

Collegiate Congrats

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SHARP LIKE A HAWK

—Three members of Boote family receive degrees from DSU

by Erik Gjovik

Nikki Boote of Binford has a very simple alibi for why she missed her original graduation ceremony at Dickinson State University back in 1991.

"It was for a rodeo, and I can't even remember where it was," she says. "My thought process was that I loved rodeo more than I loved the educational side of college."

She said with a smile that skipping to enjoy her last "hurrah" with her teammates and now lifelong friends to this day, was, "I guess, more important."

That passion for the sport has been transferred to her daughter, Jade, and son, Jory, as well as their eventual choice of higher learning institution.

Blue Hawk-born and bred, that would be the Boote family.

And those three got to experience the thrill of achievement in the educational sector, together, by all walking across the stage at Scott Gymnasium on the DSU campus Saturday, May 11, to receive their degrees as a family.

Nikki, who currently works as the customer service department manager at Dakota Central after a long tenure as Business Manager for Midkota Schools, was presented with her Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree at the ceremony.

While she received her associate degree from the ceremony she ended up nixing 33 years ago, she regretted not continuing towards her bachelor's.

"School was always hard for me and it never came easy, elementary, high school or college," she says.

Once she left her Midkota post, Nikki realized she wanted to pursue a different career path. Since she had no bachelor's degree, that limited her application opportunities.

"As luck would have it, Dakota Central offers a tuition program encouraging their employees to complete their degrees," she explained. "When I was working with my DSU advisors after my first year, they encouraged me to finish my Master's, and not just bachelor's degree. And with their push, I went for it."

With her degree in hand, she has decided to stay with the Dakota Central family, and be the best manager she can be.

"I want to be someone that people want to work for, as well as to be someone that pushes others to see their full potential," Nikki said.

She says she has had great mentors in her life not only in the broadband industry, but in her schooling and early



Nikki Boote of Binford, left, along with her children, Jade and Jory, all received degrees from Dickinson State University Saturday, May 11. Pictured with the Bootes is business professor Dr. Debora Dragseth, who taught both Nikki and Jade during their current educational pursuits, and Nikki when she originally attended DSU for her associate's degree from 1989-91. Courtesy photo.

professional career at Midkota.

"I think back to [Supt. Kerwin] Borgen and [Supt. Gilbert] Black, who always encouraged me to grow professionally, and one day, I hope I can be a mentor to someone too."

Getting back to school meant some humbling refresher courses in Nikki's case, like algebra.

"Thankfully, with YouTube, other math online teaching applications, as well as some very helpful kids and family members, I survived," she said with a chuckle.

She says that the scariest part of getting back to school after over three decades was "taking the plunge, and doing it."

"A support system is huge," Nikki said. "Understanding online course platforms like Blackboard was difficult, but I had Jade and Jory to call and help me navigate it, along with the helpful DSU staff, making that easier."

Alongside her mother, Jade was presented with her MBA degree as well, and Jory received his bachelor of science in computer technology management, graduating

magna cum laude.

Upon graduation, Jade accepted a position with Seth and Chantel Murphy of Manning, located 23 miles north of Dickinson on Highway 22.

"I do a wide array of things for them personally, and for their different businesses they own," she said.

Jade says that celebrating graduation with Jory and her mom made the day even more special.

"Jory was a 2020 graduate during COVID, so he never got a normal graduation ceremony, and Mom missed hers the first time around," his sister says. "Not many people can say they got to graduate with their mom and brother."

The glory of the ring wasn't going to get in the way this time, even with the prospects of Jory competing at the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in Casper, Wyo., in just a few weeks.

"The balance between school and traveling during rodeo season can be tough at times," said Jory. "We'd usually leave on Thursdays and not get back until Sunday night. Everyone at DSU is really good about working

around the students who are in sports, and require a lot of time away from the classroom."

The pursuit of mother and daughter MBAs has the common thread of one of Nikki's past (and present) professors helping oversee the process.

