

# Alumni Magazine

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Dr. Lionel Bordeaux, '64  
*President, Sinte Gleska University*

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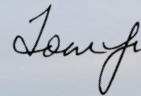
## Hello from your alma mater

All of us at Black Hills State University continue to appreciate our location in this beautiful part of the world. Our surroundings inspire us and create opportunities for learning, reflection, adventure, and innovation. We strive to create exceptional educational experiences for our students whether it's an orienteering workshop in the Black Hills National Forest, an internship with Sanford Health, or a service learning experience in the Philippines.

The Black Hills is a special place to live. BHSU is committed to doing everything we can to ensure the Spirit of the Hills remains in place for future generations. That's what motivates us to increase our sustainability efforts on campus and in the region. Our actions are being recognized and applauded regionally and nationally. We are also dedicated to creating historic collaborations in higher education with Western Dakota Technical Institute in Rapid City, Chadron State College in Nebraska, and across the world including outreach in Mongolia, Botswana, China, South Korea, Slovenia, Germany, and many other countries.

You, our alumni and friends, are a testament to BHSU's success. We celebrate you for your accomplishments and your ongoing commitment to making our world a better place. Whether you are presenting at the World's Indigenous People's Education Conference, conducting research at Sanford Lab with colleagues at the world famous FermiLab, attending the Olympics, making an impact in Washington, D.C., or teaching art in Portugal, your leadership and presence in schools, churches, businesses, and organizations magnifies the positive energy that originated right here in the Black Hills.

I hope to see you soon. Join us for commencement, the Jacket Ride during the Sturgis Rally or Swarm Day 2018.



Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., President  
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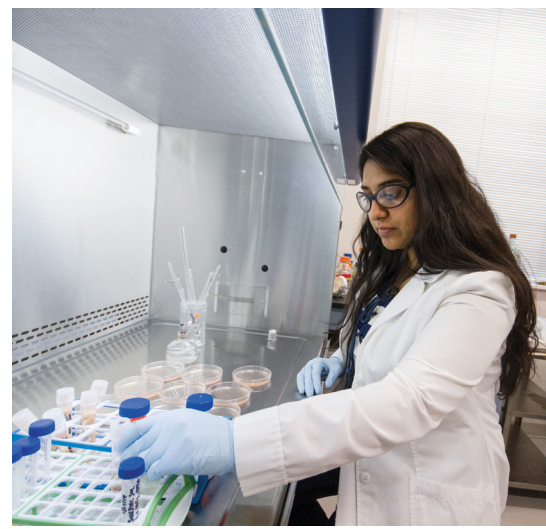
## You are BHSU and we are proud of you!



BHSU students use the new stone bridge connecting the campus green to Lionel R. Bordeaux Residence Hall.



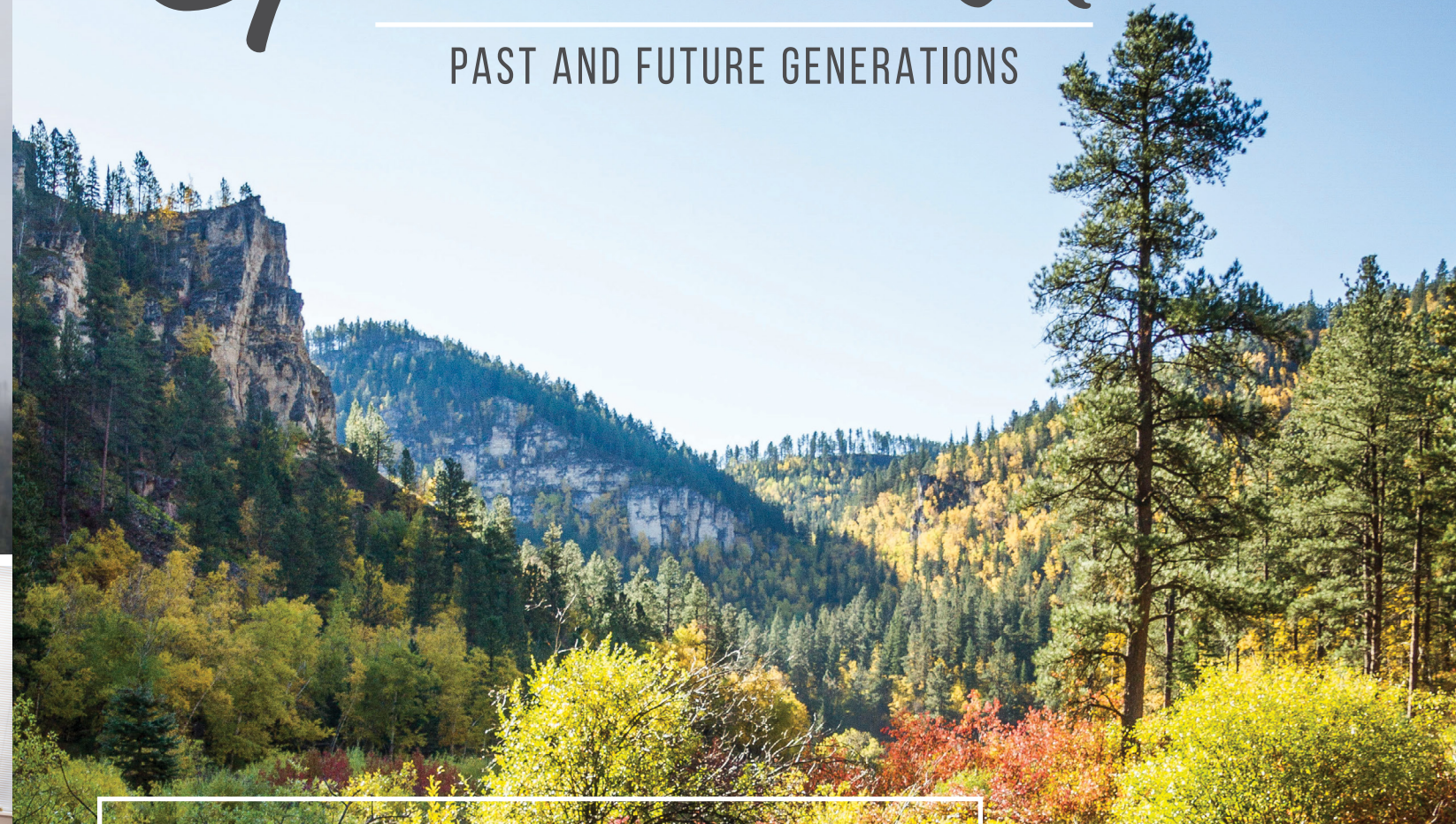
BHSU Alum Walter Panzire, '02, his wife Tina and kids Keturah and Gideon traveled to South Korea for the 2018 Winter Olympics.



Naveen Malik, '17, works in a BHSU lab testing the efficiency of new compounds in killing candida, the most common cause of fungal infections.

# THE Spirit OF THE Hills

## PAST AND FUTURE GENERATIONS



### POWER OF PLACE

In the Lakota language, the Black Hills are described as "Paha Sapa" or the "heart of everything." To the Oglala Lakota people, the Black Hills are a place of great meaning and importance. Ancient Lakota practices in astrology and geography connected constellations with corresponding natural features of the Hills. Several mountains and locations throughout the Hills continue to be regarded as sacred places to the Lakota people. At BHSU, several courses incorporate educational field trips to these sacred places located near the University.

### CARE OF CULTURE

The Jace DeCory Center for American Indian Studies at BHSU assists the University in both recruiting and retaining students of American Indian ancestry. The Center provides a "home away from home" for all students and promotes awareness of American Indian cultures, value systems, and social problems. BHSU has the highest proportion of American Indian students of any South Dakota state institution of higher learning.

### REMEMBERING RELATIVES

To reflect the University's commitment to maintaining strong ties to the American Indian community, several campus buildings and locations have been named in honor of outstanding American Indian faculty and alumni. A medicine wheel imprint on the pavement of the campus green signifies the cycles of life and growth at BHSU, a University committed to student learning and development. Just as the Lakota people work to protect the Black Hills, BHSU aims to preserve the natural features of its surrounding lands.

## BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI MAGAZINE - SPRING 2018

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# The Honor of a Name

As the evenings darkened on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, a young Dr. Lionel Bordeaux, '64, remembers hearing his grandfather singing in Lakota. The sweet sounds of Lionel's native language filled the evening with serenity. The accompaniment to his grandpa's voice was the hoot of the owls outside their home.

The owl's call was the first of many instances in his life where Lionel says his ancestry, spirituality, and family helped lead him along life's path. Today, Lionel has the distinction of being one of the longest-serving university presidents currently in office. He has served as President of Sinte Gleska University in Mission, S.D., for nearly 45 years.

This fall, BHSU dedicated the newest residence hall on campus in honor of Lionel as one of the University's most accomplished alumni. The Lionel R. Bordeaux Residence Hall, which opened in 2015, is a 50,000 square foot building that connects two existing halls, Heidepriem and Thomas, and serves as a living-learning community for nearly 200 students.

