

# DAKOTA STATE

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ON THESE  
STUDENTS  
(YOU SHOULD TOO)

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AND VISIONARY  
INVESTOR —  
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### 2017 HOME OPENER



Dakota State Trojans vs. Dakota Wesleyan Tigers  
August 24, 2017 - Trojan Field

Tailgate prior to game - Food, Beverages & Fun!

# A Note from the Dakota State University President



Dear Loyal to Blue Friends –

Spring is springing into view on the DSU campus. This season brings with it a sense of accomplishment and a focus on the future. It is a pleasure to walk across campus and see recognizable people, rather than cloaked bundles of coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. It is especially enjoyable to see our DSU students emerge from classrooms and dorms to cluster in animated conversations along sidewalks, or sprawl on benches as they consider the meaning of life, or race to grab a ball in an impromptu game of keep-away across the lawns. They, most of all, remind us of why DSU exists. Each student embodies significant accomplishments, and each holds the promise of a bright future, made brighter by the knowledge, experiences, and skills they have gained through their time here at DSU.

This issue of our magazine gives you an opportunity to meet some of DSU's students, present and past. They are a microcosm of the literally thousands of students who have walked this campus and engaged with our faculty and continue to contribute to the reach and impact of this university. I know you will be as impressed as I am with the students we have highlighted in these

pages. I hope they will also kindle within you considerations of your own unique connections to DSU, and the impacts those connections have for you and your endeavors.

I found two things especially interesting as I read through these profiles of DSU students. One is what drew these individuals to DSU in the first place. Certain themes emerge as to why students have chosen DSU over other institutions. They speak to what is authentically DSU, and who and what we are working to become. Students now come to DSU because, whatever their desired major, they love doing it using technology. DSU is a place where every degree program is technology-infused, and where there are ever-expanding opportunities to use technology in impactful and creative ways. Students come to DSU because they want to be known and know others – they want a smaller institution, where they know they will have opportunities not just to receive information but create meaningful and ongoing relationships with their professors and fellow students. Students come to DSU because they have a wide variety of interests and they know here they will have the opportunity to enjoy and express them. I find it so impressive the percentage of our students who are scholar-athletes, or the number of DSU students who have amazing musical, artistic or theatrical gifts alongside of their desire and abilities to develop literacy in young children or protect our country's cyber universe. Unlike many larger institutions, there are places for every student to participate in those activities that interest them, whether or not they are choosing to pursue it as their primary vocation. Students come to DSU because they want to get “mad skills” and know that after graduation they will be able to get a job, a good job, to make meaningful contributions to their communities and the world. Nationally, the job placement rate for college graduates is 86 percent. In most of our degree programs, DSU's placement rates are 100 percent.

The second thing I noticed in reading about these students is how a college education opens so many doors, many that we had no idea even existed when we charted our path. The profiles of our present students hint at the multiple potential routes they may eventually map out for their lives. The profiles of those further along their life path illustrate very specifically how a college education provides a broad infrastructure of knowledge and skills that can support many different applications. The impact of a college education goes far beyond that of just obtaining a job. Accomplishing a college education, especially a Dakota State education, means launching a life – a life that is rich, varied, built on a strong legacy and an ongoing commitment to knowledge, hard work, important relationships, and making the world a better place. Just like Dakota State University.

Happy Spring,

José-Marie Griffiths, President  
Dakota State University



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 2**

**Blue and Gold Golf Classic  
Madison Country Club**

**June 30**

**Buzz Stevenson and  
Judy Dittman Scramble  
Madison Country Club**

**July 24**

**Trojan Scramble at the  
Country Club of Sioux Falls**

**August 20**

**Grand Opening  
Beacom Institute of Technology**

**August 24**

**Trojan Football home  
opener versus DWU**

**September 23**

**Trojan Days Homecoming**

## Passing the Torch



### A Note from the DSU Alumni Association President

Do you ever look around and wonder where the time has gone? Well in my little corner of the world it seems like I am stuck in full speed all the time. I want to start with those thoughts and reflect on my time on the DSU Alumni Association Board and how the Board is positioned to move forward.

