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Exciting things are happening a mile underground in nearby Lead, S.D. Mike Headley shows President Jackson the space dedicated for BHSU's Underground Campus research area.



A proud veteran, President Jackson and his son TJ celebrate our nation's freedom at their first 4th of July parade in Spearfish.



Spearfish is ranked 7th on Livability.com's list of the top 10 small towns in America.



Tim Penton, Class of '80, was one of the first of many alums to share their BHSU story with President Jackson.



The University Center-Rapid City is expanding offerings and providing access to the greater Rapid City region.



Dr. Priscilla Romkema discusses goals with President Jackson following the recent AACSB accreditation of the BHSU School of Business.

Greetings from Black Hills State University.

I am honored and humbled to be serving as your 10th president. In my brief time at BHSU, I've discovered that it's an incredibly kind and friendly place rich with ideas, aspirations, and wonderful people. The campus and community have been very welcoming and my family and I are enjoying exploring the region.

There's a unique and unforgettable bond that BHSU alums share. It's the memory of their B-H experience and what it means to be part of the Yellow Jacket family.

I look forward to meeting more BHSU alumni and celebrating your successes and the successes of our students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., BHSU President

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# Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr.

Takes the helm as the 10th President of Black Hills State University



New BHSU President Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., knows what's most important to him – student success.

"Making things better for the students. That's what has driven me throughout my career," Jackson says.

Jackson took over at the helm of the third largest University in South Dakota in July, when former President Kay Schallenkamp retired.

In just a couple months on the job, Jackson has met with students, faculty, staff and community members. He has attended several community events and even made it a mile underground to view the University's Underground Campus that will provide research space at Sanford Lab.

Two primary ways Jackson will ensure student success is by focusing on faculty teaching and research as well as emphasizing community engagement.

He knows that faculty are key to student success.

"We have a very talented faculty and they are the best mentors

for every student. When you support faculty, you are creating greater student learning in the classroom and greater research and scholarship by the professor, which in turn, becomes a more invigorating learning environment for the student who then stays and finishes," Jackson said.

**"I aspired to be a fireman. The serendipity of it all is that in many respects being a university administrator is exactly that; you get to put out fires just in different ways."**

Community engagement has become a way of life for Jackson and something he considers essential for student success. Thinking back on his educational experience, Jackson recognizes the importance of community involvement in his life.

"It's extremely important to our student body, faculty and staff to be engaged beyond just the University. When students participate in their university

community, it teaches them how to be a civic-minded individual – something they will take with them after graduation," Jackson said. "It teaches them to engage in their location, become a community leader, give back, join civic groups, plan events and help make that community a better place."

While attending Highline Community College in Midway, Wash., Jackson was involved in many out-of-the-classroom experiences. Soon after earning his associate's degree, Jackson was ready to expand his education. He looked at several four-year colleges and chose one completely different from the metropolitan area in which he had grown up. He decided on Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) in Marshall, Minn., a place with some similarities to BHSU.

"I knew that I could see the United States by earning degrees. I picked a rural America small town and small university – a farming community very different

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from Seattle. I thrived in that environment.”

He continued his involvement both on campus and in the community, and a year before graduating with a bachelor’s degree in business management personnel he decided on his future path. Jackson told some individuals from his alma mater that he wanted to do what they did – improve the University student experience.

“They talked me through what it meant to start a career in student affairs in higher education because that is what I wanted to do. That launched me on the road to more education, more internships, more assistantships and on to the administrative career that led me here.”

Jackson earned his master’s degree in counseling/student personnel from Pennsylvania’s Shippensburg University and a doctor of education in educational management from the University of La Verne in California.

“I feel fortunate to be here because there are so few people that are trusted with the keys as president. There have only been 10 of us here and the unique thing is that two of them are a person of color and a woman,” Jackson says.

Higher education was not Jackson’s first career choice. “I aspired to be a fireman. The serendipity of it all is that in

many respects being a university administrator is exactly that; you get to put out fires just in different ways.”

Jackson, who has traveled extensively both in the U.S and internationally, was familiar with this area and just last summer he and his son came to the Black Hills for a week-long father and son camping trip. He had no idea then that only a year later the opportunity to lead the University would bring him back to the Black Hills.

“I knew it was a stunning location so it was not a difficult decision when the position came open,” Jackson said of applying for the job as BHSU president. “This location would speak to anyone from Seattle, between the water and the mountains and the fresh air and good people, people that care about the environment and the community - those are all values I grew up with.”

And those are the values that Jackson brings with him as president. Prior to his selection as president of BHSU, Jackson

held leadership roles at several other universities, including vice president for student affairs at the University of Louisville, vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University-Kingsville,



President Jackson, Chandi, TJ, and Mona after the presidential announcement.

dean of students at McMurry University, and director of the Student Activities Center at the University of Texas-El Paso. He was also president of the American College Personnel Association in 2009-10, serving as the elected CEO and spokesman for 8,500 student development professionals from 27 countries and 1,300 institutions.

In addition to his higher education career, Jackson is a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guard, Texas State Guard, and is currently in the Indiana Guard Reserve.

## Did you know?



Made the move to Spearfish this summer with his wife, Mona Kumar Jackson, 16-year-old son TJ and 13-year-old daughter Chandi.



Hobbies include: flying, tennis, college sports, and movies. He is a diehard Seattle Seahawks fan.



Favorite movie is “Heaven Can Wait” with Warren Beatty and Julie Christie.

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Publications and papers

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International, national, regional and panel presentations



First-generation university graduate.

Jackson will continue BHSU's long history of working with the military to provide educational options for veterans and active military. The University has the highest percentage of veteran students among South Dakota schools.

Jackson also plans to increase the number of international students along with preparing BHSU students to lead in a global marketplace.

As the fall semester approaches, Jackson is looking forward to seeing the families, getting to know students and watching the faculty do their magic.

"I get to wake up and work with the smartest people on the planet. We are in a very unique category of people who are asked to do amazing things with their degree... whether it's ensuring we have clean water or solving a medical mystery ... it is up to the college graduate to solve those complex problems."

Jackson will be there providing the encouragement to faculty, staff and the students.

"It is in that encouragement and recognition that we touch and shape some of the best minds on the planet. What they become, in large part, is through our encouragement and support."



Taking a "selfie" with Sting and several BHSU students

## A President to 'follow'



If Black Hills State University students, alumni, or community members want to keep up with BHSU President Tom Jackson, Jr., they may want to check his Twitter updates.

Jackson was named the top "Rising Accounts of Higher Education Presidents to Follow on Twitter" in a national blog by Josie Ahlquist ([www.josieahlquist.com](http://www.josieahlquist.com)).

The blogger noted that, "the brand new Black Hills State University president made significant shifts to using social media in his new role."

Jackson tweeted that he was honored to be on the list and is looking forward to continue to use Twitter to communicate with students and colleagues.

"Twitter can work very well for sharing information about B-H. My Twitter handle is @tomjackjr and I look forward to hearing from more people," Jackson said.

Engaging in conversations through social media, including Twitter, Facebook and other venues, is natural for Jackson, who is an early adapter to technology.

"President Jackson brings a new and personal perspective about BHSU through Twitter. He is also making occasional posts, noted with the byline 'Prez,' on the BHSU Facebook page," Ryan Shippy, BHSU web coordinator, says.



First university job was as a box office manager at Southwest Minnesota State University. Other jobs he has had include: tennis coach, newspaper delivery, dishwasher, flag person, bartender, and ride operator at a fair.



Private instrument-rated pilot and volunteers his time with Pilots-n-Paws and Animal Rescue Flights



Still an active member of the Indiana Guard Reserve where he conducts officer training.



Visited all 50 states and the following countries:

Austria  
Bahamas  
Barbados  
Belize  
Bosnia  
Botswana

Canada  
Croatia  
France  
Germany  
Ghana  
Honduras

Hong Kong  
Hungary  
Italy  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Mexico

Netherlands  
Philippines  
Puerto Rico  
Qatar  
Slovenia  
South Africa

South Korea  
St. Lucia  
St. Kitts & Nevis  
Taiwan  
Turkey  
Trinidad & Tobago



## Michael Shann produces closing ceremony for Olympics; now planning ceremonies for 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto



Michael Shann

Six months after producing the Sochi Olympic Games Closing Ceremony, one of the largest shows ever produced, Michael Shann is already in the planning stages for his next global production. Shann,

a 1970 Black Hills State University graduate, will be producing the Closing Ceremony for the 2015 Pan American Games and both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies for the 2015 Pan American Disabled (ParaPan) Games. Both games will take place in Toronto next summer.

Creative development began earlier this summer with presentations to the Toronto host committee. "These ceremonies are very similar in format to the Olympics," Shann said noting that the two big differences are the number of countries represented and the budget.

"The Pan American Games represent the 41 Pan American nations. The Olympics will usually represent twice as many countries," he said. "The Pan Am Games

also do not have nearly as large a budget as Olympic ceremonies so the producing team will need to be more efficient and make use of local talent and resources to deliver the programs."

