

# Alumni Magazine

Spring 2015



## David Mickelson, '94

*President & CEO of Graham Tire Company*

**Black Hills State University  
alum David Mickelson talks  
about his road to success.**

Greetings from Black Hills State University!

Can you think of one teacher who inspired you? You can probably think of more than one. I'll never forget Mrs. Limbaugh, my fourth grade teacher, or Mr. Harry Jones, my track coach. Those are just two of many teachers and mentors who inspired me. These teachers took the time to show they cared and that I mattered.

At BHSU, we have a strong history in teacher education as the largest program educating our future teachers in the state of South Dakota.



Over the past couple of months, we've talked with several BHSU alumni about how teachers inspired their education, journey and success. Read their stories on pages 8 and 9 of this magazine.

We invite you to join this conversation because we've all been "Inspired by Teachers." Submit your stories online at [www.BHSU.edu/Inspire](http://www.BHSU.edu/Inspire) or use #BHSUInspire on social media. Tell us about a teacher who inspired you.



Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., President,  
Black Hills State University



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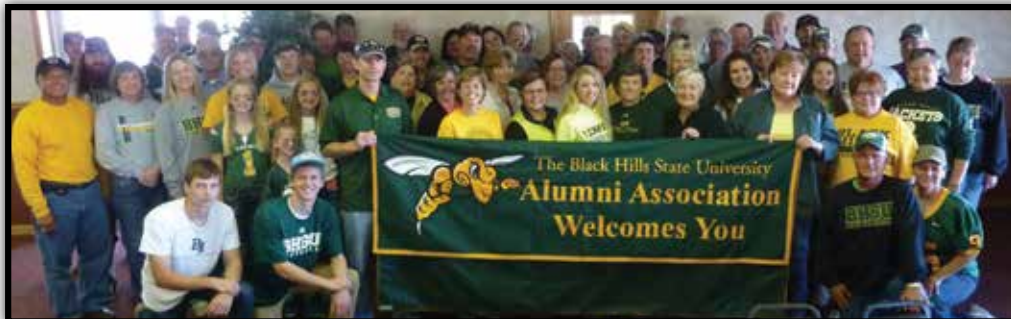


# BHSU Alumni Gatherings

For a schedule of upcoming alumni events, visit [www.BHSU.edu/Alumni](http://www.BHSU.edu/Alumni)



BHSU President Emeritus Clifford Trump joined Julie Stewart, '93, and other BHSU alums for the Arizona Alumni Gathering and Yellow Jacket Golf Classic in Glendale, Ariz.



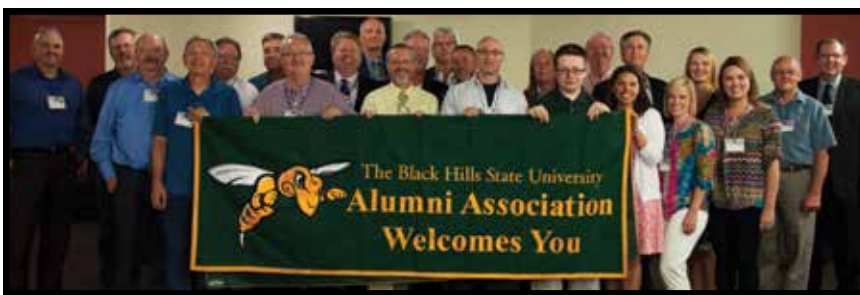
More than 80 enthusiastic BHSU alumni and friends gathered last fall at the Country Kitchen in Chadron, Neb. After the gathering, the scene shifted to Elliott Field at Don Beebe Stadium for the BHSU vs. Chadron State football game.



BHSU President Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., and the BHSU Alumni Association hosted an alumni and friends gathering in Washington, D.C. Amongst the group Barongwa Master Baipidi (Masterb), a representative from the Embassy of the Republic of Botswana (seated second from left) was in attendance.



Nearly 40 former BHSU track and field and cross country runners returned to participate in the 23rd Annual Stadium Sports Grill Alumni Mile. This year the event raised more than \$1,700 for the Alumni Mile endowment.



The Black Hills State University radio station, KBHU-FM The Buzz, celebrated 40 years of broadcasting this fall. More than 50 past disc jockeys, station managers and others involved in KBHU over the years attended the 40th reunion celebration.



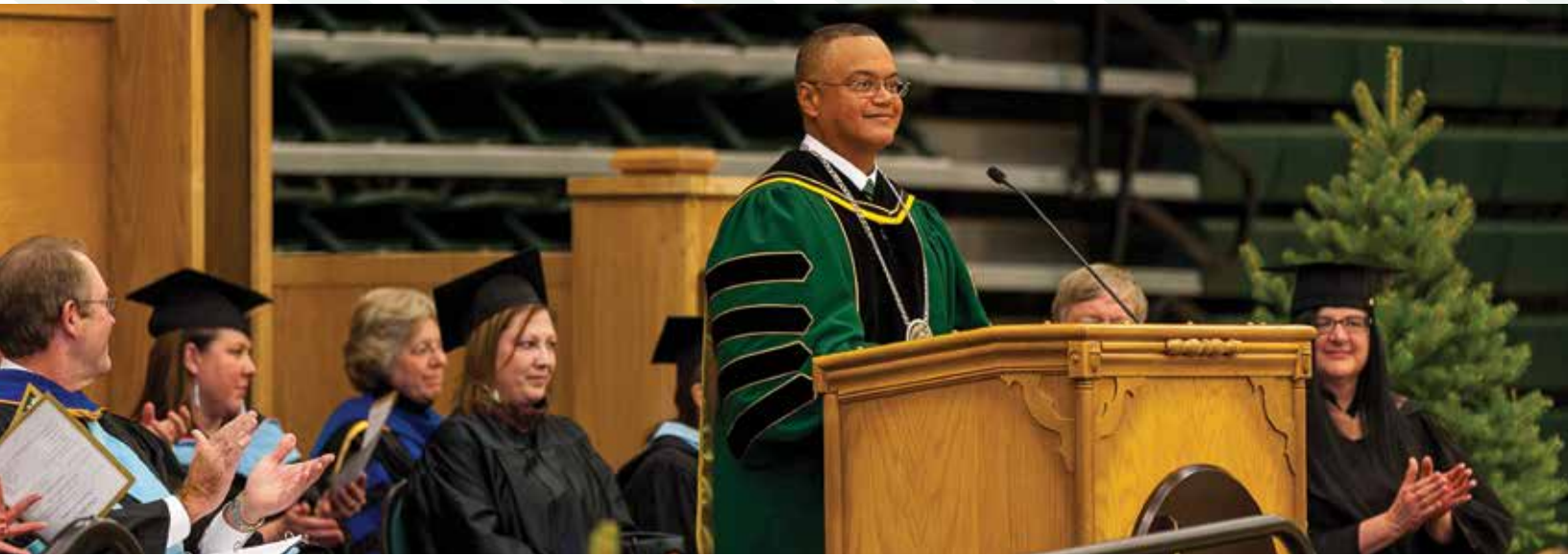
Alumni gathered last November at Murphy's Pub & Grill in Rapid City. Over 50 alumni and friends attended the pre-game tailgate gathering prior to the women's basketball game against SD Tech.

Nearly 60 alumni and friends gathered in January at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City. After the gathering, alumni and friends cheered on the BHSU men's basketball team as they took on SD Tech.





# The INAUGURATION of Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr.



Community members, faculty, staff, students, and alumni gathered at Black Hills State University in November to celebrate the inauguration of BHSU's 10th president, Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr.

The theme for the inauguration was "The Spirit of the Hills" honoring the history, geography, beauty and the people of the Black Hills.

The inauguration ceremony included greetings to the President from Dean Krogman, president of the South Dakota Board of Regents; Dana Boke, mayor of Spearfish; Dr. Parthasarathi Nag, Faculty Senate

president; and Chase Vogel, president of the BHSU Student Senate.

Representatives from the BHSU Center for American Indian Studies, Jace DeCory, Dr. Urla Marcus and Rosie Sprague, presented Jackson with a star quilt.

The symbol of the presidency, the BHSU medallion was placed on Jackson by two former BHSU presidents, Dr. Tom Flickema, who served as president from 1994 to 2006; and Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, who served as president from 2006 to 2014.