## THE HOOT OF AN OWL

Lionel lived on campus as a freshman at BHSU, then known as Black Hills Teachers College. Like many college students living away from home, he describes his first days on campus as lonesome.

"When I went to bed that first night I was thinking 'college isn't for me.' Then I heard an owl hoot. I couldn't believe with all the people walking around on campus, there's an owl hooting. It took me back home to my grandpa's evening song," says Lionel.

Determined to find his way at BH, Lionel signed up for football, a new sport for him. Back home he was one of the bigger young men but that wasn't the case at BHSU.

"Was I ever in for a surprise at the size of the tackles and guards. I was also not aware that there were designed plays whereby four players could hit you at the same time," laughs Lionel.

Lionel switched to wrestling, but little did he know the team ran six miles before beginning practice. It all paid off, though. Lionel and his 1963-64 wrestling teammates were later named Conference wrestling champions under Coach Tony Schavone. The team was inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame in 2010.

But still lonesome his freshman year at BH, Lionel packed up his dorm room and planned to quit school.

His grandpa had since passed away but when he arrived home, he was greeted and encouraged by his grandmother.

"If Pop were alive, he'd want you in school,' I remember her telling me," says Lionel. "I told her I would finish my degree. After returning to BHSU, I never heard the owl's hoot again."

His commitment to his grandmother impelled him to become a campus leader. He served as President of Lakota Omnicoye, the American Indian student organization; pinned the heavyweight from the School of Mines in a wrestling match; worked at the local Passion Play; and entered the Yellow Jacket Rodeo as a specialty act—riding a black angus bull and winning his division.

But it was wearing his cap and gown for graduation that Bordeaux says is his best memory at BH.



Dr. Lionel Bordeaux addresses the crowd gathered on campus in October during the dedication of a BHSU residence hall in his name.

"I was proud knowing I could now secure myself employment to take care of and have a family, and that I made my ancestral family proud of what we all achieved together with my graduation," says Lionel.

## AN UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITY

Following graduation, Lionel began working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in New Mexico. He planned to make it a lifelong career, earned his master's degree and was pursuing a doctoral degree when his plans changed drastically.

"A Lakota gentleman named Stanley Red Bird, Sr., came to see me. His reasons for the visit were sacred and powerful. His message was spiritual and long-lasting," says Lionel.

As the meeting progressed, Red Bird shared with Lionel his vision. Red Bird had called upon tribal spiritual leaders to help him with his vision – and saw that his tribal people had difficult times ahead and would need to be prepared and strengthened. They had plans to develop a tribal higher educational institution and wanted a local tribal person to serve as president of the university.

Tribal medicine men had conducted ceremonies and Lionel's name was revealed as the expected leader. Red Bird said they needed someone with academic credentials who knew the Lakota language.

"I was 32 years old with four little kids. I went back and talked to my wife, Barbara. She said if that's your calling, that's what we'll do."

Lionel and his family moved home and he began serving as President of Sinte Gleska University committed to strengthening the Rosebud Sioux Tribe through his work.

## STABILITY AND STRENGTH

To gain collaboration and support for the University, Lionel pursued an elected position on the tribal council where he served 14 years as a representative. Lionel says that looking back now, pursuing election on a tribal council was timely and beneficial.

Tribal colleges around the country were pursuing U.S. Congressional recognition and funding and oftentimes legislators would only work with elected tribal officials.

"I got myself on every Indian education organization in the country. Being an elected tribal official was very helpful in slowly opening legislative doors," says Lionel.

After six years of knocking on doors in D.C. and being turned down for support, in 1978 President Jimmy Carter finally signed

the "Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act" to provide resources for establishing and improving tribal colleges.

Continuing his national leadership, Lionel led Sinte Gleska in being the first tribal institution of higher learning to be accredited at the bachelor's and master's degree levels.

"Securing accreditation was a big, proud moment. Now, we were recognized in the academic world," says Lionel.

Lionel's years as an Indian educator have brought him well-deserved recognition for his accomplishments. He was recently honored with an honorary doctorate degree at the World's Indigenous People's Education Conference and has two other honorary doctorates. He has received the National Indian Educator of the Year and also its Lifetime Achievement Award, and has been awarded several Living Legend awards. Lionel was twice appointed by U.S. Presidents to serve on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education and as President of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities. He also co-chaired the historic White House Conference on Indian Education.

At a ceremony held at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Lionel was honored by the International Phelps-Stokes Fund, a foundation that works to advance educational opportunities for minorities. Lionel was chosen as the 1989 Aggrey medal recipient, and was honored by the late Senator Daniel Inouye from Hawaii and Senator Tom Daschle at the awards ceremony. BHSU honored Lionel as a Distinguished Alumnus and one of the 125 most accomplished alumni, and he was inducted in the South Dakota Hall of Fame.

"At Sinte Gleska we know that the biggest part of our journey is still ahead of us. We're called upon as tribal colleges to be the vehicle to change the health and wealth statistics describing our people. This is what drives me and many others," says Lionel.

## A PLACE OF SIGNIFICANCE

In October, BHSU officially dedicated Bordeaux Residence Hall on campus in honor of this important educational leader. Lionel says the dedication is especially meaningful because tribal nations have a tremendous fondness for the Black Hills spiritually, culturally, and legally.

"I'm so thankful I'm an alum of BHSU and also a spiritual descendent of those who were here before. I'm very thankful for what I learned here," says Lionel. "It was a good beginning and it's still opening doors for myself and for others."



Lionel Bordeaux alongside Lakota Omnicoye advisor Mrs. Jo-Marie Ruddell, and member Karen Knife, 1964.



BHSU President Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., accompanies Dr. Lionel Bordeaux and his wife, Barbara, to the dedication ceremony for Bordeaux Residence Hall at BHSU.





## BHSU ALUM PRESERVES PAST THROUGH CINEMATIC STORYTELLING

Justin Koehler, '03, is finishing a successful year-long film festival circuit for the documentary *Floating Horses: The Life of Casey Tibbs* which he wrote, directed and produced.

**Q: You co-produced your first film during college at BHSU. What experiences since then have led to the creation of your own documentary?**

My first film was *10:15 Salem Park*, which was a coming-of-age narrative film. When fellow students and I had written the script, we pitched the idea to mass communication faculty, who allowed us to purchase all the equipment we needed. This helped other students in the department create their own films as well—it was a blast! After graduating, I started working for High Noon Entertainment, a powerhouse production company in Denver. I then joined some all-star mentors at Great Divide Pictures, a sister company to High Noon, creating documentary films for national parks. Now, I'm the director of photography and producer for Tipping Point Solutions, where we create training videos and documentary films for the military.

There are a number of films I've created as passion projects on the side. *The Buffalo King* was released in 2013, which was about one of the key individuals involved with preserving the American buffalo from extinction. It was a 60-minute documentary that I spent 1,500 hours producing. It did well, winning awards on the festival circuit and getting picked up by PBS. It was also broadcast internationally. *Floating Horses: The Life of Casey Tibbs* was my most recent project, which focuses on the story of a legendary rodeo bronc rider whose immense fame and personal struggles create a complex human interest story. This film was selected into 21 film festivals and won 8 awards on the film festival circuit.

**Q: What is your driving philosophy behind creating these documentaries?**

Sooner or later, even if they've lived an extraordinary life, people start to fade away into history. I do it to preserve their story. Whether the audience remembers Casey Tibbs or has never heard of him before, when they walk out of the theatre, they've gone on this emotional ride with him. They laugh, they cry, they cringe. To me, that's what's important.

If you let the story tell itself, it will.

**Q: How do you feel your years at BHSU prompted you to explore this career in cinematic storytelling?**

I feel very fortunate that I went to school at BHSU to work in broadcast journalism. Steve Babbitt, my photography professor, really encouraged my interest in photography. Jace DeCory taught some of my favorite classes. She was a fantastic teacher who piqued my interest in history. Everything I did at BHSU, from being a sportscaster, mass communication major, working in broadcast journalism and the television studio there—it all got my feet wet for what I ended up pursuing. I've taken a slightly different path, but I'm still influenced by that major. Even at a young age, I was aware of what I was interested in and wanted to pursue. I can't picture myself doing anything else.

## Testing Her Mettle:

### BHSU ALUM ASSUMES COMMAND THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO OUR NATION

Dr. Stacy (Trezona) Goodman, '99, will assume command of the Army Reserve 1st Battalion, 415 Regiment in June and has been selected to attend the United States Army War College, the Army's top leadership school. Goodman and her husband, Matthew, recently established a scholarship fund for political science and history majors at BHSU.



**Q: Your 23-year career with the military started when you joined the South Dakota Army National Guard in 1994. Why did you decide to join?**

Because I wanted to serve my country, and the South Dakota National Guard has great opportunities to help people afford their education. I found a great community with the 842nd Engineer Company, which was in the Fayette L. Cook Gym at BHSU at the time.

