

# Jodsaas Center

for Engineering Leadership & Entrepreneurship

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## Welcome to New Academic Year

The Jodsaas Center board members welcomes all UND members to the new academic year. Reviewing the success rate of the programs offered during the last academic year and the feedback we received from students, staff and faculty, the board is revising some of the activities to offer them this year with improved qualities.

Our closer collaboration with the College of Business & Public Administration at UND and the UND Center for Innovation will certainly add more values to the programs offered this year. We update the Jodsaas center website frequently to reflect the latest programs offered and always welcome new ideas and suggestions.

## Welcome New Board Members

We welcome new board members, Amy Whitney, the director of the UND Center for Innovation, Duane Helleloid, Professor and Director of the School of Entrepreneurship and Management, Sandy Braathen, Professor of Info Systems & Business Education, both from College of Business & Public Administration at UND. Their long term experiences in education and research in the areas of management, leadership and entrepreneurship, will add value to the programs that we offer this year.



### Board Members

- Vamegh Rasouli  
(Petroleum Eng)
- Bruce Dockter  
(Civil Eng)
- Surojit Gupta  
(Mechanical Eng)
- Joseph Hartman  
(Geology and Geological Eng)
- Emanuel Grant  
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- Kouhyar Tavakolian  
(Electrical Eng)
- Bethany Klemetsrud  
(Chemical Eng)
- Dustin McNally  
(Mechanical Eng)
- Duane Helleloid  
(School of Entrepreneurship and Management)
- Sandy Braathen  
(Info Systems & Business Education)
- Amy Whitney  
(Center of Innovation)

## Workshops Series

Following successful operation of the workshop series during the last academic year, we are planning to offer new series of workshop sessions this year with some changes based on the feedback and comments we received from students and faculty in addition to the new ideas proposed by the board members. We anticipate to run 8 workshops sessions, one per month starting from September this year. More information will be given at the Jodsaas center website and in the next newsletter.

## Grand Challenge Scholar Program (GCSP)

Congratulations to the following 10 students whose application has been accepted to join the GCSP this academic year. The new group represents students from different departments and we are aiming to offer wider range of activities to these students to complete their program.

Anthony Spoto (CE), Nicole Dolejs (CE), Mahdi Velashani (Csci), Sam Dressler (Csci), Jonathon Wirkkala (EE), Mason Dunn (ME), Spencer Majerus (ME), Shawn Accardo (PE), Nick Knapp (PE), Tanner Thomsen (PHYS)

### Jodsaas Center offers:

- Entrepreneur Coach office hours
- Industry short courses
- Business related courses counted towards your credit
- The support for hands-on projects run by students from different engineering disciplines
- The support for establishing new companies