

## **Robert Hill, 2015 CEHD Scholarship Award Banquet**

**Friday, October 9, 2015, 11:00AM**

I would like to welcome you to our first annual College of Education and Human Development Scholarship Awards Banquet. Let me begin by acknowledging our Department Chairs, College Faculty, the student scholarship recipients, and those Scholarship donors who are attending our 2015 Scholarship Banquet today. I would also like to thank our College Dean's staff for the meeting preparations and Audrey Pearson for the design and production of the Scholarship Certificates. The College of Education and Human Development prides itself in educating the best and the brightest students in North Dakota. The 38 students who are our scholarship awardees today have distinguished themselves already by their outstanding academic performance which is one of the criteria for receiving a College of Education and Human Development scholarship award.

The 2015 scholarship program brochure which you received today contains the banquet ceremony agenda and a listing of

the College of Education and Human Development Scholarships along with the names of the respective student awardees. I'd like to thank Audrey Pearson from our Dean's Administrative staff for the design and development of the program brochure. This brochure will serve as a published acknowledgement and an ongoing record of the College of Education and Human Development annual scholarship awards banquet which will now occur yearly during homecoming week.

I'd like to recognize our wonderful College faculty who are role models, instructors, and advisors across all of our program areas in education and human development. Our faculty provides first class educational experiences for our students as well as services to our community. Our College faculty are recognized not only locally, but nationally and internationally for their teaching, research, and professional service expertise. This past summer, we had nearly 100 children enrolled in our CEHD Summer Reading Camp. The Summer Reading Camp which occurs right here in the Education Building and on the UND campus grounds aids reading and literacy development of

young readers and writers throughout the larger Grand Forks community. The Reading Camp is staffed by our undergraduate elementary education students and graduate students enrolled in the Elementary Education and Reading Master's programs. Students work under the supervision of our faculty who provide a clinical practicum experience where advanced competencies in reading interventions are learned and practiced. These competencies will serve them as they become professional teachers and leaders in public education.

College of Education and Human Development graduates in all of our programs go on to make great contribution to the State of North Dakota in public and higher education, in public health, in mental health, in sports, fitness, wellness, and in rehabilitation. This homecoming week, two of our distinguished graduates received high honors from the University of North Dakota Alumni Association Foundation. Jill Cholewa received the 2015 Sioux award, the highest honor given by the Association Foundation to UND alumni. Jill is a graduate of our Department of Kinesiology and Public Health Education. She is

currently heading up the University of North Dakota National Athletic Women's Leadership Council. Kayla Effertz is a University of North Dakota Alumni Foundation Association Young Alumni Achievement award winner. Her graduate degree is from the Department of Educational Leadership. Kayla is the Senior Policy Advisor for North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple and she advises the Governor on statewide education and agriculture issues.

These are just two examples of how our graduates go on to become key leaders across the State of North Dakota. Our College alumni distinguish themselves nationally and internationally. These achievements demonstrate that our students are outstanding and as they graduate enrich the State of North Dakota through their leadership and service. The scholarships that our students receive today are immensely important in helping them to achieve their educational goals that are essential to their future careers. Therefore, our College is deeply grateful to our generous scholarship donors.

Next in the program, Jay Erickson who is the College of Education and Human Development Director of Development from the Alumni Association Foundation will provide some brief remarks. Following Jay's presentation, Anne Walker our Associate Dean for Teacher Education will read the names of the College scholarships and student recipients of each scholarship award will receive a certificate. Associate Dean Walker will invite those student scholarship recipients who are present today to come up and receive a certificate that acknowledges their 2015 scholarship. I have asked Department Chairs to present the scholarship certificates to student recipients in each of their respective Departments. Steve LeMire a faculty member from the Department of Educational Foundations and Research will take a picture of each student awardee. Students will receive this photograph shortly after our awards ceremony has concluded. Our College staff will also use the photographs as a record of College Scholarship recipients. It is now my pleasure to introduce Jay Erickson.

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I would like to thank everyone for attending today's College of Education and Human Development Awards Ceremony and I would like to especially thank those of our scholarship donors who attended with us today. You have made a legacy contribution to the successful education of our students at the University of North Dakota.