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Ternus to Receive Emerging Leader Award

BISMARCK, ND – Matthew Ternus, development, and marketing director at Empire Arts Center, is this year's recipient of the North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations' (NDANO) Emerging Leader Award.

NDANO will present the 2024 North Dakota Nonprofits Awards during a luncheon at noon CT on May 30 at the Bismarck Event Center. The luncheon is the closing event for the North Dakota Nonprofit Leadership Conference. Tickets for the Awards Luncheon are available at www.ndano.org.

The Emerging Leader Award is given to a nonprofit professional who has made a significant impact in strengthening the North Dakota nonprofit sector in a short amount of time within the field through his/her commitment to leadership, volunteerism, and/or philanthropy. This award is presented too early to mid-career leaders, those with less than 10 years of experience in the nonprofit sector.

Matthew Ternus, in the seven years he has been in the Greater Grand Forks area, has embodied what it means to be a servant leader. Ternus seeks collaborative approaches to problem solving that engages all corners of a community and seeks to create a table where everyone is invited to partake in conversations. He often aims to take in as much information and analyze, allowing himself to provide thoughtful and creative ideas in any group setting. Ternus consistently shows up, volunteers to assist when needed, and works to create a positive and enthusiastic environment with all he works with.

"Matthew has made a significant impact for nonprofits and the community in the greater Grand Forks area," says NDANO Executive Director Dana Hager. "NDANO is pleased to recognize him for his initiative and leadership."

All 2024 award recipients will be recognized at the North Dakota Nonprofit Leadership Conference, which brings together leaders from across the state to participate in educational sessions, network, and exchange ideas. To register, visit www.ndano.org.

NDANO is the statewide membership association for the North Dakota nonprofit sector. Its mission is to educate, advocate and connect to strengthen nonprofits.

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