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A GREATER WESLEYAN REACHES COMPLETION



By Mari Olson

DWU announces completion of **\$41.5 million** capital campaign three years ahead of schedule



Four years ago Dakota Wesleyan embarked on the most ambitious fundraising campaign in the university's history – to raise \$40 million in seven years.

With 100 percent of faculty and staff contributing, and an overwhelming response by alumni and friends, DWU was able to announce over homecoming that the "A Greater Wesleyan" capital campaign met an early end at an even greater goal –

raising \$41.5 million in only four years.

"It has been the most humbling fundraising campaign of my life," said President Amy Novak. "Our faculty and staff, our alumni, our longtime friends of the university – all sharing a vision for what Dakota Wesleyan can and will be."

The university launched "A Greater Wesleyan" four years ago, inspired by the 1913 presidential address by Dr. Samuel Kerfoot. DWU had just completed the opening of the new Science Hall, and Kerfoot called for "A Greater Wesleyan" as fundraising efforts were focused on a new athletic facility and support for student scholarships.

In 2013, on the heels of the dedication for the Glenda K. Corrigan Health Sciences Center, Novak, then newly inaugurated as the university's 20th president, approached board members about "A Greater Wesleyan," a campaign with a similar primary goal: to build a new wellness center and indoor track and simultaneously build the endowment to support student scholarships and experiential learning opportunities.

The successful campaign resulted in \$19 million in facilities with the DWU/Avera Sports and Wellness Complex in 2016; the new DWU Theatre and the first phase of the Turchen Welcome Center this fall; significant renovations to the Christen Family Athletic Center and the Rollins Campus Center; and \$22.5 million invested in scholarships and endowments to support student achievement and additional faculty positions.

The new facilities that have opened on campus over the course of the last 15 years have transformed the landscape of Dakota Wesleyan into a 17-building campus with state-of-the-art science, wellness and theatre facilities. And with every new

building comes new opportunities and an uptick in overall enrollment.

Kitty Allen, vice president of institutional advancement, believes that the cycle of giving is what fuels scholarships and endowments.

"I am proud to know that our alumni and friends are making a remarkable impact on the future of Dakota Wesleyan and our students," Allen said. "Many give out of gratitude for how Dakota Wesleyan launched them into a lifetime of success or because of the value added to our community. We are honored to know that so many are excited about what is happening here."

As far as how all of this was possible – Novak knows it's entirely due to the people – alumni, donors, faculty and staff, as well as the students who represent the university with leadership and ingenuity.

"There have been countless individuals who have contributed to the success of this campaign," Novak said. "From our advancement team to our athletic department, from the McGovern Center leadership to our faculty and staff, the commitment of our team to this vision has been nothing short of remarkable."

And riding on the momentum of what has been a successful campaign, she isn't afraid to look forward to what comes next.

"Some people are going to think it isn't possible to complete another campaign in the next seven years," she said. "But that's what we do here. Education is the best investment I know for changing the trajectory of someone's life, a community and our world. This is why we can never stop in our pursuit of 'A Greater Wesleyan.' We want to continue to be a university deeply connected and committed to building the region for excellence. We are ever looking to **Forward Wesleyan.**"

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COVERSTORY

Dakota Wesleyan welcomed 90 leaders from nine different industry sectors in September for the university's first Innovation Summit. DWU is working with industry leaders to prepare today's graduates for tomorrow's challenges, while also encouraging them to return home to be leaders in their communities.



FROM THE PRESIDENT:



This fall, in addition to our typical homecoming festivities, we celebrated the completion of “A Greater Wesleyan,” our \$40 million campaign which kicked off in 2013. We knew it was ambitious; it was the largest campaign goal in our history.

At our annual Legacy Banquet, I was humbled and grateful to announce that not only did we surpass our goal, but we also did it three years ahead of schedule.

What does this mean? It means our students are able to participate in life-changing experiences, like traveling to Uganda to teach innovative gardening techniques, as a group of students and faculty did just this past Thanksgiving. It means athletic training students are

able to achieve their goals in the classroom and on the athletic field or court, as well as in new athletic training facilities. Theatre students perform in a new theatre that allows for tremendous flexibility in productions. And all freshman students participate in a course through the Kelley Center for Entrepreneurship that allows them to explore innovation and creativity through problem-solving.

Reaching this goal also means that we have entered a new era of community partnerships, where DWU sees its institutional vision as a university in and for

the community. Our DWU/ Avera Sports and Wellness Complex brings community members and DWU students together daily in their pursuit of a healthier lifestyle. Internships and experiential learning opportunities are happening in Mitchell at the James Valley Community Center, Wesley Acres, the Abbott House, and in businesses and schools across the region.

In its first year, we are proud to announce the President’s Circle has 342 charter members who provide gifts to the annual scholarship fund, Tiger athletics and the McGovern

Center.

Ultimately, all of this means that through the generous gifts of more than 5,000 donors, our students will continue to have transformative experiences at Dakota Wesleyan University.

My commitment to you, our alumni and friends, is that we will continue to pursue excellence and relevance as we educate the servant leaders of tomorrow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy C. Novak". The signature is written in a dark color, likely black or dark blue ink, and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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Snapshots

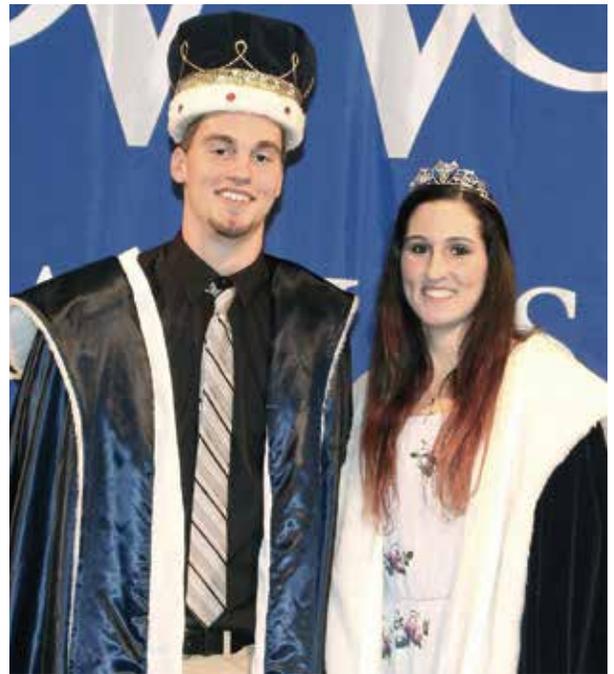
BLUE & WHITE DAYS 2017



DWU running back **Jonny Withrow**, of Kimball, Neb., and defensive end **Lukas Chase**, of Fort Pierre, run onto the field at Joe Quintal for the homecoming game versus Midland University. DWU won 55-21.



DWU's Science Club (CHAOS) and the Math Club got together to create "Men in Black" for the Blue & White Days parade theme of "The 1990s." Look closely – that is math professor **Dr. Michael Farney** as the alien roach. They won "Best Use of Theme." (Submitted photo)



Austin Buysse, of Minneota, Minn., and **Chesney Nagel**, of Springfield, were named the DWU homecoming king and queen for 2017.



Despite chilly weather and sporadic rain showers, the stadium was filled with Tiger fans who cheered their team on to a win.

Theatre Dedication

THE RON AND SHEILAH GATES DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE



The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Theatre has a new home. The ribbon cutting for the new DWU Theatre took place over homecoming weekend and already there have been two productions.

DWU announced the new facility in 2016, which was the third building in four years for the campus.

The 5,000-square-foot structure was attached to the south side of the Dakota Discovery Museum and includes a scene shop, office space, dressing rooms, bathrooms and a green room. The black box theatre is also built in such a way that allows multipurpose use from theatre-style to theatre-in-the-round.

"This is an extraordinary gift to the university, the Mitchell community and in support of the arts on our campus," said Dan Miller, DWU theatre director. "This theatre is going to impact how we present our productions and give our students a professional experience."





Bob Ruedeusch '78, Ken Novak, Ron HD'15 and Sheilah Gates, and Teresa Mach '78 and Brad '79 Pratt are shown during the dedication ceremony of the DWU Theatre and Turchen Welcome Center.

Major donors for the project include: **Ron and Sheilah Gates**, of Mitchell; **The Sam F. Weller Family Foundation**, of Mitchell; **Mike and Lesta Turchen**, of Hill City; the **Mitchell Area Charitable Foundation**; and **Mark Puetz and Katie Murphy**, of Mitchell.

The next show set for the theatre will be "Tartuffe" by Molière on March 16-18 and March 23-25.

At the entrance of the theatre, which is inside the museum, is the first phase of the Turchen Welcome Center with beautiful displays of the university's history laid out chronologically with photos and details of key moments.



For the DWU Theatre ribbon cutting, President **Amy Novak** is joined by **Ron '74 and Pam Birger '73 Martin; Michael Catalano**, mathematics professor; **Dan Miller**, theatre director; **Sheilah and Ron Gates HD'15; Mark Puetz and Katie Murphy** with their children **Eliza and James**; DWU senior **Lily Jones**; **Dave Olson**, representing the Sam Weller Foundation; and **Kitty Allen**, vice president of advancement.



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COLLEGE BRIEFS

Three DWU students present at global arachnid conference in Mexico

In July, Dr. Brian Patrick, associate professor of biology, led students Alecia VanTassel '17, of Wolsey; Kayla Olson '17, of Selby; and Nick Woslum, currently a senior, of Palmdale, Calif., to the 41st annual meeting of the American Arachnological Society held in Juriquilla, Mexico.

There, the students presented their own research and met with scientists from around the world. The student research included: research findings based on spiders captured on remnant prairies versus restored prairie land; the evolutionary relationships of several species of the genus *Erigone* spider; and descriptions on two newly discovered species in West Virginia and the Pacific Northwest. Full descriptions can be found at www.dwu.edu.

DWU receives \$20K grant for BlueLight Emergency Mobile App

Campus Consortium, the largest global education association of schools, colleges and universities, awarded a \$20,000 grant to Dakota Wesleyan University for the BlueLight Emergency Mobile App.

