

# THE MYSTICIAN

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## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE



Resident BSC students having a chat while practicing social distancing in a largely empty Student Union. They were the only four students in a building that is normally occupied by many either grabbing refreshments or fulfilling classwork. Behind the students are computers provided by the school for resident students who do not have access to a personal device as classes switch to a virtual campus. (Credit: Robert Mechaley III)

## MYSTIC MEDIA WILL CONTINUE PRODUCTIONS USING ONLINE FORMAT

This is the first Mystician produced from the homes of our staff in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Bismarck State College transitioned to a virtual campus for Spring Semester 2020, Mystic Media staff, students and advisers followed.

Robert Mechaley III, Roger Marks, Petra Davidson, Daniel Burbank and Brenna Malard are working to keep the campus informed with student media productions that will be shared

via the BSC Mystic Media website. (bscmysticmedia.com)

Here are some updates:

The Mystic Media Minute has been added to our home page. Each week until the end of the semester, it will be updated with information about upcoming events, which may be difficult to find right now, but the group has some creative and entertaining ways to keep everyone informed.

For the rest of spring semester, The

Mystic will be produced as a pdf with a possible limited print edition.

MystiCast will have one final production for the semester. Staff and students are working on videos. Check the website for the date and a link to tune in the day of the show.

The MYX is still up and running. Go to bscmyx.com to listen.

And some other news about the student media on campus. One of the radio promos won an Apple Award

at the College Media Association National Spring Conference in New York City 2020. Go to The MYX page on the website to hear the promo and see pictures of Robert, Roger and Petra watching Daniel “take a bite of the big apple award.”

And the student-produced Sports Cave advertisement was nominated for a Midwest Emmy award. Go to the MystiCast page on the website to watch it.

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### The Mystician Mission Statement and Disclaimer

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 BSC. With this goal in mind, The Mystician staff 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. The BSC Mystician strives to be objective and is not affiliated with any outside organization. The Mystician upholds the principles guaranteed by the First Amendment and utilizes these rights to bring diverse, entertaining and thought-provoking material to the college community.

The Mystician can be accessed online at [bscmysticmedia.com](http://bscmysticmedia.com).  
 Deadline for copy to be submitted is Thursday, April 30.  
 If you are interested in advertising, we can provide rate information.

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## Letter from the Editor

Times have changed drastically over the course of almost two months. It is hard to believe to say the least. I wish it weren't so and that I could return to the Mystic Media office as usual, but that's not how we will all operate for some time.

Summer classes are now completely online and this year's graduates will be honored virtually rather than at the Event Center. I miss the normal conversations with peers, the school events and I was really looking forward to the concerts and "Kiss me Kate."

Now it is our individual duties and responsibilities to social distance up to six feet apart and do all in our power to waylay any further spread of COVID-19.

The most effective way to return to business as usual as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization is to set aside usual business and carry on working from home.

I am scared of the future, but I think we can do this. Now is a time for serious change as this pandemic has revealed all of the inadequacies of our current systems.

So please, I beg of all our readers; please listen to journalists and medical experts. Now is a time for us to make the best of an uncertain time and see that there can be a better future ahead of us.

For now: stay safe, and I wish the best for all of you.

Being your Editor-in-Chief is an honor, and I will do all in my power to present to you, the news.



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BSC's own Language, Literature and Communication Department Chair (and crossword geek) Michael Tomanek has created and submitted this month's puzzle on page 7.

Being in quarantine and social distancing is hard to do, but hopefully you will learn new terms and words from this fun and inventive crossword. Enjoy!

# CAMPUSWIDE ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS OFF CAMPUS AND THOSE REMAINING ON CAMPUS

By Haylee Hebdon  
REPORTER

A lot has changed for Bismarck State College since social distancing started because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Classes switched to be completely online since Spring Break and will remain that way for the rest of the semester and also throughout the summer semester.

Students who were staying in the dorms were asked to go home if possible or to stay home, if that's the case, to further continue their education online.

Some students in the dorms couldn't go home or didn't have the option.

In that situation, BSC has made resources available for those students

Computer labs are available for use in the Student Union. They are open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The BSC Library is still available to students, staff and faculty both on campus and online. To visit the Library on campus, a BSC or North Dakota University System ID must be

shown when entering.

