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Butler Machinery partners visit NDSCS, continue support for college's training

WAHPETON – Representatives from Butler Machinery Company visited the North Dakota State College of Science Thursday to present a \$50,000 donation to the Caterpillar Dealer Service Technician program, on behalf of Butler Machinery and Caterpillar Inc.

Dan Butler, president of Butler Machinery, along with Julie Trudeau, training and development manager, and Jay Kostelecky, product support manager, presented a check to NDSCS to provide continued assistance for the academic partnership between the college and Caterpillar Inc. The partnership was developed to train entry-level service technicians for employment at dealers such as Butler Machinery, a Fargo-based company that is the authorized Caterpillar franchise for North Dakota and South Dakota.

The funds — which include \$25,000 from Butler Machinery and a \$25,000 grant from the Caterpillar Dealer Excellence Fund — are earmarked for equipment, student scholarships, curriculum support and faculty development at NDSCS. The funds supplement an existing relationship that provides \$1.285 million in equipment that is either donated or on loan from Butler Machinery and Caterpillar Inc.

This is the seventh year that Butler Machinery and the Caterpillar Foundation have donated funds to the Caterpillar Dealer Service Technician program at NDSCS.

NDSCS is a two-year, comprehensive, residential college in Wahpeton. The State College of Science offers degrees, certificates and diplomas in over 80 academic options in traditional career and technical studies and in the liberal arts. Approximately 98 percent of graduates from its technical programs find jobs in their chosen fields.

Unlike most two-year colleges, NDSCS offers a university atmosphere for its students, complete with residence halls, 35 affiliated clubs and organizations, music groups, theater productions, intercollegiate athletics, intramural athletics and numerous social activities.

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