



## MTI Honored as an Aspen Top Ten Community College

Recently, Mitchell Technical Institute in Mitchell, South Dakota, was recognized in an award ceremony in Washington, DC, as one of the top community colleges nationally in the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. During the ceremony at the Newseum, Mitchell was honored for success in workforce preparation, a strong culture of caring for students, and a collaborative relationship with the K-12 sector. Mitchell also has a three-year graduation and transfer rate of 73 percent, which is among the highest in the nation for two-year institutions and the highest of the Aspen Prize finalists.

The \$1 million Aspen Prize, awarded every two years since 2011, recognizes outstanding institutions selected from an original pool of more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide. With a singular focus on student success, the Aspen Prize assesses institutional performance in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, high rates of employment and earnings for graduates, and equity in access and success for students of color and low-income students.

“Mitchell Technical Institute is committed to its rural community of 15,000 residents in eastern South Dakota, with a laser-sharp focus on preparing students to be successful in the good jobs that exist in the region,” said Joshua Wynner, executive director of the Aspen Institute’s College Excellence Program. “Nearly all students benefit from programs with clear course sequences and extensive work-based and applied learning oppor-

tunities, resulting in high rates of graduation and employment.”

The Prize winners, Rising Stars, and finalists were announced by Aspen Prize Jury co-chairs Ángel Cabrera, president of George Mason University, and Kathy Warden, chief executive officer and president of Northrop Grumman. Cabrera and Warden led a distinguished Prize Jury of higher education experts to select the top colleges, part of a rigorous review process that included the examination of extensive data on performance and improvements in learning, graduation, workforce, and equitable outcomes, along with multi-day site visits to each of the ten finalists.

The College Excellence Program thanks Mitchell Technical Institute for participating in this year’s Aspen Prize process, and for helping define excellence for community colleges nationwide.

## Snack Pack Food Pack Scheduled Monday

All students and staff members are invited to participate in the packing of food items for Weekend Snack Pack. The food pack will be held Monday, April 15, beginning at 8:30 AM in the Campus Center Atrium.

We need help carrying boxes of food items to the packing area; setting up the "assembly line" of food; packing; loading boxes and helping to transport to area schools.

The Snack Pack project is MTI's official annual community service project. Approximately 430 packs will be prepared for students to take home over the long Easter weekend. In March, MTI raised enough money to purchase the supplies for the pack.

Thanks to all who contributed and to all who volunteer for this important project.

## SRB Plans April Events

SRB has several things going on for the last full month of the school year.

On April 11, nominations for Instructor of the Year are due.

April 17 will be another Movie Night at the Luxury 5 Cinema. Free admission with student ID.

And, finally, mark you calendar for the annual Spring Picnic on April 25. The new SRB president and the Instructor of the Year will be announced at that event. All students, staff and their families are welcome to this free event!

As always, if you have questions, please contact SRB advisor Mateya Berg or an SRB member.

**MTI will be  
CLOSED  
Friday, April 19,  
in observance of  
Good Friday  
No Classes  
Monday, April 22  
Offices Open**

## Spring Rodeo Season Begins

The MTI Mavericks have a full schedule of rodeo events to round out the school year.

April 12 & 13 BHSU

April 26 & 27 UNL

May 3 & 4 Dickinson State

Students competing include: Cheyenne Adams; Tanegai Zilverberg; Zane Zilverberg; Jace Fritz; Wyatt Kostrzowski; Lucas Kessler; JD Kirwin; Tristan Madsen; Herbie O'Daniel; and Nick Rettinger.

Good luck, Mavericks, as you finish your spring season!

## Culinary Food Event Postponed

Due to the bad weather, the sixth annual Culinary Academy Boucherie has been postponed until Tuesday, May 7. This food extravaganza is a chance for community members to sample a wide variety of culinary delights prepared by MTI students.



presents the  
SUB BIRTHDAY CLUB!

Stop in the Subway store at 802 N. Sanborn for a free six-inch sandwich with the purchase of a 20 oz. or larger drink during your birthday month. Must present student ID. Offer good only at Mitchell Sanborn Street location. Offer good for students and staff. One sub per person.

## April

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 11 Allie Wilson        | 20 Emily Abraham      |
| 12 Alex Asmus          | Chelsey Hotchkiss     |
| Jaydon Bell            | 23 Bobbie Fredricksen |
| Cole Gassman           | Lance Joslin          |
| Jenna Vavra            | Chase Ninceheler      |
| 13 Devon Munsen        | Casey Thomas          |
| 14 Christopher Allbee  | Cole Van Gorp         |
| Nicholas Andresen      | Julie Gross           |
| Tyler DeZeeuw          | 24 Hunter Larsen      |
| Carter Mehling         | Joshua Taylor         |
| 15 Kody Bearbower      | 25 Tristan Konechne   |
| Jeremy Roach           | Carly Oakland         |
| 16 Benjamin Cavigielli | Sommer Riggins        |
| 17 Jasmine Feldhaus    | 26 Jesse Schindler    |
| Jacob Kahler           | Samantha Schumacher   |
| Alexis Nielsen         | 27 Riley Berndt       |
| 18 Cole Feterl         | Joseph Wagner         |
| Kody Kracht            | 28 Trenton Langdeau   |
| Susan Pritchard        | 29 Joel Rassel        |
| 19 Tylor Schoenfelder  | 30 Joyce Star         |
| Zane Zilverberg        |                       |

