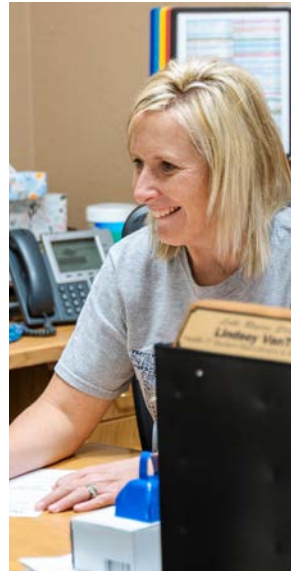


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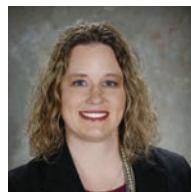
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## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that another academic year will be here soon. The summers fly by faster each year. Although, I think we can all say we were cheated out of a spring – and that summer was extensively late in its arrival. One can only hope a lengthy fall with sunshine and late frost awaits us.

Many great things have been taking place at LRSC since the last issue of Branches. Although our enrollments have been smaller the last two years, the achievements of our students grow. Numerous students earned accolades inside and outside the classroom. Lake Region State College is home to the top community college scholar in the state; athletic teams earned academic and all-star honors; and clubs competed on national stages and brought home hefty hardware. Our apprenticeship programs continue to grow with the addition of more industry partners, especially in the healthcare arena.

Among our faculty and staff, there are fresh faces to the campus and familiar faces in new places. Updates to Gilliland Hall were done over the summer. The Campus Beautification Committee has the flowerbeds on campus looking beautiful.

The Travel with the President group enjoyed the beautiful shores of Mediterranean in southern France and Monaco, and landscape and architecture of Spain and Portugal. I can't wait for next year's adventures to England, Ireland, and Scotland. Registration for this trip is taking place right now.

I invite you to stop in at Lake Region State College and see the campus or take a look at the campus through our virtual tour located on the college homepage: LRSC.edu. Take in a volleyball game this fall or any of the fun fall events our Foundation has planned.

Hang on to the beautiful weather as long as possible.



Doug Darling, Ph.D.  
*President, Lake Region State College*



## NOTE FROM THE CCF PRESIDENT

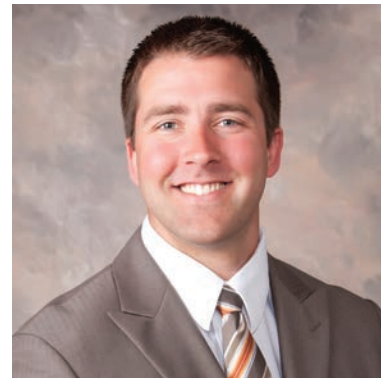
**G**reetings to our friends of Lake Region State College,  
It's been an exciting year for our community college. I'm honored to be involved with this vital and important institution and grateful for the support many of you have shared.

This last year was filled with a number of challenges – I'm sure many of the same you have faced in your personal and professional lives. However, we are happy to share some of our successes in this edition of "Branches," as well as exciting things on the horizon. You'll also hear about some fun trips coming up. Don't forget to book your travel adventure with President Darling!

As many of you are aware, we were able to enjoy the incredible new Hofstad Ag Center facility for the annual Key Event. Thank you, Preston Sundeen and the Precision Ag team, for hosting. We know it's no small feat to prepare the facility for our event, and it was a smashing success. We served almost 300 people and raised over \$115,000 which is phenomenal. It just goes to show the incredible support we have from the Devils Lake community and beyond. While it was different from previous years, you showed up despite the changes and unknowns, and it was much appreciated. We are truly grateful.

We also want to draw special attention to our endowment supporters. Today the Lake Region Foundation has its strongest endowments in history. Each spring we celebrate those endowments, but as a precaution we decided to cancel our 2022 event. Even though we could not thank you in person, the Community College Foundation Board is working on plans to continue hosting this event in the future. Stay tuned. It's very important to us at Lake Region State College that your contributions are recognized.

Thank you to President Doug Darling, Vice President Corry Kenner, and past Foundation President, Dan Ness, for their leadership and support to the Foundation board. A special thank you to Foundation Executive Director Elonda Nord and all the staff in the Foundation office for your outstanding and tireless service. Bonus (and plug for anyone who is considering joining the LRSC Foundation) – we're super spoiled by the fantastic meals we enjoy as CCF board members. Kudos to the LRSC culinary team!



Enjoy this issue of "Branches" to hear about all the work these wonderful people do daily to seize the opportunities that will bring Lake Region State College future success.



Kade Sveen,  
*President, Community College Foundation*





# LRSC NURSING CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

BY ERIN WOOD | PHOTOS BY AGENCY MABU

## FOR FUTURE NURSES

**T**o make a difference. To help people. To make an impact.

Many who make statements like this are ideal candidates for a career in Nursing. Unfortunately, those ideal for a career in nursing may shy away from enrolling because of uprooting themselves, and, many times family members, in order to enroll in a Nursing educational program.

That's where the Dakota Nursing Program saw a need and stepped in to bring programs to people who want to be nurses. The consortium of colleges – Lake Region State College, Bismarck State College, Dakota College at Bottineau, and Williston State College – deliver nurse education in more than a dozen locations throughout

North Dakota.

Now, Lake Region State College is unveiling a mobile degree program where students can do a certain percentage of studies remotely via technology with some face to face education. This will lessen the drive time and expense for students.

“The state needs nurses today more than ever to help care for people of all ages. This LRSC Nursing Mobility program opens educational opportunities up to even more potential students,” said Karen Clementich, director of the Lake Region State College Nursing program.





LRSC nursing student in class.  
Photo by MABU.

## HOW IT WORKS

Over the past year faculty have been converting the current practical nurse and associate degree nurse curriculum from the traditional face to face theory classroom environment to a more interactive format, Clementich said.

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"We are reevaluating lab, simulation and clinical schedules to see how these components best fit with interactive instruction," Clementich said.