Both Nikki and Jade took classes from Dr. Debora Dragseth, a longtime DSU professor who began her tenure at the school 35 years ago, in 1989.

"Dr. Dragseth is extra special to our family," Jade says. "She has always went above and beyond, and been so supportive not only inside the classroom, but outside too, including coming to Casper for the CNFR to cheer on the Blue Hawks."

Jory plans to obtain a job in information technology, as well as continuing in auctioneering, a skill learned as part of the Halvorson-Boote business in Binford. He also hopes to continue to compete in rodeo, whether it be at the amateur or professional level.

Nikki and her husband, Alan, have one other son, Jace, who will be entering his freshman year at Midkota High School.

Locals graduate from NDSU

Congratulations to the 1,622 North Dakota State University students who earned places on the spring 2024 graduation list.

Students are listed by hometown.

• Carrington: Megan Harrington***, Payton Smith***, Winnie Weninger***

• Cooperstown: Rusty Bender, Ella Stokka**

• Glenfield: Brooke Topp**

• Harvey: Leah Jans***, Dylan Schell

• Maddock: William Rice

• McHenry: Jonah Williams*

• New Rockford: Gaius Arroyo, Kenna Munson**

An asterisk indicates students who graduated with honors. A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher to graduate with honors.

*cum laude (3.50-3.69);

magna cum laude (3.70-3.89); *summa cum laude (3.90-4.00)

LRSC announces spring 2024 honors

Lake Region State College has released its honor lists for spring 2024. Students who maintained a 4.00 grade point average are named to the President's List. Students who maintained high academic standing above 3.25 but below 4.00 are named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's List include:

• Carrington: Brenda Severtson

• Fort Totten: Jonathan

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• Harvey: Megan Green

• McHenry: Ariel Weis

• New Rockford: Melissa Bass, Dalton

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Students named to the Dean's List include:

• Carrington: Tawny Mason, Amber Rude

• Minnewaukan: Nathan Carroll

• New Rockford: Taylor Anderson, Jordan Boehm

UMary celebrates spring 2024 graduates

On Saturday, April 27, the University of Mary awarded degrees to 1059 graduates at its 2024 commencement. The ceremony began at 2:30 p.m. in the Bismarck Event Center, Seventh Street and Front Avenue, Bismarck.

Founded and sponsored by the Benedictine Sisters of Annunciation Monastery of Bismarck, the University of Mary awarded 584 bachelor's degrees, 334 master's degrees and 141 doctoral degrees. These students come from 45 states and represented 14 countries.

Sixty-seven received the summa cum laude designation, 92 earned magna cum laude designation and 152 students received the cum laude designation. Additionally, 21 students have earned the Certified Schafer Leader designation from the Harold Schafer Emerging Leaders Academy, and 79 students are recognized as Year-Round Campus grad-

uates for fulfilling their degree in 2.5 years.

The 2024 commencement is a ceremony of firsts for Mary: the first students to earn certificates in sacred music; the first students graduating with a Master of Science in Bioethics, who went through the new undergraduate concentration; and the first graduate from the new Saint Teresa of Calcutta Community for Mothers.

Graduates from the area include (name, hometown):

• Carrington: Carrie Braaten, Jessica Gussiaas

• Fort Totten: Mariah Foote

• Glenfield: Brianna Grandalen

• Harvey: Isabella Armstrong, MacKenna Arnold

• Maddock: JoLynn Hill

• New Rockford: Lauren Blaine, Teresa Risovi,

• St. Michael: Samantha Gourd



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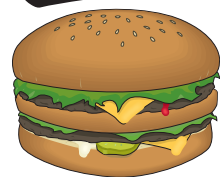
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A champ on the court, and in the classroom

—Anderson helps lead Lions to ACCA championship; graduates as Trinity Bible College valedictorian

by Erik Gjovik
Midkota High School graduate Brenna Anderson didn't quite know what the future held for her when she drove down Highway 281 to the campus of Trinity Bible College (TBC) in Ellendale four years ago.

