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HART RECEIVES NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORT AWARD

WAHPETON — Dr. Sharon Y. Hart, president of the North Dakota State College of Science, has been awarded the My Boss is a Patriot Award by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). The award is given to employers who show outstanding support to their employees who are members of the National Guard and Reserves.

Airman Paul Dosch of the 119th Fighter Wing of Fargo, nominated Hart for the award.

Dosch was hired a year ago as Hart's executive assistant. Having already been scheduled to attend an eight-week technical course for the National Guard, Dosch had to ask for time away from the job even before he started his first day.

"I expected that she might be upset, but instead she said that she would support me in whatever way she could," Dosch said. "She hired a temporary replacement for my position so I could fulfill my duties to the Air Force."

Capt. Teresa McDonough of the 119th presented the award to Hart last week during a Management Team meeting. Carroll Quam from the NDSCS Physical Plant, a 30-year veteran of the National Guard, represented the ESGR.

The mission of the ESGR is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve, as defined by demonstrated employer commitment to employee military service.

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 95 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.

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