

Dakota College at Bottineau Alumni Newsletter

# BRANCHING OUT

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Women's DCB Hockey Team in Boston, MA  
for the National Championship Tournament.





## First Year Filled with Discover and Opportunity

by Dr. Carmen Simone, *Campus Dean*

My first year with Dakota College at Bottineau has been filled with discovery and opportunity. We are in the midst of planning for the future, and this has triggered conversations of mission, vision, and values throughout the organization. It has been fun to hear these discussions and to see the commitment of our faculty and staff. Without a doubt, they truly care about our students.

Following a national search, Kayla O'Toole has been officially named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Because she is retaining her responsibilities for dual credit and distance learning, Misty Lindgren has joined our team as the Director of Academic Affairs to assist her. This team remains committed to working with our faculty to assure that our academic programs remain both high-quality and relevant, and that they continue to serve us well in the coming years.

We are working through the 2023 Legislative Session. This has been a wonderful experience and, along with telling our story, our focus has been on seeking additional funding for the renovation of Old Main. If granted, this appropriation would allow us to finish the project at a total cost of \$8.3 million. When complete, this facility will help us meet local workforce needs in the healthcare sector.

Dakota College at Bottineau is a special place. We are proud to be an affiliate campus of Minot State University and one of eleven public institutions within the North Dakota University System. At DCB, we provide quality education in a caring environment. With that mission, we plan to empower students and impact communities for years to come.



2023 Smokey's Week showcases the students, community and campus.



## Give Back as a Jack and Support Your Alma Mater

by Leslie Stevens,  
Foundation Director

With April showers come May flowers or so the old saying goes. Dakota College is jumping into spring in an explosive manner with both our Men's and Women's hockey teams competing in the National Championship Tournament in Boston, Massachusetts, over spring break. Our student athletes showcase the Lumberjack pride on the ice, on the court and on the field all year long. Many of them compete in multiple sports and manage their studies and classes which really indicates that our students have the best opportunities here in Bottineau.

We want to support those opportunities even more and plans are underway for our first annual DCB Day of Giving on April 25, 2023. This is a 24-hour online fundraiser for all alumni, friends and supporters to participate in by logging on to [givingday.dakotacollege.edu](http://givingday.dakotacollege.edu) to see the six featured campaigns. Each of these will provide scholarships, program support, or fulfill transportation needs for our students right now. Call, tweet or message your friends and family to become part of the **JACKS GIVE BACK** extravaganza on the 25th of April and donate to one of our campaigns.



JACKS  
GIVE  
BACK

This spring and summer will continue to be a busy one as we will begin to see work with our Rural Health Education Center in Old Main start in a few weeks and hope to open the doors to students going into nursing, allied health and related programs in the Fall of 2024. If you've become a friend of Old Main, we want to say thank you. If you would still like to become one, we have multiple ways to help you leave a legacy with your support. I encourage you to reach out to me and we can visit about your wishes. My office number is 701-228-5613 or email at [leslie.stevens@dakotacollege.edu](mailto:leslie.stevens@dakotacollege.edu). Once finished Old Main will shine with all its glory and be the highlight of our campus again.



## ALUMNI DONATION

### Greetings alumni and friends:

The Alumni Association challenges you to support the scholarship activities by contributing to the fund for our students. Please send your contribution by clipping out this slip and including your information. This will help us update our records and record your donation. Thank you for your support.

Contribution Amount

- ☐ \$50  
☐ \$100  
☐ \$250 Scholarship  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **DCB Alumni Association** and mail to 105 Simrall Blvd., Bottineau, ND 58318 or pay by credit card online by visiting: [www.dakotacollege.edu/foundation](http://www.dakotacollege.edu/foundation) or calling us at 701-228-5613.





## Six Forestry & Horticulture Degrees Led Florist Jessi Olson to a Career That Keeps Blooming

Alumna Jessi Olson's career truly blossomed thanks to her intense interest in earning every degree offered in the Forestry and Horticulture program. She graduated from Minot State University – Bottineau in 2005, prior to the school being renamed Dakota College at Bottineau.

