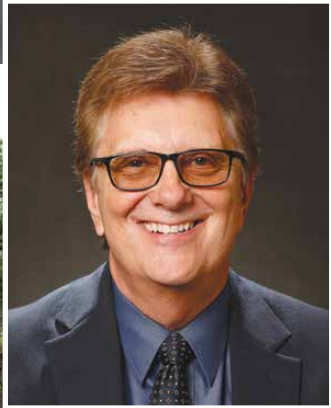


Dakota College at Bottineau Alumni Newsletter

# BRANCHING OUT

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# DCB Fall Enrollment Reaches 1,000 for the First Time!

by Jerry Migler, *Campus Dean*

We're pleased to report that the college reached a milestone enrollment this fall. Our official fall enrollment topped 1,000 students for the first time in the college's history. Our final enrollment was 1,006 students, and although this is just 10 more students than last year, last fall was also a record enrollment.

DCB classes and programs on the Minot State University and Valley City State University campuses.

As we look to the future, we plan to make a concerted push to increase our full-time on-campus enrollment from students in the north central part of the state and from the southern regions of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. If you are from these areas, we hope that you might be able to help by spreading the word about the quality education that the college provides, as well as the many advantages of a small college. Many of you have great stories of how you and your friends "started small" and "went far" as a result of your time at Bottineau.

Look for some exciting facility upgrades on the campus during the next few years. The state legislature approved bonding financing for our new dining center and student center renovation. This \$2.5 million project will allow the construction of a new dining center in the area between the Knudson Student Center and Milligan Hall. Because the new dining center will be attached to the Knudson Student Center, we will also renovate the Student Center at the same time. Although the final design may look a bit different than our current plans, the renderings shown provide a sense of what the new facility will look like. There are other facility projects in the works, but those will be described in upcoming newsletters.



If you are wondering how we accommodate that many students on campus, the answer is that we don't. Our overall enrollment includes traditional full-time students living on campus, local and regional students that commute to campus, students taking classes completely online, high school students taking dual-credit courses, students in our Farm Business Management program, and students taking



## A Message from our Foundation Director

by Leslie Stevens,  
*Foundation Director*

The campus has had an outstanding start to our school year! The halls are bustling everyday with students, staff and instructors. Even an early October snowstorm hasn't hampered the spirits as we move towards the end of the semester and holiday vacation.

Our office has also been hopping! We have prepared and held our annual Evergreen event and just finished our Oktoberfest Beer Walk. These two events raised over \$50,000 for the DCB Foundation to provide scholarships. The Alumni Association has sent out their fall alumni letter and is selling raffle tickets for a Caribbean resort vacation and more as they pursue their goal of giving close to \$11,000 in scholarships. And the Logrollers are gearing up to sell calendar and trip raffle tickets to support athletic scholarships of up to \$60,000.

This is just the day to day and week to week activity of our busy office. On the horizon, we are making plans and moving forward with a capital campaign to renovate Old Main. After a great deal of study, we feel the greatest benefit that Old Main can offer the people of Bottineau and North Dakota is to house additional classrooms to expand the nursing program. We are chronically short of nurses in North Dakota. The shortage is expected to become critical over the next five years as 50% of present nurses are expected to retire. With all three floors of Old Main being developed into teaching laboratories, classrooms, etc., we

can more than triple the number of nurses graduating from our program annually from 25 to 96.



I'm excited about this project! As an alum of Dakota College and the daughter of an RN who received her education here in Bottineau, this plays to my heart strings. Every day I come to work, I get to watch the current students in our Nursing Program head to class, labs and study sessions. We are producing high quality graduates from this program, but we need to grow to fulfill the demand that is occurring.

We are optimistic in our ability to raise funds. There will be also be legacy opportunities for donors. Donors will have the ability to place their names on the classrooms, labs, simulation rooms, etc. in Old Main as a legacy for themselves and their families. If you have interest or want to learn more, please contact me at the Foundation office at 701-228-5613.

The DCB Foundation greatly appreciates the support from donors, businesses and alumni. We invite you to stop by or call. We enjoy learning more about how this college has impacted you and your family.