**Q: Since graduating from BHSU, you've completed two master's degrees, earned your Ph.D., taught in multiple universities, and trained military personnel. How did your roots at BHSU prepare you for such rigorous continued education?**

BHSU provided a great foundation of business concepts and approaches to dealing with people. Dr. Ron DeBeaumont was an amazing economics professor, with the ability to bring real life examples into the classroom. Jace DeCory inspired me as well, with her honesty and passion for her courses.

At BHSU I gained a confidence in my own abilities and knowledge. I've applied these to my life as I've gone forward, traveled the world, met different people, seen different things, and had to make very tough decisions.

**Q: You've recently been selected to assume command of an Army Reserve Battalion and attend the United States Army War College. What leadership opportunities have you gained in the U.S. Army?**

The great thing about the Army is that it is a cross-section of America. The people that choose to serve our country are incredibly diverse. To authentically connect with them is really impactful. I've also traveled across the world—to Germany, Afghanistan, Russia, Vietnam, around the Pacific Rim, and across the U.S. This opportunity to see the world has allowed my ideas to become much bigger.

The United States Army War College is the Army's top leadership school—I'm honored to be selected and excited to test my mettle! I'm excited to do my part to shape and grow soldiers to be the best they can be to serve our country.

**Q: Tell us about being chosen as an Army Congressional Fellow and your work in Washington, D.C.**

In 2014, I was selected to this highly competitive fellowship program which sends military officers to work in offices in the House and the Senate. The Department of Defense requires a two-year follow-on assignment, which is why I worked as a legislative liaison between the Army Reserve and Capitol Hill. As part of that fellowship program, I also pursued another master's degree at George Washington University, which was an amazing opportunity to see how my education stacked up against arguably some of the most intelligent, qualified officers in the Army.

**Q: You and Matthew recently established a scholarship fund at BHSU. What is your vision for this scholarship?**

Dave Little was my coach for track and cross country throughout my time at BHSU. He really inspired me to give back to the school. He always said, "You have to give back to institutions that give to you."

After living in Washington, D.C., for three years we saw how important it is to encourage people to be involved in their government and understand how their government works. I thought providing this scholarship could help propel something forward that I thought was very important: more South Dakotans in politics!



## CENTER FOR AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES RENAMED IN HONOR OF JACE DECORY

In October, BHSU dedicated the Center for American Indian Studies, located in Jonas Hall, in honor of Jace DeCory, professor emeritus, who retired from a 33-year teaching career in 2017.

DeCory is known for her lifelong connection to American Indian elders whose teachings she has shared with students at BHSU. She taught history and American Indian art at BHSU. In 2017 DeCory was invited to Harvard University to give a historical perspective on the Dakota Access Pipeline. She was also instrumental in a 16-year-long holiday cultural exchange between BHSU and Red Shirt School, located south of Hermosa.

The Center for American Indian Studies was established by an act of the South Dakota Legislature in 1974. The purpose of the Center is to provide educational opportunities for Native American students and to provide the opportunity to study the history, culture, and language of the native people of North America and South Dakota.



## STAFF AND STUDENTS ESTABLISH THE VETERAN'S LEGACY PROJECT AT BHSU

Last year, BHSU faculty and students undertook a unique project to honor and develop five of South Dakota's veterans cemeteries as sites of public history through the National Cemetery Administration's Veterans Legacy Program. A diverse group of students, ranging from history, English, and American Indian studies majors to education students and graphic designers, worked as research assistants to write biographies, develop educational lesson plans, create walking tours of the cemeteries, and design the project website.

Many students met with the surviving family members of the veteran they were writing about. Black Hills community members were actively engaged in the process, sharing oral histories, as well as collections of letters, pictures, and military records with student researchers.

The National Cemetery Administration supplies support and resources for universities nationwide to undertake their own local research. The program at BHSU focuses on preserving the histories of veteran cemeteries in the Black Hills region for future generations while honoring the legacy of those who have served.



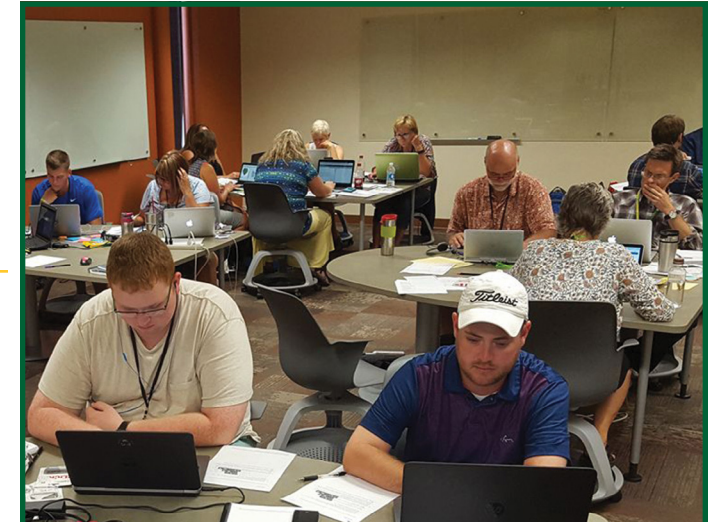
Photo courtesy of Black Hills National Cemetery

## EXPANDING PATHWAYS: BHSU EARNS NEARLY \$800,000 GRANT TO EXPAND COMPUTER SCIENCE CURRICULUM IN STATE HIGH SCHOOLS

Black Hills State University was awarded a \$785,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support South Dakota high schools in implementing computer science courses.

Dr. Ben Saylor, director of the Sanford Science Education Center and professor of physical science and mathematics at BHSU, serves as the project's principal investigator. He says the project "Expanding Pathways into Computer Science across South Dakota" will build upon previous work also funded by the NSF with an expanded focus: reaching rural regions and underserved students throughout the state including those on or near American Indian reservations.

The new project grew from the University's successful partnership with five local school districts - Belle Fourche, Douglas, Lead-Deadwood, Rapid City, and Spearfish. Over the past two years, BHSU and its project partners worked with 10 high school teachers to implement a year-long computer science course. A total of 450 students in the Black Hills have now taken that course and continue to enroll annually. BHSU is on the cutting edge for computer science utilization in education.



“COMPUTER SCIENCE IS ALL AROUND US. WE SPEND SO MUCH TIME INTERACTING WITH COMPUTERS AND MOBILE DEVICES, AND THERE ARE EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS FIELD.”  
*Dr. Ben Saylor / Director and Professor*

## BHSU BALLOONING TEAM HELPS NASA LEARN ABOUT LIFE ON MARS

In August, BHSU joined more than 50 other teams to release a balloon to the farthest reaches of the atmosphere – almost to outer space – to livestream the solar eclipse and carry bacteria for a NASA experiment.



Photo courtesy of Hannah Young, Spearfish H.S. grad and Stanford University student

Dr. Peggy Norris, BHSU deputy director of the Sanford Science Education Center, led a team of area undergraduate and high school students to Scottsbluff, Neb., for their balloon launch.

The balloon carried several payloads for both scientific measurements as well as cameras and instruments to track and communicate to the balloon. On the day of the eclipse, teams conducted their launches independently while NASA's equipment collected data alongside their own.

The South Dakota Solar Eclipse Team was organized in response to a call from NASA for student teams to take part in this project, with funding through the South Dakota Space Grant Consortium.

As the Moon passed in front of the Sun during the eclipse, casting a shadow across the continental U.S., the balloons not only had a front-row seat to record the historic event, but they also exposed the harmless bacteria they carried to the closest conditions to Mars possible on Earth.

The results will help biologists take the next step in understanding the conditions that sustain life on this planet, and may help NASA better target locations to look for life on other worlds.



Photo courtesy of Allie Geier, BHSU marketing intern

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# Past Alumni Gatherings



Nearly 40 former BHSU track and field and cross country runners returned to campus to participate in the 26th Annual Stadium Sports Grill Alumni Mile. This year the event raised more than \$2,700. Tori Moore, biology major from Ipswich, and Nathan Fredrick, biology major from Cheyenne, Wyo., were awarded this year's Alumni Mile Scholarships.



ABOVE: Last fall, the BHSU Alumni Association hosted the annual retired faculty and staff picnic in the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center (Joy Center). Nearly 60 former faculty and staff members were in attendance.



LEFT: Alumni and friends gathered at Mentock Park in Cody, Wyo., (top) and the Cam-Plex Park in Gillette, Wyo., (bottom). The gatherings, complete with picnic style food and drinks, gave alums an opportunity to reminisce about their alma mater.



Alumni and friends gathered in June at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper, Wyo. In addition to campus updates from BHSU President Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., the gathering took place in conjunction with the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR), in which the Yellow Jackets men's and women's teams had both qualified to compete.



Nearly 30 alumni and friends gathered for great conversation in Washington, D.C. Amongst the group BHSU President Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., was in attendance.

# Upcoming Events

Join Us for Alumni Gatherings and Reunions

## CLASS OF 1968 / 50-YEAR CLUB REUNION • MAY 4 & 5, 2018

Members of the Class of 1968 are invited to a gathering May 4 & 5 to celebrate their induction into the 50-Year Club at Black Hills State University. Each year, classmates from the 50-year class return to campus to celebrate the anniversary of their graduation. Members from prior classes are also invited to a banquet in honor of the class celebrating its 50th.