The Mobility Program will deliver all theory classes online. The labs, simulation and required clinical hours remain unchanged and will continue to be face-to-face with a qualified instructor.

"The students will meet approximately for a two- three day block every three weeks on campus or at the



clinical facility," Clementich said.

This program has been developed to meet the needs of the health care industry in North Dakota. The addition of the mobility program will allow for more flexibility for the students not able to attend the traditional college hours. LRSC will be able to provide nursing education students in the rural areas who are not able to relocate.

LRSC will still continue to offer its current PN and AD program in Devils Lake, Grand Forks and in Mayville. The online Mobility program will start this fall with a selected number of students.

To apply or find more information on the LRSC Nursing program, go to [LRSC.edu/nursing](http://LRSC.edu/nursing). ■

# LRSC ANNOUNCES NURSING PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP WITH SANFORD HEALTH

Lake Region State College announced another industry partner to its nursing apprenticeship program. Sanford Health will now offer nurse apprenticeships as a career advancement opportunity for its employees.

More healthcare providers are considering nursing apprenticeships as an opportunity to strengthen workforce numbers, which spurred LRSC to research offering nurse apprenticeships. Early in 2021, the North Dakota Board of Nursing approved nurse apprentices as an innovative educational model/approach.

“We are so excited for our partnership with the Lake Region State College nursing program,” said Theresa Larson, vice president of nursing and clinical services. “This will provide an opportunity for our employees to achieve their nursing career goals. Opportunities like this not only enhance our employees’ contributions to our organization, but provide a feeling of fulfillment and purpose for them.”

The apprenticeship has ground rules agreed upon with the employer that provides a structured wage, set step increases, and opportunity for continued employment at the completion of the apprenticeship.

The combination of academic program requirements plus the apprenticeship (on-the-job learning, a mentor relationship with a staff nurse, and eventually a Department of Labor certificate of completion)

provides a rigorous and sturdy base that socializes students to the nursing profession and prepares them for an in-demand and challenging career.

“Achieving career goals and furthering education can often be a difficult thing to do when you need to be able to provide for yourself or your family, so this partnership will open a lot of doors for our employees who are longing to achieve higher goals in their nursing careers,” stated Melodi Krank, senior director of nursing, Sanford Health Network.

Those eligible to enroll in the Sanford Health apprenticeship program will have tuition, fees, and other materials covered by Sanford Health. Employees who are working as a nurse assistant or medical assistant will maintain their current rate of pay while they work during their studies. Employees who are not a medical or nursing assistant will be trained to be a nursing assistant and then work, and be compensated, in that role.

“The practical nurse program is three semesters, and starts every fall semester. Lake Region State College offers a mobility option where theory is online, with lab and clinical at certain times during the semester (for a total of 10-12 days per semester) on campus or at clinical site,” said Karen Clementich, director of LRSC’s Nursing Program. Students also have face to face learning options at LRSC Nursing sites in Devils Lake, Grand Forks and Mayville. ■

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## LAKE REGION STATE COLLEGE FACULTY ARE DOING GREAT THINGS.

Michelle Murphy, LRSC Associate Professor of Biology, has co-written a chapter for a college best practices manual.

Murphy and Dr. Woei Hung, Murphy’s doctoral advisor in Instructional Design and Technology co-authored a peer-reviewed chapter in an edited volume, the *Handbook of Online Learning in Higher Education*, published by Fielding University Press.

“Our chapter, Instructional Models in Course Design, describes the process of course design in general and for the online environment specifically, following the instructional design ADDIE process (analysis, design, development, implementation, and evaluation). The chapter then draws upon the design process to examine the benefits and challenges of common instructional methods,” Murphy said.

Murphy has multiple years of experience with online

education and course design and is a trailblazer in her field. She has created online learning modules in biology and built open educational resources for her courses.

“She was a pioneer in getting the A&P classes and labs designed so we could offer more classes online and reach our nursing students,” said LRSC President Doug Darling.

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*Jake Vivier, former LAUNCH! student.*

# LAUNCHING STUDENT DREAMS

BY ERIN WOOD

Jake Vivier knew he wanted to attend college in the Grand Forks area. He took the natural steps one going to college in Grand Forks would and he applied to the University of North Dakota.

“I knew I wanted to study at UND,” he said.

But Vivier took a different path to reach his destination by starting with Lake Region State College at UND through the LAUNCH! program.

LAUNCH! is a partnership between Lake Region State College (LRSC) and the University of North Dakota (UND) located on the UND campus in Grand Forks. The program, which started in 2009, is designed to serve students who are not yet eligible for admission to UND but meet eligibility requirements for LRSC.

After applying to UND, Vivier received a letter stating he wasn’t quite ready for the university leap. A number of options were presented to him from the university with one of those the LAUNCH! program with LRSC.

That’s what he decided to do and the experience, he said, was eye opening.

“I realized I wasn’t ready for college. I wasn’t as active in my high school course work as I should have been. The LAUNCH! program gave me the option to explore my major, earn my general credits,” he said. “Taking courses through LRSC and then transferring is a great opportunity and resource that is needed for many students.”

Cindy Rerick, LAUNCH! coordinator for LRSC, said students who choose to participate in the LAUNCH! Program enroll as full-time LRSC students but also take a limited number of prescribed UND classes. LAUNCH! students may participate in student life, housing, student services, organizations, facilities, and activities (except Division I sports) available to every

## LAUNCHING STUDENT DREAMS



degree-seeking UND student.

“The program offers heightened academic support and unmatched personal attention. Courses are small in size, offering an opportunity for the instructor to assist students. Tutoring times are built into the schedule and additional tutoring is available by the Student Academic and Career Services Center on the UND campus,” Rerick said.

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Intensive advisement is offered to each of the students. Students who successfully complete 24 transferable credits and earn a 2.0-grade point average may be considered for admission as a degree-seeking transfer student to UND.

