



*Celebrating 75 years
of education and community*



1960



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Through the years, three seals have been created to represent LRSC.

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Dear Friends,

This year, Lake Region State College is celebrating a proud milestone! For 75 years, the college has continuously provided quality educational opportunities to the greater Lake Region and beyond. Launched in 1941, LRSC has faithfully served the community, creating and delivering education services to meet critical needs. Those who worked so hard to build this college are remembered fondly and appreciated deeply. And all who have helped the college move in positive directions throughout its history are commended. Taking time to celebrate 75 years is important because it encourages reflection and increases our resolve to approach the future with courage and tenacity.

I am proud to say that my family and I have been involved in much of the college's evolution. My father and his brothers attended in the late fifties and early sixties when the campus was the Pershing Building next to the high school. My sister was at LRCC in the early eighties, and my brother Dan was a dual credit instructor in the nineties. My children and their cousins have nearly all attended LRSC ... my youngest graduated this spring, and another cousin will enroll this fall. I came to the campus as a student teacher in 1984, as a faculty member in 1988, and have been here in many roles ever since.

Seventy-five years is both a long time and the blink of an eye. So much has happened in the past three quarters of a century. The years have been filled with significant challenges and many wonderful successes. The college has been blessed with services of effective leaders and tireless advocates. Commitment from the community has empowered the college to weather the ups and downs that, on occasion, threatened its very existence.

We hope you enjoy this publication which contains many historical highlights and places special emphasis on the most recent 25 years. Similar chronicles were prepared for celebrations held to honor the college at its 25-year and 50-year benchmarks. Together, these documents provide an historic overview of LRSC's evolution and service to its community of learners.

Please join me as we celebrate seventy-five years of education and community ... seventy-five years of changing lives and opening doors to opportunities!

See you soon,



Doug Darling, Ph.D.
President

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Come along for a walk down memory lane!

To commemorate Lake Region State College's 75th anniversary, we have prepared this history book which highlights important milestones from the college's last twenty-five years. Reprinted here are excerpts gleaned from the college newsletter, *Branches*, programs, newspapers, and many other publications. Some recall important occasions which shaped LRSC's role as a significant educational institution, and others are light-hearted memories of fun and happy events. We hope you like reminiscing about Lake Region State College, our great little college on the prairie. Enjoy!

The Great Homecoming

They came from California, Texas, Washington, and throughout the Midwest to reminisce and remember

Members of UND-Lake Region's first class (1941) and of nearly all classes since were on hand to help celebrate the end of the college's first half-century and the beginning of its second. The big, campus-wide celebration was held the end of June 1991 and brought to a close an exciting year.

Expanding the library has been identified as the college's most critical facilities need. Those who evaluate the college's accreditation standing pointed out what our library staff has known for years—We don't have enough shelf space, seating space, storage space, study room space, work-room space, computer station space ... and on and on. American Library Association guidelines recommend 16,130 square feet to serve a student population our size. Our library is functioning with 5,600 square feet.

Fixing the problem requires a lot of dollars—\$759 thousand to be exact! We are looking to the State Board of Higher Education and the Legislature for the lion's share of that sum; but in this time of tight budgets, projects which can show constituent support tend to be more warmly received. The Anniversary Committee has set a goal to raise \$150 thousand

and earmarked most of it for the Library Expansion Project.

The gymnasium hallway was also transformed during the anniversary. It changed from a noisy, dingy thoroughway to a bright and interesting history exhibit. Now called the *Hall of Fame*, the corridor has become a showplace for team plaques and trophies, a place to recognize campus leadership achievements, and a place to pay special homage to unsung heroes who have given their time and talents to the college. New initiates will be added to the Hall of Fame at the foundation's annual meeting in October. Former students and friends are invited to recommend individuals for induction.

UND-Lake Region's 50th Anniversary will long be remembered as an event-filled year and a great homecoming get-together. It will also be remembered because it left a tangible legacy—the Library Expansion Project and the Hall of Fame. Over 100 individuals volunteered their time and talents to make it all happen. We salute the volunteers and all who took time to come celebrate with us. "Thank you!" for helping UND-Lake Region begin its second half-century with strength and pride. ●

— *Branches*, spring 1994 —

Hall of Fame unveiled

Special people have built and preserved this special college. Often, these individuals received little recognition for their hard work and dedication. The *Hall of Fame* was unveiled in June of 1991 as part of the college's fiftieth anniversary. Planners were seeking a way to publicly appreciate those who have invested their time and energy, talents, and resources in the school over the years. Current honorees are listed below:

Lynn Andrew*/**	Richard Kunkel
Mark Beighley	Clarence Laber
Mike Bellmore*	1989/90 Lady
Dr. Merril Berg	Royals**
Anne-Marit Bergstrom	I. F. LaFleur
William Bergstrom	Florence Lake
Fred Bingham	Robert Lawrence**
Jim Bowen*/**	Carol Leever
Jeremy Brandt**	Robert Leever
Steve Brekke**	Norm Leever
Class of 1941	Larry Liere
Sarah Cofer**	Dennis Lysne
Marlo Davis**	Dr. J. H. Mahoney
Cara Demaine**	Rebecca Mercer**
Darcy Deutsch*/**	Charles Mertens*
Dennis Deutsch	Roger Mertens
Clarence Erlandson*	Travis Mertens**
Sharon L. Etamad	Helen Nelson
Margaret Fawcett	David Oehlke
Helen Foughty*	Marilyn Pederson
Pat Freije	Darwin Peterson
Dr. J. K. Galloway*	Dr. Louis Pine
F. H. Gilliland*	RSVP
T. C. Goulding	Gene Roebuck**
Doris Greenleaf	Shantelle Rolle**
W. A. Greenleaf*	1981/82 Royals*
Armen Hanson	Judy Ryan
A. L. Haroldson*	Dan Schilz*/**
Rodger Haugen	Duane Schwab**
John Haugland	Dolores Stenseth
Durene Heisler*/**	Alma Mehus
Dr. S. B. Hocking*	Studness
Fred Hoghaug	Leo Studness*
Vivian Hoghaug	Larry Swenson
June Huesgen	Lisa Swenson
Beth Ihry*/**	Irving Thompson
Reed Ihry	Jack Traynor
Pete Jerome	Brooke Treleaven**
Lois Hefti Jones*	Rayna Vitt**
Kristina Kazociuniene**	Hugh Welsh*/**
Viola Thoen Keller	Wayne Westphal**
James Kirk	H. L. "Prof" Woll*
	Janet Wood

* Original Hall of Fame, spring 1991

** Athletic Hall of Fame

College leadership

From 1941 to 1967, the superintendent of Devils Lake's school district served as president of the college. In 1967, management was assumed by a president reporting to a local board of trustees. In 1985, management was placed with the president of NDSSS with an on-campus executive dean. In 1987, management was placed with the president of UND. Management of the college was placed with a campus president beginning in 1999.

1941-1959

F. H. Gilliland, President
H. L. Woll, dean

1959-1967

Clarence Erlandson, President
F. H. Gilliland, Dean 1959/1961
Dr. Richard Davison,
Dean 1961/1962
Merril Berg, Dean 1962/1967

1967-1975

Merril Berg, President

1975-1976

Clarence Laber, Acting President

1976-1979

Dr. Merrill Berg, President

1979-1983

Dr. Dennis Michaelis, President

1983-1984

Dr. Richard Kunkel,
Acting President

1984-1985

Dr. William Taylor, President

1985-1987

Dr. Claire Blikre,
NDSSS President
James Horton, Executive Dean

1987-1999

Dr. Thomas Clifford,
UND President 1987/1992
Dr. Kendall Baker,
UND President 1992/1999
Dr. Sharon L. Etemad,
Executive Dean

1999-2008

Dr. Sharon L. Etemad, President

2008-2012

Dr. Mike Bower, President

2012-Present

Dr. Doug Darling, President

A lasting tribute to the college's first half-century

The Paul Hoghaug Library

On January 27, 1994, the Community College Foundation hosted the *Library Lift-Off* which marked the beginning of construction for the new home of the Paul Hoghaug Library.

The dream of expanding the library had been born during the college's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 1991. Planners wanted to create a lasting tribute to the college's first half-century, and a library expansion was chosen as the focus.

Unsure of the level of local support—and inexperienced in fund-raising—college administrators suggested a low-cost, temporary solution could be achieved for \$35 thousand by closing off a hallway to provide extra seating and shelving space. The 50th Anniversary Fund-Raising Committee, with co-chairmen Norm Leever and Fred Hoghaug, studied the proposal and promptly rejected it. They challenged college leadership to think bigger.

Thus, a significantly more ambitious goal was set, and by anniversary's end \$152 thousand had been raised for the Library Expansion Project. Fund-raising continued after the anniversary's end and included efforts to secure state funding for the project.

The solution to the space problem was found in an under-utilized dormitory, South Hall. The new space was double the size of the old library, and it would be equipped with state-of-the-art technology and comfortable furnishings. A new entrance would allow easy access.

The project became "do-able" with three major pieces of funding—Peggy Collinson and her late husband Jim presented the college with a gift of \$200 thousand for library furnishings; the estate of

Fred Hoghaug, a long-time benefactor of the college, provided an additional \$151 thousand; and finally, the State Board of Higher Education allocated \$295 thousand from a capital projects pool established by the legislature. At long last, the goal of \$800 thousand had been reached!

Work was begun with the Library Lift-Off, and the official move was held the week of January 30 through February 3, 1995.

Volunteers responded from all areas—alumni, faculty, staff, students, Retired Senior Volunteers and Boy Scouts, and folks who just like libraries. Books were loaded into grocery carts and whizzed down the hall to their new shelves. Every afternoon, three shifts geared up to the task. Librarian Sharon Evensen kept volunteers supplied with books to be moved, and Brenda Seehafer, assistant librarian, directed unloading and placement.

At the end of the second shift on Friday, forty thousand books had been settled into their new home, along with 175,000 periodicals, AV materials, computer equipment, projection equipment, and boxes and boxes of library supplies. •

Vital statistics about the move

- 218 volunteers
- 460 hours of volunteer labor
- 2,500 shelves full of books were moved—40,000 volumes—over 50 tons of books!
- 92 volunteers came from the community.
- Campus volunteers included 27 faculty, 27 staff, and 72 students.

— *Paul Hoghaug Library* —
grand opening celebration
September 19, 1995

Chautauqua Gallery grand opening

The new Leo and Alma Mehus Studness Chautauqua Gallery is located in the space vacated when the library moved to its new home in 1995.

This beautiful facility has been made possible by a generous gift from Alma Mehus Studness in honor of her late husband, Leo. The Chautauqua Gallery—a large, multi-purpose room with adjoining small meeting rooms—was appropriately named to commemorate the phenomenon of the Devils Lake Chautauqua.

Based on the Chautauqua principles of education, inspiration, and patriotism, the Gallery will be used for lectures, seminars, recitals, and art exhibits ... all types of gatherings where learning occurs!

The area is large and bright with a wall of windows on each side facing lawns and College Drive on the east and a beautiful courtyard on the west. The stage is finished with lustrous, polished hardwood. Flowered carpeting in shades of blue and rose covers the rest of the floor. The whole room, from the elegant furniture to the works of art displayed on white gallery walls, has been carefully designed to create a warm and inviting environment.

Prominently exhibited are portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Studness by Bela Patheo, art professor of St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. The Gallery is a fitting memorial for Leo Studness who is remembered by his daughter, Anne-Marit Bergstrom, as "a great appreciator of the arts." His wife, Alma Mehus Studness, was a pianist who launched her

professional career on the Chautauqua circuit.

Anne-Marit Bergstrom is herself an artist. Her series of Chautauqua paintings was given to the college and will be permanently displayed in the Chautauqua Gallery. Anne-Marit, depicts in nine

paintings a family's experiences attending Chautauqua in about 1915. Among the scenes are the trip by narrow-gauge railroad from Devils Lake to Chautauqua Park on the shores of Devils Lake, the meeting of Native American and immigrant American cultures, the

Grand Auditorium which seated 3,000 to 5,000 people, Captain E. E. Heerman's Minnie H steamboat transporting passengers and cargo across the lake, and the beauty and tranquility of the lake itself.

Also being shown are paintings by Anne-Marit's daughter-in-law, Candace Bergstrom. Lake Region Pioneer Daughters has made its collection of original Chautauqua programs available for display, and a beautiful red, white, and blue star quilt created by Grace Lambert—a member of the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe—is hung near the entrance.

The grand opening of the Chautauqua Gallery featured a recreation of the Chautauqua experience with music, poetry, oration, ballet, and lecture. As a grand culmination to the program, and to everyone's great delight, Mrs. Studness reflected back to her Chautauqua roots by performing beautiful Chopin and Beethoven piano music. ●

— Branches, fall 1996 —

Introducing Prairie Art in the hallway

A lunch table is a wonderful incubator for great ideas. So, when the topic shifted to how to make our campus more inviting, a dream began to emerge. The long, wide hallways that link our campus together could become a visual feast, an intellectual experience.

Why not fill them with art ... original pieces created by respected prairie artists ... prints of master works ... interesting vignettes ... picture-stories about people who made differences during their lives. Passing through our hallways could become an educational experience!

As the discussions continued, ideas emerged. Framing sponsors were sought for a set of fifteen posters honoring literary masters. That effort was so successful that another set of posters was framed introducing viewers to world-famous paintings and to the masters who produced them. Not to be outdone, the library also matted and framed a set of posters about literary greats.