Pre-registration for this event is required. Please RSVP by Monday, April 16.  
REGISTRATION PACKETS | [Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu](mailto:Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu) • (605) 642-6385

## BHSU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHERING IN CASPER • JUNE 14, 2018

The BHSU Alumni Association will host an alumni and friends gathering in Casper Thursday, June 14. The gathering will take place in conjunction with the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR).

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## THE 1950s AND 60s BHSC FOOTBALL TEAMS • SEPT. 29, 2018

Members of the 1950s and 60s BHSC football teams are invited to a reunion after the Swarm Day football game.

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## SWARM DAY • SEPT. 29, 2018

"Swarm Week 2018: Sting Goes Worldwide" will be held Sept. 23-29, 2018, with the Swarm Day parade, tailgate social, and football game on Saturday, Sept. 29. Visit [BHSU.edu/SwarmWeek](http://BHSU.edu/SwarmWeek) for more information.

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Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame inductees were (left to right): Wade Wilson, '85, athlete; Jessie Palczewski-Longbrake, '03, athlete; Matthew Henkener, attended, athlete; Randy Graves, '72, athlete; Randy Mink, '70, athlete; and Leo "Chico" Her Many Horses, '82, coach.



Alumni Award recipients were (left to right): Jim Moravec, '79, Distinguished Alumnus; Dave Little, former administrator and coach, Special Service; Connie (Morrissey) Erickson, '69, Excellence in Education; Major General (Ret.) Ray Carpenter, '75, Special Achievement; and Ryan Wordeman, '07, Young Alumni Achievement.



- SWARM QUEEN | Sarah Maka, Tea, S.D.
- SWARM KING | Bradley Branson, Riverton, Wyo.
- PARADE MARSHAL | Joe Jorgensen, '67 & '70, Spearfish
- FOOTBALL GAME | Yellow Jackets vs. Fort Lewis College SkyHawks

*Save the Date* | 2018 Swarm Day - Sept. 29, 2018

To watch a video from the 2017 Swarm Week celebration, go to [YouTube.com/BlackHillsState](https://www.youtube.com/BlackHillsState)

# 2017 SWARM WEEK FLASH BACK



The 1980 and 1981 women's volleyball teams were inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame. Team members in attendance at the Hall of Fame Banquet included (left to right): Michele (Cliff) Batz\*, Janice (Hanson) Curry#, Head Coach Lea Totton#, Susie (Seppala) Carr#, Patty (Middleton) Gehrig#, and dee Welsch\* (\*played on the 1980 team - #played/coached on both teams).





## VOLLEYBALL EARNS FIRST-EVER APPEARANCE AT RMAC TOURNAMENT



Volleyball team members celebrate after scoring a point against Regis University in the program's first-ever playoff appearance.

The BHSU women's volleyball team earned its first NCAA postseason bid in school history when they traveled to Denver, to face the No. 1 seed, Regis, ultimately falling, 3-0.

Although the Yellow Jackets were swept, each set was a back-and-forth affair that BHSU had a chance to win. In the first set, the score was tied 16-16 before the Rangers pushed out a victory.

In the second set, the Green and Gold were as close as one point, trailing 24-23, and in the third set, the score was tied at 17 all before the Rangers proved too much for the Yellow Jackets.

"We were so excited to be playing in the RMAC Quarterfinals," said Head Coach Kristin Carmichael.

“ ”  
 IT HAD BEEN A GOAL OF THE PROGRAM TO REACH THE PLAYOFFS, AND THE TEAM WORKED VERY HARD TO REACH THAT GOAL.  
 — Kristin Carmichael / Head Coach

## FOOTBALL RECLAIMS HOMESTAKE TROPHY

The BHSU football team won the 132nd playing of the Black Hills Brawl against rival South Dakota Mines, 25-24, in September. The Yellow Jackets took back the Homestake Trophy for the first time in three years.

After trailing, 24-6 at halftime, Black Hills State held the Hardrockers scoreless in the second half, allowing just 61 total yards. Conversely, the Yellow Jacket offense racked up 332 yards, scoring 19 points.

Quarterback Ryan Hommel finished with 320 yards and two touchdowns. Phydell Paris recorded his third 100-yard rushing game of the season, tallying 140 yards and two touchdowns. Shandon Jones had 107 yards receiving, including one touchdown, while Tanner Gamble had a touchdown and 63 yards receiving. Defensively, Thayer Sauter had 11 total tackles, including three solo. Jarrell Ganaway and Josh Gurnaby each had an interception, while Sauter and Gurnaby each forced a fumble.

With the victory, BHSU is 59-62-11 all-time against SD Mines.



Seniors Darian Warford (71) and Jared Tiefenthaler (90) celebrate with the Homestake trophy following the victory.

## SOCCER TEAM EARNS FIRST-EVER CONFERENCE VICTORY

The Black Hills State University women's soccer team earned its first-ever victory, with a 3-2, double overtime win over Colorado Christian.

“ ”  
 WE'VE TALKED ABOUT EFFORT AND FOLLOWING UP ON SHOTS, AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE DID TODAY. I'M VERY PROUD OF THIS TEAM.  
 — Mike Greco / Head Coach



Kaylee Lamb, Mathilde Bernard, Cayley Schmitt, Taylor Ihmels, and Katie Christy pose with their second place medals after the NCAA Championship Race.

## TRIATHLON TEAM FINISHES SECOND AT NATIONALS

The Black Hills State University triathlon team finished second at the Collegiate Nationals in November.

Mathilde Bernard was fourth in Division II, placing 13th overall. She finished in 1:08:15.56. Katie Christy was 49th overall, and 15th in Division II, while Taylor Ihmels was just behind in 50th overall, and 16th in the division. Christy finished the triathlon in 1:16:20.50, and Ihmels finished in 1:17:04.03.

Kaylee Lamb and Cayley Schmitt were 53rd and 54th overall, respectively. Lamb's time of 1:17:48.63 was good for 17th in Division II, while Schmitt's time of 1:17:58.47 was good for 18th in Division II.

Following her extremely successful freshman season, Bernard was named the Division II Freshman of the Year, and was one of three student-athletes to be named to the Division II All-American Team.

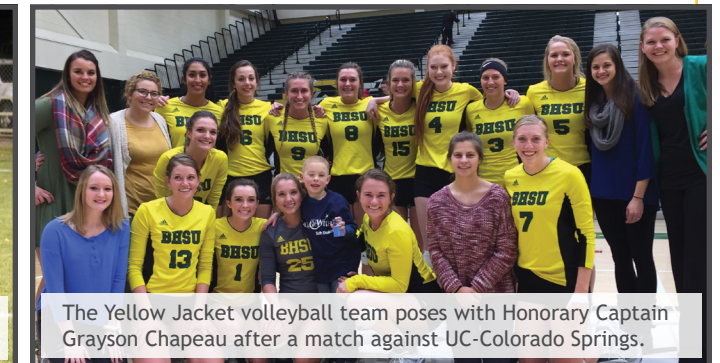
**Mathilde Bernard**  
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## YELLOW JACKETS WELCOME HONORARY CAPTAINS FOR MAKE-A-WISH WEEK



Honorary Captain Cash Roberts poses with members of the BHSU soccer team before their game against Westminster College.

“ MEETING OUR HONORARY CAPTAIN, CASH, WAS A TRUE BLESSING. MY TEAMMATES AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUR GRATITUDE TO THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION FOR ALLOWING US TO HELP MAKE CASH'S WISH COME TRUE. ”  
 — Katie Nielsen / Sophomore Forward



The Yellow Jacket volleyball team poses with Honorary Captain Grayson Chapeau after a match against UC-Colorado Springs.

“ THE WHOLE TEAM WAS EXCITED TO HAVE GRAYSON AT OUR GAME FOR MAKE-A-WISH WEEK. WE WERE PLAYING FOR SOMETHING BIGGER THAN OURSELVES. ”  
 — Laurel Lech / Sophomore Setter



# BHSU ANNOUNCES \$32 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

BHSU recently announced its record-breaking goal to raise \$32 million through a Capital Campaign for student scholarships and campus advancement.

On Nov. 28, community members, alumni, and donors gathered at the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center (Joy Center) to celebrate the announcement of the University's most ambitious campaign ever.

"BHSU ranks fifth out of six state institutions in scholarships awarded to our students, so we initiated a campaign that focused heavily on scholarships for our students," said Steve Meeker, vice president for University Advancement.

Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., BHSU President, said scholarships are crucial for incoming students and for enabling current students to complete their degrees. More than 600 students graduate from BHSU annually, including the largest number of education graduates of any school in South Dakota.

"Because of community and alumni support, we can celebrate the strides the Capital Campaign has already made toward supporting our students," said Jackson. "We invite the community to join us in our effort to finish our campaign strong."