Michael's connections as a producer for the Walt Disney Company are what brought him to Russia last fall. Six of his former Disney colleagues also worked on the Sochi shows. "My 20 years of experience as a producer, and executive, with The Walt Disney Company plus experience producing live shows and events in over 30 countries played a part in me getting this opportunity," Shann said noting that the opportunity allowed him to work with some of the most creative minds in the world.

## Kristin Wheaton named S.D. Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year



Kristin Wheaton

Kristin Wheaton, Class of '99, was named South Dakota Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year for 2014 by the National Association of Biology Teachers.

Wheaton, who was also last year's Meade County District Teacher of the Year, teaches AP

Biology, Honors Biology, Biology I and Chemistry at Sturgis Brown High School. She is considered a leader among her peers and exhibits great teamwork throughout the district. Her students describe her as an innovator in the way that she teaches and continuously creates

and modifies her lessons to best suit those she is teaching.

The annual Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year award identifies biology teachers in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Canada and overseas territories, who have devoted a major portion

of their career to the teaching of biology/life sciences. Honorees are judged on teaching ability and experience, cooperativeness in the school and community, inventiveness, initiative, and student-teacher relationships.

Wheaton said she enjoys challenging her students and helping those struggling students become successful. "I enjoy finding ways to educate students outside of my classroom walls," she said.

Wheaton received a \$1,000 stipend and will be recognized at the National Biology Teachers Convention in November in Cleveland. She will be formally presented the award at the South Dakota Science Teachers State Convention in February.

# BHSU Alumni In The News

## Photography major Jeremiah Watt captures meaning of adventure



Jeremiah Watt gives a workshop for aspiring photographers during Outdoor Week at BHSU.

Jeremiah Watt, Class '02, was honored as a finalist in the 2013 *Photo District News Magazine's* Annual Best of the Best.

"That is a pretty big deal, where I am at in my career, it could literally be a game changer."

He was also recognized in the "Top 20" as the *National Geographic* Extreme Photo of the Week in 2012.

Jeremiah focuses on adventure photography, which is a risky venture but one that has paid off for him, according to Steve Babbitt, professor of photography at BHSU.

Jeremiah has moved to the center of the adventure sport world in the United States, Babbitt said.

Jeremiah currently takes photos for top brands in the outdoor adventure industry and has become known for outdoor

adventure photos that set him apart.

Crediting BHSU for offering him the chance to learn about the craft of photography and giving him the tools to begin his career, Jeremiah got into adventure photography while doing an internship for an adventure travel company.

Jeremiah's job includes both of his two interests, photography and the outdoors. He enjoys taking adventure shots because of the challenge people see in the face of the subject but also because of the intense excitement that the subjects must be feeling at that moment.

It's Jeremiah's ability to focus in on the people as well as the dramatic landscapes that has made him successful in his career.

## BHSU business alum helps Black Hills residents explore the outdoors



Dillon Julius

Dillon Julius, a business administration major who graduated in 2010, has owned and operated Base Camp Adventure Sports for three years in downtown Spearfish. He describes the business

as a human-powered adventure store that focuses on selling gear for activities that take people from one place to another such as kayaking, backpacking, hiking, camping, rock climbing and stand-up paddle boarding.

As the owner of Base Camp, Dillon helps people enjoy nature longer and go farther when they are outdoors by providing quality clothing and equipment.

The competitive advantage for his store is his personal connection with each customer that comes through the doors. Dillon aims to

keep a fresh feel in the store and bring in products that customers request. In the future he wants to generate enough revenue to support several employees and to host a couple annual outdoor events.

Upon opening his store in Spearfish Dillon said, "Spearfish is literally a base camp for outdoor enthusiasts and I love living here." Growing up in South Dakota, Dillon was familiar with the Black Hills before college, but he says that the relationships he built during his time at BHSU were the most important assets as he began his business. "Professors, roommates, and peers all formed who I am and where I am right now."

# BHSU in the news

## BHSU School of Business earns prestigious AACSB accreditation

Black Hills State University has earned international accreditation of its business administration, professional accountancy and MBA programs by recent action of the board of directors of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International.

BHSU joins an elite group of institutions that have achieved business accreditation from AACSB International. Only 711 schools of business, or less than 5 percent worldwide, have earned this distinguished hallmark of excellence.

According to [www.aacsb.edu](http://www.aacsb.edu), AACSB-accredited schools have the highest-quality faculty, relevant and challenging curriculum, and provide educational and career opportunities that are not found at

other business schools.

AACSB accreditation places the Black Hills State University School of Business among the best business schools in the world,

according to Dr. Priscilla Romkema, dean of the College of Business and Natural Sciences.

“This recognition provides us with a competitive edge in the marketplace and demonstrates our collective long-term commitment to academic excellence,” says Romkema.

“Earning AACSB accreditation demonstrates to students, parents, community leaders, and the public at large that the faculty and staff in the School of Business at BHSU are committed to delivering high-quality business programs.”

Founded in 1916, AACSB



International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer bachelor, master, and doctorate degrees in business and accounting.

To achieve accreditation, BHSU’s business programs underwent a meticulous internal review and evaluation process. During this period, the School of Business developed and implemented a mission-driven plan to satisfy multiple standards relating to faculty qualifications, strategic management of resources, interactions with faculty and students, as well as commitment to continuous improvement and achievement of learning goals in degree programs. During the accreditation process, BHSU was visited by an external peer review team with detailed knowledge of management education.

To learn more visit [www.BHSU.edu/AACSB](http://www.BHSU.edu/AACSB).

## Student leaders travel to German university for new partnership



Black Hills State University student leaders Chase Vogel and Lorrin Anderson are in Germany developing an international relationship with new partner school Aalen University.

Black Hills State University student leaders Chase Vogel and Lorrin Anderson traveled to Germany this summer to develop an international relationship

with new partner school Aalen University.

The South Dakota Board of Regents approved the new academic program between BHSU and Aalen University, located in the German state of Baden-Württemberg, earlier this year and plans are being made for a group of students, faculty and staff to participate in an academic and cultural visit to Germany in May 2015.

Aalen University is the BHSU of Germany with similar enrollment, location in a small community in the Black Forest, and strong programs in both business and science, according to Dr. Priscilla Romkema, BHSU dean of the College of Business and Natural Sciences.

“The purpose of the visit was to establish a relationship, a professional linkage, with the German university,” Romkema said.

The two universities signed a memorandum of understanding for the partnership with BHSU.

Aalen University was hosting a pilot ambassadorship with all its partnership universities this May and had two open spots. Vogel and Anderson jumped at the chance to be BHSU’s representatives.

Vogel, BHSU Student Senate president, and Anderson, Student Senate vice president, joined a group of students from all over the world who toured the area, sat in on some classes and visited some of Germany’s largest industries including the BMW factory in Munich.

The partnership with Aalen is one of several BHSU has established to provide students with the opportunity to experience other countries and cultures and gain the skills to help them succeed in today’s global economy.

# BHSU in the news

## BHSU professors honored with the 2014 Distinguished Faculty Award



Jace DeCory



Dr. Robert Schurrer

Two longtime Black Hills State University professors, Jace DeCory, assistant professor of history and American Indian Studies, and Dr. Robert Schurrer, professor of exercise science, were recognized with the 2014 Distinguished Faculty Award, a prestigious honor which is bestowed upon them by their colleagues.

DeCory and Schurrer have more than 50 years of combined service to BHSU and the surrounding community. DeCory has been a faculty member since 1984 and Schurrer since 1990.

### Jace DeCory

"I feel blessed to do something I love and to do it in our sacred Black Hills," DeCory said.

DeCory, who received her bachelor's degree in anthropology and American Indian Studies, never thought she would end up in higher education, a path both her mother and father followed. However, after she graduated, one of her colleagues asked for her help in developing curriculum for Turtle Mountain Community College in

North Dakota. After creating the curriculum, they asked her to teach the courses.

Unsure of what she should do, DeCory prayed to the spirits for guidance. She has been in education ever since.

"Jace is truly the epitome of a talented and dedicated educator. Her passion

for teaching, her compassion for her students and her integrity as a teacher are both obvious and infectious," Dr. Ahrar Ahmad, BHSU professor of political science, said in his nomination letter.

Ahmad praised DeCory for her willingness to branch out into teaching new areas and incorporate new resources into her "pedagogical repertoire." "She keeps up with current research and uses new techniques and technologies to become a self-consciously evolving educator.

Dr. Urla Marcus, director of the BHSU Center for American Indian Studies, knows DeCory as both an instructor and a colleague. Marcus first met DeCory in 1994 as an incoming freshman. "She made a highly favorable impression on me as a student, and she continues to make a favorable impression on me as a colleague."

### Dr. Robert Schurrer

Schurrer teaches exercise physiology, nutrition, wellness, fitness assessment and wellness

evaluation. He has served as the program coordinator for the exercise science program, which has had exponential growth from 23 students in 1990 to 206 majors this year. He has authored numerous publications in the area of sports performance and health aspects of exercise, and has made significant contributions to research and application of research findings in tribal communities over the past decade.

