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Dr. Karen Kirkendall to visit campus Monday

Campus community invited to attend open forum on mission and vision

As part of Bemidji State's ongoing Higher Learning Commission (HLC) self-study efforts, Dr. Karen Kirkendall, University of Illinois-Springfield professor and experienced HLC peer reviewer, will be on campus Monday to help us explore our mission and vision more fully. She will be working with HLC committees in the morning and leading us in a campus-wide discussion at 2 p.m. in the Beaux Arts Ballroom.

While our HLC steering and criterion committees have been immersed in the University's self-study process for months, we are at a juncture in the process that calls upon each of us to develop a deeper understanding of the University's mission as we begin to actualize our goals. Possessing a deeper understanding of mission is critical as we prepare for continuing accreditation. Beyond accreditation, it is also important as we begin to introduce the new liberal education requirements, plan for new programs and services, and reduce our budget to address the state's economic shortfall. We must draw upon our understanding of the essence of Bemidji State as we continue to secure and strengthen our core. That essence resides within our mission and vision.

The goal for Bemidji State University is ambitious; we intend to become one of the Midwest's premier student-centered state universities. Within that singular focus, we know we must continue preparing students for a world that will be vastly different from the one that exists today – a world where the unrelenting pace of change quickens and the importance of lifelong learning is paramount.

Our mission is the roadmap. Our vision is the destination.

Wrapped in a seemingly simple phrase, our mission statement sets us on a course for the future – a future that will build upon our reputation as a student-centered, relationship-building university. It is a future that will continue our commitment to the environment, the health and welfare of our communities, and the global family. Our students will be prepared for success in their careers, their communities, and their personal lives. They

will learn to confront and resolve difficult issues effectively, show compassion and respect for others, and recognize their responsibilities in our participatory democracy.

Our vision is to shape the potential of each student through a rich blend of liberal arts and select professional programs, active learning experiences in the classroom and beyond, career development opportunities, and student services. Our graduates will leave Bemidji State University well equipped to shape the communities in which they live and work.

We have the destination charted and the roadmap in hand. Fully understanding their meaning and potential impact will enable us to move forward more confidently, more purposefully.

I ask that each of us take a few minutes now to read Bemidji State University's mission and vision statements.

Then, I encourage you to attend the campus-wide discussion on Monday to share your impressions, thoughts, and ideas.

Vision

Shaping potential. Shaping worlds.

Mission

Engage. Embrace. Educate.

As northern Minnesota's university, we **engage** in new worlds of thought, **embrace** responsible citizenship, and **educate** for a future that can only be imagined.



Department of Nursing unveils clinical lab

\$500,000 lab on display during Jan. 28 open house

► Complete story available on the Web:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2009/02/09/20090209-nursing-lab-unveiled>

The story behind the Department of Nursing's newly unveiled Clinical Resource Center began more than five years ago in the back of registered nurse Stacey Lundquist.

A serious work-related back injury ended her 20-year nursing career and forced her to leave classes at Bemidji State, where she was studying to complete her four-year nursing degree.

"She will never work as a nurse again," said **Dr. Jeanine Gangeness**, chair of the Department of Nursing. "Her life will never be the same."

Unfortunately, Lundquist's tragic story is far from unique.

Lundquist's ties to Bemidji State as a former student and her role in the passage of Minnesota's Safe Patient Handling Act would each ultimately play a role in the development and design of the Clinical Resource Center. The new center would not only be the centerpiece of the educational experience for its baccalaureate nursing students, but also help the department teach future nurses to avoid injuries like the one that ended Lundquist's career.

Bemidji State signs events center lease with the city

University signs 20-year deal to become BREC's anchor tenant

► Complete story available on the Web:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2009/01/26/bsu-signs-brec-lease>

On Jan. 26, President Quistgaard and Bemidji Mayor Richard Lehmann signed a lease agreement between the University and the city of Bemidji to secure Bemidji State's status as the anchor tenant of the Bemidji Regional Events Center.

The lease signing, held prior to a meeting of the Bemidji City Council, was the culmination of a relatively short negotiation process between the University and the city.

"I want to thank the people who have persisted and invested long hours to bring us to where we are today," Quistgaard said

at the time of the signing.

"This has been an expansive process, involving not only the city and the University but also the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, the Attorney General's office and the Department of Finance," Quistgaard said.

"The event center demonstrates what is possible when we work together," Quistgaard added. "We have achieved far more than either entity could have accomplished on its own."

University planning budget shortfall for FY2010

► Complete story available on the Web:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2009/02/04/fy2010-budget-shortfall>

In light of changing economic conditions in the state of Minnesota, University administration announced to faculty and staff on Feb. 4 that they should prepare for a fiscal year 2010 budget shortfall of approximately \$2.5 million.

The projected shortfall is attributed to the state's economic climate, and Minnesota's projected \$4.8 billion dollar budget deficit announced during the state's December budget forecast for the next biennium, fiscal years 2010 and 2011. In response, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty has proposed a 10.7

percent reduction to the state's appropriation to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

Due to the rapidly changing nature of circumstances external to the University, no details on how the University would address the projected shortfall are available. Before making a more concrete determination as to its course of action, the University must await both the state of Minnesota's February economic forecast, which will be announced in early March, and a tuition decision by the Board of Trustees.

