

## Chapter News

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### Mandan DFS Recipient Speaks at Chapter Appreciation Luncheon

Mandan's Dollars for Scholars 2007 scholarship recipient, Rachel Leingang, shared her educational story at the Chapter Appreciation luncheon. Rachel thanked the Dollars for Scholars program and the Mandan community for the generous scholarship she received to pursue her educational dream.

"None of this would be possible without the help of those willing to contribute to the rising costs of education, such as the Dollars for Scholars program and the Mandan community," said Rachel. "To me, an education is invaluable. I cannot imagine what my life would be without the opportunities I've been given by being able to attend college. Once again, I want to thank you all for the part you play in providing postsecondary education." Rachel received a standing ovation.

### Two Chapters to Receive AXA Financial Grant

Our two newest DFS chapters, MLS (Mohall, Lansford, Sherwood) Dollars for Scholars and Jamestown Public School Foundation affiliate chapter, have the opportunity to receive an AXA Financial grant, provided by Scholarship America and AXA Financial. The new chapters will receive \$1,000 now. When the local groups raise another \$1,000, AXA Financial will match it for a total contribution of \$2,000. Congratulations, to MLS DFS and the Jamestown Public School Foundation affiliate chapter!

### Kindred Golf Tourney Raises More than \$5,000!

The Kindred Dollars for Scholars Chapter raised \$5,350 as pure profit in their 6th Annual Dollars for Scholars Women's Golf Tournament. Congratulations, Kindred!



Kindred Trustees (left to right): Mark Kuhn, Jo Swenson, Julie Mitchell, Deb Strand, Lianne Rockstad, Amy Duscherer, David Strand not pictured: Roger Haberman, Lianne Girodat and Amanda Vangsness

Hankinson's team has supported the event for five years.

(left to right) Wanda Meslow, Cheryl Farrell, Sue Heitkamp, Carol Hamann



### Divide County Area Dollars for Scholars Crosby, ND

A group of hunters from Minnesota have been coming to the Crosby, ND area for over 20 years. To give back to the community, they began a benefit for the Divide County Area Dollars for Scholars. On October 16, 2008, the group held their 4th annual dinner and auction benefit where they provide and serve the dinner, as well as provide items for raffles and auction. This year's raffle item was an autographed football by Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings. Chapter Board Members assist with the event and do all the promotion. This year's event brought in over \$9,000, with the total for the four years being \$24,700. All money raised at these events is awarded to students from the area.

Wally Hilgenberg, a former Minnesota Viking football player, was a member of this group of hunters. Wally recently died after battling Lou Gehrig's disease, and was honored at this year's event. In memory of Wally, the Divide County Area Dollars for Scholars Chapter will annually award a scholarship in his name.



## Schedule of Events

### December

- Governing Board of Directors meeting
- State Director to visit Collegiate Partners (colleges) in North Dakota to review award process for scholarships and encourage matching partnerships
- Ashley, North Dakota to become a chartered DFS chapter

## Fundraising Tips

The following fundraising tips were shared at this summer's workshops. For more information about these fundraisers contact Lori Sayler.

- **Read-a-thon:** Barnes County chapter has students find sponsors to pledge for each book read over a two-week period. Monies stay with each class.
- **Direct Letter Campaign:** Develop a database of local businesses and send out a letter and pledge form annually. Submitted by Bismarck chapter.
- **Valentine's Dinner and Dance:** An annual themed event. Washburn chapter charges \$30.00 per plate and usually serves 300 people. Students serve as waiters.
- **Button Maker:** Milnor chapter sells buttons for \$4.00 each, turning a \$2 profit on each. Button machine was purchased at School Specialty Company and students take pictures of each member of the varsity teams in the fall.
- **Steak Fry:** The Drake chapter charges \$12 for 8 oz. steak and \$16 for a 16 oz. steak. The local bank donates the meat and board members donate desserts. This event usually makes enough to fund two \$500 scholarships.
- **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast:** Belfield chapter annually holds one as a free-will offering
- **Payroll Deduction at local high school:** teachers and staff use payroll deduct to fund one \$500 scholarship for a student pursuing a career in teaching

## Reminders

### Send in Forms

Please send the following forms to Scholarship America:

- Roster of chapter board members
- Scholarship recipient list

### Register Chapter Board Members

If you have not already done so, please register your Board Members with Scholarship America to access the Chapter Portal on Scholarship America's Web site. The process is simple:

- e-mail [dfichtner@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:dfichtner@scholarshipamerica.org) with your chapter's name, a board member's name and e-mail address. Deb Fichtner will get you registered.
- Scholarship America will send you a confirmation e-mail with your login and password.  
[http://scholarshipamerica.org/dollars\\_for\\_scholars.php](http://scholarshipamerica.org/dollars_for_scholars.php)  
<http://chapterportal.saportal.org/metadot/index.pl>

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During his visit, Dr. Fradkin had a full schedule. He, along with Curt Trygstad, vice president of Scholarship America; Chuck Stroup, NDDFS President; and Lori Sayler, State Director, met with Chancellor Bill Goetz and Peggy Wipf, Director of Financial Aid for the North Dakota University System (NDUS). Most of the schools within NDUS are Collegiate Partners which allows students to fill unmet need or reduce student loan debt through Dollars for Scholars scholarship money. Discussion during this meeting included having all of the state's postsecondary institutions become Matching Collegiate Partners. In a Matching Partner arrangement, the postsecondary institutions match a Dollars for Scholars scholarship that North Dakota student recipients bring to the educational institution.



Fradkin visited Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Eric Hardmeyer, BND president, to thank both the Industrial Commission and Bank of North Dakota for the partnership with NDDFS.