## Events Calendar

December 3	Alumni Raffle Drawing
Dec. 20-Jan. 13	Christmas Break
January 1	First Logroller's Calendar Drawing
Jan. - Feb.	Alumni's Annual Phonathon
February 9	Alumni's Knight for a Princess Father Daughter Dance Fundraiser

March 16-20	Spring Break
March 21	Foundation Winter Wine Walk
April 4	Logrollers Scholarship Raffle Event
May 15	DCB Commencement



## Bachmeier and Kramer Find Joy in the Junk Business

by Dan Fagan

Wanda (Thompson) Bachmeier and Kolette (Rosencrans) Kramer are not your typical business owners. In fact, they don't even consider themselves business owners. They refer to themselves as "partners in crime," they admittedly spend most of their work days laughing and having fun, they put the welfare of their friendship before business matters, and they deal in, well, junk.

The two Dakota College at Bottineau grads own and operate Granville Junkaholics. According to their company website, they are "a group of junk lovers from north central North Dakota who gather to restore, refurbish, reuse, repurpose, reclaim, and resell the often discarded and lovingly used items we find laying about."

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Bachmeier, a native of Granville, graduated from DCB in 1991, and Kramer, of Denbigh, graduated in 1990. They met during their time in college and bonded during hours-long crafting sessions in the dorms.

"Those craft nights encouraged my creativity and really stuck with me," recalled Kramer, who majored in floral design and greenhouse management at DCB.

Kramer would go on to work for the Rugby Greenhouse after she graduated college.

Bachmeier, who earned a degree in science, returned to Granville and went to work for a crop research center.



The two friends stayed in touch over the years, and in 2012 decided to start Junkaholics after organizing a successful yard sale.

"The point of that initial sale was to downsize," Bachmeier said, "but now we have way more junk than when we started."

What started as a yard sale has blossomed into a thriving

operation that involves organizing digs for junk items that can be reused and then later holding a community sale.

“We’ll go to places that are about to be bulldozed or burned down, the raccoons have already moved in, and we start digging through the rubble,” Bachmeier said of some of her past digs. “Or it could be a case where someone has their grandma’s items all lined up on a table and they want us to look at them.”

Kramer views digs as a full-on scavenger hunt and creatively fulfilling.

“I really enjoy creating, taking scraps and putting them together to create an original piece,” Kramer said. “I enjoy digging through people’s history and finding stuff that they might get rid of, but we won’t because we want to find new life for it.”

Bachmeier and Kramer have also found that their digs often foster a unique relationship with the people they meet.

“We really connect with them because we get to share a part of their life with them,” Bachmeier said.

Every year, Junkaholics plans a Midsummer Junk Journey. This is a weekend-long event that entails driving along Highway 2 and meeting with individuals who are looking to get rid of their junk. Last summer, the Midsummer Junk Journey started in Tioga and ended in the town of Michigan, a distance of 250 miles.

Junkaholics also hosts multiple sales every year. One of their most popular sales events, Junkin’ in the Dirt, is held every October at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds in Minot.

“When we get to the sale time, I love visiting with people and seeing them get excited about what they bought,” Kramer said, “especially if they send us photos of the item in their home. We don’t want to see things go to the dump. There’s joy in giving something new life so it can continue on.”



Reflecting on their time at DCB, both Bachmeier and Kramer acknowledge that their college education has served them well.

“We always talk about how we’re good with our power tools,” Kramer said. “A big reason for that is I took a lot of ag classes in college and learned how to use power tools. Things we didn’t think would be beneficial back then we are now pulling out of our tool box and using.”

For Bachmeier, college was a chance to gain independence and confidence, confidence that would one day lead her to start a business.

“You have to want it,” Bachmeier said of starting a business, “Every bump in the road makes you that much stronger, but most importantly, enjoy it. That’s the key.”

## 2019 Membership Dues - \$25

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**GREETINGS ALUMNI FRIENDS!** The Alumni Association is again sending yearly billing dues to members on our mailing list in order to preserve items such as the Alumni Newsletter. If you haven’t already paid your alumni membership dues for the current year, please enclose \$25 per year, per alumnus. We very much appreciate your past contributions and look forward to your continued support.

