

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is amazing to look through this month's report and see the opportunities for students who chose to attend Black Hills State University. A group of art students worked with community members of all ages and abilities to create a public art mural. A group of science students traveled the world for research, and another group visited Iceland to challenge their photography skills. And right here on campus – the opportunity to learn with faculty who are asked to weigh in on the most important conversations in our state – it's all available right here at BHSU. I hope you enjoy seeing this view into life at BHSU in this month's report.

A goal this year is to strengthen our mission of enhancing college access and being an economic engine for western South Dakota. We had a series of visits to promote BHSU in each local community and listen to ideas from employers and economic development leaders. We learned a great deal. I thank the communities that hosted us and look forward to continuing these visits into the spring.

Go Jackets!



Interim President, Laurie S. Nichols



BHSU students and faculty members completed a public art mural last month on Jackson and 5th Streets in Spearfish. The mural was a collaborative project with organizations and students of all ages and abilities from the community participating. Photo credit: The Matthews Opera House and Arts Center

## FACULTY AND STAFF LEAD INITIATIVE TO PLACE MURAL IN DOWNTOWN SPEARFISH

Black Hills State University spearheaded the creation of the new public art mural on Jackson and 5th Streets in Spearfish. The vibrant mural, which was a true community project, was completed in September.

BHSU students and assistant professor of art, Desy Schoenewies, collaborated with K-12 schools and community organizations to create mural pieces for installation. The team of artists also took mural pieces to Spearfish Canyon Healthcare and the Spearfish and Belle Fourche schools, where residents and students were able to paint and contribute to the community project.

"We want to express a big thank you to the students and teachers of the Spearfish K-12 and Belle Fourche K-12 art programs and the residents and employees of Spearfish Canyon Healthcare," said Schoenewies. "Their painting contributions and hard work were essential to finishing this unique project." [Read more](#)

## SWARM WEEK 2019: THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOMECOMING

Black Hills State's annual Swarm Week was held Sept. 22-28. Events for students, alumni, and the community were held throughout the week and the parade included 100 floats!

[Watch the video recap](#)



## BHSU DAY HELD IN BELLE FOURCHE AND STURGIS

Interim President Nichols and representatives from BHSU visited the Belle Fourche and Sturgis communities Oct. 15-16 to visit the high schools, meet with business and community leaders, and gather with local alumni and friends of the university.



Pres. Nichols was interviewed by BHSU alum Gary Matthews, program director at KBHB Radio, during BHSU Day in Sturgis.



BHSU Day in Belle Fourche

## GLOBAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT BHSU INCLUDES COMMUNITY SERVICE, INTERNSHIP AND ACADEMIC COMPONENTS

Black Hills State University continues its collaboration with a U.S. Department of State-sponsored program welcoming six new students from Pakistan and Tunisia to campus this year.

The six students on campus are recognized as highly motivated undergraduate student leaders. The goal of the U.S. Department of State program is to promote greater understanding between the people of the U.S. and the people of other countries, including future world leaders.

Eric Leise, director of International Relations at BHSU, says the Global Undergraduate Exchange Programs for Pakistan and Tunisia (UGRAD-Pakistan and Tunisia UGRAD) benefit all countries involved. By coming to the U.S., students are able to share their unique viewpoints and backgrounds bringing a global perspective to their host communities, and share this understanding of the U.S. with their communities when they return home.

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## STUDENT ATHLETE PARTICIPATES IN GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

Ashley Davis, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa tribe, from Belcourt, N.D., plays the wing position for the BHSU basketball team and majors in exercise science. This summer, Davis had an incredible opportunity to conduct research measuring radioactivity at underground research facilities in the Black Hills and Italy.

The research was part of the Germanium Materials and Detectors Advancement Research Consortium (GEMADARC) undergraduate research experience. The GEMADARC project holds a global partnership of 11 institutions across five countries including Canada, China, Taiwan, Germany, and the U.S. Their mission is to advance knowledge, research and discovery in fundamental physics, provide opportunities for undergraduate STEM majors, and to improve global collaboration on Germanium-related technology. [Read more](#)



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## "BUSINESS BUZZ" PRESENTERS SHARE CAREER STORIES WITH STUDENTS



Hoven

Jeremy Hoven, a BHSU alum and Spearfish Market President for Black Hills Community Bank, visited campus this month to share his business career story in the new "Business Buzz" speaker series.

The BHSU Enactus business competition team launched the speaker series last month to give students additional awareness and connection to community businesspeople. Dr. Bobbi Looney, assistant professor of management at BHSU, said the School of Business collaborated to schedule an open hour on Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. where a minimal number of business courses are scheduled

allowing students to attend the speaker series.

"Business Buzz helps inspire students to think of how they're going to apply their degrees. 'How did I get started in my career' is a key takeaway for our students from hearing businesspeople's stories and career trajectories," said Looney. [Read more](#)

## GOVERNOR APPOINTS PROFESSOR DR. CHERYL ANAGNOPOULOS TO S.D. ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Dr. Cheryl Anagnopoulos, professor of psychology at BHSU, was recently appointed by Gov. Kristi Noem to serve on the South Dakota Advisory Council on Aging. A well-respected educator and researcher, Anagnopoulos is an expert in cognition, memory, and the psychology of aging.

Anagnopoulos began her work in gerontology 30 years ago while completing her Ph.D. at the University of Kansas. She said she looks forward to serving the state to help provide solutions to issues such as healthcare availability for the elder population. The Advisory Council on Aging ensures representation regarding administrative and social concerns which would improve the status of older South Dakotans. [Read more](#)



Anagnopoulos

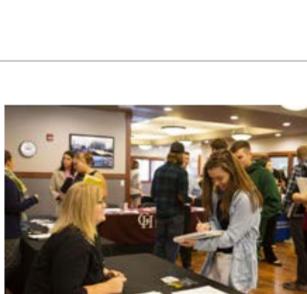


## BHSU STUDENTS CHALLENGED TO USE CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY CONCEPTS IN ICELAND

Stepping outside of the classroom and traveling across the Atlantic, 20 BHSU students and two professors gained an experience of a lifetime with a unique activity, "Iceland Photography Excursion." During their time in Iceland, BHSU students not only toured the vastly diverse countryside but an academic agenda was made to stroll through the historic areas of Dimmuborgir (the "Dark Castles") and Seyðisfjörður, enjoy whale watching, and trek among steaming vents and colorful lava formations. [Watch the video](#)

## ACCOUNTING FAIR BRINGS IN BIG NAMES AND BIG OPPORTUNITIES

Black Hills State University accounting students met with potential employers at the annual Accounting Fair on campus. Fourteen businesses and organizations were in attendance to recruit students.

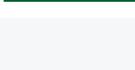


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"Each year several students secure internships that lead to jobs at those firms through the Accounting Fair. It is not uncommon for our graduate students to have multiple offers of employment. Our BHSU accounting alumni can be found in a wide variety of CPA firms and businesses," assistant professor of accounting at BHSU Laura Prosser said. [Read more](#)

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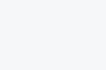
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