This app, which went into effect in the fall, allows DWU students and employees to have a one-touch call button that can also store medical and insurance information, alert designated guardians to the location of the emergency, and provides contact information for local emergency resources regardless of location. This means that even if the student is not on campus, the app can look up local emergency numbers for the user based on city.

Two DWU students advance to finals at Innovation Expo, one places first



Kellen Erpenbach



Sam Kretschmar

Kellen Erpenbach, a freshman from Norwood Young America, Minn., placed first out of 105 college students at the Innovation Expo in Sioux Falls in October. Erpenbach received a \$350 prize for his idea of sunglasses that could measure the distance and location of a golf ball when hit.

DWU freshman Sam Kretschmar, of Huron, was also one of the five finalists and received \$100 for his idea of an app that would consolidate all social media platforms for easier access.

President Novak receives Francis Asbury Award

The Francis Asbury Award for fostering United Methodist Ministries in Higher Education was awarded to President Amy Novak in June 2017.

The award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to fostering the church's ministries in higher education at the local, district or annual conference level of the church. The award is named for Bishop Asbury and is based on his admonition to the Methodist people to erect a school in the vicinity of every church. The Asbury award is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

"I am humbled and honored by this award, but the entire university community is truly the recipient of this honor," Novak said. "Their commitment, in countless ways, encouraging the development of mind, body, spirit and soul in our students, has fostered a growing spiritual maturity across our institution. We remain deeply grateful to the United Methodist community, whose pioneering leadership continues to support and advocate for education rooted in a commitment to service, justice, mercy and love."

Bishop Bruce R. Ough HD'16, resident bishop for the Dakotas-Minnesota area, also commented on Novak's award.

"I could not be more delighted that President Novak received this award. It is well-deserved," Ough said. "We are grateful for the leadership and spirit that Amy provides to DWU. We hope that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide Amy and the entire campus as they continue to live out its gospel mandate to educate young people and call them into deeper faith."



President Amy Novak receives the Francis Asbury Award from Bishop Bruce R. Ough HD'16, resident bishop for the Dakotas-Minnesota area. (Submitted photo)



DATELINES

Aug. 10: President Amy Novak speaks at the Faith and Business Conference in Sioux Falls.

Aug. 19: DWU Freshman Food Drive brings in 2,573 pounds of nonperishable food items for the Mitchell Area Food Pantry.

Sept. 16: DWU Campus Ministry hosts a Make-A-Wish South Dakota 5K run/walk.

Sept. 29: The World's Only Corn Palace announces partnership with DWU digital media and design department to design the 2019 murals for the Corn Palace. On Oct. 25, the announcement of the theme – "A Salute to the Military" – was announced.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1: The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Theatre performs "A Musical Revue: A Look Back at Past Years of DWU Musicals."

Oct. 15: The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music performs the fall concert, "All Creatures of Our God and King."

Oct. 18: Mitchell Area Youth Night brings Sean Binder to campus to talk about "being present" in a world full of technology. Binder, director of Storm Mountain Center in Rapid City, was interviewed by South Dakota Public Broadcasting, as well as DWU Campus Pastor Eric Van Meter, for a special piece on how technology affects people's lives.

Oct. 20: The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Theatre performs the production "Art" by Yasmina Reza.

Oct. 22: The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music performs the instrumental concert, "A Little Night Music."

Oct. 24: The Entrepreneurship Mall takes place in the Sherman Center with DWU students showcasing their businesses.

Nov. 2-5: The Highlanders vocal ensemble travels on a fall tour to six towns in South Dakota, performing eight concerts.

Nov. 8: The South Dakota Hunger Summit brings speaker A.J. Altman to campus to speak. The McGovern Center also awards the Rev. Erika Lehmann, of Dimock, the McGovern Hunger Ambassador Award.

Dec. 2-3: The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music performs Christmas at Dakota Wesleyan.

Dec. 8-9: The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music performs the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols at the First United Methodist Church and then again at the Geddes United Methodist Church.

Dec. 5: Carol Weiss, accounts receivable accountant, receives the staff Professional Excellence Award for the fall term, and Christine Mauszycki, assistant professor of accounting and business administration, receives the Professional Excellence Award for faculty.

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COLLEGE BRIEFS

Madut selected as South Dakota TRiO president, attends conference at Princeton



Thomas Madut '10, '11, TRiO Student Success adviser and peer mentor coordinator, was selected as the state president for all TRiO Student Support programs operating in South Dakota and was invited to take part in the Council for Opportunities in Education (COE) Executive Leadership Institute for College Opportunity Professionals at Princeton University. The conference took place from Sept. 28 through Oct. 1,

and representatives from COE programs throughout the country attended. COE is the national nonprofit organization that encompasses TRiO programs which work to expand college opportunities and success for low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities. Madut's training included speaker sessions, breakout sessions and policy workshops.

"It was really quite an honor to be a part of this group," Madut said. "Our goals are the same – to help students succeed in their education and provide access to the help they might need to do so. I was a TRiO student when I attended Dakota Wesleyan, so I know its impact."

Madut was formally sworn in as South Dakota's TRiO president in October at the ASPIRE Regional Conference in Salt Lake City. He will travel to Washington, D.C., in March to attend the annual policy seminar and present the case study his group was assigned during the Princeton conference.

Record enrollment once again for Wesleyan

DWU's 2017 fall enrollment was another record.

DWU's enrollment this past fall was at 918 students, which is up 18 from last year's record. The university also welcomed a record 274 new students – which includes 196 traditional freshmen, a 13 percent increase from last year's count of 174.

"We're excited that our overall enrollment is increasing, and our traditional freshman numbers are part of that success," said Fredel Thomas '14, dean of admissions and marketing. "We work hard to help students visualize themselves in a university environment, and our success is truly found in the staff, faculty and coaches who build relationships and guide students in their college decision. Our enrollment growth is definitely aided by the fact that DWU has been in a period of momentum that has spanned two decades with campus growth and revitalization."

This year also saw 78 transfer students and 162 students enrolled in online programs, including the RN-Bachelor of Science in nursing degree, the Bachelor of Arts-business degree, and the Master of Arts in Education and Master of Business Administration degrees.

Not included in the 918 are an additional 99 high school students who are enrolled in dual-credit courses at DWU.



DWU's CNA Summit

The Rural Nursing Initiative at Dakota Wesleyan University hosted its second Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Summit on campus this past June and invited comedian **Jan McInnis** and **Dr. Patch Adams**, right, to speak. Adams is the man behind the Hollywood film, "Patch Adams." He is a medical doctor, clown and a social activist who believes that laughter, joy and creativity are integral parts of the healing process. McInnis is a professional speaker, comedian and comedy writer who has sold her work to "The Tonight Show," radio stations and other outlets. She has published two books. The summit is designed for anyone who is a CNA, aspires to be a CNA or is a supporter of the CNA profession. There were 67 CNAs on the first day and 82 on the second. "Our goal is to promote and support the profession by providing this summit as a means to network and share pride for the profession," said **Stacey Patzlaff**, former Rural Nursing Initiative coordinator and now a member of the nursing faculty at DWU.



DWU Students to Design 2019 Corn Palace Murals

The DWU digital media and design students will design the murals for 2019 (going up this summer), and the theme will be a "Salute to the Military." DWU was invited to take part in the Corn Palace's theme reveal on Oct. 25, where it was also announced that South Dakota's newest military namesake will be the USS South Dakota – a Virginia-class, nuclear submarine. It has been 70 years since a naval vessel was named in honor of South Dakota – that being the USS South Dakota battleship – a highly decorated battleship which was in service from 1942 to 1947. Four crew members for the USS South Dakota were in attendance for the announcement and toured DWU's campus. The photo shows DWU President **Amy Novak**; DWU adjunct **Alyson Palmer**; members of the SS South Dakota which will soon be commissioned as the USS South Dakota; and **Kyle Herges**, associate professor of digital media and design at DWU. Herges and Palmer will lead a team of DWU digital media and design students in designing the murals. The designs had not yet been released by time of printing.

McGovern Civic Engagement Forum



Dakota Wesleyan University, along with KORN News Radio in Mitchell, hosted the **McGovern Civic Engagement Forum** on campus on Oct. 17 with candidates discussing the topic, "What Makes a Nation Great?" Congressional candidates **Tim Bjorkman**, **Dusty Johnson** and **Shantel Krebs** were in attendance, as well as gubernatorial candidates **Lora Hubbel**, **Marty Jackley** and **Terry LaFleur**. Gubernatorial candidates **Kristy Noem** and **Billie Sutton** were not in attendance. Upcoming speakers for Dakota Wesleyan include:

FEB. 27, 2018: Carhart Lecture – **Chuck Kutscher**, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

MARCH 20, 2018: **Lee Ann Roripaugh**, South Dakota Poet Laureate

Uganda Partnerships:

DWU returns to Africa to check projects

Dr. Alisha Vincent, executive director of the McGovern Center, was in rural Uganda with six students over Thanksgiving, assisting with ongoing efforts for sustainable school feeding projects and other agriculture and enterprise programs. The sustainable school feeding project was developed more than a year ago by Vincent and DWU senior Cierra Schneider, of Sioux Falls, as a way to honor Sen. George McGovern's passion for school feeding programs. The project sought to use innovative growing methods to help schools grow and harvest enough food to feed students and remain sustainable over time. The project launched last January in two schools in eastern Uganda, Nakigunju primary and Tendo Education Center. Tendo is a school overseen by AsOne Ministries, a nonprofit founded by DWU alumnus Andrew DeVaney '15.



Cierra Schneider

Today, more than 400 children are being fed multiple times a week through the school lunch programs with students, parents and teachers growing all the food that is harvested on five or fewer acres of land.

"We worked with the parents, teachers and our local experts, Steven and Esther, over the past year to design and deliver a strategy to grow a nutritious lunch capable of feeding all the kids at least a few times a week. We were blown away by the progress in both locations," Vincent said.

Before the program, students were dismissed for lunch but would often go home and not eat because food wasn't available. According to teachers in Nakigunju, attendance in the afternoon dropped by as much as 40 percent. After the program, teachers report better attendance, improved participation, increased family support, better academic performance and more. According to the headmaster, attendance jumped by 100 students this year because parents want to send their children to a school that provides food.

"In Nakigunju, the kids have taken their greens-growing practices home, and the teachers reported that many parents are now growing greens for their families. It's been amazing to be part of this program," Schneider said.

