

GROW *with us*

From the Director's Desk



Dear Alumni and Friends,

This summer, the road has been good to us. From Wahpeton to Bismarck, Fargo to Lakes Country, we've been out visiting with alumni, shaking hands, swapping stories, and celebrating the lifelong impact of NDSCS. These meet-and-greets and one-on-one alumni visits are more than just reunions—they are reminders that our Wildcat bond is alive, well, and deeply rooted across generations and geographies.

Back on campus, we've been busy strengthening the very foundation that supports this important work. Over the past several months, I've led a realignment of our staff to better serve our mission—with clear roles and a renewed energy that matches the excitement we're seeing from our alumni and donors.

One of our most exciting milestones is just around the corner: the **Career Innovation Center in Fargo officially opens this fall**, and we'll celebrate with a **ribbon cutting on August 18**. This cutting-edge facility is more than a building—it's a workforce engine that will help power North Dakota's economy and open doors for countless students.

And thanks to the **ND Challenge Grant**, you have an opportunity to be part of that impact. Every \$2 you give is matched with \$1 from the state. Whether it's for endowments, scholarships, program support, or faculty innovation, **your gift has never gone further**.

In addition to capital support, we've also reignited our **Annual Fund and Club Giving Programs**, creating ways for donors to connect their passion to purpose—year-round. And our **Endowment Program** continues to grow, providing long-term stability that ensures future generations of Wildcats have access to the same life-changing experiences so many of you remember.

If you're a business owner—or know someone who is—now is a perfect time to consider becoming a **sponsor**. Sponsorships offer an incredible opportunity to elevate your brand while directly supporting student success and alumni programming across the state.

And finally, let me offer you a heartfelt invitation to **join us for Homecoming this fall**, October 4–5. It's a time to come home, reconnect, and see firsthand the momentum that's building on campus and beyond.

At the NDSCS Alumni Foundation, we are leading with intention, building with purpose, and inviting you to be part of a future that honors our past and moves boldly forward.

With Wildcat Pride,

Matthew Hallaway
Executive Director
NDSCS Alumni Foundation

For more stories from the road and Wildcat memories that matter, follow my "Moments with Matthew" series on Facebook and Instagram.

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Meet & Greet



STARTUP BREW

We enjoyed connecting with guests and sharing exciting updates from the Alumni Foundation during the Startup Brew NDSCS Takeover on June 25!

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Thanks to all who stopped out to meet Alumni Foundation Executive Director Matthew and get a photo with Wildcat Willie!





BISMARCK & OTTERTAIL MEET & GREETINGS

Both events had fantastic attendance! A big thank you to Brandon from Bruno's Pizza in Bismarck and Dan from The Otter in Ottertail. We truly appreciate your support!

FARGO FOLKWAYS NIGHT BAZAAR

Wow! What an amazing opportunity to meet so many alums and supporters. Thanks for stopping by to say hi!



Meet & Greet Photos

KIM NELSON'S FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE

You're invited to join the NDSCS Alumni Foundation in celebrating Executive Director Kim Nelson as she retires after more than two decades of dedicated service. Stop by our open house on Wednesday, August 27, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Stern Cultural Center to wish Kim well and thank her for the lasting impact she's made on NDSCS, our alumni, and the community. All alumni, supporters, and community members are welcome!



BIG IRON XLV FARM SHOW

The NDSCS Alumni Foundation will be on site at this popular Farm and Construction Show at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds September 9-11! Visit our table in the Hartl Ag Building alongside the NDSCS Agriculture, Diesel, and Welding departments—and don't forget to pick up your "I'm an NDSCS Alum" nametag!

Additional information for all events can be found here:

Meet & Greet Information

701 WILDCAT DAY



The first Annual 701 Wildcat Day was a great success! Thanks for kicking off our Annual Campaign and being 701 Strong!

CIC GRAND OPENING



Monday, August 18th
11:00 a.m.
4230 64th Ave S, Fargo, ND

Join us for the
NDSCS Opening Week
BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, August 24th
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
NDSCS Oval

HOMECOMING 2025

Exciting News, Wildcats!
We are thrilled to announce our 2025 Homecoming Honorees!

Alumnus of the Year - Chris Johnson
Parade Grand Marshal - Harvey Link
Family Tradition Award - Delray Sanders Family
Friend of the College - Aasness Auctioneers
Young Alumnus Award - Dan Kutter
Performing Arts Alumni Award - Tilford Kroshus
Wildcat of the Year - Kim Nelson

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable weekend on **Friday, October 3rd and Saturday, October 4th** as we come together to celebrate the incredible contributions these honorees have made to NDSCS and our community! This is a perfect opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni, share stories, and honor the legacy of those who have paved the way for future Wildcats.

You can find the complete schedule of Homecoming events, along with details for banquet registration, t-shirt orders, and hotel blocks, here:

[Homecoming 2025](#)

SPEAKER SERIES



Save the Date! This year's Speaker Series is scheduled for October 14th in Harry Stern and Ella Stern Cultural Center.
Keynote Speaker: Steve D. Scheel of Scheels
Special Feature: 50 Years of Women in Sports at NDSCS

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ATHLETICS

NDSCS Women's Softball is the 2025 NJCAA DIII National Champion - congrats Team and Coaches!



Women's Soccer starts this fall with their first match on August 24th at Northern State.

Football has their first game on August 20th at NDSCS.

Volleyball starts their season August 15th at Mayville.

We hope to see you cheering for all of our Wildcat Teams!

[Athletic Schedules](#)

FUTURE WILDCATS

We're committed to keeping our college thriving, and you can play a vital role in that!

If you know a relative, neighbor, or friend who is considering college but hasn't decided where to go, send them our way!

Click below for more information on scheduling a tour, applying, and exploring scholarship opportunities!

[Schedule a Tour](#)[Apply to NDSCS](#)[Scholarships](#)

In need of some new NDSCS gear?

You can order online! *"Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat!"*

Click the link to shop the NDSCS Bookstore which now features Alumni apparel! Because the NDSCS Bookstore is owned and operated by NDSCS, all revenue brought in by the Bookstore goes back to the college. If you're on campus, feel free to stop in and shop between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday; located in the Hektner Student Center on the NDSCS Campus in Wahpeton. For NDSCS Fargo bookstore hours, please call (701) 671-2125.

[NDSCS Bookstore](#)

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our team!**
We're hiring.



NDSCS is Hiring!

NDSCS currently has a variety of positions open at both our Fargo and Wahpeton locations. If you or someone you know are looking for a career change, come join us and become a Wildcat (again!).

Job Opportunities

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