The INAUGURATION of
Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr.

The Spirit of the Hills

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014
Donald E. Young Sports & Fitness Center
Black Hills State University, Spearfish, South Dakota
The power of place has a strong influence on Black Hills State University. The Black Hills, called “a pine-clad oasis on the Great Plains,” have a lasting effect on those who travel the area and create a strong connection among all who call the Hills their home.

Sacred to the American Indians, a geological wonder with a unique ecosystem, and a welcoming community embracing diversity, the Black Hills create inspiration for higher learning and a higher calling through the ever present Spirit of the Hills.

A walk through the campus at Black Hills State University fills the senses with sights, sounds, scents, and the Spirit of the Hills. The three mountain peaks, Lookout Mountain, Spearfish Mountain, and Crow Peak, which form a “crown” around Spearfish and inspired the city’s nickname, “The Queen City,” are all visible from the Black Hills State University campus.

The Black Hills are more than the natural beauty we see every day. The Spirit of the Hills ignites possibilities and encourages each of us to dream. As the theme for the inauguration of BHSU President Tom Jackson, Jr., “The Spirit of the Hills” calls forth inspiration, engagement, innovation, and imagination.
Brief History of BHSU

The Dakota Territorial Legislature, meeting in 1881, passed an act establishing a Normal School in Spearfish. The school officially opened in 1883. Over the next two decades, the teaching and instruction curriculum offerings expanded with the purpose of training teachers for the public schools. By 1924 the college was authorized to adopt a four-year curriculum leading to a bachelor’s degree in education. Spearfish Normal School became informally known as Black Hills Teachers College. In 1941 the Legislature formally approved the name change to a teachers college.

During World War II, the college served as a training center for the U.S. Air Force. In the years following, the college achieved accreditation from the North Central Association, expanded its curriculum, began offering graduate work, and began a long-range building program. On July 1, 1964, the South Dakota State Legislature officially changed the name to Black Hills State College.

Enrollment grew throughout the following decades and the college received national accreditation. Construction of a new library and expansion of the college’s academic programs established the college’s future direction. On July 1, 1989, the State Legislature authorized a bill giving the college university status. Today the school is known as Black Hills State University and offers master’s, bachelor’s, and associate’s degrees.

The BHSU campus consists of 123 acres and 21 main buildings. The most recent addition to campus is the The Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni-Foundation Welcome Center. Construction is underway on Crow Peak Residence Hall. Extensive remodeling is taking place in Jonas Hall to create a state-of-the-art science education center. The University has dedicated space for an underground campus at the Sanford Underground Research Facility in the former Homestake Mine in Lead, S.D. BHSU continues to seek opportunities for innovation, education and research at the Underground Campus.

BHSU continues a 50-year tradition offering on-site courses in Rapid City providing leadership for the University Center-Rapid City (UC-RC).

As the only comprehensive University in western South Dakota, BHSU serves the entire region through outreach and service. BHSU draws students from all 66 counties in South Dakota, 45 states and 22 countries. With nearly 4,500 students and more than 100 faculty members, BHSU is dedicated to maintaining academic excellence through a curriculum consisting of more than 80 majors and minors. Drawing upon the unique location and deep connection with the community, BHSU remains committed to ensuring academic excellence and an exceptional educational experience for all students.
The I N A U G U R A T I O N
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President Tom Jackson, Jr.

EDUCATION

- Harvard University, Institute for Educational Management (IEM), August 2005
- University of La Verne, California - Ed.D. Educational Management, 1995
- Shippensburg University, Pennsylvania - M.S. Counseling/Student Personnel (CACREP), 1987
- Southwest State University, Marshall, Minnesota - B.S. Business Management/Personnel, 1985
- Highline Community College, Midway, Washington - A.A. General Studies, 1982

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

President, Black Hills State University
July 2014 - Present – Spearfish, South Dakota

Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Louisville
January 2007 - July 2014 – Louisville, Kentucky

President (Elected), American College Personnel Association
March 2009 - March 2010 – Washington, D.C.