DWU has also been working with farmers in the region to improve crop-growing and animal-rearing practices through their Livestock for Life and Farmer Field Training School projects. These projects have been developed in conjunction with local leaders to provide families with animals like pigs or goats. Offspring of these animals are then provided to other needy families. More than 50 families have benefited from the project over the last five years.

Vincent credits the success of the program to Schneider; Esther Nampeera, a Ugandan scientist and agriculture Ph.D. candidate; Steven Mududa, the Ugandan project coordinator; McGovern Center supporters; Mebius Nursery in Mitchell; as well as the parents and teachers at both schools.

While in Uganda, the students also checked in on the P31 soap project they initiated a couple of years ago with a local women's cooperative – a project to help women create their own soap-making business in order to support their families. P31 is now being managed by AsOne Ministries. Students then visited a savings group launched from one of DWU's farmer school projects, took part in cultural ceremonies, local church services and conducted a health clinic supported by Wyonne Vander Tuin Kaemingk '76, '77, retired DWU nursing professor.



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DWU and MTI expand to include new construction-entrepreneurial degree

By Mari Olson

It's a partnership worth growing.

Dakota Wesleyan University and Mitchell Technical Institute share the same hometown, community and now – alumni.

Last year, DWU and MTI announced an articulation agreement that allowed students to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from DWU with an emphasis in agriculture from MTI. As of this past summer, both schools have expanded this partnership by introducing a Bachelor of Science degree in entrepreneurial leadership from Dakota Wesleyan with an emphasis in residential construction or drafting/commercial construction from Mitchell Technical Institute.

This collaboration provides hands-on construction education at MTI with the entrepreneurial leadership education from DWU that focuses on problem-solving, communication and business skills.

The decision to create another program between the schools derived from the reaction they received from their first collaboration, said Fredel Thomas '14, dean of admissions and marketing at DWU.

"Dakota Wesleyan and MTI work well together, and students are benefiting from the partnership," Thomas said. "The interest we received with our business-ag degree was overwhelming and immediately opened a new dialogue, not just between schools but parents and students who now realize they can ask this question: What else can DWU and MTI offer together? A technical degree in construction but with the business background and communication skills offered by a university was one that rose to the top – by students and by the demands of the workforce around us."

Doug McCune is the operations manager at Puetz Corporation and is also an adviser to the Architectural Design and Building Construction program at MTI.

"There is a present and ever-growing need in the construction industry for qualified and educated individuals who are prepared to hit the ground running and become future leaders," McCune said. "The joint effort between DWU and MTI to create this unique program will provide a great opportunity for future generations to gain the knowledge and skill set to become successful and productive leaders in our industry."

According to Julie Brookbank, associate to the president at MTI, the opportunity to design a partner program was appealing.

"Many of our students in construction-related programs have an entrepreneurial drive and hope to one day own their own businesses," Brookbank said. "A formalized plan will allow them to learn successful business practices and develop their technical skills in construction at the same time."

"DWU continues to seek collaborations that enhance the workforce of the region," said Dr. Amy Novak, DWU president. "As the demand for supervisory leadership skills emerges in the commercial and residential construction industry in the state, DWU sees this partnership as a way to ensure students have the applied skills and strong business acumen to be successful industry leaders."

DWU and MTI advisers will work together to ensure students are registered correctly at both schools, and students should be able to graduate in four years if they follow their adviser's plan. They may also qualify for financial aid to both institutions, and students enrolled in either DWU-MTI program will also be capable of participating in collegiate athletics, clubs and organizations.



Awards

DWU's M.B.A. ranked by CEOWORLD Magazine

Dakota Wesleyan University's Master of Business Administration program was ranked as one of the 25 most affordable online business degrees among U.S. universities and colleges by CEOWORLD Magazine over the summer. CEOWORLD uses six criteria: academic reputation, admission eligibility, job placement rate, recruiter feedback, specialization, and global reputation and influence.

University's M.A. in Education ranked as one of most affordable online master's degrees

Dakota Wesleyan University's Master of Arts in Education degree has been named one of the most affordable online programs by Best Master's Degrees.

Best Master's Degree's site ranks 30 colleges for their online master's degrees in education. The ranking was considered based on 89 colleges listed by the National Center for Education Statistics College Navigator Database, then narrowed to those programs with regional or national rankings from major publications and then ranked based on affordability, according to the release. The website profiles 30 schools and DWU ranks No. 18.

DWU ranked by U.S. News & World Report Best Regional Colleges-Midwest and as Best Value Schools

Dakota Wesleyan University is once again ranked among America's best regional colleges for the Midwest, according to the U.S. News & World Report 2018 Best Colleges rankings, released in September. This year, the university was also named one of the Best Value Schools for Midwestern regional colleges.

This is the fifth year that Dakota Wesleyan is ranked as one of U.S. News & World Report's Best Regional Colleges-Midwest, which includes 12 states.

"This recognition confirms the university's commitment to academic excellence and the development of authentic leadership skills, while ensuring students are exposed to our core values of faith and service," said Dr. Amy Novak, DWU president. "The designation as a Best Value university further validates our commitment to affordability while ensuring our graduates are truly prepared with relevant, work-place-ready skills and dispositions to become leaders."

According to its press release, "the U.S. News rankings methodology focuses on academic excellence, with schools evaluated on hundreds of data points and up to 15 measures of academic quality. Overall, the rankings emphasize student outcomes – such as graduation and freshman retention rates."

Best Value Schools were selected based on academic quality and cost and only those schools ranked in the top half of their 2018 Best Colleges ranking categories were considered.

DWU's Master of Arts-Education degree makes list of most affordable

Dakota Wesleyan University's Master of Arts in Education degree was named one of the 30 most affordable private college online programs this fall by GradSchoolHub.com for 2017-18.

Grad School Hub's mission is to provide expert information on high-quality accredited graduate degree programs offered by the nation's best universities to help prospective students find the program that best fits their needs, stated the announcement.



DWU DAY OF GIVING

Dakota Wesleyan's first **DAY OF GIVING** was a huge success in raising money for the scholarship fund, and also as a way to engage alumni of all ages.

Day of Giving's campaign took to social media to do just that and through the leadership efforts of Ariana Arampatzis, a 2017 graduate and newest member of the advancement crew, multiple videos and posts were produced to entertain and engage the social media crowd through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. There were T-shirt giveaways for meeting donation goals through the 36-hour fundraising effort (technically, "Day" of Giving was over the course of two working days). There were also funny videos that could be "unlocked" for viewing if goals were met – everything from President Amy Novak doing a pogo-stick contest against Wesley the Tiger, to Dr. Michael Catalano singing.

"Our Day of Giving was a special event because we were raising money for the students; all the money raised goes to the scholarship fund, and that is something that everyone can get excited about because so many of us have benefited from the kindness of strangers in our own education experiences," said Kitty Allen, vice president of advancement. "One hundred percent of our full-time traditional students receive financial aid, so the Day of Giving has great significance for our campus. We were also hoping to make it something worth watching over two days; something alumni and friends would have fun taking part in."

BY THE NUMBERS: Nov. 1-2, 2017

262 separate donations

\$34,386 raised

Presidential Challenge: \$1,500

Cartwheel Challenge: \$875

President Novak and Wesley the Tiger (attempted) one cartwheel for every dollar that came in between 4 and 5 p.m. They had help from the track and cross country team and cheerleaders.

Cub Club: \$1,145

Mike & Mike: 18 donations to unlock a video of Dr. Mike Catalano singing a special song

All Day of Giving videos are still available for viewing on the DWU YouTube channel.



Generations Speak

Students interview, record Mitchell senior residents' experiences and life stories

By Mari Olson

Sometimes a professor has to look beyond the walls of a university to find the lessons – and stories – about life not found in a textbook.

Three classes have done just that by stepping out of the classroom and into the lives of older adult residents in Mitchell.

Recording Histories

Dr. Joel Allen, associate professor of religion, took 22 students in the Faith and Reason class to Wesley Acres Senior Living to interview residents about their lives and record their stories for posterity.

Those profiles were then given to the residents to keep, as well as uploaded to Story Corps – a national nonprofit organization for preserving stories, housed at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

"The logic of the project was that younger people are tending to become more and more nonreligious, as opposed to the older generation," Allen said. "We wanted to ask this older generation what has helped them keep their faith, why has it remained important?"

The students asked residents how faith impacted their lives, as well about their personal life experiences.

"The connections made between the students and residents were quite remarkable," Allen said. "In one case, the anxieties expressed about family members led to the student and resident praying together. That was a holy moment."

Bryce Blank, a junior from Rapid City, was in Allen's class and was

paired with a resident named Pat.

"Pat emphasized the power of prayer and positivity, the value of asking questions from your parents and appreciating them while they are here, and the humility of asking for forgiveness both from others and from God," Blank said. "Pat also showed me that communication, compromise and respect are key aspects of a healthy relationship. She said that you can't change people, and life is too short to spend it trying. Instead of changing people, we need to support them and let them know that we love them, and we are proud of the things that they do. Above all, Pat told me to never give up. Whether that is in relationships, in fighting an illness, in trying to make ends meet, or in my faith in God, I should never give up."

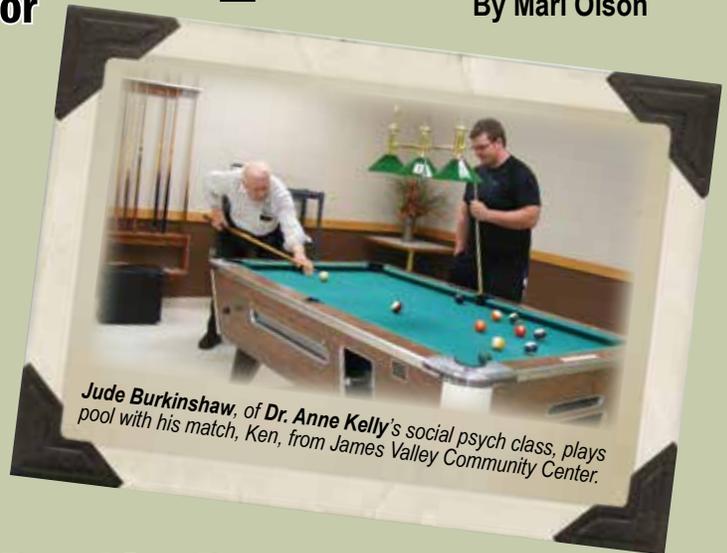
Margaret, 93, was paired with senior Levi Rozeboom, of Inwood, Iowa.