But the personal growth Anderson has displayed in her athletic, academic and spiritual life during her time as a student and women's basketball player will serve her well for all things that come in her direction.

On March 15, the 5 foot, 6 inch senior point guard helped lead the Lions to the championship of the Association of Christian College Athletics (ACCA) Tournament, held in Plymouth, Minn.

Anderson's Lions, seeded third going into the six-team tournament, defeated Ozark Christian College of Joplin, Mo., by a score of 70-52 on March 14, and rolled past top seed Providence University College of Otterburne, Manitoba, 96-60, in the championship game.

According to her father, Mark Anderson, the ACCA Tournament would be considered akin to the NCAA's National Invitation Tournament (NIT), as it relates to Division II Christian colleges within the NCCAA, or National Christian College Athletic Association.

For her career, Anderson finished with 1,569 points, 608 rebounds, 386 assists and 190 steals. She was named to the All-Conference team for the Northern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (NIAC), the First



Brenna Anderson was presented with her TBC jersey following her final home game. Helping Brenna celebrate the occasion are her father Mark, mother Roxane, and brother Brady. Courtesy photo.

Team of the NCCAA North Region team, and the ACCA Tournament's All-Tournament Team.

This past season, the Lion women's team finished with a 17-10 overall record, and 8-4 within NIAC play.

Even with all she did as a basketball player, the classroom setting was where

Anderson truly put her best self on display.

She graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA), and earned prestigious valedictorian honors at Trinity Bible College. Commencement ceremonies for TBC were held on May 4 in Ellendale.

Anderson received her

bachelor of arts (B.A.) degrees in exercise science and Biblical studies, with a minor in advanced personal training.

She is the daughter of Mark and Roxane Anderson of Sutton, N.D.

Beck named to Dean's List at Dickinson State University

Emily Beck of Fessenden, N.D., has been named to Dickinson State University's Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester.

At the end of each regular

semester, Dickinson State recognizes those students named to the Dean's List. Eligible students must be enrolled full-time and must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher.

BSC announces spring 2024 President's Honor Roll

Bismarck State College announces the President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2024 semester.

"Congratulations to our exceptional students who have achieved the distinction of making the President's Honor Roll. Their dedication and hard work exemplify the highest standards of academic excellence, and we are incredibly proud of their accomplishments," says BSC President Douglas J. Jensen. "The hard work students put into their education today will be the foundation of their

achievements tomorrow."

The following area students have maintained at least a 3.50 GPA on a 4.00 scale while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of classes, and qualify for the BSC President's Honor Roll.

- Bowdon: Brock Fike
 - Carrington: Calvin Sisson*, Mya Reimche-Nelson
 - Glenfield: Lauryn Halvorson
 - Harvey: Keenan Davis*, Kamryn Sanders, Jenna Green, Dylan Anderson
 - Tolna: Levi Hoyt
- *Designates a 4.00 GPA

M State announces spring 2024 academic honors

Minnesota State Community and Technical College has named 480 students to its President's List and 531 students to its Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester.

Students on the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 while completing a minimum of

six college-level credits and 75 percent of the courses in which they enrolled for the semester.

The local student named to the spring 2024 M State Dean's List is:

- Lauren Skadberg of Carrington, N.D., Dental Hygiene-AAS

Hoornaert receives BSN at UND



Addison Hoornaert

Addison Hoornaert of Carrington, daughter of Chad and Jennifer Hoornaert, received her bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree from the University of North Dakota College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines in December, 2023.

Currently, she is employed at Altru Health System in Grand Forks.

She was a 2020 graduate of Carrington High School.

Valley City State University celebrates graduates

Valley City State University (VCSU) conferred 170 graduate and undergraduate degrees and three certificates or minors at the spring commencement ceremony held Saturday, May 11.

The ceremony was the 132nd commencement ceremony at VCSU, and 153 undergraduate diplomas were awarded. This includes five Bachelor of Arts degrees, 62 Bachelor of Science degrees, four Associate of Arts degrees, 77 Bachelor of Sci-

ence in Education degrees, five Bachelor of University Studies degrees, and one Minor.

