DCB Athletic Hall of Famer David Pearson Hits Home Run with Major League Baseball Career
Enrollment is up and welcome to our new faculty
by Dr. Carmen Simone, Campus Dean

Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB) is proud to be an affiliate campus of Minot State University and one of eleven public institutions within the North Dakota University System. We are student-focused and community-centered, with core values of integrity, engagement, inclusion, and passion. These values define the college, and it is a privilege for me to be leading the DCB team into the future.

Enrollment at DCB is up this fall, with 1,180 students taking coursework with us. This is one hundred students more than last fall and the fifth year in a row that enrollment has been over the 1,000-student mark. There are about two dozen more students living in the residence halls this fall, and we are very excited to have this additional vibrancy on campus. Our fall-to-fall retention rate rose to 70% this year, demonstrating our commitment to student success and symbolizing the passion for service of our faculty and staff members.

This fall, we welcomed five new faculty members to the college. Erik Kornkven (English), Josh Medlin (Nursing, Bottineau), Carolyn Espe (Nursing, Minot), Michelle Cauley (Natural Resources), and Deidre Pugh (Sociology and Human Resources) joined us with energy, enthusiasm, and a passion for teaching. We are thrilled they have chosen to share their expertise with DCB and our students.

The regular session of the 68th Legislative Assembly was a whirlwind of activity. It was a great session, with higher education receiving unprecedented levels of support from the State. In addition to a funding increase based on higher enrollment levels, DCB was also provided monies for salary adjustments for faculty and staff and mental health support for students. Additional funding to complete the renovation of Old Main was granted, for which we are grateful. We plan to finish renovations in time for a ribbon-cutting ceremony sometime before next fall. Thank you, alumni, and friends, for your years of support with this project. We hope to see you at the celebration!
Asking All Alumni to Get Involved.

by Heidi Hauf, Alumni Association President

The Alumni Association was able to award over $35,000 in scholarships this academic school year. These scholarships are awarded to second year students based upon their academic achievement. These funds are raised by generous donations, events planned by our board, and hard-working volunteers. We would love to see these numbers grow with more involvement from our alumni!

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Volunteers are always welcome and necessary to host events. If you live close by, you can volunteer at local events, or attend Alumni Association meetings to provide insights and feedback on how we can engage with fellow alumnus. Don’t live close by? No problem, we would love to hear from you and maybe coordinate an event that is local to you. Please contact the Alumni Office at 701-228-5435 to get involved.

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Many college athletes must leave their favorite sports behind after graduation and settle into traditional jobs. David Pearson, a 2000 graduate of Minot State University-Bottineau, successfully turned his athletic prowess into a coaching career that evolved into identifying baseball players with major league potential. His college and professional experiences are truly something little league players dream about.

Pearson started school in Grafton, North Dakota, and graduated from Sherwood High School. A combination of family and school ties along with a persuasive meeting with Dr. Ken Grosz, the now retired Dean, convinced Pearson to attend MSU-B, which was renamed Dakota College at Bottineau. “I met with Dr. Grosz, and he was so welcoming during my visit. I had a chance to get two years of my college education at a lower cost, plus the opportunity to play basketball and baseball,” he explains. “I fell in love with the campus, area, and town. The people are great and so warm and welcoming. I got to know my professors on a personal level and was able to stay in touch with a few years after graduating.”

The two-time all-conference infielder was a member of the MSU-B team that won the Mon-Dak title in 2000. Dakota College at Bottineau inducted Pearson into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015. “I've always been a competitive person. I gravitate to sports and try to succeed at the highest level. Whether it was playing broomball for intramural t-shirts, the Mon-Dak baseball tournament championship, NCAA Regionals, or the MLB draft - I am driven to win,” he says. After graduating with an associate of arts degree in Business Education with a minor in Physical Education, Pearson transferred to Mayville State University to pursue a degree in Business Education. At Mayville State, Pearson played on two Region 3 championship teams and in the 2002 NAIA World Series.

“I was always working odd jobs related to baseball, whether it was refereeing, working grounds for the FM Redhawks, helping coach Legion, and high school ball while in college,” he says. Pearson graduated from Mayville State in 2003. Shortly thereafter, the University of North Dakota invited him into the Education and Leadership master's program, and to be a graduate assistant and baseball coach.