Vice President of Student Affairs, Texas A&M University - Kingsville
May 2000 - January 2007 – Kingsville, Texas

Dean of Students, McMurry University
January 1996 - May 2000 – Abilene, Texas

Director of Student Activities Center, University of Texas - El Paso

Project Director, D.D. Eisenhower Leadership, University of Texas - El Paso

Academic Development Specialist, Cal Poly State University
July 1990 - September 1992 – San Luis Obispo, California

Area Coordinator, University of Southern California
July 1989 - July 1990 – Los Angeles, California

Assistant Director of Residence Life, St. Mary’s University
June 1987 - July 1989 – San Antonio, Texas

Graduate Residence Director, Shippensburg University
June 1985 - May 1987 – Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
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Biography of President Tom Jackson, Jr.

Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., began his tenure as tenth president of Black Hills State University on July 3, 2014.

President Jackson’s professional career showcases his dedication to students and commitment to his community. Prior to leading BHSU, President Jackson served as Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Louisville (KY). During that time he also served as the elected President of the American College Personnel Association, a leader in the higher education community providing outreach, advocacy, research, and professional development to foster college student learning.

President Jackson also previously served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Texas A&M University-Kingsville; Dean of Students at McMurry University (TX); Director of the Student Activities Center at the University of Texas-El Paso; Academic Development Specialist at Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo; Area Coordinator at the University of Southern California; and Assistant Director of Student Life at St. Mary’s University.

President Jackson has taught at the graduate and undergraduate level in courses ranging from counseling to ethics and served on numerous academic committees. He has authored and contributed to several publications on professional development, experimental education, and serving student veterans. President Jackson has also presented as an invited speaker at international and national education conferences on diverse topics including international service learning and student affairs.

President Jackson’s current community engagements include serving in the Indiana Guard Reserve and volunteering as an instrument-rated pilot with Pilots-n-Paws and Animal Rescue Flights. President Jackson is a veteran of the Texas State Guard, the Army National Guard and the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

He and his wife, Mona Kumar Jackson, have two children, Thomas (TJ), 16, and Chandi, 13. The Jacksons previously served as an international student host family. The Jackson family enjoys travel and college sports.

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BH Presidents of the Past

The Normal School in Spearfish officially opened in 1883 to provide instruction for men and women in teaching. The first principal of the Normal School was Van Buren Baker.

In 1885, Fayette L. Cook began his tenure as President. Under Cook’s leadership, and oftentimes personal financial support, the one-building Normal School grew and prospered. After 33 years and many successes including a yearly enrollment of 303 students, three main campus buildings and a women’s dormitory, President Cook submitted his resignation in 1918.

Ethelburt C. Woodburn was chosen as the next president. During the Woodburn administration the Regents authorized the establishment of four-year courses leading to a bachelor of science degree in education. Enrollments continued upward, summer course offerings expanded, new faculty and staff members were hired, and campus athletics flourished.

Through the growth years of the 1920s, the financial difficulties of the 1930s, and the opening years of World War II, Woodburn guided the school forward. In 1942 the college earned accreditation by the American Association of Teachers Colleges. After 23 years as the school’s president, Woodburn retired.

In 1942, Dr. Russell E. Jonas became president. Born in Iowa and raised on a ranch in western South Dakota, his interest in education was nurtured in rural schools. Jonas embarked upon his new responsibilities with vision and purpose. The college was selected to train Air Corps Cadets and following the war, the college grew as the need for teachers and educational opportunities for veterans increased. BH achieved accreditation from the North Central Association, expanded its curriculum, began offering graduate courses, and initiated a long-range building program.

When Jonas retired as president in 1967, enrollment had reached 1,804. The campus had acquired a new classroom building, four new dormitories, a new student union and gymnasium.

Dr. Meredith N. Freeman was selected to replace Jonas. Born, raised and educated in Missouri, Freeman was a man of conservative stature who was confronted with the changing social values of the 1960s. The strength of the Freeman presidency lay in his ability to govern and to find new direction for the college.

Under Freeman’s direction the E.Y. Berry Library-Learning Center was built and the business division expanded its offerings. The college received word of accreditation by the North Central Association and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. Freeman announced his resignation in the spring of 1976.

