



Notes from the Department Chair



Greetings! Another academic year is about to come to a close. Graduation is on Saturday, May 14th. We are sending another

group of future business leaders off into the business world. It's been a busy year with some exciting changes and additions. Enjoy reading this issue of the newsletter. As always if you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 701-845-7513. Enjoy the summer!

Dr. Brenda Finger

Newly formed VCSU Ag Club members attend PAS Convention



The newly formed VCSU Ag Club, 8 members strong, attended the ND PAS (Postsecondary Agricultural Students) Conference in Fargo last November. The students listened to presentations by representatives from Dow AgroSciences and Peterson Seed Farms. The presenters gave the attendees insights on what to expect from a career in agribusiness and tips for landing internships and applying for jobs. VCSU club members attending participated in the interview competition. We did not have anyone qualify for the national convention but the students performed very well for their inaugural convention.

DECA Students Compete at International Career and Development Conference



DECA chapter members Staci Hovland, and Mikayla Gustafson competed at the International Career and Development Conference which was held April 16-19 in Washington, DC. Staci Hovland, a senior from Buffalo, N.D.; Mikayla Gustafson, a freshman from Valley City competed in the Advertising Campaign event. Staci and Mikayla were able to attend professional development in the area of advertising from the professionals which allowed them to gain valuable knowledge on the industry's current issues and trends. Staci Hovland was also recognized at the conference's opening ceremony for the chapter leadership service award based on her contribution to the local chapter this past year. Staci and Mikayla networked with students across the US and Canada creating lifelong bonds. Both students also were able to attend a meet and greet with North Dakota senators at the Russell Senate Office Building in the committee room of the Department of Agriculture room in which Senators John Hoeven and Heidi Heitkamp addressed all of the state competitors and congratulated them on their representation of behalf of North Dakota.

MGMT 427 students to experience the culture at Discovery Benefits

Students in the Recruiting and Selection class will be taking a field trip to Fargo on Thursday, April 28th to tour Discovery Benefits. The students will learn about the culture of Discovery Benefits, who they are and what they do; as well as their brand and role in the community. This experience will highlight how a company's reputation and brand influences recruiting and selection processes.

VCSU Agribusiness Students Attend NWFAM Annual Meeting

Six VCSU agribusiness students accompanied their professor, Brenda Tyre to the Northwest Farm Manager's Association Annual Meeting in Fargo this February. This association offers presenters from diverse backgrounds and locations. Students who are currently taking the commodity marketing class were very intrigued by Bill Biedermann's presentation: "That Dang Market: Outlook and Strategies." Mr. Biedermann is with Allendale, Inc. located in McHenry, IL. We also learned about precision ag technology and the challenges of big data from presenters out of Kansas State University and Oklahoma State University. We had economic updates from Paul Ellinger, Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Illinois. The students enjoyed the discussion about topics they are covering in their course work and it should be noted that lunch was a highlight for these college students; roast beef, red potatoes, and carrots, excellent for an ag meeting!

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In the Spotlight

Alumni - Anna Neufeld

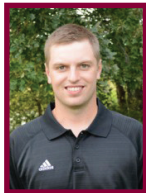


After graduating from VCSU in May 2014, Anna moved back to Manitoba and served at a high-end restaurant for a few months until accepting an Executive Communications Coordinator position at

Canada's largest privately owned transportation company. Then in November 2015, Anna and fellow alumna, Stephanie Lahey, travelled their way through Europe, starting in the UK and ending in Italy. Anna has recently started her career with Birchwood Automotive Group as a sales consultant at Birchwood Kia on Regent in Winnipeg. She is very excited about her new position and the opportunity for growth within the company. Although the student-athlete to working graduate transition had challenges, Anna is finding joy and learning lots in the highs and lows of the process.

Student - Ben Sorenson

Ben Sorenson will graduate in May 2016 with a degree in Business Administration and a concentration in finance. During his four years at VCSU, Ben competed on the golf team. While on the golf team, he was a two time NAIA Scholar Athlete, named to



the NorthStar Athletic Conference 1st team, and 3 time team MVP. After graduation, he would like to get involved in banking or the golf industry. On the banking side, he would want to eventually become a loan officer or something similar to that profession. In golf, his ultimate goal would be to become a head professional of a golf course.

Department of Business students honored for Outstanding Achievements

Nine Department of Business students were honored on Friday, May 13 for Outstanding Achievement in their field of study. The students recognized were:

Tiffany Hass - Accounting
Heather Palmer - Agribusiness
Ben Sorenson - Finance
Kayla Evenson - Marketing
Alley Theroux - Management
Kristi McCloud - Office Management
Madelyn Zane - Business Process Integration Management
Tanner Groth - Business Education

Department of Business moves to Vangstad

The Department of Business faculty and students moved into Vangstad in January, 2016. Here are a few pictures of the completed project. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held May 4.



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