During the summer, he coached a collegiate baseball team in Bremerton, Washington. The gig in Washington led Pearson to a coaching position an hour south of UND, at North Dakota State University. He spent 11 years during two stints at NDSU. While there, he
helped build the baseball program up and eventually get the Bison to the NCAA tournament at number one ranked Oregon State. In addition, he is credited with helping NDSU achieve two Summit League tournament championships.

Over the past 20 years, Pearson coached at May-Port CG High School in Mayville, Mayville State University, and Des Moines Area Community College. He was named the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference Coach of the Year during his time as Head Coach. “I had a chance to continue to lead others to reach their full potential at Des Moines Area Community College,” Pearson says. “While there, I created a connection with the University of Iowa coaches and was asked to fill the hitting coach/catching coach position at the University.”

His keen eye for players with major league skills helped Pearson run to the next base of his career. In December 2022, he became a Scout for the LA Dodgers major league baseball team. He focuses on the upper Midwest region which includes Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska.

“Being a Scout is so much more than just watching the games. That’s the easy part! We are evaluating players on and off the field, working with agents for signing costs, talking with coaches about players’ character and makeup, and searching for more players. We are also organizing cross-checkers and scouting directors to come and see players, playing weatherman to see where to catch games the next day, watching players, and sharing evaluations with the Dodgers organization,” he explains. “I have enjoyed traveling and seeing so many different parts of the country during my career too.”

Pearson successfully parlayed his love of the game into a career that has continuously included his favorite sport, which is also part of his personal life. He and his wife, Keleigh, stay busy with their kids’ athletic schedules. Their daughter, Berkley, and son, Carter, play hockey, soccer, and of course, baseball. The family lives in Iowa City, Iowa, and they try to get to the lake to waterski whenever they can.

Overall, Pearson says his career in the sports industry has offered many different opportunities to positively impact lives. “I wish I could share all the lessons that I learned in Bottineau, but there are too many. The biggest thing that I learned is that there are so many people looking for guidance and someone to help them along their journey. A caring, kind word or conversation goes a long way. There was always someone there at MSU-B to help and care. Helping others has been very rewarding,” he says with a smile.

Pearson proudly says, “I tell others where I got my degree and how it has had such a lasting impact on my career. I almost feel a chip on my shoulder to say that MSU-B graduates can get anywhere in the sports business and be successful. It was truly one of the greatest experiences of my life.”
DCB Recognizes Alumni Award and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Since 1982 Dakota College at Bottineau Alumni Association has hosted an Awards Recognition banquet that honors athletes, students, supportive community members, and alumni. The DCB Alumni Association accepts nominations for the Golden Service, Friend of the College, and Young Alumnus awarded annually. The Alumni Association and Lumberjack Athletic Hall of Fame recipients will be acknowledged at the Awards Recognition Banquet, Saturday, October 21, 2023, in an event at the Cobblestone Inn, Bottineau.

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. Reed Loucks has been chosen as the 2023 Young Alumnus. Reed attended and played Lumberjack hockey for two seasons in 2012 to 2014. He graduated with two associates degrees then transferred to Waldorf University in Iowa. Reed played hockey and graduated with a Bachelors degree in Education and went on to teach in Oxbow, Saskatchewan. He was named the first women’s hockey coach in 2020 and during his first-year coaching took the team to the National Tournament.

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. Penny Dolbeare of Bottineau is the epitome of a true friend. She has supported the students of DCB for many years as a super fan of all the sports teams working for the college’s dining service. If Penny met you, she never would forget you. She is known for calling all students by their first name and has a special place in her heart for students who need extra attention. As an alum of NDSU-BB, Penny always finds a way to give back to the school and its people.

Allan Fredrickson attended the ND State School of Forestry from 1951-1952 and dedicated his life to serving others. He served in the US Army before continuing his education at the University of Minnesota to garner his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. He has a 45-year career as a veterinarian, with a special interest in equine medicine. He married Barbara Nelson in 1960 in Bottineau before moving out to Washington State. Allan has spent much of his career and retirement serving others by opening a spay and neuter clinic for small pets and working with animal shelters to control pet overpopulation. Allan is a published author of three books, and he took on a special desk-building project in 2020 to help kids have a place to do their homework while they studied remotely during the pandemic. He and Barbara continue to show their appreciation for the School of Forestry, now Dakota College Bottineau, by co-endowing a scholarship in memory of Barbara’s parents, Alice and C.N. Nelson.