At first, Margaret didn't know if Rozeboom would like meeting with "an old lady," but she said they got along just fine and after his visits, she began watching for his number during DWU football games. Margaret agreed to do the project because she likes that part of the goal – to discuss faith openly.

"A lot of kids these days, they don't want people to know if they have beliefs, but (Levi) did, and ... I thought that was very nice, and I admired him for that."

Rozeboom was equally impressed by Margaret, saying that she was an amazing lady.

"The biggest thing I took from the project was a direct quote from her, 'Life isn't all roses,'" he said. "Everyone has struggles and battles all throughout life. She taught me not to take losses so negatively and to learn from them and grow closer to God. It was an amazing experience."



Jude Burkinshaw, of Dr. Anne Kelly's social psych class, plays pool with his match, Ken, from James Valley Community Center.

Breaking Down Stereotypes

Psychology professor Dr. Anne Kelly's Social Psychology class also reached out to the community, but with a different goal. Her class interviewed older adults about their life experiences to glean a core piece of wisdom and to break down stereotypes in today's culture about the elderly.

During these interviews, students dove deeply into their matches' lives and found themes of love, loss, perseverance, tragedy, achievement – things that everyone of any age can relate to. And with enough years passed, those experiences grow into wisdom, into life lessons.

"We pull together the stories they share and give back narratives of their lives ... so we can say to the older adult partner, 'This is you, and this is what you have taught me over the course of the semester,'" Kelly said. "Often, we lose sight of our own stories. We get caught up in the day-to-day, and sometimes it takes a person from outside to step back and listen to us and say, 'This is what I get from you, and these are the wonderful things you have taught me.'"

The profiles are given to the matches, but the real takeaways are from the personal visits. Kelly said that one student's match taught her how to can food, make potholders and buy a house; another pair went Polka dancing; and one student invited her match home for Thanksgiving, hoping to set him up with her aunt.

"A stereotype that we mistakenly attach to the older generation is that they are 'grumpy old men,' but

really what we see is that the vast majority of elderly are less fearful, less anxious, less angry ... somehow they learn to let so much of that go, and that is worth looking at. What in these people's lives molded them and challenged them and made them say, 'Some things aren't worth worrying about?'"

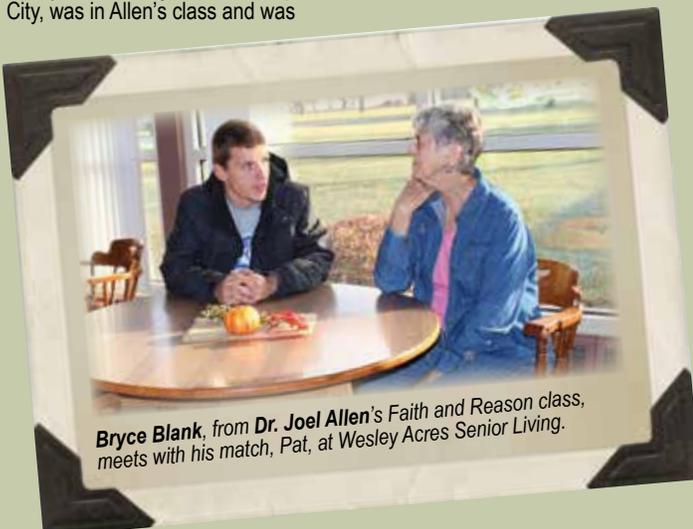
In addition to her social psych class, Kelly took her Cognitive Psychology class to Firesteel Healthcare Center this semester, and 20 students were paired with 10 residents with Alzheimer's Disease.

After meeting with their residents, families brought in photographs and newspaper clippings from the residents' lives, which the students put into a small, lightweight booklet with captions.

The books can have a calming effect on residents, Kelly said, and also, for new employees at Firesteel, the books become an instant introductory piece between the resident and the new staff.

The project, as a whole, exposes cognitive psych students to real people and their struggles and teaches students what to expect in a situation where behavior is unpredictable, Kelly said.

"And yet, they are still connecting," Kelly said. "One resident sang the whole time, but the students went with it, and that is still connecting. When we were leaving, one of the residents called me over and he took my hand and he held it for the longest time, and he expressed a certain gratitude and he said repeatedly, 'I didn't even know I could cry, and I cried again,' and I said, 'I hope they are happy tears,' and he said, 'They are happy tears.'"



Bryce Blank, from Dr. Joel Allen's Faith and Reason class, meets with his match, Pat, at Wesley Acres Senior Living.

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a look at the DWU Campus Community



Dakota Wesleyan education majors and L.B. Williams Elementary School students teamed up during the Education Visit Day to show visiting high school students how the DWU and L.B. Williams partnership works for the benefit of all.



New Student Orientation this year also included an ice cream social in the McGovern Library.



The DWU staff and faculty baked (and bought) cookies and other treats for the whole campus on Dec. 12 for the first day of finals. The Cookie Crumble took up four tables in the Rollins Campus Center and lasted most of the day.



Dakota Wesleyan alumni and friends came out on July 29 for DWU Night at the Canaries in Sioux Falls. It was a great night with 175 people joining in for fun and fellowship over hot dogs, hamburgers and baseball, and the DWU head football coach, **Ross Cimpl**, threw the first pitch. (Photo by Jerrett Mills)

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Innovation Summit

Innovation Summit invites industry to weigh in on the future of higher education

By Mari Olson

Dakota Wesleyan welcomed 90 leaders from nine different industry sectors in September for the university's first Innovation Summit – a convergence of ideas and industry experience with the goal to flesh out the most meaningful ways to prepare today's graduates for tomorrow's challenges, while also encouraging them to return home to be leaders in their communities.

Though the summit largely focused on rural healthcare, rural education and rural business, these themes are of a broader vision: Dakota Wesleyan is positioning itself to be at the forefront of equipping people for leadership in rural America.

The university is recommitting to and revitalizing a need singled out 98 years ago by then-DWU President William Schermerhorn who called for the creation of a Center for Rural Leadership – which was based on evidence that the vitality of rural communities is closely tied to its ability to develop and retain knowledgeable, skilled and motivated leaders.

Today, the university envisions an Institute for Rural Leadership at DWU that will become a center for applied rural research.

"Countless universities are studying urban problems, but we have yet to identify any universities engaged in applied research of best practices in rural healthcare, rural education, rural commerce and rural churches," President Amy Novak said recently. "DWU wants to be

at the forefront of rethinking rural, leveraging technology and simultaneously strategizing how to encourage more young talent to see the opportunities in rural communities."

And all of this begins with asking the people who already have first-hand experience.

"DWU is distinct because it's listening to the industries in order to better determine what graduates will require when they enter the workforce," Novak said to the 90 individuals sitting around tables in the Sherman Center last fall. "... Our challenge to each of you is to help us think through what it is we can do to achieve this vision of a premiere business school in rural America, of an institute, the first in the country that we can find, that is dedicated to (fostering) rural leadership across industry sectors, and

Innovation Summit

focusing on healthcare that extends beyond the biology of disease to the biology of wellness. ... That's **Forward Wesleyan**, and we're inviting you to give your input to help us position DWU graduates for well-being and success."

Equipping students for the digital world

DWU adopted technology in the classroom long ago – adding smart boards, nursing simulation labs and innovation labs – but DWU professors are also looking at ways to approach teaching practices that better fit with today's students and prepare those students for the unknown technological advances of tomorrow. Using project-based learning, increasing experiential learning – the kind that takes students out of the classroom and into the workplace – and promoting digital literacy will be critical to equipping students for the ever-evolving work environment.

"Today's kindergarteners are faced with more tech than today's 30-year-olds had in college," Novak said recently. "Our future graduates – in all fields – need to cultivate familiarity and dexterity with technology, as well as the critical thinking skills needed to adapt to any environment after graduation.

"We need to continue to foster future leaders who are lifelong learners."

In the coming months, Dakota Wesleyan will announce the full spectrum of Digital DWU, an initiative that combines time-tested classroom experiences with real-world skills and technology.

Digital DWU is a set of university-wide learning environments that include more opportunities for hands-on learning experiences which build the critical-thinking skills necessary in a world that is constantly reinventing itself.

Rural healthcare

Dakota Wesleyan is home to the Rural Nursing Initiative, a partnership with regional healthcare facilities, which is focused on equipping nurses for work in rural communities and providing professional development opportunities for healthcare workers. Since 50 percent of DWU nursing graduates practice in rural areas, the summit inquired about trends, needs and deficits for rural healthcare from healthcare professionals.

Survey responses indicated a belief that the

following services promote health and well-being: personalized care and treatment; diet and nutrition; spiritual counseling; exercise coaching; mental health counseling; chiropractic care; and stress relief, mindfulness and coping with anxiety.

These results are in tune with DWU's approach to integrated health – one that invites different fields of study and research to weigh in on a person's overall health.

"Healthcare is about more than the diagnosis of the disease, but about the whole person," Novak said. "We want to integrate personalized care and treatment with nutrition, spiritual counseling, mental health counseling, and with advances in healthcare screenings, DNA testing and a general understanding of how our mental and emotional health directly impacts our physical health. Healthcare professionals of tomorrow are going to take an integrated approach to medicine, and our healthcare program will reflect this."

Rural business

For the past 75 years, the business program at DWU has been housed in the basement of Smith Hall. Recognizing the ever-evolving nature of business, DWU must reconsider how business education prepares students for future leadership. The Innovation Summit invited regional leaders to consider how the future DWU School of Business Innovation and Leadership could distinguish itself from other schools of business. Industry leaders offered insight into the necessary skills and leadership dispositions required of future graduates.

Results from surveys taken during the summit concluded that an overwhelming number of industry leaders – 94 percent – believe that communication skills are pivotal to their organization. Other results were:

- 88 percent affirmed that project-oriented learning and applied work experiences were vital for successful job performances;
- 86 percent stressed the importance of ethics;
- 80 percent said work ethic and leadership skills ensured long-term job success;
- 79 percent valued problem-solving skills;
- 78 percent identified curiosity and creativity as vital;
- 74 percent acknowledged the importance of critical thinking skills; and
- 60 percent mentioned entrepreneurial mindset.