I have shared some of my story regarding my involvement on the board in past issues. I decided to get involved when my youngest daughter Cari made the decision to attend DSU a few years ago. I assumed since I would be on campus often, I should give back some time to the University. Little did I know that when I discussed with Jona that I was interested that I would eventually end up as President of the Alumni Association Board.

During my first few years on the board I found my niche to be “party planning” so I became involved with the Homecoming Committee. This led to the organization of our tailgate parties before the Homecoming game which has morphed from a small group and a keg to a chili cook-off with a bean bag tourney accompanied by a DJ. This event has grown and I feel it will continue to be one of our highlight events in years to come.

My term was ending and Cari had graduated so I was preparing to step off of the board when there was a change of events. Al Weiman was President, Dwayne “Jake” Jacobsen was VP ready to move up and the board spots were mostly filled. The situation changed for Jake and he asked me to step into his spot as VP and take over for Al the next year. I would be lying if I told you this is not what I had planned on doing. But, sometimes we need to put our own “stuff” on the shelf and help the University, so I did.

I took over for Al and tapped Elliot Breukelman as my VP, all was well at DSU! Well, as some of you know, Elliot has taken a position in Minneapolis and had to step down from the board. During that same time I took on some additional duties in my hometown of Hartford, SD by taking a spot on the City Council. Needless to say, I was running out of hours to get everything done.

Back to the title-Passing the Torch-On the board we have a great number of volunteers who love DSU. Among those fine folks was one Adam Hafner. Adam had assumed the Homecoming Party role when I moved up to VP and also resurrected our Thirsty Thursday events and has many years ahead of him in service to DSU. I asked Adam to step into the VP spot and Adam will take over the President spot this spring when my term ends. Adam brings a level of excitement and commitment which will serve the DSU Alumni Association very well and for a long time. Please join me in supporting Adam as he moves into this role and answer the call if you are asked to serve or assist the University.

I would like to thank Jona Schmidt the Alumni Relations Director, DSU President José-Marie Griffiths and the entire board for your support and friendship through my time on the board. It has truly been a great experience and one that I will look back on with happiness for years to come!

“Loyal to Blue” GO TROJANS!!!

Arden Jones, '78



# Trojan Days Homecoming 2017

# #LoyalToBlue

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September 23, 2017

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# Ten students poised to impact the future

## We are keeping on our eyes on the following 10 DSU students (and we think you should as well)

There are over 3,000 Dakota State students, from all over the country and overseas. And each one of those has a unique story, an educational goal, and aspirations to do something impactful in the future. We went looking for ten who exemplify the spirit, innovation, and drive that defines the larger DSU student body. DSU professors helped us identify the 10 men and women who merited the spotlight, not just for their time on campus, but for their potential as future DSU alumni.

We asked them a few questions, and their responses are below.



### Josh Dosdall

**Major:** Computer Science & Mathematics for Information Systems

**Hometown:** Elk Point

**What drew you to DSU?** The small campus size and specialty in computer systems made this a great fit for me!

**How have you been active while on campus?** I am the current president of the National Society of Leadership and Success and DSU Pep Band.

**What are your plans after graduation?** I applied to be the next Technology Coordinator at my school in Elk Point.

**What is your best memory of your time at DSU?** The best memories I have here are all the days I spent with my friends hanging out and having a great time!

**Where do you think you will be in ten years?** I hope to be living in my hometown working at the school.



### Victoria Sopko

**Major:** Elementary Education with minors in Educational Technology and Reading

**Hometown:** Forest City, Iowa

**What drew you to DSU?** I liked the small campus size, close to family, and the good teacher education program.

**How have you been active while on campus?** I participated in track and field, cross country, and am a member of the PEC (Professional Education Council).