As a high school senior in Richardton, North Dakota, Olson wanted to leave North Dakota for the sunshine of California to seek a cosmetology degree to do make-up on movie sets. However, a school visit from a MSU-B rep interested her in creating beauty in a completely different way. "When she mentioned a floral design program, I was very intrigued. My mom and I set up a college visit, and I believe it was over spring break, because there weren't many students on campus, except for the horticulture students working in the greenhouse," Olson explains.

"Carol Herbert, who was the greenhouse manager at the time, gave us a tour and told me about the horticulture program. I was fascinated with the greenhouse and knew that was what I wanted to do."

The campus visit led her to change her career aspirations and attend MSU-B. Over the course of three years, Olson earned degrees in Horticulture, Floral Design, Landscape Design, Greenhouse Technology, Forestry, and Golf Course Management. From serving as the President of the Horticulture Club to being a Resident Assistant at the dorms, Olson says she learned leadership, responsibility, and accountability at MSU-B, among other important life lessons. "There was flooding at Lake Metigoshe and Quinn Beckman and I helped sandbag someone's house. That was my first real experience with helping people during a natural disaster."

"I have always said that everything in life happens for a reason. After graduation, I decided to continue my education in Crookston, Minnesota. The friendships and events that happened at MSU-B got me to Crookston, which in turn got me to where I am today," she says. Olson is now married to Dave, who she met in Crookston. The couple has a 14-year-old daughter named Lily and a 9-year-old son named Warren. The active family lives on the farmstead north of Richardton where Olson grew up.

Returning to her family's homestead allowed Olson to combine her entrepreneurial spirit with her education to operate a floral shop in her hometown. It is located within Suzy's Stash, a quilt store owned by her aunt. Once a week Olson receives flowers and creates beautiful arrangements that are available in the cooler all week or until they run out. "I love providing flowers to people who appreciate them. I have specific customers whose lives are brightened when I deliver their flowers. My repeat customers make me feel appreciated. Arranging flowers makes me happy, and if my flowers make others happy it's a win-win!"

Olson says she learned everything she knows during her time in Bottineau, and she remembers her time there fondly. "I am a small-town girl and will always be. I loved how all the classes at MSU-B were small, so students weren't numbers. All the students knew each other, and it didn't matter if you were there for sports, horticulture, forestry, wildlife management, nursing, whatever," she says.





**“I was fascinated with the greenhouse and knew that was what I wanted to do.”**

Olson says she loved every class taught by Bob Underwood, Diann Beckman, and Jolene Mann because they made the programs enjoyable. All three instructors had a huge impact on her life, but the friendship Olson formed with Beckman while working for her in the greenhouse, as a teacher's aide, and at Beckman's flower shop still endures. "Diann opened my eyes to the world of plants and flowers, and seeing her passion helped to grow my own passion. I developed a close friendship with her and her family over the years. Diann was my college mom. Twenty years later she is still an important part of my life."

Olson's experience shows alumni truly grow beautiful careers and relationships out of their time on campus in Bottineau.



**Support the renovation of  
Old Main Rural Health Education Center  
for Nursing and Allied Health Programs**

Forever honor your  
**Family • Parents • Children**  
by purchasing a tile in Old Main.

*Only 100 tiles available.*

In Memory of  
**JOE JONES**  
Class of 1956

*Sample tile*

**For only \$500  
per tile, you can leave a  
legacy for a loved one.**

**Scan this code to purchase your tile or support  
the Rural Health Education Center Campaign.**



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## The Path from Gen Eds to a Career

"It's funny you ask" might be Cody Brooks' response to a question about how he landed his current role as a financial advisor.

In an educational career that began at Dakota College at Bottineau, Brooks carried his credits on to Valley City State University to complete a Bachelor of Education, along with a minor in marketing.

His first job out of college was teaching business education to high schoolers in western North Dakota. "When I was going to DCB, I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do," said Brooks. "I never saw myself as a financial advisor."



However, the Bottineau native knew he wanted to play collegiate sports and attend college without breaking the bank. "The cost helped a lot and it was certainly a consideration," said Brooks. "Going and getting those general education classes out of the way without having to pay 15 or 20,000 was the way to go." Another perk for the DCB Jacks hockey and baseball player was being able to take those general ed credits with him to a four-year university. "That was another reason — the college courses transferred to a lot of different universities," said Brooks. "To be able to go there for two years and to have those credits transfer was pretty big."