The on campus Library hours are Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The online resources are available anytime.

The on campus Mystic Advising and Counseling Center is not open but Academic Tutoring, Advising, and Personal Counseling is still available to students through phone calls and emails. Students can contact a MACC adviser or counselor at [bsc.advising@bismarckstate.edu](mailto:bsc.advising@bismarckstate.edu) or [bsc.counseling@bismarckstate.edu](mailto:bsc.counseling@bismarckstate.edu)

The Mystic Marketplace is still open to students residing in the dorms but they are advised to eat their meals in the residence halls. Lunch services are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during the weekends. Supper services are 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday only.

Grab & Go is available from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

All food services will be at the Mystic Marketplace pick-up window.

Mystic Java has new hours as well. They are open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.



Robert Stedman, a BSC Student and Rebecca Knutson, a BSC Student and Lidstrom Hall RA order food through the window of the Mystic Marketplace. Keeping students healthy still remains as a priority for the school. (Credit: Robert Mechaley III)

# BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE'S MISSION TO SELL BOOKS PRINTED BY THE DAKOTA INSTITUTE

By Robert Mechaley III  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On the top floor of the Bismarck State College Bookstore rests a lone shelf of books, far apart from the textbooks and course material in the lower level of the store. Hardcover books of various shapes, authorship and genre all have one key trait in common: the publisher.

The Dakota Institute was a book publishing company founded in 2010 as part of the Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation. It was a way of bringing stories of the northern prairies to readers in not just the Peace Garden State but the rest of the world.

The Dakota Institute was later purchased by the State of North Dakota, and the manuscripts were given to the N.D. State Historical Society and Bismarck State College to be sold by the two institutions.

Dr. Larry C. Skogen, President of Bismarck State College, would entrust this task to BSC Assistant Professor of Management Kevin Cavanagh, who would work to promote and sell the books with his classes.

"Through the years my classes have taken different books at different times and promoted those books and sold them," Cavanagh said.

Cavanagh's classes have hosted various events from poetry contests for promotion of collections of poetry to special Black Friday sales of the pieces.

The main problem with the selling of the books, according to Cavanagh, is that they had already been promoted

with their initial release, and there is no additional money for new marketing campaigns.

"It's not like the legislature said here's 80,000 books and some money to help market the books," Cavanagh said. "That's never happened, so we've had to do this at zero marketing budget, and that's been the challenge."

The BSC Bookstore is presently in

charge of holding onto the books, some even existing in niche genres that do not often get sold except to specific audiences.

"A guy from Ireland had emailed me, and he was collecting every single book that had—he had a weird library connection—that had any kind of an Irish author to it," said BSC Assistant Professor of Management Kevin

Cavanagh. "So he bought a couple books of Irish descent."

In addition to hardcover and paperback books, the collection also includes DVDs. For more information about The Dakota Institute Collection at BSC and a listing of available titles, visit the BSC website <https://bismarckstate.edu/community/DakotaInstituteCollection/>



Bookshelf on the top floor of the Bismarck State College Bookstore contains a number of books published by the Dakota Institute. They are available for purchase on campus and online through Amazon .com. (Credit: Robert Mechaley III)

# TRANSITIONING THE HEALTH SCIENCE LABS IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19

## A Look Into the Life of A Health Science Student and Accommodating Curriculum To Online Formats

By **Kyleigh Hilbert**  
REPORTER

They are always the first ones to come and help you. The first people you call in times of need or trouble. Paramedics and EMTs work hard to save lives everyday. These students go through strenuous training to become the best they can be in their field.

Alecia Turner is a current student in the Paramedic Program at Bismarck State College. In fact, she is the only paramedic student that lives here on campus, along with being an RA in Swenson Hall. But doing the Paramedic Program was not her first career choice.

After high school, Turner moved to Arizona to go to school to become a Massage Therapist. After finishing the courses she needed there, she moved back to North Dakota and started her own business. During this time, Turner found her new interest.