Campus Notes

Brief updates on the activities of your friends and colleagues at BSU

College of Arts and Sciences

- **Dr. Wendy Greenberg**, adjunct biology instructor, is second of 14 authors for the children's soil science book titled "Soil: Get the Inside Scoop," published by the Soil Science Society of America in July 2008.

College of Business, Technology and Communications

- Interim dean Carol Neilsen announced Feb. 12 that **Sharon Russell** has accepted the position of administrative assistant position with the college. Russell had been with the tech studies department since 2002. Russell's phone number is 755-2732.

College of Health Sciences and Human Ecology

- **Dr. Lorraine Boyle**, associate professor of professional education, presented "The 21st Century Reflective Teacher Portfolio Assessment of Standards of Effective Practice Competencies Demonstrated by Student Teachers Enrolled in a Hybrid Online Teacher Licensure Program" at the Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education's 2008-09 Winter Congress, held Jan. 30 in Minneapolis. Her co-presenters were DLITE students Terry Crosby, Heather Kemp and Jamie Quam.

Boyle also presented "Did Socrates Have It Right? A Considered Life = A Life Well Lived!" at the same conference, discussing Bemidji State's dual-delivery system for students in its elementary education program.



Dr. Lorraine Boyle (far left) presented at the 2008-09 MACTE Winter Congress with DLITE students Terry Crosby (left), Heather Kemp (middle) and Jamie Quam (right) Jan. 30 in Minneapolis.

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Switchboard information

The primary responsibility for answering the Bemidji State University switchboard has been transferred from Logistical Services to Communications and Marketing in Deputy 323. Logistical Services will serve as a back-up for answering the switchboard when needed.

If you have questions related to switchboard operations or information to update switchboard records, please call 755-2041.

The above information relates only to the operation of the university switchboard. Telephone service needs across campus will continue to be handled by Telephone Services (755-2050) within Logistical Services.

FY2009 Purchasing Deadlines

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Logistical Services would like to remind you of the following upcoming purchasing deadlines:

Purchases requiring a sealed bid process:	April 20, 2009
Purchases above \$3,000:	May 25, 2008
Purchases \$3,000 or less:	June 15, 2009

The purchasing system will be shut down at the end of the day, June 15, 2009. It will be restarted for FY 2010 on July 1, 2009.

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Personnel News

New faces and old friends in new places

- none

Things to Do on Campus

Upcoming Events at Bemidji State University

► Complete University events calendar on the Web: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/calendar>

Intercollegiate Athletics

Friday, February 13

GO GREEN! Friday

11:30 a.m. Beaver Pride Luncheon

Walnut Hall

Basketball vs Minnesota State-Moorhead

6:00 p.m. - women BSU Gymnasium

8:00 p.m. - men BSU Gymnasium

7:07 p.m. Women's Ice Hockey

St. Cloud State John Glas Fieldhouse

Saturday, February 14

2:07 p.m. Women's Ice Hockey

St. Cloud State John Glas Fieldhouse

Basketball vs Southwest Minnesota State

6:00 p.m. - women BSU Gymnasium

8:00 p.m. - men BSU Gymnasium

Thursday, February 19

4:00 p.m. Indoor Track & Field

BSU Twilight Rec Center

Friday, February 20

GO GREEN! Friday

Lectures & Presentations

Monday, February 16

noon Times Talk

New York Times discussion
Scandinavian Room; HMU free

2:00 p.m. HLC All-Campus Meeting

Dr. Karen Kirkendall, U. of Illinois-Springfield
Beaux Arts Ballroom free

Wednesday, February 18

11:30 a.m. Bill Berndt

Northern Minnesota Safety Council
Floor safety
Center for Research and Innovation free

Thursday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Invasive species conference

"Landscapes Lost: Unravelling Invasibility"
Natural Resources Continuing Educ. Consortium
Beaux Arts Ballroom

Monday, February 23

noon Times Talk

New York Times discussion
Scandinavian Room; HMU free

11:30 a.m. Harvey Tjader

Natural Resources Continuing Educ. Consortium
ECS in Silviculture Management
Center for Research and Innovation free

Tuesday, February 24

7:00 p.m. Dr. Donald Day

Honors Council Lecture Series
"The Road Less Traveled"
Hagg-Sauer 112 free

Events on Campus

February 17-18

all day United Blood Services Blood Drive
Beaux Arts Ballroom

Music, Theater & Art

February 17 through March 20

Talley Gallery - Jason Clark

"Collecting and Transforming"

Sunday, February 15

3:00 p.m. Bemidji Baroque Ensemble

Thompson Recital Hall free

Friday, February 20

7:30 p.m. Verdi's "Nabucco"

Opera on DVD
Thompson Recital Hall free

Saturday, February 21

3:00 p.m. Junior Recital: Jake Kaehne

vocal
Thompson Recital Hall free

Sunday, February 22

3:00 p.m. Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band

Bemidji High School \$5 adults/\$3 seniors/
students free

Wednesday, February 25

7:00 p.m. Senior Recital: Therese Haugen

saxophone
Thompson Recital Hall free

President's Budget Web Page

The President has established a Web page to update the campus community on issues surrounding the University's budget situation. The site includes a feedback form where faculty and staff can submit your ideas for reducing expenditures, increasing revenue, or both. This page will be updated with new information as it becomes available.

- <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/president/budget>