## May

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| 1 Saing Lay           | 15 Beth Ann Scharber |
| Hannah Mattis         | 16 Tiffany Cundy     |
| Liz Kitchens          | Parker Dally         |
| 2 Jacob Clark         | Lacey Malm           |
| Dalton Feenstra       | 17 Jacob Anderson    |
| Samantha Herrold      | Colter Assman        |
| Zachary Rucktaeschel  | Kylee Brooks         |
| Devin Ward            | Alan Brott           |
| Jonah Zwinger         | Clay Lindskov        |
| 3 Gerrit Dykstra      | Joseph Poppens       |
| Mason Hiles           | Mark Wilson          |
| Colten Nelson         | 18 Kamille Baize     |
| 4 Luke Masters        | Nicholas Donnelly    |
| Kendra Myers          | Jordan Kunkel        |
| Levi Newton           | Jennifer Malatare    |
| Grant Petrik          | Tanner Moeller       |
| 5 Chandler Bakley     | Mark Puetz           |
| Garret Burns          | Robin Jacobsen       |
| 6 Terry Letsche       | 19 Carter Kline      |
| Nicklaus Rettinger    | Blake Schentzel      |
| 7 Cole Christopherson | Riley Sund           |
| Kyle Menning          | Tanner Van Winkle    |
| Traci Payer           | 20 Trevor Larsen     |
| Alex Schaeffer        | 21 Angela Peterson   |
| Janet Greenway        | Cody Vanden Hoek     |
| 8 Dean Fuerstenberg   | Cody Washburn        |
| Owen London           | 22 Jenny Johnston    |
| Maryah Tople          | Lane Kratovil        |
| Cayden Veland         | 23 Ian Hoarty        |
| Lisa Ellingson        | 24 Jamie Bovee       |
| 9 LaToya Douville     | Ashley Daughters     |
| Taylor Luikens        | Nathan Ducheneaux    |
| Kain Sherman          | Pamela Hof           |
| Carmen Neugebauer     | Blake Klinkhammer    |
| 10 Ethan Ness         | Thomas Thompson      |
| Shaun Snedeker        | Seth Weeman          |
| 11 Savanna Deutscher  | 25 Seth Kirsch       |
| Mackenzie Heinrich    | Jayden Reiman        |
| Peyton Nelson         | 27 Wylie Brunson     |
| Benjamin Olson        | Austin Clarke        |
| Jared Hofer           | Russell Duley        |
| 12 Alyssa Ogstad      | Levi Krohn           |
| Trevor Renelt         | 28 Justin Richards   |
| Jimmie Nicolaus       | 29 Samantha Doyle    |
| 13 Carolyn Groves     | Kristi Kirkwood      |
| Kaitlyn Lee           | Cody Rolston         |
| 14 Jenni Hargreaves   | 31 Adam Austin       |
| Bradley Hento         |                      |
| Alyssa Marie Laurenz  |                      |
| Bridget Weisser       |                      |

## Scholarship Available for 2nd Year Students

A 2018 visit to South Dakota as part of the New Day in Tech Ed event inspired Mike Rowe and the mikeroweWORKS Foundation to offer a new scholarship opportunity to South Dakota students pursuing a technical school education. Inspired by Build Dakota Scholarships, the mikeroweWORKS Foundation found an opportunity to partner with them to offer scholarships for second-year tech students who may also be in need of financial assistance.

The mikeroweWORKS Foundation is partnering with Build Dakota Scholarships on this opportunity because Rowe was impressed by the Build Dakota Scholarship program. “What’s being done here in South Dakota is a template for what every state should be doing,” said Rowe. “We have 6.5 million open jobs in our country right now, and a vast amount of those jobs don’t require a four year degree. They require training, and that’s why we’re providing this opportunity.”

The new Finish Strong Scholarship will award up to 10, second-year South Dakota technical education students with \$5,000 to be used for tuition. The mikeroweWORKS Foundation provided a gift of \$25,000 that will be matched by the state of South Dakota Future Fund for a total of \$50,000.

Applicants for the Finish Strong Scholarship must be currently enrolled in a South Dakota technical school and in the second year of a two-year program. Scholarship applicants will be required to sign The S.W.E.A.T. Pledge, a promise to live by Rowe’s own standard for work ethic and personal responsibility.

The student application process closes on May 10, 2019. Technical school teachers and administrators are also encouraged to visit the website and submit an email on behalf of deserving students. Learn more about the Finish Strong Scholarship at:

[builddakotascholarship.com/finishstrong](http://builddakotascholarship.com/finishstrong).

