Upcoming Events:

International Education Week
November 12-14
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Meet, Eat, & Learn
November 13, 2013 from 12:00 pm to 1pm
International Centre

All Male International Panel

Please join us for a panel discussion about international education and women in the world. Four men from countries including Egypt, China, Sub-Sahara Africa, and Latin America will discuss their international educational experiences, along with cultural differences between the United States and their countries of origin regarding women, education and gender roles.

Meet, Eat, and Learn is a monthly presentation where you can learn something new and interact with others, all while enjoying a Free Lunch!
Everyone is Welcome

Stop by the Women’s Center!
Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm
Or visit our website at:
www.und.edu/student-life/womens-center
Or email us at:
und.womenscenter@email.und.edu
Kay Mendick, Director
Patty McIntyre, Program Associate

Important Dates:

Election Day
November 6th

Veteran’s Day
November 11th
No Classes

Thanksgiving
November 28th
No Classes

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International Education Week
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International Education Week began in 2000 and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the U.S. Department of Education. This important week is observed across the United States and in more than 100 countries overseas. International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide.

The worldwide celebration of IEW offers a unique opportunity to reach out to people in every nation, to develop a broader understanding of world cultures and languages, and to reiterate the conviction that enduring friendships and partnerships created through international education and exchange are important for a secure future for all countries.

http://eca.state.gov/programs-initiatives/international-education-week

International Education Week Events at UND

Tuesday, November 12, 8 PM, Loading Dock at MU

Wednesday, November 13, 12 PM-1PM, International Centre
   Meet, Eat, and Learn: All Male International Panel from Egypt, China, Sub-Sahara Africa, and Latin America: Will discuss education in their countries of origin and how women/gender roles differ from that in the United States. FREE LUNCH

Thursday, November 14, Noon, International Centre
   Study Abroad, Italy: Sarah Borgen talks about the art and culture of Italy and will talk about the Gilman Scholarship. FREE Mama Maria’s Italian Food!

Thursday, November 14, 3PM-5PM, Loading Dock at MU
   Around the World in 120 Minutes: Talk to students who have studied abroad in a Pecha Kucha format. Come and go as you please. FREE FOOD!

Thursday, November 14, 6:30 PM, Memorial Union Ballroom
   Cultural Night, China: Experience a bit of the culture of China and taste some delicious Chinese cuisine!

The University of North Dakota Alumni Association & Foundation raises and manages funds that support programs and educational opportunities for UND’s students, such as the Women’s Center. To support the Women’s Center, go to www.undalumni.org and designate your donation to "Women's Center" in the comments or contact Jay Erickson, Director of Development, Division of Student Affairs, at 701.777.3693.
Fun Facts about the Finland Education System

40 years ago, Finland decided to go against the norms of a typical educational system. Check out these facts to learn more about how this system differs from the traditional educational system used by so many today!

- Finnish children don’t start school until they are 7.
- The children are not measured at all for the first six years of their education.
- There is only one mandatory standardized test in Finland, taken at the age of 16.
- All children are taught in the same classrooms.
- Finland spends around 30% less per student than the U.S.
- 66% of students go to college, the highest rate in Europe.
- Science classes are capped at 16 students, so that they are able to perform practical experiments in every class.
- 93% of students in Finland graduate from high school, 17.5% higher than the U.S.
- Elementary school students get 75 minutes of recess in Finland, compared to U.S. student who receive 27 minutes on average.
- Teachers only spend 4 hours a day in the classroom, and take 2 hours a week for “professional development”.
- The school system is 100% state funded.
- All teachers in Finland must have a Master’s degree, which is fully subsidized.
- The average starting salary for a teacher in Finland was $29,000 in 2008, compared to $36,000 in the U.S.
- Teachers are effectively given the same status as doctors and lawyers.
- Over the years, students in Finland have consistently ranked at the top or close to the top in regards to science, reading, and math.


Do You Need Help?

If you have experienced violence, a sexual assault, or harassment of any kind, there are a number of places that can help.

University Police: 701-777-3491  Community Violence Intervention Center: 701-746-8900
UND Women’s Center: 701-777-4300  Grand Forks Police Department: 701-787-8000
Dean of Students: 701-777-2664  Altru Emergency Room: 701-780-5280
UND Counseling Center: 701-777-2127  The Trevor Project (crisis and suicide for LGBTQ youth): 1-866-4-TREVOR
Thank You!!!

The Women’s Center would like to thank everyone who was involved with the 18th Annual Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night Rally. Many thanks to all the organizations, students, and faculty that took part in the Project. We look forward to working with you again next year!

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Where to Find Us: