



The BSC Volleyball team celebrate after winning a point during their match with Dickinson State JV on Aug. 29. (Credit: Zachary Weiland)

GETTING INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

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The time for swimming pools, camping and scorching hot weather is soon coming to a close for the season. With the ending of summer means a new school year will begin.

The Bismarck State College campus began its first full day of classes on Aug. 23, kicking off the 2022-23 school year. Move in began Aug. 19 and lasted throughout the weekend for

all students.

The first week of a new school year provided student activities such as casino night, create-a-critter, free food and more.

Sports are in full swing with the Mystics volleyball team off to a hot start, winning twenty-one straight sets.

The team is carrying an undefeated record into September and look to keep their winning streak alive.

New sports such as cross country

and track are also being implemented this year. These new sports will begin competition in September and will include mens and womens teams.

The BSC Agriculture Club is providing tailgating events before volleyball games once again this season.

The month of September brings more Mystics volleyball action, Constitution Day, Banned Books Week and the club fair to provide information on the various clubs on

campus.

Activity dates and times for this month can be found in this issue of The Mystician, along with being listed on the BSC website and social media.

Other resourses, such as where to go on campus for assistance, can be found within this issue. Further information can be found on the BSC website.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Wow. It feels like the spring semester just ended last week and now here we are again at the beginning of Fall 2022. Time sure does have a way of getting away from us, doesn't it?

You may be wondering who I am so allow me to introduce myself. Howdy! My name is **Zachary Weiand**, and I am going to be taking over as the Editor-In-Chief of The Mystician this year. I am honored to have the opportunity to carry on the legacy that is this publican into its 84th edition.

I have been a student here at BSC for a couple of years now. I first arrived on campus in Spring 2021 having no idea what I was getting myself into with Mass Communications. But, here I am nearly 20 months later and I'm a leading force on staff, and now the Editor for The Mystician.

My hope this year is to enable more faces from around the campus to get involved in this publication, and Mystic Media at large. Our productions stand to serve the student body of this campus. We invite all to get involved!

Once again, I'm excited for this new semester. We have the next four months laid out right in front of us, let's make the most of it.

Good vibes and good times,
Zachary

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The purpose of college media is to serve and give voice to the students.

We, as the student-based forum of journalism on the Bismarck State College campus, provide content that is informative, fair, concise and of importance to students and the community. With this goal in mind, Mystic Media is dedicated to accuracy and maintaining ethical journalistic practices.

We strive to give a voice to student issues and policies within the local community.

Our goal is to incorporate as many students as possible and be an outlet for student expression.

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Hello, my name is **Irie Townsend**. Some of my interests are reading, drawing and writing. The kind of books that I like to read are more romance, adventure and mystery. I really love any art; I like to draw animated pictures on paper or on my iPad. I also like to paint the pictures that I draw or color them with colored pencils or shading.

I like listening to music—more of the oldies and classics. I'm not very good at cooking, but I really love and am good at baking. I'm not really that into sports, but I grew up watching football, so I got really interested and started enjoying football. I also like to write. I usually sit down and just freely write what is on my mind at the moment or what I've been thinking about for a while as well as topics that I enjoy.



Hello, My name is **Seth Iverson**. I am a second year Mass Communications student with an interest in The MYX, Bismarck State College's personal radio show. I have an interest in taking photos, learning languages and listening to music of all kinds. I used to live in Mandan, but now I moved into Werner Hall on campus. I have no specific plans of what to do after college, but I am interested in working in the radio field.



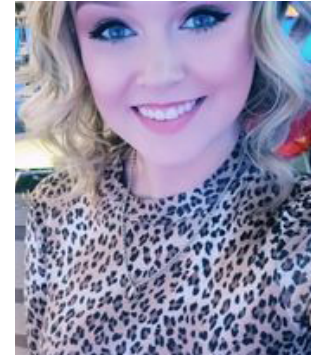
STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



Hi all. My name is **Amy Doll** and I'm back again for another semester. Last year I was the editor of The Mystician, but this year I decided to take a new role as Mystic Media Coordinator. I'm excited to take on another role and hang out with my Mystic Media family for a few more months.