**What are your plans after graduation?** I plan on obtaining a job as an elementary teacher. I am very open to all grades K-5.

**What is your best memory of your time at DSU?** My favorite memory so far at DSU was my freshman year when I was part of the girls 4X800 relay team that had the opportunity to run at the Drake Relays and break the school record.

**Where do you think you will be in ten years?** I hope to be teaching first or second grade in a wonderful school, wherever that may be!





## Kelly Brusven

**Major:** Digital Arts & Design with a specialization in Computer Graphics

**Hometown:** Pierre

**What drew you to DSU?** The small campus is what really stood out to me. I liked the idea of seeing people you know everywhere you go.

**How have you been active while on campus?** I have been involved in Phi Beta Lambda for four years, and am serving as the historian this year. I have been a part of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for four years, and have been leading a small group for three of those years along with being president this year. I have also worked within Residence Life with this year being my third year. I was a resident assistant for two years in Higbie and Emory Hall and am serving as an Apartment Manager in the East 8-Plex this year.

**What are your plans after graduation?** My goal is to work for an advertisement agency after I graduate.

**What is your best memory of your time at DSU?** My best memories were made my first year as a resident assistant. Becoming an RA was a turning point for my life. It pushed me out of my comfort zone and I learned many different things about myself through those experiences.

**Where do you think you will be in ten years?** I want to be working in a job that challenges and excites me. I also want to have a community of friends and coworkers that I enjoy spending time with. I would be happy to be either here in South Dakota or to be anywhere else in the United States.



## Eli Chisholm

**Major:** Computer Game Design

**Hometown:** Lincoln, Nebraska

**What drew you to DSU?** I wanted to study game design, and knew that I would have other options in computer science at the same school.

**How have you been active while on campus?** I have been the vice president of the Game Design Club, which involved planning weekly meetings and events such as Global Game Jam. I also attended some events with The Alliance and with Anime Club.

**What are your plans after graduation?** I am hoping to find a position in the game development industry, but I may need to get some professional experience as a software developer first.

**What is your best memory of your time at DSU?** With the Game Design Club, I contacted Darren Korb (a game music artist) and invited him to attend Nanocon. Meeting him in person inspired me to continue doing game design.

**Where do you think you will be in ten years?** In 10 years, I want to be making video games for a living. Or at least working at a software development company that I enjoy.



## Andrew Kramer

**Major:** B.S. Cyber Operations, M.S. Applied Computer Science

**Hometown:** Etna, California

**What drew you to DSU?** I have been a computer security hobbyist for much of my life. After finishing an associate degree at College of the Redwoods I searched the nation for schools with good computer security programs to transition into. DSU showed up repeatedly due to the NSA CAE designation, and I liked the fact that it was in a small town, and less expensive than comparable universities elsewhere. Those things together made DSU the most attractive.

**How have you been active while on campus?** Student Senate, Computer Club, founded the Offensive Security Club, adjunct instructor, and a regular competitor in several cyber-CTF events CCDC/NCL/CodeBreaker.

**What are your plans after graduation?** Actually, I've recently interviewed for a faculty position at DSU.

**What is your best memory of your time at DSU?** Every DakotaCon! Road-tripping from DSU home and back with my friends during breaks. Attending the national CCDC competition.

**Where do you think you will be in ten years?** Hopefully here teaching and doing research! Unless I get tired of computers and move into the mountains to live the simple life.





## Sid Moorhead

**Major:** Network and Security Administration

**Hometown:** Warroad Minnesota

**What drew you to DSU?** I was drawn to DSU by the clear focus on cyber security and the small campus size which allows for a personalized education experience at a reasonable price.

**How have you been active while on campus?** I have been involved in Student Senate, Computer Club, Offensive Security Club, Residence Hall Council, CCDC, National Society for Leadership and Success, Kappa Sigma Iota, and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

**What are your plans after graduation?** I plan to begin my career at Polaris Industries as an ISDP, which is their Information Systems Development Program.

