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Cherrie Davis

"BH COMPLEMENTS MY WORLDVIEW"

HELLO FROM THE
President

Happy spring, alumni and friends!

Spring is one of the busiest times of the year---and this spring has been no exception. The campus is full of activity and excitement. Most recently, we have directed our Yellow Jacket spirit towards the men's basketball team during their historic season. The 2021-22 squad is the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference regular season and tournament champions, and they earned the school's first-ever berth into the NCAA Division II tournament. As this magazine goes to press, we are preparing to compete in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight held in Evansville, Indiana. Go Yellow Jackets!



Our new finance lab is finished and officially opened March 31 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. South Dakota Senator Ryan Maher helped secure state funds to develop the lab to enhance BHSU's financial program and offer hands-on application opportunities for students. The software in the lab highlights data on numerous markets, breaking stock market and financial news, and can be customized to show specific portfolios such as the one held by our Jacket Investment Club. The lab is an important fulfillment of the BHSU business program's goals and expectations as an AACSB accredited university. The lab was created on the second floor of Meier Hall and features glass walls so those in and outside the lab can view the wrap-around financial ticker video that shows real-time stock market values. Please stop by and see it for yourself!

BHSU experienced a highly successful legislative session this year, mainly around four bills: SB43, SB132, SB133, and a line-item budget appropriation in the general budget bill. Senate Bill 43 authorizes the Board of Regents to contract for the design, renovation, and construction of an addition for a health sciences center at Black Hills State University-Rapid City. It is an \$8 million request to the state with another \$5 million from facility fees and \$2 million from private donations. Senate Bills 132 and 133 were both dropped by Senator Maher for a multi-media lab (SB 132) and a mobile science unit (SB 133). Additionally, our request for one-time dollars to assist with Ellsworth Air Force Base start-up is included in the budget bill. One other bill that will be passed allows for the Board of Regents to set the tuition rate at BHSU-RC and USD-SF campus. Previously the tuition was set at a self-support rate per state statute. This bill will be highly influential to our educational efforts in Rapid City.

BHSU rodeo kicks off their 2022 spring season with the annual Cowboys & Candlelight Banquet March 26 at the Spearfish Holiday Inn & Convention Center that features a live auction and online fundraising. All funds raised through the event are used for rodeo scholarships and to cover travel expenses for the rodeo team. Auction items may be viewed at BHRODEO.givesmart.com or by texting "BHRODEO" to 76278. Be sure to head to Seven Downs Arena April 22 and 23 as the team hosts the Will Lantis Yellow Jacket Stampede!

We will conclude this academic year with our spring commencement on May 7 where we anticipate graduating around 350 students at that ceremony. Our keynote speaker is alum Cherrie Davis, Class of '96, who was a Distinguished Military Graduate and BHSU homecoming queen during her time in Spearfish.

Alumni family, we would like to invite you to share your success stories to inspire incoming and current BHSU students (Email Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu). And if your summer travels brings you to Spearfish, please stop in and say hello. We would love to see you and catch up.

Best always!

Laurie S. Nichols

Dr. Laurie S. Nichols, President
Black Hills State University



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THE LIFE-CHANGING VALUE OF A \$100 SCHOLARSHIP

For most of us, the value of a hundred dollars seems fairly straightforward. For Black Hills State University alum Clark Sowers, that specific amount means so much more, and he was reminded of this fact this past December while celebrating Christmas with his family.

Sowers watched on as his youngest daughter, Echo, opened a Christmas present from a friend. It was \$100 to help with babysitting costs for her young child. The gift triggered a memory for Sowers who recalled the life-changing moment he was awarded a scholarship for the same amount to BHSU.

“When I graduated from high school in 1974, I really had no plans... my reason to keep some semblance of grades in high school was to play football!” Sowers said. “At Awards Day, I sat waiting for the event to finish for all the worthy recipients so we could finish our schooling and get on with life.”

But Sowers soon heard an unexpected announcement: his name being called as the recipient of the BHSU Alumni Scholarship. He was shocked.

“I hadn’t applied for any scholarships,” he added. “I had no idea why I was selected.”

Sowers would find out later that he had been nominated by Robert (Bob) Waddell, ‘66, his science teacher at Belle Fourche High School.

“Because of that scholarship, I decided to attend BHSU in the fall,” Sowers said.

From 1974 to 1975, Sowers enrolled at BHSU. And while he says his grades could have been better, Sowers believes the experience helped set him on the path towards his future.

“It opened me up to some new experiences,” he explained. “It put me at the door to where I could knock on it. It broke me out of my mold.”

He left college after a couple of semesters to pursue work opportunities and eventually jumped at the chance to work for his father at Sowers Sanitation in May of 1976. Sadly, only three days after starting his job, his father passed away from heart problems and Sowers found himself running Sowers Sanitation by himself.

“The next few years passed quickly, and purpose and focus entered my life with my marriage to Cathy and the birth of our first born,” Sowers said. And though his life was blessed, in the back of his mind he found himself wondering about some of the opportunities he had missed out on in college—especially the chance to play football. But in the early 80s, when he caught a television program telling the story of a 40-year-old man who had returned to college to play football, the idea of going back to BHSU didn’t seem so out of reach.

“I began to think... and began running and working out.”

In 1981, he was invited by BHSU Head Football Coach Gene Schlekeway to try out for the team, and that fall he walked on the field as a 25-year-old freshman fullback on the Yellow Jacket Football team.

By the next year, the program began to grow and though Sowers had to recover from a knee injury, he found himself improving as an athlete.

By 1983, the team had won the conference.

Sowers played football for BHSU through 1983 and went on to coach for a year under BHSU Head Coach Duke Iverson in 1984.

“Through my time as a Yellow Jacket, I met coaches who became friends, renewed old friendships, and met boys who grew into men who shared the same goals and love of a sport that we didn’t want to see end just yet,” Sowers said. “These relationships are a reminder of what’s important in our lives...to be part of something greater than ourselves.”



Cathy and Clark Sowers.

Forty-years later, Sowers has many accomplishments to reflect on since first stepping foot on BHSU’s campus. He is father to 10, grandfather to 22, and has operated his own businesses for 46 years.

“After selling Sowers Sanitation, we built Black Hills Laundry and Dry Cleaning and have stores in Belle Fourche, Spearfish, and Sturgis. We also have a dry-cleaning plant and laundromat in Rapid City,” Sowers explained.

In 2012, Sowers was inducted into the BHSU Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the 1983 football team. This honor was repeated in 2021 when he was included as a coach during the BHSU Hall of Fame induction for 1984 football team.

But despite his success, Sowers keeps his focus on gratitude. Gratitude towards people like Coach Schlekeway and BHSU assistant coach Walt Cook who gave him a chance at college football, and especially towards Bob Waddell, the science teacher who helped open the door with a nomination for a \$100 scholarship.

“He was an exceptional teacher, a good man, and the epitome of what a teacher is. I respected him a lot but didn’t do that well in his class. Evidently he saw something in me,” Sowers said. “If you wonder whether you can make a difference in someone’s life, you can with a little confidence in them.

And for Sowers, that is really what this story is about.

“ALL BECAUSE ONE MAN THOUGHT I COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH A \$100 SCHOLARSHIP.”

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN READING PROGRAM RECEIVES FULL ACCREDITATION

Black Hills State University received full accreditation of its Master of Education in Reading from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

BHSU is now the only institution in the state to be fully accredited by CAEP at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

“BHSU received a perfect report. There were no areas for improvement and no stipulations. This is a true credit to everyone who teaches, advises, and supports our School of Education programs,” said Betsy Silva, dean for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at BHSU.

Higher education institutions seeking accreditation must meet two principles: Their graduates are competent and caring educators, and the educator staff emphasize evidence to enhance their professional programs.

“This accreditation sets BHSU apart as the only South Dakota institution that has earned full accreditation for an advanced program. CAEP, a national accreditation council, has high standards for initial and advanced teacher preparation programs. [...] This accreditation means our graduate students can work as literacy teachers and coaches knowing, with full confidence, they have been prepared and are able to connect theory and practice in order to support K-12 teachers and students in the planning and delivery of effective literacy instruction,” said Dr. Faye LaDuke-Pelster, chair of the School of Education and associate professor of Reading at BHSU.

Black Hills State University has been accredited by CAEP (formerly NCATE), the Gold Standard accreditation, since its inception in 1954.

Silva, who has worked at BHSU for 30 years said, “Accountability in education is extensive with oversight beginning on campus and extending to the U.S. Department of Education. [...] Specifically involved in this accreditation honor are Dr. Denice Turner, Dr. Faye LaDuke-Pelster, Dr. Brian Eberhard, Dr. Jarrett Moore, and Dr. Rich Cariveau.” [READ MORE](#)

For more information on the School of Education at BHSU, see www.bhsu.edu/education.



Left to right: Dr. Faye LaDuke-Pelster, Dr. Denice Turner, BHSU President Laurie S. Nichols, and Dr. Betsy Silva.



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PARTNERSHIP CREATED WITH CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION® AND THE INDIAN UNIVERSITY OF NORTH AMERICA®

Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation® (CHMF) established a partnership between Black Hills State University (BHSU) and The Indian University of North America® (IUNA) to offer higher education opportunities through a cooperative agreement.

Two summer semester undergraduate academic programs, 7TH GEN® First-Year and 7TH GEN® Upper-Level, will be offered.

The 7TH GEN® First-Year Undergraduate Summer Program teaches Native students how to best navigate the requirements of university attendance while completing their first semester. The First-Year Program recruits and accepts high school graduates who meet the program regular or probationary admission requirements, the majority of whom are American Indian or Alaskan Natives.

“BHSU is excited to partner with IUNA by offering credit-bearing classes including internships,” BHSU President Laurie S. Nichols said. “The university has a long-standing commitment to the education of American Indian students and this program will provide another opportunity to exercise our commitment. We also look forward to working with IUNA staff and the Crazy Horse Foundation Board.”

The 7TH GEN® Upper-Level Undergraduate Summer Program is available to select applicants who have successfully completed the First-Year 7TH GEN® Program of IUNA. The students are enrolled in a full-time internship (35-40 hours per week) at Crazy Horse Memorial or with other select employers throughout the Black Hills region. [READ MORE](#)



Ojibwe dancer/artist Michelle Reed poses in front of a mural in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. This image recently was named the overall winner in Cowboys and Indians Magazine's 2021 Photo Contest.



A monumental backdrop and floral foreground make a fun setting for a Black Hills mountain goat.



An image taken by photographer Chad Coppess was featured on the cover of the 2015 issue of National Geographic Travel Magazine Australia.



Photographer Chad Coppess lives in Pierre and is married to Lisa (Wienk) Coppess, '85. They have one son, Cody, and two grandchildren.