“I had just moved back from Arizona and I had thought about how being an EMT would be super cool, but I could never do that, because it’s just too scary and I couldn’t push myself to do that,” Turner said. “I had told my parents I was interested in the position and becoming an EMT.”

Emergency Medical Technicians and paramedics are trained and certified to help with basic emergency services to any victims of trauma or acute illnesses. They are the ones that help before and during transportation to a hospital. The difference being that it takes much longer to become a paramedic, and they are trained to complete more complex procedures

than EMT’s. These procedures can include starting IVs, performing tracheostomies, and administering different medications to help save lives.

Bismarck State College provides EMT, AEMT(Advanced Emergency Medical Technician) and Paramedic classes on campus. The campus provides these certifications at different times throughout the year.

**“I volunteered when I could, and I eventually fell in love with it and decided I wanted to get into paramedicine.”**

*Alecia Turner*

Turner’s parents told her they had heard of an EMT class that would be starting the next day.

“So I just decided to go to it, and I decided to take the leap.” Turner said.

Meanwhile, Turner was still running her Massage Therapy business, making it impossible to commit herself fully to the EMT program like she wanted to.

“I volunteered when I could,” Turner said, “and I eventually fell in love with it and decided that I wanted to get into paramedicine and make that a full time gig.”

The Paramedic Program is a full time task and is definitely not an easy one.

“I go to class for about 12 hours a week, sometimes 20, then when we are not in class we are at a clinic sight,” Turner said. “We have a number of requirements and patient contacts we have to fulfill, along with

hours. For the fall semester we needed 156 hours of clinic time. For the spring semester we need 280 hours. And for our Capstone—where we can actually take the lead as a paramedic role—120 hours.”

Along with that the students also go to places such as the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Obstetric ward (OB), psych ward and ambulance

is a scenario of when you would first come on a scene and load them into the ambulance, take them to the hospital, call it and report into the ER.”

Passing this test does not mean that the students are finished. Once they pass the program, they have to pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, or NREMT. The national test where students will gain their license and can then apply for a job as a paramedic.

According to the Paramedic Training Spot website, they say that on average, about 33 percent of paramedics fail on their first try. The test is designed to determine the people who are ready to take on the role of a paramedic and those who are not.

The test consists of two parts, one written test and one is showing skills the students know how to perform.

The paramedic program at BSC started in August and was scheduled to have the students graduating in July. But with unfortunate circumstances and campus classes being moved to online, the program cannot be fulfilled.

“With the whole COVID-19, we were supposed to graduate in July but now it is unknown,” Turner said. “They canceled all labs for the rest of the year. It’s unfortunate because that’s where we practice our skills on assessment before performing them on patients.”

Turner also shared how it is a struggle attending their clinic sites, due to hospitals not wanting to bring in any COVID-19 carriers to the patients.

Until then many of these students in the program are in a time of unknown.

ride alongs. To add on to that, they also have classes on campus.

“Learning in the class is just a little bit of everything,” Turner said. “We learn cardiology—two classes in that, which was pretty extensive. We had pharmacology, which is just knowing and learning the different medications and how they affect the cells and the body.”

Turner shared that they also learn about different strokes and situations that can happen to people and how to treat them.

The students go through lectures and then go to labs to do hands-on training. At the end of the year, students get tested on everything they know using a variety of stations.

“The overall test can be with different things such as cardiology and identify different rhythms and how to treat them,” Turner said. “Another station

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#### DATABASE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENT USE

In light of COVID-19 and the educational challenges it presents, William S. Hein & Co., Inc. is providing free access to HeinOnline Academic through Dec. 15, 2020.

This resource is available to Bismarck State College students, faculty and staff via the Library’s A-Z Databases page.

The link to HeinOnline Academic is in the New / Trial Databases section.

HeinOnline Academic includes more than 100 million pages of content in more than 100 subject areas, including history, political science, criminal justice, religious studies, international relations, women’s studies and more.

HeinOnline Academic features nearly 2,800 periodicals relating to a variety of subject areas, with all coverage dating from inception to the most currently published issues in most cases.