"It's exciting to see our undergraduate students take this important step forward," Vice President for Academic Affairs Larry Brooks said. "Many of our graduates have accepted a job in their career field before they even walk across the stage. This is a great day to be a Viking."

The graduate degrees

awarded included one Master of Arts in Teaching, 15 Master of Education, one Master of Science, and two certificates.

"Our graduates are top notch - we have many young professionals, who today, are ready to enter the workforce and make a difference," President Alan LaFave said. "VCSU attracts incredible students who excel in their academic careers, often times alongside athletics, student government,

or other commitments. We are so proud of all our students who graduated and wish them the very best."

Graduates from the area include (name, hometown)

- Darce Holcomb, Cooperstown, N.D.
- Cassidy Hoyt, McHenry, N.D.
- Janessa Dockter, Medina, N.D.
- Kindra Jacobson, Sheyenne, N.D.

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Brown graduates from UND Med School

by Erik Gjovik

Morgan (Thomas) Brown, a Pingree native, graduated from the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences on May 4, 2024.

She will now begin her residency, and was matched with Family Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) in Williamsport, Pa.

"My residency allows for my training to be rural-focused," Brown said. "It also has a great balance of autonomy and flexibility to personalize my education to include the training needed for my future practice."

Her husband, Dakota, matched into Emergency Medicine at Geisinger Health System in nearby Danville, Pa. Upon their graduation in 2027, the two plan to practice together in rural North Dakota.

"There's a nationwide shortage of primary care providers, and North Dakota is no exception," she says. "I look forward to doing my part to alleviate this growing issue."

Brown graduated from Pingree-Bu-



Morgan Brown, originally of Pingree, was among the newest graduates of the UND School of Health and Medicine. Courtesy photo.

chanan High School in 2014, and began her medical pursuits at the University of Jamestown. There, she majored in biology and minored in chemistry, and

earned her bachelor's degree in 2018. She started at UND in July of 2020. After completing her first two pre-clinical years, she spent three months rotating at Altru in Grand Forks before joining Sanford Health and Jamestown Regional Medical Center (JRMC) as a ROME (Rural Opportunities in Medical Education) student.

"I was especially excited for my time training in a smaller town like Jamestown," said Brown. "The doctors at Sanford and JRMC were insightful and thorough while teaching me."

From there, Brown spent her final years of rotation in Minot at Trinity Health.

She says she will miss the state while she is gone, but, being busy with her training, "time will fly, and I'll be back before I know it."

Morgan and Dakota have no children as of yet, but spend lots of time doting on their furry canine companion, Lilly, a miniature schnauzer.

Brown is the daughter of Redge Nohrenberg and LeAnn Thomas of Pingree.

Jensen awarded Duane D. and Lois M. Dockter Scholarship

The Duane and Lois Dockter Scholarship was established by Duane, a 1957 elementary education graduate from Minot State University (MSU) and his wife, Lois. Duane spent 37 years in the teaching field. Recipients must be education majors. The Academic Excellence Award is designed for new freshmen students who are admitted to MSU.

The Duane and Lois Dockter Scholarship was awarded to McKenzie Jensen in recognition of her outstanding academic achievements. Enrolled in the Para-To-Teacher program in the fall of 2023, she will complete her degree with solid foundational experience and be fully prepared to lead a classroom. Guidance from knowledgeable advisors and mentorship from experienced faculty is provided throughout the program. Jensen will complete her Special Education degree 100 percent online, allowing her to work and meet other life obligations while supporting her family and obtaining a teaching license.

North Dakota Senate Bill



McKenzie Jensen

2032 created a financial pathway to teacher licensure via a bachelor's degree for paraprofessional educators and substitute teachers who are currently working in North Dakota schools. These professionals are ideal candidates for teacher licensure support because they are familiar with pre-K to 12 public education, have established professional relationships and have proven they can help students succeed.