The DWU Center for Business Innovation and Leadership will strive to address these industry needs through internships, mentorships, capstone projects, real-world experience and feedback in investments and business startups. All experiences will be based on the university's values: learning, leadership, faith and service.

"We feel that our approach to developing servant leadership, critical thinking skills, digital literacy and a moral compass are fostering the dispositions industry leaders are demanding," Novak said following the summit. "We will continue to focus on the intentional development of these skills and dive more deeply with the guidance of industry leaders. We'll help students develop the leadership attributes of resiliency, curiosity and problem-solving that will be pivotal to growing the rural and global economies of our future."

Rethinking rural

Part of the summit tackled issues of recruitment, retention and education of employees. The participants' surveys revealed that:

- 69 percent believed technology would radically change rural communities in the next decade;
- 41 percent suggested new models of rural education would leverage technology to meet the demands of isolated populations;
- 30 percent indicated creating more/better paying jobs was the key to rural revitalization;
- 29 percent said recruiting employees was a top priority; and
- 28 percent indicated that developing quality-of-life amenities was vital to recruitment and retention.

Dakota Wesleyan graduates have a long tradition of shaping rural communities: 85 percent of DWU's education majors and 50 percent of nursing majors work in rural areas. Novak expects future graduates to continue to have a great impact on rural areas.

"We can write a different narrative that celebrates the significance of being small," Novak told the summit. "... At the end of the day, when we talk about how to shift the trajectory of the economic growth and social mobility of this country, fundamentally, the way to do that is through education and investment in people."



● **88%**

of business leaders stress the importance of **PROJECT-ORIENTED LEARNING** and **WORK EXPERIENCE**.

● What trend is most likely to **IMPACT YOUR ORGANIZATION** in the next 10 years?

93% Technology
54% Workforce
47% Adaptability

● **78%**

identify **CURIOSITY** and **CREATIVITY** as vital to job success.



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Dynamic Duo

DILLON TURNER and HAYDEN ADAMS

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By Jerrett Mills '16
and Ian McClanahan '16
Sports Contributors

With one growing up in a small town in Arkansas and the other growing up in the suburbs of Chicago, **DILLON TURNER** and **HAYDEN ADAMS** experienced two different extremes. But once they stepped foot on the Dakota Wesleyan University campus, they grew a connection that will go down in the DWU football record books for years to come.

The dynamic duo joined the Tiger football team in 2014 with big shoes to fill. Turner came in one year after DWU record-setting quarterback Jon Bane played for the Tigers, while Adams was attempting to fill the shoes of Anthony Muilenburg, a two-time AFCA All-American.

Turner earned the starting job after the first game of the 2014 season and started every game of his career after that. Turner finished his freshman season with 1,741 passing yards, 357 rushing yards and 21 total touchdowns. Adams began his freshman season playing in nine of 11 games and snagged 12 catches for 180 yards and two touchdowns.

During his second season, each player led the team in their respective position. Turner finished with 2,366 passing yards and 29 touchdowns, while also leading the team rushing with 889 rushing yards and six touchdowns. The Salem, Ark., native was named All-GPAC Second Team for his performance throughout the season. Adams led the team with 57 catches for 875 yards and 14 touchdowns on his way to an All-GPAC First-Team nod.

The 2016 season was one to remember for Turner. He finished as the leading passer and rusher on the team for the second season in a row. Turner tallied 3,197 passing yards, averaging 290.6 passing yards per game and threw for 39 touchdowns. On the ground, he broke the 1,000-yard mark with 1,043 rushing yards for eight touchdowns, averaging 94.8 rushing yards per game. The



record-breaking season finished with Turner being named GPAC Player-of-the-Year. Adams only played in eight games in 2016 due to injury, but he still finished with 63 catches for 716 yards and nine touchdowns. The Villa Park, Ill., native was named All-GPAC Second Team after his junior season.

With one season left to play, the Turner-to-Adams connection came to fruition as each player solidified his place in the DWU football record books. In the fourth game of the season, the Tigers went to Crete, Neb., and lost a shootout 68-67 to Doane University. Adams finished the game, breaking the school record for receptions and receiving yards in a game with 18 catches for 254 yards. Turner finished the game with 405 passing yards, 122 rushing yards and six total touchdowns.

Turner finished his senior campaign with 3,400 passing yards, 926 rushing yards and 48 touchdowns. He tied the GPAC record for passing touchdowns in a game with seven and owns the conference records for passing yards in a career with 10,704 yards and passing touchdowns in a career with 115. He also holds the school records for touchdowns in a season with 48, passing offense in a season with 3,400 yards, touchdowns in a career and passing yards in a career. Turner also finished his career ranked third on the DWU all-time list in career rushing yards with 3,215 yards, and ranks first in career passing yards, single season passing yards and career total offense with 13,919 total yards.

"Knowing that you left it all on the field

and you did everything you could to be successful and seeing all your hard work pay off – it's what I will always remember," Turner said.

Adams went on to finish the season with 81 catches, 1,472 receiving yards and 18 touchdowns. He broke the school record for receiving yards in a season, receptions in a season and receiving yards in a career with 3,243 yards. He finished the regular season ranked first in the NAIA in receiving yards per game with 133.8 yards and total receiving yards with 1,472. Adams also ranks second in DWU history in career receptions with 213 and in scoring with 258 points.

"I will always remember the impact and relationships that I had with a lot of people," Adams said. "The relationship Dillon and I had and knowing we didn't even have to talk to each other; we just went out there and just did it."

It only seemed fitting that Turner was named GPAC Player-of-the-Year for a second straight season, and Adams was named All-GPAC First Team following their record-breaking season.

"Throughout four years, chemistry develops with everyone and that really helps you become a better football player and teammate," Turner said.

Although each player grew up in different worlds, they created a bond that will not be forgotten.

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By **Jerrett Mills '16**
Sports Contributor

The Dakota Wesleyan University athletic department was named a Five-Star Champions of Character Institution by the NAIA in September. The award is an honor scorecard based on character, academics, conduct, awards and community service.

"We couldn't be more proud to receive this honor from the NAIA," said DWU Director of Athletics Jon Hart '11, '12. "Our coaches, student-athletes and staff work extremely hard to represent the values of the NAIA to the highest level in the classroom, community and on the playing fields. This recognition is a direct reflection of those efforts."

According to a press release by the NAIA, schools use a scorecard to measure the pursuit of character-driven athletics. If a school scores a minimum of 60

points out of 100, it is named a Five-Star Institution. Within the award, there are distinction levels which are based on how many points an institution earns. The DWU athletic department achieved gold status with a perfect score of 100.

Throughout the NAIA, 183 institutions earned the Five-Star Institution award. Also, 18 conferences earned the prestigious award, including the Great Plains Athletic Conference which DWU is a member of.

Within the NAIA there were only 14 schools that achieved a perfect score. They were: **DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**, Eastern Oregon University, Evangel University, Grand View University, Hannibal-LaGrange University, Lindsey Wilson College, Menlo College, Midway University, Milligan College, Ohio Christian University, Pacific Union College, Southwestern College, St. Ambrose University and Thomas University.

There was a new measure added to the scorecard this year according

to the NAIA. A school had an opportunity to explain a teachable moment which offset a certain penalty whether it be ejection, profanity or dissent.

Earlier this year, 14 DWU athletic programs earned NAIA Scholar Team honors and the football team had the second highest GPA in the NAIA.

"The Champions of Character designation reflects the outstanding commitment of our students and coaches to exemplifying our commitment to academic excellence, leadership, service and integrity in actions – both on and off the field," DWU President Amy Novak noted. "We have long recognized the value of athletics in learning critical life skills, and this designation confirms Wesleyan's commitment to running programs that invest in developing the whole person. I am absolutely proud of what this says about our students and our entire athletic department."



SHORTS

Visit www.dwuathletics.com for sports updates.

Men's Basketball

The DWU men's basketball team began the season ranked No. 10 in the NAIA. After winning four straight games and two in the Mike Miller Classic, the Tigers begin 2018 with a 14-5 overall record, a 4-3 record in the Great Plains Athletic Conference and a No. 20 ranking nationally. Senior Jason Spicer leads the team in rebounds with 5.8 per game and in assists with five per game. The Sioux Falls, S.D., native is averaging 18.2 points per game and ranks 26th on the DWU all-time scoring list with 1,356 career points. Ty Hoglund leads the team with 19.2 points per game and has 973 points in his career, as he is on the brink of scoring 1,000 points in his career in just his second season. Hoglund ranks seventh in the NAIA in total scoring with 365 points and eighth in 3-point field goals made with 53. Senior guard Trae Vandenberg is third on the team with 15.1 points per game.

Women's Basketball

After their trip to Arizona, the No. 9 Tigers currently boast a record of 13-3 and 5-2 in the GPAC. Sophomore Kynedi Cheeseman leads the team in points with 15 points per game. Rylie Osthus leads the team at the point guard position with 4.5 assists and 1.7 steals per game. The De Smet, S.D., native ranks 14th in the NAIA in total assists with 68 on the season. Twin sisters Amber and Ashley Bray rank second and third on the team in points per game, respectively. Amber averages

14.5 points per game and ranks 15th nationally in free-throw percentage, shooting 86 percent. She scored a career high against Dakota State University with 41 points. Ashley averages 14.3 points, 5.6 rebounds and three assists per game. She moved into the top 10 on the DWU all-time scoring list with 1,360 points.

Wrestling

The DWU wrestling team enters 2018 in search of their first dual victory after facing top competition all season. Freshman Stas Sutera has made his presence known early in the Tigers' first dual of the season against the University of Jamestown with his first victory. Sutera picked up victories against South Dakota State University and Augustana University. The final home dual of the year is on Feb. 7 against Jamestown.

Cross Country

Senior Jeremiah Panec qualified for the NAIA Cross Country National Championships for the second year in a row and came home with a 50th place finish with a time of 25:46 in Vancouver, Wash. At the GPAC Championships, the men's cross country team took seventh, while Panec took first overall in 24:56. The women's cross country team finished ninth at the GPAC Championships. Sophomore McKenna Rogers tallied a 37th-place finish, while Kelsie King took 51st and Morgan Aughenbaugh tallied a 70th-place finish.