I'm married to my husband, Wesley, and we have several animals in our hoard. Ryker and Nala are our two dogs and the lights of our lives, along with Willow the cat. She's pretty special. We lead a fairly simple and boring life, but that's okay with us for now. I foresee many new adventures for us in the coming years. Hopefully with a lot more traveling and seeing the world.

For now, I'm just trying to survive school and find some sort of balance in my life. Maybe as time goes on I'll get better about writing bios about myself and coming up with new interesting facts. After all, miracles can happen. I wish everyone a great fall semester and enjoy those pumpkin spice lattes. You've earned it.



Hi everyone, I was here last year, but if you forgot, my name is **Taylor Aasen**. I was born and raised in North Dakota. I grew up in a small town with about 600 people. I am the MystiCast Executive Producer this year, as I was last year too. I help produce the shows that pop up on campus TV screens or webpages.

I knew I always loved to write, just like my mom. She has and always will be the biggest inspiration in my life. My mom was a reporter and anchor for KX News in Minot. She was amazing at what she did, and I share her love for stories and people.

She passed away from Parkinson's Disease when I was a Junior in high school. I graduated high school in 2016 and took a couple years off to 'try and find myself.' I finally decided to move to Bismarck last year in order to do just that, find myself.

I set out to Bismarck State College last year in order to achieve my dream of becoming a reporter and anchor like my mom. Now I help produce MystiCast along with the help of my fellow classmates, and I also work for KX News as a reporter.

I hope this year goes by fast and easy for all of us. Be sure to tune into MystiCast that airs once a month and check out the Mystic Media Minute to see what's happening around campus. #PlugMysticMedia



Hello, my name is **Talena Quigley**. In the warmer months of the year, I like to spend most of my time outside. I like to go on weekend-long camping trips with my friends. We go to New Johns Lake where we swim and jump off a canal. It is also a great place to find lightning bugs. I also enjoy taking small trips to Lake Audubon. While I am there, I also like to lie in the sun, swim and appreciate the nature around me. In the winter, I prefer activities inside like reading a book or sewing. I find topics like history and politics interesting to read, but I also like reading realistic fiction. Sewing is a hobby my Grandmother introduced me to. So far, I have mainly learned how to fix or adjust clothing, but our next big project is going to be a quilt. When I am outside in the cold, I do like to ice skate and ice fish.

Hi everyone! My name is **Ashlee Presser**, but I typically go by Ash. I've lived on a farm in a small North Dakota town my whole life. This is my first year at college, and I'm very excited to be here!

I am majoring in Mass Communications and have had an interest in it since I was little, though at the time I didn't know what it was called. I used to write my own newspaper called "P!News" and sold copies to family, as well as make my own video productions.

All I knew at the time was that I wanted to continue doing that for the rest of my life. Now, here I am, making that dream a reality! I feel like I've found my place in this program, and the possibilities seem endless!

Aside from my numerous interests in the Mass Communications industry, which include but aren't limited to writing, reporting, and broadcasting, I love reading and listening to music, especially at the same time.

I have a good feeling about this year and can't wait to start this new adventure!

Hello, my name is **Finn McMerty**, and I am a freshman here at BSC. I enjoy many things in my free time, one of which is playing the guitar. I started playing the guitar when I was in kindergarten and have played ever since. I play both acoustic and electric and enjoy pretty much any music other than country; although, some of it is tolerable. I love football, baseball and basketball and have cheered for the Vikings, Cubs and Celtics for as long as I can remember. I am always down to talk about sports, which usually results in an argument. Right now, I am in the middle of mentally preparing myself for fantasy football, which usually results in me losing a bunch of money and doing stupid things for my friends' entertainment, but who knows, maybe this year will be different. I also really enjoy lifting. I started seriously lifting about a year ago, and it has become something I do every day. It gives me something to look forward to no matter what my day looks like.

