

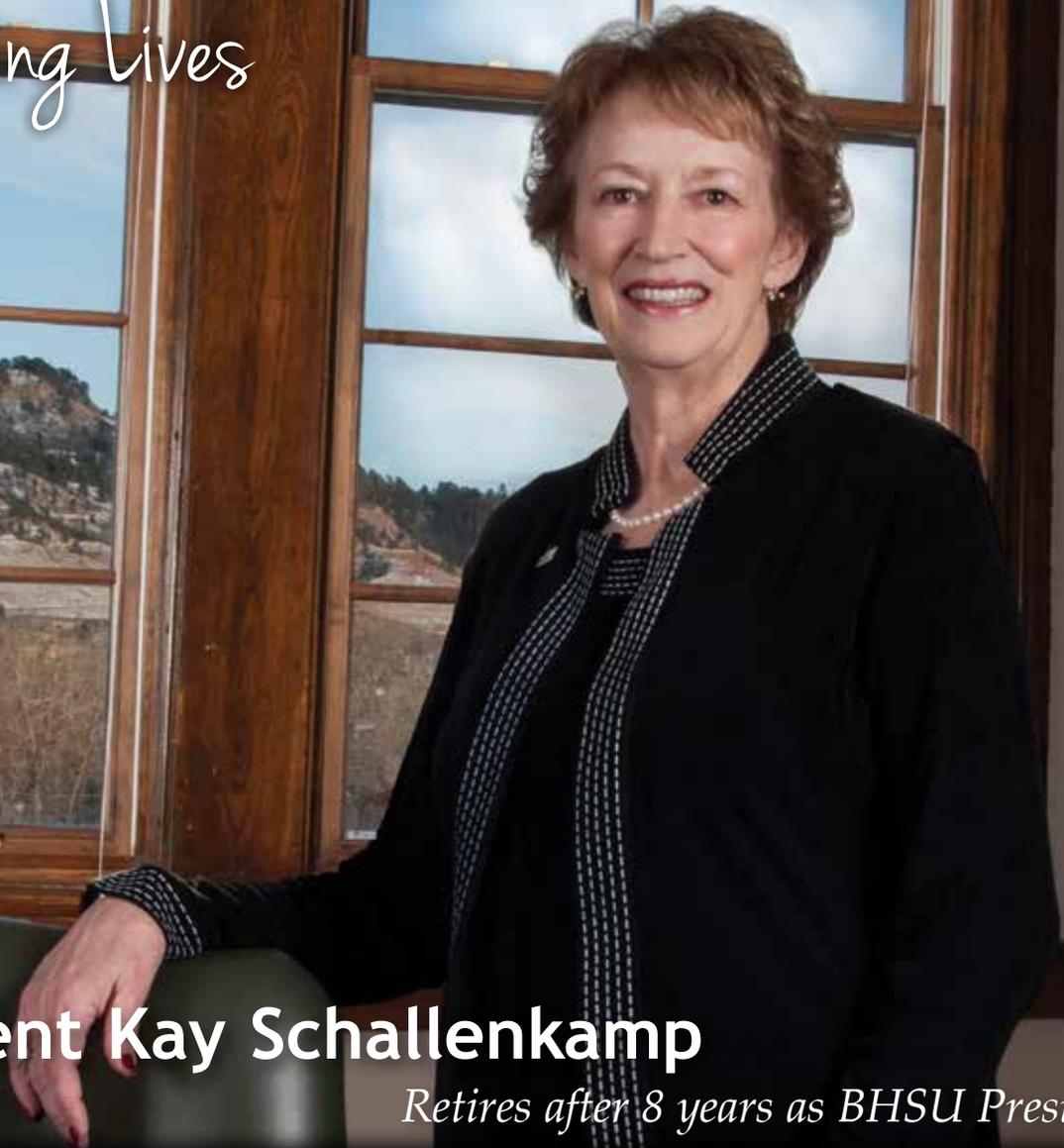


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TRANSFORMING LIVES

Greetings to all BHSU alumni.

When I announced my retirement from Black Hills State University, I began to reflect on my time here. Originally from eastern South Dakota, it was a dream come true to have the opportunity to come back to South Dakota to serve as president at BHSU and lead the efforts to transform the lives of our students.

When you come to a place to serve in a leadership role, it's your goal to leave it better than when you arrived. I'll let you, the alumni, along with the students, faculty, and staff, make that judgment call; however, I can truly say Black Hills State University has made me a better person.

Throughout the last eight years, one of my highlights has been meeting BHSU alums from across the state, throughout the country, and around the world. It's gratifying to see your successes and hear how Black Hills State has transformed your life. Everywhere I go, it's clearly apparent that BHSU alumni fully support and love this University.

As alums, you have shown great generosity to the University. Thanks to your dedication and support, the BHSU Foundation has continued to grow resulting in an increased number of scholarships. In addition to the many alumni who generously contribute, we also have a growing number of donors who have no educational connection to BHSU that make the decision to support the University recognizing the positive impact it has on students as well as the community.

The future is bright at BHSU. Our students and graduates continue to exceed our expectations with their achievements; we continue to strengthen our academic programs and our partnerships with the community; and the campus is growing.

I'll be forever grateful that I've had the opportunity to be a part of transforming lives at Black Hills State University.

Sincerely,

President Kay Schallenkamp

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Schallenkamp reflects on successful higher education career



Dr. Kay Schallenkamp sits in her second-floor office surrounded by Black Hills State University Yellow Jackets and other green and gold keepsakes and reflects on her more than 40 years in higher education, a career path she did not foresee but one that has provided an interesting and exciting ride.

Schallenkamp will retire as the University's ninth president in June.

At 64, the decisive leader and charismatic communicator said after four decades in higher education, 17 of those as a university president, the time was right to retire. "It is just time. It was a hard decision, but I think it is the right thing to do for me, for my family and for the University."

Schallenkamp has accomplished what she set out to do at BHSU and believes it is a perfect time for a new president to determine the next set of priorities.

President Schallenkamp's primary focus has always been on creating the best learning environment for students. She smiles as she recalls the many notes of appreciation she has received from students who have graduated and are experiencing success and achieving their dreams.

"We truly do transform lives. There's nothing better for me

than to hear the excitement and enthusiasm from students as they reach their goals and develop the confidence to set even higher goals."

She is dedicated to getting to know and encouraging students. Walking across campus with President Schallenkamp, it is obvious that she is respected and appreciated by students. She stops to visit with students referring to them by name and inquiring about their research and congratulating them on recent accomplishments.

An ardent newspaper reader, President Schallenkamp has been dedicated to clipping news articles on a daily basis to send students, faculty, and staff along with her personal note of congratulations.

Schallenkamp's accomplishments at BHSU and throughout her career are impressive, and her decision to retire is bittersweet. She has loved being in higher education, a job that allows her to take part in shaping the future. "Without question, the best part of this job is being around the students. Students are the future, and they give us so much hope. They are so bright and talented and keep us young."

The primary factor in her decision to retire stems from her

desire to spend more time with her family, including her husband Ken, a BHSU professor of business law, and her daughters Heather and Jenni and their families. The 24/7, all-consuming job of a university president leaves little time for anything else.

Schallenkamp grew up in Salem and met Ken when he moved to the small East River town in eighth grade. The two attended Northern State University (NSU) in Aberdeen. And while Schallenkamp is now known for her keen decision making, she was not as unwavering as a young college undergraduate.

"I was one of those students who changed majors multiple times. As a second semester sophomore, I remember lying in my bunk bed in my residence hall room and going through the catalog. I saw this course on speech pathology and thought it sounded interesting. I just took it out of curiosity and really loved it."

She graduated with a degree in speech therapy and immediately began a master's program at Memphis State. The couple moved back to South Dakota after Ken received a job teaching in Sioux Falls, and Schallenkamp finished her master's degree at the University of South Dakota. "My

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BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp is looking forward to spending more time with her family when she retires this summer. This family portrait was taken in 2009, and the accompanying photo is of her youngest grandsons. (back row, left to right) Son-In-Law Shad, Daughter Heather, Kay, Ken (front row, left to right) Granddaughter Alyssa, Grandson Tyler, Daughter Jenni, Son-In-Law Danny (at right) Reece and Keenan



intent was to be a speech therapist. The nice thing about speech therapy is there are a whole host of career opportunities you can pursue, hospitals, schools, nursing homes.”

After finishing her graduate degree, Schallenkamp was offered a job on a grant through NSU to do speech and hearing testing in Head Start programs. While working on that and other grants, Schallenkamp taught courses at NSU. She later became a full-time faculty member and started her decades-long path in higher education.

While at Northern, she received a Bush Fellowship and earned her doctorate at the University of Colorado-Boulder. Ken stayed in Aberdeen with their two young girls as Schallenkamp commuted back and forth on weekends. She returned to NSU after a two-year leave and became department chair, and in 1984 was named the dean of graduate studies. In 1988, she accepted a position as provost at Chadron State College (CSC) in Nebraska. During that time, Ken enrolled at the University of South Dakota to earn his MBA and took his turn commuting.