After completing his four-year degree at VCSU, Brooks worked as a teacher, loan officer, then a controller and CFO until he came full circle back to his hometown of Bottineau. "I kind of stayed in the business finance field," said Brooks. "I wanted to teach about it, then I wanted to do it myself."

Coming up on one year at CoreWealth Financial Advisors, Brooks is diving into his new role and further developing skills that began in the classroom and through collegiate DECA at DCB. "Our advisor taught me a lot and gave me a lot of practical experiences," said Brooks of his DECA experience. "It really helps when talking with people and clients face to face — and gave me the confidence to do so at a young age."

Brooks chose to stay in Bottineau after high school in part because of the "small-town feel." That's also why he and his wife decided to move back after welcoming their first child. The two met freshman year at DCB, and now ten years later, Brooks said they returned to be closer to family. As it turns out, the town and the college share that same feel.

"At DCB, you don't just feel like you're a number — you feel like a person who's getting a quality education," said Brooks. "In a small town, you feel like you're a person and you're valued."

Now, with a career based largely on relationships, Brooks knows the value of the relationships he built at DCB. "I really got to know my roommates pretty well and develop lifelong friendships," said Brooks. "Some of the relationships you get to build at a small school last a lifetime."





Join the entire DCB community for our 24-hour online giving day. Amazing things happen when we come together!



All early gifts qualify for matches and challenges. For more information or questions, please contact Leslie Stevens at 701-228-5613 or [leslie.stevens@dakotacollege.edu](mailto:leslie.stevens@dakotacollege.edu).

# DCB DAY of GIVING

## April 25, 2023



**50% match** for all scholarship funds



**Six awesome projects** to support



**Matches and Challenges** by friends and alumni



[GIVINGDAY.DAKOTACOLLEGE.EDU](http://GIVINGDAY.DAKOTACOLLEGE.EDU)





## Congratulations to the Men's and Women's Hockey Teams!

They traveled to Boston, Massachusetts, to compete in the ACHA National Hockey Tournament in March. The women's team made it to the Final Four and suffered a defeat by rival Sault College.



## We're So Proud of You – Way to Go!

Congrats to these DCB players have been recognized for their achievements this season.

Jacie **HALL**

1st Team MonDak  
All-Conference  
Women's Basketball



Jacob **SMITH**

2nd Team MonDak  
All-Conference  
Men's Basketball



Brendan  
**REDHEAD**

1st Team MonDak  
All-Conference  
Men's Basketball



Trinity  
**TANNER**

ACHA D2 All National  
Tournament Team  
Women's Hockey





DCB FOUNDATION HOSTS

# PEACE GARDEN TOUR & LUNCH

TUESDAY, JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>



Join us as we travel to Lake Metigoshe and the International Peace Garden for an exclusive tour of the new Nature Play Park, Pollinator Garden, a history of the Turtle Mountains and a stop at the North American Game Warden Museum. Bus will load at 8:00 am at DCB in Bottineau and pick up at Metigoshe Coffee House at 8:40 am. Call the Foundation office to register at 701-228-5435.

**Cost is \$38 per person and includes lunch and your IPG admission.**



INTERNATIONAL  
**PEACE**  
GARDEN



# LOGROLLERS

## GORDER GOLF TOURNAMENT

### FEATURING

HOLE IN ONE CONTEST  
LONGEST DRIVE  
CLOSEST TO THE PIN  
CALCUTTA  
LUNCH  
TONS OF DOOR PRIZES

**SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023**

BOTTINEAU COUNTRY CLUB  
REGISTRATION AT 8 AM • SHOTGUN START AT 9 AM  
COST IS \$400 PER FOUR-PERSON TEAM

CALL 701-228-5435 TO REGISTER  
OR VISIT THE LOGROLLERS PAGE  
USING THE QR CODE.





# Thank You for Making a Difference at DCB!

(donations from November 2022 to March 2023)

## FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Corewealth Investment Advisors  
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Jerry & Jackie Migler

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*In Memory of Polly Abernathy  
& Marvel Thompson*  
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*In Memory of Marvel Thompson*

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and Katie Kittleson*

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*In Memory of  
Sadie Jelleberg*

Craig & Deborah Brandt  
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Harvey & Coral Hoff  
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Lois Weeks

## LOGROLLER DONATIONS

*In Memory of  
Marvel Thompson*  
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Friends of DCB  
*In Memory of  
Marvel Thompson*

Logrollers  
*In Memory of Marvel Thompson  
& Larry Marchus*

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*In Memory of William Rothlisberger*  
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## FUTURE LUMBERJACKS



**Harvey Shultz, '80**  
welcomed new  
granddaughter, Bekett,  
on February 24, 2023,  
daughter of Shawn &  
Kierney Shultz.