#### THE MYX RADIO WINS MYSTIC MEDIA’S FIRST APPLE AWARD

During the month of March, Mystic Media students Robert Mechaley III, Daniel Burbank, Petra Davidson and Roger Marks attended the 2020 Spring College Media Association National Convention in New York City. They participated in several media sessions before things were cancelled because of the coronavirus outbreak.

They were in the middle of Times Square the night the theaters on Broadway closed their doors.

The trip was cut short, but before leaving the city that never sleeps, and bidding good-bye to the convention, the media students won a David L. Adams Apple Award. The award was Best Radio Promo created by Daniel Burbank and Cassie Perman.

To hear it, go to bscmysticmedia.com and click on The MYX.

**Pictured: Roger Marks IV, Robert Mechaley III, Daniel Burbank and Petra Davidson**



# MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

DEAR STUDENTS:

Before you know it school will be done and summer will be here, and hopefully we will be well on our way toward normalization. But before that happens, the Student Government Association will be having its annual spring election on Tuesday, April 28.

We are currently recruiting candidates to fill nine Senate seats for the 2020-2021 academic year and be the voice of the student body. Any student who is enrolled in one Bismarck State College course or collaborative students whose home campus is BSC is eligible to run for the Senate if they meet a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Senators serve as the voice of the BSC student body by working with administration to set student fees, voice student concerns and complete campus projects that improve the student experience (past projects included the frof course and

purchasing arcade equipment for the game room).

Senators also receive a \$350 minimum scholarship for each semester of service and are eligible for larger scholarship for serving in leadership roles such as President, Vice-President and Committee Chairs.

If you are interested in learning more about SGA or would like your name to be put on the ballot for election day, please send a quick email to [bsc.sga@bismarckstate.edu](mailto:bsc.sga@bismarckstate.edu)

And don't forget to follow us on our social media pages!

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Listen to and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**.

**IF YOU FEEL SICK**, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

**IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK**, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

**IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE** for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

**IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON**, stay home and away from other people.

**IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION** that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.



For more information, please visit [CORONAVIRUS.GOV](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



## The 2020 census is important to EVERY community in North Dakota

In North Dakota, we receive over **\$1.8 billion** in federal funds each year that are determined by census counts.

Over <b>\$883 million</b> FOR Medicaid, Medicare and CHIP	More than <b>\$235 million</b> FOR roads and highways	Nearly <b>\$100 million</b> FOR education related grants
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## PHOTOS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL PUBLICATION

A few years ago, when alumni Hunter Andes was the editor-in-chief of The Mystician, he discovered an historical Bismarck State College student publication called The Spectator. It was a photo collection of campus happenings from throughout the year--similar to a yearbook but published once or twice a semester on newsprint as part of the student newspaper.

Hunter asked to revive the publication, and in the fall of 2017, the Spectator was reborn. A second issue, which included a list of all the BSC graduates, was published in the spring of 2018, and the media students handed it out at commencement for students, parents, families and friends.

The Spectator was again published spring of 2019 and shared at graduation. It has become its own entity and will continue to be a part of the media students' productions.

Although commencement will be a virtual affair this year, the Spectator will still be published and distributed on campus and sent out via postal service during the summer.

If you have any photos from campus events throughout this year that you would like us to consider for publication in the Spectator, please send them to The Mystician EIC Robert Mechaley III at: [bscmysticianeditor@bismarckstate.edu](mailto:bscmysticianeditor@bismarckstate.edu).

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# STAFF ED: IMPORTANCE OF PET ADOPTION

When it comes to April, most people think of Easter and springtime, however, April also happens to be Adopt-A-Greyhound month.

Especially amidst the current pandemic, people may want to consider finding a new furry friend for their home for some company.

Recently, the state of Florida has decided to ban Greyhound dog racing.

As the state moves toward this change, many of these former racing dogs will be given up to shelters. They will remain there until they hopefully are adopted.

There has also been an increase in the amount of dogs being abandoned and placed into shelters due to COVID-19.

In places such as Wuhan and Hubei, domestic pets are being given up or left to fend for themselves as their owners fear they may contract the virus from them.

This misinformation suggests that dogs can carry the virus, but as more information becomes available it is now clear that this is not the case.

Regardless, dogs are being used as scapegoats, and fear is the driving force behind many people's decision to give up their pets. With the recent dog racing ban and COVID-19, many dogs are being given up and they need a new place to call home.