In 1992, Schallenkamp was hired as provost at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where she stayed for five years. Schallenkamp said she never really considered being a university president until Dr. Sam Rankin, president of CSC

during the time she was provost, and Dr. Tom Flickema, who served as provost while she was at NSU and later served as president of BHSU, encouraged her to consider taking a presidential role.

In 1997, she became president of Emporia State University in Kansas. She was president at Emporia for nine years before returning to South Dakota to serve as BHSU President.

“Ken and I are both first generation college students and we knew that if it hadn’t been for the South Dakota system, we would not have been able to accomplish what we did. We thought it would be a true gift if we could finish our careers giving back to a state that gave us so much.”

Schallenkamp said there were a lot of personal and family sacrifices in the couple’s history in academics. “Our children call themselves ‘academic brats.’ Jenni went to four different K-12 schools, Heather two.” Ken has always been a stalwart supporter through the years often making unplanned career changes as the family moved locations. Ken, who regularly attends many campus and community events with President Schallenkamp, remained persistent with his own career goals and is now a tenured full professor in business.

Schallenkamp has faced challenges in her tenure as president, at both Emporia and



BHSU, the biggest being the ongoing budget issues. She said it is frustrating to have opportunities to enhance the educational experiences for students but not have the funds available. “To have faculty and staff that have incredible ideas and not be able to provide the financial support – that’s difficult.”

“The true judge of character is how you respond in the face of adversity,” a quote Schallenkamp keeps on her desk as a daily reminder to overcome challenges.

Schallenkamp, along with faculty and staff, have remained vigilant in pushing forward for the benefit of the students. Schallenkamp’s tenure at BHSU will be remembered by her drive to ensure the University accomplished its vision statement: To be recognized as an innovative, high-quality University in the state,

President Schallenkamp's legacy

With President Schallenkamp's leadership, Black Hills State University has undergone a transformation that transcends the campus and greatly enhances students' learning and living experiences. With a continued focus on the University's vision and the creation and implementation of a strategic and budgeting plan, the University has reached unprecedented achievements.



- Strengthened academic offerings by creating new degree programs and modifying degrees to ensure all academic programs are innovative and high quality.
- Earned accolades and continued accreditation from national accrediting agencies (HLC, NCATE, NASM).



- Exponentially increased the depth and breadth of graduate education opportunities. The number of master's degrees increased from two to seven. Graduate degrees are now available in each of the three Colleges. Additional master's degrees are being developed. The number of students who have earned graduate degrees increased by 81 percent since 2008 and graduate assistantships have been established for all master's degrees.



- Established the Student Success Center bringing student services together in one physical location resulting in improved student services, higher retention, and increased graduation rates.
- Ensured BHSU is a vital part of the community through increased presence and strategic partnerships.



- Became the first University in the state to join the University Presidents' Climate Commitment and took the lead in modeling and teaching sustainable practices including the addition of the state's first LEED certified building.



- Oversaw a number of major physical changes and additions to the campus including a science building as well as updates and enhancements to classrooms, the football field, and the Student Union. Construction is now underway on a new residence hall and the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center.
- Moved to NCAA Division II athletics and joined the RMAC providing additional opportunities for scholar-athletes.



- Dramatically increased fundraising efforts. During her tenure, the BHSU Foundation and the Yellow Jacket Foundation have raised over \$25.5 million dollars for the University.



the Black Hills region, the nation, and the world.

To raise the University's visibility and presence, Schallenkamp adhered to a schedule that included dedicating time to serve on boards, working with community and professional organizations as well regional groups while continually attending events not only on campus and in Spearfish but also throughout the region.



Happy with the progress that has been made during her time at BHSU, Schallenkamp is now ready to start a new chapter in her life. She already has plans for a summer family reunion and a week-long stay with her grandsons in North Carolina. Schallenkamp also plans to take a BHSU Visitor Pass course, keep attending the University's myriad of activities and don her green and gold.



Two BHSU alumni honored with Presidential teaching award



Ann Anderson

Two BHSU graduates of the Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction program were among 100 educators nationwide to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Ann Anderson, Class of '10, Belle Fourche fifth-grade science



Erin Marsh

teacher, and Erin Marsh, Class of '12, math teacher at the Pierre Indian Learning Center, were the only two South Dakota educators honored with the award, the nation's highest honor for K-12 teaching in these fields.

"We are excited to see that our BHSU Math Specialist and

Science Specialist graduates are being recognized for their impact on K-12 student learning and for their impact on the way math and science are taught in schools," said Dr. Pat Simpson, dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at BHSU. "We congratulate them and the BHSU Center for the Advancement of Math and Science Education (CAMSE) for truly making a difference!"

Winners, two from each state, get a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. They are also invited to Washington for an awards ceremony and several days of educational and other events, including visits with members of Congress and the Obama administration.

Former athlete selected for induction into S.D. Sports Hall of Fame



Doug Stanford

Doug Stanford, Class of '67, a standout baseball and basketball player during his time at Black Hills State University, was selected for induction into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. During his time at BHSU, Stanford earned seven letters, was named

second-team National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics outfielder and second-team all-South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference in basketball.

His success in athletics continued after college earning Stanford many accolades. His most recent will come in April when he is inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. Stanford, one of the state's best amateur baseball players, is among nine people selected for induction. Stanford will be inducted at a banquet April 12 in Sioux Falls.

The pitcher-outfielder was a two-time state tourney MVP in 1972 and 1973, and hit 26 home runs in 1976 to tie the single-season state record. In 1976, he was named to the all-tourney team at

the National Baseball Congress Midwest Regional (the future MLB Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith was also all-tourney that same year). He played for 15 seasons: three years for Brezina Construction, two for Hillview Dairy and the last 10 ('67-'76) for Macy's.

Stanford was inducted into the South Dakota Amateur Basketball Hall of Fame in 1984, the Rapid City Sports Hall of Fame in 1985, the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame in 1987, and the S.D. Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1997. Aside from his own personal successes in athletics, Stanford helped hundreds of other emerging athletes during his 33 years as a teacher and coach in Faith, Milbank, Lemmon and Lead-Deadwood.

BHSU Alumni In The News

Graduates co-anchor Black Hills Fox weekend news show



Brendyn Medina and Tessa Thomas

Black Hills State University graduates Brendyn Medina and Tessa Thomas are co-anchoring the KEVN Black Hills Fox expanded weekend newscast.

Both Medina, Class of '10, and Thomas, Class of '11, have been with the Fox News Team since 2011. KEVN Black Hills Fox recently announced the new weekend team along with its expanded one-hour program. The station's weekend newscasts had previously been one-half hour in length.

"We are excited to make this change," according to Black Hills Fox news director Jack Caudill. "It gives us a better opportunity to cover the news for our viewers with the depth that we strive for."

Medina worked as anchor, news director and general manager for KBHU-TV, BHSU's on-campus TV station.

Both Medina and Thomas graduated with a bachelors of science degree in mass communication with an emphasis in telecommunication.

World's Strongest Man receives Young Alumni Achievement Award



Left to right, Tom Wheaton, director of Alumni Relations, Lori Caldwell, president of the Alumni Association, Brian Shaw, class of 2004 and World's Strongest Man, BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp, and Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement.

Brian Shaw, former Yellow Jacket basketball player, 2004 graduate and 2011 and 2013 World's Strongest Man, returned to the court on which he once played to accept the 2013 Young Alumni Achievement Award. He was presented the award during

halftime of the men's basketball home opener in November.

"It's awesome," Shaw said of being presented with the award. "Anytime you can get honored from the University you attended for an achievement after you have graduated – it's really a big honor."

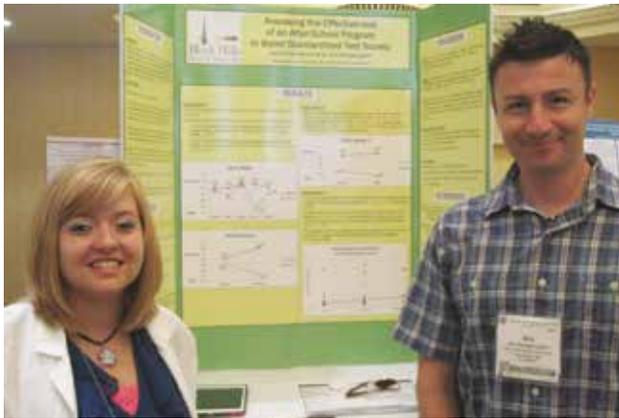
Prior to accepting his award, Shaw, who earned his wellness management degree from BHSU, spent nearly two hours signing autographs and chatting with BHSU faculty, staff, alumni and community members.

"It's been fun being in this environment again," said Shaw, who has not been back to BHSU since graduating. The campus has changed quite a bit, according to Shaw, but so has the former Yellow Jackets basketball player. Transforming from a 6'8" 280-pound basketball player to a 420-pound professional strongman, Shaw has been dominating the strongman world, building a successful business, creating training products and booking appearances across the country.