Daredevil Doug Danger reflects for a moment as he prepares to jump over 22 cars during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

BHSU ALUM CAPTURES SOUTH DAKOTA THROUGH HIS LENS

Coming face-to-face with a mountain goat is just another day at the office for BHSU alum Chad Coppess, '85.

For the past 28 years, Coppess has built a career as a professional photographer documenting the best and most beautiful places in South Dakota for the South Dakota Department of Tourism, and more recently, South Dakota Magazine.

Coppess fell in love with photography during junior high when his dad brought him to a drag race with a camera in tow.

"My dad took some pictures just for fun," Coppess explained. "And it just clicked for me. I want to take photos for a hot rod magazine."

After receiving a camera of his own, Coppess got involved with his high school newspaper and magazine. When it came time for college, Coppess transferred to Black Hills State University after one year at another school to major in mass communications with an emphasis in photography.

"I transferred to go somewhere closer to home," Coppess explained. "It turned out for the best. I was used to a small school. It felt a little more comfortable for me. The education I ended up with at BHSU was exactly what I was looking for, so I'm happy I made the switch."

Right out of college, Coppess got the opportunity of a lifetime: a summer internship with the South Dakota Department of Tourism.

"I was running all over the state taking pictures of fairs, festivals, rodeos, tourist attractions, state parks, all kinds of great stuff! It made me realize that this is really what I want to do."

When his internship came to an end, Coppess moved on to working at newspapers—first in Spearfish and Sturgis, and then in Indiana where he was able to fulfill his childhood goal of photographing hot rods.

"But all this time I was keeping in touch with South Dakota Tourism," Coppess added. "And eventually, after three years in Indiana, they gave me a call."

By 1993, Coppess was back in South Dakota going anywhere and everywhere, from the Badlands to the top of Mount Rushmore, in search of the perfect shot.

"Everywhere you would go for vacation, I got to go for my work. I used to say I was a professional tourist," Coppess joked.

"IT WAS FUN BEING ABLE TO SHOW OFF SOUTH DAKOTA AND HELP PEOPLE FIND PLACES THEY MAY NOT HAVE DISCOVERED ON THEIR OWN."

As a photographer, Coppess was awarded the AH Pankow Award for Media Coverage of Visitor Industries from the South Dakota Tourism Industry in 2013, and had one of his images selected as the cover image on a 2015 issue of National Geographic Travel Magazine Australia.

Coppess retired from the Department of Tourism in 2021, but has continued to be a presence in the tourism industry through his work with South Dakota Magazine.

When asked what advice he has for aspiring photographers, he said, "Pursue that passion, get out there, and take pictures every single day. Make sure you are working on your craft! The better you get, the better your job opportunities will be."



Racing legend Helio Castroneves flashes down the front straightaway at Knoxville Raceway in Iowa during a Superstar Racing Experience event.



Silhouetted by the sunset in a cloud of dust, a cowgirl prepares to ride in Sitting Bull Stampede Rodeo in Mobridge.

BHSU AWARDED \$242,769 GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

BHSU was awarded a nearly \$250,000 grant to restore and expand BHSU Center for American Indian Studies (CAIS) public programming. The grant will help to amplify CAIS programs such as the annual Wacipi (powwow) and American Indian Awareness Week. It will also provide funding to create a professional film to document and preserve elders' wisdom and cultural knowledge.

The digital oral history project, "Howasteya Oyuspapi: Capturing Their Good Voices," will be supported by funding for a temporary assistant director, five student interns, and consultants.

Dr. Urla Marcus, director for the BHSU CAIS, will serve as the project director.

This National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant was provided as part of the American Rescue Plan funding to help nearly 300 cultural and education institutions recover from the impact of COVID-19.

"The American Rescue Plan recognizes that the cultural and educational sectors are essential components of the United States economy and civic life, vital to the health and resilience of American communities," NEH Acting Chairman Adam Wolfson said.

Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) grants will mitigate economic shocks within higher education, where COVID-related enrollment declines, state funding shortfalls, and the costs of campus closures and technology



The BHSU Center for American Indian Studies was awarded a nearly \$250,000 grant to help restore and expand programming.

investments in online learning have decreased postsecondary humanities programs and departments, accompanied by staff and faculty layoffs and salary cuts. [READ MORE](#)

TITLE III GRANT TO PROVIDE NEARLY \$2.2 MILLION FOR ENHANCED STUDENT SERVICES AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

BHSU has been awarded a five-year, \$2,160,701 Title III Institutional Strengthening grant to enhance student services and provide targeted faculty development. The grant will support the University's strategic enrollment goals to increase student success and graduation rates through professional advising and coaching, faculty professional development, and enhanced student support systems.

Title III grants are awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to institutions of higher education to help them

"become self-sufficient and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability of eligible institutions."

According to Dr. John Allred, vice president for enrollment management, who will serve as the project director for the Title III grant, BHSU developed the Title III grant proposal at the same time the University was finalizing its Strategic Enrollment Plan.



A Title III grant of nearly \$2.2 million has been awarded to BHSU to enhance student services and provide targeted faculty development.

BHSU last received a Title III grant in 1982. At that time funds were primarily used to improve infrastructure, especially bringing new technology into the classroom. [READ MORE](#)

WALTERS NAMED SENIOR DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS



Walters

Becca Walters, BHSU Class of 2006, returned to her alma mater in October of 2021 to lead the marketing and communications department as senior director. Walters, originally from Sioux Falls, was a two-time Academic All-American athlete for the Yellow Jackets in basketball and a member of the conference champion track & field team.

"I am thrilled and grateful to return to BH," Walters said. "I would like to thank President Nichols, the search committee

and all involved in the hiring process for their time and insight. I know firsthand what a special place this is, and I am honored to be the person to lead the charge and share the stories of the incredible students, staff, faculty, alumni, community, and donors."

After graduating from BHSU with dual degrees in business administration-marketing and business administration-management, Walters went on to receive her Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn.

Walters has been working within the realm of university public relations for more than a decade to improve perceptions of programs within educational systems. Throughout her career, she enhances experiences of university students and staff to bring local, regional, and national recognition by creating and maintaining relationships with the media, community, future students, alumni, and donors.

Walters has achieved success in many environments, from large media markets to small communities. Walters was most recently the assistant director for athletics communications at the University of North Texas, a university system that includes over 40,000 students and nearly 5,000 employees. From 2018-21, she worked to promote and maintain the integrity of the UNT brand primarily through Mean Green Athletics.

At Texas Woman's University from 2016-18, Walters was the assistant athletic director for communications and worked alongside the school's marketing and communications department as the entire university went through a complete rebrand. She was charged with creating the first athletics brand style guide that included the school's first mascot and was also a member of the Student Life Communications Committee to streamline communications between campus departments and students.

As the senior woman's administrator and associate athletic director at Lubbock Christian University from 2013-16, Walters was brought on board to help guide the university through their transition from NAIA to NCAA Division II. She also served as the feature writer for the women's basketball national championship team, allowing her to take the lead on the alumni magazine that semester. She successfully pitched the team's story to ESPN, an impressive feat.

Walters also gained a broad base of knowledge within marketing and communications through her work in the NBA, WNBA and (then) D-League.

"We're very excited to welcome Becca Walters back to Black Hills State University," President Laurie S. Nichols said. "The experience she has gained over the course of her career will help guide the University's marketing and communications efforts forward to new heights."

BHSU ALUMNI RECEIVE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING



Vincent

Darcy (Moulton) Vincent '15 and Merideth (Grauel) Wald '12 were both announced as recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The PAEMST is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teaching.

Darcy Vincent has been an educator for 13 years and has spent the last six years teaching fifth grade mathematics at Camelot Intermediate School in Brookings. Vincent earned a B.S. in elementary education from Dakota State University and received her M.S. in curriculum and instruction from Black Hills State University.

Merideth Wald has been a mathematics teacher in an elementary classroom for nine years. She has spent those nine years teaching kindergarten and first grade. All nine years have been at Black Hawk Elementary School in Black Hawk, SD.

Wald holds a B.S. in elementary education from Black Hills State University; an M.S. in early childhood education from Capella University; and an Ed.S. in curriculum and instruction from Capella University. [READ MORE](#)



Wald

SPEARFISH NORMAL SCHOOL PENDANT DONATED TO BHSU

This pendant, donated to BHSU by BHSC alum Gerald Collogan, '74, commemorates the seventeenth annual session of the South Dakota Education Association held in Hot Springs, August 2-4, 1899. The pendant displays an exquisite picture of the State Normal School in Spearfish and a picture of the Famous Plunge Bath in Hot Springs; today we know it as the Evans Plunge.

If you have an item from the State Normal/Spearfish Normal, BHTC or BHSC days and are interested in donating it to BHSU, please contact Tom Wheaton, director of alumni affairs, at Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or (605) 642-6385. Please contact Tom before sending any items to BHSU, as the items may or may not be needed in the university archives.



Front of pendant

Backside of pendant

“I LITERALLY DISCOVERED
BHSU OUT OF THE NECESSITY
TO **EXCEL.**” - Cherrie Davis, '93

Cherrie Davis

“BH COMPLEMENTS MY WORLDVIEW”

NECESSITY TO EXCEL

A unique path driven by a military background took Cherrie Davis many places such as Alabama, Texas, Europe and Colorado, and yet somehow this New York native found her way to Black Hills State University in the summer of 1991.

Before arriving in Spearfish, Davis endured an up-and-down sophomore year of college at Metropolitan State University in Denver where the realization came that she needed to find a smaller school in which to thrive.

“Most young people don’t realize the absolute jewel the state of South Dakota is...more specifically, Black Hills State. This university stood out to me because of caliber of leadership that worked in the ROTC department. They had a good reputation amongst cadet command,” Davis explained.

Even before Davis was aware of the favorable status of the ROTC staff at BHSU, a random event in the local library sealed her fate.

“I literally went into the library, opened a college ranking book, and flipped through; that’s when I discovered BH. It was the write up ‘A College Originally Developed for Educators’. In my mind, any school that’s created to hone educator’s skills truly understands the importance of the individual learning experience. They also had a good communications department and a great ROTC department. I felt like BH was the fit. The campus was spacious but still had a sense of connection with the professors and students. I knew the chances were high I would see my professors at the local Walmart, which is what I needed.”

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HOMECOMING QUEEN

Davis became involved on campus not only with ROTC but also the debate team and student government. Perhaps her most unconventional experience at BHSU came during her senior year, when she was nominated for homecoming queen by her dorm, ROTC, and student government.

“My first reaction was, ‘Not doing that. I’m 27.’ Then after some thought I said, ‘Okay, the only way I will do this is if we’re willing to raise money and donate resources to the women’s shelter downtown.’ Which we did.”

Then that evening, the unexpected happened for Davis.

“After the homecoming king was crowned, he walks behind us hovering the queen’s crown over us. When he placed it on my head, and I turned around and told him to stop playing. He said, ‘No, you really won.’ I was speechless; it was such a surprise!”