In his inauguration address, Dr. Jackson called forth inspiration,

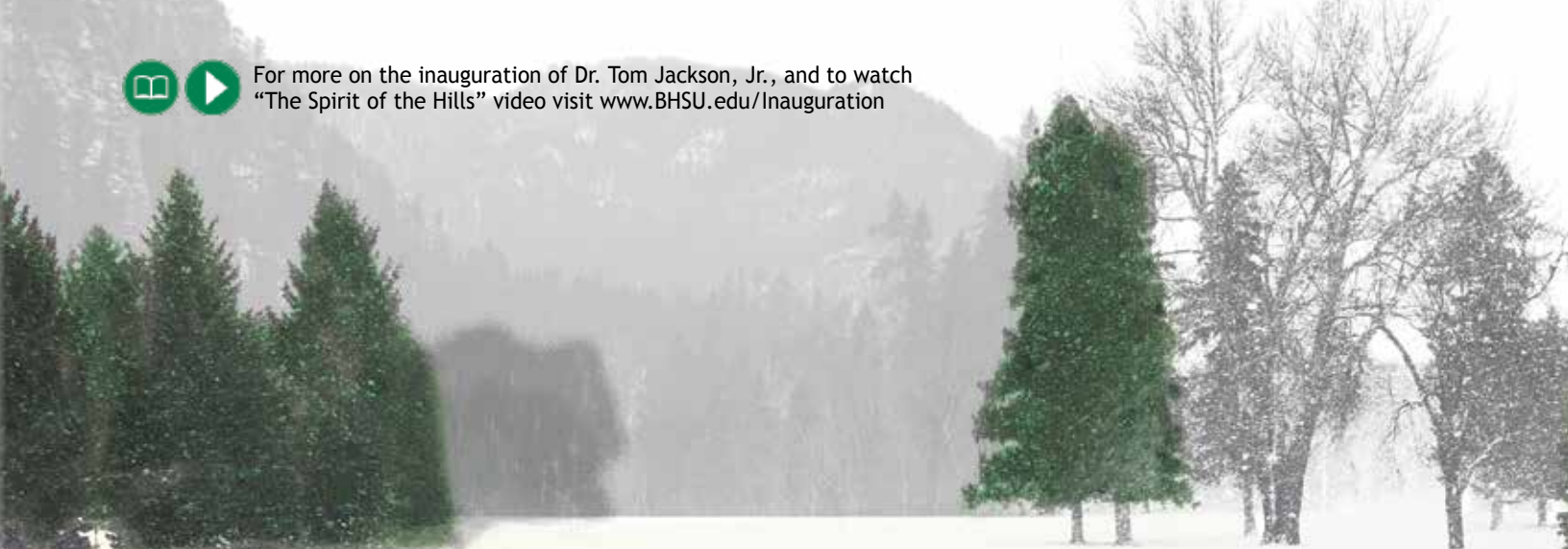
engagement, innovation, and imagination for BHSU in the future.

"B-H is a place where anything is possible. It embodies the 'can-do' spirit that says if we want to achieve something – we will. It is filled with caring and motivated faculty, staff, alumni, and students," Jackson said. "Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as the tenth president of Black Hills State University. I will do my part to lead with honor, integrity, and a genuine commitment to this special place."

Additional inauguration events in Spearfish and Rapid City were held.



For more on the inauguration of Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., and to watch "The Spirit of the Hills" video visit [www.BHSU.edu/Inauguration](http://www.BHSU.edu/Inauguration)





## President's Medallion to aid in scholarship funds

The bronze President's Medallion made its debut during winter commencement in 2014. The President's Medallion includes the names of all previous presidents engraved on links comprising the neck chain. Names of donors contributing \$100 or more will be permanently recognized with the medallion. Funds exceeding the cost of the medallion were used to create a President's Medallion Scholarship fund.

To contribute to the President's Medallion, visit [www.BHSU.edu/PresidentsMedallion](http://www.BHSU.edu/PresidentsMedallion) or call University Advancement at 605-642-6385.

## BHSU part of collaboration for new Master of Education degree

Black Hills State University is among four public universities in South Dakota that will collaborate to create a new Master of Education degree in principal preparation.

The new degree program, approved by the South Dakota Board of Regents Dec. 4, 2014, incorporates nationally recognized best practices for training future principals and administrators in South Dakota K-12 schools.

"An emphasis will be placed on specific challenges faced by principals who work in rural settings across our state," said Jack Warner, the Regents' executive director and CEO.

The degree will be jointly

offered by BHSU, Northern State University, South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota. The program will be available to students starting next summer.

Students in the program will select one of the four universities to receive their degree. The program will be delivered through face-to-face coursework, online instruction, and field-based learning experiences.

Participating universities expect an initial enrollment of 20 to 25 students.

BHSU currently offers eight master degree programs. For a list of master degree programs, visit [www.BHSU.edu/Academics](http://www.BHSU.edu/Academics).

## Plans underway to offer children of BHSU alumni in-state tuition in fall 2015

BHSU will offer in-state tuition to children of alumni who attend BHSU beginning in the fall of 2015, pending Board of Regents approval. Encourage your son or daughter to

attend your alma mater.

For more information, contact BHSU Admissions at (605) 642-6343 or email [admissions@BHSU.edu](mailto:admissions@BHSU.edu)

## BHSU receives two National Science Foundation grants



Black Hills State University faculty and staff (left to right) Janet Briggs, Julie Dahl, Ben Sayler, and June Apaza strategize plans for a new grant project to enhance K-12 computer science education in the Black Hills region.

Faculty at BHSU were awarded two separate National Science Foundation grants totaling over \$1 million. Both project awards began in the fall of 2014.

Dr. Brianna Mount and Dr. Dan Asunskis were awarded \$600,000 to direct a project that will enhance laboratory facilities at BHSU and increase student involvement in large-scale Sanford Underground Lab projects. The grant enables BHSU to purchase an Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS) to detect

radioactive contaminants during underground experiments.

Dr. Ben Sayler and Dr. June Apaza were awarded \$469,628 to increase and enhance computer science learning opportunities for Kindergarten-12th grade students in the Black Hills region.

Building on BHSU's legacy of partnerships with K-12 schools, leaders of the three-year grant plan to support 24 teachers in implementing an innovative computer science course serving 600 students.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**Chad Coppess, Class of '85,** had his original photograph, "Lakota Chief David Bald Eagle," printed on the cover of National Geographic Traveller magazine for Australia and New Zealand. Coppess currently lives in Pierre where he is a photographer for the South Dakota Department of Tourism & State Development.



Strawn

In January, the South Dakota Supreme Court appointed **Eric Strawn, Class of '01,** as the full-time magistrate judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit serving Butte, Corson, Dewey, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Perkins and Ziebach counties.

## Alumni inducted into South Dakota Hall of Fames



Shells of Time, a rock 'n' roll band based out the Black Hills, will be inducted into the South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in April. Several BHSU alumni were part of the music group.

The beat goes on.

Shells of Time, a rock 'n' roll band based out of the Black Hills from 1971-1975 featuring BHSU alumni will join the South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in April.

Posing in front of their tour bus in 1971 in the photo above, from left to right: **Craig Katt, Class of '75, Rich Schuttler, attended, Rick Gusso, attended, Mike English, '81,** Tim Sessions, **Joe Meyer, '75, Rick Tetreault, '74, and Jeff Anderson, attended. Brad Watson, '73, and Frank Crowell, attended,** were also part of the group.

In addition to Shells of Time, three BHSU alumni were inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame, an honor given to individuals who have shaped South Dakota. Kay Jorgensen, Don Montileaux, and Richard "Dick" Termes were among 10 inductees.



Jorgensen

**Kay Jorgensen, Class of '73,** graduated from BHSU with a bachelor of science in education. Jorgensen is a committed public servant and volunteer, having served South

Dakota as a state Legislator, member and chair of the Board of Regents, and member and chair of the Mid-Continent Regional Laboratory Board, among others.



Montileaux

**Don Montileaux attended BHSU** in the early 1970s. He is a master ledger artist who captures the Lakota way of life through colorful and vibrant drawings.

Montileaux is a world-renowned artist and illustrator whose work has been featured on the covers of numerous books and in corporate, public and private collections.



