own the business, which is now run by the couple's three sons. Lou has been very involved in Mitchell, serving on many boards including the Chamber of Commerce, St. Joseph Hospital and Avera Queen of Peace. He served eight years in the South Dakota House of Representatives. After that he ran and served as mayor of Mitchell for six years. Carol had the pleasure of being a stay-at-home mom, raising their six kids. Formerly, she worked in the snack shop at Dakota Wesleyan University. She has served on several boards and enjoys volunteering her time in various ways around the community. The couple enjoys spending time with their kids and 14 grandkids these days, while always making time for DWU athletics.



class notes.

We welcome alumni news for the **Class Notes** section of *Wesleyan Today*.

Please note that we edit Class Notes for length, with priority given to news specifically about alumni of Dakota Wesleyan. Go to the "alumni and visitors" link at www.dwu.edu and click on "update alumni information" to tell us what's new with you.

1930s

Howard Olsen '38, of Hopkins, Minn., celebrated his 100th birthday on Dec. 12, 2015.

1950s

Del Black '56, of Independence, Mo., enjoyed the great run to the World Series title by the Kansas City Royals.

Harry '56 and **Anita Radabaugh Dutt '58** visited South Dakota in June for a family reunion. They also visited with **John Lasher '58**, of Thousand Palms, Calif., after Christmas while watching their 16-year-old grandson play basketball.

1960s

Stuart '65 and **Georgiann Crum Crouse '64** have made Mesa, Ariz., their permanent home after traveling back and forth to Wyoming for the past 14 years. They plan to travel during the summer and enjoy Arizona the rest of the year. They encourage alumni to visit.

Donald DeVries '68 retired in June 2014, following his fifth term as mayor in Hot Springs. **Sheila Carroll DeVries '68** retired from Hot Springs Alternative High School in 2011. Together, they are enjoying time with their four grandchildren.

Kent Thomas '68, of Tecumseh, Okla., retired from medical practice.

Jack Early HD'69, former president of DWU (1958-1969), was recognized by the University of Kentucky in April 2015 as one of the first graduates to be inducted in the Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

1970s

JOHN KILBRIDE '71, of East Windsor, N.J., is writing the first of several books about South Jersey railroading. After viewing Kilbride's photos of South Dakota railroads which were photographed while he was attending his 40th DWU class reunion, a publisher contacted Kilbride. With his love of history, inspired by former professor **James McLaird '62, HD'05**, and writing and speaking skills honed as a student, Kilbride says his project is well underway.



"As I write, I'm reminded of my sophomore year editing the *Phreno Cosmian*," said Kilbride. "With articles and galley proofs in hand, I would take a shortcut from campus through the rail yard en route to the printers in downtown Mitchell. I guess that's where the connection between railroading and writing began. How interesting that history repeats itself."

His first book will be completed within the year.

Rex Piercy '71 moved to Madison, Wis., and is loving retirement.

Karen E. Clark '72, of Mitchell, was inducted into the Chamberlain School District Hall of Fame. She taught high school English and speech, and directed plays and the high school Improv Troupe at CHS for 13 years before transferring to Mitchell Technical Institute in 2004. She retired in May after completing 44 years of teaching.

1990s

Robert "Bob" Kornely Jr. '93, of Mission, has three children: Ryan (current DWU student, 21), Maddie (16) and Jaycob (8). He has been coaching and teaching for 25 years.

class notes.

Sharon Broghammer '98, of Mitchell, was named chaplain for the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary.

Eric Giblin '99 and his wife, Rachel, will welcome their third baby boy. He will join his brothers, Jack (3) and Brooks (1), and his half-sister, Brynn (7). Also, in July 2015, Eric, along with his brother, **Scott Giblin '99**, and their parents, Kenny and Mary Jane, were awarded Franchisees of the Year for the best Subway store relocation.

Terry Grindstaff '99, of La Vista, Neb., was awarded the 2015 Excellence in Education Award from the American Physical Therapy Association.

