

Weekly Log



July 22, 2025

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 21
TUESDAY, JULY 22
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

- KBTO Live Break, 8:30 am

THURSDAY, JULY 24

FRIDAY, JULY 25

- KKWZ & KZZJ Dakota College Weekly, 8:30 am

Please let me know of any events you have planned.

JULY	
July 31	Staff Training
AUGUST	
Aug 22	Move In Day
Aug18-22	Fall In-service
SEPTEMBER	
Sept 27	Evergreen

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Let me know if you have any recognitions to share.

Summer Updates

Several things going on around the DCB campus this summer. We're excited to share several important updates as we continue working toward improving the student experience and supporting our enrollment goals. If you have any updates you'd like to share from your department, please let me know and I will schedule it for the next edition. As always, thank you to everyone for your continued dedication and teamwork. Every interaction and effort makes a difference.

• Campus Dean Search

Dr. Shirley has named Corey Gorder as Interim Campus Dean. Due to the timing of Dr. Simone's resignation, Dr. Shirley would like to wait until fall to begin the Campus Dean Search. As Dr. Shirley and Corey work together, Sandy will assist Dr. Shirley in the search process. He will be reaching out to campus and community folks to create a Search Committee.

• Financial Aid Partnership with UND

We are actively collaborating with the University of North Dakota on a new financial aid partnership. This initiative, with the support of Jalee, will enhance the financial aid process and provide additional resources for our students. More details will be shared soon as this partnership progresses.

Welcome Back Casey Pierson



We are pleased to announce that Casey Pierson has returned to DCB and is now working in Student Services. Casey will play a key role in our recruiting efforts, and we're thrilled to have his energy and experience back on campus.

• Department Collaboration

In an effort to make the student experience more seamless and efficient, we've been increasing collaboration between Student Services, Academic Affairs, and the Business Office. This cross-departmental coordination is

helping us address student needs more holistically and reduce friction in key processes.

• Enrollment Efforts

Our team continues to focus on enrollment. We are actively reaching out to students who have shown interest in DCB—making calls, answering questions and guiding them through the next steps toward becoming a student.

Academic Affairs has hired a few new faculty members.



- Rhonda Edwardson – Dental Director (DCB Downtown)

- Kelsey Tate – Dental Hygienist Instructor (DCB Downtown)



- Halle Serhienko – English Instructor (Bottineau Campus)

- Ashley Abrahamson – Farm Business Management Instructor (Stanley Location)

- Karly Westra – PHRM 215 Adjunct Instructor (Bottineau Campus)

- Jill Lee – Minot Nursing Instructor



- Roxanne Baker – Nursing Instructor (Bottineau Campus)

- Kristin Miller – Adjunct Online Physics Instructor

- Celeste Peer – Adjunct DC Psychology Instructor

- Leann Douglas – Adjunct DC English Instructor

Our team continue to search for the following positions:

- Adjunct Dual Credit ENGL 110 IVN Instructor

- Full-Time Horticulture and Agri-Sciences Instructor

- Adjunct BIOL 220 instructor on the MSU campus

We have been successful in filling program enrollment.

- Dental Hygiene Program – Full Cohort for fall

- Dental Assisting Program – Two spots open for enrollment for fall.

There is a funding request at the SBHE level for WEIF (Workforce Education Innovation Funding). This came out of the last legislative session. DCB is eligible for \$1.5 million to start up new programming. We have submitted requests to move Paramedic Program to DCB (currently a contract program with Trinity), a new Medical Surgical Technology (Health Center West in Minot), and a new Medical Laboratory Technician (Health Center West in Minot).



There are a few updates to our programs.

Farm Business Management program transitioned to Dept. of Agriculture. DCB receives funding for this program and it was previously housed under NDCTE. The ND CTE conference is scheduled for early August. Faculty teaching in CTE programs are encouraged to attend.

The Hemp Program has been officially discontinued.

Information Management – Administrative Assistant AAS has been renamed to Administrative Office Professional AAS and curriculum updated.

Reception Services Certificate has been renamed to Administrative Support Specialist Certificate and the curriculum has been updated.