His latest strongman title came in September when he deadlifted 975 pounds to secure his place as the 2013 World's Strongest Man, earning the title for the second time in three years.

BHSU in the news

BHSU psychology professor and student present research in Hawaii



Autumn Sanderson and Dr. Aris Karagiorgakis

Dr. Aris Karagiorgakis, assistant professor of psychology, and Autumn Sanderson, a recent BHSU graduate from Conde, presented their research on the effectiveness of a local afterschool program at the American Psychological Association (APA) Convention in Honolulu.

Psychologists from all over the nation submit their research for an opportunity to present at the

nationally recognized conference, according to Karagiorgakis. "Being selected to present is a huge honor for Autumn, the BHSU Psychology Department and Black Hills State University,"

he said. "This highlights the outstanding work we are doing at BHSU."

Sanderson has been working with Karagiorgakis for several years researching the effectiveness of an afterschool program in Sturgis to boost standardized test scores. Sanderson and Karagiorgakis' assessment focuses on grades 4-8.

The Sturgis Area After School Program (SAASP) is a collaborative

effort funded by the 21st Century Communities Learning Program through the South Dakota Department of Education.

"We just analyzed the second year of the program – there are three more years of the grant," Sanderson said.

Sanderson said they assessed the program using the students' Dakota State Test of Educational Progress (DSTEP) scores. "We compared scores to the previous year's scores and the scores of students who aren't in the program to see if they are doing better or worse," she said.

Sanderson said being involved in faculty-mentored research prepared her for graduate school.

"Being involved in research makes you stand out from the crowd," Sanderson said. "When I went to my graduate school interview, none of the other students in the group interview had research experience."

Sanford Lab and BHSU will partner in new science education center



Black Hills State University President Kay Schallenkamp announces the \$2.5 million donation from philanthropist T. Denny Sanford to convert the Jonas Science building into a facility to complement the Sanford Underground Research Facility's education efforts in Lead.

Black Hills State University is partnering with the Sanford Underground Research Facility in Lead in a \$4.5 million project to convert the Jonas Science building on the BHSU campus into a facility to complement Sanford Lab's education efforts in Lead.

The Sanford Lab is owned and operated by the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority

(SDSTA), which is donating \$2.5 million to the project. That money will come from philanthropist T. Denny Sanford's gift of \$70 million, which the SDSTA is using to convert the former Homestake gold mine into a world leading underground research laboratory.

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp said the University would match the Sanford donation with \$2 million from the Higher Education Facility Fund and other sources.

"We are very appreciative of the generous gift by Mr. Sanford," Schallenkamp said. "The redesign of Jonas Science will ensure that our students are being exposed to not only state-of-the-art facilities,

but state-of-the-art pedagogy."

Schallenkamp said the University will combine its premier teacher program with cutting-edge research at Sanford Lab to create new possibilities in teaching math and science.

University students working to earn teaching degrees will have the opportunity to work with scientists at the lab and collaborate on educational initiatives at the science education center. "Having this world-class science laboratory in our backyard has created new research opportunities for our faculty and students across a variety of disciplines."

Faculty at the science education center at BHSU will conduct research on teaching and learning, support the training of current and future science teachers, develop and test educational materials and develop courses featuring underground research at the Sanford Lab.

BHSU in the news

Passion for medicine takes BHSU biology student to Africa



Recent BHSU graduate Aleesa Fedt spent a month in Ghana volunteering at a medical clinic. Pictured here with two of her lab partners Joe, left, and Raymond.

Ever since she can remember, recent Black Hills State University graduate Aleesa Fedt has wanted to be a doctor. She spent hours at her grandfather's house in Watertown flipping through physician books and playing with medical instruments.

"I've always wanted to go into medicine," said Fedt who, as a child, told her mother she wanted to "take babies out of mommies' tummies." While her specialty has changed to orthopedics, her desire to go into medicine has never waned. Last summer,

Fedt's compassion for helping others and her background in medicine took her all the way to Ghana where she spent a month volunteering in a medical clinic.

"It has always been a dream of mine to go to a third world country and do medical work," Fedt said.

As a certified EMT with two years of experience with the Spearfish Ambulance and her BHSU pre-med program classes, Fedt, from Pierre, researched several volunteer programs and decided on Volta Aid Foundation which placed her at the Miracle Life Clinic in Ho, Ghana.

Fedt spent a month at the clinic working in a different area each week. "I got to see all aspects of the clinic." She worked the first week in triage where she took vital signs and assessed patients giving the critical ones priority. She said every day the waiting room was full with

people waiting, sometimes for days, to be evaluated.

The second week she worked in the lab mainly taking blood samples and testing for malaria, and her third week was dedicated to treating malaria.

"Malaria was pretty much all we treated for," she said.

For her final week, Fedt worked with a physician doing patient consultations. "It was really neat because I got to see every aspect of the disease – test for it, treat it and then see how the patients were doing."

Fedt said her BHSU biology and chemistry classes along with her EMT experience prepared her for what she experienced in Ghana. BHSU's small class sizes allow for more one-on-one time with professors which Fedt said has benefited her. "I didn't know exactly what to expect because I didn't know what setting I would be put in, but when I got there, I felt comfortable especially in the beginning with the triage."

BHSU professor researches business perspective of pine beetle infestation

For nearly two decades, the mountain pine beetle has spread across hundreds of thousands of acres of the Black Hills National Forest leaving behind millions of dead pine trees. While much has been studied on the ecological impact of the pine beetles, little has been done on the effects the infestation has had on the tourism business – one of the South Dakota's main industries. Dr. Ignatius Cahyanto, Black Hills State University assistant professor of tourism and hospitality management, is taking steps to change that.

Cahyanto along with two student research assistants spent several months last summer and fall conducting a baseline study examining the perceptions of tourism businesses with regard to the infestation and their preventative behaviors. Recent

graduate Dorothy Collins Aurand from Belle Fourche, and Jonathon Horner, business administration – marketing major from Aberdeen, assisted Cahyanto with the research.

Cahyanto presented the findings in December at the World Research Summit for Tourism and Hospitality in Orlando. He also plans to submit the paper for presentation at the 2014 Travel and Tourism Association Annual Conference in Bruges, Belgium, in June.

"This is the first step to fully understanding the severity of the impact on the tourism businesses in the vicinity of the Black Hills National Forest," Cahyanto said.

The study included two stages. The first was a qualitative study where 29 Black Hills businesses were interviewed and asked two questions: have you experienced



Jon Horner



Dr. Ignatius Cahyanto

an impact from the pine beetle infestation, and if so what has been the impact; and how do you cope with the situation if you have felt the impact.

The second stage of the study was a quantitative survey of 400 Black Hills tourism businesses to further learn about risk perception, perceived impacts, assessment of communication messages, and preventative behavior.

BHSU in the news

BHSU partnership receives 2013 Bush Prize for Community Innovation



Project PRIME, Black Hills State University's ongoing collaborative program to improve K-12 mathematics instruction, was recognized with the prestigious Bush Prize for Community Innovation

Project PRIME (Promoting Reflective Inquiry in Mathematics Education), the decade-long effort of Black Hills State University, the Rapid City School District and the regional nonprofit Technology

and Innovation in Education (TIE) to improve K-12 mathematics instruction, is one of nine projects awarded an inaugural Bush Prize for Community Innovation.

The Bush Prize for Community Innovation, presented by the St. Paul-based Bush Foundation, honors and supports innovative organizations and

projects with a track record of making great ideas happen. Along with the recognition, Project PRIME received more than \$310,000 to be used to sustain and expand their work.

"We're absolutely delighted to have received the Bush Prize. It affirms the success and strength of the longstanding partnership of Rapid City Area Schools, TIE, and Black Hills State University to improve the teaching and learning of K-12 mathematics," said Ben Sayler, BHSU professor and a member of Project PRIME's director team. "We're eager to continue learning together and to expand our work together for years and years to come."

Since 2002, project partners have been working to improve the teaching and learning of K-12 mathematics within Rapid City area schools, to strengthen teacher preparation at BHSU, and to create a vibrant professional learning community across all three organizations.

Biology students earn NASA research stipends for biomedical research



Jillian Draine

Black Hills State University students Tayler Ripley, from Pierre, and Jillian Draine, from Spearfish, were selected to receive NASA Space Grant stipends for research. Both are pursuing double majors in chemistry and biology in the School of Natural Sciences.

Ripley received a stipend of \$3,000 and Draine received \$1,000. The research stipends can be used during the upcoming fall, spring or summer semesters.

Ripley and Draine will use the stipends for their current research projects. Ripley is working with Dr. Dan Asunskis, BHSU assistant professor of chemistry, to investigate cellular responses to nanomaterials. Draine is working



Tayler Ripley

with Dr. John Dixon, associate professor of chemistry, to extract natural products from sages native to western South Dakota and test their antimalarial activity.