“That night put on display how humanity really works. I didn’t win because I knew one group of people. I won because I knew people across all the demographics at BH. Like the athletes, the creatives, the intellectuals, to name a few. It’s because I engaged with a different people, and their votes accumulated for the win.”

“I remember the young girl who was standing next to me on stage that night; she had curly blonde hair and unbelievable blue eyes. I absolutely thought she was going to win, and I remember looking at her and saying ‘Sorry’, because she was hurt. I believe being the homecoming queen was important to her at the time. For me, it wasn’t important right away.

“That crown did become important years later. I was able to share the importance of what it means to be the best human you could be, to share the best of who you are and to expect the best from those around you. Bringing your best self galvanizes community in ways you would never believe. To this day when I tell people the story, they

are taken aback. The first hurdle for them is that I went to school in South Dakota, and then the second hurdle is, ‘Wait, you’re African American. They voted you home coming queen?’ Then I show them the picture, and a whole new conversation opens up.”

WE’RE ALL HUMAN

Not every experience Davis went through after coming to campus is as heartening. Arriving in Spearfish as 27-year-old woman of color had its tribulations.

“I think there was one other African American girl at BH. I was one of two African American students who were non-athletes at the time. Whenever I would go to places like Walmart, kids would run up to me and they would just stare at me, or they would want to touch my hair. People who were in their 40s or 50s would share, ‘I watch Oprah and I think she’s phenomenal.’

“I thought, ‘There’s a reason why they’re telling me this. One, because you’re an anomaly to them and

two, they want to let you know that they just regular people.’ I attended school in the early 90s. Diversity was not plentiful on the campus or in the state. Most of the diversity came from the Ellsworth Air Force Base population. I told myself my time here is to be an example so people understand while culturally we may be different, in the end we had more in common than most would guess at first glance. After all, we are all human. That’s kind of how I looked at the rest of my time there.”

As the president at ShiftForward Consulting, based in Atlanta, Georgia, Davis is able to provide her clients a unique perspective by merging her real-world experience with a proven knowledge of people, some of which she can attribute to her time on campus.

“I get to share my lived experiences that had some real wow factors...real once in a lifetime events. How many people can say they got commissioned at Mount Rushmore? How many people get to say their first balloon ride was as a homecoming queen over the city? Where people would touch your skin because they don’t believe who you are? It’s those experiences that create this magical thing I call life. I liken it to Picasso’s paintings, where different shapes and shades of colors are in harmony creating art.”

“What’s powerful is how BH complements my worldview: embrace experiences, be kind, empower others, dream big, create community, and be fearless!”



ROTC group photo from Davis’ time at BHSU



Davis attending the Retirement Ceremony at Women’s Memorial in Washington D.C.



Davis landing an Apache helicopter in Iraq



Davis being crowned homecoming queen at BHSU.



Davis visiting the Hill Tribe people in Northern Thailand.



Davis at the book signing at Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) DEI Conference in Texas.

2021 SWARM WEEK

RETROSPECTIVE



Swarm Days Homcoming Queen and King, Madison Hoopman and Drazen Moratzka, at the "Burning of the BH."



2021 Hall of Fame inductee, Kim (Rochlitz) Niemann, gave a speech at the Hall of Fame banquet.



Alumni Award Recipients L to R: Dr. James Hellekson, '11, Young Alumni Achievement Award; Justin Varland, '02, Distinguished Alumnus Award; and Marcia Jarvi-Hultman, '85, Special Achievement Award. Not pictured Dr. Jensen Moore (formerly Morris), '99, Excellence in Education Award; and Dr. Bill Jordan, Special Service Award, former administrator, and coach.



2021 Hall of Fame inductee, Tanner Tetrault, gave a speech at the Hall of Fame banquet.



2021 Hall of Fame inductee, Brian K. Fennema, accepting a plaque from BHSU President Laurie S. Nichols.



2021 Hall of Fame inductee, Wesleigh (Hardy) Bishop, accepting a plaque from BHSU President Laurie S. Nichols.



The 1984 football team was inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame. Team members in attendance at the Hall of Fame Banquet included: Jhett Albers, Jim Alcorn, Chuck Arseneault, Ron Beard, Todd Carlson, Craig Caviness, Casey Coons, Todd Curtis, Damian Ederhoff, Steve Gilbertson, John Grant, Joe Guttierrez, Marty Haivala, Joe Hamm, Jerry Harmon, Todd Hemmingson, Terry Hiatt, Jim Hill, Doug Hornberger, Dave Hughes, John Humke, Michael Johnson, Mike Kaitfors, Ted Klatt, Mark Kulmus, Pat Rotert, Jon Schlekeway, Clark Sowers, Devan Thompson, Greg Trout, Sean Walker, Rob Walls, Ardie Wardell, Bryan Wetzal, Wade Wilson, and Craig Wollman.



The 1977 baseball team was inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame. Team members in attendance at the Hall of Fame Banquet included: Bryan Schlekeway, Randy Nicholas, Ed Blewett, Craig Crosswait, Clark Gusso, and Nevin Jacobs.

SWARM DAYS 2021 - SWARM GONE WILD

SWARM QUEEN | Madison Hoopman
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YELLOW JACKETS WIN RMAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

Black Hills State men's basketball won a back-and-forth battle against Regis University (Colo.), 69-66, March 5 inside the Donald E. Young Center to win the program's first Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) tournament championship.

Joel Scott led the team with 29 points (8-of-11 shooting) and nine rebounds along with three steals and a block. Sindou Cisse and PJ Hayes both scored in double figures with 12 points and 10 points, respectively. Adam Moussa dished out five assists while grabbing six boards and scoring nine.

The Yellow Jackets led 67-66 with 2.1 seconds remaining and forced a Regis turnover and foul. Scott sank both free throws to clinch the game and BHSU's first RMAC tournament championship.



Moran

MORAN JOINS THE YELLOW JACKET TRACK & FIELD COACHING STAFF

Sandy Moran joined the Yellow Jacket track and field coaching staff as the throws coach in February 2022.

Moran arrived from Highland Community College where she was the head track and field and cross country coach since 2020. In her time at Highland CC, Moran coached two NJCAA Outdoor National Champions, eight Outdoor NJCAA All-Americans, five Indoor NJCAA All-Americans, and seven All-Academic Athletes.

Before Highland CC, Moran was the assistant track and field and cross country coach at Cloud Community College for the 2019-20 season where she coached eight athletes to the NCJAA Indoor Championship and four athletes to the NJCAA Outdoor Championship. Moran helped coach the men's outdoor NJCAA National Championship team in 2019.

Moran also was the assistant track and field coach at Lewis University (2017-19), head coach for track and field and cross country from 2004-10 at Humboldt State, an assistant track and field coach for Portland State University (2002-04), an assistant at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (2002-02), and a graduate assistant coach at Campbell University (1999-2000).

Moran has a B.S. in history and political Science from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and a master's in education in interdisciplinary studies from Campbell.

BHSU ATHLETICS FINISHES FALL SEMESTER WITH 3.32 GPA

Black Hills State Athletics finished the 2021 fall semester with an overall GPA of 3.32. Women's volleyball had the highest fall GPA, averaging a 3.73 as a team, while men's cross country led all men's programs with their 3.21 GPA.

"I am so proud of our student-athletes, coaches, and staff for all they have done this semester to achieve an outstanding overall GPA of 3.32," said Padraic McMeel, director of athletics. "The young men and women continue to excel academically while improving in competition and in community service. They are truly "student-athletes" and becoming well-rounded individuals that Black Hills State University and the community can be proud of."

GPA BY PROGRAM:

Women's Volleyball - 3.732	Women's Softball - 3.373
Women's Basketball - 3.600	Men's Cross Country - 3.214
Women's Triathlon - 3.599	Men's Basketball - 3.168
Women's Cross Country - 3.519	Women's Golf - 3.000
Women's Track (Indoor) - 3.462	Men's Football - 2.989
Women's Track (Outdoor) - 3.448	Men's Track (Indoor) - 2.849
Women's Soccer - 3.401	Men's Track (Outdoor) - 2.724

3.32 FALL SEMESTER ATHLETICS GPA AVERAGE

2021-22 RMAC AWARDS & HONORS

RMAC ALL-ACADEMIC FIRST TEAM

Ashley Davis (WBB) - 3.96 GPA, Exercise Science
 Danica Kocer (WBB) - 4.00 GPA, Chemistry & Composite Science Ed.
 Adam Moussa (MBB) - 3.95 GPA, Business Administration

RMAC HONOR ROLL

Ashlee Beacom (WBB) - 3.53 GPA, Biology & Chemistry
 Raven Cournoyer (WBB) - 3.50 GPA, Exercise Science
 Tommy Donovan (MBB) - 4.00 GPA, Political Science/Strategic Leadership
 Megan Engesser (WBB) - 3.882 GPA, Mathematics
 Summer Fox (WBB) - 3.837 GPA, Exercise Science
 Morgan Hammerbeck (WBB) - 3.922 GPA, Business Administration
 PJ Hayes (MBB) - 3.66 GPA, Business Administration
 Ryder Kirsch (MBB) - 3.94 GPA, Business Administration
 Michael Russell (MBB) - 3.33 GPA, Exercise Science

FIRST TEAM ALL-RMAC

Kyla Sawvell (T&F)
 Whitney Scott (T&F)

RMAC HONORABLE MENTION

Megan Engesser (WBB)
 Haylee Weathersby (WBB)

RMAC WBB FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Haylee Weathersby (WBB)

RMAC MBB PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Joel Scott (MBB)

SECOND TEAM ALL-RMAC

Sindou Cisse (MBB)
 Jady Gackle (T&F)
 Hannah Hendrick (T&F)
 Danica Kocer (WBB)
 Sully Mack (T&F)
 Adam Moussa (MBB)
 Savanna Perez (T&F)

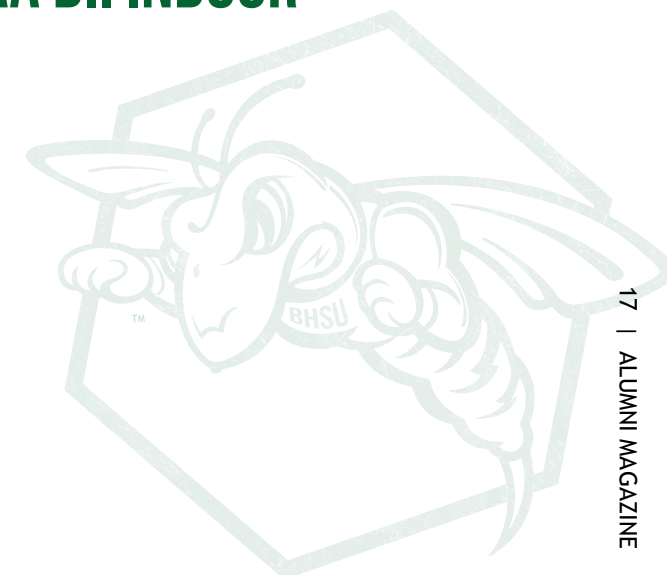
RYAN THOMPSON NAMED RMAC MBB COACH OF THE YEAR

BHSU men's basketball head coach **Ryan Thompson** was named 2021-22 RMAC Coach of the Year. Coach Thompson has now been named top coach in the RMAC two of the last three seasons and twice in his four years leading the Yellow Jackets. He has led BHSU to the RMAC Tournament all four years as head coach, and has a record of 69-34 over that stretch, good for a .670 winning percentage.