Make checks payable to: DCB Alumni Association. **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR DUES, THANK YOU!**

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## DCB Volleyball Features Two Women from Barbados

by Matthew Semisch, Bottineau Courant

Shonte Seale and Tiandre Stuart attended separate high schools situated five miles apart in Bridgetown, Barbados, but they've only known each other for two years.

Volleyball brought them together, and in January, the sport took them 3,300 miles north to Bottineau. Midwinter is a hugely difficult time to relocate, but it's something else to move from the Caribbean to nearly within walking distance of the Canadian border.

The time of year in which they arrived wasn't what DCB coach Mike Smith had envisioned.

"They chose to come in January to get their classes started, so credit to them," Smith said. "My initial recruiting (plan) was for them to start this fall. I was worried that January wouldn't be the best atmosphere, because when (players) come in August, it's pretty nice out, the other volleyball players are here every day and it's a little bit smoother of an introduction."

They were introduced to Bottineau the hard way, but that was never going to be easy.

Bridgetown is the Caribbean's sixth-biggest capital city. It's no major metropolis — with an estimated 110,000 inhabitants, it's marginally more populated than Fargo — but it's the only Barbadian city whose population hits six figures. Speightstown, a 25-minute drive to the north, is second at around 3,600.

Seale attended Springer Memorial School, an all-girls secondary school. Stuart attended the co-ed Deighton Griffith Secondary School and then spent a year at Barbados Community College (BCC), half a mile away from Springer. Stuart played one year for BCC in what by American standards would be considered club volleyball, yet athletically, she is considered a sophomore at DCB. Seale, a freshman, will join Stuart in the Ladyjacks' front row.

Seale and Stuart met in 2017 during a Barbados national volleyball team practice. Seale also represents her country in netball, a sport similar to basketball but with different rules — two more players on the court for each team and no backboards behind the rims.

Smith found Seale on the Next College Student Athlete (NCSA) recruiting website and gathered further information through a YouTube video created by a former Barbadian national volleyball team player.

"I tracked Shonte down through NCSA and then we started a conversation and I asked her straight out, I said, 'So, have you got any teammates?'" Smith said. "She mentioned Tiandre's name and within a minute, I found her video on YouTube and watched that, and that's how I ended up chasing her, too."

Smith wasn't simply after recruits. DCB's sports teams jostle for some of the school's limited supply of international student scholarship money, and the state of North Dakota requires international students to have extensive health insurance.



Shonte Seale

Tiandre Stuart

“ They came here because they had an opportunity, and other teams probably missed them. Their loss is our gain. ”

Further, one United States dollar presently amounts to \$2.02 Barbadian, so although Seale and Stuart are both on academic and athletic scholarships, what isn't covered costs more in real terms than it would for most students.

Smith worked during his winter holiday vacation last year trying to ensure Seale and Stuart's arrival. "It was tough, just all the paperwork and every roadblock you can think of, but I was literally making calls on Dec. 21 and trying to find out everything I could possibly find out to make this happen, but we got them both here in January," Smith said. "Then they came here, we had a bad winter and they're from Barbados, so I just crossed my fingers that they'd come back in August."

When they did, the obvious early challenges were out of the way.



"We came here together in the beginning, and Mike worked hard to get everything organized," Stuart said. "When we got here in January, it was very cold and the food is very different from what we have back home, but we got to know everyone here quickly, so it wasn't that difficult in terms of settling."

"The weather is different and so are the food and culture, and it was a little tough when we

first got here," Seale said, "We didn't have what we had at home, so we had to readjust, and we were trying to eat stuff that we didn't know about, but we got accustomed to that and figured out what we can eat and can't eat."

"It was cool seeing that the school has tried to accommodate us food-wise, but we know that it's a different culture and there are different ways of cooking than we have in the Caribbean."