Ripley, who began his research on nanomaterials last spring, said this school year they will begin exposing cells to silver, cadmium oxide and titanium oxide nanomaterials which are used and produced in massive quantities worldwide. Since the establishment of the National Nanotechnology Initiative in 2000, nanomaterials have been produced for use in a variety of products ranging from sporting equipment and cosmetics to clothing and computers, Ripley said. However, some scientists

are concerned with the increase of nanomaterial production due to a lack of information on how the microscopic particles affect living cells.

"The possibility that nanomaterials could have effects on or interfere with these processes commands our attention," Ripley said.

Draine has been working on research surrounding sage's possible antimalarial properties since last June. According to the World Health Organization, there is a growing resistance to antimalarial medicines and with hundreds of millions of new malaria cases reported annually there is a critical need for a new antimalarial medicine.

"We have found antimalarial activity in a number of our crude extracts which prompted us to begin purifying them into factions to separate out the active compounds," she said. "We are hoping to further purify these factions and to begin structural work."

BHSU in the news

BHSU geology class takes first underground field trip at Sanford Lab

A Black Hills State University geology class received a new perspective on the area's geological formations when they spent a day touring the 300 level of the Sanford Underground Research Facility, the former Homestake Mine.

Dr. Abigail Domagall's students were the first from BHSU to have an opportunity to go underground.

"The students thought it was awesome. They have heard so much about the mine and about what it is becoming, and to actually get to go underground and see for themselves was like nothing else," said Domagall, assistant professor of geology. "The tour provided an ideal end to the semester-long course. There were lots of geological features that they could see and talk about."

The accessibility of the lab provides a unique resource to local students, said Dr. Jaret Heise, science liaison director at the Sanford Lab. "It is a great supplement to their education," he said. "Having these hands-on experiences will hopefully excite them more into whatever area

they are pursuing."

The students learned from the unique experience. "I've never thought I would be a part of something like this," said Jeff Murray, biology major from Rapid City, noting that he developed a better understanding of Sanford Lab, as both a mine and lab.

Dr. Rachel Headley, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) liaison, has been working with Sanford Lab to make the historical landmark more accessible to BHSU students of all disciplines. She has been working with the University's music and mass communication departments to get students underground for various projects. There are several music students who are interested in using the mine and lab as inspiration for their compositions including one who is interested in taking an electronic organ underground.

Partnerships like these are a win-win situation for both the University and the lab, said Heise. "These students can be great ambassadors in the community for Sanford Lab."

BHSU students in Dr. Abigail Domagall's geology class received a new perspective on the area's geological formations when they spent a day touring the 300 level of the Sanford Underground Research Facility.



Sports

Kraft becomes first-ever Black Hills State University NCAA All-American



Mitch Kraft (left)

Photo courtesy of Sonja Kraft

Black Hills State University cross country runner Mitch Kraft, environmental physical science major from Wessington Springs, became the first Yellow Jacket NCAA national qualifier after finishing 19th at the regional championships. Kraft again made history last fall after being the first athlete in BHSU history to earn NCAA All-American honors after turning in a 29th place finish at the 2013 Division II National Meet in Washington.

In his second 10K race ever, Kraft managed to navigate a

foreign course at the Plantess Ferry Sports Complex in Spokane on his way to a total time of 31:08.80.

"It was a great race. I was told by several experienced coaches to control my emotions the first half of the race and to use the crowd later in the race," Kraft said. "Having my wife and brother-in-law out there really helped me to not get too nervous before the race, and once I got into the race, I was able to execute the race plan very well.

"God is good, and he deserves the credit for keeping me from tripping during the race, keeping me healthy, and providing me with great friends and supporters that come from BHSU. It was an honor and a thrill to represent my school so well in our first NCAA DII championship race."

Longtime BHSU cross country head coach Scott Walkinshaw, who has made the trek to national meets in the past more than 20 years while in the NAIA, also made the trip with Kraft in the University's first season as an official NCAA member.

"Mitch steadily moved up during the race from about the

60th position around the 2K mark, to the high 40s at the half way point," Walkinshaw said. "He really wanted to run the last half of the race strong and he did just that by moving up 20 or more places to finish 29th."

Coming into the race, Kraft made it clear his goal was a top 40 finish, and on paper, given his 19th-place finish at the South Central Region Championships, he would be on the fence. Kraft, however, was determined to surpass his goal in his final cross country race of his career, and he did so by 11 spots.

"Today's race culminated a string of three races in a row where Mitch put it all out there and raced extremely well," Walkinshaw continued. "I was proud of the way he handled the meet situation and setting as he was able to hold his emotions in check early in the race and used the crowd towards the end when the conditions became difficult."

The entire men's individual race of 246 runners featured 18 returning All-Americans.

Christensen named assistant athletic director of external affairs



Melissa Christensen

Former Yellow Jacket basketball player Melissa Christensen has been hired as the assistant athletic director of external affairs.

Originally from Newcastle, Wyo., Christensen returns to the University after graduating from BHSU in 2003 with a bachelors degree in business

administration – marketing. She played for the Yellow Jackets women's basketball team from 2000-2002.

"We are extremely excited to have Melissa back in the Yellow Jacket family as an assistant athletic director. Her experience, personality, enthusiasm, and energy are a natural fit for someone in the field of athletic development and fundraising," Jhett Albers, BHSU athletic director said. "She has already had

a great positive impact in our Athletic Department and has made great strides in getting acquainted and connected with our alumni and donors. I look forward to working with Melissa in our future fundraising efforts to continue to provide scholarships for our outstanding student-athletes."

Christensen's main responsibilities within the Athletic Department include fundraising, and developing relationships with sponsors, boosters, and supporters. Prior to becoming a part of the administrative staff, Christensen had been working in the finance industry throughout Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, and Oregon.

"I am so thankful and excited to be back at BHSU. The people of this community and all the supporters of BHSU athletics really make this a special place to be," Christensen said. "This is an exciting position to be in, and the people before me have really done a great job with getting BHSU to where we are today. I'm looking forward to the challenge of expanding on those successes."

Yellow Jacket athletes honored for academic excellence

The Black Hills State University Yellow Jacket athletes have once again displayed their academic excellence receiving several academic honors from the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC). A total of 28 athletes in basketball, volleyball, football and cross country have been named as members of the 2013-2014 RMAC All-Academic Honor Roll.

To qualify for Academic All-RMAC, student-athletes must have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better, be a starter or reserve, and have completed two consecutive semesters or three quarters at their current institution.

Jhett Albers, BHSU athletic director, said he is proud of the athletes' success in the classroom. "One of the top priorities of the BHSU Athletics Department is emphasizing to our student-athletes the importance of an education and earning a degree," he said. "Our commitment to success is not limited to competition. We take great pride in their academic successes."

Following are the list of students who received RMAC academic honors under their respective sport:

Basketball:

- Dakota Barrie, exercise science major from Belle Fourche.
- Logan Cowan, biology major from Highmore.
- Lindsey Fearing, psychology major from Gillette, Wyo.
- Cassidy Kotelman, biology major from Brookings.
- Bailey Kusser, biology major from Highmore.
- Cameron Anderson, physical education and special education major from Gillette, Wyo.
- Brody Brisk, exercise science major from Rapid City.
- Raith Durham, exercise science major from Sheridan, Wyo.



Football:

- Oscar Bengtsson, business administration – marketing major from Stockholm, Sweden.
- Trent Boner, business administration – management major from Douglas, Wyo.
- Michael Oberle, biology major from Vermillion.
- Luke Janssen, exercise science and physical education major from Chadron, Neb.
- D.J. Toczek, social science education major from Martin.

Cross Country:

- Mitch Kraft, environmental physical science major from Wessington Springs, led the Yellow Jacket cross country honorees earning a spot on the First Team All-Academic RMAC list. He also recently became BHSU's first NCAA All-American.
- Tessara Byrd, biology education major from Kadoka.
- Rebecca Ellis, professional accountancy major from Rock Rapids, Iowa.
- Erica Gajda, political science major from Cheyenne, Wyo.
- Sierra Miles, human services major from Montrose.
- Anna Yanchek, exercise science major from Cheyenne, Wyo.
- Justin Bergeson, history major from Hartford.
- Evan Strand, special education major from Gillette, Wyo.
- Mark Wilcox, exercise science major from Yankton.