Dr. Fradkin appeared on the Bismarck CBS affiliate's Noon Show where he thanked all the state's chapter volunteers for their dedication to North Dakota students. He and Hardmeyer also were guests on the "Joel Heitkamp Show" on the Clear Channel radio network. They discussed BND's partnership with NDDFS and Dr. Fradkin talked about the American Dream.

"Our young people are this country's greatest asset," he said. "If you give them the golden opportunity of education, as well as support, financial assistance, and a dream, there is no limit to what they can achieve."







## Thank You Donors!

NDDFS sincerely thanks the following contributors who helped to meet the BND Challenge Match Grant to award a \$500 scholarship to each DFS chapter that attended the Chapter Appreciation Luncheon:

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## Web Site Update

A fresh new look and feel to NDDFS on the Web will soon be at your finger tips! We have been working diligently to streamline information and come up with an appealing new way to present ourselves to anyone visiting nddfs.org. There will be some new and exciting features for local chapters to look forward to! It will debut early next year...so stay tuned!

## College Prep Software for All North Dakota Schools

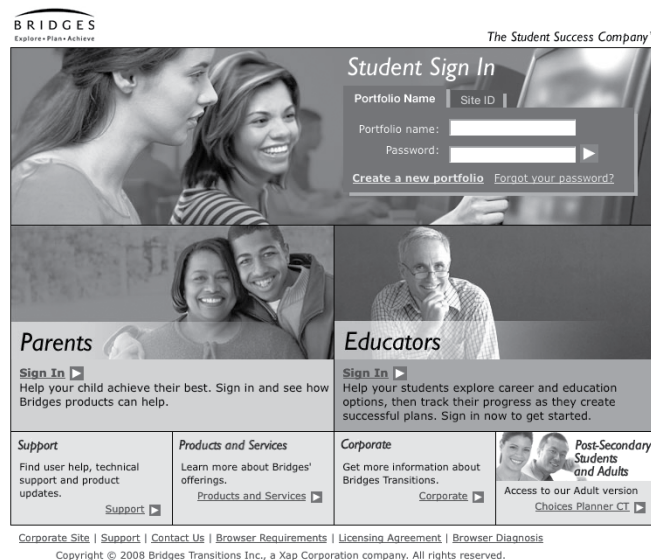
### BND Renews Sponsorship

Bank of North Dakota (BND) and Student Loans of North Dakota (SLND) have signed a three-year contract with Xap Corporation and Bridges Transitions, a provider of career and educational planning solutions. Through this agreement, every North Dakota middle school and high school will be provided access to Bridges Guidance Central, a software program with career exploration, education planning and test preparation tools. Tools sponsored by BND and SLND include testGEAR for ACT, Choices Planner and Choices Explorer. Students and their parents can access information online from anywhere.

BND and SLND first began sponsoring Bridges Guidance Central products in 2005. For the last three years schools have received access to Choices Planner and testGEAR for ACT; which are geared toward high school students. Choices Explorer, a product designed for middle school students, will also now be available.

In addition to state-wide product distribution, this sponsorship agreement also includes training for North Dakota's education professionals who work directly with students.

"Encouraging students to explore their interests fosters personal growth and satisfaction. Connecting those interests to school classes and careers helps students to be more engaged in the class room, earn higher grades and be better prepared for higher education," said Julie Kubisiak, Director of SLND. "We are thrilled at the prospect of broadening access to career and college planning among North Dakota students, and look forward to seeing the continued positive results."



## A Letter from Lori, NDDFS State Director

Greetings Dollars for Scholars members, supporters and friends! The Chapter Appreciation Luncheon celebration in September was most memorable for the 45 DFS chapters represented. For those chapters not represented, we missed you! All volunteers deserve a pat on the back! This event was an amazing opportunity to network and refocus on the school year we now find ourselves half-way through.

We were blessed to have Dr. Irving Fradkin as our keynote speaker. Dr. Fradkin's passion for all young people in America is profound. He began this program because of his fervent love of country, freedom and democracy, with the dream of building a better America through education. Dr. Fradkin is truly an inspiration and great man. Chapter representatives who heard him

speak walked away in awe and felt the fire being lit once again. I am amazed by his 50-year passion for this program and feel honored to have met him and his wife, Charlotte. He is a compassionate and motivating leader for Dollars for Scholars.

This year came to a close quickly, but the State Office and NDDFS State Chapter accomplished many things. We will continue to help support chapters, start new chapters and have resources available for the growth of scholarships in your communities in the new year! Enjoy the holiday season!



Lori Sayler

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## Chapter Appreciation Luncheon a Success

### DFS Founder Comes to North Dakota

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars (NDDFS) celebrated the dedication of its volunteers across the state on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at an appreciation luncheon. The highlight of the event was Dr. Irving Fradkin, the 87-year old founder of Dollars for Scholars and its parent organization Scholarship America, who spoke to at least 120 volunteers from North Dakota communities.

"If we work together, we can make a difference," said Fradkin. "Money is a necessary commodity, but it is the people that make the difference."

More than half of the local chapters were represented at the luncheon, and each community who was represented

received a \$500 scholarship for a local student.

Even though Dollars for Scholars is now celebrating 50 years, North Dakota is breaking ground with a first for the non-profit organization.

"North Dakota and Bank of North Dakota is making history," said Fradkin. "North Dakota is the first state in America to have an entity of any kind establish a Dollars for Scholars state office for the benefit of the entire state. The example North Dakota is setting is marvelous. It will help reignite the American Dream."

NDDFS and its partner Bank of North Dakota hosted the appreciation luncheon.

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