LINDQUIST, SAWVELL COMPETE AT NCAA DII INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

BHSU track and field earned its place at the NCAA DII Indoor Track and Field Championships this year with two athletes who were selected to compete.

For the Yellow Jackets, Ruby Lindquist competed in the first round of the women's mile with a time of 4:53.45 for a 17th place finish. Kyla Sawvell competed in the women's weight throw. Sawvell earned her best mark of the meet on her third and final throw where she launched the shot put 13.83m (45' 4.5") which had her in seventh place at the end of the first flight. At the conclusion of flight two, Sawvell was placed at 14th overall in the nation.



The Hive

HOME OF THE YELLOW JACKETS



A dedication ceremony for "The Hive," a 20-foot sculpture created by local artist Dale Lamphere, was held Sept. 22 as a part of Black Hills State University's homecoming week.

"The Hive," which was installed into the roundabout at the intersection of Jackson Blvd. and Ames Street leading toward the BHSU campus in Spearfish, honors the ongoing collaboration of the Spearfish community and BHSU. The four-ton stainless steel sculpture in the new roundabout will greet visitors and students to the university. It pays homage to the BHSU mascot, the Yellow Jacket.

Lamphere, a Sturgis resident who attended BHSU before launching a successful career as an artist, created the stainless steel sculpture as a representation of a hive in honor of the BHSU Yellow Jackets.

"After studying the natural form and overlapping structure of a hive, I distilled it down into a stainless steel creation that represents the

home of the BHSU Yellow Jackets," Lamphere said. "My goal was to create a beautiful, lasting and iconic image that represents the University in the years to come."

BHSU President Laurie S. Nichols, Spearfish Mayor Dana Boke, BHSU Student Senate President Keegan Baatz, and Lamphere spoke at the dedication ceremony, and the BHSU Beeline performed.

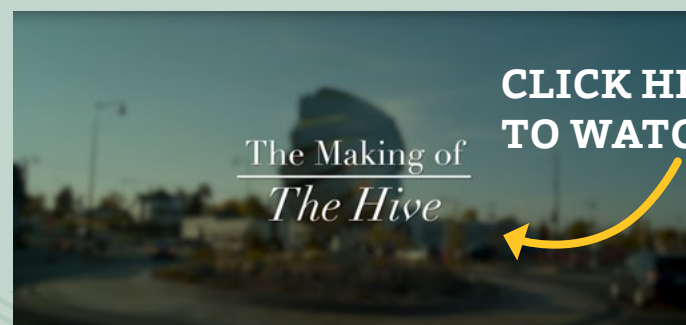
ABOUT THE ARTIST

Dale Claude Lamphere, South Dakota Artist Laureate, has completed 60 major public sculptures from the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington D.C. to the City of Burbank, Calif.

Recent works by Lamphere include the Dignity of Earth and Sky at Chamberlain and the Arc of Dreams in Sioux Falls.

CURIOUS HOW "THE HIVE" WAS MADE?

Watch the documentary "The Making of The Hive" on YouTube which takes you through the conception and installation of this unique sculpture. Film by Randal Iverson.



THE HISTORY OF THE OLD BHSU WATER TOWER

Written by Steve Meeker

Many of us that attended Black Hills State probably did not know that at one time the campus had a 160-foot water tower that stood behind where the library is today. The 125,000-gallon tank was constructed in 1931 to provide fire protection to the campus, a precaution put into place after the campus lost Normal Hall to fire on January 13, 1925.

As you can imagine, there was a lot of discussion as to what should be painted on the tower for decoration. Several suggestions were made such as a Yellow Jacket, a huge "H," or BHTC for Black Hills Teachers College. We do not know what was originally chosen, but we do know that Black Hills Teachers College and later Black Hills State College was painted on the tower.

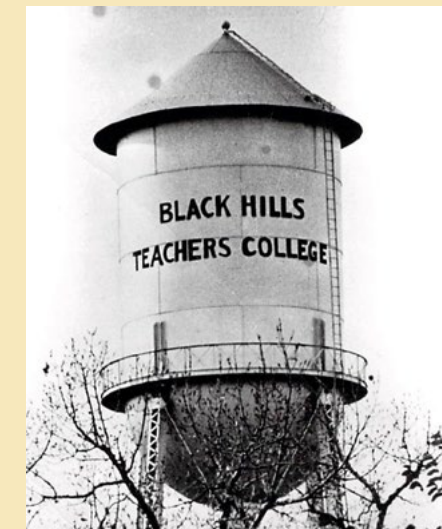
Although the tower was on campus, it became a Spearfish landmark for everyone, including travelers entering town. According to the Queen City Mail, the city of Spearfish started a Christmas tree marathon in 1930 and placed a Christmas tree on top of the stand pipes south of town. In 1931, the tree was placed on top of the new water tower on campus and could be seen from anywhere in Spearfish.

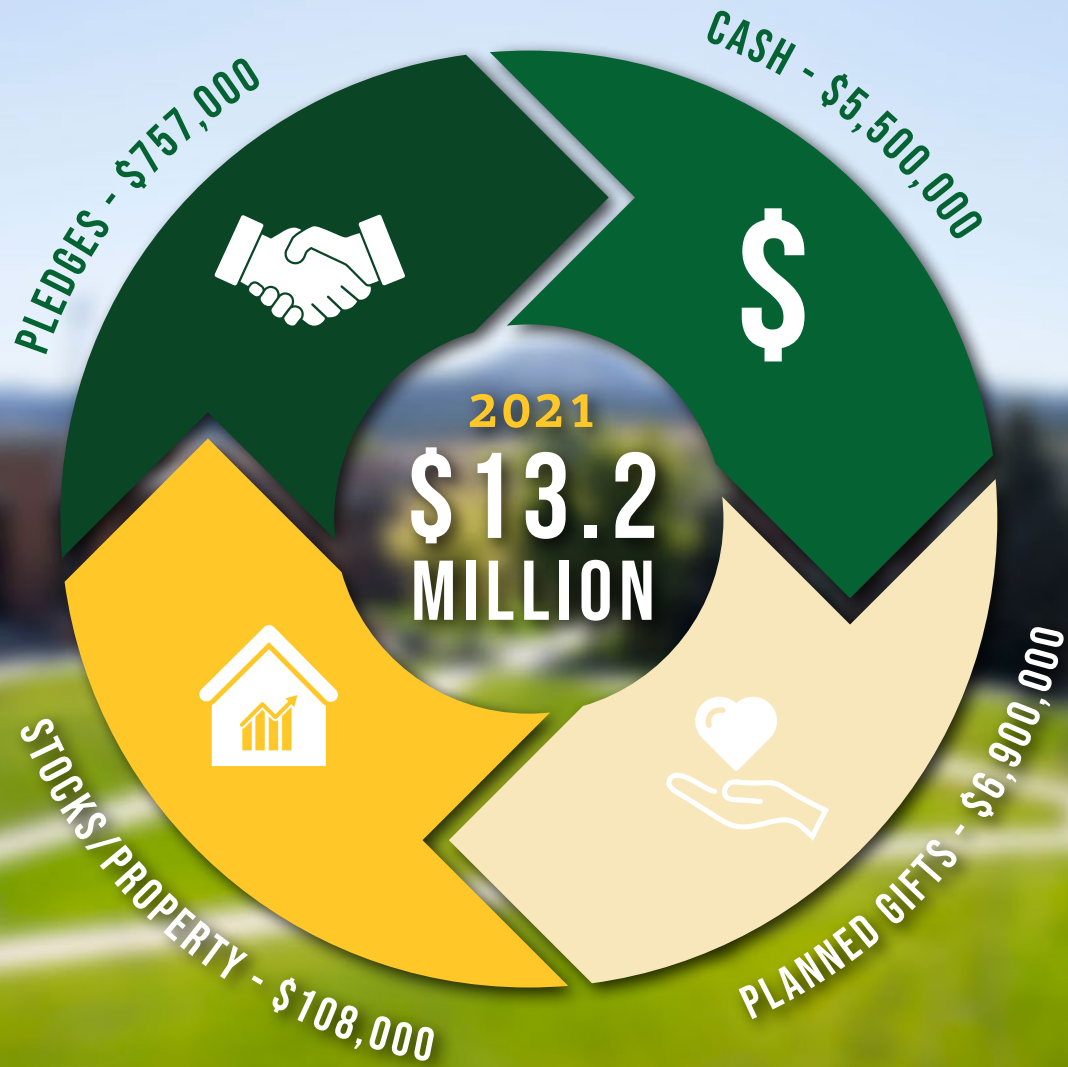
According to the late Paul Haivala's "First 100 Years of Black Hills State" book, there are many student stories about the tower as well.

The late Burt Wrede's name (a student in the 40s) would come up when mentioning the tower as he shot a hole in it from his Wenona Cook room with his deer rifle. The tower had to be completely drained before the hole could be repaired. The tower was also considered dangerous when college and high school students would climb the structure, usually at night, to avoid being caught. One student, a photographer, climbed the tower for a better view and accidentally dropped his camera through the windshield of an instructor's car. SD Mines students would also come up and paint "M's"

on the tower as a part of their freshman initiation. Because the tower would become saturated with graffiti, BH would repaint the tower every couple years.

After 40 years, the tower was dismantled and moved in the summer of 1971 to make room for a parking lot. The city of New Underwood bought the tower for \$1.





Breaking Records

BHSU UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT REPORTS RECORD YEAR

Black Hills State University posted a record-breaking year in 2021, bringing in \$13.2 million dollars.

BHSU Employee giving alone was up \$82,627, a 226% increase from 2020.

The BHSU and Yellow Jacket Foundations surpassed the previous record of \$11.7 million set in 2018. This record year yielded \$5.5 million in cash, \$6.9 million in estate gifts, \$108,000 in property/stocks, and an additional \$757,000 in pledges.

"I am proud of the growing support from alumni and friends who have donated to BHSU over the years," Vice President of University Advancement Steve Meeker said. "It really shows the appreciation and love that they have for BHSU. The Foundation is looking forward to another capital campaign in the very near future."

The BHSU Foundation is also increasing scholarship dollars by \$300,000 for the 2022-23 school year. The new scholarship strategy will include a \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 annual scholarship for up to four years. Requirements include at least 3.0 GPA and a minimum of 30 credit hours completed per school year.