Hello, my name is **Caleb Herr**. I enjoy watching, playing, writing and talking about sports. I am a huge Gonzaga Bulldogs basketball fan, and I love March Madness. I like the Denver Broncos and had a great time during Super Bowl 50. I love playing fantasy football with my friends every year. In my free time, I like to lift weights and write blogs about different sports and teams. I listen to podcasts and music throughout my day. My favorite podcast is Pardon My Take, and a musical artist I enjoy is Chance the Rapper, which I receive some backlash from my friends for. As a Christian, I attend church on Sundays and find time to read my Bible every morning. In the evenings and on weekends, I hang out with my friends. We like to play various sports and get competitive during poker games. I enjoy taking my friends' money during those games. We enjoy spending time together whenever we can since some of us have split up for college.

Hello, my name is **Ben Thompson**. Some of my interests include golf, wakesurfing, skiing, snowboarding, basketball, football, coaching, and hanging out with friends and family. Every summer for the last seven years or so, I have been golfing. My family usually gets a family pass to Square Butte Golf Course. I also love to golf with extended family whenever we are together. I love to go to the lake in the summer and wakesurf. My family usually makes a trip to Minnesota to hang out with some family friends during the summer. Since I was in first grade, I have been going skiing every winter in Montana, and picked up snowboarding about seven or eight years ago. I play on a winter city league basketball team with some friends that went to the same high school I went to. I also love coaching sports at the high school I went to. I currently help coach football, basketball, and I am head golf coach. One of my favorite things to do is hang out with family and friends. Whether it's golfing, going out to eat or just hanging out, I love to be around family and friends.

Hello, my name is **David Sanchez**. What I really like to do and enjoy doing in my spare time are reading books, watching movies, listening to music, working out, playing video games and sometimes watching the news. I also love to travel nationwide and sometimes travel to the rest of the world, too, because of the way those hobbies define me and my personal life. And what I really love about traveling is that I can visit a whole lot of interesting things while meeting different people. I am curious about the way people behave differently from different states and different cities nationwide, too.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Sept 13: Club Fair
Student Union 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sept 14: Volleyball vs. Lake Region
Armory 7:00 p.m.

Sept 15: Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup
Student Union 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sept 19-23: Banned Books Week
LEA Hall

Sept 19: Career Awareness Fair
Student Union 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sept 20: Oktoberfest Cookies
Student Union 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sept 20: Grand Theater Movie Night
Get Tickets at Student and Residence Life Office

Sept 21: Brats and Knoephla
Student Union 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sept 21: Volunteer Fair
Student Union 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sept 23: Rootbeer Floats
Student Union 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sept 24: Volleyball vs. Dakota County Technical
Armory 12:00 p.m.

Sept 24: Volleyball vs. Minn St. Community and Technical
Armory 4:00 p.m.

Sept 27: Grocery Bag Bingo
Student Union 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sept 28: Pretzels and Polka
Student Union 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sept 29: Yoga Night
Student Union 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sept 30: Kuchen
Student Union 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Oct 3: Volleyball vs. Miles Community College
Armory 7:00 p.m.

Oct 5: Volleyball vs. Dawson Community College
Armory 7:00 p.m.

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FINDING RESOURCES AROUND CAMPUS

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Coming to a new school can be an exciting time but it can also be stressful with the amount of changes and differences from high school. From not having a consistent 8-3 schedule to having classes all across campus and online, it can be challenging to figure out where to go for assistance. Bismarck State College has resources that can help new students figure out how the college works.

The main place to stop at BSC is the Student Union. This is the building where most of the student resources are located. The Information Desk is located on the main floor. Students can stop here to ask questions related to campus, get student IDs, amongst other services.

Also on the main floor is the Bookstore. This is not only the place where books can be picked up, they also sell BSC themed merchandise and dorm

and school supplies.

Residence Life is located on the southeast side of the main floor. Resident Life handles issues pertaining to dorm life on campus. Additionally, Amanda Morse, an advisor for Intramurals has her office here.

