


Dordt Professor Bikes to Fight Poverty

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especially good for students hoping to go into corrections or law enforcement. "Jared and Krista had a chance to hear stories and encounter individuals who opened their eyes up to what can be out there," he says. "They have honed their gut sense of when things are dangerous or suspicious in a way that will serve them incredibly well in their future careers."



K. Bousema

But the internship gave Bousema and Van Wyk more than practical experience—they also learned more about themselves.



J. Van Wyk

"One of my biggest takeaways was learning how to remain calm with an upset inmate and how to successfully de-escalate a situation without making anything worse," says Van Wyk. "That was not an easy thing to learn right away, but I had to let the inmates be heard to keep the peace."

Bousema had a similar experience, but she also had to know when to be assertive. "Saying 'no' and making

someone upset was hard for me at first, but it got easier," she says.

Both students say their faith had an impact on how they treated the inmates.

"As correctional officers, we are working toward helping inmates live a better life and enabling them to contribute to society once they are released," says Van Wyk. "I have a strong passion for helping people, so I felt this experience really prepared me for a career in law enforcement."

Bousema gave an example of how being a Christian shaped her response to inmates. While conducting a cell search, inmates thanked her for being respectful and not tearing their cell apart. She felt that the experience gave her an opportunity to show God's love and compassion to those who needed it the most.

"While I'm not condoning their crimes, I had to remind myself that the inmates were people as well—they fell short like the rest of us and deserve to be treated as people."

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DORDT PROFESSOR BIKES TO FIGHT POVERTY

This summer, business instructor Shirley Folkerts and her husband Rudy participated in Sea to Sea—Bicycling to End Poverty. Starting in Vancouver, British Columbia, on June 26, they cycled more than 3,000 miles, ending their journey in Ottawa, Ontario, on August 12. The rest of the tour continued on to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the ride finished on August 29. The Folkerts spent six days per week biking an average of 77 miles per day through varied topography, weather, and road conditions.

The goal of Sea to Sea was to raise money and awareness to fight poverty. The Folkerts raised more than \$25,000; the entire group collected \$1.6 million. The money is being distributed to World Renew, Partners Worldwide, and local organizations that help fight poverty.

KARLI LANINGA (19)



AIRBAND GOES TO THE GREASERS

In September, eight groups lip-synced and danced their way through Dordt's Airband competition. The winning group, the Greasers, performed "You're the One that I Want" from the musical *Grease*. The Greasers later performed at Northwestern College's Airband—as entertainment, not competition.