Vice President for University Advancement Steve Meeker with BHSU Athletics donors Miles Beacom, Johnnie Johnson, and Gordon Meeker.

2022 ARIZONA GOLF EVENT RAISES MORE THAN \$100,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Seventh Annual Arizona Yellow Jacket Golf Classic was held January 17, 2022, at Firerock Country Club in Fountain Hills, Ariz., raising \$102,608 for student-athlete scholarships.

Johnnie and Shirley Johnson hosted the event and matched up to \$25,000 for additional donations. Anonymous donors matched up to \$30,000.

Next year's event is scheduled for Jan. 16, 2023, at Firerock Country Club. To sign up, please contact Thayer Trenhaile at Thayer.Trenhaile@BHSU.edu.

The next Yellow Jacket scholarship fundraiser will be the Fourth Annual Gold Rush Raffle and Auction, which will be held Friday, April 22. To purchase your tickets or for more information, please contact Thayer.

DR. JIM MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT CREATED AT BHSU

The Black Hills State University Foundation received a gift, given by Sue Morris on behalf of her late husband, to establish the Dr. Jim Morris Scholarship.

Jim Morris began his teaching career at Black Hills Teachers College as an associate professor in business education in 1957 and was later promoted to professor of business and taught graduate courses before leaving BH in 1967.

Prior to BHTC, Dr. Morris taught at the University of North Dakota where he received a Master of Arts in Business Administration. Dr. Morris' favorite diversions were photography and gardening. He was a member of Pi Kappa Delta and Kappa Delta Pi, and his preferred quote was "If you are not confused, you are not well informed."

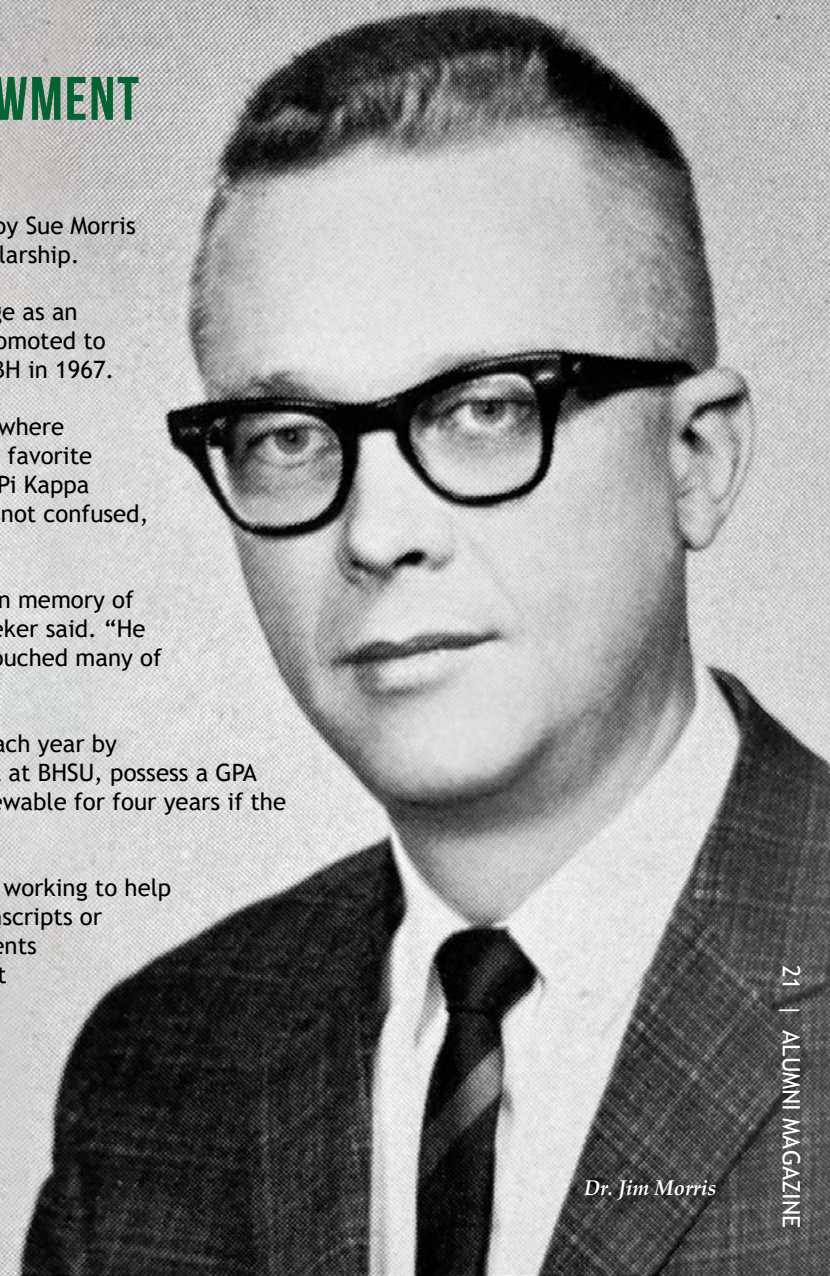
"We are so pleased by Sue's generosity to establish a scholarship in memory of Dr. Morris," Vice President of Institutional Advancement Steve Meeker said. "He dedicated 10 years of his life teaching BH business students and touched many of their lives during this period of time."

The recipients of the Dr. Jim Morris Scholarship will be selected each year by Black Hills State University. Recipients must be a full-time student at BHSU, possess a GPA between 2.0 and 3.0 as a freshman student, and the award is renewable for four years if the student maintains a GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Preference will be given to students that show financial need, are working to help pay tuition costs and are ranked mid-range on their academic transcripts or ACT/SAT scores. This scholarship is intended to help working students reach their full potential; students at the top of their class are not eligible.

The first award of \$10,000 will be awarded to a student in fall 2022.

For information on how to contribute to this scholarship or on creating your own, contact Meeker at Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu



Dr. Jim Morris

Past Alumni Gatherings



BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY PROPS & LINERS REUNION

EIGHT DECADES OF BHSU ALUMNI ATTEND PROPS & LINERS 100TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Props & Liners, BHSU's honorary dramatic society and oldest active/continuous student organization, celebrated its 100th anniversary during Swarm Week. There were eight decades of BHSU alumni in attendance. The evening included a social, dinner, tour of the theatre department, and entertainment, including a performance by BHSU students. Paul Higbee, Class of '76, presented a historical look at the first 100 years of Props & Liners.



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



Alumni and Friends attended a pre-game gathering on the campus of Northern State University in Aberdeen hosted by the BHSU Alumni Association. The gathering took place prior to the men's BHSU vs. NSU basketball game.



The BHSU Alumni Association hosted an alumni and friends pre-game gathering at First Premier Bank in Sioux Falls. That afternoon, the Yellow Jackets took on the University of Sioux Falls in women's basketball action. More than 70 alumni and friends gathered for the event.



More than 60 former BHSU track & field and cross-country runners returned to campus to participate in the 29th Annual Stadium Sports Grill Alumni Mile on Jan. 22. Held in conjunction with the Dave Little Invitational, the event raised \$5,080 for track & field and cross-country student-athletes. Ruby Lindquist, English major from Seward, Alaska, and Britton Elkin, business administration major from Sioux Falls, were awarded this year's Alumni Mile Scholarships.



Alumni from Spearfish and Rapid City made their way by bus to Pierre for the Spearfish/BHSU Day at the Capitol (with the exception of Representative Mary Fitzgerald who was already in Pierre). Pictured left to right: Priscilla (Young) Romkema, '79; Karen (Quitschau) Chau, '07; Penny (Johnson) Doering, '77; Becca Walters, '06; Melissa (McGee) Barth, '02; Doug Kasten, '88; Lori (Fisher) DeVries, '87; Randy Culver, '81; Lauren Beyersdorf, '04; Steve Meeker, '84; Cayley Schmitt, '20; Tom Wheaton, '87; Nancy Davis, '70; District 31 Rep. Mary Fitzgerald, '81; Julie Benedict, '96; Kyler Flock, '18; Jean Cline, '69; Kory Menken, '90; and Nathan Hoogshagen, '10 & '12.

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE!

CLASS OF 1972 / 50-YEAR CLUB REUNION | MAY 6 & 7, 2022

Members of the Class of 1972 are invited to a gathering May 6 & 7 to celebrate their induction into the BHSU 50-Year Club. 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.

MORE INFO / REGISTRATION | Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu • (605) 642-6385

Pre-registration for this event is required. Please RSVP by Monday, April 18.

THE DENNIS KIRK JACKET RIDE FOR VETERAN SCHOLARSHIPS | AUG. 9, 2022

The Jacket Ride is a motorcycle ride through the Northern Black Hills of South Dakota that takes place during the Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The ride is hosted by Black Hills State University and the proceeds benefit student veterans.

MORE INFO / REGISTRATION | Kanda.Guthmiller@BHSU.edu • (605) 642-6335

SWARM DAY | SEPT. 24, 2022

Swarm Week 2022 will be held Sept. 19 - 24, 2022, with the Swarm Day parade, tailgate social, and football game on Saturday, September 24.

MORE INFO / www.BHSU.edu/SwarmWeek



ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNIZE A BHSU LEGACY FAMILY

The BHSU Alumni Association needs your assistance in identifying a Legacy Family. In 2008, BHSU created the Legacy Family Award honoring family members that have attended, graduated, or are currently attending Black Hills State. For more information or to nominate a deserving family, contact Tom Wheaton, director, alumni affairs, at Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or (605) 642-6385.

KUDOS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

1960s

Michael Foley, '67, Weston, Wisc., has been certified by the 101st Airborne Division for the "honorary Air Assault award" and recognized in a ceremony conducted during the 2021 Week of the Eagles at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Michael spent one year in the "field" in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division at a time new practices and procedures were being established for a more effective and proactive method for combat operations. The concept of the air mobility/air assault operations was established as both viable and effective by soldiers who served during the period 1967-1972 with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Mobile) in Vietnam. He participated in establishing the fundamentals that evolved into today's air assault techniques and tactics. Little was it known those methods would become instrumental. Eight other men who served in Foley's unit also attended the ceremony.

The traditional home opener for the Custer High School wrestling team was rebranded this year to honor **William "Bill" Young**, '63 & '70, Custer, who started the event in 1970. The event is now known as the Bill Young Invitational Tournament. Bill, a member of the South Dakota Wrestling Hall of Fame, began his wrestling career in 1959, and after serving in various wrestling coach positions, he became the coach at Custer High School in 1969.

1970s

Raymond Carpenter, '75, Rapid City, last November was appointed as a new civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) during a virtual investiture ceremony that was broadcast from the Pentagon. A Vietnam veteran who served 44 years in uniform, Raymond was a retired United States Army major general from South Dakota. His last assignment before he retired was the acting director of the Army National Guard.