Termes

**Richard "Dick" Termes, Class of '64,** graduated from BHSU with a degree in education and art. Termes is an internationally-acclaimed artist whose

"Termespheres," one-of-a-kind spherical paintings, have been published worldwide. He built the Termesphere Gallery in Spearfish in 1997, which attracts global visitors.

# 'Where Anything is Possible'

## BHSU art student gains national recognition

Ethan Engel, an art and graphic design communication major from Winner, created an exhibit, "Transcendence: The Journey of Autism," which tells the story of



his struggle with Asperger's, a form of high functioning autism that creates difficulties in social interaction, motor development and communication.

He recently returned from a trip to Washington, D.C., where a piece of his artwork from the "Transcendence" collection was selected for the VSA Emerging Young Artists Program. The VSA Emerging Young Artists Program is a national exhibition that provides young artists ages 16 to 25

the opportunity to display their work.

The artwork in Engel's exhibit is created on a cotton canvas, the color of skin. Engel writes words on the canvas from a personal diary.

The words are written in reverse to represent the communication struggles he often faces.

He then uses a wood burning tool kit to burn lettering on the canvas. The burnt texture represents the scars left from the challenging moments in his life.

Engel, who will graduate in May, has accomplished much during his time at BHSU. He is currently president of the BHSU Art Club.




## BHSU student creates Super Bowl ad for new tagline

A television ad created by BHSU student Bryce Boser, mass communication major from Box Elder, won a University marketing contest and was aired regionally during the Super Bowl. Boser was one of 12 finalists in the "Where Anything is Possible" marketing contest at BHSU.

Boser's ad features several outdoor and campus scenes he captured using his wearable action camera.

The "Where Anything is Possible" contest was launched earlier this month to provide BHSU students an opportunity to design marketing concepts to launch the University's new tagline.

 Visit [www.youtube.com/BlackHillsState](http://www.youtube.com/BlackHillsState) to view the winning ad.

## Student studies in Washington political, leadership program

Black Hills State University student Michaela Stroup, a political science major from Pierre, was accepted to



attend The George Washington University's Semester in Washington Politics (SIWP), as a participant in the Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) for the spring semester.

The NAPLP is a full scholarship program for Native American students who want to take part in Washington Politics for a semester. Stroup, who is a member of the Lower Brule Sioux tribe, will attend classes at the university and complete an internship program.

## Business major receives Zonta International Scholarship

Samantha Johnson, a business student at BHSU, received a \$7,000 scholarship from Zonta International, a worldwide organization of business professionals working to advance the status of women. Johnson is one of 12 students to receive the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship.



Earlier this fall, Johnson was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the local chapter of the Zonta Club in Spearfish and a \$1,000 scholarship from Zonta's District 12.

"There is an entire organization that believes in my goals, in my career and life," said Johnson. "It affirms to me I am on the right path."



# All Inspired by



## Rylan Sprague, Class of '12 Northern Hills District Botanist - Black Hills National Forest

With a hand lens magnifier, canteen and hiking boots, Rylan Sprague is ready for his work day as a Northern Hills District Botanist with the Black Hills National Forest.

A member of the Cheyenne-River Sioux Tribe, Rylan's connection with the Black Hills is both physical and spiritual. And he still credits his teachers for his success.

Rylan has worked closely with Dr. Mark Gabel, Herbarium curator and professor emeritus, and Dr. Benjamin van Ee, former instructor of biology, at BHSU. Rylan also keeps in contact with his sixth grade teacher, Brett Swanson, one of many teachers whom Rylan says treated him with respect.

Rylan returns to BHSU often to visit the Herbarium to deposit and identify plant collections.



## Jesse Dana, Class of '97 Orthodontist at Meyer & Dana Orthodontics

Dr. Jesse Dana and his team at Meyer & Dana Orthodontics in Spearfish ensure dental patients receive the highest-quality care.

A Spearfish native, Jesse planned to leave town to attend college. But Mike Olson, then head basketball coach at BHSU, had other plans.

"I was able to play basketball and ended up with a great education," Jesse said. "Some of the best teachers I've had were at BHSU."

Jesse said Dr. Charlie Lamb, professor of biology at BHSU, and Dr. Pete deLannoy, former associate professor of chemistry, helped him prepare for the rigors of orthodontic residency.

"I'm now able to do what I do and am very blessed to be in this profession," said Jesse. "And it all started at Black Hills State."



## Anya Mueller, Class of '02 Reporter & Social Media Director for KNBN

Anya greets the Black Hills each weekday morning on KNBN, Rapid City's NBC affiliate.

With her bright smile and engaging personality, Anya is a natural in front of the camera.

While attending BHSU, Anya worked with the TV and radio stations. That's when she knew she wanted to work in TV and radio.

"At BHSU, I got to dive in right away," said Anya. "I saturated myself into everything I could do to improve."

Anya says persistence is the key to success, which she learned from BHSU professor David Diamond.

"Follow through all the way to the end," that's what professor Dave Diamond always used to say," said Anya.





# Teachers

Black Hills State University, which has the largest teacher preparation program in the state and is recognized for its legacy of preparing teachers, recently released a campaign “All Inspired by Teachers” honoring teachers for their positive influence.



## **Lonnie Humbracht, Class of '72 Lou-Lon Construction, Owner**

As a high school senior, Lonnie Humbracht had already taken all the industrial arts classes.

His industrial arts teacher suggested Lonnie serve as his assistant, helping the freshmen with projects. That led him to pursue a teaching degree.

After graduation, Lonnie teamed up with his cousin and formed Lou-Lon Construction in Spearfish. In 2013, the company was awarded the bid to build the president’s residence on campus.

As a student at BHSU in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Lonnie remembers the influence of Charley Conger, who was an associate professor in the College of Science & Technology.

Although Lonnie didn’t become a teacher, when he talks about his job in construction, he sounds like one.

“It’s a good job,” said Lonnie. “I get to see people’s dreams become a reality.”



## **Julieanne Morse, Class of '14 2nd Lieutenant in the South Dakota National Guard**

Julieanne Morse deployed to Afghanistan during her third year at BHSU. While deployed, she used photography to relax, capturing time-lapse and long-exposure photographs.

Looking back on those photos, Julieanne says she always sees something new.

In preparing for deployment and re-integrating, Julieanne says faculty, staff and military students at BHSU supported her.

With her mass communication degree, Julieanne is able to pursue the rank of captain in the National Guard.

“My next big goal is serving at the national level in the military, for the National Guard Bureau or at the Pentagon,” said Julieanne. “That’s where I’m aiming for next.”



## **Alex Hanson, Class of '10 Chief Budget Analyst for the State of South Dakota**

At 26, Alex knows working in the South Dakota Governor’s Budget Office is unique, but says that his educational experience at BHSU prepared him for the challenge.

Dr. Ken Schallenkamp, professor of business law, and Dr. Don Looney, assistant professor of management, shared their time and real-world business experiences with Alex.

Alex now leads the team that helps build the governor’s budget each fall. His team interacts with every state department and agency, participating in the budget and legislative processes.

“We get to make South Dakota a better place to live,” said Alex. “And I’ve had great mentors and leaders to keep me motivated, keep me learning, and help me have fun at work.”



## ROAD TO SUCCESS

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A Mitchell Daily Republic newspaper dated March 10, 1965, drapes across the credenza in the office of David Mickelson, Class of '94. Yellowed and fragile, the newspaper opens to an advertisement for a sale on new, all-weather tires.

"The newspaper was in the back of a customer's car for 50 years," said David. "He requested the advertised \$11 tires."

While the price of tires has certainly changed, Graham Tire Company's reputation for customer service and quality continues. Last year, David was named President and CEO of Graham Tire Company, one of the largest independently-owned tire dealerships in the U.S.



*“I’ve never felt other people in my professional field were more prepared than I was to do the job, and I owe that to BHSU.”*

Although David now leads the operation and management of 16 Graham Tire locations throughout South Dakota and Nebraska, he’s the first to admit that his decision to leave a successful career in banking to work in automobile services was a surprise, and a risk.

“It was by far the biggest professional decision I’ve made, making that change and leaving First Premier Bank. It was a job I loved, a great place to work. I never would’ve looked to leave that organization until this opportunity. I took a risk, but it’s all worked out,” said David.