2000s

Don Wipf '00, of Missoula, Mont., graduated from a family nurse practitioner program and has accepted a position as a nurse practitioner-hospitalist at Benefits Health Systems in Great Falls, Mont.

Daniel Kopfmann '02, of Mitchell, was selected as the American Legion District 18 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Paula Larson '02, of Nashville, Tenn., married Bruce Middlebrooks in Copenhagen, Denmark, in October 2015.

Jeff Culhane '05 was named the next "Voice of the Bison" at North Dakota State University for KQWB-AM BISON 1660 radio.

Jody Veurink Nour '05, of Sioux Falls, accepted a new position as senior service program manager for GE Healthcare. She and her husband, **David Nour ex'04**, have three children.

Karen Antique '06, of Tyler, Texas, will attend graduate school in educational leadership to become a principal, and she also was chosen to be a part of the Tyler School District initiative to promote Latino leadership in the city.

class notes.



Dr. Ashley Schoenfelder Digmann '06 received the prestigious **Clarke Award for Teaching Excellence** during Commencement services. Digmann was named the Dakota Wesleyan University Department of Education chairwoman in spring 2015. She has been an adjunct instructor of mathematics at DWU since 2011 and began teaching full time in 2013.

Kyle Meier '09 and **Mallory Gould '11** were married July 25, 2015. They live in Pierre. Kyle works for the South Dakota Department of Transportation, and Mallory teaches eighth-grade U.S. history at Georgia Morse Middle School.

2010s

Thomas Madut '10, '11 finished his fourth Boston Marathon this spring with a time of 3 hours and 2 seconds. Out of the reported 30,741 runners, Thomas placed 1,446th overall. Madut is a student success adviser for TRiO Student Support Services on campus.

Lynn Geuke '11, of Plankinton, is a conservation officer for the South Dakota GF&P in Aurora and Jerauld Counties and was named the Midwest Law Enforcement Officer of the Year this past fall.

Jon Hart '11, '12 was named the athletic director at Dakota Wesleyan University.

Jeannette Mitchell '11, of Dallas, is working as a physics teacher and basketball and softball coach at Mansfield Timberview (Texas) High School.



A Pedaling Pair

Michael '64 and **Gretchen Hovda Quayle '63**, of Huron, Ohio, reached 100,000 miles on their tandem bike last August. It was a moment that was 19 years in the making. The Quayles were biking on the Northcoast Inland Trail in Fremont on Aug. 28, with their camera ready, and photographed their tandem bicycle's speedometer turning from 99,999 to 00 – because the speedometer just couldn't keep up with them past that. They estimate they've reached this milestone at least once before, having bought their first tandem bike in 1975, when their son turned 5, so they could include him in their cycling. They are now on their third tandem bicycle and estimate that since August, they have racked up 5,164 more miles. (A full article about the Quayles can be found in the Nov. 22, 2015, edition of the Sandusky Register, Huron, Ohio.)



'70s DWU Friends Unite

These former 1970s classmates have made it a priority to keep in touch through the years. They met up and snapped this photo in Rapid City in late 2015. From left to right: **Anna Marie Teachout Thatcher '70**, of Rapid City; **Jane Thompson '71**, of Rapid City; and **Ellen Wille Jones Morrow '70**, of Sycamore, Ill. (Submitted photo)



Harlem Globetrotters

Dr. Rocky Von Eye, DWU provost, poses for a photo with **Mike Lee** of the Harlem Globetrotters. Lee is a 2014 DWU graduate who played basketball for the Tigers and graduated with a sports management degree. The Harlem Globetrotters were in Sioux Falls on April 13 at the Denny Sanford Premier Center and Dr. Von Eye went to check it out and say, "Hi," to Mike. (Submitted photo)

class notes.



Coach Denney with Dakota Wesleyan Leaders

DWU leaders connected with **Mike '69** and **Bonnie Gaetze Denney '68** while at a conference at Maryville University in St. Louis in May. Mike is the head wrestling coach for Maryville. From left to right: **John Hart '11, '12**, DWU athletic director; **Mike and Bonnie Denney**; **Amy Novak**, DWU president; and **Kitty Allen**, DWU vice president for institutional advancement.