Now more than ever is the time for people to take action and help these dogs find a new home amongst all the chaos in the world.

Many positives come with pet adoption, and in current times, it couldn't hurt to have a friend around to keep you company. Dogs fill a space in people's lives that just can't be filled by anything else. They comfort, entertain and love their owners unconditionally, and who doesn't want a little love right now?

COVID-19 makes it hard to connect and reach out to others because of social distancing. It's a hard and lonely period of time for many people right now, and it's not always easy to have a good outlook on everything.

However, a furry companion might just be what you and your family need to get through these tough times.

If you or your family have been considering adopting a dog now more than ever is the best time to do it.

These animals need people to step up and help them find a home and in return will help comfort and love you as we continue to push through quarantine and social distancing. Our furry friends need us and we need them too.



Early in the quarantine, Associate Professor of English Jaclyn Allen shared a little piece of life at her home: "I am pretty sure Iris's dog is ready for Iris to go back to school."

## MALARD'S MUSINGS : TROUBLES WITH TRANSFERRING

By Brenna Malard  
EDITOR

Everyone knows applying for college is a stressful yet worthwhile task. Yet it seems that not many people talk about the stress of transferring colleges. It should be easy right? You've applied and been accepted to a school once so how could transferring be any harder?

Well, I hate to say it, but personally, transferring to a new university is one of the most stressful things I've ever had to do.

In the fall of 2020, I will hopefully be attending Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM). That is if COVID-19 decides to pack its bags and leave by August. I was freaking out before an entire pandemic swooped in and now my stress levels are skyrocketing. However, if we take the utter chaos that is the Coronavirus out of the equation, transferring schools is still a daunting task.

After I was accepted into MSUM, I found myself receiving countless emails regarding graduation, scholarships, housing applications and more. Finding the time to sit down

and fill out forms with 20 plus steps isn't easy.

Honestly, while I didn't think transferring was done with a few simple clicks on the computer, I didn't think it would be too difficult. The worst part is that deadlines aren't always announced, and yes I am an adult and should be able to manage it all, but at what point does it get to be too much?

Nothing has stressed me out more than getting the email asking me to sign up for my fall 2020 classes for MSUM while still being a student at BSC. I haven't even graduated from here yet, and I'm being asked to sign up for classes already?

Trust me, I get the logic behind it, but it feels suffocating at points.

As excited as I am to transfer and start the next chapter in my life, it's hard to let myself fully enjoy the reality of it until I finish everything required of me. The workload seems never-ending and COVID-19 is not making anything easier. There's a different kind of fear and stress that comes with not knowing if all the work you've put into moving onto a new



university will be worth it or if classes will end up being online there as well.

Regardless of the stress and the fear, I'm simply here to tell you that transferring is a huge pain. Or maybe I just put everything off till the very last second? No, that couldn't be it. Anyways, to my fellow transferring college peers, I hope the stress isn't getting to you as much as it is to me, and if so, fingers crossed it all works out for us in the end.

Do you  
have an  
opinion?

I certainly hope that  
you would!

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Letter to the Editor  
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# “DOOM ETERNAL” IS A HELL OF A TIME

By **Travis Askerooth**  
REPORTER

Guns! Blood! Carnage! Doom Eternal has it all!

Doom Eternal is a 2020 fast-paced, first-person shooter that was developed by id Software LLC and published by Bethesda Softworks. It is the sequel to the 2016 hit Doom and picks up two years after the events of that game. The player plays as the Doom Slayer as he travels across Hell-infested Earth, other planets, gladiator arenas, and more, trying to stop the demonic invasion of Earth.

The game is absolutely beautiful and packed with tons of detail, hidden secrets and Easter eggs like a screen listing all of id’s QA team members. The worlds are vast and beaming with life; the enemies are massively detailed but simple, so the player can figure out the enemy’s attack pattern.

When it comes to combat, oh boy! How would a person describe the combat? Imagine if 2016 Doom went on vacation, had a sudden burst in speed, drank gallons of Redbull, ran a marathon, came back and declared war on the world. That is what the combat is like in Doom Eternal.