**What is your best memory of your time at DSU?** My best memory of DSU is leading the DSU Student Senate as the president. It's been an excellent experience that's allowed me to be some of the first to hear information from around the campus and be connected in a way only being a part of the senate can provide. It's also offered opportunities such as being involved in the DSU Provost Search Committee and traveling to Student Federation meetings to meet with student leaders from other SD universities.

**Where do you think you will be in ten years?** I'd like to have obtained a position as part of an incident response team dealing with cyber security threats.



## Ben Aasheim

**Major:** Business Technology and Management double major

**Hometown:** Sioux Falls

**What drew you to DSU?** I was drawn to DSU because of the wonderful integration of technology into their degree programs.

**How have you been active while on campus?** I am a part of Kappa Sigma Iota, Delta Mu Delta, and I was on the Zimmermann Hall Council last year.

**What are your plans after graduation?** When I graduate, I plan to go on and get my masters, and then work for a company's IT department.

**What is your best memory of your time at DSU?** I enjoyed being on my hall's council last year. It was fun to be involved in the decisions of our hall, and get to plan events with our hall community.

**Where do you think you will be in ten years?** I see myself working for a prestigious company, putting my DSU degree to good use!



## Carissa Lewis

**Major:** Elementary Education with minors in Educational Technology, K12 Reading, and Spanish

**Hometown:** Jordan, Minnesota

**What drew you to DSU?** I was drawn to the small class sizes, the welcoming staff, the way everyone seemed genuine and eager to help.

**How have you been active while on campus?** I am involved in Teachers of tomorrow, Campus Crusade for Christ, Student Advisory Committee, Student Senate Association, Kappa Sigma Iota, International Club, and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

**What are your plans after graduation?** I want to teach ELLs (English language learners) here and abroad.

**What is your best memory of your time at DSU?** My best memories are of game and movie nights with friends.

**Where do you think you will be in ten years?** I want to be in Nepal, teaching English at an international school, orphanage, or other institution.



Travelin'  
Trojan  
at  
MSP





## Casey Bethke

**Major:** Business Administration in Management and Marketing

**Hometown:** Pierre

**What drew you to DSU?** The small class size and my interest for FBLA-PBL (Future Business Leaders of America/Phi Beta Lambda) Business organization drew me to DSU.

**How have you been active while on campus?** I am a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Phi Eta Sigma, Delta Mu Delta, and Hall Council.

**What are your plans after graduation?** I am still searching, but most likely I will be in retail management.

**What is your best memory of your time at DSU?** My best memories with DSU are of my sophomore year when I was a resident assistant.

**Where do you think you will be in ten years?** I would like to be a general manager of a large retail chain, Walmart, Sam's Club, Target or Hy-Vee.



**Travelin' Trojan touches down in Munich, Germany**



## Hope Juntunen

**Major:** Physical Science and Biology double major

**Hometown:** Hayti

**What drew you to DSU?** Originally, I decided to attend DSU to play volleyball and study biology education. However, as I began my introduction to chemistry class with (DSU professor) Dr. Gaylor, I soon realized I had the desire to pursue a Ph.D. in the sciences.

**How have you been active while on campus?** I am a member of the General Beadle Honors program, a member of Colleges Against Cancer, and I was a student ambassador for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Program for incoming freshman interested in the STEM fields at DSU, and I was a member of Women in Science and Technology.

**What are your plans after graduation?** Once I graduate, I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in environmental and pharmaceutical chemistry.

**What is your best memory of your time at DSU?** By attending DSU, I have been able to have many unique experiences as a science major. I had the opportunity to present my research at the Society of Toxicology and Chemistry World Congress in Orlando, Florida. This opportunity lead to invitations to present at other international conferences in Australia and China.

**Where do you think you will be in 10 years?** In 10 years I see myself working as a research scientist working to close knowledge gaps in areas of pharmaceutical and environmental chemistry.