The Board of Regents appointed Dr. Maurice R. Fitzgerald, Vice President for Academic Affairs, as acting president until a replacement could be found. Fitzgerald, a BHSC alumnus and outstanding athlete, was popular with the faculty and staff. His tenure as acting president was unduly extended as statewide plans for a single university system were considered. Following his untimely death in 1977, Fitzgerald was posthumously named president of the college by the Regents.
Although Fitzgerald’s leadership term was limited, several major construction projects were completed under his direction including a new physical plant addition, much needed additional parking spaces and the addition of a softball complex. Fitzgerald’s life centered around education and athletics.

Dr. J. Gilbert Hause was named the sixth president of BHSC in 1977. Hause came to BH with a vast amount of experience in the areas of administration, teaching, and public relations. Hause truly believed in BH and its mission. He encouraged the faculty, staff and students to spread the word about the school’s programs and potential. Announcing his resignation in 1985, Hause was credited with increasing enrollments, reaccreditation and establishing an excellent faculty, staff, and student body as his legacy. During his leadership, BH emerged as the comprehensive higher education institution for western South Dakota.

Dr. Clifford M. Trump was chosen to become the seventh president in 1985. The most salient points of Trump’s legacy as president included completion of the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center, construction of a University apartment complex, gaining University status, steering the University through tough accreditation standards and overseeing record-breaking enrollment growth. Trump resigned in 1994.

Dr. Thomas O. Flickema was chosen as the eighth president in 1994. Flickema always maintained that the cornerstone of academic achievement rested upon the strength of the faculty and the diversity of the curriculum. Under Flickema’s watch, outside funding for the university grew exponentially. Perhaps the most noticeable change spearheaded by Flickema was the transformation of the campus with ongoing landscaping and the addition of Clare and Josef Meier Hall. Flickema’s vision for BHSU included expanding the reach of the university by increasing the number and types of courses offered in the surrounding area. He led the University through a successful national accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission. He retired in 2006.

Dr. Kay Schallenkamp began her tenure as president at BH in 2006. Under Schallenkamp’s leadership, BH emerged with record breaking enrollment, added several new degree programs, and substantially increased grant funding and scholarship donations. During her tenure, BH completed a major renovation and addition to the Student Union and constructed a new Life Sciences Laboratory, the Alumni/Foundation Center and began construction on Crow Peak Residence Hall.

With Schallenkamp’s guidance, BHSU greatly expanded its role with the University Center–Rapid City. Schallenkamp also strengthened collaborations with businesses, industry, and government agencies.
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Inauguration Ceremony

Processional ...........................................................Queen City Polite Society Orchestra Brass Quintet
“Allegro moderato from Quintet No. 1”
by Victor Ewald
Directed by Dr. Christopher Hahn, Assistant Professor, Music

Audience is requested to stand for the processional
and remain standing for the National Anthem

National Anthem..............................................................BHSU Concert Choir
Featuring Dr. Nancy Roberts, Associate Professor, Music
Directed by Dr. Jonathan Nero, Associate Professor, Music

Welcome and Introductions ..................................................Ms. Kathy Johnson
Vice President for Finance and Administration
Dr. Rodney Custer
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Greetings to the President

From the South Dakota Board of Regents ...........................................Dr. Jack R. Warner
Executive Director

From the City of Spearfish..........................................................Ms. Dana Boke
Mayor of Spearfish

From the Faculty .................................................................Dr. Parthasarathi Nag
Faculty Senate President

From the Students ...............................................................Mr. Chase Vogel
Student Senate President

From the Alumni ......................................................................Ms. Julie Benedict
Alumni Association President Elect

From the Center for American Indian Studies..............................Ms. Jace DeCory
Assistant Professor, History and American Indian Studies
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Reflections on BHSU History ................................................................. Dr. David Wolff
Dean, College of Liberal Arts

Musical Interlude .............................................................................. BHSU Concert Choir
“Simple Gifts” arranged by Dale Warland
Trumpet by Dr. Christopher Hahn
Directed by Dr. Jonathan Nero

Investiture ....................................................................................... President Dean Krogman
South Dakota Board of Regents

Presentation of Medallion ................................................................. President Dean Krogman
Dr. Thomas O. Flickema, President Emeritus
Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, President Emeritus

Introduction of the President ......................................................... Dr. Charles J. Fey
Vice President for Academic Support and Student Affairs
New Jersey Institute of Technology

Presidential Response ....................................................................... Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr.

