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# Campus E-Update

February 6, 2018  
Faculty/Staff



your **announcement** by 8:30 a.m.  
Tuesday  
to be included in that day's Campus e-  
Update.  
Example: events, FYIs, and campus notices



your **great news**  
Example: remarkable or noteworthy  
accomplishments,  
achievements, or special recognitions

[Announcements page](#) is updated daily. The Campus E-Update is emailed on Tuesday and Thursday.

## Announcements

### Chinese Visiting Faculty

Betsy Hu Xiao Qiong is Professor of linguistics and head of English Department, Foreign Languages College, China Three Gorges University. She received her master degree majoring in linguistics and applied linguistics in Guangzhou Foreign Languages University, Guangzhou, China. Betsy has taught English-related courses to both undergraduate and postgraduate students including linguistics, English listening, speaking, writing, interpreting, translating, Chinese culture, second language acquisition, as well as Mandarin and Chinese culture to international students at Three Gorges University. She has taught Chinese as an exchange teacher in Australia and worked as a visiting professor in Belgium. As a teacher, she has gained a variety of awards in teaching and research ranging from provincial to university levels. So far, she has had more than 40 articles published in both international and Chinese journals covering a wide range of research areas such as teaching methodology, cross-cultural communications, language acquisition, applied linguistics and pragmatics. Her interests include linguistic studies, language and culture, translation, ecolinguistics, global English and China English studies.

Betsy is willing to attend any class to share Chinese language, culture or other special topics. Please contact the international office ([international@BHSU.edu](mailto:international@BHSU.edu)) to reserve some time in her schedule. Also, if you have a class you think she might enjoy attending or an event, please invite her as well! Her lectures have received rave reviews already!

*--Submitted by Katie Wildman on 2018-02-06*

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### Success Summit Minutes

Dear Colleagues,

Attached is the link to the notes, questions and conversation from the Student Success Summit on January 4 at the Joy Center. The participants were faculty, staff and administrators. We would like to thank all those who were able to participate. This past month there have been additional conversations on how we will proceed as a campus with the information collected. If you wish to be a part of the discussions please contact Dr. Chris Crawford, Provost or Dr. Lois Flagstad, VP for Enrollment and Student Affairs. Thank you.

<https://yellowjacketsbhsu.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/StudentSuccess/EXDWjjE3KONApIMpZTMIzagBol6B01oG-jWQ7kBClmJqFO?e=haz1Yg>

*--Submitted by Jane Klug on 2018-02-06*

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### **BHSU Concert Choir Singing Valentines**

The BHSU Concert Choir is giving you the chance to treat your special someone a musical valentine! For just \$10, a talented group will deliver a flower to any person of your choosing and serenade them with a short love song. These "valentines" will be delivered starting at 8:00 AM Wednesday, Feb. 14. Visit [bit.ly/BHSUSingingValentines](http://bit.ly/BHSUSingingValentines) and send us your valentine's information and class schedule. Don't miss the chance to make this Valentine's Day one to remember!

*--Submitted by Carrisa Deming on 2018-02-05*

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### **BHSU Corporate Golf Membership**

Dana and LaDawn Dykhous of Sioux Falls have again this year purchased and donated to Black Hills State University a corporate membership to the Spearfish Canyon Country Club for the 2018 golf season. The Dykhous family want to give a benefit to state employees that work at BHSU as a way to say thank you for your hard work and dedication. Dana and LaDawn also understand the importance of university employees mixing with townspeople to continue to build the relationship that exists between the two and they feel that the country club is one way to accomplish this.

The corporate membership allows BHSU employees to get golf memberships (half price) at \$599 for a single or \$799 for a family. Please contact the country club and let them know you are an employee of BHSU. If you have already paid your membership dues for 2018, please talk to Rob Kortan (club pro) for an adjustment in your membership fees. A thank you to Dana and LaDawn for this gift can be sent to [ddykhous@firstpremier.com](mailto:ddykhous@firstpremier.com). Quoting Dana "We really appreciate all the thank you notes and emails we receive from BHSU staff who enjoy this benefit."

*--Submitted by Steve Meeker on 2018-02-05*

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### **BHSU Sustainability Master Plan**

Check out BHSU's Sustainability Master Plan on the BHSU website! This Sustainability Master Plan represents BHSU's desire to take their sustainability commitment to the next level. This plan sets important new goals for the university to meet by 2030. You can find the Master Plan on [bhsu.edu/sustain](http://bhsu.edu/sustain) by clicking on the Master Plan link. Achieving the goals on the Master Plan will allow BHSU to solidify and celebrate its role as the leading university for sustainability in the region.

*--Submitted by Petrika Peters on 2018-02-02*

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### **Summer & Fall Registration**

Summer and Fall 2018 registration, initially, opened last November. If you haven't already registered for your fall and/or summer classes, **now is the time!** We will begin registering new students soon. Don't miss out on the classes you need at the times you want.

If you have an advising hold preventing you from registering, contact your faculty advisor for an appointment, right away. Then, use Webadvisor to finalize your schedule before the incoming freshman and transfer students begin to register.