McKenzie Jensen is the daughter of Kristy and Anthony O'Connor and Tony Jensen.

Dean's List announced at University of Jamestown

Students from this area were named to the spring 2024 Dean's List at University of Jamestown.

The students are as follows:

- Buchanan: Courtney Kiecker and Benjamin Zuther
- Carrington: Hannah Hagel and Kennedy Wendel
- Harvey: Tate Grossman

- Medina: Megan Moser and Madelyn Schmidt
- New Rockford: Alexandria Rusley
- Sheyenne: John Grann
- Warwick: Koven Walford

Students are named to the Dean's List when they earn a 3.5 GPA while taking at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

Topp graduates from NDSU



Brooke Topp

Brooke Topp, a Midkota High School 2021 graduate, recently graduated from North Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. She graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Along with graduating, Topp was also named to the spring 2024 Dean's List.

She is the daughter of Holly and Joel Utke and Paul Topp.

Guthmiller graduates from Bismarck State

Chloe Guthmiller recently earned an Associate in Arts degree from Bismarck State College, where she majored in criminal justice.

She graduated from New Rockford-Sheyenne high school in 2021.

Guthmiller is the daughter of Sondra and Dustin Duda and the late Jason Guthmiller.



Chloe Guthmiller

Depew on Dean's List at Iowa State University

More than 10,600 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2024 Dean's List.

Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at



least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Among those recognized was Trapper Depew, Pingree, N.D., in his fourth year at Iowa State majoring in agricultural engineering.

Students named to Dean's List at NDSU

Congratulations to the 3,574 North Dakota State University students who earned places on the spring 2024 dean's list.

A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify.

Students are listed by hometown.

- Binford: Nicole Lipinoga
- Bowdon: Jacon Fike, Regan Jones, Nicole Neumiller
- Carrington: Max Beumer, Trace Hoggarth, Allison Jarrett, Emma Rindy, Trey Rosenau, Payton Smith,

Winnie Weininger

- Cooperstown: Alivia Eriskon, Kayla Kenninger, Mark Sammons, Ashton Smith, Lahni Stachler
- Glenfield: Abbie Stedman, Brooke Topp
- Harvey: Alex Erickson, Leah Jans, Zoe McKinven, Hannah Reutter, Makenna Vollmer, Tyler Weisser
- Maddock: Hailey Maddock, Ashlyn Williams
- McHenry: Maria Becker
- New Rockford: Kenna Munson
- Saint Michael: Ray McKay
- Sykeston: Jacob Rexin

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Smith finishes up Bison track career, now pursuing DPT



NDSU track and field athlete Payton Smith of Carrington gives a smile and a fist pump as he finishes the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Summit League Outdoor Championships. Photo by Zachary Lucy.

by Erik Gjovik

The long and winding path of cross country courses, and the oval of the track, has finished up for North Dakota State University (NDSU) senior Payton Smith.

Now, the standout runner will be fully focused on pursuing his Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree at the University of Jamestown, Fargo campus.

Smith graduated from NDSU this spring with a double major in psychology and exercise science.

In the past indoor season for the Bison track team which culminated in late February at the Summit League Championships, Smith finished in ninth place overall in the 5,000 meters with a time of 14 minutes, 37.43 seconds. His time for that event ranks him 10th all-time in NDSU Bison history, and he also had a season-best time of 8:22.84 in the 3,000 meters at the Bison Open on February 2-3.

His outdoor season was hampered by a lingering hamstring injury, but he still

managed to finish in fourth place in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:05.63) at the Summit League outdoor meet in May.

In each of his seasons at the Summit championships, Smith scored team points for the Bison by placing in the top eight (seventh as a freshman, second as a sophomore and fourth as a senior). With his personal best time in the event of 8:58.26 set as a junior last season, Smith ranks sixth all-time for the Bison in the event.

During his years in cross country, he was a top seven finisher for the Bison team in every race he competed in over a five-year period. He was a part of the highest-ranked NDSU squad during the Division I era in the Midwest Region (10th) by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association and was named to the All-Academic team for the Summit League in that sport.