David’s decision to attend Black Hills State University was also surprising and perhaps a bit risky since he was breaking a family tradition, but it was also essential to his success. Son of the late South Dakota Governor George S. Mickelson, David said there had been 96 years of Mickelson family attendees at another state university. But BHSU, says David, was a much better fit for him.

“When I visited my senior year of high school, BHSU was different than other campuses I’d visited,” said David. “I toured campus after holiday break, in the winter with its gorgeous setting, and it felt right for me.”

David majored in business administration and played on the Yellow Jacket football team’s offensive line under Coach Ed Neibauer, whom David says he greatly respected.

Academically, David said he’ll never forget business policies class with his advisor, Fred Heidrich.

“He wasn’t known as an easy professor, but he prepared you. You don’t realize until you’ve been in the workforce for many years, how much those business classes actually prepare you,” said David. “Business policies was hard, but the topics translated into real-life business experience.”

For David, that real-life experience equated to his first professional job as a third shift bank operations manager with Norwest Bank in Denver.

“That was a very eye-opening experience for a 22-year-old kid from South Dakota, working in downtown Denver from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m.,” said David.

David then moved with the company to Minneapolis where his team was in charge of managing customer service for 50 of the bank’s largest business customers.

Next, David returned to South Dakota to work for First Premier Bank in Sioux Falls where he ultimately ran all bank operations before joining Graham Tire.

David says people often ask him about the differences in the banking and automotive industries. His answer: they’re more alike than we might think.

“Both industries are about relationships and people, how we work with each other, our vendors, and our customers,” said David.

Since returning to South Dakota, David has served as a Board Member for the Sioux Falls Family YMCA and the



David Mickelson works in his office at Graham Tire Company in Sioux Falls.

Good Shepherd Center, a daytime shelter for homeless individuals and families. He recently finished his sixth year as a Junior Achievement volunteer helping school-aged children develop work-readiness and entrepreneurship skills. David also coaches his children’s soccer and basketball teams.

Reconnecting with his alma mater, David recently served on the steering committee of BHSU’s Building Strength and Stature

Capital Campaign (2008-2014).

He also serves on the Yellow Jacket Foundation Board of Directors and assists with recruiting efforts, roles that ensure future BHSU students have an excellent learning experience.

David says his next big goal is to help Graham Tire continue its growth, maintaining over 50 years of the company’s success while advancing opportunities for the future.

With his business education from BHSU, it’s a mission for which he’s well-equipped.

“I’ve never felt other people in my professional field were more prepared than I was to do the job, and I owe that to BHSU,” said David. “My education and experiences at BHSU prepared me for any workplace environment.”

# Swarm Days 2014



## Green & Bold

The 2014 Black Hills State University Swarm Days homecoming kicked off with a parade through downtown Spearfish. This year's Parade Marshals, Sandra and Tad Addy, led the festivities. Community and BHSU floats decorated under the theme "Sting Lightning."

Highlights of the parade included student organization and the Western Hills Humane Society floats. The local animal rescue group dressed dogs in Yellow Jacket costumes and stopped along the parade route to let children pet the animals. The group also passed out dog treats to furry parade attendees.

Once the parade concluded, many attended the tailgate at Lyle Hare Stadium, reminiscing with BHSU classmates and socializing before the Swarm Days football game

against Fort Lewis, Colo. The Yellow Jackets defeated Fort Lewis 40-14.

Travis Thorn and Kelly Merager, both BHSU alumni who played football in the 1990s, caught up at the tailgate prior to the football game. Merager, from Cody, Wyo., was a quarterback and Thorn, from Kadoka, was a wide receiver. The two shared stories of past game days.

"It's great seeing the guys you played with - we've seen quite a few this year," Thorn said.

Also during Swarm Week, five BHSU alumni were inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame, an Alumni Recognition lunch was held and the KBHU radio station celebrated its 40th reunion.

Clockwise, from top left, BHSU Resident Hall Assistants show their Yellow Jacket spirit during the Swarm Days Parade; The Yellow Jackets score a touchdown during the Swarm Days football game against Fort Lewis, Colo.; Yellow Jacket fans gear up for the Swarm Days football game; BHSU students cheer on the Yellow Jackets during their homecoming win over Fort Lewis.





# Join Us for Swarm Days in 2015!

Oct. 5-10

Keep up-to-date on all the homecoming events at [www.BHSU.edu/SwarmWeek](http://www.BHSU.edu/SwarmWeek)

Clockwise, from top left, Chase Vogel and Lorrin Anderson were crowned Swarm Days King & Queen; Sandra Addy, 2015 Swarm Days Parade Marshal, waves to the crowd; The 1970 men's track & field team was inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame; Black Hills State University honored alumni (left to right) Bill Blewett, Damian Ederhoff, Lois Northrup, and Steve Williams during the Alumni Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with the annual Swarm Days homecoming celebration. Carol Hayes was also inducted; The Yellow Jackets Hall of Fame inducted (from left) John and Jo Heck, co-owners of The Stadium Sports Grill, Earl Gray, Amanda Schelle, Kevin Ahlemeier and Tim Bishop; The 1979 men's baseball team was inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame.

 Watch a video of the Swarm Days celebration at [www.youtube.com/BlackHillsState](http://www.youtube.com/BlackHillsState)

# SPORTS SHORTS

## BHSU to offer women's soccer starting in 2016

The Yellow Jackets will field BHSU's first-ever women's soccer team in fall 2016.



"We are extremely excited to be adding women's soccer to our University and Yellow Jackets athletic department," said Jhett Albers, athletic director at BHSU. "This will provide the opportunity for females with the interest and ability in the sport of soccer to attend Black Hills State and earn their degree while providing the opportunity and experience to compete at the NCAA DII level."

## BHSU Yellow Jacket featured on ESPN's 'Sports Center'

Black Hills State University senior guard Brody Brisk was featured on ESPN with his dunk over a Chadron State defender on Jan. 10. The play is a candidate for the Sports Center Top-10 plays.

The play was an old-fashioned three-point play as Brisk swished the free-throw after getting fouled.



Watch a video of Brody Brisk's play at [www.BHSUAthletics.com](http://www.BHSUAthletics.com)

For the most up-to-date Yellow Jacket news visit [www.BHSUAthletics.com](http://www.BHSUAthletics.com)

## Baldwin competes at national level

*Junior transfer becomes second-straight Black Hills State runner to qualify for NCAA championship*

Black Hills State University junior Alec Baldwin completed his inaugural season at BHSU in style at the NCAA Division II National Championship. The junior-transfer from Iowa State became the second-straight Yellow Jacket runner to qualify for the national meet.

Baldwin, a native of Spirit Lake, Iowa, was a First Team All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference performer with a seventh place finish at the RMAC Championships. He followed with an All-South Central Region selection after finishing 10th at the South Central Region Championship.

He then finished 53rd out of 245 runners at the national

meet in Louisville, Ken.

Alec closed the 2014 season with two first-place finishes, two second-place finishes and a third-place finish. His top 8K time was 25:24. The first was a second-place finish and top collegiate runner, at the Roadrunner Invitational on Oct. 4, then in a first-place finish at the Gillette College Invitational.

Baldwin will look to carry his momentum into the track and field season where he was an All-Big 12 performer at Iowa State in the 800-meter run.



## SAAC completes four fall service projects

The Black Hills State University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) raised over \$900 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation at the Oct. 18 football game. That same day, two local Make-A-Wish kids joined the football and volleyball teams as honorary captains.

Student-athletes Kaitlin Farrar and

Madison McLaughlin attended the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference SAAC meeting in Gunnison, Colo. in October. The RMAC SAAC discussed service projects and fundraising ideas.

In December, Yellow Jacket athletes paired up with local Special Olympics athletes and spent time bowling, playing soccer and other sports.

## Black Hills State University Yellow Jacket Club



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Drawing at Nov. 14 football game against Western New Mexico University. Need not be present to win.





Kristin Carmichael, left, completed her first year as head volleyball coach. She is pictured with Meghan Sipe, an outside hitter from Cheyenne, Wyo.

## Former Yellow Jacket completes first season as head volleyball coach

Three-time NAIA All-American middle hitter Kristin Carmichael took over the reins of the Black Hills State University volleyball program after spending the previous seven years as a player, graduate assistant and assistant coach. A 2010 graduate of BHSU, Carmichael replaced Sally Nichols after spending a year as an assistant coach.