The lunch table dream took on another dimension when a number of friends of the college took a different approach. They purchased and donated some beautiful pieces of art for permanent display in what we have come to call the *Prairie Art in the Hallway Collection*.

Come and take a tour of the beautiful artwork in our hallways, and then join us for lunch! Or contact the Foundation Office if you'd like to know more about our art collection. ●

— Branches, spring 2001 —

*A home
for the
arts ... and
much, much
more!*

Lake Region State College

is committed to being a progressive and diverse institution which prepares students for successful living and citizenship in a rapidly changing local, national, and world community. We strive to offer unique and varied programs to provide students with exciting job opportunities and advanced positions of responsibility.

- **Associate in Arts/Associate in Science** Universities throughout the country are transfer-friendly. It's not uncommon for the AA and AS degrees to be accepted as a block of study in place of specific first- and second-year course requirements

- **Accounting/Business Administration**—Combines the two closely linked fields to provide a broad understanding of finance, management, and marketing

- **Administrative Assistant/Office Management**—Develop the skills necessary to fulfill an essential role as a professional assistant.

- **American Sign Language and Interpreting Studies**—Interpreters are needed in a wide variety of settings including education, medical, human service, legal, and performance arts.

- **Automotive Technology**—Work in a variety of fields in the industry including dealerships, independent shops, and service centers.

- **Early Childhood Education**—Learn to work with children in childcare facilities, recreation centers, schools, private homes, and children's institutions.

- **Farm Management**—Designed to provide farmers with the opportunity to gather information and develop the skills they need to keep pace in the rapidly advancing technology of production agriculture.

- **Fitness Trainer Technician**—Play an invaluable role in promoting healthy living through proper nutrition and physical activity.

No Change Allowed!

One thing that has NOT changed during the past 75 years is the college's focus on academics.

Deciding what to teach and how to teach it well was, and continues to be, the institution's highest priority.

Campus leaders and faculty are continuously engaged in discussions about educational needs of students, the workforce, and the community.

Since our doors opened, the courses to support core academic-transfer needs has been a leading focus. In those days, the school called itself a "junior college" which indicated that it focused on providing courses that met requirements for the first two years of most "senior colleges" (four-year baccalaureate degree-granting institutions). Courses such as math, sciences, speech, English composition, and humanities were critically important, and remain so today.

Then and now, instructors in the academic division work hard to align their course curricula with those offered by universities where students are likely to transfer. Evidence of their focus on maintaining high academic standards for students and themselves is found in accreditation studies.

Continuous accreditation since 1974 by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools empowers students to seamlessly transfer completed coursework to higher education institutions across the country. Maintaining high academic standards has been a core LRSC value since 1941—No change allowed!

The tradition of high standards also applies to Lake Region State College's technical education programs. Coursework to prepare students to work in

business environments has been a focus of the college since day one. Accounting and business courses and programs, as well as programs to prepare students to serve as administrative assistants, have always been offered. With the advent of computers, information technology courses and degrees were introduced. The marketing and management program was also developed to meet the needs of the community's business sector.

Through the years, course offerings have been adjusted, re-directed, or re-invented to enable the college to be more effective. New programs have been introduced and others were closed as needs changed and student enrollment shifted (*see below*).

As a small college, Lake Region State College has remained nimble and responsive. We take pride in being able to seize opportunities and make adjustments, when needed, to better serve students and the community. In this way, change is valued and supported, as long as there is no change in commitment to academic excellence. ●

Discontinued programs

- 9-1-1 Dispatcher
- Architectural Drafting
- Cabinet Making
- Carpentry
- Civil Engineering Technology
- Construction Management
- Diesel Technology
- Eligibility Worker
- Fashion Merchandising
- Legal Assistant
- Para-Educator
- Recreational Technology
- Surveying/Engineering
- Welding

Reaching out across the globe

New instructional technology allows LRSC to reach almost 2,000 students each year.

LRSC is a revolving door of students. They show up as green freshmen and leave all too soon as seasoned sophomores. The evolution of higher education and emergence of new technology allows our college to reach out to almost 2,000 students across the globe each year.

Our on-campus community has seen steady growth over the past 25 years due in part to new programs and changes in technology. The addition of many activities and expansion of the athletics department has caused our residence halls to overflow.

LRSC is a small campus and we have always strived to offer our local and surrounding small communities the best in education. This often begins with dual credit. During the early 1990s, LRSC was the first North Dakota college to offer dual credit college courses to high school students. Using our interactive video network, we delivered these courses to students who were ready for more challenging course options while still in high school.

In 1999, several tenured on-campus faculty members began

teaching online courses. However, the shift to online courses really escalated after 2005 as a new generation of students, more connected with Internet, found online courses fitting into their complex schedules. Part-time students taking night courses switched to online courses which allowed more flexibility with work and life.

The first online degree was an Associate in Arts available in 2005, and more degrees have become available—Accounting/Business Administration, Early Childhood Education, Law Enforcement, Speech Language Pathology Assistant, and LRSC's original Fitness Trainer Technician program.

Lake Region State College has always found ways to reach out to students beginning in the late seventies with the opening of the Grand Forks Air Force Base Education Center. From our Nursing programs in Mayville and Grand Forks to Peace Officer Training being offered in most major cities in North Dakota, we are constantly expanding and adapting to the needs of our students both on and off campus. •

Phi Theta Kappa arrives at LRSC

A new student organization has arrived at LRSC. A chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has been formed, and an official opening ceremony was held in April 2008 with 22 members joining the organization.

"Phi Theta Kappa shall recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students ... provide opportunity for development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence."

Advisor for the new chapter is English/humanities instructor Teresa Tande. She and Doug Darling, vice president for Instructional Services, completed certification for Phi Theta Kappa leadership training and can teach leadership courses with PTK materials.

The chapter has been active in fund-raising activities, including collecting textbooks for third world countries. •

— Branches, fall 2008 —

• **Information Technology**—Acquire the business application and technical skills needed for entry-level positions in a wide array of business settings.

• **Law Enforcement**—A common requirement for advancement in law enforcement careers.

• **Marketing**—Prepare for exciting jobs in sales, digital marketing, and marketing management.

• **Nursing**—Begin a challenging career in nursing and learn to care for patients in a variety of health care settings such as hospitals and long-term care facilities.

• **Peace Officer Training**—A rigorous one-semester program to prepare for employment as a peace officer in North Dakota.

• **Precision Agriculture**—The demand on farmers to continuously produce more food, fiber, fuel, and pharmaceuticals for the world has made it necessary that they become more efficient by using various forms of precision ag technologies.

• **Simulator Technology**—Learn to troubleshoot, repair, and maintain electronic and mechanical components of simulators used in pilot training, entertainment, and other applications.

• **Speech Language Pathology Assistant**—Become a school-based paraprofessional. Administer speech language screenings and carry out therapeutic tasks.

• **Wind Energy Technician**—Rapid industry growth has sparked a growing need for technicians. It takes one highly trained technician to maintain and repair ten wind turbines.

Helping students succeed is our number one priority. LRSC offers educational outreach and life-long learning opportunities that encourage our students to reach beyond their limitations. Enroll today and take the first step toward a lifetime of success!

"... your kindness had a great impact on each of us—giving us reassurance that people still care and still stop to help their fellow human beings in a time of need."

Written in a thank you letter from Diana Deats-O'Reilly Grand Forks flood survivor

LRSC ... a great place to begin!

Almost any four-year degree gets its start at LRSC

Regardless of the bachelor degree you have in sight—biology, history, art, psychology, or nearly any other four-year program—you'll find the foundation you need at LRSC. Our Associate in Arts degree provides the foundation for a wide variety of four-year degrees. When students earn an AA degree at LRSC, they are halfway down the road to a four-year degree from a senior university.

Transferring is uncomplicated. All first- and second-year general education courses have common names and numbers, eliminating the chance of confusion about course equivalence. Credits earned at LRSC transfer virtually anywhere—even to Harvard! •

—*The Connection, fall 2006*—

Online enrollments grow

LRSC continues to add online classes to its schedule, and enrollments continue to grow. Summer enrollment peaked this year with 315 students currently studying online.

More online classes than ever are available this fall—psychology, chemistry, first aid, composition, and many more, including a few new programs coming soon. LRSC uses convenience and variety to make learning simple and available to everybody. •

—*The Connection, fall 2006*—

"Captain" Etemad and Crew navigate college through deluge of flood refugees

On Friday afternoon, April 18, 1997, the campus of UND-Lake Region was quiet. Some Grand Forks students had gone earlier in the week to help sandbag their families' homes against rising Red River floodwaters. A busload of college volunteers was returning after a day of sandbagging in response to a call for help from UND President Kendall Baker, but even they didn't suspect that the next day would begin one of the most challenging episodes in local history.

During the night, the Red River reached 54 feet above flood stage—two feet higher than the projected crest—and the flood of the century had begun. Residents of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks were evacuated. Traffic stopped. Electricity was cut off, and water and sewer services were suspended. A dark, cold silence settled over the deserted city.

On Saturday morning, April 19, North Dakota's governor requested that UND-Lake Region become an emergency flood shelter. Executive Dean Sharon L. Etemad suspended the remainder of the spring semester and committed all resources of the college to the flood relief effort. By mid-morning, college staff and citizen volunteers were inventorying food supplies. A donation center was organized, and the telephone company set up a bank of phone lines. A health center appeared in the Nurse Assistant Training classroom.

Gradually, flood victims began to arrive. They registered and received tetanus shots and moved on to the dining room where hot food was provided around the

clock. Many used the phone bank to line up accommodations. Motel rooms in the area quickly filled. Shelters were provided on campus, at Camp Grafton, and at the Lakewood Bible Camp.

A daily newsletter, *The Shelter News*, was launched, and a message board blossomed near the main entrance. Meetings were held daily to coordinate shelter efforts with the National Guard, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, FEMA, and other public agencies.

By Friday, May 9, more than 4,300 people had passed the registration desk, and over 640 volunteers had helped. The health center

had administered over 1,200 tetanus shots, and amazingly, over 22 thousand meals had been served.

In the end, nearly fifty college personnel had provided an estimated total of 3,000 volunteered hours of effort—a proud record.

The task of transforming a college into an evacuation shelter should be a gargantuan task requiring months of planning. At UND-Lake Region it happened ... almost magically! Campus personnel took the lead, and community members joined. They continued to work together around the clock until the need subsided and the shelter could be closed.

In retrospect, it wasn't magic that made our shelter so successful. "*The thing I love most about a community college is its commitment to serving its community,*" explained Dr. Etemad. "*We try to make community service a top priority. I think it was that determination to be the community's college that made it easy for us to fling the doors wide open during this crucial time.*" •

—*Branches, fall 1997*—

... even they didn't suspect that the next day would begin one of the most challenging episodes in local history.

LRSC—a hub of diversity

The college's first international student arrived from Jordan in 1968. Each year, that number has increased a little, and LRSC now rivals all other community colleges in the state for the highest international student population.

Recently, LRSC has averaged about 30 international students each year. Many have come to play one or several sports. Some have come as required by their government for technical training. Many community members—farmers, English teachers, county commissioners, and others—have sponsored students financially, and supported them emotionally during their two-year journey to complete degrees.

In 1998, the Diversity Committee was formed and tasked with bringing diverse programming to the campus. A variety of events has included a Native American speaker series, a Holocaust speaker, culture fests, anti-racism speakers, and more.

In 2012, English and humanities instructor Teresa Tande saw a need for American students to have an opportunity to travel abroad. She said, *"The international students we had coming to campus did so much to enrich our campus; we wanted our students to be able to enrich their own lives through the study of humanities abroad."*

Tande partnered with EF Tours, a global education company focused on experiential learning, and began teaching classes which prepared students for a study abroad trip. To date, 76 students and 40 community members have traveled to countries in and around Europe.

Our international students, along with the Diversity Committee, and the study abroad initiative, have provided the Lake Region with opportunities to learn about essential differences in people and cultures. We have been delighted to experience life's exciting variety! •

A wide, wide world of students

A pathway of colorful national flags led visitors to a lively celebration of diversity at the first LRSC Culture Fest in February.

Each year, during Diversity Week, LRSC has recognized the wide array of cultures represented by students, faculty, staff, and residents of the Lake Region. This first-time festival featured ethnic foods, music, and dance and will become a regular happening.

This year we expect students from ten foreign countries. Their culturally diverse backgrounds will surely help to make this year's Culture Fest memorable. Take advantage of this special opportunity to learn more about their countries and cultures. •

— *The Connection, fall 2004* —

Spanning the globe

Students have traveled to Devils Lake from around the world to attend Lake Region State College.

Australia	Lithuania
Bahamas	Luxembourg
Belarus	Malawi
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Mexico
Brazil	Mongolia
Cameroon	Montenegro
Canada	Nepal
China	Nigeria
Colombia	Oman
Costa Rica	Pakistan
Croatia	Philippines
England	Poland
Germany	Saudi Arabia
Hong Kong	Serbia
Israel	South Korea
Jamaica	Tajikistan
Japan	Tanzania
Jordan	The Gambia
Liberia	United Kingdom

Royal Air Force of Oman

Opportunities and benefits of a special training contract for the Simulator Technology program

In 2007, LRSC and the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) forged an agreement to provide training for the RAFO airmen responsible for keeping Oman's fleet of flight simulators in top operating condition. The first group arrived in January 2008, bravely stepping from the plane into North Dakota's deep freeze. Ready for an adventure, they were determined to experience all LRSC has to offer.