Payton is the son of Kyle and Layne Smith of Carrington.

Erickson earns MD at Chicago Med School

by Erik Gjovik

Keaton Erickson of Carrington, son of John and Stacy Erickson and Shannon Poland, has completed his education to become a Medical Doctor (M.D.)

Erickson graduated from the Chicago Medical School, part of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

He will now enter into residency in internal medicine in Chicago for the next three years, as he was matched with the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Prior to moving to the "Windy City," Erickson worked as a Registered Behavior Technician at North Dakota Autism Center, Inc., and also a Patient Care Technician at the Broadway Campus of Sanford Health during the COVID-19 pandemic. He graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., in 2020.

Erickson began his schooling at CMS in July 2020 after being accepted into medical



Keaton Erickson

school in November 2019. He had his white coat ceremony in 2022 and was a speaker at the event, after which he started his clinical rotations.

In May 2023, he was recognized for the best overall poster at the Undergraduate Research Convention at CMS, which was titled: "A Case of Aggressive NK Cell Leukemia: A Rare and Rapid Malignancy."

He is a 2016 graduate of Carrington High School.

Short earns white coat

Jakenda Short of McHenry, N.D. received her white coat in her pursuits of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree for the Class of 2026 at the University of Mary in Bismarck.

The DPT program at UMary is a three-year degree. Short will now go into clinical rotations at McKenzie County Healthcare Systems in Watford City.

She is the daughter of Jerome and Lisa Short and is a 2018 graduate from Midkota High School.



Jakenda Short

Duda, Thorson named to MSU Moorhead Dean's List

The following students have been named to the Minnesota State University Moorhead Dean's List in recognition of academic achievement spring semester 2024. Students must maintain a 3.25 or

higher grade point average and carry 12 graded credits to qualify for the honor.

- Emma Duda, New Rockford, N.D.
- Madden Thorson, Harvey, N.D.

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Howard, Schuster graduate from college, continue to work around the area



High school sweethearts Wilson Howard and Ashley Schuster finished up their college years in 2023 and 2024, with Howard earning a Bachelor of Science in agricultural and biosystems engineering from NDSU and Schuster recently finishing her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the University of North Dakota. Courtesy photo.

by Nathan Price
Many young people, when asked where they'd like to be one day, answer "anywhere but here." For rural communities like Eddy County, that mind set can be particularly detrimental, and contributes to the ever-decreasing population of small towns like New Rockford and Sheyenne.

Thankfully, though, not everyone flies the nest at the earliest opportunity. Ashley Schuster and Wilson Howard, two New Rockford-Sheyenne graduates, have recently gradu-

ated college and won't be going anywhere. The high school sweethearts are now engaged to be married in October, and currently live on Howard's family ranch just east of Sheyenne. Both have recently graduated from college, and are just now setting out on their respective career paths.

Howard graduated from NR-S in 2018, and attended Lake Region State College (LRSC) where he graduated with his Associate of Science degree. He then attended North Dakota State University (NDSU)

for three years and graduated with his Bachelor of Science in agricultural and biosystems engineering. Now, Howard has returned to the ranch where he grew up and is working full-time.

"I grew up in an agricultural community so I always wanted to do something in agriculture, and I guess I always enjoyed math so I combined those two into engineering," said Howard.

"I like working with the animals and I enjoy being outdoors," he added. "The office chair isn't really a

place I like to work in." Meanwhile, after graduating from NR-S in 2019, Schuster also attended LRSC where she graduated with an Associate of Science in 2020 before attending the University of North Dakota, where she recently graduated with a Bachelors of General Studies with a health emphasis and a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

She now has a job lined up at the Sanford clinic in Devils Lake, where she'll begin her career as a full-time physical therapist once she's completed a licensure exam.

"I always wanted to work in health care, and I always wanted to help people," said Schuster, "and physical therapy is kind of on the outskirts of health care where you get to spend a lot of time with your patients and get to know them, and I love that aspect of the job."