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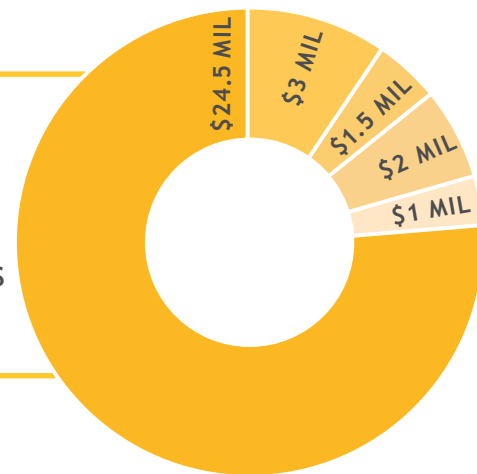
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# IRENE KROGMAN CREATES LASTING IMPACT ON BHSU EDUCATION STUDENTS

At the recommendation of a teacher in her hometown of Kimball, S.D., Irene Krogman set off for Black Hills Teachers College (now BHSU), where she received a bachelor's degree in education in 1952. In 2012, 60 years after graduating, she established the Irene (Krogman) Greenwalt Math Scholarship with a \$10,000 gift. Later, Krogman added to this gift, donating approximately \$500,000 to assist future math students at BHSU.

Beginning her career as an educator in a one-room schoolhouse in Kadoka, Krogman went on to teach elementary students in Buffalo, Lead and Rapid City. She later worked for the U.S. Dept. of Defense as a civilian teacher in 1955. She received her master's degree in mathematics from the University of Santo Thomas in Manila in 1971. Krogman traveled the world teaching high school math to the children of service personnel, with assignments in England, Germany, Morocco, Spain, and the Philippines. She retired from teaching and moved to Spearfish in 1991.

"BHSU is very grateful and honored to receive Irene's additional gift to her scholarship fund, and we will make sure this gift continues to impact students in the future," says Steve Meeker, vice president for University Advancement.

Krogman passed away Sept. 20, 2017. Though she did not have children, she impacted countless students, many of whom continued their studies at top universities.



## ANNUAL SUTTON BAY GOLF AND FISHING OUTING RAISES ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BHSU ATHLETES

In 2014, Dana Dykhouse, president of First Premier Bank, approached BHSU about holding a golf tournament at Sutton Bay located in Agar, S.D., to raise scholarship dollars for student athletes. He mentioned that First Premier Bank would pay for the expenses of the outing allowing the total entry fee to go toward scholarships.

The University held the first BHSU Sutton Bay Golf/Fishing Outing in 2015 raising \$37,500. In 2016, BHSU had the same arrangement with First Premier picking up the event expenses but Dykhouse surprised the University by personally matching the amount raised. Sanford Health also contributed \$50,000 for the event, totaling \$207,000 for scholarships. In 2017, the arrangements were the same with expenses and the Dykhouse match and the event raised \$363,000.

Steve Meeker, vice president for University Advancement at BHSU, says, "Words can't describe how thankful we are to Dana and LaDawn Dykhouse, First Premier Bank, Sanford Health and all of the participants in our Sutton Bay outing. This event has helped us with competitiveness in our NCAA Division II sports programs."

Plans are underway for the 2018 Sutton Bay outing scheduled for Aug. 13-15.



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## —1950s—

**Gary Mule Deer**, Attended, Spearfish, was inducted into the Legends of Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame in Rapid City. Gary has been doing stand-up comedy and country music for more than half a century. He has made more than 350 television appearances. He has regularly performed live, touring for 25 years with singer Johnny Mathis. Gary was a writer for the Smothers Brothers, Glen Campbell, Dyna Shore, and Tony Orlando.

## —1960s—

**Vince Gravelle**, '62, Lead, was inducted into the Lead-Deadwood High School Hall of Fame. In 1957, Vince was captain of the football team that won the Co-Conference Championship. He was also named to the All-Conference and All-State teams. In 1957-58, Vince was on the record setting relay teams in the mile and the 880. These records were still unbroken when Deadwood High School consolidated with Lead High School. In 1997, after earning numerous promotions with Cleveland-based Stevens Construction Corp, Vince became chairman and CEO of the company, a position he held until his retirement in 2007.

**Tom C. Miller**, Attended, Red Owl, was inducted into the Rodeo Hall of Fame at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Okla. Tom claimed National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association All-Around titles in 1970 and 1971. He went on to compete at the professional level and was the Badlands Circuit Saddle Bronc Champion from 1977 to 1980. He qualified for the National Finals Rodeo six times, and won the average in 1975, 1979 and 1981.

**Bruce Williams**, Attended, Nashville, Tenn., and **Terry Ree**, Attended, Hendersonville, Tenn., known as “Williams and Ree,” will be inducted into the 2018 South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Williams and Ree are a music and comedy duo that got its start at Black Hills State nearly 50 years ago. Once they became acquainted at Black Hills State, they began playing rock and roll together and started to work out their now distinctive comedy routine. Induction events for the South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame will be held April 13-14 at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall in Sioux Falls.

## —1970s—

**French Bryan**, Class of '72, and **Taffy (Bryan) Tucker**, Class of '72, Spearfish, co-owners of the Bay Leaf Café in Spearfish, have retired after 24 years in business. French and Taffy had been in the restaurant industry since 1975.

**Paul Higbee**, '76, Spearfish, wrote *South Dakota's Cowboy Governor Tom Berry: Leadership During the Depression*, which traces the history of South Dakota and its iconic governor. In addition, Paul and his

wife, Janet Higbee, were honored during the 18th Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song (EWCS) Celebration, as pillars of the Spearfish community. Kathy Kellogg's fifth-grade class and Amanda Bauer's fourth-grade class paired up with songwriters Leonard Running and Marianne Fridell respectively, to write songs in tribute to this amazing couple.

**Gary Johnson**, '78, Fort Pierre, and family were the cover/feature story in the Aug. 2017 issue of DMI (Diesel Machinery, Inc.) Difference. Gary is the president of A-G-E Corporation Contractors that represents a fourth generation, family owned construction company.

**Richard "Doc" Michel**, '70, Black Hawk, was named the 2017 National Assistant Girls' Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Doc retired last spring after a 47-year career in education at Rapid City Stevens High School. During that time he served in a number of capacities including: a business teacher, athletic trainer, equipment manager and assistant coach in both boys' and girls' cross country and track and field. He was part of the school's first-ever state championship in 1971 in track, and he would be part of 50 more championship teams, including one in football.

**Mike Murphy**, '78, Watertown, was inducted into the Watertown High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Mike was a two-year varsity letter winner as a junior and senior in football and basketball and served as co-captain of the basketball team in 1968. He was also named the basketball team's most valuable player and received the Jerry Heinze Memorial Basketball Award in 1968. Mike also played three summers with the Watertown Post 17 American Legion baseball team.

**Priscilla (Young) Romkema**, '79, Spearfish, has been elected to the 2018 Spearfish Board of Directors for the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation. Priscilla is president of the Regional Health Foundation in Rapid City.

## —1980s—

**Charlotte (Rames) Hildebrant**, Attended, Summerset, accepted a paraprofessional position at Piedmont Valley Elementary School in their special education department.

## —1990s—

**Dory (Brownell) Batka**, '91, Spearfish, and her husband, Ken, opened Vigilant Business Solutions (VBS) providing workplace drug testing and background check services for both Department of Transportation (DOT) and non-DOT employers, municipalities, landlords, businesses and schools in all of South Dakota.

**Christine (Burtts) Christopherson**, '97, Lincoln, Neb., was hired as the director of judicial branch education for the Nebraska Supreme Court. Christine oversees all three areas of education: probation, court staff, and judges.

**Ron Langseth**, '90, Valdez, Alaska, is head coach of the Valdez girls' high school volleyball team, and last fall led the Lady Bucs to the Class 3A Volleyball Tournament title for the second time in three years. The 2015 title team had both of his daughters on the team - Zoe, who now runs track at BHSU, and Linnea, who was on the 2015 and 2017 team. The Lady Bucs are on a 32- game conference winning streak covering three seasons without a loss. This is his 27th year of teaching and coaching in Valdez.

**Jensen (Morris) Moore**, '99, Norman, Okla., was elected to the executive committee of the Public Relations Society of America Educators Academy. Jensen is an assistant professor at the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Oklahoma. She specializes in digital media, health communication and crisis communication.

**Cheryl Niemerg**, Attended, Baker, Mont., was named the executive director of the Baker Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

**Val (Johnson) Penny**, '97, Sanford, Fla., was featured in the July/August 2017 issue of *Lake Mary Life*. Val is an employment specialist with Goodwill Industries of Central Florida. Val meets with small groups of inmates at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility to assure those close to release that feasible employment opportunities remain. Part of Val's message is motivational, and part is the nuts and bolts of finding work. Val is also an ordained minister.

**Tim Reilly**, '92 & '16, Rapid City, was named a Rushmore Honoree during the Rapid City Chamber Awards Celebration, held last January. These annual awards recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to arts and culture in the community, have championed innovative ideas or have had success in a creative industries field. Tim has been creating television advertising for nearly 25 years and has produced numerous award-winning commercials during this time. He is an advertising producer for Midcontinent Communications.