As they near the end of their training, they proudly count off a long list of "firsts"—locking eyeballs with bison at Sully's Hill; testing their skills on ice skates, snowshoes, and downhill skis; hunting pheasants, waterfowl, and deer. They have also explored a bit, traveling to South Dakota, Chicago, Orlando, Minneapolis, and points in between.

In addition to exploring, they have been eager to share information about Oman. They've accepted every invitation to talk about their country. They brought items to display, cooked favorite foods, entertained with dance and song, and presented thought-provoking programs about the similarities and differences between our countries. They are great ambassadors for Oman and have, in a sense, been part of our teaching team helping students develop skills they will need to function in a global society.

Late this summer, the first cohort of RAFO students will return to Oman ready to take on the responsibilities of operating their air force's flight simulators. In August, a new group will arrive. We are confident the graduates will be excellent simulator technicians and expect that the RAFO-LRSC partnership will continue for years to come. •

— *Branches, spring 2009* —

Named endowments... a gift that lives forever!

An endowment is a wonderful gift that lasts forever! More than 120 endowments have been established by individuals or families wishing to support scholarships or programs at LRSC. The majority of these provide scholarships, but a growing number of individuals are directing their gifts to be used to support programs, library services, or other special priorities. A gift of \$15,000 or larger is required to establish a new endowment. The following named endowments currently provide funding for LRSC:

AAUW Endowment
Terry Aronson Memorial Endowment
Alf & Rolf Bo Trust
Altringer Family Endowment
Altru Clinic-Lake Region Endowment
American Bank Center Endowment
Arne & Kristi Berg Family Endowment
Merril & Dorothy Berg Trust
Bergstrom Family Endowment
K-B, Denny & Betty Besse Family Endowment
Dean & Heidi Bittner Family Endowment
Alf & Rolf Bo Trust
Rodney J. Brown Endowment
Colleen Bryn Memorial Endowment
Thomas & Gillmore Bundy Memorial Endowment
Patricia & Willis Calderwood Endowment
Campus Clan & Kin Endowment
Edwin L. Carpenter Memorial Endowment
Citizens Community Credit Union Endowment
Clifford G. and Ann Clemenson Endowment
Thomas Paulson Cranna Memorial Endowment
Crary All-School Reunion Endowment
Cutler-Maetzold Endowment
Dakota Bull Session Endowment
Darling Family Endowment
Devils Lake Masonic Lodge #21 AF&AM Endowment
Devils Lake Volunteer Fire Department Endowment
Herman & Margaret Dimmler Memorial Endowment
Brian Thomas Duchscherer Memorial Endowment
Kathy Eisenzimmer Memorial Endowment
Clarence & Ruth Erlandson Endowment
Etemad Family Endowment
President Sharon L. Etemad Legacy Fund
G. Bruce Fairgrieve Engineering Endowment
Fawcett Family Memorial Endowment
Foughty Family Endowment
Kermit & Glenna Garske Endowment
Gate City Bank Endowment
Arlo Gebhard Memorial Endowment
Jay & Mavis Gerrells Endowment
James & Linda Gibbens Endowment
Goulding Family Endowment
Doris Greenleaf Memorial Endowment
Susan E. Greenleaf Academic Achievement
Donald E. Grinolds Military Educator of the Year

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As farming changes, so does agricultural education Agriculture drives region's economy

LRSC has adapted and is poised as a leader in the precision agriculture arena.

The advancement in precision agriculture education began in 2005 when LRSC received funding as a state Center of Excellence. The *Dakota Center for Technology-Optimized Agriculture* formed as a partnership between LRSC, private-sector partners, including Agri ImaGIS of Maddock, and area extension research offices. The program fused engineering research, applied research, and education, said Dr. Paul Gunderson, center director from 2005 to 2016. *"All in all, the center will engage in product design, prototype development, testing, agronomic impact assessment, job creation, and entrepreneurial development."*

Innovation continued, and private-sector partners saw expanded growth in employees and sales. Students assisted in the educational and research portions of the center as members were part of "answer farms" where numerous soil profiles, types, contours, and tillage were subjected to precision farming applications.

As its focus evolved, the center was re-named the *Dakota Precision Ag Center*, and new grant opportunities arose. In 2012, LRSC received two grants for development of training programs to help to fill in-demand jobs requiring high skill levels in precision ag technologies. A grant from the U.S. Department of Labor provided \$2.99 million for training recent veterans or workers unemployed due to foreign trade. A second grant came from the North Dakota Department of Commerce

in the amount of \$288,600 and provided additional education for workers already employed in agriculture.

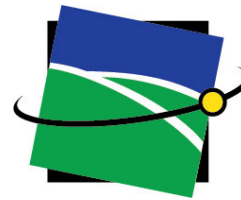
Today, the Precision Ag program offers core classes—theoretical and practical—with extensive lab and hands-on training. The technology collects immense amounts of data that assist in making field management deci-

sions. Students focus on these technologies as they pursue their degrees. Graduates are em-

ployed as precision technicians at implement dealerships and agronomy centers, with independent precision service providers, and more.

In addition, employees of implement dealers, agronomy firms, farm operations, and other agribusinesses across the state receive training in computer technology, customer service, precision ag technologies, and DC electronics.

This past spring, a \$100,000 grant from the CHS Foundation boosted the program to a new level. The grant will fund the Next Gen Simulation in Agriculture Laboratory (SAL), a portable training lab which will include five simulators designed to teach aspects of agriculture which are difficult to bring into a classroom setting. Preston Sundeen, Precision Ag program director, says the simulators will allow students to learn about agronomic principles impacting plant growth and yield, such as soil characteristics, crop stress, and combine calibration during harvest. *"We're grateful to the CHS Foundation for helping us to provide these opportunities for our students,"* said Sundeen. ●



Dakota Precision Ag Center

Through the Years: Royals Athletics

Duane Schwab retired in 2014 as the winningest coach in LRSC athletics history. He had begun his journey with Royals athletics in 1966 as a student playing basketball and baseball.

Recently, Duane took a trip down Royals memory lane to share some of the trials and tribulations which have led LRSC athletics to where they are today.

In 1989, after a much needed break from the athletic world, the opportunity of a lifetime arose when Duane was offered the opportunity to build a women's basketball dynasty at LRSC. He assumed the role of head coach of Lady Royals basketball, taking the program over from another successful coach, Tim Jacobson, who had just led the Lady Royals basketball program to the national tournament two years in a row.

Duane and the Lady Royals basketball program made eleven more national tournament appearances during his time at LRSC. When asked about his secrets of successful recruiting, Duane said he always approached student athletes as exactly that ... students first. He wanted students who were successful in the classroom, because that kind of work ethic usually finds success on the basketball court.

The men's basketball program, led by Mark Graupe, won the conference in 2007 and 2008 and gained a berth at the national tournament in 2008.

Programs close and re-emerge

During Duane's first year as head women's basketball coach, he found the athletic department needed baseball players. He said he'd try to recruit a team but came up short. Sadly, the department found itself closing its baseball program in the spring of 1990.

The spring of 1990 was also a tough season for women's softball

which followed the men's baseball program and closed.

In 1991, Royals athletics consisted of only women's volleyball and men's and women's basketball. Volleyball would survive for a few more years, but with tight budgets and a need for funding for academic programs, volleyball, too, would close its doors in 2003, leaving only two sports at LRSC for the next nine years.

One may think this was a difficult situation for a community like the Lake Region that loves sports, but Duane was instrumental in keeping Royals athletics on the map. Men's and women's golf, volleyball, baseball and softball would eventually re-emerge.

Over 20 years later

In 2012, Royals athletics proudly added men's golf and volleyball back to the athletics program. Soon, baseball, softball, and women's golf were added in 2014. Within a short period of time, all of the re-newed athletic programs are finding success and competing at the highest level. Men's and women's golf have appeared on the national stage in both 2015 and 2016.

The winning tradition has continued for Lady Royals basketball. Since Danny Mertens took over as head women's basketball coach in 2015, he has led the team to two national tournament appearances within his first two years as head coach.

As a member of the NJCAA Mon-Dak Conference, Royals athletics continues to develop and prevail. Royals fans know that Lake Region State College will continue to serve its student population at the highest level, and the campus climate speaks for itself.

Here's to the next 25 years of student athlete success! •



Royals named to All-Academic Team

For the second straight year, the Royals finished with the most players of any team on the Mon-Dak Conference's *All Academic Team*. Overall, there were 44 student athletes representing all seven sports that LRSC offers—men's and women's basketball and golf, volleyball, baseball, and fastpitch softball. The Royals athletic department continues to strive to produce quality student athletes, said Athletic Director Danny Mertens. However, he adds, that success wouldn't be possible without the wonderful faculty and staff who are here to see each student succeed.

"We have true student athletes, but I want to thank faculty and staff for their hard work and help to make these student athletes successful off the playing field." •

— Branches, summer 2016 —

Schwab inducted into NJCAA Hall of Fame

Duane Schwab was LRSC athletic director from 1990 to 2014. He coached women's basketball from 1989 to 2014 where he won 572 games, won 14 Mon-Dak Conference titles, and appeared at nine NJCAA national tournaments.

— Branches, summer 2016 —

Wondering what LRSC has to offer?

Check out our new video, and find out how even though the campus has evolved and grown over the years, its first priority is still student success and interaction. The video was made possible with funds from the Community College Awareness Initiative which showcases program offerings at community colleges and raises awareness of the career opportunities available right here in North Dakota.

Go to www.LRSC.edu/discover-LRSC/welcome-to-LRSC. •

How to change the name of a college:

Crowned the undisputed name-change champion of the state ... probably the whole midwest ... who knows, maybe the whole country! ... UND-Lake Region could write a how-to book on the process. Here are some of our most valuable tips:

- Do race to the Bookstore, because there will be lots of perfectly good sweatshirts marked way down.
- Do invest in the local sign and printing shops which are sure to do a booming business during the change-over.
- Do think up a new logo, and see if you can sell it to the CEO. Hint: Our CEO loves auctions, so it's simple ... find somebody to bid against her, and your logo idea is sure to sell high!
- Don't hurry out and buy lots of new stationery. It's okay to use up the old stuff first ... it takes a long time for people to get used to a new name.
- Don't hold a grudge against the folks who insist on using the old name long after the change ... just think of them as "historians."

— *Branches, spring 1999* —

What's in a name?

On July 1, 1999, UND-Lake Region will become
Lake Region State College

This will be the college's sixth name in its 59-year history. Each time, the college has grown stronger. We think that will happen again.

• **Name 1:** The college opened in 1941 with the name *Devils Lake Junior College and Business School*. That was a good name. It reflected the fact that the Devils Lake Public School Board was responsible for the college. The college occupied space in the Pershing Building attached to the high school, and many of the instructors were high school teachers. Liberal arts courses were offered for transfer students, and business courses were offered to prepare students to work in area businesses.

• **Name 2:** In 1960, the name was changed to *Lake Region Junior College*. Enrollment had grown, and classes were being held in every available space throughout the city. The liberal arts transfer program continued to be offered, and several technical programs had joined the business program. A major effort to build a new campus was under way, and the new name, reflecting a broader mission, was helpful to the campaign.

• **Name 3:** In 1981, the name was changed to *Lake Region Community College*. The term "community college" described post-secondary institutions which provided vocational-technical training, liberal arts transfer programs, and continuing education services. Community colleges were also known for being affordable, student-centered, and responsive to community needs ... a description that fit the Lake Region's college to a T.

• **Name 4:** In 1985, LRCC became a full member of the North Dakota

University System, and management became the responsibility of the State Board of Higher Education. The college was placed under supervision of the North Dakota State School of Science, and the name was changed to *North Dakota State School of Science-Devils Lake*.

• **Name 5:** In 1987, the college became a branch campus of the University of North Dakota, and the name was changed to *UND-Lake Region*. This new name enhanced the college's reputation as a great place to begin a four-year baccalaureate program. Having "UND" in the name has served the college well for the past twelve years.

• **Now it is time for Name 6:** *Lake Region State College* is the newest name assigned to the college by the North Dakota Legislature. This reflects exciting and positive changes taking place in North Dakota's higher education system. Four two-year colleges are being asked to expand their missions to be responsible for providing workforce training for a quarter of the state.

Many have asked, "Is this change good for UND-LR?" We believe it is. This change will enable North Dakota's two-year colleges to grow stronger together. They will take the lead in building a world-class workforce in North Dakota ... And we believe this alliance between the two-year schools will pave the way to creative solutions in many other areas as well.

Changing the name and creating a parallel status for North Dakota's two-year colleges is the right decision for this time. And besides, a rose, is a rose, is a rose ... •

— *Branches, spring 1999* —

A New Name for a New Century



Lake Region

STATE COLLEGE

The name-change indicates a big change in status. The college has moved from being a branch campus to operating as an independent college within the North Dakota University System. Lake Region State College, along with its "sister" college in Williston, now reports directly to the University System chancellor and the State Board of Higher Education rather than indirectly through the president of UND. While this change will have little effect on day-to-day events at the college, it is interpreted as a vote of confidence, providing recognition and autonomy on par with other independent colleges within the university system.

The name change will not cause traditional curriculum offerings to change. As always, LRSC will provide vocational-technical programs for students preparing to enter the workforce as well as the transfer-track program for students beginning a four-year baccalaureate program.

The name change is tied to the addition of a new responsibility. LRSC, along with three other state colleges, is responsible for developing workforce training services to meet the needs of business and industry throughout the state. Specifically, LRSC is charged with

addressing workforce training needs in the northeast quadrant of North Dakota. Additional funding has been allocated for this effort, and a new position, Workforce Training Manager, has been created.