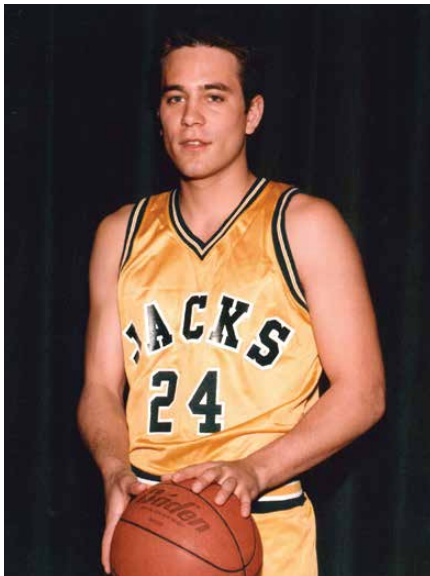


Seale has been particularly busy in the last 18 months. On top of her and Stuart's national volleyball team commitments, Seale was on the ninth-place Barbadian national netball team at the 2018 Commonwealth Games last April on Australia's Gold Coast. She then made in July, her first Netball World Cup appearance, helping the Bajan Gems finish 11th out of the 16 teams that traveled to Liverpool, England.

"They wanted an opportunity, so I don't think geography was a problem," Smith said. "They both wanted an opportunity where it was affordable and was somewhere that they could play. They wanted to play at a four-year school in the NCAA, so they know they can play here and they've had to trust that we can help them."

"They came here because they had an opportunity, and other teams probably missed them. Their loss is our gain."

## 2019 Hall of Fame Inductee – G.T. Monette



Gerald “G.T.” Monette is a Belcourt native. He graduated from Turtle Mountain Community High School and attended the University of Mary before transferring to NDSU-Bottineau the Fall of 1989. As a sophomore, G.T. led the Lumberjacks basketball team to the 1990

semi-finals of the district tournament in Heston, Kansas, where he was named to the NJCAA Division II All-American Second Team. He was one of only 12 basketball players in the nation to receive this honor. During his basketball career at NDSU-B, he also earned All Mon-Dak conference, All NDJC and All Region XIII honors. He led the Jacks in scoring with a 21.1 point per game average and dished out better than five assists per contest.

Gerald graduated with an A.A. degree in Secondary Education from NDSU-B, then went on to receive a bachelor’s degree from Mayville State University. GT is the proud father of two children, Tanner and Annie Monette. He enjoys coaching youth basketball and has served as a Tribal Council Member with the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. Currently, he is employed with the Turtle Mountain Tribal Gaming Program in Belcourt.

## Scholarship Luncheon - 2019-2020 Award Recipients



Elma Severson Scholarship



Vern & Ruth Berge Scholarship



DCB Foundation Scholarship



Alumni Association Scholarship



## Serhienko, Severson and Molberg Honored by Alumni Association

The Young Alumnus award goes to a DCB Alum who has graduated within the last 15 years, is successful, and shows growth and promise in their chosen career. The recipient must have contributed to society in a beneficial way and is setting a good example in the community.



Born and raised in Bottineau, **Seth Serhienko** has been chosen as the year's Young Alumnus. In addition to playing hockey for the Lumberjacks, Seth reflects on his time at DCB as one of great opportunity and experience which helped him grow both academically and personally. He says that DCB prepared him to move on to Iowa State University to finish

his accounting degree. He is currently working as an audit supervisor for an accounting firm in Fargo.

The Friend of the College recipient is someone who has been very supportive of Dakota College at Bottineau, donating time, money, and/or resources that have made a significant impact on the college.



**Elma Severson** is the 2019 recipient. As the youngest of 11 siblings, Elma immigrated to the US from the Philippines in 1980. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Arts and Sciences from El Centro College in Dallas and graduated with a joint degree in Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology at the University of Texas at Arlington and University of Texas Health

Science Center in Dallas Allied Health in 1984.

After completing her clinical and working fulltime while studying at UC Berkeley Extension in Interior Architecture and Design, she moved to Bottineau. She taught within the science department at DCB and loved teaching and interacting with college students. DCB has become very dear to Elma as she is grateful for the opportunity to teach. Elma enjoys traveling the world, racquetball, golf, bowling and pickleball.