Program Review is underway to review student success, enrollment, curriculum, and resources for every program. This will assist in updates to the process, procedures, forms, and program cycle. The goal is to improve the programs, keep them up-to-date, and decide if any changes are needed.

Dual Credit Liaison Initiative is underway which encompasses multiple offices. We are establishing a liaison role and identifying project goals.

Updating the mentor process and form to assure full time faculty success. This was updated in 2018 and all new full-time faculty are currently assigned a mentor. We are working to include more connections across campus.

Digital Literacy requirement from SBHE/NDUS are being reviewed.

The non-credit module option will need to have a development development course and process.

Summer Classes were held on Bottineau, Minot and Valley City campuses.

- PN Nursing-Bottineau, Minot, and Valley City had 19 students
- Paramedic program located in

Minot had 9 students (full cohort at 8)

- DMS program held in Minot and shared with Trinity had 1 student.
- Dental Assisting program located at the DCB Downtown in Minot had 8 students
- Online Classes enrolled 324 students

DCB representatives attend Anthology Together! National Conference annually. This is an opportunity to learn more about our learning management system-Blackboard which houses online classes and is a component to campus courses.

Below is a picture of the DCB crew with Anthology CEO Bruce Dahlgren.



Mark your calendars for Faculty Inservice scheduled for the week before classes August 18-22.

The custodians have been busy doing the deep summer cleaning. As of now they are done in Gross, Student Center, Nelson, Thatcher top floor, Mead, and Old Main. Later this summer they will be cleaning the upper windows on campus with the boom truck, I hope we have someone not scared of heights!

They have also been busy moving many offices around and hauling stuff all over.

Denise has been busy keeping the bills paid and directing the custodians during this busy time of year.

Jesse with some help from Jamie have been cleaning the boilers. It is a dirty job but someone has to do it! The boilers are inspected annually and

need to be spotless.

Stuart and Hallie have been busy keeping campus beautiful, mowing, trimming, pruning, painting, anything needed. Stuart and Kita also did some beautiful landscaping around old main.

Kita and Jada have been busy keeping our campus beds beautiful. Please take a minute and walk around checking out the flowers and landscaping, everything is in bloom and looks great! DCB also maintains the city flowers, Jada waters 3 times a week with DCB's truck.

We also want to welcome Bernice back! She has been a wonderful addition to the team, she is assigned to Old Main and Thatcher Hall.

Darcy Nelson did a lot of painting for us, you will notice 1st floor Thatcher is now fully painted including getting rid of the ugly yellow paint in the atrium. Everything now matches with our new paint color scheme. Every summer we plan on doing more painting.

The big project on campus this summer is to complete a remodel of Milligan. We have a nearly impossible timeline to get everything done and be ready for students by move in day, August 22.

So far this summer we have completed full demolition and abatement, framed up top and bottom floors, electrical is 2/3 done. Remodeled the head resident apartment.

The rest of the schedule looks like this:

July 21-25 Hanging Sheetrock

July 28-31 Taping and texturing

August 4-8 Paint and carpet

We are looking for help with the finishing touches Aug 11-21st, anyone handy that would like to join us would be greatly appreciated!

August 11-21 install closet systems, install curtain rods, get fire system online, install additional smoke detectors, install computer work stations, re route all the air lines for the heating system, finish electrical work, install beds (after legs are welded on), and deep clean, and much more!

August 22 MOVE IN DAY



Thanks to some fund raising, we will also be installing 240+ seats in the gym, this will be a huge improvement providing comfortable seating for our students and fans. This is also a big project requiring drilling 960+ holes in the concrete bleachers, installing anchors and mounting the seats.

Nursing held pinning and summer graduations last week.

The Minot PN's were pinned on Thursday July 17, 2025 at Trinity Health in their Prairie Rose Conference Room.



Top row right to left: Elizabeth Jakubowski, Destiny Harris, Kayla Rascoe, Rocio Reina

Front row right to left: Carly Roach, Mesha DenBleyker, Katelynn Farrell, Morgan Bright



Bottineau PN student graduates include Raelynn Ackley and Amanda Williams



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Cobblestone Inn and Suites, Bottineau

5:30 P.M. Social | Dinner and Auction to follow.