Schuster added that she'll also be taking up a coaching gig for junior high volleyball in Devils Lake, where she'll be commuting from their Sheyenne ranch.

For the soon-to-be newlyweds, this is an exciting new chapter in their lives and careers, and rural North Dakota is sure happy to see them sticking around.

"I've always liked rural areas because once you go out there your roots grow pretty deep," said Schuster.

Schuster is the daughter of John and Jean Schuster of Cathay, N.D. and Howard is the son of Allan and Lisa Howard of Sheyenne, N.D.



Taylor Alderman recently graduated from CCCC with a degree in social work and a certificate in Dakota Language. Here she is pictured with her boyfriend, James Marsaa, and children (left to right) Teigan, Noah and Paisley. Courtesy photo.

Alderman graduates from Cankdeska Cikana

Taylor Alderman received an associate degree in social work and a Dakota Language certificate from Cankdeska Cikana Community College in Fort Totten on Friday, May 10.

Along with graduating, she was also named to the Dean's List. To be on the Dean's List, the student must be full time, achieving a 3.25 to 3.69 GPA for the semester.

Taylor attended school in New Rockford-Sheyenne from pre-K to 10th grade, and finished her high school career in 2012 at Preston Public School in Preston, Iowa.

She is the daughter of Troy and Georgie Alderman and LuAnn and Bernie Meehan.

Hornaert receives white coat at Creighton University School of Dentistry

by Erik Gjovik
Emerson Hornaert of Carrington finished her first two years of didactic coursework at Creighton University School of Dentistry in Omaha, Neb., and was presented with her white coat at their Sunday, June 9 ceremony.

The 2018 Carrington High School graduate will now begin her clinical focus on patient care, which will continue for another two years until graduation from the program in 2026.

She graduated from University of North Dakota in 2022 with a bachelor of science degree in psychology. During her fourth year of undergraduate classes, she worked as a dental assistant at a local office in Grand Forks.

"The dental school has its own clinic with a patient base of 15,000-plus individuals, so we get all our 're-

quirements' taken care of at the school for the most part," Hornaert explained. "We're able to provide fillings, extractions, root canal therapy, crowns, bridges, dentures, you name it."

Emerson is the daughter of Chad and Jennifer Hornaert, and is engaged to fellow Carrington native Trey Rosenau. They will be married on July 20, 2024.

With all that is going on in her life, both schooling and personal, she says, "There's a lot to learn in clinic over these last two years of school, but I'm excited for it."

She continued, "I've enjoyed exploring Omaha and making my own little home away from home. It's been one of the most challenging, yet rewarding, experiences, and I'm grateful for all the love and support I've received thus far."



Emerson Hornaert, right, was presented with her white coat from Creighton University School of Dentistry in Omaha, Neb. The ceremony recognizes the finish of two years of schooling and transition to patient care. She is pictured with her fiancé, Trey Rosenau. Both are Carrington natives. Courtesy photo.



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Cankdeska Cikana Community College had its largest graduating class in its 50 year history with 80 graduates on Friday, May 10. Courtesy photo.

Graduates, President's and Dean's Lists announced at CCCC

Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC) would like to congratulate the students who made the President's List and Dean's List for 2024 Spring Semester. To be on the President's List the student must be fulltime, achieving a 3.70 to 4.0 GPA for the semester. To be on the Dean's List the student must be full time, achieving a 3.25 to 3.69 GPA for the semester.

President's List

Sarah Alberts, Gregory Allen, Kelsey Anderson, Diana Azure, Drew Beckman, Jordain Bellanger, Cassidy Brekhus, Annalissa Cavanaugh, Michelle Charboneau, Dustin Dimmler, Shania Georgeson, Amy Giordano, Sandida Gladue, Eunice Green, Charlene Hall, Ryan Jetty, Hallie Keo, Jalen Kingbird, Christopher Knoxsah, Tyrese Leaf, Kristie Little, Vandis Little, Marshall Longie, Taylor Lovejoy, Shanell Paul, Erica

Redfox, Meghan Robertson, William Shifflett, Alexander Smith, Misty Speldrich, Elizabeth Svedberg, Taeya Thomas, Terrell Thomas, Darwin Three Irons, Anthony Vasquez, Allan Vetsch, Howard Wanna, Hayden Whitecalf, Sonya Williams and Ethan Young.