Football

The DWU football team finished their 2017 campaign with a 6-5 overall record and 4-4 in the competitive GPAC. Records were broken as senior Dillon Turner rounded out his career in a Tiger uniform. Turner received GPAC Player-of-the-Year honors for the second straight season. He set DWU football records for touchdowns in a season with 48, passing offense in a season with 3,400 yards, touchdowns in a career with 151 and passing yards in a career with 10,704 yards. He also finished third in DWU football history with 3,215 career rushing yards and is first in career passing yards, single season passing yards and career total offense with 13,919 total yards. Senior Hayden Adams was one of Turner's favorite targets in 2017, which helped Adams solidify his place in the DWU record books. Adams was named All-GPAC First Team for his efforts on the field. Other All-GPAC members include Trevor Wietzema, Levi Rozeboom, Dillon Rork, Eathen Gaulke, Charlie LaRoche and Emmanuel Christopher.

Men's Golf

Under the direction of first-year head coach Tom Hoek '09, the DWU men's golf team finished eighth at Willow Run Golf Course in Sioux Falls, S.D., in the GPAC Fall Qualifier. Senior Russell Pick finished tied for 12th place after a two-round total of 145, while Connor Preston tied for 26th place after a final of 152. In their final tournament of September, the Tigers took third at the Mount Marty Invite. Preston led the way as he tied for third place, while Pick finished tied for 10th place.

Women's Golf

The DWU women's golf team wrapped up their fall season at the GPAC Fall Qualifier at The Bluffs Golf Course in Vermillion, S.D., as they placed fifth. Leading the way was Nicole Nelson who finished tied for 14th after a score of 172, while freshman Brook Ehlers placed 22nd after carding a 178.

Men's Soccer

The DWU men's soccer team was led by new head coach

Jose Lopez and improved on their record a season ago. They finished with a record of 4-13 and 1-8 in the GPAC. The Tigers picked up their final win of the season after defeating Mount Marty College 4-0. DWU notched three members to the All-Conference Team in Connor Dodds, Derek Brenner and Gaston Miteff.

Women's Soccer

The Tiger women's soccer team got off to a hot start in the 2017 season. DWU began the season 4-0 before entering conference play. The Tigers finished with a 6-11 overall record and a 1-9 GPAC record. DWU defeated Mount Marty College in the last home game of the season 3-1. Brooke Forsman and Kaylynn Anziano were named All-GPAC Honorable Mention.

Volleyball

Following their best season since 1993, the DWU volleyball team finished the 2017 season with a record of 16-18. The Tigers began the season quickly as they won nine of their first 12 games. Sophomore Rebecca Frick was named to the All-GPAC Second Team after an impressive second season. She led the team in kills and was ranked 12th in the NAIA in total kills with 462 on the season and also notched 470 digs on the season, finishing second on the team. Sara Herman and Bridgett Knobbe were each named All-GPAC Honorable Mention. After just one season, Herman ranks 19th on the DWU all-time career list with 610 digs. Knobbe also made an immediate impact as she finished her freshman season with 1,066 assists.

Tiger Schedules

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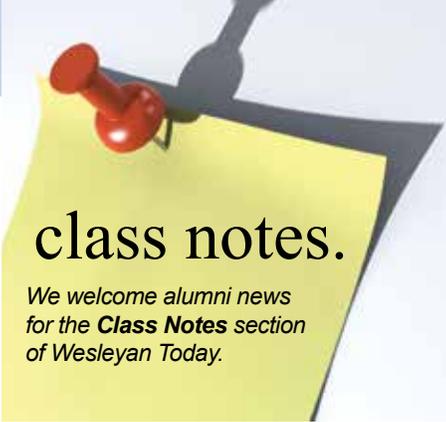


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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Junior **GEMINI WESLEY**, of Sioux Falls, looks to score in a nonconference game against Waldorf University on Aug. 20, 2017, at the Pepsi-Cola Soccer Complex in Mitchell. The DWU women's soccer team finished with an overall record of 6-11.





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 & Visitors" link at www.dwu.edu to tell us what's new with you.

1930s



Frances Blessing Wagner '38, HD'87, of Sioux Falls, celebrated her 100th birthday on Aug. 15, 2017. Pictured with her are her daughters, from left to right: **Barb Wagner Cutler '71**, spouse of **Bruce Cutler '71**; **Marji Wagner Myers '66**, spouse of **Larry Myers '66**; and **Deb Wagner Billion**, spouse of **Jack Billion HD'13**.

1950s

Gwenn Earles Vallery ex'51, of Nisland, was named Eminent Homemaker of the Year for South Dakota. The Eminent Homemaker award recognizes individuals for their contributions of leadership and service to the community on the local, state and national level.

Marilyn Schryvers Asher MH'54, of Aberdeen, was inducted into the 2017 South Dakota Nurses Association Hall of Fame.

BLUE & WHITE UNITE



DWU 50TH CLASS REUNION: During the 2017 Blue & White Days, the Class of 1967 celebrated their 50-year reunion. Pictured from left to right, back row: **Jim Jorgensen, Jim Kenton, Larry Dubois, Rod Link, Don Baird, Bob Benson** and **Gary Utsler**; middle row: **Gretchen Gross Dretzel, Carol Malde Hasz, Carolyn Jeske Hunnewell, Joy Wattawa Lebert, Jan Britton Utsler** and **Ed Yort**; front row: **Ed Kothe, Jean Pierson Morrison, Trudy Cheeseman Baird** and **Carol Everett Dubois**.



BLUE & WHITE UNITE: DWU alumni from across the years came out to celebrate an all-class reunion at the Highland Conference Center in Mitchell during Blue & White Days.

BLUE & WHITE UNITE photos by Ariana Arampatzis '17

BLUE & WHITE UNITE



BLUE & WHITE UNITE: Brad '79 and Teresa Mach '78 Pratt reminisce while looking at photographs that were taken during their time at Wesleyan.



BLUE & WHITE UNITE: Michele and George '71 Bittner, Bob Kjelden '71, Dave Backlund '70, and Jerry Anderson '71 enjoy dinner together during Blue & White Unite.

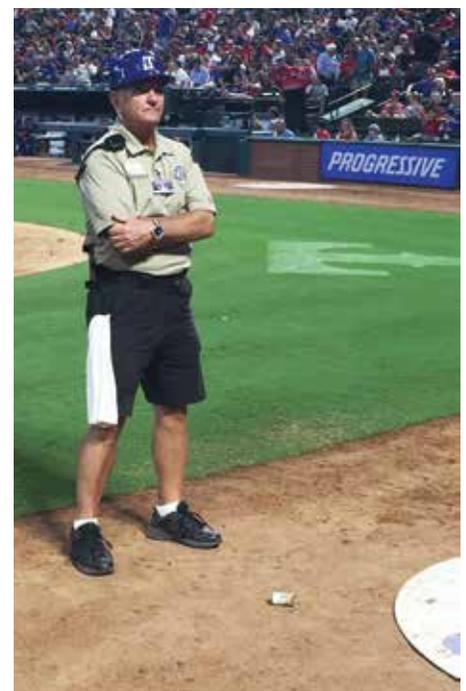
1960s

Jack Jones '61 and his spouse, Shirley, of Kearney, Neb., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 14, 2017.

Andrew Boyajian '65, of Cranbury, N.J., sold a collection of 6,000 envelopes that showcased the artwork of Charles Stephen Anderson. Boyajian has an extensive collection of stamps which include themes of Christmas and the Olympics.

Robert Benson '67, of Castle Rock, Colo., has been included in Marquis Who's Who. Factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility and prominence in a field are all taken into account during the selection process.

1970s



Jerry Anderson '71, of Arlington, Texas, was hired as an on-field security guard for the Texas Rangers.

class notes.

Charlotte Beauvais LaPointe '77, of Mission, welcomed a new grandson, Oakley Sage Schmit, on April 6, 2017.

1980s

Tammie Tripp Ruffle '81, of Nashville, Tenn., is the operations coordinator for the General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church.

Grant Street '85 and his spouse, Shari, of Revillo, are farming with their two sons, Chris and Spencer. Their daughter, Mikayla, is a DWU sophomore.

1990s

Chad Larson '94, of Mitchell, was recognized for 20 years of service as the graphic design specialist at Dakota Wesleyan University.

Ryan Lambley '95, of Grand Island, Neb., has joined Bosselman Energy Inc. as credit manager.

Bob DeWald '97 was named Starion Bank president of the Bismarck, N.D., market.

2000s

Andrew Priebe '00, of Mitchell, was selected to be a member of Team USA at the World Master Powerlifting Championships on Oct. 7, 2017, in Sundsvall, Sweden. He went on to place fourth overall in the M1 145.5-pound weight class for ages 40-49. Andrew earned the bronze in the bench press by clearing 286.6 pounds. He cleared two of three squat lifts at 424.3 pounds and made two deadlifts at 446.4 pounds. He totaled 1,157.4 pounds on the day.



Clockwise, from bottom left: **Lisa Bergeleen '01**, of Wessington Springs; **Nicole Weber Even '02**, of Humboldt; **Emily Janssen Petoske '02**, of Sioux Falls; **Alison Mosel '01**, of Columbia, Mo.; and **Tami Schlekeway Boehnke '01**, of Tea; were all back on campus in August 2017 to see the new renovations and updates. Current DWU student Nick Raab gave them a tour of campus.

Jan Overweg '01 married Glenn Lambert on May 20, 2017. They live in Mitchell.



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BLUE & WHITE UNITE



BLUE & WHITE UNITE: Ladies from the Class of 1992 – Kristy Gould, Kari Schryvers Olsen, Jodi McDonnell Parsons and Lori Clendening Wehlander.



1992 DWU TIGER FOOTBALL TEAM REUNION: Members of the 1992 Tiger football team came together for a group photo and reunion this past homecoming.



Paula Larson Middlebrooks '02, of Nashville, Tenn., was awarded The Governor's Excellence in Service in August 2017 by Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and First Lady Crissy Haslam.