A Surprise 70th Birthday Party

This alumni group surprised **Sheila Carroll DeVries '68** with a 70th birthday gathering. From left to right: **Ruth Birrell '67**, of Hot Springs; **Charlie and Norma Heuer Najacht '68**, of Custer; **Don '68** and **Sheila Carroll DeVries '68**, of Hot Springs; **Randy '68** and **Donna DeCaro Pence ex'88**, of Oelrichs; and **Peary '66** and **Eileen DeVries Wilson '68**, of Custer. (Submitted photo)



South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame inducted three DWU alumni on April 2, 2016, at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls. Honored were: **Scott Morgan '93**, **Chris Miller '75** and **Elton Byre '60**. Hosting the breakfast was former DWU coach, **Gordon Fosness '57, HD'92**. From left to right: **Scott Morgan '93** and **Stacy Martin Morgan '90**, of Mitchell; **Chris Miller '75** and his wife, **Janelle**, of Louisville, Ky; **Gordon Fosness '57, HD'92**, of Harrisburg; **Elton Byre '60**, of Sioux Falls; and **Valerie Fosness Melmer '83** and **Rick Melmer '79**, of Sioux Falls.

Nicole Anderson '12, of Watertown, graduated from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., in May. She has been appointed to the First United Methodist Churches in Vermillion and Gayville/Volin and will begin July 1.

Christen Backes Mitchell '12, of Highmore, and her husband, Dusty, welcomed a son, William Robert, on June 1, 2015.

Justin Mitchell '12, of Portales, N.M., has been working at a law firm in Birmingham, Ala., but recently joined the U.S. Air Force and is studying to become a judge advocate (military lawyer). He will finish his education in September in Montgomery, Ala., and then will be stationed at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, N.M.

Kyle Miskimins '12, of Mitchell, and his wife, Jacki, welcomed a daughter, Hunter, in February 2016. Hunter joins her sister, Eleanor (4), and her brother, Palmer (1).

Aaron Rolen '12, of Dallas, graduated from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

Alex Hinz '13, of Denver, graduated with his law degree in April from the University of Denver.

Brittaney Schroeder '13 currently is providing substance abuse and mental health services in the Kansas City area, as well as doing group therapy and event planning. In her free time, she enjoys photography, poetry and painting and spending time with her puppy, Lucy.

Amanda Dixon '14, of Cape Coral, Fla., is a child protective investigator for the Department of Children and Families in Fort Myers, Fla.

Amanda Hart '14, '15 is director of operations for the women's basketball team at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Valerie Hummel LaBounty '14 is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

class notes.

Kayla Mielitz '14 moved to Alexandria in 2015 and taught fifth grade. She will teach sixth-grade social studies and sixth- through eighth-grade language arts this coming year.

Sammy Fluck '16, of Becker, Minn., will attend Missouri State University for her master's degree in athletic training, and also beginning her graduate assistant position at Evangel University this fall.

Deaths

Mildred Waltman MH'31 died Feb. 4, 2016. She was the oldest living alumna of Methodist Hospital.

Marian Thomas Reemtsma C'35, of Sun City, Ariz., died Oct. 27, 2015.

Cal Engel '37, of Aberdeen, died Dec. 29, 2015.

Emily Minnette Peterson '37, of Crane, died Dec. 19, 2015.

Melbert Reemstma '37, of Sun City, Ariz., died July 7, 2015.

Dr. Charles Mitchell '39, of Garland, Texas, died Feb. 8, 2016.

Lois Hixson Cannon '40, of Hadley, Mass., died Jan. 21, 2016.

Velma Everett Hodgins C'40, of Dearborn, Mich., died Feb. 16, 2016.

Daniel Hoyt '40, of Winona, Minn., died Aug. 11, 2015.

Esther Pedersen Tibke C'41, of Watertown, died Dec. 23, 2015.

Harriet Long Turnwall C'42, of Wagner, died March 29, 2016.