1980s

Steve A. Anderson, '82, Newcastle, Wyo. authored *Get A Clue: Treasures Beyond the Christmas Tree*, which gives the gift of holiday memories made. A book he self-published last October, is especially written for those that need a gift that keeps on giving.

Scott Bohall, Attended, Glendale, Ariz., was named Business Person of the Year by the News and Related Services Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). This award recognizes his contributions to the Academy of Entrepreneurship at Mountain Ridge High School in Arizona. Award winners are honored for their demonstrated leadership in improving CTE, and commitment to preparing teachers to deliver high quality CTE, Career and Technical Education, programs to benefit students and the communities they attend. Scott is the owner of Treasures Custom Jewelers, in Glendale.

Eldon Marshall, White River, head coach of the White River boys basketball team, recently recorded his 400th career coaching victory. Eldon

started coaching White River in 2003. Prior to that, he coached at St. Francis. Eldon has led the Tigers to the State "B" Class Tournament every year since 2006, winning four state titles and finishing runner-up twice. In addition to coaching, he serves as the school's athletic director.

1984



Jim Phillips, '84, Deadwood, won 12 swimming events/medals last fall (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 50 backstroke, 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke, 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, 50 butterfly, and 100 individual medley) at the South Dakota State Senior Games in Watertown. In the process, Jim set 10 records in the 75-and-over age group. The two exceptions were the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

dee Welsch, '82, Greenwood Village, Colo., has accepted a new position as creative project manager for a Dallas (Texas) based digital commerce agency: LiveArea a division of the Merkle Group Inc., company within dentsu group's Aegis Network International Business. dee will manage all creative workflow campaigns for the United States Mint.

1990s

Julie Benedict, '96, Spearfish, was named an emerging leader by the South Dakota Bankers Association (SDBA). She serves as a member of the Emerging Leaders Work Group and the SDBA Legislative Committee. Julie is the chief human resources officer for Security First Bank (SFB) in Rapid City. As a member of the executive management team at SFB, she provides HR counsel to the rest of the team and participates in corporate governance matters.

1985



Chris Haines, '85, Gilbert, Ariz., retired this past January after serving over three years as the Scottsdale Community College (SCC) interim president. Her extensive career in higher education, the better part of over 38 years, includes multiple leadership roles of rising responsibilities. Before joining SCC in 2018, Chris spent seven years at Phoenix College as dean of student affairs, vice president of student affairs, and then the final three-plus years as interim president.

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1992



MacIver

The day after Thanksgiving, the Accidentals & Naturals chorus, directed by **Erin (Gillaspie) MacIver**, '92, Nantucket, Mass., was asked to perform Christmas carols during the annual Tree-Lighting ceremony that kicked-off the holiday season on Nantucket Island. US President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden attended the festivities and spent time visiting with Erin and the choir. Erin is currently teaching at Nantucket High School conducting the chorus and teaching music classes. This spring she will direct the school musical. She's taught in the Nantucket school system for the past 19 years, the first 10 at the middle school and the last nine at the high school.

Fay (Long) Bueno, '96, Sturgis, was named Finance Officer of the Year in South Dakota by the South Dakota Municipal League in 2021. Fay serves as the finance officer for the City of Sturgis.

Joe Divis, '95, Box Elder, was inducted into the inaugural class of the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference (SDIC) Men's Basketball Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony took place last October at Mitchell Wesleyan Church, followed by the inductees being honored at halftime of the DWU-Dakota State men's basketball game at the Corn Palace. This hall of fame is starting as an extension of the conference's original

hall of fame, which honored players from all sports over the conference's 83-year history until it ceased operations at the end of the 1999-2000 season, giving way to the Great Plains Athletic Conference and the defunct Dakota Athletic Conference. Joe played at BHSU from 1990-1994, and finished his collegiate career with 1,590 points, 745 rebounds and 361 blocked shots; his 14 blocked shots against Sioux Falls College in January of 1994 still stands as the NAIA Division II record for most blocked shots in a single game. He was a three-time all-conference first team selection and was twice named to the NAIA All-District 12 team. He was the SDIC player of the year in 1993-94, and earned NAIA Division II and third team All-American status. Joe was inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame in 2005 and was selected as a member of BHSU's All-Century team in 2007.

Stacy (Trezona) Goodman, '99, Spearfish, was promoted to full Colonel in the United States Army Reserve last September (9/11), in Spearfish, in a ceremony hosted by her husband, US Army Colonel (retired) Matthew Goodman. The ceremony included a rendition of the National Anthem played by volunteers of the Spearfish High School Spartan Band. In keeping with Army tradition, the ceremony concluded with a Sabre cake cutting. Stacy is the G-1 (HR Officer), 76th Operational Response Command in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Marcie (Dawson) Holben, '94, Spearfish, was inducted in the 2021 Brookings High School (BHS) Athletic Hall of Fame. She participated in cross country and track at BHS. In 1989 Marcie was a State AA Cross Country Champion and a member of the 1989 Class AA 3200-meter relay team that won the state meet. In 1990 she was a State Champion in 1600- and 3200-meter run. That same season she won those same two races at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays and was named the State AA Outstanding Female Athlete.

Kristen (Waterland) Kilmer, '99, Spearfish, was hired as the Communications Administrator for the South Dakota Department of Human Services. Kristen previously served the past 19-plus years in numerous roles

for the Marketing & Communications Office at BHSU.

Barbara (Hayden) O'Malley, '90, Spearfish, graduated last August with a Doctorate (Ed.D.) in Leadership and Learning in Organization from Vanderbilt University. Barbara currently serves as the chief communication officer at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California. Barbara previously served as interim director of admissions and adjunct professor for the School of Business at BHSU.

2004



Newell

Dennis Newell, '04, West Fargo, N.D., was hired as the head cross country coach and assistant track & field coach at North

Dakota State University (NDSU). Dennis spent the past 15 years at the University of Mary (UM), serving as the head cross country coach and associate head track & field coach from 2006-17, head cross country and track & field coach from 2017-21, and recently held the title of director of cross country and track & field at the time of his departure. Dennis developed UM into a regional and national power in cross country and track, specializing in the middle distance and long-distance events. The Marauders won 24 NSIC team championships in cross country and track & field during his tenure, including 19 titles in women's track & field since 2007. The UM women earned NCAA Division II runner-up team finishes in cross country in both 2017 and 2018. Dennis boasts 20 Coach of the Year honors in his career, highlighted by being named the 2013 NCAA Division II Indoor Women's Assistant Coach of the Year. He has garnered five NCAA Division II Central Region Head Coach of the Year accolades, and 11 NSIC Coach of the Year awards.

The Minuteman Missile National Historic Site (MMNHS) in South Dakota was named the 2021 Regional Facility Team of the Year for the Midwest Region by the National Park Service (NPS), United States Department of the Interior. Thirteen states make up the Midwest Region of the NPS. **Ken Thompson**, '97, Wall, currently serves as the facility manager for the MMNHS. Ken previously served as a facility management systems specialist at Badlands National Park.

2000s

Melissa (McGee) Barth, '02, Spearfish, last September, celebrated her 20th anniversary with the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC). In 2001, she was hired as the tourism marketing assistant and visitor center specialist then transitioned into the marketing position for the Chamber, splitting duties between the Spearfish Chamber and the Tourism Department as needed. Since starting at the SACC, Melissa has held four titles over the years. Today she serves as the executive director, a position she has held since 2012.

Wesleigh (Hardy) Bishop, Attended, and husband **Tim Bishop**, '03, Lindsborg, Kan., had a baby boy, Weston Harris, December 15, 2021. Wesleigh is a top level health and wellness advocate for Plexus Worldwide and is a licensed pharmacist. Tim is an eighth grade PE/health teacher at Salina South Middle School in Salina.

Angie (Case) Black, '02, was hired as the new assistant general manager, with an emphasis on revenue management, at the Spearfish Holiday Inn & Convention Center. Angie previously served as their director of sales & events.

Melissa (Christensen) Hart, '03, and husband Jesse, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Zach Lee Hart, August 13, 2021. Melissa is the director of human resources at BHSU.

The Best Western Black Hills Lodge welcomed back, **Dan Hodgs**, '03, Spearfish, as their general manager. Dan previously served as a mortgage

loan officer at First Interstate Bank in Spearfish. Prior to that he was the "GM" at the Lodge for eight years.

Kelly Kirk, '08, Spearfish, was hired as the visitor's center director at the Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor's Center in Lead. The center welcomes and provides visitors with information about the history of the area and the world-class research that is taking place underground. Kelly worked the past 10 years as a historian and director of the Black Hills State University honors program. She will remain at BH in the capacity of adjunct professor for the remainder of the semester.

2006



Rodriguez

Domico Rodriguez, '06, Summerset, last summer was named President and CEO of Main Street Square (MSS) in Rapid City.

Their mission, through economic development, is to bring life and foster downtown Rapid City while creating a vibrant gathering space that is rich in appeal, cultural heritage, arts, and entertainment for everyone. Domico previously served as MSS's executive director.

Kendra (Karst) Mack, '07, Windsor, Colo., last August qualified for the Boston Marathon on her first attempt. She turned in a time of 3:19.14 to win the women's title at the Leading Ladies Marathon in Spearfish in her first ever full marathon. Kendra needed a 3:35 time in her age group (female 35-39) to qualify for Boston. The 126th running of the Boston marathon is scheduled to take place on April 18, 2022.

Erin Power, '06, Bismarck, N.D., was recently named director of evangelical mission at Eastern North Dakota Synod. She previously served

in two half-time positions in Denver, Colo.: synod minister for hospitality & mission at the Office of the Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod and community life coordinator at Urban Servant Corps.

Patricia "Patti" Sanders, '00, married Steve Altstatt, Nov. 4, 2021. After graduation from BH, Patti spent time with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept., working with victims of domestic violence, homeless veterans, and home hospice. Now that she is semi-retired, she plans to volunteer with hospice to utilize her master's degree in Social Work and gerontology. The couple resides in Las Vegas, Nev.

Brandy (Miller) Vavruska, '03, Spearfish, was named Educator of the Year by the Spearfish American Legion Post 164. Brandy is a first-grade teacher at West Elementary School in Spearfish.

Dominick "Dom" Vergara, '08, Billings, Mont., accepted a senior development officer position at Montana State University-Billings. Dom previously served as the activities director at Laurel High School in Laurel, Mont.

2010s

Holly (Hamlin) Dobesh, '15 and husband **Calvin Dobesh**, '13, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Hayes Douglas, Dec. 21, 2021. Hayes joins big brother Chet (3). Holly is the title math specialist at Belle Fourche Elementary School. Calvin is a fifth-grade teacher at Sundance (WY) Elementary School.

Kyler Flock, '18, Spearfish, has been named the new director of marketing and public relations for Visit Spearfish, Inc. Kyler previously served as the community engagement manager with the Matthews Opera House and Arts Center.