Vivier said LAUNCH! helped him learn his limits, establish boundaries, and know when to seek tutoring or other assistance with a course.

“The program is such a unique opportunity for students

who may have debt, or unfortunate experiences in high school that impact applications to college. What a great way for UND and LRSC to collaborate. It's an excellent partnership for students,” Vivier said.

Vivier majored in political science and public affairs and earned his bachelor's degree in 2017. He acknowledges the instructors' giving nature and friendships made with his peers all created an impact.

“Taking courses with a core group allowed us to become friends and I'm still close with many of those students. There was a sense of belonging, being part of a group, and it allowed me to grow as a person and as a professional.

Today, Jake is an academic core advisor at UND in the Nistler College of Business. He works with recruitment and retention of students.

“I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for LAUNCH. I was able to establish myself.”

Soon, Vivier will graduate with a master's degree in higher education, and that all stems from the success he had with instructors and Rerick.

“I see Cindy in passing here at UND and will stop in to say 'Hi!'. I appreciate the program so much.”

For more information on the program, contact Cindy Rerick at [Cindy.Rerick@LRSC.edu](mailto:Cindy.Rerick@LRSC.edu); (701) 777-4901 or at 280 McCannel Hall on the UND campus. ■



# GIVING BACK TO THE PLACE WHERE IT ALL STARTED

BY ERIN WOOD | PHOTO SUBMITTED

Giving is fulfilling. No one knows that like Larry and Pam Hall, who have experienced the joy of giving firsthand at numerous times in their lives.

Giving is an integral piece of their life routine. Larry and Pam are faithful givers and encourage their family, friends, and employees to invest in their communities; giving of their time and talents.

It's this giving philosophy that led Larry and Pam to benefit students at Lake Region State College. Recently, the Halls established an endowment to support students with a focus on those in nursing, business and law enforcement.

Larry said his best experiences as a college student were at Lake Region. Then known as Lake Region Junior College, Larry joined the basketball team after visiting with Coach Joe Brandt who told him to "show up with your shorts on."

"My path to an entrepreneurial lifestyle started at LRJC," Larry said.

In fact, "much of the success in our lives and business was seeded during Larry's two years at LRJC and we therefore are honored to sponsor these scholarships to deserving students and future entrepreneurs," Pam added.

Larry was active as a student. Besides playing basketball, he participated in the DECA program and worked at Devils Lake Glass & Paint.

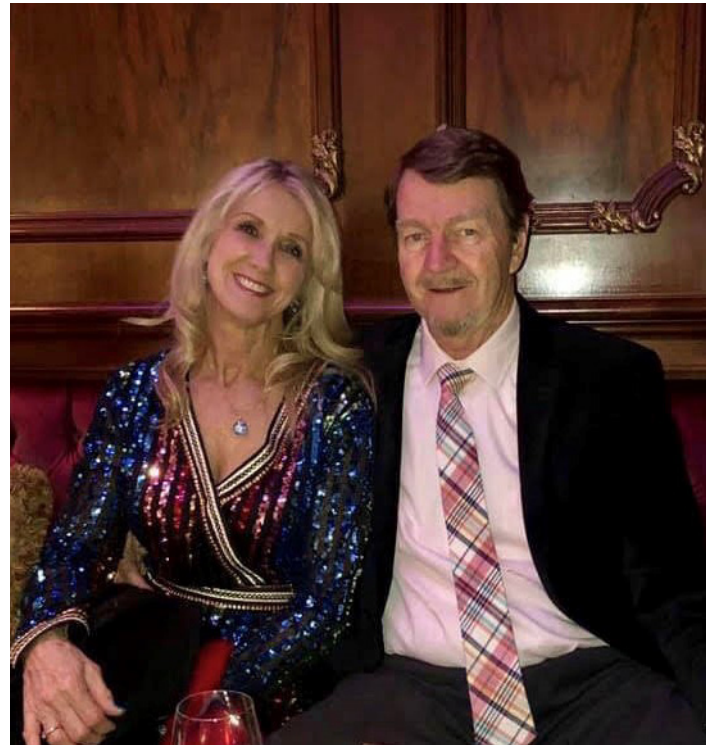
Both Larry and Pam come from agricultural backgrounds with parents who taught them to work hard, earn your keep, and give back.

Larry grew up on a farm near York, ND and in 9th grade moved with his family to Devils Lake where his father was employed at the North Dakota School for the Deaf. Larry graduated from Devils Lake High School and went on to study at LRSC, graduating in 1965. Pam grew up on a farm in Estherville, IA. She moved with her family to Bird Island, MN where they turkey farmed and her family subsequently moved to Rockford, IL where her father worked for JI Case Company.

After graduating from Lake Region, Larry went to UND, earning a degree in Business and Industrial Management. Pam graduated from high school in Rockford and attended Rock Valley Junior College and worked part-time at Sundstrand Aviation, an aviation

manufacturing company, in Rockford, IL.

It was at Sunstrand Aviation where the two of them met. Following graduation Larry was recruited to work for Sundstrand. Pam and Larry married in 1968.



*Pam and Larry Hall.*

Soon after they married, Larry was drafted into the Army in 1969. He spent two years in the war in Vietnam. Education continued to be an influence and while in Vietnam, Larry wrote the Graduate Record Exams and applied to graduate school. After he was discharged from the Army in the Spring of 1972 he moved from Rockford, IL with Pam and immediately began summer school in graduate studies at the University of Minnesota. Pam went to work at Toro Company to help support his graduate studies. Larry received his MBA in 1973 where his studies had an emphasis on Logistics, and he took a job at 3M where he worked in Transportation/Logistics and managed the Marketed Commodities Department which was responsible for all 3M finished goods shipping.

In July of 1983, Larry left 3M to work several years as a Vice President of Sales & Marketing for an Atlas Van Lines agent and then to sales and software development

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transportation services company.

Pam finished her college degree with honors at Concordia College in St Paul, MN in 1993. Pam worked 19 years at 3M.

