

November 2022

Holiday Greeting

Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC)




Hello Alumni,

Happy Holidays from the WDT Foundation! We have so much to be thankful for here at Western Dakota Technical College. We are thankful for our wonderful faculty and staff who work tirelessly to educate our students and innovate our programs. We are thankful for a community that embraces Technical Education and knows the impact our degrees and graduates have on our workforce. We are grateful to our donors and supporters who help fund students' dreams and provide hope and help for those looking to pursue their career goals. And we are thankful for our Alumni, who are doing the work of technical education every day. You are proof of the power of technical education and that hard work and persistence pay off in big ways. We know it's not easy!

The communities we participate in can inspire and enrich our lives beyond measure. We hope you count WDTC among those communities. Many of our students are currently working hard to achieve their goals and, like many of you, provide for their families during this holiday season. Below are a few initiatives that are focused on helping these students celebrate with their families as they complete the fall semester. We know that we are stronger together, and together we can create a technical college community that cares for each other and helps create the next generation of WDTC Success Stories.

Wishing you a season of light and warmth,
Nora Leinen, WDT Foundation Director.

WAYS TO GIVE TO OUR STUDENTS:

A festive poster for the WDTC Holiday Bazaar. The text "WDTC HOLIDAY BAZAAR" is prominently displayed in red, green, and yellow. Below it, the date and time are listed: "WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2022 12:00 PM - 5 PM" and the location: "DAKOTA HALL AND STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER". A list of activities includes "Shop Donated Items", "Hot Cocoa Bar", "Gift Wrapping Station", "Cookie Decorating", and "Ornament Making". Contact information for questions is provided: "Email StudentSuccessCenter@WDT.edu". The poster is decorated with several wrapped gifts in various colors and patterns, and starburst graphics.

WDTC Holiday Bazaar

The Student Success Center is hosting a Holiday Bazaar for our Students and their children on Wednesday, December 7th. To help this be a successful event, we're looking for donations of new and gently used items for our students and their children to "shop." We give the items to the students and their families to gift to their loved ones at no cost. Think of an indoor rummage sale with all the items being free! If you would like to make donations, we'd be happy to accept them starting Monday, November 28th. Please drop off donations at the Student Success Center.

A few reminders:

- Items should be new or gently used.
- No clothes and shoes are accepted.

- Any items not picked up will be donated to a local community partner.

Questions? Contact:

605-718-2955

StudentSuccessCenter@wdt.edu



"Ranchers and Butchers" Scholarship Raffle

Fill your Freezers! Students in the Farm and Ranch Management Program and the Meat Processing Program are currently working on a class project of feeding out a steer on campus that will be processed by the Meat Processing program. As a bit of a 'kick-back/benefit' for their hard work, and since these two programs are not yet a part of the Build Dakota Scholarship Program, Kaden Eisenbraun (Program Director) has been working with Nora Leinen (Foundation Director) to set up a scholarship fund (Rancher and Butchers Scholarship) based on the sale of this steer and the calves that students sold. Each student that applies for the scholarship will be given a portion, as long as they maintain at least a 'C' average.

The Beef and Cattle Production class is selling raffle tickets for two (2) different quarters of beef from a steer that the class is fattening for a semester project. The money raised for this scholarship will be distributed among students this upcoming Spring semester, and this will be repeated each year going forward.

Tickets are **\$20 each** if paid by cash or check, or \$20.60 if purchased online, and **we are only selling 200 tickets**. Please help support these students in raising money for their education. We are going to end ticket sales around December 1st and the drawing will be on December 2nd.

This is a great opportunity to stock your freezers with affordable, high-quality beef! This should end up being about 125-150 lbs. of product, and you will have the ability to choose what types of products you would like.

To purchase tickets in person, please see Kaden Eisenbraun (Kaden.Eisenbraun@wdt.edu) or Nora Leinen (Nora.Leinen@wdt.edu)

PURCHASE TICKET



Foundation Scholarships

Make our WDTC student's dream come true by reducing their financial burdens. You can impact the lives of our students by gifting to the existing scholarship fund(s), making a one-time gift, making annual contributions to a specific fund, or establishing a named scholarship.

Students that receive a WDT Foundation scholarship of any amount are **20% more likely to graduate.**

For more information: contact Nora Leinen at 605-718-2436 or Nora.Leinen@wdt.edu

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