The Golden Service award goes to a DCB Alum who has retired or is approaching the 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. Allan Fredrickson of Mount Vernon, Washington attended the ND State School of Forestry from 1951-1952 and dedicated his life to serving others. He served in the US Army before continuing his education at the University of Minnesota to garner his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. He has a 45-year career as a veterinarian, with a special interest in equine medicine. He married Barbara Nelson in 1960 in Bottineau before moving out to Washington State.

Dakota College also acknowledges alumni athletes, coaches, staff, and teams. The Hall of Fame Inductee is an athlete that has competed or a non-athlete that has served in an athletic position for DCB. The award is based primarily upon the nominee’s participation while attending or serving DCB. The 2023 Hall of Fame recipients are Jason Harris and 2010-2011 Women’s Basketball Team.
Jason Harris attended North Dakota State University – Bottineau during 1990-1991. He participated in men’s basketball and was named 1st Team All State, 1st Team All-Region, and 2nd Team All Mondak. Jason averaged 19.2 points, 8.6 rebounds, 4.7 assists, and 2.4 steals per game and scored 35 points in the Regional. He competed at the National Junior College Athletic Association National Basketball Tournament with the Lumberjacks that year. Jason went on to Minot State University to continue his basketball career. During Jason’s playing career at Minot he competed at the National Association of Intercollegiate Association National Basketball Tournament.

The 2010-2011 Women’s Basketball Team was a transformational team for Region XIII women’s basketball. The Region XIII Championship team set a school record of 22 wins with a 4th place finish in the MonDak Conference. The women’s team were victorious over traditional Region XIII D2 powerhouse Bismarck State three times, while placing four players on the All MonDak team. Only a last second shot kept the Ladyjacks from their first ever National Tournament appearance. While the records and achievements speak for themselves the ultimate value of this team was proving to everyone in Region XIII that the Ladyjacks were who and where teams had to go through on their journey.

L to R: Coach Wayne Johnson, Karly Brummond, Allison Scherr, Jordan Allard. Kate Helgeson, Haley Mindt, Jessica Skees, Shannon Smith, Crystal Dammen, Kati Brandt, Lyndi Anderson

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Jelleberg Credits DCB Experience As She Finishes Degree

While Ady’s transition to Minot State is good, the nerves were present in the beginning. However, after getting acquainted with fellow classmates and professors, every day gets better and better. “I started joining clubs and interacting with other students and that is what did it for me,” she said. “The process was fast and simple to transfer and once I got going, it was hard to stop. My experience just gets better every day.”

Ady has known she wants to teach in elementary education for a while now, specifically fourth and fifth grades. “When I was in high school, I was a teacher’s assistant for two or three years. It was the best part of my days. I would look forward to going into the classes to work with the kids,” she said. “I felt like I could make a difference in the lives of the children I met. That is when I knew what I wanted to do.”

She intends to jump right into teaching after school before going for her master’s, for which she intends to get into the administration field of education. “Once I get my master’s degree, I would like to start looking for administration jobs,” Ady said. “I would like to teach for a while longer though as well, you can’t critique a classroom if you haven’t been in one.”

Adyson Jelleberg, ’22, has found a home away from home at Minot State University after transferring from Dakota College at Bottineau.

“I am a transfer student, but it truly doesn’t feel that way. I am from Bottineau,” she said. “I was born and raised there and went to school at Bottineau Public School grades K-12.”

Ady states that she saw similarities between DCB and Minot State and that convinced her that MSU was her next step.

“My experience at DCB was great,” she said. “I will never forget my time there or take it for granted. It was two years of my life that I will look back at and cherish forever. It really lived up to the slogan it has. ‘Start small, go far Dakota College at Bottineau.’ It prepared me for the next steps in my educational degree. It pushed me to be the best I can be and helped me to be confident in moving on.”
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- David Wettlaufer
- Rhonda Wilhelm

**Student Emergency Fund**
- Hattie Albertson
- Peter Anderson
- Linda Burbidge
- Tim Chapman
- Tracy Chisholm
- Danielle Clemenson
- Ronald Deraas
- Chad DeTienne
- Christine Kittleson
- Keri Keith
- Judy & Doug Ganyo
- Tracey Hall
- Mary Haugen
- Lyle Lamoureux
- Jennifer Lodoen
- Chelsey Lorenz
- Lisa Mock
- Kathy & Joe Schuchard
- Bryan & Heidi Schweitzer
- Steve & Jennifer Shirley
- Carmen & Alan Simone
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**DCB 2024 DAY of GIVING**

**February 21, 2024**

24 Hour Online Giving Event

*Do Not Miss It!*