In 2014, the Yellow Jackets achieved the most wins since joining the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC), nearly doubling their previous best. They also won the most games against NCAA Division II competition since joining the NCAA ranks. The Yellow Jackets concluded the 2014 season with a 10-18 record and 7-11 record in the RMAC.

"We had a season that they (the student-athletes) could look back on and feel good about," Carmichael said. "My competitive side wishes for more wins. I feel there were matches that we could have won, we just ended up on the wrong side."

As she has progressed through the volleyball program, Carmichael has had a few difficulties.

She found moving from a player to an assistant to a head coach has its advantages and disadvantages. Although she is able to stay competitive as a coach, it's the tasks she can't do that she says is a disadvantage.

"I've learned that unfortunately I can't do it for them," she said. "I can't play for them and I can't be confident for them."

Confidence is what Carmichael hopes to build in the future as she builds the Yellow Jackets into an RMAC power.

"I truly believe that if we are more competitive in practice we will have the confidence to know we are good enough," Carmichael said. "If they know how good we are in practice that confidence carries over to matches."

Carmichael, a native of Newcastle, Wyo., earned her undergraduate degree in exercise science and physical

education while earning her master's degree in curriculum and instruction. She ended her playing days as the all-time leader in solo blocks (146), assisted blocks (622), kills (1,539) and games played (443). She twice led the Yellow Jackets to the Dakota Athletic Conference Championship and a pair of NAIA National Tournament appearances.

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## BHSU professor pledges \$1M gift to University *Scholarship funds will help establish Make-A-Difference Initiative*

Dr. James Hess, professor of psychology and chair of the School of Behavioral Sciences at Black Hills State University, pledged a \$1 million gift to BHSU to establish the School of Behavioral Sciences Make a Difference Initiative. In exchange for scholarship funds, students will be challenged to lead sustainable community projects designed to make a difference in the lives of others.

A psychology professor at BHSU for 32 years, Hess' donation is equivalent to the salary he made in his first 19 years of teaching at BHSU. He says he intends to keep teaching as long as he is making a difference for his students.

By establishing the Make a Difference Initiative, Hess hopes to change the culture of scholarship funding by encouraging recipients to give back right away and continue that



Dr. James Hess

practice after they graduate.

"Even while they're receiving funds from the Initiative, I want our scholarship recipients to engage and make a difference in

the lives of others," said Hess. "I want the students to remember their experience years from now, changing their attitude and encouraging them to continue giving back."

Hess says he hopes his donation will encourage others to support scholarships at BHSU. He said it troubles him that BHSU has one of the lowest number of scholarships of any university in South Dakota.

When Hess became the first BHSU Chair of the School of Behavioral Sciences in 2009, he realized psychology was the only behavioral sciences area with a discipline-specific scholarship. The BHSU School of Behavioral Sciences includes exercise science, human services, outdoor education, psychology, and sociology programs.

"I started thinking how I could personally do something to create a scholarship for the School of Behavioral Sciences," said Hess. "I wanted to make sure all of these programs have a way to grow and be supportive of students who need it."

To learn more or to contribute to the Make a Difference Initiative, contact Black Hills State University Advancement at 605-642-6385 or visit [www.BHSU.edu/Donate](http://www.BHSU.edu/Donate).

## BHSU alumna creates scholarship for special education majors

BHSU alumna Kelly (Krog) Weis, attended, is turning her grief into good by establishing a scholarship to help Black Hills State University special education majors.

Weis established the Kenadi Jean Weis Foundation to honor her five-year-old daughter, Kenadi, who passed away last March.

The Foundation will give an annual \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior majoring in special education at BHSU. In addition to the scholarship, Weis is working with BHSU instructor of physical education, Breon Derby, to help students in BHSU's



Kelly Weis, right, created a scholarship for special education majors in honor of her daughter, Kenadi Jean Weis, left, who passed away last March.

education programs learn how to adapt their classes for special needs students.

Kenadi suffered an anoxic brain injury at birth resulting in challenges to

Kenadi's communication, health and movement. But even in her short life, Kenadi achieved great milestones.

"At age two Kenadi went

from surviving to truly living," said Kelly. "She was able to express her likes and dislikes, favorite colors, and even two-year-old tantrums!"

Kelly says she and her family were inspired to reach out to BHSU special education students with the scholarship because of the great impact of teachers on Kenadi's growth.

"Miss Betty Lenner, Kenadi's special education early intervention teacher, had high expectations for Kenadi with lots of love," said Kelly.

For more information on the foundation or to contribute, visit [www.teamkenadi.com](http://www.teamkenadi.com).





A grand opening was held for the Joy Center in December. From left, Penny Doering of RE/MAX in the Hills, Spearfish Mayor Dana Boke, Harvey Krautschun, Financial Benefits, Inc., BHSU President Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., Jim Benning of Ainsworth Benning Construction Inc. in Spearfish and Steve Williams of Williams & Associates Architecture in Spearfish.

## Ribbon cutting held for Joy Center

A grand opening for the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center (Joy Center) was held on Dec. 5, 2014.

The Joy Center is a 6,500 square-foot building that houses the University Advancement offices and offers a gathering space before BHSU athletic events and other activities. The center is also available to rent for community meetings and other events.

The center is named after Joy (Proctor) Krautschun, a BHSU alumna and longtime supporter of the University. Guests shared memories of Joy (Proctor) Krautschun at BHSU and in the community during the celebration. Guest speakers included BHSU President Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., Spearfish Mayor Dana Boke and Harvey Krautschun, Joy's husband.

To reserve the Joy Alumni Center, visit [www.BHSU.edu/JoyCenter](http://www.BHSU.edu/JoyCenter).

*"The essence of this building is really about bringing the BHSU family together. The individuals in this room, you're going to be able to celebrate in this accomplishment in more ways than one, in part of Joy."*

*- Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr.  
BHSU President*



Take a virtual tour of the Joy Center at [www.BHSU.edu/JoyCenter](http://www.BHSU.edu/JoyCenter).

## Scholarship started in memory of Marv Jastorff, longtime University business manager



Oretta Jastorff, the wife of the late Marvin (Marv) Jastorff, Class of '59, donated \$10,000 to establish the Marvin Jastorff Scholarship Fund to provide assistance to Black Hills State University Yellow Jackets.

Marvin passed away in August 2010 and with this scholarship his dedication to BHSU lives on.

Marv grew up in Sturgis and went to BHSU where he studied business. He received his bachelor's degree from BHSU and earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of South Dakota. Prior to working at BHSU, Marv was a special investigator for the federal government. One of his personal highlights was interviewing U.S. President Harry S. Truman. BHSU President Dr. Russell Jonas hired Marv as a University accountant. He then became the business manager, retiring in 1987.

Marv was a proud advocate of the student activities on campus. Michael Jastorff, son of Marv and Oretta who is now the director of the University Bookstore at BHSU, said he remembers going to almost all the sporting and theater events on campus as a child.

"He knew where the resources were being placed and filled the gap with moral and financial support, professionally and personally," said Michael. "He wanted to help the programs that were overshadowed by others."

The Jastorff scholarship is awarded to a freshman or sophomore music major from Spearfish or Sturgis. The scholarship will alternate annually and is based on merit or need.



Carol Lundberg with BHSU student Alexandra Hurdel

## Create Your Legacy Today

Estate Planning Attorney John Griffin helped Carol Lundberg with her estate plan.

*Carol is already enjoying the benefit of meeting her scholarship recipients.*

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Selfie with @BlackHillsState prez @tomjackjr  
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students came back today to do  
some recruiting for Black Hills State  
University. Thank you for sharing  
your experiences with our students!  
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acceptance letter at my top  
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**The 50s** **Charles “Charlie” Schad, ’56 & ’60**, Spearfish, was inducted into the Spearfish High School Athletic Hall of Fame as a contributor. He was the public address announcer for the Spearfish Spartans basketball and football teams from 1967 to 2013.

**The 60s** **Lionel Bordeaux, ’64**, Mission, was featured in the March/April 2014 issue of *South Dakota Magazine*. Lionel has served as president of Sinte Gleska University since 1973. Today he is the second longest serving university president in the United States.

