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UND President Mark Kennedy to Talk About UND Strategic Plan

UND President, Mark Kennedy will present to a joint Chamber/EDC meeting on June 26th at 7:30 a.m. in the GF Herald Community room. All Chamber members are invited to attend. Please RSVP by emailing The Chamber office (info@gochamber.org) since space is limited. President Kennedy will talk about UND building plans, Coulee to Columbia, UND Grand Challenges, plus financial and enrollment dynamics facing higher education globally, in North Dakota and due to changing technology.

Mark made the same presentation at The Chamber’s Business Government Education Alliance (BGEA) last month and it was very well received.

There are many things we can do as a business community to support UND’s strategic plan and vision and this will be a great opportunity to learn more about the University’s plans and strategy.

The Chamber will host a Candidates Forum Today

The Government Affairs Committee of the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Chamber will conduct a Candidate’s Forum in the Grand Forks City Council Chamber on Wednesday, June 5th from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. 6:30 - Welcome and introduction of unopposed City Council Candidates Jeanie Mock and Dana Sande for a brief statement. City Council candidates in Ward 2 will start at 6:45 p.m. and School Board Candidates will start at 7:15 p.m.

Chamber Government Affairs Co-Chairs, Garth Rydland, from Valley Memorial Homes and Dane Ferguson from Ferguson Books & More will moderate the forums. The forum will be televised live on the local cable channel and will be rebroadcasted several times prior to Election Day. The rebroadcast schedule will be announced at the forum.
The Chamber is bridging the internship connections between the business community and UND

At the Chamber, it was an intern’s turn to establish internships throughout the Grand Forks community.

After a month of going out and sitting down with local business owners, CEOs and HR managers, Andre Washington’s Marketing Internship is nearing its end. “It was a great experience, chatting with different business owners and hearing their stories and journeys in life,” remarks Andre.

Diving through the Chamber’s deep directory of members, some 60 businesses were selected for visits based on their potential to host an intern.

Andre was able to meet with more than 25 local businesses, establish more than 10 new internships and get the word out about UND internships for future consideration to the rest.

From Andre’s experience, he offers a few suggestions for improving the internship environment in Grand Forks.

- It was discovered that there is a need/demand for UND internships in Grand Forks, however, many businesses either are not aware of UND internship opportunities or do not know how to connect with UND about internship opportunities. More can be done by UND deans, career services and professors to connect their students with internship opportunities in the community.

- There are also many UND interns already interning throughout Grand Forks, but they are not formally arranged so therefore it is difficult to track and measure the number of internships in Grand Forks. This could be much better tracked so the true impact of UND interns in Grand Forks is more measureable and better known.

- The Chamber could arrange an annual meeting for HR managers to discuss UND internships and how to incorporate more internships in Grand Forks workforce.

Andre also concluded, “I think more time needs to be spent on internship marketing and making businesses more aware of UND internship opportunities.” This is a dual responsibility of the Chamber and UND Career Services.

Following Andre’s departure from the Chamber, he plans to continue his graduate studies at UND, and partner with Pete Haga’s New Flavors and help out with the management of operations.

“It has been an exciting experience interning with the Chamber. I have made many connections with local businesses and I was also able to witness many logistics of managing a non-profit organization,” remarks Andre. Chamber President Barry Wilfahrt thanks Andre for his effort in “making internship connections between the business community and UND.”
2018 AGRICULTURE APPRECIATION EVENTS

City to Farm Tour
July 26, 2018 • 4:00-5:30 pm

Ag Producers Social
July 26, 2018 • 5:30-7:00 pm

Ag Appreciation Banquet
November 15, 2018 • 5:30-9:00 pm

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Committee

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Chamber Agriculture Committee
Co-Chairs:
Carah Hart, Red River Farm Network and Brandon Heider, Frandsen Bank

May 2018 Meeting Update:
Red River Land Company’s Chris Griffin and John Botsford shared an update on land values, rental rates and American Crystal Sugar Company Stock trends. The Chamber Ag Committee continues to planning ahead for the City to Farm Tour. Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 26.

The Chamber Ag Committee meets at AgCountry Farm Credit Services on Tuesday, June 12 at 7:30 a.m. We’ll get an update from AgCountry Farm Credit Services Consultant on Succession and Retirement Planning, Marlene Bradbury.

SAVE THE DATE
City to Farm Tour .............................................July 26, 2018
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Jim brings a strong background in the grocery business to his new role. Having begun his career 43 years ago as a carry-out/stocker at Boardson’s/Dale’s Foods in Warren where he would later become the store manager and serve in that role for 39 years.

For the past year, Jim has worked for Hugo’s Family Marketplace as Assistant Store Director at the South Washington location in Grand Forks.

Jim is excited to now be serving the Thief River Falls and surrounding communities.

“We are happy to have someone with Jim’s experience and background leading our store in Thief River Falls.” Said Kristi Magnuson Nelson, Hugo’s President/CEO. “He is an important member of our team and I know he will do great things for the community and our associates.”
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The Chamber Ambassadors would love to meet you and celebrate your business with a ribbon cutting ceremony. If you are interested, please contact our membership director at 772-7271 or emberlyl@gochamber.org to schedule a ribbon cutting event.
May 1 - May 31 Membership Renewals

The following businesses know the value of their Chamber Membership and have renewed their membership in The Chamber-GF/EGF. GIVE THEM A VISIT!

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Alzheimer’s Association MN - ND
America’s Best Value Inn
American Family Insurance - Marcus Steien
Appraisals & Real Estate Research, Inc.
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Design Rich Architect, LLC
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General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc.
German Law Group, PC
Grand Cities Games
Grand Forks Diesel Injection Service Inc.
Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre
Greenberg Realty - Lynda & Tom Hartmann
Greenberg Realty - Tammy Howard
Healing Touch
Holistic Hub LLC
HotSpring Spas & Pool Tables 2
Hugo’s Wine & Spirits - East Grand Forks
ISight RPV Services
Italian Moon Pizza & Restaurant
James Dalglish
Knights Inn and Suites
La Touche’ Finale
Lafarge Dakota, Inc.
LifeVantage - Analiza Caoili
Little Keepers
Mainstream Boutique
Margaret Landry, Acupuncture
My Place Hotels
Northwest Tire South
Obermiller Nelson Engineering
Park University
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Presented by:
Michael Jamison, North Dakota Safety Council

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11:30am – 1:00pm
The Chamber, 202 N 3rd St

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