With the new century just around the corner, LRSC is excited about its new name. Campus personnel have developed a new logo, com-

plete with a lion insignia. The new design will be phased in as new materials and supplies are ordered. This being the college's sixth name change, we've learned there's no harm in being frugal. We will ease into the change, using up materials on hand before ordering new.

Of course, no matter how large the sign or bright the letterhead, some of the college's best friends and financial supporters will continue to use their "pet names" for the college. We won't be frustrated by their attachment to names from the past.

In the end, it's not what we call ourselves that really counts. It's how well we do our work. By any name, Lake Region State College works hard to serve students and will continue to do so far into the new century. ●

— Branches, fall 1999 —

Workforce Training .. What does it mean?

When the dust settled at the close of the 1999 legislative session, many were surprised to learn that a new workforce training initiative had been passed. What will it mean for North Dakota businesses and working folks? Is this really a good idea? These and many more questions were in the air as legislators headed for home.

On July 1, 1999, the Workforce Training Bill took effect, and four two-year colleges in North Dakota accepted their new, expanded missions. Each became responsible for providing workforce training for the quarter of the state in which it was located. LRSC was charged with providing workforce training for the northeast quadrant of North Dakota.

The fast pace of change makes workforce training essential. Keeping skills up to date is nearly impossible without periodic training. Homegrown North Dakota enterprises and businesses relocating to our state recognize the need for ready access to top-of-the-line training services. In fact, North Dakota's business community believes that a strong workforce is essential if North Dakota wants to remain competitive.

Is this change good for LRSC and its students? Yes, most definitely! This kind of change has been considered before, but this time the business community and the governor were vocal supporters of the initiative. Key legislators were instrumental in the design of the plan, and funds were appropriated to help with its implementation. We feel the time is right for North Dakota's two-year colleges to take the lead in building and maintaining a world-class workforce in North Dakota. We hope you agree! ●

— Branches, fall 1999 —

(Named Endowments, continued from page 8)

Gunnerud-Dietrich American Legion Post 86 & Auxiliary Unit 86 of Minnewaukan Endowment
 John M. Hagen Memorial Endowment
 Everett A. Hahn, Jr. Memorial Endowment
 Delphia Halle Memorial Endowment
 Armen & Connie Hanson Endowment
 C. Rudolph & Anne Hanson Memorial Endowment
 Walter & Helen Hanson Endowment
 Agnes Hastad Memorial Endowment
 Greg Haugen Memorial Endowment
 Rodger & Connie Haugen Endowment
 Thomas F. Herda Memorial Endowment
 Kathlyn Heustis Memorial Endowment
 High Plains Equipment Endowment
 Paul Hoghaug Library Endowment
 Andy Horner Memorial Endowment
 Huesgen Family Endowment
 Frank Hyland Memorial Endowment
 J.A.N.S. Jan's Annual Nursing Scholarship
 Aurelie & William Jerome Endowment
 Chuck & Sherry Jerome Family Endowment
 Peter & Pamela Jerome Helping Hand Endowment
 Leonard Johnson Memorial Endowment
 Murray & Beth Johnson Nursing Scholarship Endowment
 Lloyd & Lois Jones Memorial Endowment
 Patrick Kavanaugh Memorial Endowment
 Corry & Kristin Kenner Fun-Raising Endowment
 Corry & Kristin Kenner Scholarship Endowment
 Shirley Kienast Memorial Endowment
 Hazel & Lucas "Gus" Kirchoffner Endowment
 James Kirk Endowment
 Klemetsrud Family Endowment
 Todd A. Kraft Memorial Endowment
 James & Virginia LaBarre Endowment
 Laber Family Endowment
 Izzy & Gwenn LaFleur Endowment
 Lake Region Winter Sports Endowment
 Florence Lake Trust
 Cynthia Kuchar LaMotte Memorial Endowment
 Lannoye Family Endowment
 Beatrice Larson Memorial Endowment
 Leever's Family Endowment
 Patrick Liere Memorial Endowment
 Marvin Linde Scholarship Endowment
 Mary E. Lundy Program Endowment
 Dr. James Mahoney Memorial Endowment
 Alan Martin Memorial Endowment
 Clarence & Ruth Cahoon Maxwell Memorial Endowment
 Theresa Herda McCaughey Memorial Endowment
 Carol McLaurin Memorial Endowment
 Mosbaek Family Endowment
 NET Fund for the Future
 David & Jamie Nienhuis Endowment
 Keith Thomas Nistler Endowment
 Tom & Regina Nistler Endowment
 Nordic Fiberglass Endowment
 North Dakota Telephone Company Endowment
 Herman & Emma Oehlke Memorial Endowment
 Arnold & Dorothy Oehlsen Memorial Endowment

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The LRSC engine did it!

Sometimes I imagine LRSC to be the "little engine that could."

That little red train engine from my children's story book just kept chugging and chugging. Over and over, the engine kept saying, "*I think I can, I think I can...*" until finally, against great odds, it pulled a big heavy load to the top of the hill.

When the North Dakota Higher Ed Challenge Match was announced, I was excited, but worried, too, about trying to pull such a "heavy load." How could LRSC and its foundation raise \$2 million dollars in an 18-month time window? How could we do that when, in our best fundraising year we raised just under \$600 thousand?

Others worried as well. Campus leaders, the foundation's board of directors, and friends of the college all were grateful for the match opportunity but worried that the hill might be too high. Still, everybody agreed we needed to try.

So, like that little engine, we told ourselves, "*We think we can, we think we can.*" Slowly, gradually, the momentum built. One success led to the next. One friend encouraged another. Large gifts and small began to arrive. It started to look like maybe we might come close. Then it began to look like we might actually do it. And then it happened ... we reached the \$2 million mark!

At the campaign's end, LRSC and its foundation reported raising \$2.2 million of match-eligible funds, and we received \$1.1 million in matching dollars. LRSC was allowed to claim more match dollars than initially designated because not all North Dakota colleges reached their goals. Unclaimed remainders were awarded to schools that exceeded their goals.

We are still basking in the

success of this exciting challenge. Throughout the 2015 legislative session, LRSC was called upon to tell its story. We became known as the "little campus that did it," and our story played an important role in the legislature's decision to fund the ND Higher Ed Challenge Match for another 18-month campaign.

Credit for this remarkable success goes to LRSC's many friends and stakeholders. Four hundred and fifty individuals and businesses contributed to the campaign. Their gifts created new endowments for scholarship and program support and strengthened many established endowments. Gifts were directed to support the new Bergstrom Technical Education Center. Several private foundations also invested in the campaign with gifts to support financial literacy, nursing education, and peace officer training.

In the end, the campaign was successful because so many people acted upon their belief that education makes a difference. They helped the engine climb the hill. One by one, they declared, "*I think I can,*" and together ... we did it! ●

— Branches, fall 2015 —

The challenge continues

Now we are facing a new challenge ... raise \$2 million by December 31, 2016. Can we do it? Yes, I think we can. Once again, the hill is high and our little engine will need to pull hard. But this time we are better prepared and more confident. We will build on our success, knowing that the LRSC engine is stronger and more able to change lives as it creates better tomorrows. ●

Boredom is catalyst for first Key Event

We had just adjourned the Community College Foundation’s 1991 annual meeting. Required by foundation bylaws, the meeting had been adequate and covered all necessary business, but it had also proven to be ... well ... kind of boring. A new approach was needed to make the occasion more fun. After that night, a new idea took shape!

The next year, on October 23, 1992, the first Key Event took place at Devils Lake Elks Lodge #1216. There was no particular theme, and attendance was small, but we had hosted a party, and the meeting had taken place ... and best of all, everyone had fun! A benefit auction was conducted that night to raise funds to support LRSC. The *Opportunities Auction*, as it has come to be known in years since, raised \$4,000 that year—comparatively modest by today’s standards—but there was no stopping us now.

The Key Event and Opportunities Auction, billed as the biggest party in the Lake Region, has become an annual happening. Every year features a new theme, as the column to the right shows. Party guests have traveled the globe, visiting the leaning tower of Pisa and the Eiffel Tower. We’ve gambled in Vegas

and prowled the Serengeti. We’ve sailed with dangerous pirates and saddled up with cowpokes in the old west. And dressing up for Halloween has never been more fun!

Every fall, a group of college-loving volunteers gathers to mount a tremendous party-planning effort under the careful direction of former foundation board member Carol Leever. The goal is a big kick-off for the foundation’s annual Opportunities fund-raising campaign. A theme is selected, decorations and menus are planned, and word goes out that the Opportunities Auction is ready to accept donations. Whether they’re antiques, collectibles, artwork, homemade foods, or handiwork, the assortment of items up for bid never ceases to amaze. Among our more memorable auction items have been a Volkswagen Beetle, a canoe cruise down the Sheyenne River, even a Ragdoll kitten who found her forever home.

And it’s all to support students at LRSC! Proceeds from the auction, raffles, and games—with a grand total now of more than \$1,200,000—go to work providing scholarships for students seeking keys to opportunities for bright futures. Who ever said boredom was a bad thing? ●

Key Event Through the Years

	1992
<i>First Key Event</i>	\$4,000
	1993
<i>Karaoke Key Event</i>	\$6,000
	1994
<i>Oldies, but Goodies</i>	\$6,050
	1995
<i>Star Light—Star Bright</i>	\$9,050
	1996
<i>Show Your Colors</i>	\$14,000
	1997
<i>Hats Off to UND-LR</i>	\$47,000
	1998
<i>The Magic of UND-LR</i>	\$27,000
	1999
<i>The Wild, Wild West</i>	\$30,000
	2000
<i>Treasure Island</i>	\$29,000
	2001
<i>Fabulous Fifties</i>	\$27,000
	2002
<i>Passport to Paris</i>	\$36,000
	2003
<i>Viva, Las Vegas!</i>	\$34,000
	2004
<i>Halloween Extravaganza</i>	\$32,000
	2005
<i>Anchors Aweigh!</i>	\$38,000
	2006
<i>Mexican Fiesta</i>	\$50,500
	2007
<i>Viva Italia</i>	\$60,000
	2008
<i>Oktoberfest</i>	\$60,000
	2009
<i>Spooktacular Halloween</i>	\$65,000
	2010
<i>Pirates of the Lake Region</i>	\$80,000
	2011
<i>Flashback to the Sixties</i>	\$115,000
	2012
<i>Casino Royale</i>	\$85,000
	2013
<i>Wild About LRSC</i>	\$130,000
	2014
<i>Happy Days</i>	\$134,000
	2015
<i>Diamonds are Forever</i>	\$85,000
Opportunities Auction Grand Total	\$1,203,600

(Named Endowments, continued from page 12)

<p>Elsie Erickstad Olson Memorial Endowment Valence Pascal Memorial Endowment Travis Pesek Memorial Endowment Melvin & Margaret Peterson Endowment Inez Piltingsrud (Herman/Buttz) Scholarship Endowment Anita & Louis Pine Memorial Endowment Stephen & Carla Pine Endowment Christian M. Praus Memorial Endowment Pung Girls Endowment Michael J. Pung, Jr. Business Scholarship Ramsey National Bank Endowment Rotary Club of Devils Lake Endowment Harold “Bob” Sager Memorial Endowment Harold Sager Endowment II Olger Sandven Memorial Endowment Herman & May Shark Fund for Marketing Excellence Mike Slag Memorial Endowment Debbie Stromme Memorial Endowment</p>	<p>Lester & Elizabeth Summer Memorial Endowment Harley & Viola Summers Toolbox Scholarship Target Roofing Endowment Gustaf Thelin Trust Scott Allan Thompson Memorial Endowment Tufte Family Endowment Edmund E. Toutges Memorial Endowment Angela Turkula Memorial Endowment Jeff & Barbara Wahl Endowment Daniel & Victoria Wakefield Family Endowment James D. Wakefield Memorial Endowment Thomas Wakefield Family Memorial Endowment H. K. Wakeford Scholarship Endowment Wilton & Shirley Webster Family Endowment Western Endowment Professor Frank White Endowment Professor Woll Memorial Endowment Albert & Janet Wood Endowment Matthew Wood Memorial Endowment</p>
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**From the desk of
Sharon L. Etemad
President
Lake Region State College**

Dear Friends,

I'm just back from taking my weekly walk through the Robert Fawcett Auditorium Renovation Project. As I stand on the stage, I can hear theater productions, musical concerts, humanities lectures, town hall meetings, water debates, cooking schools, Christmas music, jazz, country, folk, opera, and symphonic sounds. What a wondrous cacophony! As I continue through the halls, I see the art in the hallways, in the Chautauqua Gallery, and in the art department's display cases. What a tribute to human creativity and imagination. Life without art is limited, indeed!

The college and community are partners in support of arts and humanities. What good fortune for all of us to be surrounded by, not only the natural beauty of the prairie and our lake, but the creations of the human spirit. They help us to better know and understand ourselves and our fellow travelers on this human journey.

An integral part of the college's mission is to support life-long learning for all members of the college family to enhance the life of the region, for individuals and the community as a whole. The college is a center for improving the quality of life in the region.

All of life is a stage, and Lake Region State College and you, my friends, are players. May we have a long run. "Break a leg!"

Sincerely,



Sharon L. Etemad, Ed. D.

— Branches, fall 2000 —

Robert Fawcett Auditorium opens

The hammering has ceased ... the carpet is installed ... the paint has dried. Now, the auditorium is filled with the sweet beauty of music, acts of comedy and drama, prancing of dancing feet ... and thunderous audience applause!