The Golden Service award goes to a DCB Alum who has retired or is approaching traditional retirement age after a successful career or exceptional achievement. This individual's work must have contributed to society in a beneficial way and has set a good example for their community. This year's recipient is a 1967 ND School of Forestry (DCB) graduate, **Dr. Peter J. Molberg**.

Dr. Molberg was the first NDSF graduate to attend Harvard College. After spending two years in the Peace Corps in



Guyana, he attended Stanford Medical School and was boarded in Family Medicine in 1978. Dr. Molberg's career in Family Medicine spans over three decades and includes small town private practice in Missouri and Oregon, teaching, and international medicine experiences. He credits his parents, his Bottineau upbringing, and the high quality of the education he received

both in the Bottineau public schools and at the Forestry for his success. This gave him a good foundation for a long and productive career.



## Fall 2019 Raffle!

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Ruth Nichol

### **BETTY REHFUSS SCHOLARSHIP**

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Polly Juneau

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### **DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU – DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIPS**

Arts & Humanities  
Scholarship – Lexi  
Kvasnicka-Gates  
Elma Severson Scholarship –  
Elma Severson  
VFW Nursing Scholarship –  
VFW Post #8688

## Alumni Farewells

### Helmuth Clausnitzer ('41)

January 4, 1917 – October 14, 2019

### James Alberta ('57)

August 15, 1937 – September 23, 2019

### Emil "Donny" Vetsch ('67)

July 23, 1951 – September 7, 2019

### Robert Larimore ('67)

May 29, 1946 – August 23, 2019

### Coleen (Schnider) Campbell ('62)

July 2, 1941 – August 2, 2019

### Gary Kippen ('62)

February 6, 1943 – July 30, 2019

### Pastor Loren Odland ('67)

November 30, 1947 – July 28, 2019

### Sharon (Kamrud) Haakenson ('65)

March 21, 1947 – July 12, 2019

### Jerrold Harner ('74)

July 26, 1944 – June 2, 2019

### Mertie (Billgren) Kurtti ('60)

January 7, 1933 – April 24, 2019

### Lloyd Pederson ('57)

December 19, 1931 – April 14, 2019

### David Schaff ('56)

October 20, 1933 – March 9, 2019

### Carl Wettlaufer ('49)

January 22, 1929 – February 13, 2019

### Norman Black ('61)

May 14, 1941 – June 14, 2018

## Announcements

### Donnet (Knox) Sivertson ('88)

started Lulabelle's Ice Cream Truck this past Summer 2019 and plans to open the Lake House in Summer of 2020.

### Jessica Brandt ('97)

was honored as a finalist for the ND Teacher of the Year Award for 2020. She teaches at Central Cass High School in Casselton, ND

### Sandy Olson ('99)

opened an AFLAC Office in Bottineau with Viktoria Pedie this Fall 2019.

### Lyndsay (Gunville) Ulrickson ('04)

was honored to receive the Citizen Planner Award from the Western Planner in September 2019.

### Jesse Nostdahl ('04)

was hired as the new Bottineau-Rugby High School boys' hockey head coach.

## Celebrations

### Kristin Kjelshus ('12) & Trevin Hall

were married on October 12, 2019

### Jamie Baker ('13) & Brian O'Connell

were married on August 25, 2019

### Kaylee Diebold ('13) & Preston Worrall

were married on July 20, 2019

### Kassie Kitzman ('11) & Levi Motl

were married on May 24, 2019

## Births



**Erick ('04) & Brooke Rosenau** welcomed a son, William Russell, on September 17, 2019.



**Georgia ('10) & Bruce Abrahamson** welcomed a daughter, Aasta Louise, on August 7, 2019.



**Karissa ('12) & Joe Berg** welcomed daughter, Karleigh Ann Berg, on March 19, 2019.



**Kelsey ('15) & Levi Kippen** welcomed a son, Stetson Garrett, on September 12, 2019.



**Rachel ('13) & Greg Stuart ('96)** welcomed a son, Hudson Anthony, on March 20, 2019.

## Highlights from Evergreen!



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