That’s when the big entrepreneurship bug bit.

With Internet and E-commerce on the horizon, Larry saw an opportunity to simplify the complex world of transportation pricing and entered the entrepreneurial world building one of the very first Internet based transportation management systems. Pam joined Larry in running Logistics Planning Services where she served as majority stockholder and CEO.

Over the next 30 years Larry and Pam, who were later joined in the business by their three adult children, built the company Logistics Planning Services (LPS) into a highly respected web-based logistics services company that managed transportation & logistics for over 2,000 corporations and companies. Their daughter took over as CEO in 2012.

LPS had offices in Antwerp Belgium; Chicago, IL; Minneapolis, MN; St Paul, MN with headquarters in Woodbury, MN. At the time LPS was sold in 2017, they employed over 150 people and managed nearly a billion dollars of shipping costs for clients.

In 2015 Pam and Larry received ‘The Lifelong Community Services Award’ from Minnesota’s Washington County for their personal work and commitment to community service.

“We believe you give back from the blessings you have been given and we are so happy that our giving back will benefit students at Lake Region (State College).”

The Larry and Pam Hall Endowment is one of the newest endowments at Lake Region State College. The Community College Foundation that supports Lake Region State College currently has over 200 endowments that support scholarships, programs, and other campus projects. ■

# ADULT LEARNING CENTER DIRECTOR HONORED

**B**ridget Hanlan, director of the Adult Learning Center located at Lake Region State College received national accolades for her leadership and dedication to adult education.

On April 29th during the 2022 Mountain Plains Adult Education annual conference in Tempe, AZ, Bridget Hanlan, was announced as the recipient of the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association Award of Merit.

The Mountain Plains Adult Education Association Award of Merit is given to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution towards furthering the concept of adult education. This is the highest award given by the nine state association.

Bridget was nominated for this award because “she continuously goes above and beyond to reinvent the

Region III Adult Learning Center to make it one of the most successful centers in North Dakota.”

The Adult Learning Center and satellite sites are open to serve the public who need basic education and secondary education services. Contact each center for specific office hours, registration protocol, services, classes and GED testing schedules as this varies with each Center.

Services available in each Adult Learning Center include: reading/writing, science, social studies, math, digital literacy skills, English Language acquisition for adults who are unable to read, speak or write English, workplace and career planning and readiness, and GED® preparation and testing. ■



*Bridget Hanlan and LRSC President Doug Darling.*



# STUDENTS EARN RECOGNITION AT GRADUATION

PHOTOS BY LRSC

Graduates of Lake Region State College were recognized with special awards presented during commencement May 13th, 2022, in Robert Fawcett Auditorium.

Each year Lake Region State College honors students who led on campus and excelled in music, theater, and writing.

The **Lloyd Jones Memorial Music Award** is presented to the student who shows outstanding leadership in music. This year the Lloyd Jones Memorial Music Award was presented to Hope Thorlakson of Langdon, ND. She is a shining star with the LRSC musical group, Royal Rhythms.

The **Glenn H. Larson Memorial Drama Award** is presented to the student deemed to have made the most significant contribution during the year in LRSC Theater. This year, Nichole Hettwer received the Glenn H. Larson Memorial Drama Award. Nicole was a well rounded member of the LRSC Theater Department

working on sets to acting in productions.

The **Writing Excellence Award** this year went to Charlie Estrada. The award is presented to the student who excellence in writing. Submitted pieces are juried by English faculty. Estrada is an online student who completed his associate degree at LRSC.

The **Who's Who Awards** at Lake Region State College recognize students who visibly made a positive impact during their time at LRSC and viewed as student leaders. Students must be nominated and are then selected by a committee.

One of the Who's Who students also is honored as the **Knoke Leadership Award** recipient. The Knoke Award this year was awarded to Samantha Shumway.

Other Who's Who students include Sydney Beneda, who came to LRSC from Fordville, ND and majored in Nursing at LRSC. She was one of LRSC's Royal Ambassadors and has been featured in various LRSC campaigns. She promotes the college by talking about LRSC not only being affordable but also how it helps you achieve your goals and build lasting friendships. Sydney took time out of her busy schedule to show potential students around both the main campus and nursing department. She participated in the Student Nursing Organization and Student Senate. She graduated with her Associate Degree in Nursing.



*Who's Who: Back row: Ethan Damerum, Sydney Beneda, Kayla Nyhagen, Samantha Shumway, Jarrel McGarvey  
Front Row: Samantha McKay, Austin McClure, Hunter Heck, Tucker Bercier  
Not in photo: Clarence Daniels*

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Tucker Bercier has had influence on LRSC since he first stepped foot on campus. Tucker, of Belcourt, ND, served as vice-president of Phi Theta Kappa Society and started the Adopt-a-Highway program for the chapter. He served as the PTK liaison to the Student Senate and was a major reason Student Senate decided



Jarrel McCarvey and Tucker Bercier  
*Who's Who Award* recipients.

to start recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day. A President's List student, he was chosen as one of LRSC's top two scholars, becoming a member of the ND Academic Team, and one step more, becoming the state's representative as a New Century Scholar, an award he received in New York City at the Presidents' Breakfast in early May.

Ethan Damerum crossed the pond from England to the United States and came to LRSC as a transfer from Nebraska. Ethan encapsulates everything that Lake Region would be proud to have represented in a student – as an academic scholar, civil servant, athlete, student advocate, and student employee. He participated in every facet of this campus since setting foot here. Ethan has been involved in men's basketball, student senate, international club, on campus employment, is a peer mentor and volunteers to help whenever and wherever needed. He has a passion for humanity and volunteered for a Missions trip over the 2022 Spring Break to go to Texas and work with refugees acclimating to American life.



Nichole Hettwer, Glenn H. Larson  
*Memorial Music Award* recipient.

acclimating to American life.