LRSC held a grand opening ceremony in the Robert Fawcett Auditorium December 1, 2000, and all events held during the month of December were part of the celebration.

Five years of hard work

Formerly known as Pioneer Hall, the renovated auditorium brings a brand new look to the college, says Dr. Sharon L. Etemad, president of LRSC. "This is the result of five years of hard work by the college and the Lake Region community," she declared.

The capital campaign to fund the renovation was launched in the fall of 1995, according to Laurel Goulding, executive director of the Community College Foundation. Construction began in March 2000. "The auditorium campaign was launched just after conclusion of the Library Expansion Project. Because so many groups from throughout the Lake Region use the auditorium for so many things, support began to arrive almost immediately," she said.

At the campaign's close, more than three hundred businesses and individuals had contributed a total of \$547 thousand to the Auditorium Renovation Project. Local dollars were matched by a \$499,544 appropriation from the State of North Dakota.

Today, the auditorium has been transformed from a tattered hall into a beautiful, state-of-the-art auditorium capable of comfortably seating 650 guests.

The make-over includes new lighting and sound systems, air conditioning, curtains, carpeting, additional storage, an expanded stage with a wooden floor, and improved dressing rooms.

A special gift from the Fawcett Family

During the auditorium campaign, the Fawcett family of Devils Lake took a special interest in the project. Today, the auditorium bears the name "Robert Fawcett Auditorium" thanks to a special benefactor gift from Mrs. Margaret Fawcett.

"We're especially grateful to Mrs. Fawcett, whose generous gift early in the campaign inspired us all to work hard to complete the fund-raising," Laurel said.

Mrs. Fawcett named the auditorium for her late husband, Dr. Robert Fawcett. He and Margaret were long-term residents of Devils Lake and were deeply involved in the community. They raised four children while he practiced medicine in the Lake Region for thirty-four years.

Dr. Fawcett was the youngest son of William C. Fawcett, who opened a medical practice in Starkweather in 1902. From his humble office over a hardware store, Dr. William had no idea he was beginning a family tradition that would lead to 148 combined years of medical practice in Ramsey County by himself and four doctor sons. Eventually, the practice moved to Devils Lake and became the Lake Region Clinic. Dr. Robert was the last to practice in Devils Lake, retiring in 1982.

"The Fawcett family embraces the arts and wants the Lake Region arts community to thrive. We are honored to name this beautiful facility in Dr. Fawcett's memory," Laurel said. ●

— Branches, spring 2001 —

Welcome to the Leever's Welcome Center!

We are delighted with this new campus resource. We hope you are pleased, as well.

An attractive and more functional entrance had long been a dream of college planners. Shortly after the auditorium project was finished in 2000, Bob and Carol Leever's stepped forward with a generous gift to launch an initiative for a new entrance. As plans evolved, the entrance came to be known as the *Welcome Center*.

Now, just over three years after fund-raising was begun, the Leever's Welcome Center has opened its doors. All who come for programs in the Robert Fawcett Auditorium or attend lectures, recitals, community meetings, and other special events use the Welcome Center. Visitors especially appreciate the improved access to assistance the Welcome Center provides when they come through the college's front door.

The Welcome Center Project involved remodeling office and entrance space and adding new space. The president's office was reconfigured freeing space for

foundation operations.

Inside and out, the Welcome Center gives the college a distinctive collegiate look and feel which complements its educational mission. With its tower of historic bells, engraved marble flooring, sparkling chandelier, and welcoming environment, the center sends the strong message that our community is proud of its college! We are equally proud of the community of donors who sponsored this new resource. Over four hundred individuals, businesses, and organizations contributed over \$380 thousand.

It is our hope that for years to come, all who enter the front doors of LRSC will enjoy the Leever's Welcome Center and benefit from their time on campus. We want to thank all who provided encouragement and financial support throughout this initiative. You helped us believe we could succeed! Your support also helps us understand how, as a community college, LRSC truly is *the community's college*. •

— *Grand Opening, April 2004* —

The ornate chandelier which graces the foyer of the Robert Fawcett Auditorium was salvaged from the wreckage of Devils Lake's Grand Opera House in 1971. Strong's Excavating, Inc. was contracted to demolish the 1909 structure to make way for new downtown parking. During its prime, the Grand Opera House and its chandelier hosted Vaudeville shows, talent shows, and celebrities, including the John Philip Sousa Band, the Lawrence Welk Orchestra, William Jennings Bryan, and President William Howard Taft. Later, the Grand was known as the American Legion Building and provided space for public meetings and performances. Appreciating its beauty and historical significance, Jim Strong stored the chandelier in a warehouse in hopes that one day it could again brighten a special theater in the Lake Region.

LRSC is pleased to accept the gift of this lovely chandelier in honor of Earl and Helen Strong, founders of Strong's Excavating. The gift is made to the college through Community College Foundation by James and Margaret Strong, Raymond and Judy Strong, and David and Phyllis (Strong) Nelson.

— *Robert Fawcett Auditorium Grand Opening, December 1, 2000* —

Welcome Center bells

The bells in the Welcome Center bell tower have been donated by various people from the Lake Region. The bells are described here in the order in which they are hung, from top to bottom.

• Osnabrock Public School bell

Osnabrock Public School was demolished in September of 2002, but many historical pieces were saved, including this bell. It was donated by alumni and friends of Osnabrock School with special thanks to liaisons Andy Wakeford, Kent Wakeford, and John Klai.

• St. Thomas Church Bell

This bell traveled extensively and served many purposes before finding its final home here at LRSC. It first hung in a log church in Potosi, Wisconsin. It later served as a dinner bell for a hotel in Potosi and for Mary Lou Kowalski's father, Arthur Grosser, in the 1930s. The bell was donated by Mary Lou and John Kowalski.

• Steam Engine Bell

Acquired from a Great Northern Railway employee as payment for bricklaying work, this bell belonged to Oscar Lindgren. It arrived at Minnewaukan, North Dakota, in 1955 when Oscar's niece, Mavis Konzak, invited him to take a job as a bricklayer. After nearly being lost to the Devils Lake flood in 2001, the bell was donated by Mavis Konzak in memory of her husband Peter Adrian Konzak.

• South Minnewaukan Township School bell

In 1901, South Minnewaukan Township school district #30 built three frame schoolhouses. Each had a bell tower. During the 1960s, school #1 was razed, and its bell became the property of Edgar and Lena (Olson) Hefti who later passed it on to their daughter Lois and husband Lloyd Jones. Lloyd moved the bell to the Jones farm near Webster, North Dakota where it was used to call children and farm workers for meals. The bell was donated by Lois H. Jones.



Dr. Sharon L. Etemad served Lake Region State College from 1982 to 2008.

Speech Language Pathology

At LRSC, we have a long history of finding solutions. Special education directors throughout North Dakota and in many other states struggled with a critical shortage of speech language pathologists. Children and adults, alike, were not getting needed services because qualified staff was not available.

In 2004, LRSC and Williston State College worked with Minot State University to create a solution that would be available to students no matter where they lived. MSU professor Tom Linares worked with the colleges to design a two-year degree to prepare speech language pathology assistants. Graduates meet certification requirements and work directly with students/clients under the direction of speech language pathologists.

Through the years, LRSC and WSC have continued to work together to deliver this innovative online program. Their efforts have improved access to quality service for individuals who need speech language support services. ●

Thank you, Sharon *Marking a quarter century of progress*

Two thousand seven will long be remembered as an important benchmark for LRSC and its president, Dr. Sharon Etemad. This is her 25th year of leadership at LRSC, and it is also her last. She plans to retire in January of 2008.

Twenty-five years of service to LRSC is a remarkable commitment. Twenty years as the campus's chief officer makes Dr. Etemad the college's longest-serving president.

Much has changed since 1982 when Dr. Etemad joined the staff as assistant dean of instruction. She was hired at a time when the college's identity was in a state of flux and red ink sprinkled the balance sheet. Advocates for the college were attempting to have LRSC folded into North Dakota's university system. Not everyone thought this was a good idea, but campus and community teams fought hard to turn back a referendum in 1984 which would have scuttled the legislature's plan. With the defeat of the referendum, decisions about governance became a priority.

In 1999, after being structured as a branch campus of NDSSS and UND, the college was granted independent status within the NDUS, its name was changed to Lake Region State College, and Dr. Etemad's title became President.

From the beginning, Dr. Etemad recognized the many challenges facing this determined little college, and she led efforts to tackle them one at a time. Slowly, the college moved forward.

Working with the legislature is one of the great challenges of the presidency, and Dr. Etemad was exceptionally effective in this role. Her testimony was always compelling. Her rural North Dakota roots gave her insight and a special connection with many

legislators. Throughout ten legislative sessions, she told LRSC's story in words and with anecdotes that helped her audience understand the needs and the value of the Lake Region's college.

Certain that strong programs are core to a college's viability, Dr. Etemad encouraged continuous evaluation of programs coupled with an ongoing search for new opportunities. Some programs were discontinued, some were re-focused, and several new programs were introduced.

Always looking toward the horizon, Dr. Etemad recognized that our rural population is changing. She challenged the campus to identify special populations to serve. Today, LRSC is the state's leading provider of dual credit courses for high school juniors and seniors. The college has a long list of classes it delivers online, and it is growing the number of programs it can deliver that way.

Insistent that a good education involves more than accumulating knowledge and skills, Dr. Etemad has promoted the arts and diversity on campus and in state-wide venues, as well. She launched a campus diversity committee which has been successful in creating a welcoming climate for students and others on campus from a great diversity of backgrounds.

The reflective milestone for the Etemad era will shine brightly far into the future. Dr. Etemad's vision and leadership have enabled LRSC to survive and thrive despite many challenges. Today, the institution is in peak condition; it is fiscally sound with strong enrollment, excellent instruction, and dynamic programs. Thank you, Sharon, for 25 years of leadership extraordinaire! ●

— *Branches, fall 2007* —

New resources for science students

The new science labs really enhance learning

For years, LRSC's science labs were notoriously stinky. On lab days, people in offices down the hall from the chemistry classroom passed out clothespins. "For your nose," they explained. The fume hoods worked so poorly that frequently, all spaces in the science hallway and beyond were uncomfortably odorous.

If the smell didn't discourage would-be technicians and scientists, the grungy environment might have. The old science center had seen only minimal updating since the college was built in 1966.

New science labs unveiled

This fall, a beautiful, state-of-the-art science lab facility welcomed students back to campus.

The \$300 thousand-plus project brought in updated equipment and enhanced safety mechanisms that mirror the modern and high-level academics offered in our science arena. The North Dakota State Legislature provided the funds for the remodeling.

Throughout the summer, walls and floors vibrated with the sound

of drills and hammers. All science classrooms and labs—biology, chemistry, and physics—were remodeled. The rooms now have new lab stations, are modernized with computer access, fume hoods, new lab desks, and are up to all safety code standards.

Benefits of this project are many, says chemistry instructor Kory Boehmer. "It's wonderful to have a quality learning facility that is representative of the quality science education our students are receiving."

The remodeled science wing provides a better learning and teaching environment for students and teachers because it will be safer and adaptable to today's modern lab needs. The new labs will also benefit the college by attracting students seeking degrees in sciences and nursing.

Although the remodeling is complete, the college is waiting for the academic year to get fully underway before cutting the ribbon on the science labs. That event will take place on October 17th. •

— Branches, fall 2006 —

Get busy with student organizations!

The college experience at LRSC is more than just classes. Students quickly find that getting involved in extracurricular activities, community events, and campus organizations makes college exciting, fun, and interesting. LRSC has eighteen clubs and organizations, including:

Law Enforcement Club
Student Nurse Organization
Computer Club
Business Club (*Phi Beta Lambda*)
Peer Education Club
Sim-Tech Club
Legal Assistant Association
Teachers in Preparation for Society
First Americans Club
Royal Ambassadors

Skills USA/VICA
Delta Epsilon Chi (*DECA*)
Residence Hall Association
Campus Crusade for Christ
Students Other than Average
Lake Region Playmakers
Student Senate
Global Students

— The Connection, fall 2005 —

Green light for TRiO

A great weight was lifted from the shoulders of our TRiO staff when they received word their program has been funded for another five-year cycle. Access to TRiO funding through the US Department of Education is very competitive. LRSC's excellent record of service opened the door to this support which will provide \$255,000 each year.

LRSC continues to be the only two-year college in the ND University System with a TRiO Student Support Services program. Launched in 1991, its services are directed to students at greater risk of not succeeding in college—low-income, first-generation (*neither parent completed a bachelor degree*), or disabled. Services include instruction in basic study skills, tutorial services, counseling, guidance in career options, and assistance in transferring to university.

National statistics show that students involved with TRiO are twice as likely to complete their degrees as students not involved in the program. TRiO students at LRSC have an 84-percent retention rate, which exceeds the institution's overall average.

TRiO serves 160 students per year. In 2009-2010, more than 70 TRiO participants graduated and/or transferred to university. The program employs four full-time staff members and a number of peer and professional tutors. •

— Branches, fall 2010 —

TRiO staff again received good news in July 2015 with another round of funding from the US Department of Education—\$247,000 each year for five years. While we can no longer brag that we are the only two-year college in the ND University System with a TRiO program, since Dakota College at Bottineau was also funded in 2015, we can still boast about our 84-percent retention rate. And, TRiO graduated over 100 students in May 2016!

Caring for Kids

In 1985, the college and Lake Area Career and Technical Center launched a creative partnership to offer an Early Childhood Education degree option. The agreement allowed LRSC students to enroll in courses taught by LACTC's well-qualified instructor, Sonja Adahl, and provided access to a specialized laboratory/classroom complete with a playground.