*--Submitted by Johanna Best on 2018-01-30*

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## **Events**

### **2018 Legislative Cracker Barrel is set for Feb. 10 at BHSU**

BHSU and the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a cracker barrel Saturday, Feb. 10th at 9 a.m. at the Joy Center to discuss the Legislative session.

Legislative cracker barrels offer access to your local legislators, as well as the chance to hear their answers on a variety of Legislative topics. Rep. Charles Turbiville, Rep. Tim Johns and Sen. Bob Ewing will give updates and answer questions from the audience.

Here's a list of other local cracker barrels:

**Fort Pierre:** Saturday, Feb. 10 @ Magpies | 9:30am - 11:00am

**Piedmont:** Saturday, Feb. 10 @ the Piedmont Valley Legion Post | 2pm - 4:30pm

### **Rapid City:**

Saturday, February 10 at Western Dakota Tech from 9 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, February 17 at the Outdoor Campus West from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24 at the South Dakota School of Mines from 9 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, March 3 at Western Dakota Tech from 9 to 11 a.m.

The term cracker barrel refers to the 1800s when rural people would gather around the “cracker barrels” at the country store to informally discuss politics and other news of the day. Today’s cracker barrels offer informative and respectful discussions.

*--Submitted by Blake Hartman on 2018-02-06*

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### **SDRS Presentations at the Benefit Expo**

Do you contribute to the SDRS? Not sure? Have questions? If you can answer yes to any of these, the 9 am presentation on Thursday March 1st is for you!

Please join SDRS for a general overview of the South Dakota Retirement System. Here you can learn the ins and outs of your current plan. Prize drawings will also be held for attendees!

*--Submitted by Kasey Salazar on 2018-02-06*

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### **11th Annual Benefits Fair is fast approaching!**

On Thursday, March 1, 2018, a variety of investment/insurance companies will be on campus and available from 9 am - 2 pm in the Student Union’s Jacket Legacy Room to meet with you about investing opportunities and/or your employee benefits.

Also, speakers are scheduled to present as shown below:

9:00—10:00: SDRS - A general overview of the SD Retirement System and what this means for you!

10:15—11:15: SDRS Supplemental - A summary of the 457 and Special Pay Plans.

11:30—12:30: Jon Pochop - Act on Values: How to keep your values at the forefront of decisions!

12:45—2:15: SDRS - Early to Mid- Career Workshop; what you should be doing right now for your future.

Open to all BHSU employees, students and spouses with prize drawings for those who attend! This is a great opportunity to learn about investing as well as ask questions about your employee benefits! ([Click here to view flyer](#))

Please contact Human Resources at 642.6549 with questions.

*--Submitted by Kasey Salazar on 2018-02-06*

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### **Spring Career & Internship Fair**

Join us for a wonderful opportunity to meet and network with professionals who are specifically looking for students who are looking for careers or internships. Take the time to learn about careers that you may not have previously considered. All junior and seniors are strongly encouraged to attend. Freshman and sophomores are welcome to attend as well. Remember, networking (even when you are not looking for a job) is a vital skill to have in the job market.

The BHSU Spring Career and Internship Fair is scheduled for **Monday, February 12th in the Jacket Legacy Room** with an exclusive luncheon opportunity to network with employers before the fair. Food is provided at no cost. This is limited to the first 30 students.

Networking Luncheon 12pm - 1pm

Freshman / Sophomore Networking Session 1pm - 2pm

Internship / Career Fair 2pm - 4pm

For more information, or to register for the networking luncheon, please email [Dana.Weber@BHSU.edu](mailto:Dana.Weber@BHSU.edu). Thank you!

*--Submitted by Dana Weber on 2018-02-05*

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### **Bloody Valentine Blood Drive!**

The Health Sciences Student Organization is hosting a United Blood Services Blood Drive right here on campus! The blood drive is February 14th from 9:30am-4pm in the Jacket Legacy Room. Sign up by clicking the link below, or contact Joseph Rath ([joseph.rath@yellowjackets.bhsu.edu](mailto:joseph.rath@yellowjackets.bhsu.edu)). Give blood 3 times a year to save lives!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13ddHIE4qhXCDo8eCrPnwaaZVK\\_xK8AptkNQO\\_ymWxhg/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13ddHIE4qhXCDo8eCrPnwaaZVK_xK8AptkNQO_ymWxhg/edit#gid=0)

*--Submitted by Joseph Rath on 2018-02-05*

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### **Nerd Night**

Nerd Night on Monday, February 26th at Crow Peak Brewery! Join the Health Sciences Student Organization for a night of trivia! Teams of up to four compete in three rounds of trivia for prizes from the BHSU Bookstore! Snacks provided, all ages welcome! Snacks and drinks start at 6:45pm and trivia starts at 7!

*--Submitted by Joseph Rath on 2018-02-05*

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### **Geek Speak: America's Favorite Carnage: Selling Wilderness Ordeals as Spectacle**

Please join us for this week's Geek Speak on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in JONAS 305 (please note the room change!)

