

# SUCCESSSTORIES

NOTEWORTHY HAPPENINGS FROM ACROSS THE COLLEGE

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## Check *IT* Out!

News you can use and other interesting tidbits.

### Off and running

Preparation for Fergus Area College Foundation's annual 5K has taken off this year with support from Lake Region Healthcare in Fergus Falls. The college and Lake Region are collaborating on a campaign to encourage community members to "Get Off the Couch and Get to Training."

Check it out at [www.spartan5Krun.com](http://www.spartan5Krun.com).

The 3rd Annual Spartan 5k is set for Sept. 22.

### Speak up!

The Moorhead campus hosts two notable speakers this fall. Zach Wahls, a 20-year-old Iowan with lesbian parents who addressed the Iowa House Judiciary Committee about the strength of his family, will speak Sept. 19 on the topic of "What Makes a Family." The campus will host business executive, entrepreneur and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Sheryl WuDunn as part of its Orator Series on Oct. 3. Contact Student Life Director Angela Mathers for more information.

## Our *STUDENTS* shine!

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### In the swing of things

The M State Spartans golfers brought home the first-place trophy from the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III National Championship tournament at Chautaugua Golf Club in Chautaugua, N.Y., in June. The Spartans shot 18 strokes under second-place Jamestown Community College of New York, and Coach Jason Retzlaff was recognized as Coach of the Tournament.

### Very resourceful

For the sixth consecutive year, M State's Student Human Resource Organization has been recognized with the national Merit Chapter designation from the Society for Human Resource Management. The chapter, on the Moorhead campus, was recognized for an outstanding job of providing opportunities for growth and development of its members. The group's advisor is HR faculty member Loren Haagenon.

## You deserve a *PAT ON THE BACK!*

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### Take a bow

M State's Dental Hygiene students had a 100 percent pass rate on both their national written board exam and their clinical exam, reports Dental Hygiene faculty member Kris Pladson.

### Quality work

M State faculty members have been involved in training courses designed to improve the quality of online education through the national organization Quality Matters. Faculty members who have completed training include Teresa Beacom, Loren Haagenon, Camelia Lamey, Jennifer Lovgren, Jennifer Redlin, Jennifer Beyer, Jeff Bry, Eric Daeuber, Joanna Jesser, Peggy Johnson, Ann Schwalboski, Diane Stenerson and Loren Synstelien.

### Leader in her field

Mary Stende, director of the Pharmacy Technology program, was named to the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy Technician Training Advisory Committee, which provides professional advice on pharmacy technician standards in Minnesota. She also served on a panel at the Minnesota Pharmacist Association Pharmacy Technician conference in July, addressing the topic of professionalism in the pharmacy technician career field.

### Golfing for a cause

The 1st Annual M State - Moorhead Foundation Golf Tournament in June raised nearly \$4,700 for student scholarships, including the Dan Sperling Realize Your Dream Scholarship and the Diversity Scholarship. Nearly 60 golfers participated.



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## A winning collaboration

M State was awarded \$65,000 in Competitive Workforce Grants from West Central Initiative for projects designed to boost employment skills for workers in health care and manufacturing in west central Minnesota. A \$40,000 grant supports a joint project between six manufacturers and two school districts, and a \$25,000 grant funds a collaborative project between M State and four long-term care facilities in the area. The long-term care project also was awarded a \$3,500 grant from Dakota Medical Foundation. M State's Custom Training Services applied for the grants.

## Steamed up

Lamb Plastic Surgery Center in Fargo donated a steam generator and a sterilizer valued at \$2,900 that will be used for students in the Plumbing Technology program in Moorhead.

## Leading the way

Associate Vice President Carrie Brimhall and Senior Dean Jill Abbott were featured speakers at the Superintendents Summer Leadership Conference in Alexandria in June. They addressed the topic of helping today's high school students understand the pitfalls of digital distraction in a presentation entitled *Can't I Download an App for That?* Brimhall and Abbott also engaged education leaders in a discussion of how to work together to help students use technology appropriately.

## Supporting our troops

Two dozen M State employees from all campuses gathered in Perham in June for a veteran/military training to better prepare M State to work with veterans and military organizations. M State's Holly Doyle said Minnesota generally is "years ahead of other states" in supporting military members and veterans, and the training better prepares M State to be part of that support system.

# In the **NEWS!**

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## Sustaining interest

In June, [Agri-News](#) recounted the agricultural adventures of 10 students from the Agricultural and Food Sciences Academy in the Twin Cities. Students visited local ag operations during their mid-term break; the seeds of the program were planted during a visit to the academy by Sue Wika, director of M State's Sustainable Food Production program.

## Excellent news!

Fergus Falls faculty members Paul Carney and Ramona Caswell received Excellence Awards from the [National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development](#) and were recognized at the group's international conference in late May. The two were recognized for their demonstrated excellence in the classroom and their contributions outside the classroom.

## Quite the buzz

Business & Entrepreneurial Services was in the news with the opening of its creative marketing incubator, [The HIVE](#).

## Reason to smile

Tyler Winter, a graduate of the dental assisting program in Moorhead, was featured in the June issue of [Inside Dental Assisting](#). Now a maxillofacial surgical assistant in Fargo, Winter is also a leader in state and national professional groups.

## Feeling at home

[Melony Butler](#), a recent AA graduate in Wadena, was in the news for her role with a team that is working to turn a former Sauk Centre school property into a home for veterans suffering from post-war problems.

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