The Mystic Advising and Counseling Center (MACC) and the Accessibility office are located on the lower level. Scheduled appointments can be made at the office desk and by email. Walk-in appointments are not preferred unless in an emergency. Visit the BSC website for more information. The accessibility center can help with educational problems pertaining to a disability.

Mystic Java and Mystic Marketplace are located on the main floor. Mystic Java is the main cafe. They serve drinks such as hot, iced and blended coffee, tea, Italian sodas and Red bulls. Mystic Marketplace is the school's cafeteria that serves

breakfast, lunch and dinner. Dining dollars can be used at both places and at any coffee shop on campus. Hours of operation can be found on the BSC website.

Across the street from the Union are the three main buildings on campus: Schafer Hall to the west, LEA Hall to the southeast and the Jack Science Center to the northeast. These halls are where the majority of classes are held. Not only do these halls contain classes, they also contain their fair share of resources as well.

Located in Schafer Hall is the Computer help desk, financial aid, student finance, academic records and the Sidney J. Lee Auditorium. The Jack Science Center contains Computer labs, Student Study and Admissions.

In between these buildings is the Sykes Student Success Center. Students can visit Sykes for tutoring services.

LEA Hall has an art gallery with

different exhibits every month. Also located here is the library, a computer lab, a quiet room and the Book Bean coffee shop. Disc golf discs and maps can be rented from library.

Located on the north side of campus is the BSC Aquatic and Wellness Center. Students can access swimming and general workout facilities free with a student ID. Epic Nutrition which sells tea, coffee, protein shakes and bakery items is located on the top floor.

The National Energy Center of Excellence and the Armory are on the south side of campus. The Energy Center contains most of the college's administration, some of the polytechnic classes and another cafe in the break room, Power Bean. The Armory contains Mystic Media, studios and the gymnasium where basketball and volleyball games are played. Students can get into the games for free with a BSC ID.



Constitution Day

Bismarck State College is hosting its annual Constitution Day Celebration on Thursday, Sept. 15.

Constitution Day, usually recognized on Sept. 17, commemorates the signing of the US Constitution in 1787.

This year's festivities will include an escape room and music from BSC's very own campus radio station, TheMYX. Mystic Media will be hosting the event.

The escape room will run from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the library located on the first floor of LEA Hall.

College Radio Day

Join Mystic Media in celebrating World College Radio Day. This holiday is in its 12th year and is a way to recognize the work of campus radio stations around the globe.

Cinema 100

Cinema 100 is back at Grand Theaters for fall 2022. Show times are at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays starting Oct. 6 and ending Nov. 3. The shows include the following:

October 6 – Flee (Flugt) – 2021 (Denmark) – 89 min., PG-13 (Drama)

October 13 – C'mon, C'mon – 2021 (USA) – 109 min., R (Drama)

October 20 – After Yang – 2021 (USA) – 96 min., PG (Drama, Sci-Fi)

October 27 – Strawberry Mansion – 2021 (USA) – 91 min., PG-13 (Adventure, Comedy, Drama)

November 3 – The worst person in the world (Verdens Verste Menneske) – 2021 (Norway) – 128 min., R (Comedy/Drama/Romance)

Mystic Media will be hosting an event in honor of World College Radio Day, and the tenth anniversary of BSC's campus radio station, TheMYX. The event will be hosted in the BSC Ar-



mory on Oct. 6 and include music from TheMYX.

The event is still in its planning phase, so stay tuned for more information. Updates will be posted on Mystic Media social media and via student email.

Campus Read

Bismarck State College Campus Read for the 2022-2023 school year will be the critically acclaimed book There There by California author Tommy Orange.

The Campus Read Committee is collaborating with BSC's Visiting Writers program and Humanities ND to plan a variety of activities and programs. They hope to bring Orange to campus, either virtually or in person, in the spring.

Students can find copies of the book in the library. LEA has one copy in the main collection, and two short-term loaners. They also have two e-book and two audiobook copies.

The BSC Bookstore will be selling copies of the book. Additionally, students interested can find the book at local book stores and online.

Campus Read was established in 2004 with the goal to expand learning and discussion in the campus community.

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