Eleanor Edge Yahne '42, of Louisville, Ky., died Oct. 2, 2015. She is survived by her husband, **Verne Yahne '47**.

Lorraine Swanson Froke C'43, of Rialto, Calif., died Jan. 19, 2016.

Donna Fritz Raterman C'44, of Bonesteel, died April 19, 2016.

Myron Seger ex'44, of Springfield, Ore., died Jan. 12, 2016.

Jean Reynolds Hirling '46, of Rapid City, died Dec. 14, 2015.

Betty Earles Giovando C'47, of Sun City West, Ariz., died March 31, 2016.

Kathryn Kay Marquardt MH'47, of Castro Valley, Calif., died Jan. 25, 2016.

Hilda Eleanor Thomsen Stydnicki MH'47, of Woodstock, Md., died Jan. 9, 2016.

Lyle Black '48, of Grimes, Iowa, died Dec. 17, 2015.

Jacqueline Blindermann Kellinger ex'48, of Longmont, Colo., died March 29, 2016.

Alice Baumann Schochenmaier C'48, of Chamberlain, died on Feb. 4, 2016.

Frank Lochridge Jr. '50, of Kalispell, Mont., died April 1, 2016.

Shirley Eskelson Lochridge ex'50, of Kalispell, Mont., died Feb. 6, 2016.

Marion Boortz Jopp MH'52, of Papillion, Neb., died April 4, 2010.

Dr. Laird McRae ex'52, of Longview, Wash., died March 25, 2016.

The Rev. Monroe Bell ex'53, of Geneva, Ill., died Nov. 26, 2015.

Elizabeth "Betty" Price Bossen MH'53, '54, of Rapid City, died Jan. 4, 2016. She is survived by her husband, **Francis Bossen '53**.

Delores Propper Irvine '56, of Rapid City, died Jan. 21, 2016.



Scotchman and Miss Wesleyan

Jordan Buchholz, of South Shore, and **Mareisha Marvin-Keys**, of Mitchell, originally of Chicago, were named the 2016 Scotchman and Miss Wesleyan during Dakota Wesleyan University's Honors Banquet. Nominees for Scotchman were: **Matthew Hockert**, of Reile's Acres, N.D.; **Caleb Heiberger**, of Hartford; **Dylan Lynde**, of Canistota; **Anthony Husher**, of Winner; **Daniel Mitchell**, of Volga; and **Jerry Stravia IV**, of Mitchell, originally of Denver. Additional Miss Wesleyan candidates were: **Katherine Varnado**, of Amite, La.; **Sammy Fluck**, of Becker, Minn.; **Madison-Ainsley Miller**, of Mitchell; **Hannah Harbour**, of Ore Grande, Calif.; **Haley Brunke**, of Scotland; and **Autumn Schmidt**, of White.



Greg Hansen '74



Tom Long '51

S.D. Sports Hall of Fame

Two DWU alumni, **Greg Hansen '74**, of Sioux Falls, and **Tom Long '51**, of Centennial, Colo., were inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame in April. Hansen, originally from Hurley, played for the Tiger basketball team under **Gordon Fosness '57, HD'92**, with a career total of 2,146 points and 1,047 rebounds. He still holds the DWU single-season free-throw record of 92 percent. Hansen served as sports editor of the Mitchell Daily Republic and the Sioux Falls Argus Leader, and is a member of the DWU, SDIC and South Dakota High School Basketball halls of fame. Long, originally of Woonsocket, played for the Tiger football, basketball and track teams. He went on to become a high school wrestling coach for 33 years in Rapid City. Perhaps best known for winning eight state titles during his tenure, he coached Olympian **Randy Lewis** to several national high school records. He was named to the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's Hall of Fame in 2001.

class notes.

Richard "Dick" Allen '59, of Le Mars, Iowa, died Nov. 21, 2015.

Betty Hodgson Hainy '59, of Mitchell, died Nov. 21, 2015.

Gladys Sneesby '59, of Little Falls, Minn., died Oct. 5, 2015.

Delores Fiskey Schoppert '61, of Menno, died March 3, 2016.