In her nomination letter for Schurrer, Sandy Klarenbeek, BHSU instructor of health education, cited Schurrer's role in the grant application to the National Institutes of Health that resulted in the awarding of the three-year \$1 million Project EXPORT grant to BHSU to develop collaborative research studies with tribes in Montana and Wyoming. He was also a key researcher for a three-year Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant awarded to the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council and BHSU. Schurrer developed, in collaboration with tribes, a culturally tailored diabetes self-management education curriculum and trained health educators on disseminating the information to tribal members with diabetes.

Schurrer spends significant time advising and providing educational and career guidance to his students.

## Master's Degree Programs at BHSU

Ready to take the next step and earn your master's degree? BHSU offers nine master's degree programs.

### Master of Business Administration

- Applied Management  
- University Center-Rapid City

### Master of Education

- Reading - entirely online

### Master of Science

- Curriculum and Instruction (MSCI) with specializations in math, science, and technology - *online and site-based*
- Integrative Genomics (MSIG) - *Spearfish campus*
- Secondary Education  
- *entirely online*
- Strategic Leadership (MSSL) - *entirely online*
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# BHSU in the news

## BHSU receives APPA 2014 Sustainability Award



BHSU students take an active role in sustainability by participating in the campus garden and other campus activities geared toward preserving the environment.

Black Hills State University recently earned a national recognition with the 2014 APPA Sustainability Award presented at the national conference in California this summer.

The APPA Sustainability Award recognizes and advances sustainability excellence in educational facilities. BHSU was selected based on several criteria, including curriculum and research, leadership and administration, maintenance and operations, energy and utility, and planning and construction.

Receiving the award provided validation that the University has made great strides in all areas of sustainability.

"BHSU has implemented more than \$1 million in energy efficiency projects across campus, resulting in energy savings and improved utility monitoring, among other

things," said Katie Greer, BHSU sustainability coordinator.

Since 2008, BHSU has strived to reduce its carbon footprint by implementing strategies to reduce waste, monitor energy use and create a strategic plan to advance ecological and

energy saving initiatives. BHSU's goal is climate neutrality by 2050. The University also recently premiered a new online master's degree in sustainability.

The University is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified and enrolled in the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) program to assess its progress in meeting sustainability goals. In April, BHSU was awarded a STARS Silver Rating by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education for its commitment to sustainability.

BHSU's dining services, The Hive and The Buzz Shack, were recently awarded a 2-Star Certified Green Restaurant by the Green Restaurant Association (GRA).

BHSU's current sustainability initiatives include establishing a comprehensive inventory of

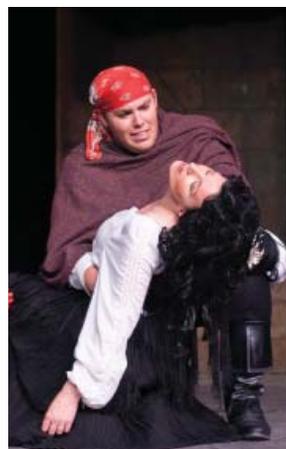
all greenhouse gas emissions, discussing how to become climate neutral, and initiating interim actions to reduce greenhouse gases. Those actions include building LEED certified buildings, purchasing only energy-efficient appliances when available and encouraging faculty, staff and students to consider the environment when executing office tasks such as printing to reduce paper waste.

In addition, a sustainability education program is held each semester with celebration of Sustainability Day in the fall and Earth Day in the spring. An on campus garden, planted each summer, produces more than 1,300 pounds of produce that is used in the campus dining facilities. Recycling receptacles are located in all campus buildings, as well.

"BHSU's recycling program has grown since its implementation in 2005," Greer said. "More than 35 tons of materials are recycled a year at BHSU, including food waste from the cafeteria, which is composted."

Greer said that the Facilities Services Department has several new initiatives in the works. Spearfish Local, a program that kicked off this summer, will promote Spearfish's local food economy and provide paid internships for students.

## Johanna Meier Opera Theatre Institute celebrates final year



The Johanna Meier Opera Theatre Institute at Black Hills State University celebrated its 16th and final year with two special performances. The first was a variety of scenes from several famous operas and the second was a condensed English version of Mozart's beloved "Marriage of Figaro." Both performances, sponsored by BHSU, included a pre-performance lecture by internationally acclaimed opera singer and Spearfish resident Johanna Meier.

# BHSU in the news

## Black Hills State University Partners with Sanford Lab

BHSU students, faculty, and staff are integrally involved in the Sanford Underground Research Facility (Sanford Lab) in Lead.

In his first week on the job, new BHSU President Jackson toured Sanford Lab and visited the BHSU Underground Campus which will become a clean room with space designated for research.

The Sanford Lab is dedicated to research that may change the way we think about the world especially the origins of matter and the properties of neutrinos. BHSU faculty and students are involved in a variety of research at the Sanford Lab including physics collaborations, biological investigations, photography and video techniques, and even music composition.

BHSU is the lead Regental institution for the Sanford Science and Education Center (SSEC) whose focus is educational outreach, both in the classroom and in more informal settings.

### Other Sanford Lab activities:

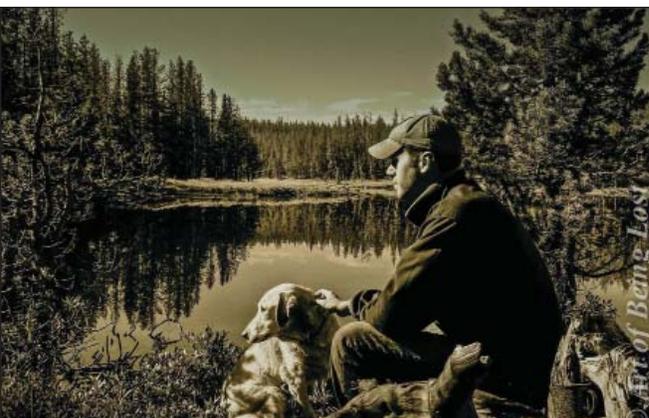
- BHSU science faculty are trained to go into the lab and take samples for other scientists across the U.S.
- BHSU serves as a Quarknet site, an educational program funded by the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy to enhance physics education in high schools.
- BHSU students and faculty prepared the lead bricks used in the MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR and the Center for Ultra-low Background Experiments at Dakota (CUBED) physics research.
- Students and faculty are involved in physics, biology, geology, and other research projects associated with Sanford Lab.



Dr. Ben Saylor, Dr. Rod Custer, and Dr. Rachel Headley tour the Sanford Lab.

- Students complete internships and projects at Sanford Lab in communications, photography and other areas.
- BHSU is involved with science-related collaborations that include over 34 universities and high schools.

## Graduate student uses sustainability courses and literary inspiration to create project to provide clean water in Tanzanian villages



Greg Wilson

It was after reading the book “The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind” – a true story of a young African boy who built a windmill from junkyard scraps in order to help feed his village – that Greg Wilson knew he wanted to work in renewable energy. But it was through his courses as a

graduate student in the Black Hills State University Master of Sustainability program that he was inspired to do much more.

Wilson is in the process of starting Luminating, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving water quality for the 1.1 billion people who

lack access to clean drinking water.

Through his nonprofit, Wilson will design, build, install and educate people about water purification systems. His first project is near Arusha, Tanzania, where nearly half of the population lacks clean drinking water.

“After reading the book, I

started thinking about working in wind energy and renewable energy. I always thought it would be fun to go back into those remote communities and install a small renewable electric grid for lighting in schools and houses, but through studies I realized that I wasn’t doing as much good as I thought I would be. The need went farther beyond just a light bulb.”

Through his courses in sustainability, Wilson learned about the many people around the world that lack clean water. “Almost 13 percent of deaths in Tanzania are related to water and sanitation. That’s 13 percent that is so easily avoidable. There is a huge need out there.”

Wilson is in the process of incorporating the nonprofit and plans to be ready for his first project in Africa by January.



# Schedule Of Events

**Thursday- Sept. 18**  
 7 p.m. .... Coronation | Meier Recital Hall

**Friday- Sept. 19**  
 12 noon ..... Alumni Awards Luncheon\* | Jacket Legacy Room  
 3 p.m. .... Disc Golf Tournament | Disc Golf Course  
 5 p.m. .... KBHU 40th Anniversary Reunion | Club Buzz  
 6:15 p.m. .... Hall of Fame Banquet\* | Jacket Legacy Room

**Saturday- Sept. 20**  
 10 a.m. .... Parade | Jackson Blvd. and Main Street  
 11:15 a.m. .... Tailgate Social | Young Center Parking Lot  
 1 p.m. .... BHSU Football Game v. Fort Lewis College | Lyle Hare Stadium  
 After The Game ..... 1968-1973 Football Teams Reunion  
 Hall of Fame Room, Donald E. Young Center

\*Tickets for the Alumni Awards Luncheon and Hall of Fame Banquet must be purchased in advance. They will not be sold at the door. Please call 605-642-6385 to purchase tickets or for more information.

