



## Our Mission

Engage in those activities that support and assist in the development and advancement of Bismarck State College.

The BSC Foundation exists to help Bismarck State College (BSC) achieve its mission of offering high quality education, workforce training, and enrichment programs reaching local and global communities. The BSC Foundation began as the Bismarck College Corporation shortly after Bismarck Junior College was established in 1939. In 1978, the Bismarck College Corporation was reorganized as the Bismarck Junior College Development Foundation with total assets of \$69,000. The first Executive Director of the Foundation, now known as the Bismarck State College Foundation, was hired in 1985 when Foundation assets totaled \$900,000. Today, the Foundation's total assets have surpassed \$48 million.

The BSC Foundation programs provide for the benefit of Bismarck State College: student scholarships, recognition for deserving students, recognition for employee service and excellence, grants for worthy projects, and capital campaigns to enhance the development of the college. The staff provides assistance to donors through a comprehensive program of tax-wise gift alternatives through planned giving and aids in sustaining the college with financial and personal contributions for educational programs through friend raising, advocacy, and fundraising efforts. The BSC Foundation is governed by the Foundation's Board of Trustees, which is comprised of a cross section of up to 75 community leaders committed to BSC's vision and mission. The volunteer board demonstrates significant community support of the college, as it is comprised of a diverse group of talented business leaders and community supporters who represent a variety of occupations, interests and geographic areas and are committed to the Foundation's vision and mission to support the needs of the college.