Koreen (Kirsch) Hammel, '14, Hot Springs, was named South Dakota's 2022 Region 5 Teacher of the Year by the South Dakota Department of Education. Koreen is a 5th grade teacher at Hot Springs Elementary School.

Sam Holden, '10 & '12, Sturgis, was named assistant athletics director for events and internal operations at BHSU. Sam previously worked at Saint Mary's College in California where he was promoted to associate athletics director for facilities in the fall of 2019 after serving two years as assistant athletic director for facilities. He got his start in college athletics at BHSU where he served as the assistant men's basketball coach.

2019



Mikkayla DeBolt, '19, Sheridan, Wyo., was crowned Miss Wyoming in June 2021 and competed in the Miss America competition

last December in Uncasville, Conn. This year was the 100th Anniversary of the Miss America competition. During her year as Miss Wyoming, Mikkayla hopes to connect with people from across the state. She will spend her time sharing her social impact initiative, Kids Unplugged, with schools and other organizations in Wyoming. This initiative is about encouraging kids to explore the world around them without the use of technology.

Nathan Hoogshagen, '10 & '12, and wife Tracy (Franzen), had a baby girl, Peyton Lynn, August 5, 2021. She joins big brothers William (5) and Tennyson (3). Nathan owns and operates Black Hills Real Estate Photography. Nathan also serves as a member of the Spearfish School Board.

Lindsey Jakobsen, '15, married Eli Corbett, October 9, 2021. Lindsey is the sales manager for the Ramada by Wyndham Hotel in Bismarck, N.D. The couple resides in Mandan, N.D.

Lynlee Jensen, '18, married **Chris Dell**, '15, Aug. 28, 2021. Lynlee and Chris work in commercial sales. Lynlee for Reinhart Foodservice based out of Marshall, Minn., and Chris for Hillyard Inc., based out of Sioux Falls. The couple resides in Belle Fourche.

Samantha "Sam" R. Johnson, '14, Blanchard, Okla., graduated last August with a Ph.D. in Economics from Washington State University. Last fall she accepted a teaching position in the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Oklahoma. Sam is an assistant professor of economics and teaches Introductory & Intermediate Microeconomics, Labor Economics, and Agricultural Economics.

Emily (Walter) Jorgenson, '11, and husband **Aaron Jorgenson**, '13, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Eliza Claire, Sept. 30, 2020. Emily is a kindergarten teacher for the Lead-Deadwood School District. Aaron is the owner of Woody's Old Time Photo in Deadwood.

Travis Langer, '11, Minneapolis, Minn., has been named director of athletic communications at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., NCAA's newest Division I institution. Travis previously served as a communications specialist for the Los Angeles Rams NFL football team.

Krista (Bell) Licht, '17, Rapid City, graduated last August with a Master of Library Science (MLS) degree from Emporia State University. She was recently promoted to the online resources library associate II at the Rapid City Public Library. Krista has been employed there for over three years.

Sarah Linn, '14, Pierre, was hired as a judicial branch educator for the South Dakota Unified Judicial System. In this position Sarah evaluates professional development programming and proposes and implements policies, standards, and procedures related to judicial education to develop, maintain, and enhance the quality of programs offered.

Janna (Schriber) Mason, '11, and husband Patrick, Minnetonka, Minn., had a baby girl, Bodee Bea, January 9, 2022. Janna, a licensed professional clinical counselor, has started a new therapy practice, Shift: A Mental Health Collective. She is the co-owner to a group of mental health professionals striving to shift the lives of individuals, families, and communities - all while actively shifting the mental health field and experience overall. Janna previously was an independently contracted therapist at Sonder Behavioral Health & Wellness.

Lila (DeMarrias) Mehlhaff, '12 & '20, Rapid City, was recently hired as the new human services coordinator for the Mayor's Office in Rapid City. Lila previously worked as a licensed associate broker for Century 21 Clearview Realty.

Alexis (Lemmel) Nasser, '15, Summerset, has worked the past few years for Forge3, Ltd., in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She has now made her way back to South Dakota with her husband working for the same company, where she was recently promoted to Marketing Coordinator.

Emily Pfeifle, '17 & '20, married **Tony Anderson**, '15, September 5, 2021. Emily and Tony are employed with the Campbell County School District. Emily is a seventh-grade social studies teacher at Sage Valley Junior High. Tony is a seventh-grade math teacher at Twin Spruce Junior High. The couple resides in Gillette, Wyoming.

Katelynn (Lamb) Pottorff, '11, Belle Fourche, was inducted into the Onida/Sully Buttes Hall of Fame. Katelynn was a three-sport athlete in high school. In basketball, she was part of the Lady Chargers teams that participated in four state tournaments culminating with the first girls' state championship in 2007. She was voted onto the all-tournament team her sophomore, junior and senior season. She went over the 1,000-point mark in her junior season and held, at that time, the record for most points in a career at 1,875. Katelynn was a

member of several all-star teams, an all-conference selection, and a Miss Basketball finalist. In golf, she qualified for the state tournament every year and finished in the top-10 her junior year and top-5 her senior season. In volleyball, she participated in four state tournaments, was voted to the All-State her senior season, as well as the all-tournament team.

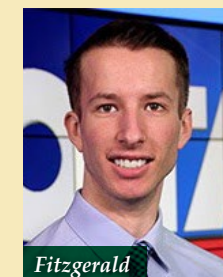
Kasey (Benedict) Salazar, '10, Belle Fourche, accepted a position with the State of South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources. In her new role within the BHR, she serves as the generalist for five state agencies: the Bureau of Administration, the Bureau of Finance & Management, the Bureau of Human Resources, the Bureau of Information & Technology, and the Governor's Office of Economic Development. Kasey previously served the past eight-plus years as a HR Generalist I, and later II, in the Human Resources office at BHSU.

Brandon Sjolund, '10, Rapid City, owner and cook, opened FoodEase last August in Rapid City. FoodEase, specializing in homestyle frozen meals, combines made-from-scratch culinary options with the convenience of TV dinners.

Drew Skjoldal, '10, Spearfish, was named a 2021 Great Plains Rising Star. This award honors the top up-and-coming attorneys who are 40 years old or younger or who have been practicing 10 years or less. Drew was recognized for his work in Estate &

Probate law. Drew is an attorney at Lynn, Jackson, Shultz, and Lebrun, P.C., in Spearfish.

2020



Jacob Fitzgerald, '20, Rapid City, was promoted to evening producer for KOTA Territory News (ABC) and KEVN Black Hills Fox (Fox) in Rapid City. Jacob previously served as the Good Morning KOTA Territory producer. Both stations are owned by Gray Television - a company that owns over 100 TV stations.

Rebecca Stevenson, '18, Laredo, Tex., was hired as an athletics academic specialist for Texas A&M International University. In this role, she coordinates communications between colleges, advisors, the athletic department, coaches, and student-athletes while monitoring academic progress and eligibility, ensuring athletes are taking the correct courses and are on-track to graduate. Rebecca previously served as a graphic designer for Setina Manufacturing Co. in Olympia, Wash.

Kaylynn Two Bulls, '12, Rapid City, was hired in the Counseling Center as a prevention specialist at SD Mines. She also serves as an adjunct at Oglala Lakota College and BHSU, while working to finish her dissertation.

Cheryl (Cowan) Westland, '10, Belle Fourche, and her husband Curt were honored as the Dick Reder Young Rancher Family of the Year during the 36th Annual Agribusiness Appreciation Banquet. Cheryl and Curt own Westland Auction Service LLC and Prairie Hills Pharmacy in Belle Fourche.

Joey (Painter) Williams, '13, Volborg, Mont., won three rounds during the 2021 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev., and ended with a 5th place finish in the average at the National Finals of Breakaway Roping. Her winning time of 1.7 seconds in the fourth round was the fastest of the event. Joey jumped from 14th to 10th place in the WPRA world standings.

2020s

Katherine Kemp, '21, Vermillion, is a first-year graduate student at the University of South Dakota in the MA history program. She was accepted into the graduate teaching assistantship program.

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Berdelle J. (Johnson) Christiansen, '30, Tumwater, Wash.
Bee (Williams) Huddleston, Attended, Hay Springs, Neb.

BLACK HILLS TEACHERS COLLEGE • 1941-1963

Willa L. (Hendrickson) Austin, '52, Watertown
Gail F. (Revheim) Beck, Attended, Albuquerque, N.M.
Lucille "Lucy" M. (Goodwin) Bennett, Attended, Sturgis
Dale L. Brand, Attended, San Antonio, Texas
Ella "Vicky" M. (Balcom) Burcham, '56, Sioux Falls
Lucille "Lorraine" L. (Senftner) Candrian, '55, Lemmon
Janice "Jan" M. (Kirsch) Carlbom, '62, Interior
Mary K. (Litz) Carr, Attended, Spearfish
Otha "Buck" R. Carrico, '60, Quartzsite, Ariz.
Richard D. Christofferson, Sr., '56 & '59, Plover, Wisc.
Nellie M. (Berry) Davis, '54, Broadus, Mont.
Dora "Dorajean" J. (Pritzkau) Denke, Attended, Antigo, Wisc.
Carol E. (Graslie) Donnenwirth, Attended, Rapid City
James "Jimmie" Donohue, '54, Newell
James "Jim" W. Emery, Attended, Uster
Gladys B. (Parker) Foster, '41, La Farge, Wisc.
Carol "Kelly" A. (Monheim) Furiga, Attended, Rapid City
Shirley A. (Pekarek) Garrigan, Attended, Gettysburg
Laura "Joan" J. (Dobberstein) Goetsch, Attended, Chamberlain
Myrna M. (Coleman) Gottsleben, Attended, Philip
Rose E. (Etzkorn) Guthrie, Attended, Philip
Robert A. Haag, Attended, Spearfish
Orville H. Hall, '59 & '70, Vivian
Marva "Marie" M. (Seeley) Hanson, Attended, Madison
Shirley A. (Blando) Henwood, '65, Homer, Alaska
Donald "Don" E. Jacobs, '58, Paso Robles, Calif.
David D. Kirkpatrick, '58, Big Timber, Mont.
Betty L. (Strong) Kost, '53 & '67, Eagle Butte
Patrick "Pat" A. Lee, '61, Rapid City
Janet L. (Hammerquist) MacKrell, '59, Klamath Falls, Ore.
Jane B. (Heinbaugh) Marsh, Attended, Rapid City
Darlene F. (Collins) McKee, Attended, Rapid City
Marion "Rusty" F. Morlan, '51, Kennewick, Wash.
Virginia M. (Archambeau) Muirhead, Attended, Presho
Donna M. (Thompson) Park, Attended, Springfield, Mo.
Philip "Doc" M. Salem, Attended, Selby
Mary J. (Foley) Seivert, Attended, Hutchinson, Minn.
Ernest "Ernie" A. Tebay, '60, Wylie, Texas
Verla R. (Crago) Terpening, Attended, Casper, Wyo.
Lucile "Lucy" J. (Giffin) Thompson, Attended, Omaha, Neb.
Elaine M. (Becker) Tomovick, '55, Pinole, Calif.
John R. Trohkimoinen, '51, Sheridan, Wyo.
Hope C. Vig, '60, Mud Butte
Brynolf "Bernie" S. Wanhanen, '62, Spearfish
Donald E. Wilken, Attended, Meadow
Charleen C. (Zephier) Wince, '60, Rapid City
Shirley M. (Lyon) Wingert, Attended, Midland, Mich.