**Loree (Anderson) Schlichtemeier**, '93 & '02, Belle Fourche, received the Region 8 Coach of the Year honor from the South Dakota Volleyball Coaches Association. As head coach of the Belle Fourche girls' high school volleyball team, she led the Lady Broncs to a 31-5 record in a season that ended with a fourth-place finish at the 2017 State A

Tournament. It marked the Broncs' third state appearance in the last six years.

**Paul Thomson**, '94, Spearfish, was recognized by the South Dakota Emergency Management Association for completing the training and courses required to obtain certification as an Emergency Manager B (basic) and as an Emergency Manager A (advanced). In addition, Paul was awarded certification by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for completing the Professional Development Series and the FEMA Advanced Professional Development Series for Emergency Managers. Paul is the emergency management director for Lawrence County.

**Stan Triplett**, '95, Spearfish, retired after 18 years with International Game Technology as a regional compliance manager. Prior to that, he spent 23 plus years in law enforcement. He served with the City of Watertown as a police officer, and as the chief deputy for the Codington County Sheriff's Office. The last 10 years was spent as the director of enforcement with the South Dakota Commission on Gaming.

**Kevin White**, '99, Sioux Falls, received his Ph.D. in leadership for higher education from Capella University. Kevin is a part-time intensive English instructor on the USD campus in Vermillion.

## —2000s—

**Kelli Cronin**, '00, graduated from the Weldon University doctoral program this past summer, earning her Ed.D. in educational leadership with an emphasis in teacher leadership.

**Casey Doolan**, '06, Hagerstown, Md., accepted a position as the corporate environmental, health, and safety manager for Specialty Granules (SGI). He oversees environmental, health, and safety initiatives and regulatory compliance at all four company facilities across the United States.

**Bonnie (Halsey) Dutton**, '01, Spearfish, earned a Ph.D. in art history and education from the University of Arizona. In addition to conducting small group adult art instruction in her studio in Spearfish, Bonnie is also a full-time artist/painter. Her artwork is available through Prairie Edge Gallery in Rapid City. This fall, Bonnie will teach a one-week workshop at the Art in the Algarve School in Portugal.

**Tyler Johnson**, '09, Yankton, received his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska in molecular biology and genetics and accepted a fellowship in Dr. Jill Weimer's lab at Sanford Research in Sioux Falls. He joined the Pediatric and Rare Diseases Group where his research is dedicated to finding treatments and cures for Batten Disease, a rare neurodegenerative disease that affects children of all ages. Their team is in the

middle of testing the safety and efficacy of a gene therapy treatment for CLN6 Batten Disease.

**Elise (Klima) Kietzmann**, '08, Brighton, Colo., was hired as a professional assistant to the senior vice chancellor and CFO at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

**Dennis Newell**, '04, Lincoln, N.D., was named the head cross country and track & field coach at the University of Mary. He was previously the head cross country and associate head track & field coach. This past season the U of M women won their second consecutive NSIC cross country (xc) championship, second consecutive NCAA DII central region xc championship, and placed second at the NCAA DII xc championships in Evansville, Ind. This was the school's highest finish in any sport in the NCAA DII era. Dennis was also named the NSIC and NCAA DII region women's xc coach of the year for the second consecutive year.

**Dave J. Olson**, '05 & '09, Spearfish, has been named principal of the Stagebarn Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year. The new \$20 million middle school is scheduled to open in fall 2018 at a location between Piedmont and Summerset. Dave currently serves as the assistant principal for Sturgis Elementary School and Sturgis Williams Middle School.

**Ann Pipal**, '01, Denver, and her instructional leadership team from the Denver Center for 21st Century Learning, won the Denver Public School's "Excellence in Team Award." Ann's team was one of 60 nominated in the district and the only recipient of the award. Ann is a senior team lead, a role which allows her to split her time coaching and evaluating teachers as well as teaching high school English.

**Dirk Remily**, '07 & '09, Colo., received his juris doctorate from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law with an emphasis in advocacy. Dirk is currently serving as Chief Judge Martinez's law fellow in Denver.

**Olivia (Norlin) Rieger**, '01, Glendive, Mont., was appointed as a judge in Montana's Seventh Judicial District. Olivia will serve in the district that includes McCone, Richland, Prairie, Wibaux and Dawson Counties. She was elected Dawson County attorney in 2010. Before that, she worked as a public defender in Glendive.

**Debbie (Hunt) Turner**, '02, was recognized posthumously when the Debbie Turner Memorial Addition was officially dedicated at the Spearfish Senior Center. The new kitchen addition is used to serve meals at the center. Debbie, the former executive director of the center, passed away last year.

**Dom Vergara**, '08, Miles City, Mont., accepted the activities director position at Custer County District High School. Dom previously served as the assistant principal and activities director at Elder Grove Schools in Billings, Mont.

**Nate Vogel**, '03, Miles City, Mont., was hired prior to the 2017-18 school year/season, as the new head women's basketball coach for the Miles Community College Lady Pioneers. Nate previously served as the assistant women's basketball coach at BHSU.

**Tracie (Seyfer) Vogel**, '04, Miles City, Mont., was hired as the enrollment and marketing coordinator and sports information director for Miles Community College. Tracie previously served as an admissions counselor for BHSU.

## —2010s—

**Austin Albers**, '12, Cheyenne, Wyo., in his fourth season as head volleyball coach for Laramie County Community College, led the Golden Eagles to the Region IX NJCAA volleyball regular season title and the tournament championship title finishing the year with a 34-8 record. His team placed 10th at the 2017 NJCAA volleyball national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. Austin was selected as the 2017 NJCAA Division I Volleyball Coach of the Year for Region IX North and received the AVCA Thirty Under 30 Award in 2016 which recognizes the top 30 up-and-coming coaches under 30 years of age in the entire country.

**Steve Boring**, '11, Oronoco, Minn., won the 2017 Amateur American Powerlifting Federation (AAPF) National Championship in the 110 KG men's RAW bench press held last May in Chicago. Steve competed in the drug free 242.5 pound weight class and bench pressed 187.5 kilograms (414 pounds). Steve also won the 2017 Amateur World Powerlifting Congress (AWPC) World Championship in the same bench press category as nationals. He bench pressed 190 kilograms (419 pounds). Steve is the fitness director for the Rochester Athletic Club in Rochester, Minn.

**Hunter Bradley**, '16, Deadwood, was hired as a police officer with the Spearfish Police Department. Last fall, he graduated from the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Center in Pierre. He joins his father, current Deadwood Police Sgt. Tony Bradley, and grandfather, retired Deadwood Police Chief Les Bradley, in the law enforcement profession.

**Scharen Collingwood**, '11, Shell, Wyo., was named the 2018 Wyoming School Counselor of the Year. She also serves as president-elect of the Wyoming School Counselor Association. Scharen is the Greybull Middle School counselor for the Big Horn County School District in Greybull, Wyo.



**Sami Dietrich**, '15, Rapid City, opened S. & Co. Boutique, a women's clothing and accessories store in Rapid City. Sami started S. & Co. Boutique online in November 2015.

**Melissa Hampton**, '10 & '17, Spearfish, was hired as the senior accountant for the BHSU Bookstore.

**Sam Holden**, '10 & '12, Stockton, Calif., was hired as the assistant athletic director of facilities at Saint Mary's College of California. Sam previously served as the athletic facilities and events supervisor at University of the Pacific.

**Karris (McKie) Kaiser**, '11, Rapid City, was named as a member of Automotive News' 40 Under 40 Class of 2017. The 40 Under 40 retail program honors individuals who have accomplished outstanding achievement in the automotive industry. Karris is the internet and marketing director for McKie Ford Lincoln in Rapid City. Last summer she was selected as a panelist for the Women in Automotive Conference that took place in Orlando, Fla. Last fall, she was selected to be on a dealer panel at the Kain Automotive Conference in Lexington, Ky. Karris is a graduate of the National Automobile Dealers Association Dealer Academy.

**Michaela (Stroup) Madrid**, '16, Portland, Ore., was hired as a finance intern with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Self Governance. Michaela is also pursuing a master's degree in public policy analysis at Portland State University as well as working as a graduate assistant with the Institute for Tribal Government.

**Laine Mitchell**, '16, Spearfish, was named the new marketing and administrative coordinator for the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation (SEDC). She will be responsible for administering office operations and supporting SEDC's marketing strategy and implementation. Laine previously served as the sales and marketing coordinator of B9Creations, LLC, in Rapid City.

**Alexis (Lemmel) Nasser**, '15, Sturgis, was hired as the new executive director for the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce &

Visitors Bureau. Alexis previously served as a marketing and communications specialist at the Deadwood Chamber & Visitors Bureau.

**Jessica (Coulter) Noteboom**, '11, Hot Springs, was named the executive director of the Lead Area Chamber of Commerce. Jessica previously served as the resource development director for the Hot Springs, Hill City, and Lead-Deadwood units of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Black Hills.