**BARRY GOLDWATER**  
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Hope is one of 240 college students from across the country awarded a 2017 Barry Goldwater Scholarship. She is the only college student from South Dakota to win the award this year, and the first ever from DSU. The \$7,500 scholarships are awarded to college sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue research careers in the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering.

The Goldwater Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress in 1986 to serve as a living memorial to Senator Barry Goldwater, a soldier and statesman who served his country for 56 years, 30 of those years in the U.S. Senate. Students are selected based on academic merit. This year's field included 1,286 natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering students nominated by the campus representatives at 2,000 colleges and universities nationwide.

**We talked to students in 2005 for the first Ten to Watch profiles, and have checked in with them over the years to see how they are doing. Below are replies from two of those former DSU students.**



As an undergrad at DSU 2005, Chris expressed a desire to pursue his masters and doctorate degrees in mathematics and to someday work as a college math professor.

After **CHRIS AHRENDT** graduated from DSU in 2005, he attended graduate school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, studying mathematics. He earned his Ph.D in mathematics in 2010 and joined the math department at the University of Wisconsin-EauClaire, where he is currently an associate professor, teaching a wide range of courses, most notably differential equations and multivariable calculus.

Chris married Carol Irvin in 2006, and they have three children, Michelle, Anastasia, and Gabriel. They make it back to South Dakota to visit Chris' parents, RANDY, '76, and SANDY, '77.

Chris gave some advice for current DSU students, "I am deeply grateful for all of the help and encouragement my professors at DSU gave me in order to prepare for graduate school, especially the DSU math faculty when I was there: Dr. Rich Avery, Dr. Jeff Palmer, and Dr. Glenn Berman. They all went out of their way to get me ready to study math at the next level. My advice would be (especially with DSU faculty members who are so willing to go out of their way to help students succeed) to not be afraid to work closely with the professors to answer any questions on the material that one may have. Especially now being on the other side as a professor, I personally find much delight in working with my students and helping them learn and appreciate math in a significant way."

**JOSH HOGUE** is Vice President at Reliabank Dakota in Watertown, where he manages a loan portfolio of commercial and agricultural credits and serves on various internal bank committees such as Executive Loan, Marketing, Information Technology, Asset and Liability Management, and Strategic Planning. After graduating from DSU, he went on to earn a Master's Degree in Banking and Financial Services from Northern State University in 2014 and in August of 2016 graduated from the Graduate School of Banking program held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Josh also teaches business and finance courses as an adjunct professor for Mount Marty College at the Watertown Campus.

Josh and his wife Emily, '04, (EDUCATION) have two daughters Hensley, and Blakely. Emily teaches fourth grade at Mellette Elementary in Watertown. The girls keep them busy with swim, soccer, and other activities.

Josh has the following advice for the new group of Ten to Watch. "Always keep learning, don't hesitate to continue your education. Also, become a part of the community you choose to live in. As a recognized leader, you will find great value in being a part of service clubs and non-profit organizations in your community; get involved and work towards positive change."





**MICHAEL IEDEMA: AT A GLANCE****Hometown:** Platte**Year graduated:** 2005**Current job:** principal software engineer  
at Range Networks**Tech to watch for in the future:**  
self-driving cars and machine learning**Advice:** "Buyer beware" with new smart devices**Thoughts about DSU:** "Small is good."


## The age of the Jetsons is coming: Michael Iedema *Alum returns as speaker at DakotaCon*

"Our Jetson's future is inevitable, and it's going to happen," said Michael Iedema, '05. He told a crowd of over 100 people at DakotaCon in March that "We're going to have all this cool stuff and it should make everyone's life easier."

The path getting there might be a little bumpy, though, as implied in the title for his presentation, IOT: The Internet of Not-Really-So-Secure Things.

The Internet of Things, or IOT is "both scary and fascinating," he said, "but inevitable."

"It's all going to go there, but we need to figure out what we're going to do," with issues like security, standardization, protocols, and quality.

