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Polytechnic Newsletter December 2021

In the News

On Nov. 15, 2021, North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum signed Senate Bill 2345 granting Bismarck State College \$38 million from the state's federal Rescue Plan coronavirus aid to advance its expanded mission as North Dakota's Polytechnic Institution.

BSC is extremely appreciative of the level of confidence and commitment we've received from the governor and our legislative leaders to advance the ND State Board of Higher Education's polytechnic mission at BSC. North Dakota has tremendous natural assets that support economic growth in our state. The decision to invest in our polytechnic mission aligns perfectly with the state's economic growth projects.

BSC's transition as the only polytechnic institution in the region began in late 2018 and has since commissioned two studies with the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC) and Gray Associates to determine the skills, technical talent and degree programs needed in high-priority occupations to impact and sustain business and industry development and economic growth.

Our state's investment in BSC is timely, substantial and provides the resources necessary to expand academic programs and educational services to address the trends and needs of our students, communities, and industry workforce. North Dakota needs a mechanism to ensure we have the highly skilled workforce our public and private sector stakeholders need to continue to sustain and grow our economy. BSC is now positioned to build the talent pipeline that will impact the economy now and for many years into the future.



December Graduates - Congratulations!

By: Joshua Randolph

Director of Career, Advising, & Counseling Services

With the ending of our 2021 Fall Semester, we are excitedly looking towards the future for many of our students as they prepare to enter the workforce. This semester we have nearly 170 students graduating with either a degree or a certificate from our energy department. Many of these students will be seeking the opportunity to take what they have learned in the classroom and apply it to their careers.

A great new way for employers to help our students become aware of job openings is via Handshake, a new service being offered at Bismarck State College.

Student accounts will include their area of study and Handshake will be able to search and to display job openings that are associate with their academic area. These job postings come directly from employers like you.

We invite employers to join us on Handshake and begin posting your jobs today. Your business can sign up via the [Handshake Employer Website](#).

Spring 2022 - Registration is OPEN

Give yourself credit and [register](#) for Spring classes today! Classes begin January 10, 2022.

Out & About

Bismarck State College was represented at the Health Tech & Trades Career Expo held in the Fargodome on December 2nd. The annual event is designed to promote industry to students in Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo and area rural public and private schools. Over 3,600 ninth grade students visited the Fargodome.



Happy Holidays

The Polytechnic Outreach team and BSC faculty and staff traveled over 2,500 miles and reached nearly 12,000 students (grades 8-12), high-school counselors, and teachers in 2021! We look forward to the new year and continually improving our outreach efforts throughout North Dakota!

Happy Holidays,
Alicia Kelsey Kevin

Come See Us!

Upcoming Events

- Jan 25-27: **Energy Progress & Innovation Conference**-Bismarck Event Center
- Feb 16: Sanford Health Careers-Bismarck State College
- Mar 2: Spring Career Fair-Bismarck State College
- Mar 7: **Jamestown STEM Event**-Jamestown
- Mar 14: Beulah Chamber (Cybersecurity)-Beulah
- Mar 22: National Ag Day & Ag Program Open House-Bismarck State College

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