Articulation agreements assured that coursework was accepted for credit as students prepared for their careers by entering the workforce or transferring to complete university degrees in early childhood/elementary education.

In 2006, the North Dakota University System established a course numbering system that makes transfer even more seamless. Since 2005, Mayville State University has offered BA and BS degrees in Early Childhood Education and in Elementary Education which are delivered on our campus and/or online making it possible for students to complete degrees without leaving their communities.

In the early nineties, the college saw a need to assist students and staff struggling to find quality child care resources. LRSC formed an agreement with Memorial Day Care Center in downtown Devils Lake. The college would provide space and some support for "overhead," and the center would open a new child care facility on campus. Families linked to the college would receive priority access to this new center. Leaders in this discussion were Sharon Etemad, LRSC president, and Caroline Kenner, Memorial Day Care Center director.

Today, the on-campus center, College Care for Kids, is operated by a parent board and provides opportunities for many students to gain paid, hands-on experience with young children. ●

Dr. Mike Bower: President 2008-2012

Dr. Mike Bower was attracted to LRSC and Devils Lake because of the commitment the college and community have to student success.

In 2008, the State Board of Higher Education named Dr. Mike Bower president of Lake Region State College.

Prior to being named president, Bower was executive dean to the president for Continuing Education Corporate Services at branch campuses for Michigan Technical Education Centers and University Center at Mott Community College, Flint, Michigan. He also has served as a campus administrator at the Chippewa Falls campus of Chippewa Valley Technical College in Wisconsin and has served as dean of academics and training, Columbus Campus for Central Community College, Nebraska. Bower had numerous years of industry experience—having worked for RCA and Ford Motor Company-Lincoln Mercury division.

While leading LRSC, the proposed addition to the technical center gained momentum, new sports programs were added to the curriculum, recruitment efforts expanded, and retention efforts were heightened. The Community College Foundation also was strengthened when the Advancement Department was developed which includes the foundation, grants management, development, and donor relations. Today, that office is Ad-

vancement and Communications and covers all aspects of community relations, marketing, and development.

The Bowers brought an enthusiasm for community to the Lake Region. With their arrival, a new

tradition was begun—the Royal Social. Under the direction of Carol Bower, a committee of community members, college staff, and foundation board members created a monthly outing for women held each month in a home of a community member. For ten dollars, on the first



Dr. Mike and Carol Bower

Thursday of the month, women would gather and socialize. The socials became quite popular and soon raised money to support a variety of programs including volleyball, Fitness Trainer Technician, business programs, music, theater, art, and more.

In 2012, the Bowers announced that a need to be closer to family meant a move to Ohio. Bower was selected to be president at Owens Community College in Ohio, a position he started in July 2012.

Bower said he loved his time here at Lake Region State College and adored living in Devils Lake.

"I have loved what I've done for almost four years, being a part of the LRSC family," he said. Never have we lived in such a community where the welcome mat has been overly extended like it has been in this community. Everyone has enveloped us with open hearts and we are blessed to know so many caring people." ●

Exciting opportunities in the field of nursing abound at LRSC

Thanks to creative thinking and teamwork, students in the Lake Region and in many rural North Dakota communities can complete a nursing degree without leaving home.

It all began in 2000 when a shortage of skilled personnel in the healthcare industry was identified by Job Service North Dakota as a dominant trend across the state. When LRSC was asked to establish a Nursing Task Force to study this shortage, a survey confirmed that a plan for training healthcare professionals was critical for providing North Dakota with the nursing workforce it would need for the long term.

In fall 2001, the LRSC two-year Practical Nurse program (*see column at right*) was revitalized, thanks to a collaborative partnership which linked LRSC with Williston State College and Bismarck State College. Julie Traynor, MS, RN, was named faculty/coordinator of the program. Students entering the program were required to have completed Nurse Assistant training, a two-week program already offered by LRSC. Six practical nurses graduated, passed their state exams, and were employed locally.

A continuing shortage of nurses in rural North Dakota led the 2003 Legislature to alter education requirements. Two years of study would now be required to become a registered nurse. A practical nurse could earn a degree in a one-year program.

With a goal of providing more healthcare education in rural areas, Traynor spearheaded creation of the innovative Dakota Nursing Program which included LRSC, BSC, WSC, and Dakota College at Bottineau. The DNP responded to the change in a quick, efficient manner, and the first round of students entered the one-year

Practical Nurse program in fall 2004. The following year, two-year Associate Degree Nurse (RN) classes began. The four partner programs shared curriculum and faculty and began serving an immense rural frontier region of over 70 thousand square miles.

Progress hasn't ended there. Medical personnel knew a strong need existed to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. This prompted DNP partners to seek articulation agreements with North Dakota universities so ADN graduates could continue in a seamless manner and earn their BSN degrees.

Today, the Dakota Nursing Program, under direction of Julie Traynor, continues its team effort, delivering first-rate nurse education throughout the state. In addition to instruction on all four campuses, satellite programs through LRSC are currently in progress at Grand Forks and Mayville. The program has also been offered to Langdon, Carrington, Cooperstown, Grafton, and Northwood.

The program has evolved into an excellent nursing education choice with an outstanding curriculum and NCLEX pass rates which exceed state and national averages. In the past decade, the program has grown from one full-time faculty and one classroom to seven full-time faculty in four different cities. Many of the faculty are LRSC graduates! With the addition of new state-of-the-art facilities at LRSC, and led by Karen Clementich MS, RN, LRSC Nursing director, student capacity has grown to 80 students each year. Over 300 individuals have graduated from the Nursing program over the past decade.

Adding further to its reputation, LRSC was accredited by the Accreditation Commission on Education in Nursing in 2016. ●

Do you remember?

From 1960 to 1986, LRSC (then Lake Region Junior College) operated an exemplary Practical Nursing program. Approval to offer the program was received from the North Dakota Board of Nursing in October 1959.

Sister Mary Rosita, director of nurses at Mercy Hospital, prepared the application and developed curriculum for the program. Under the leadership of President Merrill Berg, the college negotiated approval from the State Board for Vocational Education, and the program was launched as a joint venture between the college and hospital. Sister Mary Rosita served as director for six years, until the spring of 1966, when Marilyn Pederson accepted directorship responsibilities. She continued in that role until fall 1979. Marilyn Lipp, Vivian Simpson, and Margaret Smith also directed the program. Beverly Schmidt taught in the program for many of its twenty-six years. Through the years, over fifty instructors helped to educate practical nurses, assisted by employees of associated health agencies.

From 1972 to 1983, a satellite program addressed the need for health care workers in Rolette County. The Rolla Extension Program was recognized by the federal government with the Program Excellence Award in 1982. All totaled, eighty-one nurses graduated from this extension program.

In 1985, North Dakota increased educational requirements for practical and registered nurses, setting standards that continue to be the most stringent in the nation. In 1986, the Practical Nursing program at LRSC was closed due to declining enrollment. Over the years, the program graduated 956 practical nurses, many of whom continue to provide health care in North Dakota. ●

— *Branches, fall 2000* —

It's becoming a simulated world

Flying airplanes, enjoying amusement parks, diagnosing patients ... simulators impact our lives

These days, simulators are popping up everywhere, and it seems they can do almost everything ... except repair themselves.

"We see the need for technicians in all areas now that simulators are used more in entertainment, education, and medical settings," said Will McConnell, Sim Tech instructor.

The Simulator Technology program at LRSC is one of a kind. Students come from across the nation to receive training. Andy Ross came from New Mexico after an employer told him LRSC was the best school to receive the training.

"Lake Region was recommended as the top. The company I work for likes to employ as many LRSC grads as possible," he said.

Those who enjoy electronics, robotics, and computers are finding simulation to be a great career. They make great salaries and have opportunities to move upward in many areas.

Sim techs have a wide range of opportunities in today's marketplace. All major airlines—including American, Delta, United—use aircraft simulators for pilot training and certification. Most military bases conduct some kind of training using simulators. Major medical centers throughout the United States have medical simulation devices. And increasingly, amusement parks—such as Disney and Universal Studios—use advanced simulation technology for rides and games.

What do all of these places have in common? The need for qualified technicians to maintain their simulators. Graduates of the LRSC Simulator Technology program find great opportunities in a simulator rich world. ●

— Branches, summer 2016 —

Celebrating twenty years of excellence

There was cause for celebration at LRSC's Peace Officer Training graduation August 16, 2007. Each of the 26 cadets who began the 15-week program completed it successfully. Each crossed the stage to receive a certificate, a conclusion that showcased the will and determination of students in the program.

Graduates of the summer academy were welcomed to the law enforcement community by the highest ranking law enforcement official in North Dakota, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, who gave the graduation address.

The day also marked the 20th anniversary of the Peace Officer Training Program. A special reception for past graduates, employees, instructors, and friends was held August 15, and many were on hand to celebrate.

LRSC has held 46 consecutive academies since August 1987. The program opened with 19 students in Class 1 under the direction of Jay Lee. Current program director Lloyd Halvorson said one of the students from Class 1 went on to be his mentor after he completed the program and became a police officer. Many other mentorship

relationships such as his likely exist throughout the state since "more than 850 men and women have been trained through this program" and many still work in North Dakota, Halvorson said.

LRSC, in cooperation with the Fargo Police Department, has conducted six summer academies in Fargo.

"It's been an incredible partnership," said Fargo Police Chief Keith Ternes, who reminded the graduates that "the toughest part of being a police officer is still ahead of you."

LRSC also offers its Peace Officer Training Program in Devils Lake each fall and spring. ●

— Branches, fall 2007 —

Today, the Peace Officer Training Program has held 80 academies and has produced more than 1,500 graduates. The academy is offered in Devils Lake and Bismarck each fall, in Minot each spring, and during summers in Fargo and Grand Forks. LRSC is the only college in North Dakota authorized to deliver the North Dakota POST Board-approved training. Graduates are eligible to become licensed as peace officers in North Dakota.

Getting fit and living healthy—Fitness Trainer Technician

Nationwide, a focus on healthy living is being driven by many factors—"baby boomers" who want to stay fit so they can enjoy retirement, public health education linking obesity with diabetes and other health problems, businesses incentivizing physical fitness and healthy living as a strategy to reduce absenteeism and boost productivity.

LRSC's new, two-year Fitness Trainer Technician program will prepare graduates for jobs in the rapidly growing industry. They will be able to assess fitness levels, recommend exercise programs, instruct on body mechanics and safe use of equipment, and incorporate nutrition education into a

physical fitness plan.

The program is unique in that it can be completed on campus or from any location using LRSC's excellent online course delivery strategies. Tammy Riggin serves as instructor/coordinator and has provided leadership in program design. Jenny Steinhaus teaches the program's nutrition courses.

"Fitness training is an exciting field," explains Tammy, "and there are so many career avenues. You can be a group trainer, personal trainer, or work with specific populations. You can run your own business as an independent consultant or work for a fitness center or healthcare facility. ●

— Branches, spring 2011 —

Remembering Dr. Merrill Berg

Thinking “outside of the box” was one of Dr. Merrill Berg’s great strengths. In fact, he sometimes suffered serious criticism for thinking too far beyond the borders of the box. Nevertheless, Dr. Berg was a visionary with a talent for inspiring others.

Merril Berg began his leadership role at LRSC in 1962. At the time, the college had outgrown the “hand-me-down” classrooms of the Pershing Building. Classes were meeting in storefronts and workshops throughout the community.

Management boards for the college and high school were planning a new campus on the northern edge of Devils Lake, and Dr. Berg embraced the challenge. Funding at federal, state, and local levels was sought. The architect was instructed to design an efficient, expandable, and accessible facility. The lovely campus we enjoy today is the result of that innovative thinking.

Core classrooms, the student union, gym, and residence halls

were opened in 1966. The Erlandson Center was added in 1969, and the dining room and Gilliland Hall followed in 1973. Dr. Berg retired in 1979, concluding 17 years of leadership at LRSC.

Phyllis Ratcliffe, Merrill’s second wife (*His first wife, Dorothy died in 1978.*) often remarked that LRSC was his “first love.” He took advantage of every opportunity to visit the campus, especially the library where he would head straight for the archives. Sometimes he looked for a tidbit of history tucked away there, and sometimes he



Dr. Merrill Berg
1928-2011

brought something to add to the collection. Always, he enjoyed wandering the hallways, chatting with old friends and learning about new things happening on campus.

Dr. Berg’s death in February 2011 closed a creative chapter in the college’s history. We are grateful for his leadership and ability to think beyond the box. ●

— *Branches, spring 2011* —

All for the love of flowers

Sore knees ... dirt under your nails ... mud on your clothes ... the “rewards” of being a member of the Campus Beautification Committee! Membership also provides an opportunity to create beautiful flowerbeds on the LRSC campus for students and visitors to enjoy.

Committee members get to know each other and exchange gardening secrets. They volunteer to tend one, or sometimes several flowerbeds for the summer. They decide what to plant, and they do the shopping. (*This is especially fun because the college pays the bill!*) And then they water, weed, and look after the plants throughout the summer. When the students return in the fall, the campus is ablaze with color. What a glorious greeting! ●

— *Branches, fall 1999* —

Grand Forks Air Force Base Education Center

Located on the Grand Forks Air Force Base, the LRSC Outreach Center provides a wide array of education services for military personnel, their dependents, and all others who would like to enroll. To meet the needs of military personnel, the format of courses is condensed. Classes are completed in nine weeks rather than the traditional eighteen. The curriculum includes all classes needed for an Associate in Arts (AA) in Liberal Arts or Accounting/Business Administration, along with several technical degrees and certificates. ●

— *The Connection, fall 2001* —

Wireless access now available

LRSC has gone wireless! Wireless access is available throughout the campus for students and registered guests. If you have a laptop and would like to use LRSC wireless, you must bring your computer to the Computer Help Desk by the Student Union.