There are moments where the game throws a pile of enemies at the player and not only does the player have to keep moving, dodging and jumping, the player also has to keep track of the flamethrower to get armor, two grenade types and a chainsaw to get ammo. The game gets slightly easier as the player gets the BFG (Big F\*\*\*ing Gun), a sword, and upgrades, but not by much as the game continues to throw out demons to slay.

The combat is smooth and exhilarating and heightened by the amazing score by Mick Gordon. He continued the heavy metal and satanic music from the last game and

increased it to 11. Players playing the game will feel his music blast into their ears. It is a great musical choice to listen to as they slay demons.

When it comes to technical problems in the game, there weren’t many. Everything was smooth, had no crashes or freezes. Even when the game throws 30 demons on screen, the frame rate still manages to be steady.

There are a few nitpicks with the game. There is an enemy type called the Marauder. This demon can block attacks, move really fast, dodge, shoot his shotgun if the player gets too close, throw his axe if the player goes too far away, summon his dog, can block the BFG, and can only be attacked when his eyes glow green. It is not a bad enemy and does keep players on their toes, but it can be too much for a casual player. A few tweaks to his movement and the frequency of his dog spawning in would help.

While a lot of the areas are open

and explorable, some areas feel constricted. For example, there is an area with a 1-UP that is sitting on a pedestal. Now, it looks like it can be reached. Just take the booster, dash to the pedestal and invisible wall, preventing the player from getting the item. It wouldn’t be a problem, but the item is sitting out in the open, but not obtainable due to the invisible wall. The two nitpicks that are listed doesn’t make this game a bad game, just a small annoyance.

Doom Eternal is a great game; hell, could be Game of the Year. The combat is great, the graphics are stunning, and the amount of collectables and upgrades will take awhile to get them all. It is a super fast-paced game that at times relies on quick thinking and knowledge of the area as it throws a ton of powerful demons at the player, so it may be a turn off for some, but for others, it is a hell of a time!

# BINGEWORTHY: THE MANDALORIAN

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Being a new series coming from possibly the most popular franchise to date and being a launch show on the industry juggernaut that is Disney, The Mandalorian had a lot to live up to at its premier.

Pitched by John Faverau known as Happy from the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Co-written by Dave Filionni known for his work on the animated series Star Wars: The Clone Wars. Directed by Deborah Chow, Bryce Dallas Howard and Taika Waititi—the

stars were aligning again for Disney. Nothing could go wrong.

Star Wars is notorious for having a divided fanbase on what deserves to be the best of the series—arguing over prequels, sequels and the original trilogy; not to mention the near decades worth of games and extended universe for millions of fans to digest. The bar was high, and sharks were in the water.

Ever since the first release of news way back in 2018, that the show would be running on Disney’s new streaming platform, there was a buzz about the show and eager anticipation. Just a month after the public learned of The Mandalorian existence, the star was

revealed to be Pedro Pascal as the Mandalorian or “Mando” for short. Most will recognize Pascal from his role in Game of Thrones as Oberyn Martell. Fans were quick to poke fun at the change of fashion for the actor.

Enough with the back story, let’s get to the good part. Each episode of The Mandalorian cost a whopping 15 million dollars a pop. Which is why the slightly shorter time of 30 minutes on average was a little surprising. The series had no issue with maintaining the look of a Star Wars piece.