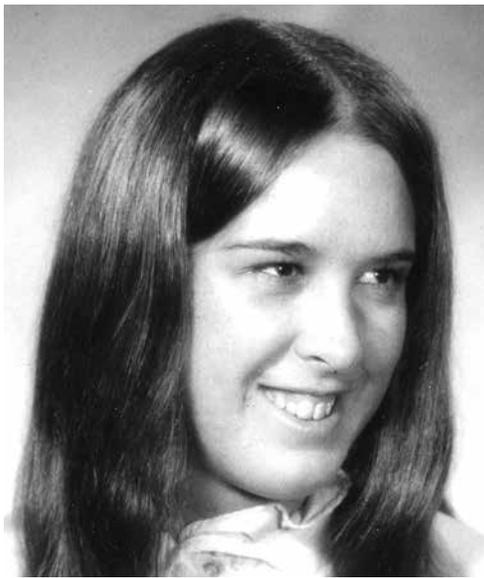
Volleyball:

- Kelsey Olson, applied health science major from Rapid City, led the Yellow Jacket volleyball honorees earning a spot on the First Team All-Academic RMAC list.
- Holly Hamlin, elementary education major from Highmore.
- Meghan Sipe, biology major from Cheyenne, Wyo.
- Lacy Stevens, biology major from Edgemont.
- Shayla Wickett, biology major from Glenrock, Wyo.
- Chloe Zimmer, exercise science major from Casper, Wyo.





Alumni Center named for BHSU graduate and longtime supporter



Joy (Proctor) Krautschun

Her name matched the life she led and the happiness she brought to others. Now, Joy Krautschun's legacy and longtime support of Black Hills State University will be honored through the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center.

Joy, who passed away last fall at the age of 62, was a 1973 graduate of BHSU and was instrumental in starting and coaching the University's first varsity women's basketball team. Even after her time at BHSU, Joy, and her husband Harvey, continued their service and support to the University.

"She loved this University. Even up until the end of her life she was always talking about BHSU," said Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement. "I can't think of a better person to name the alumni center after than Joy."

The new Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center is currently under construction and will be completed this fall. The 5,800-square-foot building will house the University Advancement offices; provide a gathering area before games, concerts, and other University events; showcase the past, present and future of BHSU; accommodate community events such as business meetings and receptions; and introduce community members to what the University is doing.

"It is fitting that the alumni/foundation center be named for Joy. She epitomized the qualities of service and commitment that BHSU alumni hold for their alma mater," according to BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp. "The naming recognizes the love she had for BHSU and memorializes the contributions she made as a student and as an alum."

Joy grew up in Deadwood where she was a member of the swim team and traveled the country winning countless swim meets. After graduating from Deadwood High School, Joy enrolled at BHSU where she instantly became involved in a variety of activities and organizations. She was a member of the BHSU homecoming royalty, cheerleader, and was involved in the dance program and intramural sports. She graduated with degrees

in music and physical education.

She met Harvey at BHSU; the couple married Aug. 11, 1973, and had two children, Bart and Jamie. Despite their hectic lifestyle of running a local financial services business, raising their two kids, coaching, and hauling their children to various sporting events, Joy and Harvey always dedicated time and energy to their alma mater. Joy served many years on the BHSU Alumni Association Board. In 2007 Joy was honored with the Special Service Award, and in 2009 the couple served as the Swarm Day parade grand marshals.

"Joy was one of the best volunteers we've ever had," Meeker said. "You could count on her for anything and everything."

Joy's involvement with the University developed into a love and passion for the students, faculty, and BHSU events.

The Krautschuns were also actively involved in the Northern Hills community. Joy taught physical education and music in the Lead-Deadwood and Spearfish school districts, was a member of the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce, and volunteered at the Spearfish Food Pantry and for the reading program in Spearfish elementary schools.

Donations for the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center are still being accepted. To contribute contact Steve Meeker at 605-642-6385 or send an email at Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu



Alum challenges other BHSU grads to replenish hundreds of lost trees

Last fall's Swarm Week festivities will go down in the history books - not because of a game clinching touchdown or a record number of parade entries, but because the 2013 BHSU homecoming week was halted by Winter Storm Atlas. The early October snowstorm dropped more than three feet of heavy, wet snow in parts of the Northern Hills bringing daily life to a standstill. The storm covered roads, brought down trees and power lines, but it also brought out the best in people and continues to do so.

The Black Hills State University and Spearfish communities stepped up to help each other shovel out, pick up tree branches and offer up homes to those without power. Now that the cleanup is complete, focus has turned to repairing what has been lost.

BHSU alum dee Welsh, Class of '85, saw the devastation firsthand. Although she lives in Denver, Welsh was in the Black Hills that weekend working on a book project with fellow alum Christle Robinson, Class of '82. The two had scheduled the project to coincide with the annual Swarm Week alumni events. After being housebound in Deadwood for four days, they made their way to Spearfish to help Robinson's parents remove tree debris from their yard.

"Looking up toward campus and seeing the big cottonwood trees snapped off at mid height truly saddened me," Welsh said. "A few days later, I walked across campus and decided something

needed to be done. I felt a need to help the community that I have always cherished as my second home."

Welsh donated \$250 to start a fund to replenish the trees and hopes other alumni will help in the recovery effort.

John Rombough, BHSU assistant director of Facilities Services, said the initial phase of the cleanup has been completed at a cost of more than \$30,000. Nearly 250 trees were lost and another 600 damaged.

FEMA, which recently completed its assessment of the damage, is willing to help with some of the cleanup; however, the federal agency's only objective is to eliminate danger from broken branches and removal of debris

from those branches.

Rombough estimates that BHSU will need an additional \$60,000 to begin recovery of tree loss. "Recovery will be slow. Many of the trees remaining are heavily damaged, and we will lose more of those trees to disease, insects and structure failure."

Welsh said she hopes in five to 10 years people will be able to look across campus and once again see mature trees.

Contributions to help replenish the trees devastated by Winter Storm Atlas can be made by contacting Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement, at Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu or 605-642-6385.

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Creating a Legacy

Spearfish resident donates money for math and science scholarships



Spearfish resident Carol Lundberg was honored as the 2013 Difference Maker during the 1883 Recognition Dinner. The Difference Maker Award is given each year to BHSU's top donor.

Carol Lundberg worked hard throughout her career in the healthcare insurance industry moving her way up the ladder in what was mostly a male-dominated field. Now at 78 years old, the former Californian and world

traveler is sharing her successes by supporting Black Hills State University students.

Lundberg is donating scholarship money for students studying math and science and math and science education. "I just want to make life a little bit easier for these bright students," Lundberg said. "To see young people grow, that is what life is all about."

Lundberg, now a Spearfish resident, grew up in eastern South Dakota but made her way to sunny California soon after graduating high school. Growing up in an era without the ease of global communication, Lundberg knew she had to relocate to a more metropolitan area to pursue a career.

"I lived on a farm. There was no running water, no electricity and I walked 2 ½ miles to school," she said. "It was a big step."

It was also the right step.

Lundberg received a job offer in the self-insured healthcare industry where she stayed for the next several decades.

Her sense of adventure did not end after her move to California. Lundberg has hiked throughout the world from the Galapagos and Amazon to Europe and China. In her 50s, she also became a competitive swimmer training seven days a week. She competed in the Senior Olympics while living in California.

After retiring, Lundberg decided to return to a slower paced life. A nephew in North Dakota suggested she check out Spearfish. After visiting the community a few times, she moved here in 2004. She makes trips back to the West Coast, usually in the cold, blustery winter months, but enjoys living in Spearfish. She volunteers at the Wildlife Sanctuary and has hiked nearly every Black Hills trail numerous times.

BHSU alumni run 22nd Annual Stadium Sports Grill Alumni Mile

Nearly 40 former Black Hills State University track and field and cross country runners returned to campus recently to participate in the 22nd Annual Stadium Sports Grill Alumni Mile. The weekend-long event, held in conjunction with the Dave Little Invitational, included a Friday night social at the Stadium Sports Grill in downtown Spearfish, and on Saturday an after-race luncheon

followed in the BHSU Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame Room.

This year the event raised more than \$1,600 for the Alumni Mile endowment. This endowment goes to BHSU track and field and cross country student-athletes.

Mitch Kraft, environmental physical science major from Wessington Springs, and Becca Ellis, business administration major from Rock Rapids, Iowa, were

awarded this year's Alumni Mile Scholarships.

The Alumni Mile was started in 1993 by former BHSU cross country runner Jim Glazer, Class of '83. The Alumni Mile endowment was created by Myles Kennedy, a longtime BHSU Yellow Jacket supporter and former president of the Yellow Jacket Foundation.



Creating a Legacy

BHSU kicks off its \$22 million capital campaign with celebration



Construction began on the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center in summer of 2013 and is expected to be completed this year.

Black Hills State University has announced its final push toward a \$22 million capital campaign which will provide millions to fund additional student scholarships, and construction and renovation of campus facilities.

"We are pursuing the most ambitious campaign in the history of Black Hills State University," according to Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement, noting that the only other capital campaign was in 1990 for the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center. The goal for that campaign was \$1 million. "Capital campaigns like this one help strengthen us as a University and assist students with paying for their education."

The "Building on Strength and Stature" campaign, which began in 2008, has raised \$22.2 million so far with more than half of that dedicated to additional scholarships. The campaign will end in June. Currently, BHSU ranks fifth out of six state universities in the amount awarded for student scholarships, Meeker said. "This campaign is desperately needed to help us close that gap and provide more scholarships to more students."