Presentation of the Star Quilt ........................................................... Dr. Urla Marcus
Director, Center for American Indian Studies
Ms. Rosie Sprague
Assistant Director, Center for American Indian Studies

Closing Comments ........................................................................... Dr. Rodney Custer
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Recessional ...................................................................................... Queen City Polite Society Orchestra Brass Quintet
“Allegro vivace from Quintet No. 2”
by Victor Ewald

Audience is requested to be seated during the recessional.
You are invited to join President Jackson and his family
for an informal reception immediately following the ceremony.
**Platform Party**

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Delegates

Ms. Robin Diana
Dean of Student Success
Hartwick College (1797)
Oneonta, New York

Dr. Tom Clark
Clinical Professor
University of Louisville (1798)
Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. Michael Cuyjet
Professor Emeritus
University of Louisville (1798)
Louisville, Kentucky

Mr. Larry Owsley
Vice President for Business Affairs (Retired)
University of Louisville (1798)
Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. Susan Elkins
Chancellor, Palmetto College
University of South Carolina (1801)
Columbia, South Carolina

Dr. J. Price Foster
Professor Emeritus
Florida State University (1851)
Tallahassee, Florida

Dr. James Moran
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
University of South Dakota (1862)
Vermillion, South Dakota

Mr. Fred Romkema
Alumnus
University of South Dakota (1862)
Vermillion, South Dakota

Dr. Charles J. Fey
Vice President for Academic Support and Student Affairs
New Jersey Institute of Technology (1881)
Newark, New Jersey

Dr. Dave Braverman
Past Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Springfield College (1885)
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dr. Richard Sinden
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (1885)
Rapid City, South Dakota

Ms. Brenda Trinidad
Graduate Research Assistant
Arizona State University (1885)
Tempe, Arizona

Dr. Marjorie Kaiser
Superintendent
South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (1900)
Aberdeen, South Dakota

President James Smith
Northern State University (1901)
Aberdeen, South Dakota

* Institution date of founding indicated by year.
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Delegates

Dr. Stephen Zerwas
Associate Vice President for Planning and Assessment (Retired)
Georgia Southern University (1906)
Statesboro, Georgia

President Randy Rhine
Chadron State College (1911)
Chadron, Nebraska

Mr. Greg Roberts
Senior Advisor
ACPA College Student Educators International (1924)
Washington, District of Columbia

Dr. Tony Ross
Vice President for Student Affairs
California State University (1947)
Los Angeles, California

Dr. Beth Weatherby
Provost
Southwest Minnesota State University (1963)
Marshall, Minnesota

Dr. Susan Salvador
Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs
Northampton Community College (1966)
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Mr. Dan Smith
Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief of Staff
Northwest Mississippi Community College (1927)
Senatobia, Mississippi

Dr. Michael D. Anthony
Assistant Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer
Oakton Community College (1969)
Des Plaines, Illinois

Mr. John P. Terry
Senior Campus Director
National American University (1941)
Rapid City, South Dakota

Dr. Jason Murray
Director of Indian University of North America (2010)
Crazy Horse Memorial
Custer, South Dakota

South Dakota Board of Regents

Dr. Jack R. Warner
Executive Director
Pierre

Mr. Dean Krogman
President
Brookings

Mr. Harvey Jewett
Secretary
Aberdeen

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Vice President
Madison

Mr. Bob Sutton
Pierre

Dr. Kathryn Johnson
Hill City

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Student Regent
Humboldt

Mr. Randall Morris
Spearfish

Mr. Terry Baloun
Sioux Falls

Mr. Kevin Schieffer
Sioux Falls
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Student Inauguration Marshals

Lorrin Anderson
Alicia Benz
Kaitlin Bruggeman
Rebecca Clausen
Madison Foster

Taylor Guthmiller
Samantha Johnson
Forrest King
Megan Lapka
Jay Page

Sonja Pederson
Josh Robison
Cecilina Running Wolf
Kaitlin Spargur
Trait Thorne

Musical Performers

Queens City Polite Society Orchestra Brass Quintet
Directed by Dr. Christopher Hahn, Assistant Professor, Music