[www.BHSU.edu/SwarmDays](http://www.BHSU.edu/SwarmDays)

## BHSU will recognize several alumni and athletes during Swarm Week activities

Black Hills State University will honor several outstanding alumni during the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon held on campus during Swarm Week.

Full bios of all inductees available at [BHSU.edu/alumni](http://BHSU.edu/alumni)



**Damian Ederhoff,**  
Class of '86



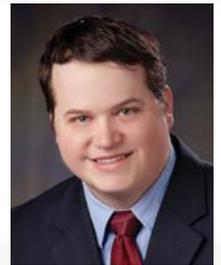
**Lois Northrup,**  
Class of '62



**Carol Hayes,**  
Class of '76



**Steve Williams,**  
Attended



**Bill Blewett,**  
Class of '05

Black Hills State University will induct three athletes, one coach, one contributor and two teams into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during the 2014 Swarm Day festivities. This year's homecoming celebration takes place Monday, Sept. 15 - Saturday, Sept. 20



**Kevin Ahlemeier,**  
Class of '96



**Tim Bishop,**  
Class of '03



**Amanda Schelle,**  
Class of '02



**Earl Gray,**  
Class of '59



The 1970 men's track team



The Stadium Sports Grill in Spearfish is being inducted as a contributor.



The 1979 baseball team

# Creating a Legacy

## Timber Lake High School student awarded Floyd Scholarship



Courtney Dahlgren

Courtney Dahlgren, a recent graduate of Timber Lake High School, is this year's recipient of the Joe and Elaine Floyd Scholarship, a four-year scholarship of \$48,000. Dahlgren plans to major in elementary education.

The scholarship is designated for a female ranch student from South Dakota who has a desire to further her education and also participates in the rodeo team.

Dahlgren, who competed in team roping, goat tying, barrel racing and pole bending in high school rodeos, is also a 4-H member, a member of the

National Honor Society and has been active in her church. She graduated with a 3.7 GPA and played varsity basketball and volleyball throughout her high school years. Dahlgren is involved in her community as a mentor for children at local schools.

The scholarship donors, Joe and Elaine Floyd, are longtime South Dakota residents. Elaine attended BHSU and also worked for the University as a recruiter. Both Joe and Elaine have participated in many University events. They now live in Harrisburg and are tremendous supporters of BHSU.

It was Elaine's dream to not only send her grandchildren to college but to also make it possible for other young people to earn their degrees. As part of the Floyds' original \$1 million dollar donation there have been five recipients of the Floyd scholarship.

## New building projects and updates bring change to BHSU campus



Construction is in progress on The Peaks, the student housing complex that will include Thomas, Hiedepriem and Crow Peak Halls.



The Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center will open this fall.

Changes and improvements are underway throughout the Black Hills State University campus. Several major construction projects including the Joy Alumni Center and the first new residence hall in 50 years are in progress as well as several smaller projects.

Construction began on the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center in the summer of 2013. The building will open this fall; work will continue for exterior landscaping and finishing work.

Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement at BHSU, expresses his sincere thanks to all the donors who made the building possible. He also thanked Harvey Krautschun, Class of '72, for his generous donation in honor of his late wife Joy Proctor Krautschun. Both Harvey and Joy were very active in the school, community and the alumni board through the years.

The 5,800 ft. building includes seven offices and a reception area. The building will be a venue for parents and fans to gather before games, concerts, plays, lectures, and other University events. The inside of the building will hold 100-125 people for a dinner or

event. The outside of the Alumni Center is planned to accommodate as many as 500 people.

Ground was broken for Crow Peak Hall, soon to be BHSU's newest residence, in February. Since then the building has taken shape and already changed the look and feel of the campus. The foundation has been poured and the structural steel is being formed. The 50,000-square-foot building actually links Thomas Hall and Heidepriem Hall creating a residence complex that our students have been actively involved in conceptualizing and designing.

Chase Vogel, BHSU Student Senate President said, "the University made it a point to incorporate the opinions of current students throughout the entire process."

Crow Peak Hall is expected to be completed by summer of 2015.

On the other side of campus, the creation of the Jonas Science Education Center is bringing extensive renovation in one of the University's major classroom buildings. The building will be changed to provide spacious work areas to enhance science education.

# Sports

## Three Yellow Jacket sports win top RMAC academic award



Jhett Albers (right) accepts the Brechler award plaque on behalf of the students.

Three Black Hills State University athletic teams finished atop the Rocky Mountain Athletics Conference during the 2013-14 school year, posting the best GPA in the league. The indoor and outdoor women's track and field teams joined the softball team to win the Brechler Award, presented by the RMAC.

Director of Athletics Jhett Albers accepted the award plaques during the RMAC Hall of Fame Ceremony in July.

"We are very proud of our student-athletes at BHSU for their

efforts both in their competitive sports programs as well as in the classroom," Albers said. "It is a great honor for the women's track and field teams and the softball team.

"Ten of our 12 sports at Black Hills State average above a 3.0 GPA and will continue to be competitive

with other RMAC institutions for academic awards and recognitions in the future."

The award is named after Paul W. Brechler, the first commissioner of the RMAC. Grades were used from the 2013-14 academic year and all athletes that are on the roster are used to calculate the team GPA.

The women's indoor track and field team posted a 3.52 GPA during the 2013-14 school year while the outdoor squad held a 3.49 GPA.

"I know the team was excited

to hear they had won this award," head track and field coach Seth Mischke said. "We have many dedicated young women who understand the value of the education they are getting here at Black Hills State University and they are taking full advantage."

Mischke pointed out that he sees the student-athletes studying on the bus and in hotel rooms, taking advantage of the downtime on road trips.

The softball team posted a 3.29 GPA to capture the Brechler Award.

This is the first time a squad from Black Hills State won the award after joining the RMAC in the 2012-13 academic year.

### Top Individual Track & Field GPAs

Shelby Stotz – 3.97

Alexandra Gerlach – 3.96

Trisha Koch – 3.86

### Top Individual Softball GPAs

Cassandra Smith – 4.0

Katherine Drake – 3.68

Brooke Grant – 3.63

## Yellow Jacket athletics win second-straight Sportsmanship Cup



Black Hills State University will hold onto the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Sportsmanship Cup for the second straight year. This is the eighth year of the RMAC Sportsmanship Cup, voted on by coaches and student-athletes participating in RMAC-sponsored sports.

The Yellow Jackets have now

won the cup in both of their first two seasons as full-time members of the RMAC. The 2013-14 academic year was the Yellow Jackets first season as a full NCAA Division II member.

"We are excited to be receiving this year's RMAC Sportsmanship Award," said BHSU Director of Athletics Jhett Albers. "At BHSU we have tried to stress the importance of competing at a high level while treating others with respect. We feel this award recognizes those efforts."

The voting process for the RMAC Sportsmanship Cup is an online system that ranks four

game environment factors: players, fans, staff, and coaches. Each category received one ranking from excellent to poor. The head coach and a Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) member from each school voted per sport on all 22 RMAC sponsored sports.

The Yellow Jackets received an average score of 3.940, earning the highest ranking in the Players and Coaches categories. In the other two categories (Fans and Staff), the Jackets finished behind the conference leaders, Colorado Mines and Colorado Christian, by a combined eight-hundredths of a point.

Black Hills State was recognized on July 11 at the RMAC Hall of Fame and Awards Ceremony.

## Three new head coaches join the BHSU Yellow Jacket Athletics team



Kristin Carmichael



Jeff Trumbauer



Lane Leedy

Black Hills State University has added two new faces and one familiar face to its head coaching staff.

### **Kristin Carmichael - Volleyball**

In the first hiring of the summer, the Yellow Jackets named former All-American and assistant coach Kristin Carmichael as the head volleyball coach. Carmichael played for BHSU from 2006-2009, being named an NAIA All-American three times.

Carmichael, the former Kristin Engle, can be found in the Yellow Jackets record book 20 different times including the all-time leader in solo blocks (146), assisted blocks (622), kills (1,539), and games played (443).

During her final two seasons, Carmichael led Black Hills State to a pair of Dakota Athletic Conference Championships and a trip to the NAIA National Tournament. She was also an NAIA Scholar-Athlete.

Following her playing career, Carmichael served as the graduate assistant before moving into her role as the assistant coach where she has coached five All-Conference student-athletes.

"Coach Carmichael was not only an outstanding volleyball student-athlete while she attended BHSU, but she is also an outstanding student of the game," Director of Athletics Jhett Albers said. "She has had the opportunity to develop as a young coach and learn the game from a coach's perspective. She is

a strong technician when it comes to teaching the skills of the game, understands the strategies involved from a team standpoint and has spent time networking with coaches in and around the region."

### **Jeff Trumbauer - Men's Basketball**

Shortly after naming Carmichael as the head volleyball coach, Jeff Trumbauer was named the head men's basketball coach.

Trumbauer is no stranger to Yellow Jacket fans as he compiled a 95-83 record for Jamestown College in the Dakota Athletic Conference, winning the DAC Championship in 2008 en route to being named the Coach of the Year. Twice he led the Jimmies to the NAIA National Tournament.