John Ingalls '62, of Wilmington, Mass., died Oct. 30, 2015.

Charles Hoehn III ex'64, of Sussex, N.J., died Feb. 2, 2016. He is survived by his wife, **Jean Hoehn '65**.

The Rev. Jeanne DeVries Higgins '64, of Spearfish, died Nov. 21, 2015. She is survived by her husband, **Gordon Higgins '64**; her son, **John Higgins '89**; her sister, **Eileen DeVries Wilson '68**; and her brother, **Don DeVries '68**.

John Montgomery ex'64, of Culver, Ind., died Dec. 22, 2015.

John Rice '66, of Ennis, Mont., died Nov. 27, 2015.

Paul L'Heureux '68, of Springfield, Mass., died Oct. 18, 2015.

The Rev. Richard Salmonson '68, of Mitchell, died Feb. 26, 2016. He is survived by his two sons, **Joel Salmonson '82** and **Robert Salmonson '08**; and his two grandsons, **Trevor Salmonson '11** and **Travis Salmonson '13**.

Stephen Darcey ex'69, of Woodbridge, Va., died Dec. 15, 2015.

Carol Molde Sambo '69, of Sioux Falls, died Nov. 23, 2015.

Douglas Hanson '70, of Mount Vernon, died Jan. 21, 2016.

Robert Paul HD '70, of Louisville, Ky., died March 20, 2016.

Karen DeBolt Moutement ex'70, of Cranbury, N.J., died Feb. 21, 2016.

Harriet Williams Miller '71, of Parkston, died Feb. 29, 2016.

Lynetta Bley Wine '73, of Wauneta, Neb., died April 12, 2016.

Corinne Luebbert Hauge '77, of Mitchell, died April 2, 2016.

Bernice Ymker Hempel '80, of Mitchell, died Dec. 19, 2015.

Illeen Beeson '88, of Wagner, passed away April 10, 2016.

Peggy Goodteacher Cournoyer '90, of Marty, died Feb. 14, 2016.

Carmel Flood '90, of Wagner, died Feb. 26, 2016.

Willard Zephier ex'94, of Yankton, died Dec. 9, 2015.

Charlet Kyte Waage '08, of Springfield, died Sept. 20, 2015.

Friends

Bruce Dayton, of Long Lake, Minn., died Nov. 13, 2015.

Viola Dallman Ost, of Ellendale, N.D., died Nov. 10, 2015.

2016 Date Book

- **Aug. 19-21** – New Student Orientation
- **Aug. 21** – All College Church
- **Aug. 25** – Opening Convocation and Theatre Groundbreaking
- **Sept. 16-18** – Blue & White Days
- **Sept. 16-18** – "Boeing, Boeing," by DWU Theatre
- **Sept. 23-25** – "Boeing, Boeing," by DWU Theatre
- **Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2, 7-9** – "God of Carnage," by DWU Theatre
- **Oct. 10** – Fall Break
- **Nov. 21-25** – Thanksgiving Break
- **Dec. 3-4** – Christmas at Dakota Wesleyan
- **Dec. 9** – Service of Lessons and Carols

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Dakota Wesleyan University is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The university will host a visit on **Oct. 24-25, 2016**, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission. Dakota Wesleyan University has been accredited by HLC since 1916. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet HLC's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college to the following address:

Public Comment on Dakota Wesleyan University
Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on HLC's website at www.hlcommission.org/comment. Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing.

All comments must be received by **Sept. 23, 2016**.

FACEvalue

ATHLETIC TRAINING It's Where It's AT!

A 96.5 percent pass rate on the first attempt at boards for the last three years puts the DWU Athletic Training program in the top 10 percent in the nation.

Dakota Wesleyan has 15 competitive teams in men's and women's sports, so athletic training students receive experience on the field and court, as well as during cross-disciplinary exercises with the nursing department.