From the money raised since 2008, 76 new scholarships have been endowed.

"What has been most gratifying over the last years as we talk to alums and supporters from across the country is their love for Black Hills State University, their

commitment to this University, and their willingness to invest in our students and our facilities," said BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp.

The over \$22 million in funds came from 24,819 donors with nearly 6,500 of those first-time contributors. "Out of all the statistics in the campaign this is quite possibly the most important one," Meeker said. "To have that many new donors is a great sign of the future."

Focus of the campaign is on scholarships, the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center, currently under construction, and athletic facility upgrades.

BHSU faculty and staff showed their support by donating nearly a half million dollars toward the campaign. "This says a lot about our employees," Meeker said. "Our employees believe in what's going on here."

Attendees of the kick-off celebration also had an opportunity to view a new campaign video featuring interviews with Schallenkamp, former BHSU President Thomas Flickema and alumni and supporters including Dana Dykhouse, Sioux Falls; Mike Sullivan, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Harvey Krautschun, Spearfish.

For more information on how to contribute contact Meeker at 605-642-6385 or Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu.



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Irma H. (Neamy) Klock, Class of '40, Lead
Martha M. (Whitehead) Nelson, Class of '37, Grants Pass, Ore.

Black Hills Teachers College, 1941-1963

Keith V. Anderson, Attended, Black Hawk
Ellen J. (Coffield) Besler, Class of '51, Spearfish
Clifford L. Edlund, Class of '58, Stanton, Calif.
Carolynn L. (Aga) Erickson, Attended, Sturgis
James P. Fahey, Class of '52, Rapid City
Mary E. (Ford) Hicks, Class of '42, Hill City
Larry W. Huntsman, Class of '60, Jasper, Minn.
Dora J. (Bohnsack) Johnson, Class of '56, Billings, Mont.
Norma "Turp" A. (Hupp) Johnson, Class of '60 & '66, Presho
Lucile A. (Endres) Kirkpatrick, Attended, Jacksonville, Fla.
Marjorie D. (Giachino) Linander, Class of '42, Spearfish
Hazel I. (Coats) O'Bryan, Attended, Martin
Shirley J. (Hansen) Raue, Attended, Pierre
Margaret "Toots" J. (Heumphreus) Schriener,
Class of '61 & '69, Custer
Dinah E. Shannon, Class of '63 & '66, Rocklin, Calif.
Judith "Judi" A. (Taylor) Shapiro, Class of '63, Fairbanks, Alaska
Larry "The Hat" D. Sinykin, Attended, Las Vegas, Nev.
Alice E. (Kellem) Stetler, Attended, Rapid City
Charles "Al" A. Veitl, Class of '58, Ashburn, Va.
Buster C. Vopat, Attended, Spearfish

Black Hills State College, 1964-1988

Kathy G. (Monsen) Brumley, Class of '71, Wichita Falls, Texas
Robin L. (Fitzgerald) Bury, Attended, Spokane, Wash.
Lawrence "Larry" B. Crosby Jr., Class of '68, Anchorage, Alaska
Margaret "Maggie" G. Dimock, Attended, Rapid City
Mark E. Englebretson, Attended, Torrington, Wyo.
Steven G. Fenner, Class of '77, Coppell, Texas
David A. Fierro, Attended, Salem, Ore.
Michael "Mike" D. Freemole, Class of '82, Apopka, Fla.
Clifford J. Freestad, Attended, Gillette, Wyo.
Gerry E. Harper, Class of '75, Hilo, Hawaii
Michael W. Huether, Attended, Wall
Thomas C. Hurley, Attended, Gillette, Wyo.
Mavis D. (Curl) Jeppesen, Attended, Wall
Joy (Proctor) Krautschun, Class of '73, Spearfish
Diane M. Medhaug, Class of '74, Watertown
Julaine (Smith) Mullaney, Class of '70, San Jose, Calif.
Joseph "Joe" F. Roberts, Class of '69, Rapid City
Janice J. Roth, Class of '78, Spearfish
Alan G. Sather, Class of '69, Bowman, N.D.
Ruth K. (Hersey) Schutz, Class of '79, Rapid City
Doris (Eaton) Shipley, Class of '65, Spearfish
Milton "Milt" Stromer, Class of '81, Rapid City
Susan "Suzi" J. (Adams) Weber, Attended, Vancouver, Wash.
Lyle L. Wilson, Class of '81, Yuba City, Calif.

Black Hills State University, 1989-Present

Carol E. (Herndon) Greco, Class of '90, Fort Worth, Texas
Kelly J. (Kechely) Jacobs, Class of '94 & '02, Rapid City
Daniel R. Olson, Class of '11, Sturgis
Donna M. (Creighton) Uttenhove, Class of '91, Charleston, S.C.
Kayla K. (Ruleau) Vincent, Attended, Rushville, Neb.

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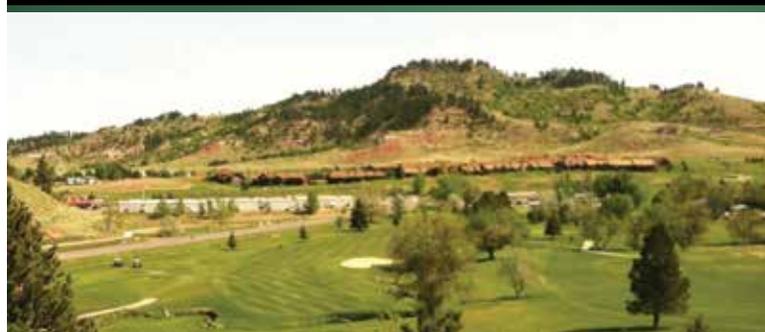
Location: Old Baldy Club, Saratoga, Wyo.



Stadium Sports Grill Yellow Jacket Golf Classic and Auction

Date: June 28

Location: Spearfish Canyon Country Club, Spearfish, S.D.



Mark Larscheid Memorial Golf Classic

Date: July 5

Location: Spearfish Canyon Country Club, Spearfish, S.D.



Yellow Jacket Golf Classic Presented by White's Canyon Motors

Date: September 6

Location: The Golf Club at Devils Tower, Hulett, Wyo.

For more information contact BHSU Athletics at 605-642-6460 or email Melissa.Christensen@BHSU.edu

Upcoming **BHSU** Alumni Gatherings

The Annual BHSU Football Gridiron Gathering | April 12, 2014

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Class of 1964 - 50-Year Club Reunion | May 9-10, 2014

Members of the Class of 1964 are invited to a gathering May 9-10 to celebrate their induction into the 50-Year Club at Black Hills State University. Each year, classmates from the 50-year class return to campus to celebrate the anniversary of their graduation. Members from prior classes are also invited to a banquet in honor of the class celebrating its 50th. Contact Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or (605) 642-6385 to receive a registration packet or for more information on the 50-Year Club.

All-Band and Choral Reunion | July 18-19, 2014

If you performed with the Men's or Women's Glee Club, BH Normal Chorus, BH Choristers, BH Women's Chorus, BH Concert Choir, BH Singers, BH Gold, BH Jazz Band, BH Marching Band, BH Concert Band, or any other choral or band organization while attending BHSU, this reunion is for you! We invite you back to campus for an All-Band and Choral Reunion banquet followed by a rehearsal to prepare you for your performance at the Spearfish Arts Center 37th Annual Festival in the Park. Unable to play or sing? You are still invited to attend. For more information about the reunion or to receive a registration and information packet, contact Tom Wheaton, director of Alumni Relations, prior to May 15 at Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or call 605-642-6385.

The Dennis Kirk Jacket Ride (for Veteran Scholarships) | Aug. 5, 2014

For more information contact the BHSU University Advancement Office at Jeannie.Salazar@BHSU.edu or (605) 642-6385.

KBHU-FM celebrates 40 years | Sept. 19-20, 2014

KBHU-FM will celebrate its 40th anniversary in September. In honor of this special occasion the BHSU Alumni Association is inviting all former disc jockeys back to campus to celebrate the anniversary. The reunion will include a banquet and a tour of the radio station, KBHU-FM/KJKT-FM, Friday, Sept. 19. Festivities continue Saturday, Sept. 20 - Swarm Day 2014. Contact Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or (605) 642-6385 to receive a registration packet or for more information on the KBHU-FM Reunion.

The 1968-73 football teams | Sept. 19-20, 2014

The 1968 through 1973 football teams are invited to a reunion in honor of their head football coach Gene Schlekeway during the 2014 Swarm Week festivities. Gene was the head coach for the Yellow Jacket football teams from 1968-82 and is planning to reunite will all of his teams over the next four years. For more information, please contact Gene Schlekeway at Normagene@knology.net or Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or (605) 642-6385.

Rapid City Alumni Gathering

More than 60 alumni, family and friends gathered earlier this year in Rapid City to watch the Black Hills State University Yellow Jackets basketball teams take on West River rivals the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Hardrockers. The games took place at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.