Clarence Daniels demonstrated leadership at LRSC by always having a smile on his face and a positive influence on his fellow students and teammates. He was instrumental with his participation on the Black History Month Film Committee. It would be remiss not to mention Clarence's considerable basketball talents having been named to the NJCAA All-American team. He capped off a terrific season for the Royals where he averaged 20.5ppg 11.1rpg and helped lead the team to a 20-12 overall record. On top of his All-American honors, Clarence was named the MonDak Conference MVP and selected to the All-Region XIII team. Clarence is the first LRSC All-American since Kennedy Henningsgard on the women's side in 2016. He accomplished all this while maintaining an overall 3.7 GPA and will be continuing his basketball career at University Of New Hampshire.



LRSC *Who's Who* recipient and All American Clarence Daniels. The All American XIII game in Las Vegas this May occurred at the same time of LRSC graduation. He is pictured here with President Doug Darling and Athletic Director Jared Marshall.

Hunter Heck of Cavalier, ND, served as president of Student Senate. A Dean's List student, he was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and was able to coordinate joint activities with the chapter, most notably the Adopt-a-Highway project. He also was one of the first students to step up to join the Diversity Book Talk on RGB, The Notorious RGB. Hunter will continue his educational journey at Valley City State majoring in History to become a teacher.

Austin McClure came to LRSC from Australia and has studied business and automotive technology. He was a student athlete playing for the Royals baseball team and will be transferring to Crookston to continue his



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education and play on their baseball team. Austin is kind and a very giving individual. He is eager to learn and turns every situation into a positive learning situation. Austin is a born leader. He was always willing to help everyone out to help them succeed. He was a member of the Royals baseball team for three years, and was a resident assistant, a member of PTK and also a member of the international student organization. He worked in various offices on campus and volunteered to assist many departments hosting activities on campus.

Jarrel McGarvey showed up at the first Phi Theta Kappa meeting of the 2020-2021 year and was been a faithful member ever since. He participated in every activity his first year so it was no surprise he was elected president of PTK for the 21-22 year. In that year, he was an ambitious and devoted president, knowing what to do and when. Jarrel also has been incredibly involved with the Precision Ag club. He also managed to be an active member of Campus Crusade for Christ. A President's List student, Jarrel was chosen as one of two top scholars to represent LRSC for the ND All-Academic Team. He was chosen out of a pool of over 800 candidates, all of them the top two from their respective colleges, to be one of 150 to receive a Coca Cola Leadership scholarship. He plans on transferring to Mayville State to get a degree in elementary education with plans to stay in ND and teach.



Samantha McKay of Devils Lake returned to college to major in business. A Dean's List student, Sam is a 2010 graduate of Devils Lake High School and the mother of two great kids. Sam participated in LRSC's Collegiate DECA chapter for the past two years - serving as the secretary the past two years. She qualified and participated in the International Career & Development Collegiate DECA Conference - earning top 10 honors in her prepared event this past spring. She also was a student employee in the President's and Foundation office. Sam will further her education with Mayville State University, majoring in business.

*CCF Director, Elonda Nord and Samantha McKay, Who's Who Award recipient.*

Kayla Nyhagen of Cando, ND, has consistently made the Dean's List from Fall 2019 to Fall 2021. With a cumulative GPA of 3.70, Kayla was a tremendous student committed to her studies and respectful to others. She was an RA and Royal Ambassador in 2019, serving as Royal Ambassador President in 2020. She also worked in the ER as a CNA full-time while completing her general studies in 2019. She has worked part-time as a CNA from 2020-2021 while in the nursing program and served as President of the Student Nursing Organization while in the PN nursing program and a member of the Student Nurse Organization during the AD year. She is currently a hospital nurse and works in home care, too. She plans to apply to the BSN program through Mayville State and eventually become a Nurse Practitioner.



*Sam Shumway, Who's Who and Knoke Leadership Award recipient.*

Samantha (Sam) Shumway earned an Associate in Science degree and also earned her Associate degree in nursing. A native of Franklin, Idaho, Sam was a resident assistant, a member of the AD Student Nurse Organization, and a member of the Royals softball team. She is an extremely diligent worker, balancing her studies, work and extra curriculars. As a practical nursing student, Sam addressed her RA duties, worked at Eventide senior living center as a Nursing aid and medication aid. This year she worked as an LPN while studying in the Associate degree RN program. In addition to all that, Sam played softball for the Royals. Last year Sam was named one of the top 3 players in their conference. One of the wonderful things about Sam is she will go beyond what is expected of her. She volunteered to assess faculty, staff, and students during COVID clinics during the pandemic. After graduation she plan to attend Mayville State, where she will continue her nursing education towards her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and continue to play collegiate softball. ■

## STUDENT RECOGNITION

# A DEGREE ABOVE THE REST

BY ERIN WOOD | PHOTOS SUBMITTED

## Student graduates from college before high school

Claire Hiltner envisioned herself in a medical career from an early age. That goal, teamed with the love of learning, propelled Claire to always do more.

Do more is exactly what she did.

Claire recently graduated from Lake Region State College and Langdon High School in the same month – the first high school student to do that in LRSC history.

“I’ve dreamed of a career in medicine and earning this degree takes two years off a long educational path,” Hiltner said.

Earning an associate degree while in high school is an extraordinary achievement.

“Many high school students have earned 40 or 50 credits with Lake Region State College. To have a student buckle down and earn the full 60 credits for an associate degree is a first for the college,” said Dan Driessen, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.



Hiltner participating in LRSC’s commencement ceremony.

With career goals in mind and always up for a challenge, Claire started to look at college earlier than most teens. Thanks to the dual credit program, Claire had the opportunity to enroll in college courses while in high school. Still, she wondered, how to make the most of this great opportunity?

Claire and her family visited with Driessen, then director of the LRSC

Distance Education programs. He outlined she could complete a two-year degree if she got started right away her sophomore year.

She took that outline to heart and enrolled in courses throughout the school year face to face and online and also took courses during the summer.