"Jeff brings a tremendous amount of experience to all facets of the head coach's position," Albers said. "His knowledge, leadership and proven success will be true assets to our men's program, Yellow Jacket Athletics and the community of Spearfish."

Most recently, Trumbauer was the associate head coach at Augustana College where the Vikings made three-straight trips to the NCAA Tournament along with top-five finishes in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

"I'm honored and excited about this opportunity at Black Hills State," Trumbauer said. "I am very impressed with the direction of the program and the collective desire by everyone involved to make BHSU a premier NCAA

Division II program. We have some work to do but I am confident that we can build something special."

Trumbauer received his bachelor's degree from North Dakota State in 1998 and his master's degree from Northern State.

### **Lane Leedy - Softball**

The final hire of the summer was Lane Leedy as the head softball coach. Leedy spent the 2014 season at the University of Toledo as the interim head coach while leading the Rockets to their best season since 2005.

She also helped Toledo to its first record of .500 or better on its home turf since 2005.

Leedy also has extensive experience in the travel ranks, compiling a record of 232-67 over five years for the Ohio Stingrays. She helped lead the Stingrays to two American Softball Association State Championships and a Regional Premier Girls Fastpitch title. While coaching for the Stingrays, she helped 57 of her players earn college scholarships.

"Coach Leedy brings a wealth of experience from the NCAA Division I level and a great recruiting network nationally with many youth, club and high school programs," Albers said. "We look forward to the success of the softball program under her leadership."

In her playing days, Leedy was a three-year starter for Bluffton University, where her squad was the 2004 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Champions and earned a ranking as high as 21st in the nation in NCAA Division III.

# Creating a Legacy

## Fitzgeralds honored as 2014 BHSU Legacy Family



The descendants of Ray Fitzgerald and Clarence Fitzgerald were honored as the 2014 Black Hills State University Legacy Family. Members of the family attending the recent ceremony were: back row, left to right, Riley Fitzgerald; Ginette Fitzgerald, Class of '11; Tom Fitzgerald, Class of '78; Edward Fitzgerald, Class of '59; John R. Fitzgerald, Class of '85; Dana Weber, Class of '02; Rylund Weber; and Alex Weber, Class of '04; and front row, left to right, Mike Fitzgerald, Class of '77; Marilyn (Fernholtz) Fitzgerald, Class of '69; Yvette (Weickum) Fitzgerald, Class of '85; Mark Fitzgerald; and Susan Fitzgerald, Class of '86.

Black Hills State University honored the descendants of Ray Fitzgerald and Clarence Fitzgerald as the 2014 Legacy Family.

Started in 2008, the Legacy Family Award honors families who have a tradition of attending BHSU. The Fitzgeralds span several generations of family members who have attended or graduated from BHSU. Nineteen descendants of the Fitzgerald family were honored including the late Maurice Fitzgerald, the fifth president of BHSU. Maurice, Class of '49, began his coaching and teaching career at Eagle Butte,

and then moved to Lead. From there, he joined the coaching staff at BHSU as head basketball coach. In 1975, he became vice president for academic affairs and dean at BHSU. In 1976, he became president.

Accepting the award on behalf of the family was Ginette Fitzgerald, the great granddaughter, and Alex Weber, the great grandson of Ray Fitzgerald.

For more information about the "Legacy Family Award" or to nominate a deserving family, contact Tom Wheaton, BHSU Director of Alumni Relations, at 642-6385 or [Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu](mailto:Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu)

## New endowment established in memory of 100-year-old alum



Doris Eaton Shipley

Doris Eaton Shipley, who died earlier this year at the age of 100, donated nearly \$8,500 in her estate plan to create a new endowment at Black Hills State University. The recent gift established the Eaton-Shipley Family Education Scholarship. Doris, Class of '65, earned the state teacher's certificate in 1933 and spent the next

four years teaching at Butte County rural schools. After her and her husband, Herman, returned from their World War II service, Doris began teaching again in Newell.

In 1964, they moved to Spearfish where she attended Black Hills State College, earning her degree in education with a minor in library science in 1965. She served as the librarian for the Spearfish Junior-Senior High School for 15 years.

In addition to the new endowment, \$12,340 was given to the E.Y. Berry Library-Learning Center fund and an additional \$8,227 went to the Shipley Family Scholarship – an endowment established by Doris in 2006 to help support American Indian Studies at BHSU. Earnings from the fund are designated to provide scholarships for American Indian students, bring American Indian speakers to campus, provide additional educational equipment, fund seminars for students to learn about graduate school opportunities, and conduct research projects in the area of Indian Studies.

# Creating a Legacy

## BHSU celebrates exceeding capital campaign goal by nearly \$5 million



Alexandra Hurdel, CAMSE scholarship recipient, thanks everyone for their generous donations at the capital campaign celebration in May.

Black Hills State University celebrated the culmination of its first ever major capital campaign, surpassing its goal by \$4.6 million.

Since the campaign started, nearly 30,000 people contributed

to the campaign raising the \$26.6 million.

“Building on Strength and Stature” has been the most ambitious campaign in the history of the University, according to Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement.

“Capital campaigns like this one help strengthen us as a University and assist students with paying for their education,” he said.

More than half of the money raised will go toward scholarships, the primary focus of the campaign, Meeker said.

“The campaign produced 97 new endowed scholarships – 70 percent of the new funds have been established to support the academic scholarship programs at BHSU,” he said.

BHSU ranks fifth out of six state universities in the amount awarded for student scholarships. The campaign helped bridge that gap, Meeker said.

Of the \$26.6 million, more than a half million was donated by BHSU faculty and staff.

The money raised also helped in the construction of the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center as well as for athletic upgrades including a new state-of-the art video/scoreboard, artificial turf and chair back seating in both the Young Center and Lyle Hare Stadium.

The only other capital campaign was in 1990 for the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center, and the goal for that campaign was \$1 million.

## Spearfish High School student awarded full-ride Nelson Scholarship



Dr. Charlie Lamb congratulates Sam Hintgen

Born and raised in Spearfish, high school senior Sam Hintgen has always loved growing up in the Black Hills. As the recipient of the Black Hills State University 2014 Joseph F. and Martha P. Nelson

Scholarship he will continue his education at a University that is close to his heart.

“I love the campus and the Hills,” Hintgen said at a recent visit to BHSU. “The hands-on research I will be able to do, better access to lab equipment and professors, are some of the big appeals that drew me here.”

Hintgen joins the elite ranks of Nelson Scholars at BHSU. He was selected based on his outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements at Spearfish High School as well as

his leadership abilities, integrity and responsibility.

The full-ride Nelson Scholarship is awarded yearly at BHSU to a high school graduate who is beginning his or her University education.

For more information on the Nelson Scholarship or establishing a scholarship endowment at BHSU, contact Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement at BHSU, at 642.6385 or email [Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu](mailto:Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu).



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# Upcoming **BHSU** Alumni Gatherings

## KBHU 40th Anniversary Alumni Gathering | Friday, Sept. 19

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. 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.

## 1968-1973 Football Teams Reunion | Saturday, Sept. 20

The 1968, '69, '70, '71, '72, and '73 football teams are invited back for a reunion in honor of their head football coach Gene Schlekeway. For more information about this reunion, please contact Gene Schlekeway at NormaGene@knology.net or Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or (605) 642-6385.

Tailgate Alumni Gathering in Arvada, Colo. | Saturday, Sept. 27

Tailgate Alumni Gathering in Chadron, Neb. | Saturday, Oct. 25

Alumni Pre-game Gathering in Rapid City | Tuesday, Nov. 18

Alumni Pre-game Gathering in Rapid City | Friday, Jan. 9

BHSU Alumni Gathering in Glendale, Ariz. | Saturday, Jan. 24

For more information about these gatherings contact Tom Wheaton at (605)642-6385 or Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu

## BHSU 50-Year Club - 2014



Black Hills State University graduates from the Class of 1964 gathered on campus during spring commencement to celebrate their induction into the 50-Year Club. Each year, classmates from the 50-year class return to campus to celebrate the anniversary of their graduation. Members from prior graduating classes are also invited to attend a banquet in honor of the 50-year class.

## Alumni Band and Choral Reunion



The Black Hills State University Alumni Association hosted an Alumni Band and Choral Reunion this summer. After a group rehearsal which included a picnic, attendees performed at the Spearfish Arts Center 37th Annual Festival in the Park.

See photos and upcoming reunions at [BHSU.edu/Alumni](http://BHSU.edu/Alumni)

# Kudos & Announcements

**The 60s** **Lowell Amiotte**, Class of '64, Rapid City, was named director of the South Dakota Office of Indian Education. Previously he served as the president of Oglala Lakota College.

**Jerry Gollither**, Class of '67, Belle Fourche, and his wife Sue served as parade marshals for the 95th annual Belle Fourche Roundup Fourth of July parade.

**Jerome A. Greene**, Class of '68, Arvada, Colo., published *American Carnage: Wounded Knee, 1890*. The book explores why the bloody engagement happened and demonstrates how it became a brutal massacre.