**Darlene (Schaaf) Borzenski, ’67**, Rapid City, retired from teaching after 33 years in the Rapid City Public School system.

**Lance Eddy, ’67**, Fallbrook, Calif., was appointed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to the County Service Area No. 81 advisory board. Lance taught at Anaheim Junior High School for seven years before spending another 27 years teaching at Canyon High School, where he spent 13 years as the athletic director. Although he retired as a teacher in 2004, he continued coaching high school football and softball until 2009.

**Thomas “Tom” Finn, ’66 & ’70**, was inducted into the Lead-Deadwood High School Hall of Fame. Following a long and successful career in education, Tom worked for an offshore oil construction company called McDermott as head of human relations for 20 years. His widow **Joan Finn, ’72**, accepted the award on his behalf.

**Don Kjerstad, ’66 & ’70**, Rapid City, retired in May after 11 years of teaching and coaching and 37 years in the insurance business. He taught and coached in White River and then overseas in Naples, Italy. He also taught at the National College of Business in Rapid City.

**Alberta (Hook) Krush, ’65**, Belle Fourche, and her husband Pete received the 2014 Windy Ryon Resistol Retailer of the Year Award. Alberta and Pete are the owners of Pete’s Clothing and Western Wear.

**Sharon (Davis) Vanden Hul, ’63**, Colorado Springs, Colo., illustrated and authored the children’s book *Issy and Wuzzy: There’s a Bear Over There!* The book is a touching and heartfelt story about a little girl and a special wish.

**The 70s** **Karen (Smith) Bridges, ’72**, Spearfish, is the recipient of the 2014 South Dakota Healthcare Social Work Association award. Karen was recognized last fall at the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations’ (SDAHO) Annual Convention in Rapid City. She worked as a MSW with Spearfish Regional Hospital since January 1995. She retired from last year.

**Eldon Knudson, ’70**, Custer, was inducted into the Custer High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Eldon started the Custer High School cross country program in the 1970’s. He was a long-time head track coach, as well as a football and basketball coach at different times in his career.

**Evelyn (Jones) Leite, ’74**, Rapid City, published her 13th book titled *Women: What Do We Want?* The book contains insights and stories of people sharing perceptions from interviews as well as from her decades of experience in counseling. The book reveals the roots of the issues that plague many relationships.

**Bob McMillan, ’73**, East Helena, Mont., retired from the Portland Art Museum in Portland, Ore., after serving as their facilities manager for 12-plus years.

**Kristine (Wiest) Webb, ’75**, Jacksonville, Fla., was presented last fall with the 2014 Distinguished Professor Award during Fall Convocation at the University

of North Florida in Jacksonville, Fla. Kristine earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Special Education from the University of New Mexico, and is currently a professor in the Department of Exceptional, Deaf, and Interpreter Education in the College of Education and Human Services.

**Paul Young, ’78**, Spearfish, was recently honored by a reading of House Commemoration No. 1005. Paul, a Spearfish City Councilman, was named the 2014 winner of the S.D. Municipal League Excellence in Municipal Government Award.

**The 80s** **Rick Dail, ’86**, and **Lorene (Meland) Ness, ’85**, morning show hosts on radio station Q923 were named the No. 1 morning show in the Rapid City market. Rick also serves as the program director for Q923.

**Becky (Peterson) Gropper Barry, ’80 & ’86**, Belle Fourche, an agent for New York life in Belle Fourche earned membership in the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) for 2014. MDRT membership represents the top life insurance and financial service professionals worldwide.

**Esther J. Newbrough, ’86**, Rapid City, was recently appointed vice president - corporate controller at Black Hills Corp. Ester is a 14-year veteran of the company and has served in numerous positions including assistant corporate controller and director of internal audit.

**Lorri Riley, ’87**, Spearfish, has been awarded a federal government patent for an insole design, J1 Insoles, that can help individuals who suffer from problems related to flat feet. This is Lorri’s second patent. She received a patent for another revolutionary foot care product, ThinNail, in 2005. ThinNail is a topical treatment for thick discolored nails.

## KUDOS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Anita Rochester, '85**, Rapid City, wrote *The Blueberry Patch*. (SBPRA). Written under the pseudonym, Laura Lee Royale, the book examines the effects of mental illness and bipolar affective disorder on families. This book shares the importance of family support and tells the story of two women who are diagnosed with bipolar affective disorder and the very different ways they deal with this mental illness. Anita works at Black Hills Corporation.

**Cleo (Ramsey) Rowe, '84**, Spearfish, is celebrating her 30th year of being the owner and teacher of Rainbow Preschool in Spearfish.

**LuAnn (Jensen) Schroeder, '85 & '02**, Spearfish, was awarded the South Dakota CTE Business, Marketing, and Information Technology Teacher of the Year at the South Dakota CTE conference held last summer in Mitchell. LuAnn teaches career planning, internships, accounting I, and accounting II, and is the Perkins Grant director at Spearfish High School.

**Darin Shryock, '86**, Tempe, Ariz., has been elected President of the Arizona Choral Educators, taking effect in April of this year. Darin is the director of choirs for the Marcos de Niza High School in Tempe.

**Lydia Whirlwind Soldier, '82**, Rosebud, received the South Dakota Living Indian Treasure Award during the 22nd annual Governor's Awards. The Living Indian Treasure Award recognizes preservation of excellence in traditional Native American art forms or breaking new ground through innovations based in traditional forms.

**Tara Thomas, '83**, Warwick, N.D., accepted a position as secondary principal at Warwick Public School.

**The 90s** **Ara Baumkratz, '99**, Rapid City, is now vice president of operations at the Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Association.

**Christine (Burtts) Christopherson, '98**, Williamsburg, Va., was hired as curriculum developer at the National Center for State Courts located on the campus of the College of William and Mary Law School. Christine

previously worked as the judicial branch educator for the S.D. Unified Judicial System.

**Roxanne (Tellinghuisen) Everhard, '97**, Moorcroft, Wyo., was named certified staff member of the year for Lakeview Elementary in Gillette, Wyo., during the 2013-2014 school year as librarian and technology facilitator. Roxanne is now the library media specialist at Lakeview Elementary.

**Jensen (Morris) Moore-Copple, '99**, Geismar, La. was named Southern Public Relations Federation (SPRF) Educator of the Year last fall. During the past year, Jensen was also recognized as the state of Louisiana Public Relations Educator of the Year by the Public Relations Association of Louisiana (PRAL) and was named one of three Promising Professors in her field by the Mass Communication and Society Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC).

**Moon (Jarvis) Hemeyer, '99**, Spearfish, obtained certification in postural restoration. Certification requires advanced courses, a demonstrated thorough understanding of the science of postural restoration and successful participation in clinic and analytical testing. Moon is a physical therapist with Spearfish Regional Rehabilitation.

**Vonna Laue, '96**, Brea, Calif., has stepped into the role of managing partner at CapinCrouse LLP. Vonna joined the firm in 1996 and was promoted to partner in 2008. She will continue in her role as west regional director, overseeing the firm's California offices.

**Shannon Percy, '96**, Sturgis, has been selected by The South Dakota Division of Parks and Recreation to receive the 2014 South Dakota State Parks Distinguished Service Award. Shannon is the district supervisor for the Black Hills Trails.

**Lori "Schuh" Stverak, '98**, Rapid City, has been named a state finalist for the Presidential Award in Math for 2014. Lori is currently employed with Valley View

Elementary School (VVES) and works in the learning center. VVES is in the Rapid City School District.

**Todd Stverak, '98**, Rapid City, has been hired by Horsley Specialties in Rapid City. Todd is a supervisor and does mitigation of asbestos and mold.

**Brent Tipton, '97**, Spearfish, was presented the 2014 Outstanding Owner Operator Award during the annual Papa Murphy's corporate convention. Brent is the owner of Papa Murphy's in Spearfish.

**Karen (Tarter) Wagner, '92**, Gladstone, N.D., earned a Master of Music Education degree from Anderson University in Anderson, S.C. Karen is a music specialist at Lincoln Elementary in Dickinson, N.D.

**Donald "Don" Zacher, Attended**, Spearfish, and his wife Mindy, of Lawrence Title Company received the 2015 Rising Star Award during an annual meeting of the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation (SEDC). The award is given to a small business that best exemplifies "the spirit of free enterprise" in Spearfish and recognizes those who excel in customer service and innovative product that has a local presence.