“I enjoyed the challenge of the courses. That challenge was a factor in taking the courses as much, if not more, than getting a degree,” Hiltner said.

She loved the classes that had a medical side.

“My favorite class hands down was abnormal psychology taught by Randy Fixen (the best)! It dealt with symptoms and diagnosis...I loved that aspect of the subject,” she said

From Lake Region and Langdon, Hiltner will now transfer to the University of North Dakota for pre-medicine.

“I also wish to further my EMS career through a paramedic program, and then Medical School for either cardiology, or emergency medicine. ■



Langdon High School student Claire Hiltner graduated with an associate degree from LRSC before she graduates from high school.



# LRSC STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Two Lake Region State College students earned national recognition for their academic achievements.

Tucker Bercier received the highest All-USA Academic Team application score in North Dakota. That recognition makes him a New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar, said Teresa Tande, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society advisor. He was recognized at the American Association for Community Colleges annual conference.



Tucker Bercier, All USA recipient.

Jarrel McGarvey was selected as a Bronze Scholar on Coca-Cola's 2022 Academic Team and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. His selection was based on the score earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, for which more than 2,000 applications were received this year.

As a Bronze Scholar, McGarvey was presented with a Bronze medallion and a check for \$1,000 by Fall 2022.

"This is a great honor for Tucker, Jarrel, and LRSC," Tande said.

Earlier this spring, Bercier and McGarvey were two of 14 North Dakota community college students named to the 2022 All-North Dakota Academic Team, which recognizes the academic achievements of community college students.

"Only the most highly driven and accomplished students are named to the All-North Dakota Academic Team," said North Dakota University System Chancellor Mark Hagerott. "The fourteen students from throughout our system named to this year's team are outstanding examples of academic achievement and volunteer spirit."

To be eligible for the New Century program, students must apply for the All-USA Academic Team and be selected as a nominee by their college. The New Century Pathway Scholarship program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, the American Association of Community Colleges, and Phi Theta Kappa. The program annually recognizes 104 Scholars. Bercier graduated in December and is now studying for his bachelor's degree in education.

The Coca-Cola Academic Team recognizes high achieving college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. Fifty students will be named Gold Scholars, fifty students will be named Silver Scholars, and fifty students will be named Bronze



Jarrel McGarvey, Bronze Scholar recipient.

Scholars. A state may have multiple Gold, Silver, or Bronze Scholars.

To be eligible for this program, students must apply for the All-USA Academic Team and be selected as a nominee by their college. The Coca-Cola Academic Team is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Bercier graduated from LRSC in December and McGarvey graduated in May.

Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community. Each member of the team receives a certificate of congratulations from Gov. Doug Burgum, an award certificate, a medallion, and a monetary award. ■



PHI THETA KAPPA  
HONOR SOCIETY





# CHS FOUNDATION PRECISION AGRICULTURE GRANTS IMPACT LAKE REGION STATE COLLEGE

The Precision Ag program at Lake Region State College received a big boost in its program through a grant from Cenex Harvest States Foundation.

Lake Region State College was awarded \$67,875 to purchase state-of-the-art hardware and software for precision ag research and development. In all, CHS Foundation awarded \$829,000 to six colleges and universities.

The CHS Foundation funded by charitable gifts from CHS Inc., focused its grants this year on precision agriculture and cooperative education.

"The CHS Foundation recognizes the continuing strength and importance of precision agriculture and remains committed to supporting education that develops future ag leaders," says Nanci Lilja, president, CHS Foundation. "The world depends on agriculture, and the industry has never been more important than it is today. We also need innovation and advancements in breakthrough technology to help attract the best possible talent into our field, helping reach the next generation of agriculture leaders."

The CHS grant will help provide the LRSC Precision Ag students with field-ready equipment to plant and scout their own 40 acre field.

"The precision-equipped four-row planter provides students with field experience operating the planter, shop experience setting up the planter, and classroom experience working with the data. That data can then be utilized to make more precise management decisions," said Preston Sundeen with LRSC Precision Ag. ■





*Mykayla Towell, Calder Nelson, Kayden Wass, Robert Petzold, Kaydee Koistinen, Charles Craddock, Michael Roed.*



# THEATER CAST

## EARNs COMMENDATION

Lake Region State College theater students earned commendation for their work in a fall 2021 production.

The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival held a virtual award ceremony earlier this year and presented awards in Region 5. The cast of LRSC’s production of *Eurydice* received an award for achievement in ensemble performance.

“Your hard work and commitment to artistry is celebrated,” said Brad Carlson, chair of Region 5 for KCACTF.

The LRSC Playmakers take to the stage each semester. For more information on theatre at LRSC contact April Hubbard at April.V.Hubbard@lrsc.edu. ■

**KCACTF Festival 54**  
 Awards this commendation to  
**THE CAST**  
 of  
**Lake Region State College**  
 For achievement in  
**Ensemble Performance**  
 For the production of  
***Eurydice***

  
 Brad M. Carlson, Regional Chair

  
 Sarah Marie Klocke, RED Chair

  
 Emily Cherry Oliver, Co-Vice-Chair

  
 Lindsey Duoos Williams, Co-Vice-Chair

  
 Billy Wilburn, DTM Chair

  
 Aaron Scully, NIM Chair



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## **TRAVEL WITH THE PRESIDENT 2023 TO THE BEST OF IRELAND AND SCOTLAND WITH A LONDON EXTENSION**

Hundreds of years of history will spring to life as you explore and travel through Irish and Scottish landscapes. Our journey starts in Galway and continues through County Kerry’s coastal landscapes before we travel north to Dublin. From Dublin we head to Glasgow and the Scottish Highlands, and then travel to Edinburg. We will end our journey in London taking in the sights and sounds of the bustling English capital. Travel dates are June 3 through June 16, 2023. For more information, contact Teresa Tande at 701-662-8062 or Elonda Nord in the Foundation Office at 701-665-4639. ■