**Alberta (Hook) Krush**, Class of '65, Belle Fourche, and her husband Pete received the Retail Business of the Year Award during the annual Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce banquet. Alberta and Pete are the owners of Pete's Clothing.

**Sam Tidball**, Class of '64 & '67, Fort Pierre, retired after 16 years as the Mayor of Ft. Pierre.

**Terry Wanless**, Class of '69, Sacramento, Calif., retired after serving as athletic director at Sacramento State for 12 years, the longest-serving athletic director in Sacramento State history. Terry has 41 years of experience in collegiate athletics.

**The 70s** **Karen (Smith) Bridges**, Class of '72, Spearfish, received the Spirit of Spearfish Award during the 95th annual Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce banquet and awards ceremony. She was employed with Spearfish Regional Hospital from 1995 until she retired in February.

**Judy A. Cummings**, Class of '71, Gillette, Wyo., recently published her book *Beyond Expectations*, the third in a series of romance novels. She is currently working on her fourth book.

**Patrick "Pat" Deering**, Class of '72, Belle Fourche, retired after a 42-year career in education, including 19 years as principal of the elementary schools in Belle Fourche.

**Randy Eisenbraun**, Class of '72, Gordon, Neb., retired from his second career as a certified nursing assistant. He first retired from teaching several years ago.

**Randal Evans**, Class of '76, Enumclaw, Wash., retired in April after 33 years with the Boeing Company. Randal was an Electrical/Controls Engineer for 20 years and a Manager for 13 years.

**Jan (Fenner) Haupt**, Class of '70, Deadwood, retired from the Lawrence County Treasurer's Office in Deadwood after 25 years of service to Lawrence County.

**Mark Jastorff**, Class of '79, Durango, Colo., has been appointed Vice President for Advancement at Fort Lewis College.

**Teresa (Hunt) Palmer**, Class of '71, Murdo, retired after 43 years of teaching.

**Priscilla (Young) Romkema**, Class of '79, was the cover/feature story in the winter 2014 issue of *Black Hills Faces*. Priscilla is the Dean of the College of Business and Natural Sciences at BHSU.

**The 80s** **Jay Beagle**, Class of '88 & '92, Lead, is the new principal of the Lead-Deadwood Middle School. Jay will also retain his current position with the school district as the special education director.

**Scott Bohall**, Attended, Glendale, Ariz., and his wife Danielle received the inaugural Glendale Mayor's Business of the Week award. The award was presented to them by the Mayor of Glendale for their community service and charitable giving.

**Craig Crosswait**, Class of '81, Spearfish, was recognized by the Association of School Business Officials International as a certified administrator of school finance and operations. He is one of two people in the state to obtain the certification.

**Randy Culver**, Class of '81, Spearfish, was recently appointed as director of Facilities Services at BHSU. Randy has served on campus for 23 years, most recently as the associate director.

**Patrick Devine**, Class of '84, Litchfield, Minn., was named the superintendent of Waconia Schools by the Waconia School Board.

**Carol (Moeller) Edwards**, Class of '83, Lead, was elected department president of the American Legion Auxiliary during the organization's 94th Department Convention in Pierre.

**Michael Jastorff**, Class of '86, Spearfish, director of the University Bookstore at BHSU, earned recertification for the designation of certified collegiate retailer by the National Association of College Stores (NACS).

**Pat Jones**, Class of '85, Hoven, was hired as the new superintendent and K-12 principal for the Hoven School District.

**Mike Kaitfors**, Class of '87, and his wife **Lezlie Snoozy-Kaitfors**, Attended, Spearfish, received the Leadership and Success Award and the Operational Excellence Award during the 2014 Comfort Keepers National Leadership Conference in Denver.

**Brian Maliske**, Class of '86, Rapid City, was honored as he resigned from his position as business manager after 20 years with the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

**Georgia Sandgren**, Class of '84, Sturgis, was the recipient of a South Dakota Outstanding Administration Award, presented by the School Administrators of South Dakota. Georgia is the business manager for Black Hills Special Services Cooperative.

**Carole (Jeffery) Schaffan**, Class of '88, Spearfish, is now the assistant principal and curriculum director at Mountain View Elementary School in the Spearfish School District.

**The 90s** **Sheila Aaker**, Class of '93, Spearfish, has joined Century 21 Dakota Belle - Spearfish Realty as a broker associate.

**Hasina (Akhter) Ahmad**, Class of '96 & '07, Spearfish, was hired as the student assistance coordinator in the Office of Academic Affairs at BHSU.

# Kudos & Announcements

**Todd Buchheim**, Class of '92, Tampa, Fla., is in Kabul, Afghanistan, to advise various Afghan Government Ministries and their Ground Forces Command (Afghan equivalent to the U.S. Department of Defense).

**Jeanne Hanson**, Attended, Spearfish, was recently appointed as assistant director of Facilities Services at BHSU.

**Erica (Sienko) Herman**, Class of '95, Johnstown, Colo., joined First National Bank in Greeley as a commercial lender in its Weld County market.

**Shauna (Ayars) Junek**, Class of '98, Spearfish, has been promoted to director of development in the University Advancement Office at BHSU.

**Coy McLaughlin**, Class of '99, Clarion, Iowa, is now the marketing coordinator at Hagie Manufacturing Company in Clarion.

**Shelly (Brink) Mikkelson**, Class of '96 & '06, Belle Fourche, was named the Belle Fourche School District Teacher of the Year. Shelly teaches second grade at South Park Elementary School.

**Carri Odle**, Class of '92, Sturgis, was hired by Century 21 American Real Estate in Sturgis as a broker associate.

**Lisa (Moe) Pingrey**, Class of '95 & '97, Douglas, Wyo., was one of only 10 teachers in Wyoming to receive the prestigious statewide Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award.

**Kelly (Gaddis) Rhoderick**, Class of '98, Montrose, Colo., received the professional certified marketer (PCM) designation bestowed by the American Marketing Association. Kelly is a project manager for Abrams Strategic Group in Montrose.

**Jennifer (Pickerd) Roberts**, Class of '98 & '06, Belle Fourche, is the elementary principal for North Park and South Park Elementary Schools in Belle Fourche.

**Shawn J. Rost**, Class of '90, Spearfish, was elected to serve on the South Dakota Bankers Association (SDBA) Board of Directors. Shawn is the Northern Hills Market President/Sturgis Branch President at First National Bank.

**Teri (Long) Shuck**, Class of '96, and **Colby Shuck**, Class of '98, Kadoka, recently opened Aw! Shucks Café in Kadoka.

**Justin Speck**, Class of '91, Rapid City, was named the Region 7 Teacher of the Year by the Rapid City School Foundation. He was also named the Rapid City Educator of the Year and received the Heart of the Arts Award. Justin is the theatre teacher/director at Rapid City Central High School

**The 00s** **Jay Beyer**, Class of '00, Omaha, Neb., received the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award. Jay teaches third grade at Wilson Focus School and has been with the Omaha Public School System for eight years.

**Stefanie (Wilder) Donahue**, Class of '08, West Palm Beach, Fla., was appointed to the Lee Thompson Young Foundation's Board of Directors. Stefanie is vice president of Government Affairs and Public Policy with the communication strategy firm Liquid Communications.

**Venessa (Adcock) Edwards**, Class of '05, Spokane Valley, Wash., graduated last March from Eastern Washington University with a master's degree in social work. Venessa is now a social worker in Washington's Department of Children & Family Services - Spokane unit.

**James "Nick" Gottlob**, Class of '00, Spearfish, is now the principal of Mountain View and West Elementary, in the Spearfish School District. Nick previously served as the principal at the Lead-Deadwood Middle and High Schools for eight years.

**Jamie Hermanson**, Class of '09, Omaha, Neb., graduated from Creighton Law School in 2013. She is a stock broker and financial representative with TD Ameritrade in Omaha.

**Stuart Larson**, Class of '02, Lusk, Wyo., is the business manager for the Niobrara County School District in Lusk. Stuart spent the previous five years as the principal at Niobrara County High School.

**Trent Mack**, Class of '04 & '07, Ashland, Ohio, was named the NCAA Division II Men's Indoor National Assistant Coach of the Year. Trent is the head cross country and assistant track and field coach at Ashland University.

**Danielle (Jensen) Mikkelson**, Class of '06, became a shareholder of Vilhauer Raml & Snyder P.C. Danielle is a CPA in Watertown.

**Cody Milbourn**, Attended, was hired as the new coordinator for the Center of the Nation Visitor Center in Belle Fourche.

**Holly (Misterek) Mortenson**, Class of '09, Whitewood, was promoted to loan officer with the First Interstate Bank Deadwood Branch.

**Michael "Mike" Odle**, Class of '02, Washington, D.C., is now serving in Afghanistan as the senior press officer for the International Security Assistance Forces. Mike is scheduled to return home in November and resume his position as the director of public affairs for the National Indian Gaming Commission in Washington, D.C.

**Dan Patterson**, Class of '02, Brooklyn, N.Y., recently traveled to Cairo while working with Small World News, and trained a group of Sudanese media makers on the fundamentals of mobile storytelling. Dan works for the Gawker Media Content Studio as a producer.