**Hillary Schwab**, '10, Spearfish, was appointed executive director of Compass Point, formerly known as Northern Hills Alcohol and Drug Services. Hillary has 12 years of experience in the mental health profession and was previously employed as a mental health counselor for Behavioral Management Services. Compass Point, a nonprofit agency, has provided drug and alcohol treatment services for 45 years in western South Dakota and has outpatient and residential facilities in Sturgis and Spearfish.

**Nathan "Drew" Skjoldal**, '10, Spearfish, was appointed as the newest member of the Spearfish Planning Commission. Drew's term began last July and will run through Dec. 31, 2021. Drew also serves as a board member for the Northern Hills Amateur Hockey Association and the BHSU Alumni Association. Drew is an attorney at Lynn, Jackson, Shultz, and Lebrun, P.C., in Spearfish.

**Rebecca Zaynor**, '17, Spearfish, was hired as the accountant in the University Advancement Office at BHSU.

### —1883-2018—

**Susan (Magedanz) Peterson**, '13, and husband **Scott Peterson**, Attended, Belle Fourche, owners of Scott Peterson Motors in Belle Fourche and Sturgis, were recognized as the 2017 South Dakota Franchised Dealer of the Year at the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association Convention. This September, Scott Peterson Motors will celebrate its 27th year as a franchised car dealer.

**Jim Phillips**, '84, Deadwood, and brother **Bob Phillips**, '61, Lead, were inducted last fall into the South Dakota Hall of Fame. Jim and Bob restored more than 80 trophies won by athletes in the Lead-Deadwood School District over a period of nearly 50 years. Together, they helped preserve the accomplishments of young athletes in the Lead-Deadwood communities. Jim spent 14 years as the Rec Center's director before he went to work as a teacher and coach for the Lead-Deadwood School District. He retired from teaching in 2012. Bob, who spent two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia (West Africa), was a teacher for 25 years in Lead-Deadwood until he retired in 1996.

**Mary (Wood) Fossen**, '86, Sturgis, and **Roger Merriman**, '67, Spearfish, were honored for their years of service during a Compass Point dedication of the Roger D. Merriman Residential Facility and Mary Wood Fossen Center in Sturgis. The buildings were named to honor former employees Mary, who served in various roles at Compass Point, including executive director and clinical supervisor for 17 years, and Roger, who served as the chief financial officer for eight years. Compass Point, formerly known as Northern Hills Alcohol and Drug, is a nonprofit agency that has provided prevention, intervention, and treatment services in the Northern Hills since 1973.

Five alumni were named/voted to serve as the 2018 Spearfish Board of Directors for the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce. Members include **Angie Black**, '02, Chair, **Kelsie Darling**, '07 & '08, Past Chair, **Steve Byrd**, '94, **Jenny Scholl**, '15, and **Jess Weaver**, '09.

### —2000s—

**Starla Conner**, '06, married Kelly Hokanson, June 14, 2014.

**Kayla Kinard**, '08, married **Ryan Grams**, '09, July 29, 2017. Kayla owns and practices independently at Belle Fourche Counseling. She is also an adjunct instructor at BHSU and Western Dakota Tech and a Ward 2 representative on the Belle Fourche City Council. Ryan is employed with Wharf Resources in Lead. The couple resides in Belle Fourche.

**Haley Lux**, '09, married Keegan Kingery Sept. 15, 2017. Haley is a recruiter and assistant vice president for Bank of the West. The couple resides in Rapid City.

### —1990s—

**Katherine (Walton)**, '96, and **Joe Divis**, '95, Box Elder, welcomed twin boys, Jackson Ryan and Jonathan Isaiah, Dec. 19, 2016. They join big sister Alisha (19) and big brothers Tyler (17), Nathan (15), Andrew (12), Joshua (10), Trevor (7), and Trent (4). Katherine is a stay-at-home mom. Joe is a desktop support engineer for CompuCom in Rapid City.

**Heather (Lund)**, Attended, and **Trent Traphagen**, '99, Aberdeen, welcomed twin girls, Collins Addel and Aubrey Ann, Oct. 20, 2017. They join siblings Tristan (15), Gracie (13), Faith (10), Taryn (8) and Taylynn (5). Trent works at Traphagen Farms. Heather is an ICU nurse at Avera St. Luke's Hospital.

### —2000s—

**Renee (Kummer)**, '09 & '11, and **Matthew Bolie**, '07, Colome, had a baby girl, Blaire Marie, Oct. 19, 2017. She joins big sister Brooklyn (1). Renee teaches science and math at Colome High School. Matthew is the assistant vice president at First Fidelity Bank in Colome.

**Julia (Doyle)**, '09, and **Dillon Lermeney**, Attended, Reva, had a baby girl, Pauline Lu, March 12, 2017. Pauline joins big brothers Doyle (11) and Griffin (7) and sister Gretta (5). Dillon and Julia work on the Lermeney Family Cattle Ranch.

**Marc Macy**, '07 & '08, married Kristi Smith March 24, 2017. Marc is a financial solutions manager for Loan Depot. The couple resides in Phoenix.

### —2010s—

**Krista Bell**, '17, married **Brady Licht**, '16, Oct. 21, 2017. Krista is a freelance editor and writer. Brady is an English/language arts teacher at Bison High School. The couple resides in Bison.

**Kayla Haines**, '10, married Tom Hannemann Oct. 14, 2017. Kayla is a doctor on staff with Brookings Health Systems, as part of the Avera Medical Group. She specializes in family medicine and obstetrics. The couple resides in Brookings.

**Jennifer Johnson**, '12, married Michael Whitley Sept. 8, 2017. Jennifer is a mathematics instructor and instructional coach for Kansas State University. The couple resides in Bonner Springs, Kan.

**Heather Milliren**, '11, married **Eric Schmidt**, '05, Aug. 20, 2016. Heather is an operations coordinator for Black Hills Energy. Eric is director of marketing & human resources for the Spearfish Holiday Inn and Convention Center & Lucky's 13 Pub. The couple resides in Spearfish.

### BIRTHS

**Alana (Dykhouse)**, '11, and **Josh Breske**, '10, Saint Peters, Mo., had a baby boy, Bo David, April 22, 2017. He joins big sister Lola (2). Alana is currently a stay-at-home mom. Josh is the offensive line football coach at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo.

**Heidi (Hansen)**, '14, and **Brody Brisk**, '15, Rapid City, had a baby boy, Theodore Wayne, July 28, 2016. Heidi is a 4th-8th grade special education teacher for Hermosa schools. Brody is in his third year of medical school at USD.

**Autumn (Sanderson)**, '13, and Tyler Neigel, Conde, welcomed twin girls, Destry Ashley-Marie and Miakoda Raye-Anne, March 4, 2016. Autumn is a clinical specialist with Northeastern Mental Health Center in Aberdeen.

**Sara (Thornberry)**, '10, and **Nic Prather**, '10, Yuba City, Calif., had a baby girl, Emery Rose, Sept. 23, 2017. Sara is the marketing project coordinator for Colusa Casino Resort. Nic is the Northwest Territory manager for Kingsbury Inc. Repair & Services.

**Joey (Painter)**, '13, and **Taylor Williams**, '10 & '12, Buffalo, had a baby boy, Carson Scott, Dec. 21, 2017. He joins big brother Landon (2). Joey and Taylor are full-time ranchers in Buffalo, S.D., and Broadus, Mont.

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William "Bill" L. Boint, '59, Tucson, Ariz.  
Charlotte J. (Labor) Boner, '55, Casper, Wyo.  
Delores E. (Lettau) Brown, Attended, Highmore  
James K. Brown, '56, Phoenix  
Doris J. (Voorhees) Chafee, '60 & '64, Yuma, Ariz.  
Linda O. (Hutchinson) Deiss, '55, Rapid City  
Delmar D. "Buzz" Ellefson, '60, Rapid City  
Irene E. (Krogman) Greenwalt, '48 & '52, Spearfish  
Linda A. (Rooney) Groeber, Attended, Kennewick, Wash.  
Geneva M. (Gaskill) Hanson, Attended, Thermopolis, Wyo.  
Paul N. Harvey, Attended, Interior  
Glenn A. Hogen, '51, Spearfish  
Owen C. Johnson, '57, Rapid City  
Anna "Jean" J. (Hudson) Keffeler, '49, Spearfish  
Dean C. LaDue, '56, Keldron  
Loring H. Lahti, '50, Kemmerer, Wyo.  
Bernard "Bernie" D. Ludemann, Attended, North Platte, Neb.  
Rosabelle "Rose" (Ripley) Mahoney, Attended, Hulett, Wyo.  
Lillian L. (Athey) Nansel, '56, North Platte, Neb.  
Charles "Chuck" J. Nelson, Attended, Pierre  
Clayton E. Norton, '43, Tigard, Ore.  
Martha "Marty" J. (Cooper) Patterson, Attended, Sturgis  
Pete G. Pridgeon, '56, Grove, Okla.  
Laverne F. (Olesen) Roach, '57, Danville, Calif.  
Effie B. (Camp) Nefsy Robinson, Attended, Moorcroft, Wyo.  
Barbara J. (Greenough) Sears, '58, Belle Fourche  
John "Jack" E. Spencer, '58, Sundance, Wyo.  
Dorothy I. (Carter) Stieg, Attended, Billings, Mont.  
Elsie A. (Lale) Syverson, '42, Minnetonka, Minn.  
Marilyn C. (Johnson) Thein, Attended, Denver  
Reino R. Tilus, '54, Scotts Valley, Calif.  
Morris "Top" H. Toppila, '58, Rapid City  
Hellen L. (McCaskell) Uhler, '51, Kadoka  
John J. Wickstrom, Attended, Overland Park, Kan.  
Edward F. Zuber, '63 & '69, Woodland, Calif.

