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Miller, Reynolds named University Distinguished Professors

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman has recognized Jo Ann Miller, professor of music, and Larry Reynolds, professor of animal sciences, as University Distinguished Professors. Chapman made the announcement Oct. 2, during his annual State of the University Address.

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"To recognize the accomplishments of our faculty, we established the University Distinguished Professorships. These professors have at least 10 years at NDSU of outstanding instruction, research, service and reputation within their disciplines," Chapman said. "This is the highest honor we have to celebrate our outstanding faculty."

Miller joined NDSU's faculty in 1989 as director of choral activities. She conducts the Concert Choir and University Chorus, and teaches undergraduate and graduate conducting and literature courses. She also is the graduate coordinator for NDSU's Master of Music and Doctor of Music Arts programs. Prior to coming to NDSU, Miller was on the music faculty at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse where she founded the La Crosse Chamber Chorale.

She earned her bachelor's degree at NDSU, master's degree at the University of North Dakota and doctorate at the University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music.

Reynolds joined NDSU after holding a post-doctoral position at the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center/USDA, Clay Center, Neb., from 1983 to 1985. He is the director of the Cell Biology Center and co-director of the Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy. Reynolds is widely recognized as one of the world's leading placental physiologists, with his research focusing on mechanisms regulating placental growth and vascular development by using in vivo and in vitro approaches.

Reynolds earned his bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate in reproductive physiology at Arizona State University.

Miller and Reynolds join a select group of faculty members with the designation. Last year, Chapman announced the inaugural group of University Distinguished Professors that included Allan Ashworth, professor of geosciences; Bill Perrizo, professor of computer science; Mukund Sibi, professor of chemistry and molecular biology; Neil Gudmestad, professor of plant pathology; Bill Wilson, professor of agribusiness and applied economics; Kalpana Katti, professor of civil engineering; and Tom Isern, professor of history and religion.

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