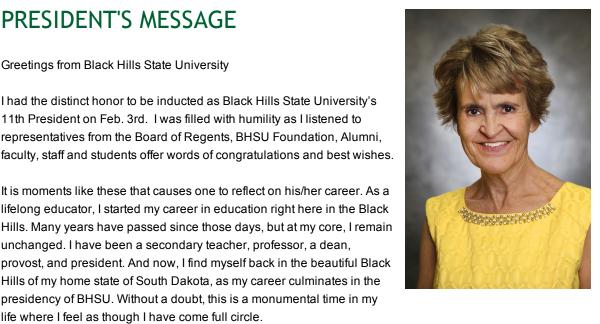
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Black Hills State University

I had the distinct honor to be inducted as Black Hills State University's 11th President on Feb. 3rd. I was filled with humility as I listened to representatives from the Board of Regents, BHSU Foundation, Alumni, faculty, staff and students offer words of congratulations and best wishes.

lifelong educator, I started my career in education right here in the Black Hills. Many years have passed since those days, but at my core, I remain unchanged. I have been a secondary teacher, professor, a dean, provost, and president. And now, I find myself back in the beautiful Black Hills of my home state of South Dakota, as my career culminates in the presidency of BHSU. Without a doubt, this is a monumental time in my life where I feel as though I have come full circle. Our ambition at BHSU is to live our mission well...to be a university that is student-centered, intellectually



have the opportunity to lead BHSU forward. Thank you for trusting in me.

challenging, locally and regionally engaged. There is no more noble and essential work, and I am honored

President, Laurie S. Nichols

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NICHOLS SHARES VISION FOR BHSU DURING PRESIDENTIAL CELEBRATION

State and community leaders joined Black Hills State University earlier this month to celebrate the appointment of Dr. Laurie S. Nichols as the university's 11th President.

Dr. Joan Wink, Regent, chaired the BHSU Presidential Search Committee that recommended Nichols be retained as the permanent BHSU President. She was the first of several community

members, faculty, staff, students, and alumni to provide personal congratulations to Nichols at

"Laurie, your ability to empower others to seek a common goal and your attention to continuous quality improvement will serve this University well," said Wink during the celebration on Feb. 3. More than 300 people filled the David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union for the celebration.

Mayor of Spearfish Dana Boke officially welcomed Nichols to Spearfish. Dr. Paul B. Beran,

executive director of the S.D. Board of Regents, presented Nichols with the BHSU Presidential Medallion, worn at graduation and engraved with the names of all previous BHSU Presidents. "You have the task of bringing BHSU to the next level. We believe you are up to that task," said

Beran. "We look for you to carry out the mission of the university, to recognize new possibilities,

and seize the opportunities that may arise from these possibilities."

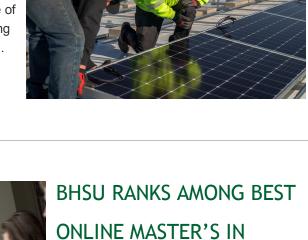
BHSU is in the midst of a major solar installation project on campus. This is one of many of the sustainability initiatives making BHSU an environmentally friendly campus.

INCREASES AT BHSU

SOLAR POWER

the ceremony.

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EDUCATION



recently. • Study.com named BHSU the No. 4 Best Online Teaching Degree in the U.S.

Programs for 2020 by U.S. News & World Report. BHSU offers 19 undergraduate and three online graduate degrees in education. BHSU has a strong history in preparing

The online master's in education at BHSU was included on a list of the Best Online

educators. The University was originally founded as a Normal School for teachers in 1883. Last year, BHSU was the first in the state to earn Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Accreditation

for the university's education programs. The placement rate of BHSU teacher-education graduates in their field is over 90 percent. Read more Online master's programs in education at BHSU have been recognized nationally several times • Intelligent.com named the BHSU curriculum & instruction program as one of the Top 50 in the nation. BHSU came in at No. 32 recognized for "Best Emphasis Options." • The BHSU online master's in secondary education was also recognized by

Intelligent.com as one of the nation's Top 50, coming in at No. 28 with "Most Unique Curriculum."

BHSU STUDENTS

Canyon. Preston Knobloch, applied health sciences major from Sioux Falls, and Alexis Venables, art major from Sartell, Minn., were recently recognized by BHSU with a Lifesaving Award. Just two weeks after meeting and moving into their residence hall at BHSU. Preston and Alex Wooden set off to hike Devil's

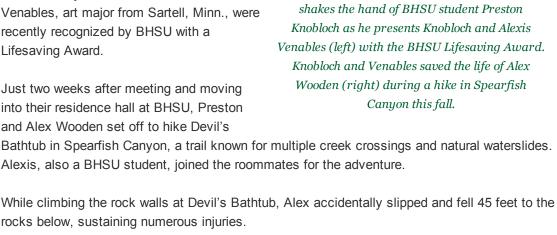
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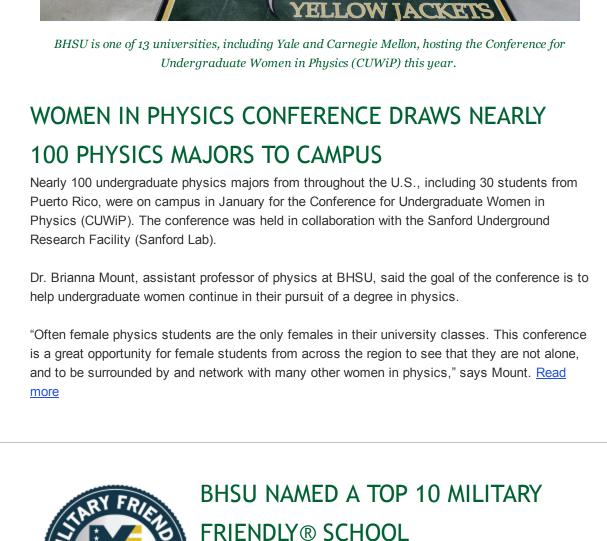
SAVING THE LIFE OF

Two students at BHSU saved the life of their friend this fall while hiking in Spearfish

rocks below, sustaining numerous injuries. Preston and Alexis responded immediately and provided emergency, lifesaving assistance. Read more



Phil Pesheck, director of BHSU Public Safety,



Black Hills State University was named a Top 10 Military Friendly® School by VIQTORY media company. The university earned the

Currently, more than 180 veterans and veteran dependents are

enrolled at BHSU. Greg Krajewski, veteran resource coordinator

"We provide reduced tuition of \$250 to our active duty veterans. With the federal aid they receive, the BHSU reduced rate for

and veteran of the U.S. Air Force, says BHSU offers unique

Top 10 ranking in the small public university category.

services and financial aid to veterans.



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veterans covers their tuition cost," says Krajewski.

BHSU earned especially high rankings in the "Culture & Commitment" and "Military Student

Support & Retention" categories of the Military Friendly® benchmarks.

BHSU STUDENTS MEET BUSINESS LEADERS AND

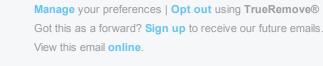
A group of BHSU students had the opportunity to meet with business leaders and alumni in the San Francisco Bay area recently. The students met with executives from Golden State Warriors Stadium, Fitbit Headquarters, AT&T Park, Amazon Headquarters, Google Campus, and Hewlett Packard. The group was part of a marketing class taught by adjunct professor and entrepreneur

ALUMNI IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

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