Donna Dettman, Trumpet
Carol Doerges, French Horn

Christopher Hahn, Trumpet
Scott McKirdy, Tuba

Kevin Rathert, Trombone

BHSU Concert Choir
Directed by Dr. Jonathan Nero, Associate Professor, Music

Soprano I
Megan Allen
Brittany Begeman
Karlee Gusso
Katherine Mendez-Skinner
Nikki Parks
Jessica Skorheim
Lacey Wenning

Rachel Sarchet
Rachel Simpson
Kia Tucker

Alison Atkins
Kassi Blue
Emily Carr
Alison Deal
Katherine Carstensen-Zerbst
Kathryn Klopfenstein
Emily Morse
Elena Plummer
Raquel Sweat
Alyssia Thompson
Cassie Toscana

Tenor
Alan Bonde
Seth Goodro
Matthew Hess
Cody Pepitone
Aaron Morlock
Eric Quaschnick
Taylor Wendt

Alto
Paige Allen
Kendra Barrett
Jen Loftin
Harmony Logue
Taylar Perez
Emily Raad
Jade Rosenbaum

Soprano II
Rachel Simpson
Kia Tucker
Kass Blue
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Inauguration Committee

Dr. Rodney Custer, Co-Chair
Ms. Kathy Johnson, Co-Chair
Ms. Julie Benedict
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Ms. Dana Boke
Mr. Pete Cappa
Dr. Cynthia Chandler

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Dr. John Dixson
Ms. Jodi Gabriel
Mr. Dan Green
Ms. Corinne Hansen
Mr. Forrest King
Dr. Jane Klug

Ms. Brittney Lystad
Ms. April Meeker
Mr. Steve Meeker
Ms. Bailey Sadowsky
Dr. David Wolff

Student Groups Assisting

International Student Organization
Jackettes

Newman Club
ROTC
Student Ambassadors

Student Senate
University Programming (UP) Team

Standard Bearers

Mr. Bill Collins, Class of 1993
Spearfish Normal

Ms. Linda Hughes, Class of 1961
Black Hills Teachers College

Ms. Patsy Custis, Class of 1988
Black Hills State College

Ms. Melissa Barth, Class of 2002
Black Hills State University
The BHSU Seal

With an emphasis on preserving and honoring our legacy while looking to the future, the Black Hills State University seal was recently redesigned.

The center of the seal features the iconic Arches that have become synonymous with BH’s determination and “can-do” spirit. The Arches are all that remain of one of the first campus buildings, Normal Hall, that was destroyed by a fire in 1925. The front entrance to Normal Hall, which was originally built in 1887, remained intact and is now a part of Ida Henton Park. This sandstone structure is a link to our past and serves as a symbolic entrance to the future for BHSU students as they embark on educational experiences that forever change them and their path in the world.

The outside circle of the seal goes even further into history to honor the Lakota people. The circular movement of the Medicine Wheel is divided into four gradient colors to signify the four directions (West, North, East, and South) and also represent the stages of life, seasons of the year, elements of nature and the forces of nature such as the rising and setting of the sun.

The inner circle showcases the name of the University in bold text on green hue, the University’s official color. The founding year, 1883, is placed in the center of the seal surrounding the University Arches.

The President’s Medallion

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

To contribute to the President’s Medallion, please visit www.BHSU.edu/PresidentsMedallion or call University Advancement at 605-642-6385.
American Flag

An American flag flies over the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., today as part of the Capitol Flag Program in honor of President Jackson’s Inauguration and military service.

University Mace

The Black Hills State University Mace was commissioned in 2008 during BHSU’s Quasquicentennial year commemorating the first 125 years of University history and moving the University into the future.

Constructed by Lynn Fox, who was a carpenter at BHSU, the Mace is made from the African mahogany wood salvaged from the bleachers in the former Cook Gymnasium. The University Mace is displayed in the Executive Conference Room in Woodburn Hall. Historically, a mace is a symbol of authority dating from medieval times. The mace later became a ceremonial symbol of leadership at academic processions.

Be a part of the Celebration on Social Media

Use @BlackHillsState, @tomjackjr, #BHSUinauguration, and #SpiritoftheHills in your social media updates to celebrate today’s events!