**The 00s** **Ryan Maher, '00**, owns Sparky's Bar & Grill in Isabel. The small town diner was recently recognized as one of the best 50 diners in America by *Business Insider*.

**Mitch Adams, '01**, Spearfish, a park ranger with the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service at the D.C. Booth Historic Fish Hatchery and Archives received the Governor's Certificate for Hospitality, acknowledging his outstanding service to hatchery visitors.

**Holly Boehnke, '02**, Black Hawk, recently obtained certification as orthopedic clinical specialist. Holly is a physical therapist with Lead-Deadwood Regional Hospital.

**Tonya Cranston, '07**, Kankakee, Ill., was hired as a production supervisor for AlbuRx department of CSL Behring, a biopharmaceutical company.



## KUDOS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Callie Gordon, '05**, Spearfish, recently became owner/partner of the Buffalo Jump Saloon & Steakhouse in Beulah, Wyo. Callie is also the manager for the bar and restaurant.

**Jessica (Painter) Holmes, '09**, Buffalo, was honored by the National Pole Bending Association with an induction into their Hall of Fame in Liberty, Ky. Jessica is a member of the Women's Pro Rodeo Association, the Slope Circuit Association, and a former member of the South Dakota Rodeo Association.

**Todd Lowery, '00**, has been named the new head coach of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley volleyball team. Todd was previously the head coach of the University of Texas at Brownsville volleyball team that won two national championships.

**Rebekah K. McClaskey, '04**, Lafayette, Colo., published *Breakup Rehab - Start Over Stronger*. The book examines clear steps to guide you to healing after losing the love you so hoped you could hold onto. Rebekah is an intuitive and relationship counselor with a private practice located in Denver, Colo.

**Brett Rauterkus, '08**, Spearfish, was awarded the Young Professional award during the 2014 South Dakota Parks and Recreation Association annual awards. Brett is the recreation and aquatics specialist at the Spearfish Rec & Aquatics Center.

**John L. Williams, '07**, Spearfish, recently opened Leones' Creamery, an ice cream parlor located in the historic city hall in Spearfish. John, his wife Rebecca and his sister-in-law **Hannah Leone, Attending**, are owners of the new establishment.

**The 10s** **Hayley Brooks, '13**, Rapid City, completed an internship in Washington D.C., at the United States Holocaust Museum where she worked in the Visitor Services Department. Hayley is now pursuing her master's degree online in library and information sciences from Rutgers University.

**Bethany Hansen, Class of '12**, is the production assistant/board operator at Wyoming Radio in Rock Springs, Wyo.

**Luke Enos, '13**, Spearfish, was hired to coach the varsity boys' basketball team at Spearfish High School.

**Brian Gebhart, '11**, has accepted a position in Denver as the membership and engagement coordinator for LoDo District, Inc.

**Nolan Schroeder, '12**, Hot Springs, has been named the city administrator for the City of Hot Springs.

**Alex Spencer, '13**, Rapid City, has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will serve as a community health volunteer in Ghana.

**Cheryl (Cowan) Westland, '10**, Belle Fourche, graduated from the University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy with her Doctorate in Pharmacy. She is now employed at Lynn's DakotaMart in Belle Fourche as a pharmacist.

**1883-2014** **David Wharton, '68**, and **Louis Young, Attended**, were inducted into the Buffalo Hall of Fame in Fort Pierre. David participated in football, basketball and track at Fort Pierre High School from 1959-63. David earned all-conference and all-state honors. Louis was a three sport star for the Stanley County Buffalos, participating in football, basketball and track.

**Christle (Honadel) Robinson, '82 & '02**, Central City, and **Dee Welsch, '82**, Golden, Colo., published *Dick Fort: Visual Art Retrospective*. The book honors the work of Black Hills artist Dick Fort. Christle and Dee compiled and photographed nearly 200 pieces of Dick's artwork for the book.

Alumni named by *Black Hills Woman Magazine* to the 11 most Fabulous Women of 2015: **Kay Jorgensen, '73**, Spearfish; and **Urla (Charette) Marcus, '99 & '07**, Spearfish.



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## BIRTHS

**The 90s** Jodi (Rembold), '99, and husband Loren Garcia, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Leah Mae, Sept. 2, 2014. Leah joins big brothers Christian (5) and Eli (2). Jodi is a State Farm insurance agent in Spearfish.

**Scott Kieper**, '95, and wife Chelsea "Chels" (Gordon), Commerce City, Colo., had a baby boy, Stone Howard David, Nov. 8, 2014. Scott works for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**The 00s** Amber (Riggins), '06 & '12, and husband Jacob Cornella, Rapid City, had a baby boy, Jace Randy, June 16, 2014. Amber is the human resources manager for Black Hills Corporation/Black Hills Power.

**Dennis Newell**, '04, and wife Catelin Ann (Hoffman), Lincoln, N.D., had a baby boy

Crosby Ray, July 8, 2014. Dennis is the head cross country coach and assistant track & field coach at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D.

**Brandy (Engel)**, '07, and husband **Aaron Renville**, '07, Rapid City, had a baby girl, Tinsley Beth, Aug. 11, 2014. Brandy is a compensation analyst with Black Hills Corporation and Aaron is a personal banker with Great Western Bank.

**Kim (Schubert)**, '02, and husband **Shawn Wenko**, '99, Williston, N.D., had a baby girl, London Grace, May 31, 2014. She joins big sister Brooklyn (3). Kim recently graduated from NDSU with her master's in educational leadership and is currently the marketing manager for Williston State College. Shawn was hired last October by the Williston Economic Development Department as their new executive director.

**The 10s** **Kasey (Benedict)**, '10, and husband Donald Salazar, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Hunter John, Oct. 1, 2014. Kasey is a HR generalist II in the Human Resources Office at BHSU.

**Victoria "Rosie" (Two Shields)**, '11, and husband **Rylan Sprague**, '12, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Nels Arleigh, May 18, 2014. Rosie is the assistant director at the Center for American Indian Studies at BHSU. Rylan works as the Northern Hills district botanist for the U.S. Forest Service in Spearfish.

**Tania (New)**, '12, and **Mitchell "Mitch" DeMers**, '13, Watertown, had a baby girl, Finnley Ryann, Feb. 3. Tania is a technology coordinator for the Summit School District in northeastern South Dakota. Mitch is continuing his education at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown.

## ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES

**The 00s** **Rebecca "Becky" Ellingson**, '07, married Daniel Block, Sept. 13, 2014. Becky works in the accounting department at Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union in Lemmon. The couple resides in Lemmon.

**Michelle Wenzel**, '01, married Jason De Neui, Sept. 13, 2014. Michelle is the assistant finance officer for the City of Spearfish.

**Carena Christiansen**, '07, married Brent Reausaw, Aug. 4, 2014. Carena is currently working at Black Hills Medical Billing. The couple resides in Whitewood.

**The 10s** **Callie Huber**, '10, will marry **Aaron Wagner**, '06, Sept. 19, 2015. Callie is a marketing specialist for Security First Bank in Rapid City. Aaron is the owner of Edge Sports in Rapid City and Lead.