**Jordan (Stapp) Proefrock**, Class of '09, Sturgis, has been hired to teach sixth-grade social studies at Sturgis Williams Middle School and coach varsity girls' basketball at Sturgis Brown High School.

**Adam Roosa**, Class of '08, Spearfish, had his photo "Drift" selected for the 11th Annual Photography Invitational Exhibition at the Advocacy for Visual Arts Community Center in Gillette, Wyo. He is the video and graphic specialist for BHSU Marketing and Communications.

**Jill Thomas**, Class of '06, Arkadelphia, Ark., finished her first year as the head woman's basketball coach at Henderson State University (NCAA Division II) in Arkadelphia.

# Kudos & Announcements

**Nate Vogel**, Class of '03, O'Fallon, Mo., accepted an assistant coaching position on the men's basketball staff at Maryville University (NCAA Division II) in St. Louis.

**Ryan Wordeman**, Class of '07, Spearfish, was appointed to the South Dakota Real Estate Commission. Ryan is an owner/broker associate at the Real Estate Center of Spearfish.

**The 10s** **Kristin (Engle) Carmichael**, Class of '10 & '12, Belle Fourche, was named the BHSU Yellow Jackets head volleyball coach. Kristin has been with the BHSU volleyball program since 2006, first as a player from 2006-09, then as an assistant coach for the past four seasons.

**Tania (New) DeMers**, Class of '12, Watertown, was recently hired as a technology coordinator for the Summit School District in northeastern South Dakota.

**Brian Gebhart**, Class of '11, Spearfish, is the marketing and public relations assistant with Visit Spearfish, Inc.

**Alex Hanson**, Class of '10, Pierre, accepted a promotion in Pierre to become the chief budget analyst for the Bureau of Finance and Management, which serves as the Governor's Budget Office.

**Jeff Haverly**, Class of '11, Rapid City, has joined the Governor's Office of Economic Development as the business development representative.

**Dylan Malik**, Class of '12, Rapid City, was hired by the Spearfish Canyon Country Club as the new food and beverage director.

**Eldon Marshall**, Class of '10 White River, was inducted into the 2014 South Dakota Amateur Basketball Association Hall of Fame. Eldon played high school basketball for Todd County and collegiate basketball at BHSU.

**1883-2014** **Mick Dana**, Class of '69, and his son **Brad Dana**, Class of '90, Spearfish, are celebrating their 40th and 20th anniversaries respectively in the field of dentistry in the Northern Black Hills. Drs. Mick and Brad work at Dana Dental Arts in Spearfish and Rapid City.

**Brenna (Douglas) Meyer**, Class of '96, Spearfish, starred in *Bad Dates*, a one-woman comedy at the Matthews Opera House in Spearfish. The production was directed by **Jon Steven Wiley**, Class of '74, Spearfish.

Advisors **Chad Hedderman**, Class of '98, and **William W. "Bill" Johnson**, Class of '07, and students from Sturgis Brown High School took home first place at the Donnie Smith Custom Motorcycle Show in St. Paul, Minn. The bike was featured in *Easyrider*s magazine and was auctioned during the 2013 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Three BHSU alumni will be inducted into the 2014 South Dakota Hall of Fame during the Honors Ceremony at the South Dakota Hall of Fame this fall. **Kay Jorgensen**, Class of '73, Spearfish, will be inducted in the "Other General Public/Service Volunteer" category. **Donald Montileaux**, Attended, Rapid City, and **Richard "Dick" Termes**, Class of '64, Spearfish, will be inducted in the "Arts & Entertainment Artist" category.

The City of Spearfish recognized two alumni for their years of service: **William Klapperich**, Class of '96, (5 years); and **Brett Rauterkus**, Class of '08, (5 years).

The following alumni were honored for their retirement from the Lead-Deadwood School District: **Dee (Hanson) Thrall**, Class of '79, (16 years); **Deb (McGinnis) Thorp**, Class of '90 & '02, (24 years); **Pat Peters**, Class of '75, (38 years); and **Kim Fundaun**, Class of '79, (34 years).

Alumni honored for service by the Spearfish School District include: Retirees: **Elaine (Doll) Dunn**, Class of '79, counselor; **Linda (Pieper) Knittel**, Class of '75, language arts and social studies teacher; **Marjo (Christensen) Peters**, Class of '74 & '02, language arts teacher; **Doug Ruhnnow**, Class of '80, choral director at Spearfish High School; and **Julie (Hansen) Walkins**, Class of '97, language arts and drama teacher.

Teachers of the Year: **Jo Ann (Foster) Claggett**, Class of '78 & '84, Spearfish Middle School; **Scott Howard**, Class of '96, Spearfish

High School; **Lindsay Sparks**, Class of '10, Creekside Elementary School; **Kathy (Marso) Ewing**, Class of '76, West Elementary School and Spearfish School District.

Alumni honored for service by the Meade School District include: Retirees: **Jolene (Gray) Hanson**, Class of '02, teacher at Stagebarn and Piedmont Schools; **Judy Javersak**, Class of '90, teacher at Sturgis Brown High School; **Kathi (Barber) Thomson**, Class of '70, special education paraprofessional; **Paula Vukonich**, Class of '99, special education teacher.

Alumni honored by the Meade School District for their years of service include: **Cathie (Doering) Anderson**, Class of '80 & '02, 20 years; **Connie (Bruce) Berg**, Class of '83, 30 years; **Mary Cook**, Class of '89 & '02, 20 years; **Kelly (Wold) Emme**, Class of '84, 30 years; **Anne Rochelle**, Class of '97 & '06, 15 years; **Deb (Murphy) Schnell**, Class of '06, 35 years; **Kerry (Chaffee) Skinner**, Class of '92 & '02, 20 years; and **Kristin (Schamber) Wheaton**, Class of '99, 15 years.

**Missy (Fallon) Urbaniak**, Class of '02, was named the Meade School District Teacher of the Year. Missy teaches K-8th grade at the Atall School.

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# Births

**The 90s** **Stephanie “Steph” (Hewitt)**, Class of ‘95, and Zack Bowen, Bellvue, Colo., had a baby girl, Sydney Claudine, May 7, 2014. Steph is a defense attorney and operates her own criminal defense practice.

**Jodi (Martin)**, Class of ‘95, and Craig Noll, Commerce City, Colo., had a baby girl, Kennedy Grayse, October 3, 2013. Jodi currently works for Bross Group as a program director, operation & integration.

**The 00s** **Chad Blair**, Class of ‘05, and Christine (Dahl), Deadwood, had a baby girl, Ainsley Kendahl, May 2, 2014.

**Michelle (Donlan)**, Class of ‘05, and **William “Bill” Blewett**, Class of ‘05, Sioux Falls, had a baby boy, William “Liam” Edmund Donald, April 20, 2014. Michelle is a human resources director for Health Management Partners. Bill is a lawyer with Blewett Law.

**Chandra (DeSimone)**, Class of ‘06, and **Joseph Kiley**, Class of ‘08, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Emily Grace, February 27, 2014. Chandra is the department manager at Walmart in Spearfish. Joseph is a cemetery caretaker at the BH National Cemetery.

**Amanda (Hardin)**, Attended, and **James Williams**, Class of ‘03, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Enly Jean, January 20, 2014. James is the creative arts director for Countryside Church and Amanda is a stay-at-home mom.

**The 10s** **Jennifer (Steele)**, Class of ‘12, and Kelly Aldren, Sturgis, had a baby boy, Brennen Donald, November 2, 2012.

**Kimberly (Swanson)**, Class of ‘11, and Corey Somervold, Belle Fourche, had a baby boy, Reid David, January 27, 2014.

**Hannah (Bucher)**, Class of ‘10, and **Derek Steward**, Class of ‘10, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Isaac Dean, June 1, 2014. Hannah is currently working part time as a teller for Northern Hills Federal Credit Union and full time as a mom. Derek is currently working full time as an airframe/powerplant aviation mechanic for Black Hills Aero in Spearfish.

**Megan (Merchen)**, Class of ‘11, and **Jess Weaver**, Class of ‘09, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Liam Nicholas, May 1, 2014. Megan is a Kindergarten teacher at Mt. View Elementary School. Jess is a CPA with Ketel Thorstenson.

# Engagements & Marriages

**The 90s** **Tatjana LaPointe**, Class of ‘97, married Joachim Kaufmann, Aug. 29, 2013. Tatjana is a legal assistant and data protection officer with Maple Bank GmbH. The couple resides in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

**The 00s** **Stephanie Kennedy**, Class of ‘08, married Nathan Musiak, July 5, 2013. Stephanie currently works as an accounting assistant with L & H Industrial, Inc., in Gillette, Wyo.

**Dennis Newell**, Class of ‘04, Lincoln, N.D., married Catelin Ann Hoffman, May 16, 2014. Dennis is the head cross country coach & assistant track & field coach at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D.