Kalie Whealy '08 married Brent Norberg on July 8, 2017. They live in Aberdeen, where Kalie is a registered nurse at Avera St. Luke's Hospital.



Kyle Meier '09 and **Mallory Gould Meier '11**, of Pierre, welcomed a son, Creedence, on Sept. 1, 2017. They celebrated his baptism with two more Dakota Wesleyan alumni, **the Rev. Seth LaBounty '11** and **the Rev. Dan Bader '82**. Kyle is a journeyman technician for the South Dakota Department of Transportation, and Mallory teaches at Georgia Morse Middle School.

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Jessica Lopez '17, of Mitchell; **Sam Massey '12**, of Sioux Falls; **Sarah Weidler '12**, of Wentworth; **Melody Howell '12**, of Parkston; and **Yutzil Rodriguez Becker '14**, of Pierre; pose for a photo during the DWU soccer alumni game this fall.

Teagan Aguiñaga '11, of Okemos, Mich., married Shane Michael Bristol-Aldrich on June 16, 2016. They welcomed their first baby, Katie Beth, on Feb. 21, 2017.

Karina Willoughby '11 and Nathan Puepke were married on Aug. 12, 2016. They live in Mitchell.

Whitney Morgan '13 and Tim Olinger were married on June 10, 2017. They live in Miller.

Brittaney Schroeder '13, of Blue Springs, Mo., is working as a social worker. In 2017, she began Real Women Real Bodies (RWRB), a website for women to share their stories of harassment, coercion, exploitation and more. It currently has more than 1,000 members across the country. She also began the RWRB pop-up boutique, which sells clothing and gives a portion of the proceeds to organizations fighting human trafficking in the Midwest.

Breanna Clark '14 is the regional director of recruitment and promotions at Western State Colorado University.



Kusel Dedication

Friends and former teammates of **Barry Kusel '69** dedicated the athletic director's office in Kusel's name during homecoming. Kusel was a four-year starter and letterwinner for DWU football, playing offensive and defensive end. Kusel distinguished himself as one of the best ends in the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference. For his efforts, he won All-Conference honors in 1967 and 1968 and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic All-District XII honors in 1968. Kusel was also an outstanding track performer in various events. He won a number of meets during his four years, but his most memorable victory came in the spring of 1967 when he set a school record in the half mile, becoming the first DWU runner in history to break the two-minute barrier by winning the SDIC half-mile championships with a time of 1:57.04. Pictured from left to right: **Scott, Brody and Teri Kerkhoff** (Barry's daughter); **Jean Kusel**; **Brad Kusel** (Barry's son), and **Brock and Ross Kusel**.



DWU Legacy Banquet

Ardith Miller '50, **Lois Peterson Blades '58**, **Donna Starr Christen '51**, **Bonnie Williams HD'01** and **Bonnie Hatzenbuhler** pose for a picture after attending the Legacy Banquet in the DWU Sherman Center.

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Solar Eclipse

The solar eclipse was an event that created so much enthusiasm throughout the country, including Mitchell, where a 92 percent eclipse was forecast for Aug. 21. Leading up to the big day, **Dr. Michael Farney**, math and physics professor, and **Dr. Joan Lubben**, associate professor of mathematics, partnered with Dakota Discovery Museum to provide a lecture on the solar eclipse. Farney had several displays, including using marbles and a yoga ball to exemplify the sizes of the moon to sun. About 40 adults and children attended the event, and admission included a pair of NASA-approved solar glasses and creating their own sun and moon paper models. There was also a public viewing set for campus with telescopes set up and Lubben present to assist, but unfortunately Mitchell was hit by a thunderstorm that lasted the entire duration of the eclipse. Those who came to campus were treated to a viewing from NASA's website on the screens inside the Corrigan Health Sciences Center.



Tim Mullican: Marathon Man

Dr. Tim Mullican, professor of biology, fulfilled a major goal this summer when he completed his goal of running a marathon in all 50 U.S. states, an accomplishment he achieved in a little more than four years. Here, Mullican runs in the Siskiyou Outback 50K ultramarathon on July 23, 2016, near Ashland, Ore. The ultramarathon was Mullican's favorite race. (Submitted photo)

Austin Hieb '14, of Aberdeen, is the director of athletic development and administration at Northern State University.

Natalie Munger '14, of Omaha, Neb., is the creative director at M6Connect, which provides software as a service through public social websites for businesses.

Jedd Schlicht '14 is in his second year of pharmacy school at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio.

Jasmin Vant '15, of Mitchell, is teaching social studies at Second Chance Alternative High School and is also pursuing her Master of Science degree in education with an emphasis in learning, teaching and leadership from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, Minn.

Lexie Christensen '15 married Wade Warejcka. They live in Platte.

Eric Warkenthien '15, of Brookings, joined the Brookings Police Department in January 2016. He is serving as one of the school district's two school resource officers.

Jerry Stravia '16, of Mitchell, was appointed as a licensed pastor to First United Methodist Church on July 1, 2017. He and his spouse, Rebecca, welcomed their fourth child, Finley Rose, on July 12. She joins her sister, Regan, 6; her brother, Jerry Joe, 4; and her sister Graclyn, 2; at home.

Adam Bormann '17 and **McKenzie Weidenbach '17** were married on June 24, 2017.

Dyrani Clark '17 was hired as a manager at Oracle Escape Rooms in Loveland, Colo.

Friends

Jack Ewing, of Lake Junaluska, N.C., retired as executive director of Lake Junaluska. He served as the president of DWU from 1994 to 2000.

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Deaths

Carl Loock '34, of River Oaks, Texas, died Oct. 9, 2017.

Lucille Satter Brisbane '42, of Beaverton, Ore., died Sept. 10, 2017.

Oscar Elsaesser '43, of Shallotte, N.C., died May 31, 2017.

Phyllis Martin Simmons MH'47, of Sioux Falls, died Jan. 24, 2017.

Eleanor Thomsen Stydnicki MH'47, of Baxter, Minn., died Jan. 9, 2016.

Blanche Hachner Hilton MH'48, of Mitchell, died Oct. 7, 2017. She is survived by her sons, **Bob Hilton '73**, **Jon Hilton '75** and **Don Hilton '79**; and her daughter, **Meredith Hilton McLeod '75**.

Winifred Burke '50, of Pierre, died Nov. 24, 2017.

Thomas Harkness ex'51, of Redlands, Calif., died Aug. 24, 2016.

Glen Well '51, of Ozark, Mo., died Feb. 9, 2017.

Donald Hadrick '60, of Boulder Canyon, died Aug. 20, 2017. He is survived by his spouse, **Jean Nathal Hadrick MH'60**.

Frank Bach ex'61, of Faulkton, died Sept. 16, 2017.



Hallie Gregory '62, of Salisbury, Md., died Sept. 17, 2017.



Holy Land Pilgrimage

In June 2017, students, staff and community members embarked on a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The group visited **Dr. Bishara Awad '64, HD'11** at Bethlehem Bible College. Pictured from left to right, back row: student **Trevor Peters**, religion professor **Dr. Joel Allen**, student **Thanael Certa-Werner**, **Joel Certa-Werner '90**, **Landon Fashbach '17**, student **Erik Wehlender**, student **Amy Zeller**, student **Anna Schutte** and **Mike Denney '69**; front row: vice president of institutional advancement **Kitty Allen**, director of learning resources **Kevin Kenkel**, student **Bryce Blank**, **Colleen Foland '89**, student **Rachelle Mahoney**, Awad, retired provost **Dr. Rocky Von Eye**, student **Shana Selby** and **Bonnie Denney '68**.

James McLaird '62, HD'05, of Mitchell, died Aug. 31, 2017. He is survived by his spouse, **Donna Hillman McLaird '63**. (See next page.)

Dan Moran '62, of Madison, died Aug. 5, 2017. He is survived by his sisters, **Mary Moran Gere '64** and **Geraldine Moran '77**, and his son, **Michael Moran '94**.

Thomas Connelly ex'63, of Newburgh, N.Y., died July 4, 2017.

Jeff Daniels '64, of Fairfax, Minn., died Jan. 5, 2017. He is survived by his spouse, **Charlotte Lehman Daniels '66**.

Lynna Iverson Kaloupek '65, of McPherson, died June 15, 2017. She is survived by her spouse, **Leighton Kaloupek '68**, and her sister, **Sally Iverson Mertens ex'68**.

Bernie Barnes '68, of Mitchell, died Aug. 5, 2017. He is survived by his spouse, **Judy Kreutzfeldt Barnes '67**.

Thelma Hanten Nielsen '68, of Centerville, died July 2, 2017.

Allan Hastings '70, of Sun City West, Ariz., died June 10, 2017.

Kathy Penny Haurberg '70, of Clinton, formerly of Walnut, Ill., died on Dec. 4, 2017. She was married to **Brooke Haurberg '70**.

David Miller ex'70, of Mitchell, died Oct. 3, 2017.

Ron Moushon '70, of Orlando, Fla., died May 18, 2017.

Helen Nagel Schulz '72, of Fulton, died July 4, 2017.

Michael Volk ex'72, of Sioux Falls, died May 5, 2017.

Lucille Storm '74, of Parkston, died June 24, 2017.

Dorothy Greene Malde '78, of Mitchell, died July 15, 2017. She is survived by her daughter, **LaVonne Malde Kothe '70**, and her son, **Doug Malde '76**.

James McLaird '62, HD'05

Former DWU history professor **JAMES McLAIRD '62, HD'05**, of Mitchell, died on Aug. 31, 2017. He was born Dec. 11, 1940, at Lake Benton, Minn., and graduated from Miller High School in 1958. In 1962, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Dakota Wesleyan University. On Dec. 23, 1961, he married Donna Hillman '63.

Jim did graduate work for one year at the Boston University School of Theology and three years at the University of Wyoming where he received his Master of Arts degree in history. He taught history at DWU for 37 years and was professor emeritus.

Jim specialized in the history of South Dakota and the American West, publishing numerous articles on South Dakota history. In 2012, he received the Robinson Award from the South Dakota State Historical Society. His book, "Calamity Jane: The Woman and the Legend," was named "Best Non-Fiction Book published in 2005" by Westerners International. He also published "Wild Bill Hickok & Calamity Jane: Deadwood Legends" with the South Dakota Historical Society Press in 2008. His most recent book was "Hugh Glass: Grizzly Survivor." Jim was the Opperman Lecturer at DWU and a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010, the year DWU published his book, "The Dakota Wesleyan University Memory Book, 1885-2010." He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mitchell.