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Marjorie M. (Voelzke) Bash-Krcil, Attended, Yankton  
 Francis E. Carr, Attended, Newcastle, Wyo.  
 Marlene M. (Palmer) Caton, '54, Pinedale, Wyo.  
 Verna M. (Jones) Clark, Attended, Sundance, Wyo.  
 Sandra (Finney) Coleman, Attended, Hulett, Wyo.  
 Laurel E. (Williams) Cooley, '51, Spearfish  
 Elsie "Joanne" (Robbins) Denham, '52, Belle Fourche  
 Vera M. (Simon) Elwood, Attended, Sturgis  
 Melanie A. (Pelzer) Esselman, '63, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Lois (Smith) Fitzgerald-Doran, Attended, Spearfish  
 Anna "Judy" L. (Nolan) Gensler, '59, Sioux Falls  
 Allevia "Dolly" L. (Royer) Gillespie, Attended, Spearfish  
 Emery K. Gross, '61, Rapid City  
 Zoe L. (Chord) Grotzke, '42, Missoula, Mont.  
 Florence A. (Adam) Halls, Attended, Hot Springs  
 Frederick "Fred" C. Hanson, Jr., '59, Thermopolis, Wyo.  
 Myrtle L. (Bowker) Howard, Attended, Rapid City  
 Robert R. Jensen, Sr., '61, Deadwood  
 Phyllis L. Johnson, '43 & '55, Lead  
 Barbara M. (Rich) Larson, Attended, Spearfish  
 Frank "Charlie" C. Loup, Attended, Spearfish  
 Leslie M. (Roberts) Mann, '42, New Underwood  
 Helen W. (Goerndt) Meink, '62, Lemmon  
 Harold A. Mills, '53, Arlington, Ohio  
 Greta K. (Giannonatti) Nelson, '53, Sturgis  
 Frances I. (May) Noble, '61 & '66, Rapid City  
 Doris "Jean" J. (Sampson) Owen, Attended, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.  
 Valene M. (Riggins) Perault, Attended, Belvidere  
 Carol (McCarroll) Perry, '65, Winter Springs, Fla.  
 Richard "Dick" W. Peterson, Attended, Spearfish  
 Nyla J. (Wince) Schad, Attended, Spearfish  
 Charlotte M. (Bryant) Schuttler, Attended, Spearfish  
 Evelyn "Brownie" M. (Brown) Simons, Attended, Rapid City  
 Alice L. (Smith) Smith, '42, Sioux Falls  
 Martha L. (Ensign) Smoot, '49, '50, '53, Moorcroft, Wyo.  
 Arnold D. Syverts, '55, Riverton, Wyo.  
 Rita M. Taggart, Attended, Rapid City  
 Eileen M. (Van Cleave) Tenold, Attended, Rapid City  
 Alvin "Al" Yanzick, '52, Portland, Ore.  
 Mae I (Bergner) Yeaton, Attended, Chamberlain

**Black Hills State College, 1964-1988**

Guy F. Bailey, '70, Port Huron, Mich.  
 James "Jim" C. Berendes, Attended, Rapid City  
 Robert A. Brom, '70, Stillwater, Minn.  
 Jane C. (Kimball) Bunch, '64, Rapid City  
 Darlene S. (Fritz) Burckhard, '67, Belle Fourche  
 Guy F. Bailey, '70, Port Huron, Mich.  
 A.H. Bart Dean, '74, Spokane, Wash.  
 Vickie L. (Thomas) Donegan, '75, Athens, Ala.  
 Jeri A. Drew, Attended, Lake Norden  
 Wilma A. (Enloe) Gabrielson, '75, Rapid City  
 Marjorie L. (Moore) Goodwin, '71, Eden Prairie, Minn.  
 Larry Hines, '64, Sturgis  
 Kerin A. (Sturis) Jarvi, '77, Belle Fourche  
 Otha M. (Roy) Joens, '76, Keene, N.D.  
 James "Jim" D. Matson, '72, Riverton, Wyo.  
 Linda (Keehn) Maxwell, Attended, Belle Fourche  
 Lucille "Colette" F. (Neigel) Monat, '73, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
 Robert "Bob" E. Moore, '68, Largo, Fla.  
 Evelyn I. (Lamke) Mudlin, '71, Rapid City  
 Deborah S. (Patton) Napier, Attended, Rapid City  
 Daniel H. Perrett, Attended, Rapid City  
 Marie "Retta" L. (Filholm) Quinn, '72 & '74, Oceanside, Calif.  
 John B. Rau, Attended, Tucson, Ariz.

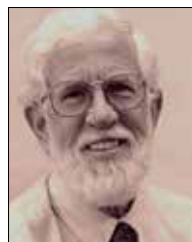
Creighton L. Robertson, '71, Sioux Falls  
 Jerry M. Runs-After, Sr., Attended, Rapid City  
 Helen (Anderson) Schad, '73, Eagle Butte  
 Grace E. (Prange) Schmitt, '81, Watertown  
 Gail C. Scott, '75, Conyers, Ga.  
 Delilah "Dee" M. (Boreson) Sharpe, Attended, Moberge  
 Jerry L. Strong, Attended, Upton, Wyo.  
 Robert W. Strong, '67, Phoenix, Ariz.  
 Samuel "Sam" B. Tidball, '64 & '67, Fort Pierre  
 Thomas "Tom" R. Voorhis, '68, Spearfish  
 Cecil V. Weston, Sr., Attended, Porcupine

**Black Hills State University, 1989-Present**

Michele L. Artery, Attended, Corvallis, Ore.  
 Jeni M. Barraclough, '97, Spearfish  
 Clovis M. Bowles, '90, Lisbon, Iowa  
 Kasey R. Campbell, Attended, Rapid City  
 Kalani "Kal" A. Corpuz, '12, Rapid City  
 Wallace "Wally" L. Dick, '93, Houston, Texas  
 William "Jim" J. Golay, '84, Mills, Wyo.  
 Cameron "Cam" T. Homuth, Attended, Rapid City  
 Angela K. (McCue) Huntley, '99, Onida  
 Ordahl "Odie" A. Javurek, '06, Rapid City  
 Harley A. Lux, '06, Hot Springs  
 Karon K. (Lowe) Palmer, Attended, Sturgis  
 Susan M. (Gavin) Regan, '94, Gillette, Wyo.  
 Bette A. (Blauvelt) Traill, Attended, Holdrege, Neb.  
 Elissa R. (Varner) Willuweit, '13, Spearfish

**Former Faculty/Staff**

Rosalie J. Little Thunder, Rapid City  
 Gerald L. One Feather, Sr., Oglala  
 Monica J. Beer, Deadwood



Emeritus professor in the College of Science and Technology, **Charley Conger**, died Jan. 31. Conger taught at BHSU from 1968 until his retirement in 1996. He coached the Yellow Jacket football team's offensive line from 1980-1982 and was actively involved in Faculty Senate, Green and Gold Club and Technology Club. Conger was a member of the International State Technology Education Association and was elected as South Dakota Technology Teacher of the Year in 1992. Following retirement, he served as Chaplain of the Northern Hills Hospice. Memorials have been established to benefit BHSU's Green and Gold Athletic Scholarship Foundation and Hospice of the Northern Hills.



Regent **Randall (Randy) Morris** died Nov. 8. Morris, Class of '74, was appointed to the Board of Regents by Gov. Bill Janklow in 2001, and was later reappointed by Gov. Mike Rounds and current Gov. Dennis Daugaard. An innovator in workforce development, Morris was hired to begin the first educational cooperative in western South Dakota in 1980. The resulting Black Hills Special Services

Cooperative (BHSSC) grew from nine to 550 employees providing education, vocational training and employment services throughout the state. In 1985, Morris established Technology and Innovation in Education to assist schools and educators in technology integration. The past assistant director of special education with the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, Morris served on the South Dakota Regional Economic Development and West River Business Service Center boards, among many others.

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## Looking ahead

Student Volunteer Awards Celebration  
April 13

Lakota Omniciye Wacipi (Pow Wow)  
April 17-19

Gridiron Gathering  
April 18

Class of 1965: 50-year Club Reunion  
May 8-9

Commencement  
May 9

Summer Stage  
June 2015

Jacket Ride  
August 4

Swarm Week  
October 5-10

The 1974-78 Football Team Reunion  
October 10

Stadium Sports Grill Old Baldy  
Golf Classic, Saratoga, Wyo.  
June 5-7

Mark Larscheid Memorial Golf Classic  
July 3

Yellow Jacket Golf Classic & Auction by  
White's Canyon Motors, Hulett, Wyo.  
August 14

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[www.BHSU.edu](http://www.BHSU.edu) for the most up-to-date information.

For athletic events, visit [www.BHSUAthletics.com](http://www.BHSUAthletics.com).



## Looking back

### Join the huddle during the 2015 Swarm Week

Doug Murphy, quarterback, launches the football for Black Hills State College. Murphy was a senior Yellow Jacket in 1974. The 1974-78 football teams are invited to a 2015 Swarm Days reunion in honor of their head coach Gene Schlekeway. Gene coached the Yellow Jackets from 1968-82 and is planning to reunite with all his teams over the next two years. For more information, please contact Gene Schlekeway at [Normagene@knology.net](mailto:Normagene@knology.net) or [Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu](mailto:Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu) or (605) 642-6385.

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