Dean's List

Thomas Abrahamson, Taylor Alderman, Samantha Azure, Calista Black, Hillary Black, Alycia Carmona, Khalesha Charboneau, Beth DeLong, Michelyn Guy, Derrick Jackson, Josephine Kpanabom, Brynn Lafountain, Bryce Medicinestone and Shayna Ross.

CCCC Graduates

Associate Degrees
Business Administration: Samantha Azure, Jennifer Beck, Jacquie DeMarce, Sean Gourd, Michelyn Guy, Ryan Jetty, Steven Keplin Jr., Clint LaRoque, Colten LaRoque, Dani Lohnes,

Marshall Longie, Tayia Thompson

Early Childhood Education: Reanna Bald Eagle, Sabrina Davis, Shelby Ducheneaux

Indigenous Studies: Angela Belgarde, Christopher Knoxsah, Arlete Lohnes

Liberal Arts: Jocelyn Asheson, Kenneth Baker, Jordain Bellanger, Lacey Fox, Eunice Green, Derrick Jackson Sr., Steven Keplin Jr., Christine LaRock, Tyrese Leaf, Hannah Miller, Meghan Robertson, Shayna Ross, Erika Thomas, Kate-lynn Throntveit, Alexis Waanatan, Paula Yankton

Social Work: Taylor Alderman, Alyssa Azure, Tifani Bachmeier, Bridget Baker, Danae Black, Hillary Black, Jenny Chavez, Mercedes Eklie, Laticia Hoistad, Tia Jetty, Christopher Knoxsah, Brynn LaFountain, Bailee Langstaff, Tessie LaVallie, Dessi Leftbear, Chastity Light-

ning, Mandy Ross, Lindsey WalkingEagle, Melanie Wolters

Certificates

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Carpentry: Bryson Burdick, Tamera Green, Hayden Whitecalf

Dakota Language: Taylor Alderman, Bessie Iron-Hawk

Professional Driver: Gregory Allen, Drew Beckman, Cassidy Brekhus, Anthony Carboneau IV, Dustin Dimmler, Desmond Driver, Cody Graywater Jr., Davin Greywater, David Hayden Jr., Jaylen LaRock, Tiffany Littleghost, Joshua Lohnes, Mark Matheny Jr., Taylor Matheny, Wilbur Medicine Stone, Bryce Medicinestone, William Shifflet, Alexander Smith, Justin Smith, Dustin Stanley, Darwin Three Irons, Irvin Tomahawk, Anthony Vasquez, Allan Vetsch

Becker, Stutlien graduate from Minot State University

Minot State University awarded 531 degrees – including 428 undergraduate and 103 graduate – as its Class of 2024.

Minot State's 109th Commencement Exercise occurred on Friday, May 10. The University began the day with a traditional Hooding Ceremony for completion of a master's degree at 8 a.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson

Hall. MSU held the Spring Commencement Ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Minot State Dome.

Graduates are listed below according to hometowns and include degree and major(s).

- Sarah Becker, Carrington, N.D. – Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Devany Stutlien, Harvey, N.D. – Bachelor of Science, Radiologic Technology

Lee receives scholarship from North Dakota State University



Elizabeth Lee

Elizabeth Lee, daughter of Brent and Joanna Lee, Carrington, N.D., received the Achievers Transfer Award at North Dakota State University (NDSU).

The award recognizes high academic achieving transfer student with an associate degree. She received her degree from Bismarck State College in Bismarck, N.D.

Lee will enter NDSU in the fall and major in crop and weed sciences.

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