Students who live in the residence halls may lease computers with Internet access and Microsoft Office Suite for \$50 a semester. ●

— *The Connection, fall 2008* —

Four-year business degree

Since 2001, Mayville State University has offered its BS in Business Administration at LRSC. Courses are delivered in a variety of ways—interactive video, online, and evenings and weekends. Many students earn Accounting/Business Administration, Office Management, and/or Marketing degrees, and then enter the MSU program equipped to use their degrees for employment while earning their four-year degrees. The program is a great opportunity for students with jobs and families to juggle. ●

— *The Connection, fall 2007* —

ASL Interpreting

A new pathway to the profession

A partnership between LRSC, the North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NDS/ RCDHH), and Minot State University has created a new Bachelor of Applied Science in Interpreting and Sign Language Studies. Students can take the entire program either on campus or from remote locations via video or online.

Lisa Ginther, ASL Interpreter instructor, says the partnership will essentially create a “2-plus-2” pathway to becoming a professional interpreter. Students can study for two years at LRSC to earn an associate degree and then another two years with MSU to earn the bachelor’s degree.

“We recognized the need for more highly trained interpreters,” said Lilia Bakken, NDS communication coordinator. According to Lilia, NDS first approached LRSC about creating an American Sign Language program fifteen years ago and offered to help by providing opportunities for field experience and internships. The two-year program was established in 2001 and is the only program of its kind in North Dakota.

The new bachelor’s degree program was created based on the recommendations of a state-wide task force. They had learned that requirements for those pursuing certification was changed in 2012 making a bachelor’s degree a prerequisite for the certification test. Because a bachelor’s degree for interpreting wasn’t offered in the state, students pursued unrelated degrees but found it difficult to retain their signing skills during the process.

MSU has a long-standing deaf education and special education program, making it a great complement to the two-year ASL program at LRSC. ●

— *Branches, summer 2016* —

Tenacity!

The story of the little college that refused to give up

If you were challenged to choose a single word to describe LRSC’s effort to build a wind turbine, it would have to be “tenacious.” For 10 years, LRSC relentlessly pursued the goal to erect a wind turbine and to concurrently develop an education program for wind energy technicians. Neither task was easy—at times the barriers seemed insurmountable—but the advocates for wind power at LRSC were not to be deterred. They persisted, tenaciously.

Finally, on February, 15, 2013, the 72-hour commissioning process was completed, and the turbine went into commercial operation. That moment marked the final step in the 10-year quest to purchase and operate a utility-sized wind turbine at LRSC and to couple it with a training program for students.

But for President Doug Darling, the true sense of completion for this massive project came the day students in LRSC’s Wind Energy Technician program first scaled the tower with their instructors.

“Looking back, that was the most fulfilling day of all,” Dr. Darling explained.

Now and for the foreseeable future, the instructors will maintain the turbine, the students will use it as a learning laboratory,

and the college will know that its electrical needs are being met efficiently.

The official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the wind turbine

took place June 19, 2013. In anticipation, the college prepared an interesting chronology detailing many of the challenges and creative solutions achieved in this 10-year effort. The story includes meetings with legislators and grant-writers in the search for funding, building of expansive partnerships as the focus of the project grew from simply generating power to include training wind energy technicians, negotiating confusing and ever-changing regulations for wind tower site approvals, and fighting with nature to erect the



The college’s 1.65-megawatt wind turbine is located three miles north of LRSC.

tower and mount its turbine and blades.

A tenacious attitude was required of all involved in this effort. Through it all, LRSC, its many partners, and President Darling have gained respect as the team-with-a-dream and never, never give up attitude.

Their tenacity won! Today LRSC is producing power and producing students equipped with skills in great demand in the wind energy industry. ●

— *Branches, summer 2013* —

A new chapter

Dr. Doug Darling named president of LRSC

The college is beginning a new chapter. On March 6, 2013, at the conclusion of a nation-wide search, the State Board of Higher Education announced that Dr. Doug Darling would be the next president of LRSC.

Dr. Darling won the appointment because of his deep understanding of and exemplary commitment to the institution. He has been employed at LRSC for the past twenty-four years, holding faculty positions in Marketing and Information Technology. He also served as public information officer and director of Continuing Education. Most recently, he served as vice president for Instructional Services and as interim president. In addition to his experiential credentials, Dr. Darling has earned degrees—a Bachelor of Science in Marketing Education from UND, a Master of Science in Vocational Education from UND, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Occupational and Adult Education from NDSU.

To say that LRSC has been a big part of Dr. Darling's life is an understatement. He admits that, at times, the college feels like a second home, and he speculates that this is part of the reason his appointment as the institution's president is so rewarding.

"My heart has always been with

this college. It seems nearly every step of my career has prepared me for this leadership opportunity," he explained.



As LRSC's new leader, Dr. Darling will write the next chapters of the college's history. Many long-standing traditions of excellence will be continued, and new ventures will be explored. The college will remain true to its mission, working to enhance lives and

community vitality through quality education.

"For 72 years ... LRSC has focused on this mission. It defines who we are and what we strive to be to our students, our community, and our region," Dr. Darling explained.

It is safe to say that Dr. Darling is very optimistic as LRSC opens a new chapter under his leadership.

"LRSC has a colorful history that has included setbacks and challenges," he said. *However, today the college is respected as a nimble education innovator and teaching/learning powerhouse. Credit for its success goes to the dedicated faculty and staff who live the college's mission and who never give up. As we begin this new chapter, please join me in the quest to build an even better and stronger Lake Region State College. Together, we will provide keys to opportunities for bright futures."* •

—Branches, summer, 2013 —

Tech through time

In the classroom and in the office, LRSC students and staff have been eager learners and early adopters. Connie Kriel and Jeanne O'Gorman were some of the first computer instructors (1980). Their tools were Commodores and Apple IIs, and teaching students to use the DOS operating system was their focus. Spreadsheets soon became a priority; early systems used numbers and capital letters only. (*Lowercase letters came later.*) VisiCalc was an early spreadsheet that Dan Johnson nostalgically remembers. Records show that Lotus was taught in 1982. Jay Olson introduced it to many farmers to help them automate their recordkeeping. Janet Wood led the focus on word processing, offering courses in WordPerfect. Technological advances rolled out, one after another—modems, floppy disks, electronic bulletin boards, terminals, line printers, and more. Networks linked computers together, and then Internet came, closely followed by email.

With every change, people needed to learn new skills. The college offered classes in networking, programming, and even desktop publishing twenty-five years ago. Software systems came and went, computer speeds got faster and faster. Change! Change! Change! That's one thing that stayed constant in the world of computer technology.

Today, technology has a role in almost everything we do. It helps us in our daily work and it strengthens classroom experiences. Classrooms are equipped with SmartBoards; students use Smartcards for identification and to purchase meals and items in the bookstore, check out library books, unlock doors ... even run the washers and dryers!

Every day, LRSC works hard to keep up with changes. It takes seriously its mission to prepare students to capture opportunities and succeed in the new normal of our ever-changing world. •

Introducing Shorelines

Annual magazine of the arts

In 1993, UND-Lake Region introduced a new attraction—*Shorelines* magazine—which featured the best prose, poetry, and artwork produced by students during the school term.

Shorelines was born of a dream shared by English instructors Judy Ryan and Theresa Leiphon to highlight the fine writing of students. Previously, excellent student essays had been displayed in the library, but a larger forum was needed.

A copy of *The Censer*, the literary magazine of the College of St. Teresa, in Winona, Minnesota, served as inspiration for development of a literary magazine for the college.

"I shared my dream that someday we could produce a literary magazine of that caliber," Theresa said.

Art instructor Deborah Carlson was very enthusiastic and suggested we expand the concept to include student art.

In January of 1993, the dream became reality. An invitation went out for students to submit their writing and artwork. Faculty members and several excellent students were asked to jury the submissions. The essays, poetry, and artwork selected became the content of *Shorelines*. In later issues, student photography was also included.

The opportunity to be published in *Shorelines* is a unique and treasured collegiate accomplishment. Students appreciate the recognition and are inspired to continue to develop their skills.

Shorelines magazine has been published for twenty-three consecutive years and has been recognized several times by the North Dakota Professional Communicators *College Communications Contest*. All issues are available for review during the 75th Anniversary Celebration. ●

College and community work together to save graduation

Preparations had begun as usual. Speakers and musicians were identified, award winners selected, and arrangements made for food. We were confident another group of graduates would enjoy a well-organized and memorable ceremony.

However, there was one hint of trouble—the caps and gowns did not arrive as expected.

In mid-April, the regalia had been ordered. When no gowns had arrived by Monday, a call was made. We were assured the shipment would be here the next day, but nothing came. We called again and were reassured the order would arrive. On Wednesday, a shipment did arrive, but it contained only six gowns—We needed eighty! Finally, on Thursday morning, we were informed that due to a computer malfunction, our order would not be filled.

● **What to do?** One option was to declare this a "gown-less" graduation, but our students would be disappointed, and so would we.

On Internet we found Todd, a Josten's representative. Todd offered to try to find gowns. An hour later, he called to say that a warehouse in South Carolina had what we needed. With help from FedEx, he could get them to Grand Forks by six-thirty Friday morning. Did we want to try that? Of course!

Todd placed the order and put us in touch with the shipping station. It was suggested we contact FedEx to make certain we could access the shipment quickly once their plane landed. There is no FedEx office in our rural community, but one advantage of a small-town community is that we all know each other. The college registrar remembered that the sister of a former financial aid director works for FedEx. Soon we

had the sister on the phone, and we received instructions for labeling the shipment. Our information systems technician offered to meet the plane in Grand Forks early Friday morning.

Meanwhile, we worried that students wouldn't have time to iron wrinkled gowns. Area businesses generously loaned their steamers to the cause, and we declared ourselves "ready for graduation 2004." We even had a plan for the wrinkles!

● **Complications arise:** At six-thirty Friday morning, South Carolina called. They were sorry to report that rough weather in Memphis had delayed the FedEx plane. It wasn't expected in Grand Forks until nine a.m. How frustrating!

Word of the new crisis spread. The president of the Community College Foundation, Rodger Haugen, happened to be a pilot, and we contacted him to see if he could help. He quickly agreed and was airborne by eight a.m. Runway clearances had been made, and he pulled up nose-to-nose with the FedEx jet. The caps and gowns were quickly stuffed into his little plane, and Rodger headed back to Devils Lake.

Campus personnel were at the airport waiting. By nine-thirty, the caps and gowns were in the Bookstore being distributed, and graduates scurried to the gymnasium to "get steamed." The pianist patiently repeated a few numbers until the processional could begin, just ten minutes behind schedule!

Despite an incredible series of complications, the college held a lovely ceremony. Remarkable cooperation by so many made it all possible. LRSC is proud and grateful for the support of the wonderful community it serves. ●

—Branches, spring 2004—

Bergstrom Technical Center

It was a joyous gathering! Many who provided support for instructional programs and invested in LRSC's technical education center project joined us April 27 to formally unveil the lovely display of engraved recognition tiles in the front entry of the new Bergstrom Technical Center. The tiles recognized gifts of \$2,000 and larger. All gifts for this important initiative were matched by the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge. The funds will strengthen instructional programming all across campus and enable the college to upgrade older sections of the tech center complex which were not included in the original, legislatively funded capital project.

During the program, Anne-Marit (Mrs. Bill) Bergstrom and Renard and Candace Bergstrom were honored for their anchor gift. The Bergstrom family has been involved with LRSC for generations. Their participation in governance, growth, or arts/music and general education has impacted the college in many positive ways. When the need for an anchor gift to drive the project arose, the Bergstrom family stepped forward. This gift inspired others and helped us reach the goal of \$2 million required to capture the available \$1 million match. This transformational gift was recognized with the privilege of naming the building.

"My dad was a huge fan and supporter of the college when it first opened," Renard said.

Indeed, Bergstrom family involvement with LRSC has been in place since the beginning when Bill Bergstrom served on the college's first board of trustees.

"This college has such an impact on this community," Renard continued. *"When we were working on this project, we counted up the people at work who have had a course or more*

or a degree from the college, and it's more than 60 percent of our team! Everyone in our family has taken courses here. When I was in high school, I took college calculus from Irv Thompson and English from Astrid Anderson. When I went away to college, my roommate at basic training was from Georgia and had taken a year from Georgia Tech. The U.S. Air Force Academy accepted credits from LRSC, but it did not accept them from Georgia Tech," he added.

Those sponsoring named learning spaces were also honored.

- Otto Bremer Foundation—*Otto Bremer Foundation Patient Simulation Laboratory*
- Armen and Connie Hanson—*Lady Royals Classroom*
- Richard and Kelly Sager and family—*Harold "Bob" Sager Classroom*
- Rick and Boyd LaFleur and I. F. LaFleur and Son, Inc.—*LaFleur Family Classroom*

The Bergstrom Technical Center opened for classes fall 2014, four months before the close of the first Challenge Match campaign. During this remarkable, 18-month campaign, more than 500 alumni and friends stepped forward with generous gifts.

"It's exciting to have this sort of support in the community," LRSC President Doug Darling said.