#### **Tim Steckline: "America's Favorite Carnage: Selling Wilderness Ordeals as Spectacle"**

As the French Situationist movement could tell you, it's refreshing to get lost in this day and age. But the reinscribed media genre of the "wilderness ordeal," in which a human protagonist is depicted as lost and desperately alone in the wilderness, threatens to domesticate even this most feral narrative form. A Situationist critique of the film *127 Hours*, which dramatizes the ordeal of Aron Ralston in a Utah slot canyon, shows us a person engrossed in the digital spectacle even when pinned in a Utah slot canyon. Ralston's episode is compared not only to other recently dramatized ordeals, such as those of Timothy Treadwell and Chris McCandless, but also for historical context the wilderness ordeals of Hugh Glass and Cabeza de Vaca, or the less well publicized modern ordeals of Rudi Lambrechtse and John Ey III. The Situationist take on such reinscribed narratives emerging in the era of the digital spectacle would advise that once our everyday life experience has become so alienating that it requires a spectacular rebirth in a lonely wilderness ordeal, we are culturally in bad shape. We consumers of spectacles may be compared to George Bailey from Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life*, or a Deadhead pleading for tickets: we need a miracle.

*--Submitted by Courtney Huse-Wika on 2018-02-05*

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### **Fine Arts Faculty Focus**

On Thursday, February 15 from 4:00PM-6:00PM in Club Buzz, the Fine Arts Faculty at BHSU will be presenting their personal artwork in quick 5-10 minute sessions. This will be an opportunity for students, colleagues, staff, and public to get to know the BHSU artist faculty and the artwork they do! This event is designed to allow art and art education majors (including photo, studio, and graphic design) to develop mentorships with faculty whose research may align with their interests! We welcome everyone to attend, not just art majors!

*--Submitted by Desy Schoenewies on 2018-02-02*

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### **Tax Team on Site**

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IRS-Certified Tax Team will prepare your tax return for FREE.  
Every Tuesday from now until Feb 27 @ 2 PM - 7:30 PM  
BHSU Jonas Computer Room 205  
Basic returns, income < \$54,000  
Questions: call Robin @ 605-642-6002

--Submitted by Robin Meyerink on 2018-02-01

## News Releases

### [South Dakota Entrepreneur & Philanthropist, T. Denny Sanford Gifts \\$30 Million to the Horatio Alger Association Endowment - Its Largest Single Gift Ever Received](#)

Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals and encouraging youth to pursue their dreams through higher education, today announced receipt of a \$30 million endowment gift from T. Denny Sanford, Horatio Alger Association Member and chairman of the board for United National Corporation, the holding company for First PREMIER Bank and PREMIER Bankcard, headquartered in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This transformative gift is the largest single donation ever received by the Association since its inception in 1947.

### [Geek Speak explores the allure of modern-day Berlin](#)

In his Geek Speak, "Berlin Now: A Portrait of a City after the Wall," Dr. Adam Blackler, assistant professor of history at BHSU, will attempt to explain why Berlin has become one of the most popular cities in the world. The public has two opportunities to engage in this speak: Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. at the Jacket Zone in downtown Spearfish and Thursday, Feb. at 4 p.m. in Jonas 110. All Geek Speaks are free and open to the public.

### [Renowned photographer and BHSU alum returns to present his work and expertise](#)

Adventure sport and climbing photographer Jeremiah Watt will give a free public presentation at Black Hills State University Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.

Watt is a 2005 BHSU photography program alum. In 2012, he earned a master of fine arts in photography from the University of Utah. Recent photographic projects have taken him to France, Spain, Costa Rica, Mexico, Argentina, and Belize. He is currently based in Salt Lake City, Utah. Watt is a lively and engaging speaker who enjoys sharing his tales of adventure with others. His matter-of-fact and direct approach to climbing, the outdoors, and photography is inspirational. There will be time following his presentation for questions and comments.

### [SDSMG spring trading session begins Feb. 5](#)

Teachers may now register for the spring session of the South Dakota Stock Market Game Program (SDSMG.) The spring session begins Monday, Feb. 5 and ends its 10-week trading period Friday, April 20.

The SDSMG is a real-time online stock market simulation where teams of students research and purchase a portfolio of stocks. Students compete for cash prizes in the middle school, high school, and college divisions. Teachers receive weekly newsletters and online training to integrate the program into a variety of grade levels and subjects. The SDSMG program is the only online stock simulation program endorsed by the South Dakota Council on Economic Education.

### [BHSU Department of Music announces spring concert schedule](#)

The hallways of Clare and Josef Meier Hall echo as student and faculty musicians rehearse for the Black Hills State University spring concerts which include student senior recitals, concerts, faculty recitals, a trumpet day, and the first ever guest appearance of the traveling U.S. Air Force Academy Band - Academy Winds. The BHSU Department of Music invites the community to enjoy the upcoming events.

All concerts, unless otherwise noted, are free, open to the public, and located in the Clare and Joseph Meier Recital Hall.

The spring events will commence with the United State Air Force Academy Band - Academy Winds from Colorado Springs, Colo., performance Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. This group tours the country as part of the military's community outreach, and this will be their first visit to BHSU.

**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

Check out upcoming events on the [Campus Calendar](#)

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[BHSU.edu/news](http://BHSU.edu/news)

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