WAYS THEY GIVE BACK:

All students have the opportunity to participate in the following service projects through the Athletic Training Club:

- blood pressure checks at Cabela's during opening pheasant-hunting weekend;
- blood pressure checks at campus chapel;
- blood pressure checks at basketball games;
- the Salvation Army Angel Tree shopping;
- the local Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics;
- athletic training tutoring; and
- the Great Wesleyan Giveback.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Dakota Wesleyan athletic training grads have a 100 percent placement rate into graduate/professional schools and jobs. Some of their careers include:

- Optometrists
- Physician assistants
- Physical therapists in Iowa, Minnesota, Arizona and South Dakota, to name a few
- Professor of physical therapy at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.
- Athletic trainers at the collegiate level: Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa; The University of South Dakota, Vermillion; South Dakota State University, Brookings; and Doane University, Crete, Neb.
- Athletic training outreach through: Sanford Health, Core Orthopedics, the Center for Neurosciences, Orthopaedics & Spine, and other hospitals and clinics
- Teachers and athletic trainers at the high school level
- Physician completing Sports Medicine Fellowship at Duke University

THIS YEAR'S GRADS ARE:

- Attending physical therapy school at Missouri State University, Briar Cliff University, USD, University of Mary and Des Moines University
- Pursuing Doctor of Chiropractic education at Northwestern University
- Attending physician assistant school at USD
- Attending medical school at USD
- Pursuing advanced athletic training degrees at SDSU, NDSU, Concordia (Wis.), Missouri State and the University of Western Australia (Perth, Australia)
- Doing an athletic training residency at Trinity Health (Texas)

DWU GRADS SAY:

Nicole Court-Menendez, Lewiston, Maine

"DWU welcomed me as family when I stepped onto campus for my tour, and the experiences offered were incomparable to other schools. I feel prepared to take on anything, and I know that if I need anything I can always get help from my professors and classmates. I feel that DWU had helped me to be prepared for my graduate assistantship, and I feel more than qualified to take on a wide array of challenges."

Jay A. Determan, Burke

"If I were to describe my time at DWU and my experiences in the athletic training program in three words, they would have to be: challenging, rewarding and family. The athletic training program and courses at DWU challenge you and expect a lot of students to be the best they can be. Rewarding, because by coming to DWU and going through the athletic training program, I am better prepared for my career as an athletic trainer due to the knowledge gained and experiences as an athletic training student. Family, because my friends in the athletic training program have become my family. We have gone through the toughest and most rewarding times together and without them I would not be where I am today."

1-The Class of 2016: back row, left to right: **Heather Willett**, of Canton; **Sterling Hubbard**, of Jamestown, N.D.; **Katelynn Runge**, of Brookings; **Jacob Devine**, of Harrisburg; **Jarren Saxon**, of Harrisburg; **Travis McDonald**, of Tyndall; **Sammy Fluck**, of Becker, Minn.; and **Trae Bergh**, of Crooks. Front row, left to right: **Jaymie Barrett**, of Scotland; **Caleb Heiberger**, of Hartford; **Zach Schneider**, of Sioux Falls; **Jay Determan**, of Burke; **Kelsey Newman**, of Columbus, Neb.; **Nicole Court-Menendez**, of Lewiston, Maine; **Adam Jahnel**, of Blair, Neb.; and **Jake Capko**, of Corvallis, Mont.

2-Senior **Sammy Fluck**, of Becker, Minn., works with a football player during her regular athletic training hours in the athletic training facility within the new DWU/Avera Sports and Wellness Complex.

3-Athletic training students volunteer for the Great Wesleyan Giveback. AT students are shown here picking up trash around Lake Mitchell. (Submitted photo)

4-DWU athletic training seniors demonstrate several trauma scenarios for visiting high school students during the spring Health Professions Visit Day.

5-The athletic training students and nursing students have conducted several cross-disciplinary training activities. In this photo, AT students acted as injured athletes and also helped to teach nursing students how to properly remove football pads and helmets.

DWU's athletic training program is certified by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), and as such, will follow the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) requirement that the professional degree for athletic trainers move from the bachelor's to master's level. DWU officials are currently applying for accreditation for the program through the Higher Learning Commission and CAATE. More information will be available on the DWU website in the coming months.



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