Kudos & Announcements

The 50s **Verna (Heaton) Benham**, Class of '59, Kerrville, Tex., published *Champagne in a Paper Cup: Memoir of a Journey*. The book documents her life growing up in the Northern Black Hills including her time as a student at Black Hills Teachers College, where she was valedictorian.

Charles "Charlie" Schad, Class of '56 & '60, Spearfish, was honored by Spearfish High School for his 46 years of service to Spartan athletics. Charlie has called approximately 230 football games and 760 basketball games during his career as the "Voice of the Spartans" that started in the 1967-68 school year.

The 60s **Joe Jorgensen**, Class of '67 & '70, Spearfish, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Northern Black Hills Association of REALTORS. Joe has been the owner/operator of Jorgensen Realty for the past 30 years.

The 70s **French Bryan**, Class of '72, and **Taffy (Bryan) Tucker**, Class of '72, Spearfish, celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Bay Leaf Café. French and Taffy are co-owners of the establishment.

Paul Burleson, Class of '76, Hartville, Ohio, was inducted into the 2013 Greater Akron Baseball Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio. Paul started three seasons (1968-70) at Tallmadge High School where he helped the Blue Devils win the Metro League Championship in 1969.

Pat Guptill, Attended, Quinn, and his wife Mary Lou recently received the 2013 Leopold Conservation Award, an honor that recognizes South Dakota landowners who exemplify voluntary stewardship and management of natural resources. The Guptills have owned and operated the family-run ranch near Quinn for the past 25 years.

Mary (Gallup) Livingston, Class of '76, Whitewood, recently published *Whitewood Historical Notes & Folklore*. In 2013, Whitewood celebrated the 125th anniversary of the town's incorporation.

Floyd A. Rummel III, Class of '79, Lead, has been appointed by the Northern Hills Federal Credit Union (NHFCU) as the new CEO. He was president of Dakota Territory Federal Credit Union, now NHFCU, for 23 years.

The 80s **Deb (Sundvold) Aten**, Class of '84, Mesa, Ariz., recently retired after 20 years of teaching. Thirteen of those years she taught math and pre-algebra to seventh graders in the Casa Grande Elementary School District at Cactus Middle School.

Tyler Hammell, Class of '88, Chamberlain, received his chiropractic physician degree at Northwest College of Chiropractic in Bloomington, Minn., and has opened his own clinic, Chamberlain Chiropractic. His wife, **Lena (Burtts) Hammell**, Attended, is the office manager.

Marcia (Jarvi) Hultman, Class of '85, Pierre, was appointed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard to serve as Secretary of the Department of Labor and Regulation. Marcia previously served as the department's deputy secretary and as interim secretary.

Robert "Bob" Webb, Class of '85, Alamosa, Colo., recently started his tenure as the superintendent of the Monte Vista School District in Monte Vista, Colo.

Lana Williams, Class of '86, Colorado Springs, Colo., has released her third historical romance book, *Believe in Me, Book III* in the *Vengeance* Trilogy.

The 90s **Toinette (Feist) Brown**, Attended, Rapid City, is currently working with the PR/Marketing Department with Regional Health.

Wes Brown, Class of '96 & '13, Rapid City, is now the Director of Special Projects at the Chiesman Center for Democracy.

Stephanie (Rissler) Christopherson, Class of '95, Vermillion, was nominated this past October for an Emmy Award for the television program "Light of the Prairie: Stained Glass in South Dakota." Stephanie, who wrote the script and crafted the final one-hour program, was nominated as the producer of the documentary. The Emmy nomination was the third in her 16-year career at South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

Greg Krajewski, Class of '96, Belle Fourche, was hired as the new full-time executive director of economic development in Belle Fourche. Greg previously served in the United States Air Force as an administrative specialist for four years, and was a human resource specialist for the South Dakota National Guard for nearly 20 years.

John Lopez, Class of '97, Lemmon, won the 2014 People's Choice Award during the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo's annual Western Quick Draw Contest in Rapid City. John sculpted a miniature Hereford bull.

Gwen McClure, Class of '97, Deadwood, opened Black Hills Laser Designs in Deadwood.

Jeremy Patterson, Class of '99, Boulder, Colo., a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, was selected by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) as a recipient of its prestigious "Native American 40 Under 40" award.

Kudos & Announcements

Alan Solano, Class of '91, Rapid City, was appointed, by Gov. Dennis Daugaard, to represent District 32 in the South Dakota Senate. Alan is CEO of Behavior Management Systems Inc., a provider of behavioral and mental health services.

Bill Termes, Attended, Whitewood, recently received the "Friend of the Chamber" award from the Whitewood Chamber of Commerce during its annual banquet. Bill served as president of the Whitewood Chamber of Commerce for three years.

Kevin White, Class of '99, Sioux Falls, is teaching English as a second language at the University of South Dakota.

The 00s **Alissa (McGee) Adams**, Class of '00, Spearfish, accepted the 21st Century School Library Award for Sturgis Brown High School. This award was issued by the S.D. State Library in recognition of innovative school libraries. Alissa is the Library Media Specialist at SBHS.

Kassie (Erickson) Belonio, Class of '09, Deadwood, was hired last fall as an afterschool assistant in the Lead-Deadwood School District.

Andrea Calkins, Class of '07, a second-grade teacher at Ray-Pec Elementary School in Raymore, Mo., was nominated for Teacher of the Year in 2013.

Kelsie (Hoffman) Darling, Class of '07 & '08, Whitewood, was recently honored by the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation with the Rising Star Award. Kelsie, the owner of Quik Signs in Spearfish, opened her business in May 2009.

Gregory "Greg" Harrell, Class of '01, Cheyenne, Wyo., recently took over as store manager of the Cheyenne Main Wells Fargo. He previously held the same position in Laramie, Wyo.

Jessica (Painter) Holmes, Class of '09, Buffalo, received the "Rodeo Cowgirl Great" award at the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center Tribute Dinner last November in Pierre. This is the second time that Jessica has been part of this ceremony. She and other members of the Paul Painter family received the "Ranch Family" award in 2009. Paul Painter was Jessica's grandfather.

Edward "Bryan" Johnson, Class of '03, Graham, Wash., was recently hired as the new head softball coach at Shoreline Community College in Shoreline, Wash.

Leah (Thomas) Judge, Class of '01 & '04, was awarded the first bursary/scholarship from the Ray Davey Youth Fund through the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland to pursue an Academic Post-Graduate Certificate in Conflict Transformation with St. Mary's University in Texas. Leah, along with her husband Jonathon and their two children, will be moving to Northern Ireland this summer.

Amy (Morgan) Miklos, Class of '04, Custer, was promoted to a senior juvenile corrections agent with the South Dakota Dept. of Corrections (DOC). She has worked for the DOC in Custer since 2004.

Todd A. Russell, Class of '01, Pearl City, Hawaii, is now working as a civilian biologist in the environmental division for the Kaneohe Marine Base. The base is located on the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

Nicole (Dana) Samuelson, Class of '02, Spearfish, was inducted into the 2013 Spearfish High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Nicole is the Spartans' all-time leading scorer in girl's basketball.

Jason Tysdal, Class of '01, Spearfish, received the REALTOR® of the Year Award from the Northern Black Hills Association of REALTORS. Jason has served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and is currently President of the Northern Black Hills Association of REALTORS®.

Andy VanDeest, Class of '04, Sturgis, co-head coach of the Spearfish High School cross country team received the honor of being named the 2012 South Dakota High School Activities Association's Class A Cross Country Coach of the Year. Last fall, Andy began his fifth season at Spearfish, the second season as the co-head coach.

Justin Varland, Class of '02, Lees Summit, Mo., was recently promoted to Senior Director for Carrier Sales and Strategy for Samsung Telecommunications in Kansas City, Mo. Justin leads their four (Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile) enterprise carrier sales teams.

Becca Walters, Class of '06, Lubbock, Texas, was hired by the Lubbock Christian University Athletic Department as the Director of New Media and will serve as the program's Senior Woman Administrator.

The 10s **Stacy Edwards**, Class of '12, Spearfish, was hired as a victim's advocate with the Victims of Violence Intervention Program, Inc., at the Artemis House in Spearfish.

Raesha Ray, Class of '13, Spearfish, was hired as an admissions counselor at BHSU.

Katrina Salitros, Class of '11, St. Petersburg, Fla., was recently promoted to assistant producer for the Home Shopping Network.

Kudos & Announcements

Maegan Scherer, Class of '12, Platte, has purchased *Today's Horse Magazine*. The monthly circulation is around 14,000 a month with subscribers in 43 states and Canada.

Nolan A. Schneider, Class of '13, Spearfish, was hired as an admissions representative at BHSU. He maintains involvement and a continued interest in international work and studies.

Travis Thorn, Class of '13, Kadoka, was hired by the Kadoka School District and is also the head girls' basketball coach.

