

Staff Bios

Meet the Mystician Staff!

Liberty Friez
Editor



Liberty Friez is an Elementary Education student. She grew up across the river in Mandan, ND. She graduated from BSC in 2025 with her Associates in Science and is staying at the college to finish her bachelors in Elementary Education. Once finished with school, she hopes to be a 3rd-5th grade teacher. She loves to read, crochet, and play piano. Her favorite coffee is the Snickerdoodle from the Power Bean on campus.

Mygel Porter
Social Media Manager



Mygel Porter is an Integrated Marketing Communication student. He grew up in Connecticut and moved to Mandan 6 years ago. He graduated from BSC in 2026 with his Associates in Mass Communication. Once he’s done with school he hopes to run some organization or businesses social media page. He loves to play pickleball, workout at the gym, and watch movies. His favorite movie being “Runt” featuring Cameron Boyce.

Kerstin Hilzendeger
Layout Editor



Kerstin Hilzendeger was born and raised in Bismarck, North Dakota. She graduated from BSC in May of 2026 with an Associates in Applied Science for Graphic Design and Communication. She is planning to stay at BSC to pursue a Bachelors degree for University Studies focusing on Business Administration and English/Communication. She is a graphic designer for The Mystician and also runs a freelance graphic design business with Kayla Hilzendeger called 2K Designs. Her favorite activities include crocheting, reading, and baking.

Isaiah Johnson
MystiCast Executive Producer



Isaiah Johnson is a Sports and Digital Broadcasting student at Bismarck State College. At BSC, he has broadcasted athletics, written for the paper, and managed the student video productions. He is actively pursuing sports broadcasting, continuing as the voice of the Mystics after broadcasting Bismark Larks baseball. In his free time, he loves reading, singing, dancing, playing sports, playing board games, fellowshiping with the flock, and talking about his favorite stories.

Kayla Hilzendeger
Graphic/Web Designer



Kayla Hilzendeger is a graduate of the Graphic Design and Communications program at Bismarck State College and plans to continue at BSC to receive a Bachelor’s degree in University Studies. Currently she is working as a supervisor and barista at a local coffee shop and is on the newspaper staff at BSC as a photographer and illustrator. She also runs a freelance graphic design business with Kerstin Hilzendeger called 2K Designs. Some of her hobbies include crocheting, reading, and photographing nature.

Clayton Sicble-Fox
Photography



Clayton Sicble-Fox was born in Bismarck North Dakota and is also an enrolled member of the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Tribe. He is now a sophomore at Bismarck State College where he studies Mass Communication. In his free time he enjoys playing games, drawing, going on runs, and watching movies or shows. Clayton also runs a free lance photography business and goes by ClaysCaptures. If you need to reach him the best way to get in contact is messaging him through Facebook or Instagram @clayscaptures.

Jaxon Miller is an Integrated Marketing and Communications student. In 2026 he graduated with an Associates in Mass Communications and is continuing his education for the next 2-3 years. He is also the production manager for The Myx and has his own show, The Record Vault. Growing up in Jamestown, ND, he didn’t have a lot to do. He spent a lot of time becoming engrossed in music of varying genres and decades. Once finished with school, he hopes to find a career with music. In his free time, he loves to listen to music, collect vinyl records, go to concerts, watch movies, and admittedly scrolls a lot of reels.

Natalie Lawrence
Reporter



Benjamin Wolff is a senior at Bismarck State College studying Mass Communication. He is from the small town of New Salem and has written as chief editor for his high school newspaper called the Hoofprint. After BSC he plans to test out new fields to apply his degree including but not limited to: HR, education, and news outlets. Benjamin has many hobbies that he fills his spare time with including musical theatre, choir, painting, and eating. He loves his mom more than anything and takes any out of pocket opportunity to thank her for passing down her awesome talents to him so he can follow in her footsteps in his career.

Elena Sanchez
Reporter



Pete’s main goal in life is to out-weird the naysayers. Just imagine the scene of Starlord entering a room, but instead it gives whiplash as metal, k-pop, Broadway, and rap fight for the now playing award. But Pete also stole the jukebox with a bit of help from Tom and Doc Brown’s Delorean. It’s about time to really tell you readers about Pete. He is unapologetically strange with a longing for new adventures. Pete is rumored to get lost in space and it shows. He looks to the sky as if it holds more secrets than stars. 3 out of 5 stars. Would try again but with a different order.

Zach Schmidkunz
Reporter



Jaxon Miller
The MYX Production Manager



Natalie Lawrence is a sophomore Mass Communication student at Bismarck State College. She grew up in the small town of Timber Lake, SD and has previously written for The Mystician and her local newspaper. Once finished with school she hopes to get a job in public relations or social media marketing. Fall is her favorite season and her favorite drink are Bubblr’s. A few of her hobbies are reading, going on walks, and watching movies.

Benjamin Wolff
Reporter



Elena Sanchez is one of the Mystician’s reporters and journalists. She has been going to BSC since 2024 and has fallen in love with this school. She is aiming for an Associates in Mass Communications and considering pursuing a bachelor’s program. Elena has been a part of the Mystician team for a year. She aims to bring important subjects to light for students to be engaged in as well as to keep the community informed.

Pete DeMille
Reporter



Zach Schmidkunz is currently a student enrolled in North Dakota’s Prison Education Program and has been incarcerated for 23 years. During his time inside, he was the co-creator and co-hosted the Chainz 2 Changed podcast that is recorded at the North Dakota State Penitentiary. Because his release date is nearing, he is now housed at the Missouri River Correctional Center in Bismarck and is currently in the process of starting a new podcast focused solely on reentry.