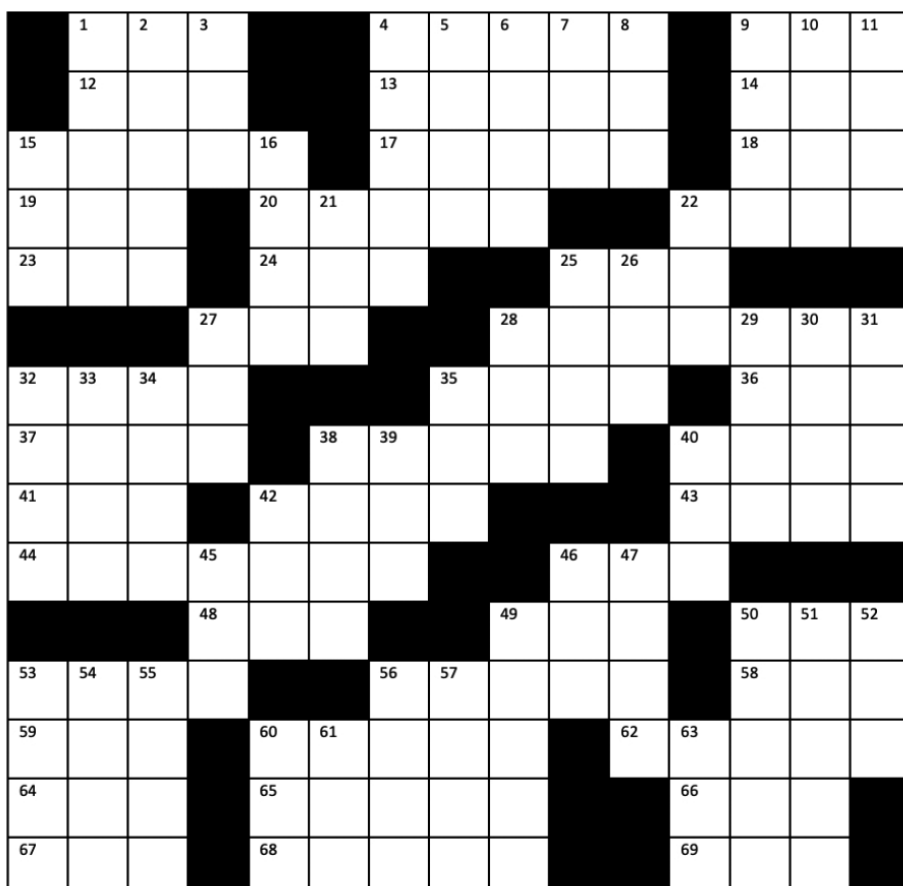
The show utilized an interesting technique of getting photography from set locations and using a gaming

engine to render them on a video screen without having to take actors to various countries like other shows have done in the past. The series is also short with only eight episodes in the first season.

That leaves the only shortcoming I can see as there simply being not enough to quench my thirst. Sporting a 95 percent on Rotten Tomatoes and an 8.7 on IMDb, the show has been well received with a second season on its way for October 2020.

These days in quarantine can get lonely and boring fast. So take a day or two to check out the next BingeWorthy show.

# QUARANTINE CROSSWORD



Michael Tomanek Crossword Puzzle #2

**ACROSS**

1. Mr. & \_\_\_\_\_
4. to honor with insult
9. One of sev.
12. Ltrs. of debt
13. City south of Cleveland
14. Grassland
15. Shades of Smurfs?
17. Lattice \_\_\_\_\_
18. Final resting place?
19. Allow
20. Deep water
22. Toad’s friend
23. Take advantage of
24. Lightening or Stewart
25. Only a Giant, recent
27. A UK dictionary
28. Prevented
32. Now, perhaps
35. Earth rotates on it
36. Taco Johns potato piece
37. Own
38. “Pieces of You” singer
40. Follows Pepsi and Coke
41. Be, plural
42. Wrestling match
43. Frozen snowman
44. Numerical CB lingo
46. Hlth Ins Plan
48. Shocking fish
49. Ghostly dialogue
50. Zeppelin type?
53. A musical funeral
56. Brain zapped
58. Skeleton prefix
59. Wooly animal
60. It can be in the neck
62. Costello
64. F in FANBOYS
65. Noun
66. Base of meal
67. Sells Progressive
68. A sign of late August?
68. Surgery Ctrs.