BLACK HILLS STATE COLLEGE • 1964-1988

Daniel W. Badger, '66, Las Vegas, Nev.
Harold G. Barse, '73, Norman, Okla.
Rodney R. Barse, Attended, Webster
Mayda J. (Brink) Bartlett, '82, White River
Gail (Killian) Bensten, '87, Prosperity, S.C.
Marianne N. (Charles) Bieber, '69, Lead

Mary Ann (Short) Boe, '69, Spearfish
Glenda M. (Ashley) Bowers, '65, Gillette, Wyo.
Paul M. Cazabon, '76, Pflugerville, Texas
John P. Cook, '71, Pine Haven, Wyo.
Daniel "Dan" D. Davis, '71, Pierre
Karen B. (Fenner) Dittus, '68, Plain City, Ohio
Nona "Peg" M. (Fellows) Donner, '73, Sturgis
Sharon R. (Mailloux) Dyer, Attended, Show Low, Ariz.
Gwendolyn "Gwen" A. (Shoun) Ehlers, Attended, Sturgis
Terry E. Elliott, '68 & '73, Newcastle, Wyo.
Dorothy L. Erhart, '73, Sioux Falls
Lynn A. (Carrier) Erickson, '85, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Alan J. Goetsch, '82, Sugarland, Texas
John G. Haivala, '72, Spearfish
Nancy J. (Gaddis) Hendricks, '76, Muscatine, Iowa
Ann "Margaret" M. (Luedemann) Hennies, '78, Rapid City
Donald "Don" R. Hensley, '73, Rapid City
Harold "Ken" K. Hicks, '75, Marysville, Wash.
Delores M. (Wittmier) Himmerich, '64, Salt Lake City, Utah
Thomas "Tom" H. Hippen, Attended, Hulett, Wyo.
Michael "Mike" P. Holt, '84, Lynchburg, Tenn.
Lawrence "Terry" T. Hunt, Attended, Watertown
Steven C. Ingerslev, '71, Centennial, Colo.
Kenneth "Kenny" M. Ireland, '69, Philip
Merle G. Karen, '74, Rapid City
Thelma (Olson) King, '80, Pierre
Edith "Edie" P. (LaPlante) Knight, '74, Dupree
Gary S. Knispel, '86, Murdo
Craig R. Kober, Attended, Greybull, Wyo.
Douglas M. Krause, Attended, Carthage, Mo.
John "Kelly" K. Lane, '83, Albany, Ore.
Dave L. Lensegrav, Attended, Lemmon
Sandra "Sandy" L. (Bush) Lockhart, '72, Spearfish
Teresa A. (Olsen) Lohman, '66 & '69, Oakesdale, Wash.
Clinton W. Matson, '70, Marion
Anthony "Tony" J. Mauszycki, '87, Mitchell
Donald "Don" G. Mead, Attended, Milbank
Phil W. Meyers, '70, Pierre
Zay A. Norman, Attended, Hayes
Charles "Chuck" Powell, '66, Thermopolis, Wyo.
Lloyd K. Pruet, Attended, Hulett, Wyo.
Martha "Joy" J. (Richards) Richards, '77, Rapid City
Joyce D. (Mansfield) Richardson, '71, Long Valley
Dale R. Rovere, Attended, Rapid City
Cheryl A. (Gary) Ruggeri, '71, Mesa, Ariz.
Edward T.L. Rumble, II, '79, Owasso, Okla.
Karen L. Salmen, '81, Black Hawk
William "Will" A. Saylor, Attended, Rapid City
Robert "Bob" R. Schneider, '65, Spearfish
Janine M. (Petit) Schulz, Attended, Sioux Falls
Barbara A. Shenk, '75, Rapid City
Rhonda J. (Buck) Snow, '81, Rapid City
Elbert "E.O." O. Sowerwine, IV, Attended, Hulett, Wyo.
Duane A. Stoller, '64, Spanish Fork, Utah
Marian E. (Short Bull) Strong, Attended, Loveland, Colo.
Jean M. (Lee) Taylor, Attended, Bay City, Mich.
Bernadine "Bunny" S. (Ducheneaux) Thompson, Attended, Mobridge
Gerald E. Thompson, Sr., Attended, Jacksonville, Fla.
William "Butch" D. Townsend, III, '72, Newcastle, Wyo.
Benjamin R. Tyon, Sr., '76, Pine Ridge
Gwenivere "Gwenn" L. (Earles) Vallery, '66, '73 & '82, Nisland
James "Jim" Veitl, '64 & '70, Hot Springs
Gary A. Walking Elk, Attended, Mobridge
Sandra J. (Baumann) Westby, '72, Fargo, N.D.

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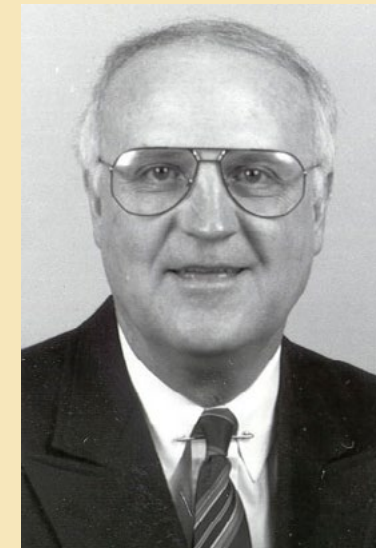
Roger A. Abbott, '92, St. John's, Antigua
Tammy R. (Schrag) Benjamin, '98, Freeman
Annette M. (Crowley) Bledsoe, Attended, Oral
Angela "Angie" R. (Hofer) Brown, '01, Spearfish
Carl "Joe" J. Bunnell, '97, Gypsum, Colo.
Eugene "Tom" T. Callahan, Jr., '90, Manitowoc, Wisc.
Lee E. Fredricks, Attended, Omaha, Neb.
Michael "Mike" J. Herrlein, Attended, Mitchell
Delbert "Del" D. Hodson, '94, Brookings
Deborah M. (Yencensky) Honey, '00, Rapid City
Brytten N. Horsley, Attended, Sioux Falls
Gracie R. Johnsrud, Attended, Watford City, N.D.
Rachel M. Kossow, Attended, Hot Springs
Phillip "JR" L. McLaughlin, Jr., Attended, Mobridge
William "Bill" P. Murphy, '97, Eugene, Ore.
Kristina M. Pelletier, Attended, Spearfish

Dale V. Query, '07, Basin, Wyo.
Luanne I. (Litzen) Russell, '90, Rapid City
Denise A. Schwartz, '96 & '99, Casper, Wyo.
Jeffrey "Jeff" S. Stevens, '97, Minneapolis, Minn.
Angela "Angie" R. (Walker) Thunker, '01 & '08, McLaughlin
Wayde A. Wiczorek, Attended, Pierre

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

Earl Chrysler, Cape Coral, Fla.
Eddie L. Harris, Spearfish
George A. McIntyre, Belle Fourche
Karleen R. Nordquist, Valley City, N.D.
Ruth "Elaine" E. (Nielson) Perry, '79, Spearfish
Mary A. (McGuigan) Tetrault, Spearfish
Frieda L. (Shuck) Tracy, '51, Spearfish

Remembering a Former President



CLIFFORD "CLIFF" M. TRUMP, GOODYEAR, ARIZ.

Dr. Clifford Marvin Trump passed away on January 6, 2022, in Goodyear, Ariz., at the age of 84. Clifford was born in Chappell, Neb., to Cecil and Venus Trump on March 25, 1937. Cliff was raised in Cheyenne, Wyo., where he graduated from Central High School. He earned his bachelor's degree at Nebraska State Teachers College in Kearney, Neb., in 1959. While attending college, Clifford met Karen Stuhr. The couple was married in August, 1959. Cliff and Karen Trump taught school in Kimball, Neb., for a short time before moving to Mesa, Ariz., where Clifford continued his teaching career and also worked toward his master's degree at Arizona State University. Upon completing his master's degree and starting a family, Cliff and Karen moved to Laramie, Wyo., where he worked as the director of the University of Wyoming's intramural program. While in Laramie, he completed his Doctor of Education and fathered two more children with Karen. In 1970, the Trump family moved to Boise, Idaho, where Dr. Clifford Trump began working for the Idaho State Board of Education. Following 10 years of distinguished service with the board, he accepted a position with Idaho State University (ISU) in Pocatello, Idaho. While there, he served four years as the ISU vice president of administration and one year as interim president. In 1985, Clifford became

the seventh president of Black Hills State College (BHSU) in Spearfish. Highlights from his tenure at BHSU include completion of the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center, construction of a university apartment complex, establishing university status, steering the university through difficult accreditation standards, and overseeing record-breaking enrollment growth. In 1994, he started the final chapter of his career when he accepted the position as chancellor for the State College System of West Virginia. While chancellor, Clifford steered numerous system presidential searches, mastering that process to the extent that upon his retirement in 2000, he continued to work independently as an expert search consultant. While easier said than done, his family is comforted that Cliff relayed many years ago not to grieve his loss because he had a great life.

Cliff is survived by his wife Karen Trump, children Casey Trump, Michael Trump (Angie King), Tom Trump (Sandra), his grandchildren, Miranda Leatherwood and Cady King-Trump, his sister Lois Schmidt and niece, Kathy Carraway (Charles). He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Venus Trump, brother-in-law John Schmidt, and nephews, Randy Schmidt and David Schmidt.

Looking Ahead

04 APRIL

- 4-9 | Sting in the Spring Week
- 22 | 6th Annual Yellow Jacket Gold Rush Raffle and Auction

05 MAY

- 6-7 | Class of 1972 / 50-Year Club Reunion
- 7 | Commencement

06 JUNE

- 25 | Stadium Sports Grill Yellow Jacket Golf Classic

07 JULY

- 2 | Mark Larscheid Memorial Golf Tournament
- 30 | BHSU Scholarship Gala

08 AUGUST

- 9 | The Dennis Kirk Jacket Ride for Veteran Scholarships
- 12 | Devils Tower Golf Classic presented by White's Canyon Motors
- 15-17 | Sutton Bay Golf and Fishing Outing

09 SEPTEMBER

- 19-24 | Swarm Week (Sept. 24 - Swarm Day)

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All former men's and women's basketball players and coaches will be invited back for a BHSU basketball reunion on Saturday, February 4, 2023. More details will be forthcoming in the fall 2022 issue of the BHSU Alumni Magazine.