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**GOV. HOEVEN TO JOIN SALUTE TO 142ND AT NINTH ANNUAL
NDSCS DREAM\$ AUCTION**

WAHPETON — Gov. John Hoeven and North Dakota First Lady Mikey Hoeven on Friday will join alumni and friends of the North Dakota State College of Science in saluting the North Dakota Army National Guard's 142nd Engineer Combat Battalion at the ninth annual NDSCS DREAM\$ Auction.

The DREAM\$ Auction, the NDSCS Alumni/Foundation's primary scholarship fund-raiser, is scheduled from 5-11 p.m. in the Blikre Activities Center on the NDSCS campus. Last year's event attracted nearly 1,000 participants.

DREAM\$ is both an acronym and a theme that stands for "Directing Resources to Educate And Mentor Students."

The short program, scheduled to start at 7:45 p.m., will include an introduction of special guests, greetings from Hoeven and a tribute to the 142nd, whose members were deployed to southwest Asia in early 2003. The battalion's Company B operates from Wahpeton, and most of its members returned home earlier this month.

Other special guests include Mrs. North Dakota International Kristi Larkin of Fargo and Miss Teen North Dakota International Alison Baumgarten of Fargo. Larkin is a pharmaceutical sales representative who promotes heightened awareness of sleep deprivation in children and its consequences. She and her husband, Jason, have one daughter. Baumgarten is a junior at Fargo South High School. Her platform looks at the struggles of family members battling anorexia.

Pianist Mary Marshall will provide the musical entertainment to open the DREAM\$ Auction. Marshall has been a featured performer at previous auctions. She has been a member of the North Dakota State University Department of Music since 1997 and the Concordia College

Music Department since 1999. Marshall produced her first CD, “Hot Frost,” in August 1996. She is affiliated with a number of performing groups in the Red River Valley.

The buffet menu includes sandwiches, hors d’oeuvres, pastries, vegetables, fruit and desserts prepared by the NDSCS Culinary Arts students.

Tickets are still available for Friday night’s ninth annual DREAM\$ Auction and can be reserved by calling (701) 671-2164. The cost is \$30 per person.

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 97 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.

The college opened in 1903 as the North Dakota Academy of Science. NDSCS celebrated its centennial last year.

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