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### **THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES IT'S NEW ENDOWMENTS**

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#### **DAVID AND JAMIE NIENHUIS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

Farming in the Lawton, ND area, David and Jamie raised their family of four instilling in them the importance and value of education. Through the years David and Jamie Nienhuis’ children have all attended Lake Region State College as did David. Jamie, a registered nurse, is the Director of Nursing at Cavalier County Memorial Hospital. In appreciation of educational opportunities offered at Lake Region State College, this endowment was established to encourage students from the Edmore Public School District or from the Edmore region to continue their education. ■

#### **SAM A. JOHNSON ENDOWMENTS FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

Although now retired from full-time teaching, Sam continues to teach online for LRSC as an associate professor of English and Humanities. A strong advocate for arts and humanities, Sam has been active in organizations that promote these areas. His scholarship endowment will support students planning to major in a field of the arts or humanities with a preference given to students intending to major in English, Communications/Journalism, History, Philosophy, Library Science, Music, Theater Arts, or Visual Arts. The program endowment will be used annually to strengthen Arts and Humanities programming with preference given to supporting arts and humanities scholars/speakers, theatre or music performances/productions, art exhibits, films and movies, book study groups, workshops or mini-courses, and will be available to LRSC students, faculty and staff, and the community. ■



**EDWARD AND VIOLET NIENHUIS  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
ENDOWMENT**

Edward and Violet Nienhuis were born into a pioneering environment where hard work and family values were key components. Fundamental truths guided their values of commitment to God, church, and community. Their children learned the importance of these values. They were encouraged to pursue secondary education and were given the opportunity to continue their education at Lake Region State College. The children of Edward and Violet Nienhuis have established this scholarship endowment providing support to LRSC students in the disciplines of nursing and agriculture. ■

**WOODLAND RESORT SCHOLARSHIP  
ENDOWMENT**

Kyle and Karin Blanchfield have been supporting Lake Region State College and the Lake Region Community for many years. When they had the opportunity to start an endowment at LRSC, it was another way to continue that support and to help promote student success. Established in 1989 on the shores of Devils Lake, Woodland Resort is a popular tourist destination for local, state, and national travelers and sportsmen. This endowment provides scholarships for exemplary students at LRSC. ■

**CURTIS AND ANNETTE HOFSTAD  
PROGRAM ENDOWMENT**

When good people of firm resolve and conviction take individual responsibility for the success of their community, we all soar together. Curt Hofstad was one of those good people. His relentless drive and clear vision were indispensable in building up the Lake Region. Serving as a state legislator and on numerous other boards, Curt helped improve our community's connection to the nation. Annette was diligent and dedicated to many of these same causes. Established by Wakefield Flight Service, this endowment supports the Precision Ag Program at LRSC to help students and the program soar to highest potential. ■

**LAKE REGION PIONEER DAUGHTERS  
SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

The Lake Region Pioneer Daughters organization is a champion for historical preservation in the region. Without the work of these enthusiastic and committed members, much local history would have been lost. Today the Pioneer Daughters organization carries out its mission by encouraging preservation work and by promotion of public interest in history. The Lake Region Pioneer Daughters Scholarship Endowment

is awarded annually to a student at Lake Region State College interested in preserving the history and heritage of North Dakota. ■

**KATHRYN GRIFFIN SCHOLARSHIP  
ENDOWMENT**

Kathryn Griffin started what would become a lifelong career in the banking industry the summer she graduated from high school in Oberon, ND. With her determination and dedication, her summer position at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Minnewaukan, ND moved to a full-time position. When the Farmers and Merchants Bank was purchased by Bremer Bank, Kathryn became an employee there and was soon awarded the Best of Bremer award. She believes that growing up in rural North Dakota builds character. This scholarship will be awarded annually to an exemplary student from rural ND. ■

**DR. MATHEW J. MALEK MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

Dr. Mathew Malek knew he wanted to be a physician since he was a young child. As a general surgeon in Detroit Lakes, Minn., he loved his profession, had excellent patient care, and was passionate about teaching and mentoring the incoming students and physicians. Some of his mentees said they wanted to be paired with him as he cared about them on another level and his teachings made them better students and people. The Dr. Mathew J. Malek scholarship was established in his memory after his tragic death in 2020. This scholarship is given to a student whose plans are to pursue a medical degree after completing their studies at LRSC or a student in the college's Nursing program. ■

**WILLIAM H. BYRAM MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

At the age of 23, Bill Byram joined the North Dakota Highway Patrol and continued a lifelong career, retiring as Captain after more than 32 years of service. He was known for his courage - putting others first and protecting the citizens of North Dakota. After retirement, he continued his service to North Dakota, working with the ND Safety Council where he taught defensive driving courses and helped implement a seatbelt law. Established by his family, The William H Byram Memorial Scholarship Endowment will be awarded annually to outstanding students in the Law Enforcement Program that will serve their communities with the dedication and honor displayed by Captain Byram. ■

## GIVING - ENDOWMENTS

### REGYNSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Gary and Kyle started the Regynski Family Endowment in 2020 to help encourage students in their pursuit of higher education. Prior to moving to Devils Lake, Gary was a mechanical engineer at the North American Coal Company, and Kyle was a high school English teacher. Kyle continued her career at the Devils Lake High School and Northeast Education Services Cooperative, retiring after 40 years in education. Proud to have three generations of teachers in Kyle's family (her father, herself, and their daughter Erin Lacina), and Gary's interest in collecting, restoring and racing classic cars, the Regynski Family Scholarship Endowment will benefit students studying education or automotive technology. ■

### STEVEN WEBSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

An alumnus of Devils Lake Central High School and Lake Region State College, Steve Webster had a deep-seated love of the land. He earned a bachelor's degree in Entomology and master's degree in Agricultural Economics from NDSU. Following graduation, he worked for the Federal Land Bank and Farm Credit services. In 1988, the Websters moved back to be near family and so Steve could farm with his brothers. In 1989, Steve set up his certified land appraiser business. This endowment was established by his wife Lynne and their sons in Steve's memory and will support scholarships for students enrolled in the Precision Ag program. ■

