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Minot, North Dakota's
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KEEPING FOCUS ON INTERMODAL

We have an opportunity in front of us that can be a game-changer for our state and region. In October 2020, we were able to announce that North Dakota was launching intermodal rail service – the culmination of more than two decades of effort to

gain access to intermodal transportation to reduce shipping costs for the state’s agricultural producers and other industries.

Promoting an economical and sustainable intermodal transportation opportunity for North Dakota creates tremendous long-term value to agriculture and manufacturing and economic growth throughout the region.



It also anchors our state on a competitive transportation level with Minneapolis, Chicago, and Kansas City, while opening opportunity and access to global markets.

[Read more here.](#)

TRINITY HEALTH EARNS BLUE DISTINCTION FOR MATERNITY CARE

Trinity Hospital has been recognized by Blue Cross Blue Shield

of North Dakota as a Blue Distinction® Center for Maternity Care. The hospital earned the Blue Distinction Center+ (Plus) designation, which signifies that Trinity’s maternity care is not only high quality but also cost-effective. Facilities eligible for Blue Distinction must meet rigorous standards and show statistically significant differences in key clinical outcomes compared to their peers. Criteria include having a maternal quality improvement program, developing protocols and procedures for managing hypertension and hemorrhage, and conducting drills and simulations for adverse events.



ADOPT AN AIRMAN

The Minot Area Chamber Economic Development Corporation (EDC) in partnership with Minot Air Force Base introduces the Adopt-an-Airman program. Adopt-an-Airman allows military and local families to “adopt” an Airman to form new bonds, friendships and support networks.



“We are always so thankful for the men and women of Minot Air Force Base. This program is a way to extend a sense of home and hospitality those who are new to our community,” said Carla Dolan, Vice President of the Minot Area Chamber EDC.

Those interested in participating can find application forms at minotchamber.org or contact Carla Dolan at 701-852-6000.

[Read more here.](#)

MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY SIGNS

NURSING ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Minot State University and Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB) recently signed an articulation agreement that formally recognizes their commitment to working together to provide educational opportunities for the students of their institutions.

“The Minot State Department of Nursing is extremely grateful for the ongoing collaboration with the DCB nursing program,” said Melissa Fettig, Minot State nursing assistant professor and RN to BSN Completion Program director. “The mutual goal is to support nursing students in advancing their career and the nursing profession.”

The purpose of this agreement is to enable students who have earned their Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Nursing from DCB to



transfer to Minot State University and enter the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion Program. This agreement applies an understanding that courses taken at Dakota College are considered equally transferable to Minot State’s BSN Completion Program and the North Dakota University System general education requirements.

Students may apply to Minot State and the BSN Completion Program as early as spring of the final semester while enrolled in the DCB AAS nursing program. Conditional acceptance into the Minot State BSN Completion Program will be granted until the nursing degree has been posted.

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