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Ethel "Sunny" M. (McPhail) Adair, '72, Rapid City  
Curtis "Curt" R. Ames, '70, Wadsworth, Ill.  
Cheryl C. (Swan) Bentley, Attended, Rapid City  
Doris M. (Herren) Bigler, '66, Piedmont  
Richard "Dick" J. Cerney, '71, Mitchell  
James "Jim" L. Chaplin, Attended, Central Point, Ore.  
Kitty F. (O'Dell) Coffield, '71 & '79, Lead  
Elizabeth "Liz" N. (Birdsell) Corey, '72, Dubuque, Iowa  
Linda M. (Cheney) Eisenbraun, Attended, Rapid City

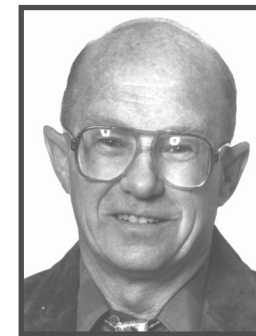
Lucille C. (Parsley) Emerson, '73, Philip  
Bernadette B. (Stevens) Falk, '72, Kearney, Neb.  
James "Jim" M. Farrier, Attended, O'Neill, Neb.  
Kristie F. (Kelly) Foster, '74, Riverside, Calif.  
Harold L. Gebhard, Attended, Cantonment, Fla.  
Dennis L. Haan, '73, Rapid City  
Laura M. (Davidson) Hackworth, '75, Philip  
Bonnie L. (Coleman) Herrmann, '78, Sturgis  
Miriam G. (Strong) Hoff, '73 & '97, Spearfish  
Teresa K. (Gibson) Hollingsworth, Attended, Cody, Wyo.  
William "Bill" R. Honerkamp, '68, Piedmont  
Bessie L. (Price) Humble, '73, Sturgis  
Adrian "Butch" V. Johnson, '70, Buffalo, Wyo.  
Kathleen A. (Haberling) Johnson, '79, Sioux Falls  
Kenneth "Kenny" D. Kiewel, '72, Rapid City  
Gerald "Jerry" G. Larson, '70, Belgrade, Mont.  
Nyla J. (Hillman) Lewis, '69, Rapid City  
Thomas "Tom" J. Libertin, Attended, New Underwood  
Estelle "Poxy" M. (Walking Elk) Lonehill, Attended, Rapid City  
Charles A. Long Soldier, Sr., Attended, Pine Ridge  
Ronald "Ron" G. Meeker, '71, Cody, Wyo.  
Thomas "Tom" J. Mentz, Attended, Mobridge  
Kenneth "Kenny" R. Miller, Attended, Deadwood  
Cindy A. (Shevling) Myers, '83 & '93, Gillette, Wyo.  
Christine E. (Hunt) Niedan, '72, Midland  
Perry L. Nolan, '71, Hermosa  
Melinda J. O'Donnell, '75, Casper, Wyo.  
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Irvine L. Patten, '72, Hot Springs  
June C. (Heisler) Pluimer, Attended, Spearfish  
Larry R. Ragels, '73, Spearfish  
Sandra "Sandy" S. (Tripp) Redman, Attended, Gordon, Neb.  
Ronnie J. Schaffer, Attended, Hammond, Mont.  
Byron "Buzz" J. Schwartz, '74, Rapid City  
Norman "Norm" R. Stahl, '86, Brandon  
Ronald "Ron" J. Stevens, '75, Rapid City  
David G. Talsma, '77, Spearfish  
Beverly "Bev" L. (Brustkern) Tetreault, '72, Spearfish  
Keith T. Vanburen, Attended, Newcastle, Wyo.  
Vicky (Thompson) Waterland, '75, Faith  
Lisa A. (Way) Wentz, Attended, Lemmon  
Dianne K. (Hubbard) West, '74, Arlington, Va.

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Jeremy P. Bates, '99, Broomfield, Colo.  
Debra R. (Scherer) Enright, '97, Sturgis  
Robert "Bob" I. Meis, Attended, Rapid City  
Katie L. OKeefe, Attended, Casper, Wyo.  
Douglas "Doug" A. Rehak, '97, Winner  
Joseph "Joey" D. Roeder, '14, Wall  
Alexander "Alex" W. Schuttler, Attended, Rapid City  
Scott L. Turner, '12, Spearfish  
Amanda M. (Bintliff) Voisin, Attended, Saint Onge

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Lois M. (Knutson) Blossom, '68 & '70, Spearfish  
Glenda F. (Gilman) Iverson, Spearfish



**B. GENE BAUER, '53, SPEARFISH**

B. Gene Bauer, age 86, passed away Sept. 22, 2017, at Spearfish Regional Hospital. Bauer served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. After his military service, Bauer devoted his life to being a dedicated teacher and educator for 38 years, the last 24 years at BHSU. Following retirement, he continued to teach earth science at Ellsworth Extension Campus for several years. He had a double major M.S.T. degree in mathematics and geology from Union College in New York. For 38 years he timed BHSU football, basketball, cross country, wrestling, and indoor and outdoor track competitions. He was elected to the BHSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997 and was Swarm Day Parade Marshal with his wife, Cherie, in 1993. Bauer is survived by his wife of 61 years, Cherie of Spearfish; son, Kurt of Rapid City; daughter, Lori of Palm Springs; and granddaughter, Taylor (Kevin) Bailes of Gainesville, Fla.



**W. EDWIN "ED" ERICKSON, SPEARFISH**

W. Edwin "Ed" Erickson, age 78, passed away July 13, 2017. Erickson was a professor at BHSU and director of the E.Y. Berry Library Learning Center at BHSU. He was instrumental in creating the South Dakota Library Network connecting the libraries of South Dakota and later Minnesota. Ed was born in Willmar, Minn., May 15, 1939. He received his bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State and directed the bands at Hanley Falls, Minn. His education continued at St. Cloud State where he earned his master's degree in music. He played many instruments, including trombone and piano. He later earned his doctorate in education from the University of South Dakota and the University of Minnesota. He was preceded in death by his wife Loretta, father Wallace, mother Olive, sister Nancy, and other beloved family members. He is survived by his son David (Meghan) and grandchildren William and Sophie, son Michael (Ania), brother Carlton (Pat), brother Dean (Karen), and sister Meredith (Eric).



**MAX W. RICHARDSON, LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

Max Richardson, age 73, passed away Oct. 31, 2017. His teaching career included 20 years at BHSU and 25 years at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. He was born June 14, 1944, in Lubbock, Texas, to Wayne and Naydine Richardson. Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Lisa Lee Sawyer; two children, Sarah Whitney Bigham and Trevor Colin Richardson; three grandchildren; and brother Dennis Richardson. Richardson received his undergraduate and master's degrees in history from Texas Tech University, and his doctorate in political science/political philosophy from the University of Georgia. He spent 18 months in the Peace Corps in Libya teaching English to children. Richardson was a mentor to hundreds of students and instilled in them a love of the law and the ideals of fairness and equality. He was known for his wit, wisdom, and love of music. Richardson had a love for his dogs, so to honor that love the family requests donations be made to your local humane society or the ASPCA.

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### 04 APRIL

- 05 | Presidential Lecture Series - Linda Daugard
- 28 | Yellow Jacket Gold Rush Raffle and Auction

### 05 MAY

- 4-5 | 50-Year Reunion
- 05 | Commencement

### 06 JUNE

- 1-3 | Old Baldy Golf Classic
- 05 | Stadium Sports Grill  
Yellow Jacket Golf Classic

### 07 JULY

- 07 | Mark Larscheid Memorial Golf Classic

### 08 AUGUST

- 07 | Dennis Kirk Jacket Ride
- 13-15 | Sutton Bay Golf and Fishing Outing
- 17 | Yellow Jacket Golf Classic  
presented by White's Canyon Motors
- 25 | BHSU Scholarship Gala "Round-Up the Gold"

### 09 SEPTEMBER

- 23-29 | Swarm Week

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## Looking Back



### 2018 MARKS 90<sup>TH</sup> SWARM DAY CELEBRATION

In front of the present day Stadium Sports Grill at the corner of Main and Jackson Streets, Spearfish citizens were treated to the first Swarm Day parade in 1928. Spearfish Normal held eight homecoming celebrations under such names as Pioneer Day, Paha Sapa Day, and Gypsy Day before the Swarm Day name was established.

Join us this fall as BHSU celebrates the 90<sup>th</sup> Swarm Day Sept. 29, 2018.