**The 10s** **Codie Broome**, Class of ‘13, will marry her high school sweetheart Adam Magbuhat, Sept. 19, 2015. Codie was recently hired as the safety & loss prevention coordinator for Black Hills Works in Rapid City.

**Cheryl Cowan**, Class of ‘10, married Curt Westland, July 26, 2014. Cheryl currently works as a pharmacist at Lynn’s Dakotamart.

**Alisa Eggebraaten**, Class of ‘10, married **Brandon Bentley**, Class of ‘10, July 5, 2014. Alisa is a kindergarten teacher at Mountain View Elementary School in Spearfish. Brandon is an accountant in the University Advancement Office at BHSU. The couple resides in Spearfish.

**Sonja Erickson**, Class of ‘12, married **Mitch Kraft**, Attending, July 27, 2013. Sonja is employed with the Spearfish School District. Mitch is currently a student at BHSU and will graduate in 2015.

**Angela Herman**, Class of ‘12, married Trevor Olson, Class of ‘12, June 28, 2014. Angela is a K-6 special education teacher in Moorcroft, Wyo., for the Crook County School District. Trevor is a third and fourth grade math and science teacher in Hulett, Wyo., for the Crook County School District. The couple resides in Sundance, Wyo.

**Katelynn Lamb**, Class of ‘11, married **Clay Pottorff**, Class of ‘12, March 29, 2014. Katelynn is currently working at the Sunrise Family Dental Clinic in Greeley, Colo., as a registered dental hygienist. Clay is a sixth-eighth grade special education teacher at Franklin Middle School. He also coaches basketball at Greeley West High School. The couple resides in Greeley.

**Kylee Lamb**, Class of ‘13, married **Will John Johnson**, Class of ‘11, April 26, 2014. Kylee and Will John are currently attending Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, Minn., pursuing doctorates in chiropractics.

**Autumn Sanderson**, Class of ‘13, married Tyler Neigel, June 14, 2013. Autumn is an elementary special education paraprofessional for the Lead-Deadwood Elementary School. She is also attending SDSU through the UC-RC in the counseling and human resource development master of science program.

# In Memory

## Dakota Territory/Spearfish Normal School, 1883-1940

Alice L. (O'Rourke) Bleha, Attended, Highmore  
Marguerite L. (Foote) Blount, Attended, Casper, Wyo.  
Glen R. Jackson, Attended, Kenai, Alaska  
Helen M. (Pyle) Sprawls, Class of '39, Louisville, Ky.

## Black Hills Teachers College, 1941-1963

Mary J. (Huber) Arbach, Class of '55, Herreid  
James "Jim" H. Armstrong, Class of '52, Townsend, Mont.  
Buford A. Boomer, Class of '56, Casper, Wyo.  
Dorothy (Russell) Brown, Class of '46 & '53, Spearfish  
LaVonne "Patty" J. (Cropsey) Comp, Class of '50, Presho  
Philip A. Dyer, Attended, Spearfish  
D. Catherine (Funk) Griffin, Class of '47, Rapid City  
Louis "Bill" W. Hammer, Attended, Clinton, Mont.  
Nyla R. (Lassen) Hussey, Attended, Omaha, Neb.  
Edna L. (Schomer) Jones, Attended, Faith  
Donna L. (Anderson) Koenig, Class of '56, Rapid City  
James "Jim" E. Leiby, Attended, Rapid City  
Marjorie M. (Martin) Letellier, Class of '43, Norris  
Esther M. (Feeney) Maliske, Class of '50, Spearfish  
William "Bill" Marty Jr., Attended, Prairie City  
Francis "Mac" M. McDonnell, Class of '59, Garden City, Idaho  
George R. Nelson, Class of '54, Laurel, Mont.  
Orville "Ike" G. Ransford, Class of '51, Spokane, Wash.  
Thelma (Nielsen) Saylor, Class of '57 & '81, Murdo  
John L. Sullivan, Attended, Spearfish  
Edna M. (Russell) Ward, Attended, Spearfish  
Donna L. Warren, Class of '56, Liberty, Mo.  
Mary A. (Petrik) Wiersma, Attended, Mitchell

## Black Hills State College, 1964-1988

Dorothy D. Ankrum, Class of '74, Rapid City  
Bert J. Cameron, Class of '65, Rapid City  
Ronald L. Chyba, Attended, Lihue, Hawaii  
Raymond F. Doerr, Class of '70, Pierre  
Kathleen "Kathy" England, Class of '75, Omaha, Neb.  
Joie M. (Bounds) Filkins, Class of '71, Shreveport, La.  
Clifford "Cliff" J. Freestad, Attended, Gillette, Wyo.  
Robert B. Hale, Class of '65, Las Vegas, Nev.  
Lillian M. (Fuchs) Hall, Class of '87, Spearfish  
David A. Hauk, Attended, Miles City, Mont.  
Gordon K. Horgen, Class of '72, Winner  
Keith "Mike" M. Jensen, Attended, Rapid City  
Nancy H. (Brown) Johnson, Class of '73, Orange City, Fla.  
Lorraine "The Bronco Lady" Kammerer, Class of '73, Rapid City  
Darrell C. Kerney, Class of '78, Spearfish  
William "Bill" N. Kohn, Class of '67 & '71, Glenham  
Virginia M. (Kight) Larson, Attended, Rapid City  
John "Hondo" W. List, Attended, Yankton  
Nila K. (Gasseling) McGriff, Class of '86, Rapid City  
Doris L. (Chord) Mickelson, Class of '70 & '79, Enning  
Paul M. Miller Sr., Attended, Spearfish  
Wilma M. (Schell) Moore, Class of '72 & '80, Casper, Wyo.  
Roxanne "Rocky" V. (Kindred) Murphy, Class of '88, Rapid City  
Norman "Norm" N. Nowell, Class of '68, Newport Beach, Calif.  
Carole (Hetland) Olson, Class of '64, Glendive, Mont.  
Junius J. Olson, Class of '69, Elbert, Colo.  
Duane H. Palmer, Class of '72, Mountain Home, Idaho  
Michael L. Schroeder, Class of '66, Sioux Falls  
Michael "Mike" Shrader, Attended, Pierre  
Doris (Eaton) Shipley, Class of '65, Sturgis  
William "Bill" D. Speidel, Attended, Torrington, Wyo.  
Darlene J. (Houdek) Valades, Class of '71, Sturgis  
Jane A. Wilkinson, Class of '79, Pierre

## Black Hills State University, 1989-Present

Gerald "Wayne" W. Byrd, Class of '89, Peyton, Colo.  
Steven P. Cady, Attended, Sturgis  
Sadie L. (Angle) Clark, Attended, Wamsutter, Wyo.  
Cheryl L. (Corr) Hesse, Class of '95, Fort Myers, Fla.  
Shane J. Knittel, Attended, Sioux Falls  
Linda D. (Simmons) Richter, Attended, Whitewood  
Jayne (Moore) Sager, Class of '04, Saint Onge

## Former Faculty/Staff

Lynn R. Fox, Spearfish  
Alvin "Al" L. Hall, Class of '62, Spearfish  
James "Jim" M. McGinnis, Deadwood  
Guyson, "Guy" Norton, St. Onge



BHSU business professor Richard "Dick" Cummings died May 18. Dick taught economics at BHSU for more than 30 years. He also served as the Rodeo Club advisor for more than two decades and was the first inductee into the BHSU Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2011.



Radio legend and longtime BHSU professor Dave Diamond died in May. Diamond had a big influence on not only the music industry but also thousands of BHSU students. He returned to the Black Hills in 1995 and began his long tenure with BHSU leaving behind an even greater legacy.



Richard (Dick) DuBois, artist and longtime professor at BHSU, died May 21. Dick, who began teaching art in 1969, officially retired in 2004 although he continued to teach and paint. An accomplished watercolor artist, he taught nearly every art class offered at BHSU and influenced many art students during his tenure at the University.



William "Bill" Lynn, Spearfish, died Feb. 16. Bill was a school teacher, counselor, and college professor. He was also a successful KDSJ radio announcer. His career spanned the country from Richmond, Wash., to Belle Fourche, and Black Hills State University, Eastern Washington University and South Dakota State University.

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# Looking ahead

## Alumni Art Show

Sept. 3 - 26

## White's Canyon Motors YJ Golf Classic at Devils Tower

Sept. 6

## Swarm Week

Sept. 15 - 20

## Commencement

Dec. 13

## Alumni Mile

Jan. 17

## 1883 Donor Recognition Dinner

Feb. 21

Dates are subject to change. Please check  
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## Athletic Events

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# Looking back

## Swarm Week Embraces 50s Culture

This year's Swarm Week theme "Sting Lightning" is a throwback to the 50s when poodle skirts, white T-shirts and cuffed jeans were the fashion, and sock hops were a cultural phenomenon. Dr. Russell E. Jonas served as president of Black Hills State University during that time. The week-long homecoming celebration includes a daily Soda Shoppe in the Student Union, an outdoor movie showing of "Grease," and a Sock Hop Dance Party. For a full list of events go to [BHSU.edu/SwarmWeek](http://BHSU.edu/SwarmWeek).

## What have you been up to?

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