"Jim and I knew each other for more than 20 years, beginning when we were both on the board at what was then the Middle Border Museum. We were colleagues who became friends through various projects, most notably the DWU memory book, which he wrote to commemorate the university's 125th anniversary. Jim's knowledge and memory were fascinating to me. I feel especially privileged to have had lunch with him and introduce him as the guest speaker at the Mitchell Rotary meeting on the day he died. My lasting memory of Jim is of him as a wonderful storyteller. I am better for having had him as my friend."

— **LORI ESSIG**, former vice president of marketing and communications

"Jim hired me, so obviously, I owed him a lot. He treated me as an equal from my



James McLaird: 1940-2017

first day on the job and was very receptive to my ideas for the future of the history department. Honestly, I don't remember Jim ever telling me 'no.' He was supportive of my teaching and my research and served as an inspiring example of the scholar-teacher who stubbornly refused to give up his scholarly pursuits, despite the heavy weight of his teaching load."

— **SEAN FLYNN**, history professor

"How lucky I am to have known Jim. I miss him every day. Our conversations were entertaining and informative. He knew so much – history, politics, religion, books, even birds – and he always had a humorous story or joke to accompany the wealth of information he shared. I learned so much. Jim was retired, but he never stopped teaching – or learning. His almost daily visits to the library were to research and write. Even the briefest conversation included bits of history – DWU, Mitchell, South Dakota, the nation, even world history. He delighted in stories I found in the archives. We joked that he needed to write another volume on DWU history with all the additional stories he and I found."

— **Laurie Langland**, DWU archivist

Phyllis Roe Ruth '78, of Mitchell, died June 9, 2017.

Sheldon Bearheels ex'85, of Pine Ridge, died Sept. 15, 2017.

Delila Kuil Mattis '86, of Wagner, died June 4, 2017.

Nancy Veglahn HD'89, of Sioux Falls, died Oct. 6, 2017.

Joseph Heinz '96, of Mitchell, died May 4, 2017.

David Moeding '00, of Sioux Falls, died July 7, 2017.

FRIENDS: **Franklin Schultz**, of North Charleston, S.C., died July 4, 2017. He served as the dean of students and assistant professor of education and psychology at Dakota Wesleyan from 1967 to 1968.

2018 Date Book

- **Feb. 11** – Winter Band and LyricWood Concert
- **Feb. 18** – Winter Choir and Bells Concert
- **Feb. 27** – Carhart Lecture, Chuck Kutscher
- **March 3-11** – Spring Break
- **March 16-18** – "Tartuffe" by Molière, DWU Theatre Production
- **March 20** – South Dakota Poet Laureate Lee Ann Roripaugh
- **March 23-25** – "Tartuffe" by Molière, DWU Theatre Production
- **April 11** – Capstone Day
- **April 22** – Spring Choir, Band and Orchestra Concert
- **April 27** – Honors Convocation
- **April 28** – Athletic Awards Banquet
- **April 29** – Spring Ring Concert
- **May 1** – Great Wesleyan Giveback
- **May 5** – Baccalaureate
- **May 6** – Commencement
- **Oct. 11-13** – Blue & White Days

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IN REMEMBRANCE

FACEvalue

DAVE MITCHELL

Born in FULTON, N.Y.

AWARDS:

- Bishop Armstrong Peace and Justice Award, 1981 and 2011
- Sears Award for Teaching Excellence, 1990
- Clarke Award for Teaching Excellence, 2009
- Mitchell Community Service Award, 2013
- Cross & Flame Award from DWU for financial contributions
- Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society
- PGM social science honor society
- PKP general academic honor society

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

- Reading, especially political and military history
- Watching good news, drama and sports live and on TV
- Supporting activities which improve our community, country and world

WHAT HAS SHAPED YOU OVER TIME?

My family, my colleagues and students, and a number of significant teachers, writers and public figures who have exposed me to new ideas have shaped my life. Also, my religious traditions and its values and my participation in political and service activities.

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU INFLUENCE STUDENTS IN AND BEYOND THE CLASSROOM?

First, I would say as a role model. I think one of the primary roles of a teacher is to provide an example to students of what it means to develop an understanding of key concepts and tools in a field of study, and to be open to new ideas relating to that field.

Second, I would say as a standard setter. I think an important role of teachers is to help students to see what it means to be excellent in a field and to set their own goals high.

Third, I would say as a coach. A key role is to assist students to see what type of adjustment might be helpful in improving the students' performance.

Fourth, I would say as a regular participant in the life of the community. Students need to see faculty and staff at chapel, concerts, lectures, sporting events and service activities as a sign that they take seriously the values of DWU. As



The sculpture "Beyond Belief" was dedicated to **Dave and Ann Mitchell** and donated to DWU's McGovern Library in 2014. Here, Mitchell stands with his daughters, **Patti Duffy and Nancy Mitchell**. Funds for the sculpture were secured through gifts from friends, colleagues and former students of both Mitchells. Dave has taught at DWU since 1972 and is the longest serving faculty member, and Ann taught children's literature at DWU from 1973 to 2001, passing away in 2012 after a long battle with cancer.

the saying goes, a big part of life is 'just showing up.' If I can make a comment to a student about something the student accomplished outside of class, that shows that I care about the student's efforts.

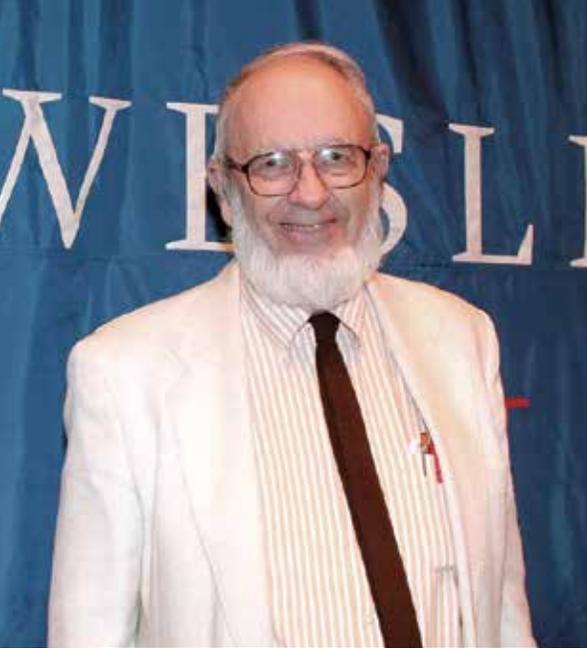
WHAT DO YOU VALUE THE MOST AT DWU?

I value the diversity which the college provides and the ability to work with people who have ideas which frequently differ from mine. This makes for interesting exchanges. There is rarely a week that goes by that someone doesn't come up with a cool idea to which I had not given much thought. Sometimes it is directly related to the subjects I teach, sometimes it is related to a problem the college is trying to solve, and sometimes it is related to a larger issue beyond the college which is of interest to me.

A second thing I value about DWU is the caring community. This is not just a place to work or a place to "get a degree." It is a place where significant relationships are developed, and where you can always find someone to "lean on" in times of stress.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR STUDENTS?

First and foremost, don't waste your opportunity. Take seriously DWU's values of learning, leadership, faith and service. Engage in activities which will build your commitment to all four. You have a golden opportunity to explore ideas and develop skills and aptitudes that will serve you the rest of your life. Don't just go through the motions. Don't just "do the next thing" that needs to be done to get a degree. Think about all of the opportunities you have to learn and experience different things. Go to concerts, go to lectures, go on trips, take courses that don't relate to your major or minor. Do things that are cool. Don't be afraid to pick the brains of your teachers and fellow students. I love it when a student raises a point in class (or after class). It creates a context for having an engaging conversation. I don't care if it is related to the subject of the course or not. I am just interested in getting students engaged. But in the final analysis, each student has to decide to do that for himself or herself.



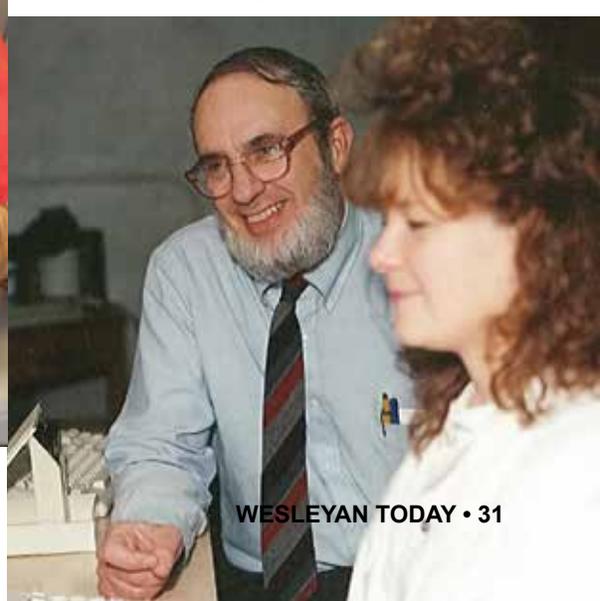
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DAVE MITCHELL



One of Dave Mitchell's favorite things is riding roller coasters. Every summer, he hits up multiple rides. This summer, Dave turned 81, and in celebration of the man and his mission, DWU organized "Dave Day" to Valley Fair in Minnesota on Oct. 8. Faculty, staff and students loaded up into vans and took in the heights with Dave as the guest of honor.



Dr. Dave Mitchell celebrated a milestone on June 15, 2017, when he donated his 100th pint of blood. He began donating in 1957.





DesLauriers family donates protective caps for DWU football helmets

The number of concussions is on the rise at all levels of football. The Dakota Wesleyan University football team has a legup in the battle. **Dan and Diane DesLauries**, of Mitchell, recently donated soft-shell, protective guardian caps for the entire team last fall, displaying their passion for the well-being of DWU football players. When helmets inevitably collide in the game of football, the extra layer of protection can cut down on the risk of concussions. This allows student-athletes to perform at their highest level, not only on the gridiron, but in the classroom as well.

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