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New program available for low income ND high school students *NDCAN offers dual credit assistance to juniors and seniors*

BISMARCK – Low-income high school juniors and seniors can get help in paying for dual credit courses through the new North Dakota College Access Network (NDCAN), administered by Bank of North Dakota (BND).

“Participating in a dual credit program enables students to make substantial progress toward their college degrees before finishing high school,” Governor Jack Dalrymple said. “The goal is to help low income students realize that a college education is within their reach.”

Applications for assistance are now available through a link on the NDCAN website at www.nd-can.com. Funding is limited; applications will be considered by submission date. The assistance covers tuition, fees and course books.

To be eligible a student must:

- Be a current junior or senior attending a North Dakota high school
- Receive approval from school district superintendent or designee to take a dual credit course
- Qualify for free or reduced-price lunch

Interested students are encouraged to consult with their school counselors about dual credit options.

“Completing a dual credit course in certain areas of study also satisfies a requirement for the new state Academic and Career Technical Education Scholarships enacted by North Dakota legislation in 2009,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. “Meeting those requirements can increase available aid to attend college.”

“This new program is a confidence builder,” said Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. “Successful completion of college-level courses puts students on the road to succeed in post-secondary education.”

“We’re excited to introduce the Dual Credit Assistance Program,” said BND President Eric Hardmeyer. “With this and other planned programs through NDCAN, we will succeed in increasing opportunities for low-income students to reach their educational dreams.”

More information about the NDCAN can be found at www.nd-can.com or by calling 1-800-554-2717.

Bank of North Dakota (BND) was established in 1919 and is the only state-owned bank in the United States. BND is overseen by the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Gov. Jack Dalrymple as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring.

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