Lane H. Warner, Class of '10, Onida, recently published his first book, *Burn Me Down*, a fictional story about a young man and the struggles he has faced in life and how he learns to overcome them.

Last May, the S.D. Center for Enterprise Opportunity at BHSU awarded Women in Business awards during their "Celebrating Women in Business" luncheon. The enterprising Business Team award went to State Farm Insurance - Coreen Lerwick Agency. The team: **Coreen (Donnenwirth) Lerwick**, Class of '78, **Denise (Craig) Gienger**, Attended; **Nikkita (McCarty) Kaufmann**, Attended, and **Liz Young**, Attended, were recognized for their contributions as a team.

Larry Hines, Class of '64, and **Tim Drone**, Class of '76, were recently inducted into the 2014 Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Larry was inducted as a coach. Tim was inducted as a coach and administrator.

Dory (Reed) Pfister, Class of '83, Lusk, Wyo., and **Charles Franke**, Class of '97, Wheatland, Wyo., were two of 10 teachers in Wyoming who were honored with the prestigious statewide Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Dory teaches at Lusk Elementary School. Charles teaches sixth- and eighth-grade reading and social studies at Wheatland Middle School.

The School Administrators of South Dakota (SASD) recently held a luncheon in Pierre to recognize the eight Outstanding Administrators of South Dakota. Among those were **Georgia Sandgren**, Class of '84, and **Jeff Ward**, Class of '02. Georgia is the business manager for Black Hills Special Services Coop in Sturgis. Jeff is the curriculum director for the Meade School District.

Several BHSU alumni were recognized by the Rapid City School Foundation as Teachers of Distinction: **Roberta (Redinius) Gallentine**, Class of '06, Wilson Elementary School; **Sarah (Mangelsen) Gross**, Class of '06, North Middle School; **Liz Claymore-Hogan**, Class of '90, Jefferson Academy, also chosen as the Golden Apple recipient for the high school level; **Crystal (Abrams) McMachen**, Class of '05, East Middle School; **Holly (Heintzman) Mehlhaff**, Class of '99 & '04, Black Hawk Elementary; **Diane Millslagle**, Class of '82, Grandview Elementary; **Kim (Clark) Schara**, Class of '02, South Middle School, also chosen as the Golden Apple recipient for the middle school level; **Dave Sisson**, Class of '74, Corral Drive Elementary; **Brittany (Leach) Tauck**, Class of '06, West Middle School; and **Amy Cook Zens**, Class of '08, Horace Mann Elementary.

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Births

The 90s **Katherine (Walton)**, Class of '96, and **Joe Divis**, Class of '95, Box Elder, had a baby boy, Trent James, Aug. 15, 2013. He joins sister Alisha and five brothers, Tyler, Nathan, Andrew, Joshua and Trevor.

The 00s **Beth (Azevedo)**, Class of '01 & '03, and husband Nicholas "Nick" Oaks, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Brynlee Grace, Sept. 30, 2013.

Beth (Bauld) Odenbach, Class of '09, and husband Trent, Reserve, Mont., had a baby boy, Treston Casey, Aug. 6, 2013. He joins big brother Harrison (3).

Brooke (Bellet), Class of '09, and husband Chad Anderson, Lead, had a baby girl, Kinley Lou, July 25, 2013.

The 80s **Lynette Thum**, Class of '82, married **Michael Shrader**, Attended, April 1, 2013. Lynette is an executive assistant in Pierre for the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory. Michael is a mechanic in Pierre for the South Dakota Department of Transportation. The couple resides in Pierre.

The 90s **Stephanie "Steph" Hewitt**, Class of '95, married Zack Bowen, June 22, 2013. Steph is a defense attorney and operates her own criminal defense practice. The couple resides in Bellvue, Colo.

The 00s **Anne Dickman**, Class of '07, married **Austin Travis**, Class of '10, Sept. 28, 2013. Anne is a student success advisor in the Career Development Office at BHSU. Austin is currently enrolled in the M.Ed. in Reading program through BHSU. The couple lives in Spearfish.

Kaley Greear, Class of '09, married Daniel Goncalves Aug. 24, 2013. Kaley is an English teacher. The couple resides in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Wendy (Jarvis), Class of '03, will marry Richard Trujillo, Pierre, April 26, 2014. The couple resides in Pierre.

Brooke Paulson, Class of '04, will marry Jeffrey Chastain March 22, 2014. Brooke is employed at Lantis Enterprises in Spearfish as an accountant.

Tessa (Hatzenbuhler), Class of '03, and husband Jason LaHaie, Rapid City, had a baby girl, Jorja Ryan, May 19, 2013.

Kelsie (Hoffman), Class of '07 & '08, and husband **Shawn Darling**, Class of '04, Whitewood, had a baby girl, Phoenix Blais, July 18, 2013. She joins big brother Huxley.

Robert "Bob" Holm, Class of '05, and wife Meagan, Rapid City, had a baby girl, Olivia Marie, Aug. 6, 2013. She joins big brother Owen.

Wendy (Jarvis), Class of '03, and Richard Trujillo, Pierre, had a baby girl, Izabella Marie, May 21, 2012. Wendy and Richard will marry April 26, 2014.

Amanda Scott, Class of '08, married **Drew Lerdal**, Class of '08, July 5, 2013. Amanda owns Home Body Massage, and Drew is a music composer and producer for In the Groove Music. The couple lives and works in Minneapolis.

Beth Shaw, Class of '06, married Craig Bowen Oct. 5, 2013. Beth is working at Whitewood Elementary School as the school counselor.

The 10s **Christina Adams**, Class of '11, will marry **Eric Lusk**, Attended, June 7, 2014. Christina is currently enrolled in the SDSU graduate program pursuing a dual master's degree in school counseling and college counseling. Eric works for the South Dakota Retirement System as a retirement specialist.

Jennifer Aldren, Class of '12, married **Brittan "Brit" Porterfield**, Class of '12, June 1, 2013. Jennifer is a second-grade teacher in Belle Fourche. Brit is a high school English teacher and coach in Belle Fourche. The couple resides in Whitewood.

Kayla Goshorn, Class of '12, married **Dakota Walkling**, Class of '12, Nov. 9, 2013. Kayla and Dakota are currently teaching for the Todd County School District in Lakeview.

Nathan Hoogshagen, Class of '10 & '12, married Tracy Franzen Dec. 6, 2013. Nathan is the technical director for Countryside Community Church in Spearfish. The couple resides in Spearfish.

Alexia "Lexi" (Steffes), Class of '04, and husband Jason Schuldt, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Nolan Randall, Oct. 3, 2012. He joins big sister Aubrey Jo.

Christina "Chris" (Schultes), Class of '00, and husband **Thadius "Thad" Schmit**, Class of '05, Rapid City, had a baby boy, Tate Elliot, Nov. 5, 2012. He joins big brother Zeke.

Shawn "Butter" Travis, Class of '05, and wife Katie, Sioux Falls, had a baby boy, Theodore Shawn, Sept. 11, 2013. He joins big sister Lucy.

The 10s **Kalin (Engle)**, Class of '11, and husband Beau Chapman, Bison, had a baby boy, Maddox Kirby, Aug. 26, 2013.

Ashley Joachim, Class of '10, will marry **Josh Kirchner**, Class of '10 & '11, May 24, 2014. Ashley is an academic advisor at SDSU. Josh is a biology and outdoor science teacher at Lennox High School in Lennox.

Lindsey Kurtenbach, Class of '11, married Casey Thiel Nov. 2, 2013. Lindsey currently teaches mathematics at New Town High School in New Town, N.D.

Brooke Larson, Class of '13, married **Jacob Kelly**, Class of '13, Nov. 30, 2013. Brooke is the operations manager for Mostly Chocolates and Pottery 2 Paint. Jacob is a project manager with Dean Kelly Construction. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Lisa Laudanskas, Class of '13, married Nick C. Hanson Sept. 14, 2013. Lisa is currently working at TM One in Spearfish.

Elizabeth Leinweber, Class of '12, will marry Patrick Chapman May 23, 2014. Elizabeth is currently employed with Ketel Thorstenson. The couple will reside in Rapid City.

Kelli Moller, Class of '13, married Curtis McGuigan Sept. 14, 2013. Kelli is a stay-at-home mom. The couple resides in Spearfish.

Jessica Seaman, Class of '10, married Hayes Bean June 1, 2013. Jessica is now attending the SDSU West River Nursing Program with an anticipated graduation date of Dec. 2015.

Engagements & Marriages

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Looking ahead

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April 14

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May 9 -10

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May 10

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Looking back

KBHU Radio Celebrates 40 Years

Black Hills State University will host a KBHU 40th Anniversary Reunion Friday, Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 20 in conjunction with Swarm Days festivities.

All former disc jockeys are invited back to campus for the KBHU 40th Anniversary celebration. The reunion will include a banquet and tour of the radio station, KBHU-FM/KJKT-FM. If you plan on attending or would like more information contact Tom Wheaton at 605-642-6385 or Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu.

What have you been up to?

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