### AMERICAN LEGION TIM RUNNING POST #24 SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

The American Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans, and produced many important programs for children and youth. They have a proud tradition of supporting our nation's youth. The American Legion Tim Running Post #24 focuses on giving back to veterans, children and youth, and the community. This scholarship is awarded to second year students with a military background including family members of Veterans or students enrolled in the nursing program. ■

### GERALD R. JOHNSON, JR MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

A graduate of Devils Lake High School and of Lake Region State College, Gerald Johnson, Jr. was a family man first, a volunteer fireman, a loyal friend, a cook and gardener, and a banker. Always the first to volunteer when needed, he put others before

himself. As captain of Engine 201, he was cherished as a devoted leader by his fellow firefighters. Gerald enjoyed spending time outdoors either at the farm or hunting, fishing, or boating. Established by his wife and son, this memorial scholarship will be awarded to students pursuing a degree in Business. ■

### DAN AND MARILYN JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Dan Johnson, long-time educator and veteran faculty member, Registrar, and past Dean of Student Services, Admissions, and Housing (just to name a few of Dan's responsibilities) and his wife, Marilyn, established the Dan and Marilyn Johnson Scholarship Endowment to encourage students to develop a strong work ethic. Moving to Devils Lake in 1968, Dan has been a familiar face on the LRSC campus, while Marilyn pursued a nursing career. Encouraged by a previous LRSC president, "You can't encourage others to give if you don't give yourself", Dan started a payroll deduction plan in 1980. The student recipient of this scholarship will be a student that "Shows up and makes an effort." ■

### RICHARD AND KAYE VOLK PROGRAM ENDOWMENT

The Richard and Kaye Volk Program Endowment supports a passion the Volks had all of their lives, agriculture. Richard grew up on the family farm near Webster and was blessed to remain on that farm with his wife Kaye, raising their family of one daughter and two sons. An avid reader, he would research and consume knowledge on a wide range of subjects. Active in the Webster and Lake Region community, Richard and Kaye always felt it was important to give back to the community that had given them so much. After Richard's untimely and tragic death, Kaye started this program endowment supporting the Lake Region State College Precision Agricultural Program. ■







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Make sure you harvest the crops you plant. Too often we work for years but never reap the benefits of what we have sown. The fall colors and crisp, autumn air remind us of past holidays, gatherings and festivals. Harvest those memories.



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A memorial gift is a lasting tribute and a meaningful way to honor loved ones. Since July 1, 2020, gifts have been received in memory of the following individuals:

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 Duane Zinke ■

## CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE



*Dianne Gunderson and Doug Darling*



*Physical Plant Director Chad Estenson and Duane Hahn*



*Dr. Kristin and Corry Kenner with Deb Carlson*



*Corry Kenner*

## CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE

**C**orry Kenner, Vice President of Administrative Affairs at Lake Region State College is retiring after 38 years of service to the institution.

When Corry first arrived at LRSC, the college was navigating stormy waters with finances and management. Through the years, those storms calmed and LRSC has risen from almost being closed by the SBHE in the mid-1980s to becoming well-respected and the 6th largest of the 11 NDUS institutions.

Lake Region State College wants to say thanks to Corry and all the faculty/staff who have retired this last year, including longtime donor relations staff Dianne Gunderson, custodial crew chief Duane Hahn, Financial Aid Associate Doreen Hoffman, and art faculty Deborah Carlson. The college will hold an open house/reception for retirees August 18th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the LRSC Dining Room. ■



**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**9/29**  
**ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION EVENT**  
Mark your calendars!



**10/28**  
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Mark your calendars!



**11/17**  
**LRSC GIVING THANKS DAY**  
Contact the CCF office to learn more!



**Feb**  
**LOVE YOUR COLLEGE**  
Show your love to LRSC during the month of February.



**2/21-23**  
**NAMED ENDOWMENT RECOGNITION**  
Recognizing donors and recipients for their gifts and hard work.



**6/3-16**  
**TRAVEL WITH THE PRESIDENT**  
Take a trip to beautiful Ireland & Scotland.

**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Here's hoping everyone is recuperating from a sizzling summer as we prepare to enter another academic year. Activity at LRSC has been zipping along and returning to pre-pandemic levels and that is more than exciting to see.

We want to squeeze as much about LRSC as possible in this issue. From high school students enrolling with LRSC and graduating with their associate degree at the same time as a high school diploma, to past students paying it forward for new students through an endowment – the positivity of the LRSC community shines. We want to share those rays of light.

Love what you do. Be kind. Smile, wink, and laugh. I hope you enjoy this issue of Branches.

Go Royals!

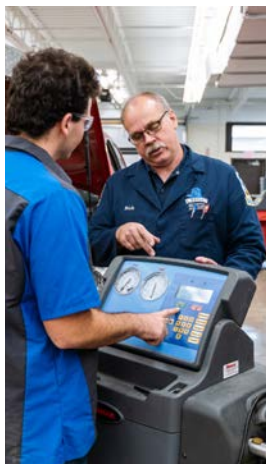
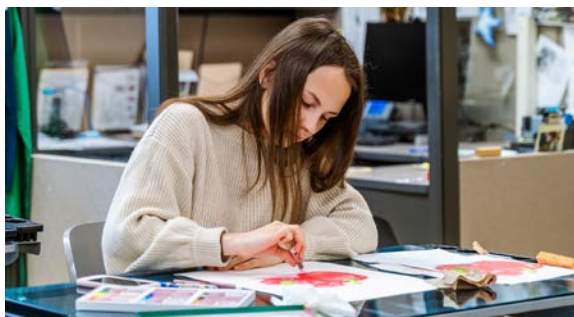
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