**John & Haley  
(Mastvelten)  
Stautz, '15**  
welcomed baby girl,  
Adelaide Eileen on  
February 23, 2023.



**Katie & Jonathan  
Tofteland '05**  
welcomed baby girl,  
Eleanor Rae on  
February 7, 2023.



**Kyle and Stephanie  
(Schuchard)  
Arends, '15**  
welcomed baby girl,  
Amber RayLynn on  
October 6, 2022.

## GOOD NEWS

**David Hoff, '87**, named 2022 Paralympic Coach of the Year by the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

**Misty (Ross) Lindgren, '88**, hired as Director of Academic Affairs at Dakota College at Bottineau.

**Kayla (Nelson) O'Toole, '05**, promoted to Vice President of Academic Affairs at Dakota College at Bottineau.

**Justin Cote, '08**, graduated from ND Highway Patrol in January 2023, stationed out of Stanley, ND.

**Amber Schroeter, '12**, presented with the "Piece of the Puzzle" Appreciation Award by the North Dakota Hunter Educators Association.

**Jennifer Cote, '14**, hired as the Office Coordinator for the DCB Foundation & Alumni Association.

## FAREWELLS

**George Fisher, '73**, Macomb Twp., MI, May 11, 1948 - October 3, 2022

**Barbara Beutow, '67**, Devils Lake, October 6, 1947 - November 21, 2022

**DeElla Bjornseth, '43**, Bottineau, January 10, 1924 - November 22, 2022

**William Carlson, '63**, Fargo, January 15, 1943 - December 1, 2022

**William Rothlisberger, '51**, Albuquerque, NM, April 30, 1932 - December 10, 2022

**Daniel Fyckes, '16**, Minot, November 30, 1995 - December 24, 2022

**Lori Wintermute-Glein, '00**, Minot, October 11, 1979 - January 12, 2023

**LeRoy Giese, '65**, Max, February 14, 1945 - February 6, 2023

**Mary Lou Hillesland, '63**, Mountain Home, ID, June 7, 1943 - February 9, 2023

**Lester Hetland, '49** Bottineau, July 2, 1929 - February 11, 2023

**Marvel Thompson, '85**, Bottineau, June 10, 1951 - February 18, 2023

**Larry Marchus**, Bottineau, May 5, 1936 - February 19, 2023

**Sadie Jelleberg, '80**, Bottineau, June 20, 1933 - February 22, 2023

**Jack Woods, '58**, Dunseith, July 23, 1936 - March 12, 2023



## UPCOMING DCB EVENTS



APRIL 25  
DCB Day of Giving



JULY 8  
Logrollers "Gorder" Golf Tourney



JULY 18  
Alumni & Friends Trip



SEPTEMBER 23  
Evergreen 40 Gala & Auction

APRIL 15

**LumberActs Murder Mystery Dinner Theater**  
**"Molly Howard is No More"**

- Cobblestone Conference Center

APRIL 25

**DCB Day of Giving Online Fundraiser**

[www.givingday.dakotcollege.edu](http://www.givingday.dakotcollege.edu)

May 3

**Emeritus Luncheon** - Alumni Center at DCB. All retired faculty, staff and employees are welcome.

MAY 12

**Commencement**

JULY 8

**Logrollers "Gorder" Golf Tournament**

- Bottineau Country Club

JULY 18

**Alumni & Friends Trip to the International Peace Garden** - Leave from DCB on new Jacks Bus at 8:00 am. Call 701-228-5613 for more details and to register.

AUG. 12

**Lake Metigoshe Wine Trek** - Register at the A Frame Bar & Grill

AUG. TBA

**Turtle Trot 5K Fun Run & Walk**

AUG. 22

**First Day of Fall Semester**

SEPT. 23

**Evergreen 40 Gala & Auction**

*(tickets on sale in July)*