**DOWN**

1. Distance before Jazzy Davis
2. Notable 66
3. Famous T-Rex
4. Ran
5. Pickled Product
6. A snag
7. Help!
8. Explosive initials
9. Pejorative
10. Plane prefix
11. Space juice
15. \_\_\_\_\_-Ray
16. A tender throat
22. An evergreen
25. Devil’s mode
26. First name in guitars
27. Popular card game, in English
28. Tool for firing someone?
29. Hammer or saw
30. Jazzy Fitzgerald
31. Unable to hear
32. Start of a question
33. A punny rabbit on your head?
34. Not odd at all
35. Punch tool
38. Served in pods
39. Before phone and bud
40. Baby’s noise
42. Not a buck at all
45. Shriner’s hat
46. Garden tool
47. Setting
49. A type of hall (That’s it!)
50. Mr. Burton
51. Leaves
52. Belongs with I
53. Mr. Bridges
54. Missing from ROTC?
55. Nothing
56. Not bias
57. Piece of jewelry for 52-down
60. 4-wlr (vehicle)
61. \_\_\_\_\_ Theta Kappa
63. Toilet

# SYDNEY ANDERSON TO CONTINUE COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL CAREER

By Caden Shean  
REPORTER

Another season for the Bismarck State College Women's Basketball team has come and gone. After an incredible 27-5 record, the Mystics wound up just short of the Mon-Dak Conference title, ultimately ending their season a bit earlier than the ladies anticipated. For a few players, their basketball journey has come to an end, but Sydney Anderson's basketball journey will continue.

Anderson will move onto further her education and basketball career at Minot State University in the fall.

"I felt Minot State was the best program to further my academic goals," Anderson said. "It allows me to continue playing basketball in a competitive program, and I grew up watching Coach Graupe at Dickinson State and loved his coaching style."

Luckily for Anderson, she will not need to make this transition from Junior College to a four-year university alone, as Amber Stevahn will also be joining her in the Magic City.

"Amber and I have become close both on and off the court the last two years," Anderson said. "So her signing with me at Minot is really comforting."

In her two years at BSC, Anderson saw tremendous growth in her game.

Coach Marv Pederson's system allowed Anderson to play the style she had played most of her life and progressed to be able to have this opportunity at Minot State.

"Coach Pederson's system was very similar to mine throughout high school, so I found comfort in that," Anderson said.

Growing up in smaller towns in North Dakota, the relationship one has with their community can be something special. Anderson got to

witness this first hand.

"Many people from Killdeer have been following my basketball career since I picked up a ball," Anderson said. "I appreciate everything the town of Killdeer has done for me and that inspires me to continue to make them proud."

Many athletes have goals before the season, whether it be in a new place or within the same program. Anderson is no different.

"My goal is always to be a great teammate," Anderson said. "I hope to push my teammates on and off the court for them to be the best they can be."

From the small town of Killdeer, North Dakota to Bismarck State and now Minot State, Anderson's journey continues. As she moves on to the Magic City, she will be followed closely in her basketball career not only by her community in Killdeer, but also the friends she made while at Bismarck State.



Above: Sydney Anderson, BSC Mystic Basketball Player, will continue playing at Minot State University beginning the Fall 2020 Semester. (Photo Provided)



Pictured: BSC's Amber Stevahn (34) and Sydney Anderson (23) play on defense while in the background Coach Marv Pederson analyzes the court. (Credit: Robert Mechaley III)

## CANCELLATIONS OF SPORTS' SEASONS FRUSTRATING

By Michael Kuehn  
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Right now the sports world is hollow. No NBA, no NHL, the Opening Day of Baseball has been delayed and March Madness was cancelled.

ESPN recently released a commercial showing some of the most memorable moments in recent sports history. The commercial talked about how sports gives us a place to

believe in certain things that we can't otherwise.

Sports allows us to have a getaway from the stressful days at work, the tough trials we may be facing in our lives or simply just a bad day.

Life without sports right now may be tough for a lot of people.

I know for myself it is.

Sports have affected my life in many ways, but more than anything it has been my passion in life. I grew up playing sports from a very young age,

and as I got older they became more and more a part of my life.

When I graduated high school, I knew I wasn't going to continue playing sports competitively, but I knew I needed to stay close to sports somehow.

That's why I chose to do sports journalism. It's a way for me to still be able to connect with the sports world by watching and gathering information to report on the things that interest me the most.

Here we are now though. The sports world has completely stopped spinning.

I hope that soon COVID-19 can be put to rest and I, along with many others can continue to indulge in the great content that is sports. Through all the things this pandemic has taught us, the thing that sticks with me the most is to never take the things and opportunities we have for granted because they can be taken away in a blink of an eye.