Another \$1 million Challenge Match Campaign currently is underway and will continue until December 31, 2016. Tiles are available for another section of the Wall of Excellence which will be erected in 2017. To learn more about the Challenge Match Campaign, the Wall of Excellence, or other ways you can support programming at LRSC, call (701) 662-1520. ●

— Branches, summer, 2016 —

Automotive Technology

driven by science and technology

Devils Run, a classic car show which takes place in Devils Lake each summer, brings hundreds of classic cars to town. A special category during Devils Run is designed to encourage car enthusiasts under the age of 21 to enter a competition designed just for them. Special parking is provided for the entrants who are judged on Sunday of the show.

The North Dakota Street Rod Association gives a plaque to the most deserving participant. First-, second-, and third-place prizes are awarded plus a scholarship from Lake Region State College.

"We know there are many budding car enthusiasts out there with projects," said Rick McAllister, LRSC Automotive Technology instructor and one of the coordinators of the Under 21 competition. Serious participants have come from the Auto Tech program.

At LRSC, the science and technology of automotive mechanics blends with hands-on learning. Students implement all new technologies from classroom to lab to enhance learning.

The program is nationally certified by NATEF (the National Automotive Education Foundation), which ensures that instruction is provided by qualified faculty with proper tools and equipment and up-to-date curriculum. Technicians are trained to use the latest testing equipment and special tools needed to repair all types of automobiles.

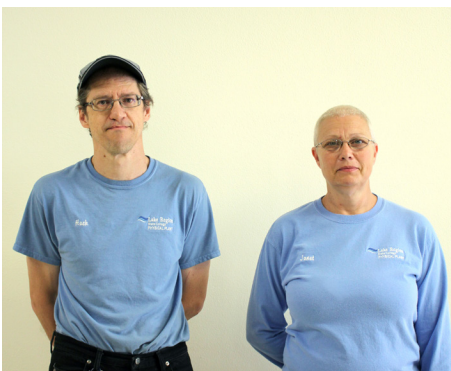
A certificate and diploma are offered through a competency-based training format which utilizes self-paced, individualized instruction. The curriculum includes training in the eight areas of skills identified by NATEF Automotive Service Excellence. Auto Tech graduates are strongly encouraged to take voluntary ASE certification testing. ●



Administrative Council—(standing, l-r) Lloyd Halvorson-VP Academic/Student Affairs, Corry Kenner-VP Administrative Affairs, (seated) Laurel Goulding-VP Advancement, and Dr. Doug Darling-president



Physical Plant Crew—(l-r) Cliff VanSteenvoort-maintenance supervisor, Chad Estenson-director, Darcy Martin-maintenance technician, Duane Hahn-custodian, Rebecca Wilhelmi-custodian, Patrick Senger-custodian



Physical Plant—Huck Krueger-custodian, Janet Huffman-custodian



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Academic/Student Affairs—(l-r) Christine Blanchfield-student services, Celeste Ertelt-librarian, Brittany Westphal-student services, Katie Nettell-financial aid director, Samantha Goeser-student services, Kristi Kienast Hernandez-student life coordinator, Daniel Johnson-registrar, Doreen Hoffman-financial aid, Brandi Nelson-instructional services, Jade Erickstad-admissions representative, Anne Rasmusson-program coordinator, Lisa Howard-student services, Stephanie Shock-student services director, Coreen Berdahl-program coordinator, Brigitte Greywater-director of counseling

Lake Region State College Faculty



Students attending classes at LRSC benefit from a terrific group of faculty members freely sharing their knowledge and expertise. Their keen instruction coupled with the college's small class sizes mean lots of assistance and one-on-one attention. This ensures our students are getting the best education possible. The professional group of instructors pictured above is helping to create opportunities for bright futures for all Lake Region State College students!

Front row (beginning back left)–

- Jennifer Moreland, *Nursing (Grand Forks)*
- Tracy Bina, *Nursing (Mayville)*
- Deborah Carlson, *Visual Arts*
- Alaina Schmid, *Mathematics*
- Michelle Murphy, *Biology/Anatomy online*
- Shaun Prince, *Biology*
- Tammy Riggin, *Fitness Trainer Technician*
- Allison Thompson, *Farm Management (Langdon)*
- Lisa Ginther, *American Sign Language*
- Casey Paradies, *English/Drama/Theater*
- Teresa Tande, *English/Humanities/Philosophy*
- Pam Walker, *Nurse Assistant*
- Sonja Flaagan, *Farm Management (Northwood)*
- Karen Clementich, *Nursing*
- Diane Karlsbraaten, *Administrative Assistant*
- Kay Grinsteinner, *Accounting/Business Administration*
- Heidi Schneider, *Information Technologies*
- Jessica Santini-Levenhagen, *English online*
- Cheri Weisz, *Nursing*
- Katherine Halvorson, *Paramedic-to-Nurse*
- Kimberly Brown, *Nursing*

Back (l-r)–

- Melissa Moser, *Nursing*
- Betsey Bannier, *Chemistry/Mathematics online*
- Eileen Woolwine, *Nursing (Mayville)*
- Jason Fewell, *Farm Business Management*
- Jay Johnson, *Wind Energy Technician*
- Jay Olson, *Farm Business Management*
- Marilyn Buresh, *History/Political Science*
- Kory Boehmer, *Chemistry*
- Cindy Brown, *Marketing*
- Dick Olson, *Psychology/Sociology*
- Craig Stromme, *Farm Business Management*
- Paul Gunderson, *Dakota Precision Agriculture*
- Rick McAllister, *Automotive Technology*
- Randy Olson, *Automotive Technology*
- Gary Fulsebakke, *Music*
- Richard Drury, *Simulator Technology*
- Will McConnell, *Simulator Technology*
- Preston Sundeen, *Dakota Precision Agriculture*
- Lloyd Halvorson, *VP Academic/Student Affairs*

Not pictured–

- Sonja Adahl, *Early Childhood Education*
- John Maritato, *Peace Officer Training*
- Lilia Bakken, *American Sign Language*
- Leo Rognlin, *Peace Officer Training*
- Steve Nicola, *Peace Officer Training*

Retired Faculty Hall of Fame

- Astrid Anderson.....1947-1982
- Clifford Clemenson.....1969-1980
- Leslie Ferry.....1967-1990
- Mark Gilbertson1987-2015
- Larry Groth1990-2004
- Carlton "Skip" Johnson..1990-2002
- Theodore Jones1966-1994
- Viola Thoen Keller1967-1985
- Jeanette Kenner.....2013-2013
- Beatrice Larson1966-1972
- Theresa Leiphon.....1991-2013
- Karen Liere.....1973-1997
- Hartley Maland1947-1980
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- LoAnn Nelson.....1996-2013
- Raymond Nelson.....1969-1993
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- Jay Olson1978-2016
- Marlin Olson1967-1983
- Thomas Palmer1968-1989
- Marilyn Pederson.....1961-1991
- Frank Praus1964-1998
- Carl Roberts1960-1972
- Judy Ryan.....1984-2006
- Beverly Schmidt1960-1986
- Duane Schwab1989-2014
- Rick Senger.....1987-2015
- Raymond Sletteland.....1974-2006
- Raymond Stein1968-1996
- Irving Thompson.....1961-1991
- Janet Wood.....1969-2001

Who has withstood the test of time?

When this college celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1991, several familiar faces took part in the festivities. They are still here today! Long-time college employees who have withstood the test of time are:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Sonja Adahl | Dianne Gunderson |
| Marilyn Buresh | Dan Johnson |
| Doug Darling | Corry Kenner |
| Jan Eback | Dick Olson |
| Laurel Goulding | Jay Olson |



Dakota Nursing Program—(l-r) Catherine Jacobson-administrative assistant, Julie Traynor-director, Jennifer Van Steenvoort, administrative assistant



Grand Forks Air Force Base Outreach Center—(l-r) John Cowger-director, Paula Zielske-program coordinator, Jill Morseth-student services

Not pictured

As everyone knows, organizing group photos can be quite a challenge. We feel we've done pretty well, but here are a few who managed to elude our photographer's lens:

- Valerie Bauske-career resource/placement coordinator
- April Duchscher-Adult Learning Center director
- Scott Dunbar-assistant housing director
- Randall Fixen-housing director
- Bridget Hanlan-Adult Learning Center instructor
- Mary Morin-custodian
- Cindy Rerick-Launch! resident coordinator (UND)

GFAFB full-time faculty—Rachel Anderson, Scott Berge, Erica Hicks, Charles Huhtala, Edward Neirole, and Dean Smith



TRiO Student Support Services—Erika Berg-Power Skills coordinator, Lindsey VanThuyne-student advisor, Cathleen Ruch-director, Patty Wallace-coordinator, Dana Zinke-administrative assistant



Distance Education, IVN, Dual Credit, Online—Dan Driessen-continuing education director, Betsey Bannier-chemistry/mathematics online, Lois Bachmeier-IVN coordinator, Andy Wakeford-online advisor, Jessica Santini-Levenhagen-English online, Karleen Estenson-instructional designer, Joycelyn Hagen-administrative assistant, Michelle Murphy-biology/anatomy online



Dakota Precision Agriculture Center—(kneeling, l-r) Mylee Kenner-program coordinator, Brittany Hanson-training support specialist, (seated) Carla Ralston-Biology (GFAFB), Preston Sundeen-director, Dr. Paul Gunderson-director, (standing) Jay Olson-Farm Business Management, Melinda Martin-Workforce Ed. coordinator, Tanner Nicholls-student intern, Jerry Neidlinger-electrical, Jason Fewell-Farm Business Management, Oybek Turayev-Precision Ag



Advancement/Community College Foundation—(seated, l-r) Carla Freschette-web design, Dianne Gunderson-accounts management/publications, (standing) Jessica Hjelden-records/support, Elonda Nord-grants management/donor relations, Laurel Goulding-VP Advancement, Erin Wood-director of development/community relations, Melana Howe-grant writer



Coaching staff—(l-r) Jared Marshall-men’s basketball, Shelby Krueger-coaching assistant, Danny Mertens-athletic director/women’s basketball, Ben Morris-fastpitch, Kory Boehmer-fastpitch, Brigitte Greywater-volleyball, Kyal Williams-baseball.



Dining Services—(l-r) Jan Eback-cook, Kent Bjork-cook, Bobbi Jo Sinker-cook, James Bearfield-cook, Rose Seibel-director, Barb Freund-cook



TrainND Northeast—Brittany Hanson-operations manager, Dave Steffan-executive director, Amanda Zeien-administrative assistant, Matt Follman-training account specialist



Bookstore—Melissa Stotts- director and Nicole Dinger-bookstore assistant/state fleet coordinator



Computer Services—(l-r) Nick Murchie-systems technician, Toofawn Simhai-chief information officer, Gary Haugland-network administrator, Freddie Griffin-systems technician

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Lake Region State College Historical Highlights

- **1941**—*Devils Lake Junior College and Business School* established with thirty-eight registered students. College located in Pershing Building, the original high school building constructed in 1915.
- **1942**—First class graduates, Katherine Geneieve Kearney and Margaret Lovelle Woll.
- **1946/47**—Sixty-three full-time students almost equally divided between business and liberal arts. Additional forty-two students in aviation program, and sixteen students attend night classes. Sixteen students from St. Mary's Hospital nurse training program take academic courses.
- **1959**—Community College Foundation established to support development of the college. State aid to two-year colleges approved at 200 dollars per full-time student.
- **1960**—Seventy acres of state-owned land acquired to build a new campus. College now known as *Lake Region Junior College*.
- **1965/66**—Move to new campus after having held classes in various locations, including Masonic Temple, Mercy Hospital, vacated Weather Bureau Building, and American Legion dining room. New campus includes classrooms and offices, auditorium, gymnasium, student union with cafeteria, library, and two residence halls. Enrollment now stands at 305 full-time students.
- **1967/79**—Period of growth and development: 1968/69-Erlandson Building, additional classroom wing, student union expansion, and residence hall additions; 1973-Gilliland Hall; and 1978-expansion of Erlandson Building. State aid increases substantially.
- **1981/82**—College re-christened *Lake Region Community College*. Instructional operations begin on Grand Forks Air Force Base.
- **1984**—July 1: Governance of college assumed by North Dakota State Board of Higher Education.
- **1985**—Administrative supervision of college transferred to North Dakota State School of Science.
- **1987**—Administrative supervision of college transferred to University of North Dakota, and college's name changed to *UND-Lake Region*.
- **1991**—College celebrates fiftieth anniversary.
- **1995/96**—Paul Hoghaug Library renovation completed, and Chautauqua Gallery dedicated.
- **1999**—College granted independent status within North Dakota University System and officially becomes *Lake Region State College*.
- **2000**—Grand opening of refurbished Robert Fawcett Auditorium.
- **2004**—Grand opening of Leever's Welcome Center.
- **2009**—Renovation of Theater Playhouse addition completed.
- **2011**—College receives ten-year re-accreditation from North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
- **2013**—The North Dakota Legislature appropriated funds for construction of new technical center. The project added 24,000 new square feet of educational space and renovated current space .
- **2016**—Grand opening of new Bergstrom Technical Center. Student headcount stands at 1,918. Cumulative contributions to Community College Foundation total more than \$8 million.

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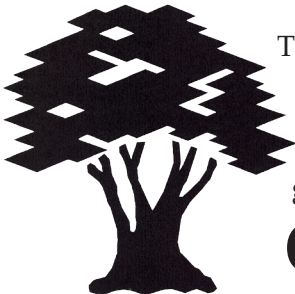
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