These IOT problems are so well-known in the industry that there are even jokes about them.

One snark he shared in his talk was "The 'S' in IOT stands for 'security,'" funny because "there is none."

Another is "What's the great thing about standards? There are so many to choose from." While standardization would simplify the IOT, companies want to use their own standards to differentiate themselves from their competitors, he explained.

Protocols are also an issue. Smart devices in homes can be paired to the owner's phone, but if the owner sells the house there is no protocol to transfer ownership of various appliances, light bulbs, etc. to the new owners.

Quality of products is another issue Iedema sees. "Just because anyone's able to build it doesn't mean they're able to build it correctly, so they end up shipping a lot of junk." Developers could take the time to do it right, but can't because products are timed to market.

"Whichever one is out first is usually the winner," Michael said.

A company that Iedema started while working in Germany has become a winner. Askozia is a company he started as a university project to build a lightweight software phone system. He ran it more as a philanthropic project, and then turned it over to a friend. "They made it so much better; they made it a business," he said. "That's the only way projects stick around."

Iedema has spent his career working on projects in the phone industry, starting with voice-over IP. He is now a principle software engineer at Range Networks, working with the California-based company from his home in Bilbao, Spain on that county's northern coast.

"I like what I do," he said, writing the software that runs on the cellular towers. His DSU education helped him find this enjoyable career because, "the classes were so small, that was the best thing," Iedema said. That offered "a ton of flexibility," because several professors allowed him to do projects instead of the classwork, after some negotiation.

"I learn more that way," he explained, starting off with a kernel of an idea and making it more complicated. "I don't learn through a book or rote lecture. I'd much rather build something I can use."

As he continues to build his life's career, he may want to do more technical consulting, and possibly teach.

As the IOT continues to build into the future, Iedema foresees that "machine learning is going to change everything." An example is Google's DeepMind project. "DeepMind is probably the creepiest thing and most amazing to me right now."

"Hopefully we'll figure all this stuff out," he told the DakotaCon crowd. "I think that's what your job is as graduates."



# Paulson is credible expert on Internet business

Matthew Paulson will be the first to tell you he is not an internet business guru.

In fact, the term "Internet business guru" has a very negative connotation, Paulson said, because there are a lot of people with no actual Internet business experience who promote building Internet businesses as a "get rich quick" opportunity.

The problem is that most "gurus" that teach Internet business have no actual experience building Internet businesses themselves.

Paulson, a 2008 DSU graduate, differentiates himself from the gurus because he has real experience building profitable, sustainable and scalable Internet businesses.

"I've built a company that does seven figures in revenue and several other companies that do mid-six figures in revenue ... so what I say is more credible than these other so-called 'gurus'."

Paulson's businesses include MarketBeat.com, a financial media that provides real-time financial news and analysis to investors at all levels. He is a partner with two other companies, GoGo Photo Contest and USGolfTV. He has also published eight books, the most recent being "Online Business from Scratch."

Some of his credible advice is "you have to choose a niche that you are excited about and where people are ready, willing and able to spend money on the products and services sold in your industry."

"If you can meet these criteria, and can execute on your business idea, you're going to make money."

As far as his for-profit companies, "MarketBeat is obviously my main business," Paulson said; it was started when he was a student at DSU. It was originally called American Consumer News. In 2016, MarketBeat was ranked #529 on the 2016 Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing privately-held companies in North America.

Dakota State was where he gained the training to build these successful technology companies. Professors Josh Pauli, Wayne Pauli and Tom Halverson would host evening sessions, he recalled, for example bringing in speakers to teach ASP.net. "That is the programming language I still use," Paulson said, "That's how I learned it."

This led to the inspiration to take classes in web programming. "You learn so many things as part of your degree, but you may not realize it's two or three classes that are going to get you your first job, and give you a skill that's going to create economic value."

These classes provided Paulson the basics to start working with the web. Then Paulson asked himself, "What can I do, given that I've got this skill set?"

That is a question he continues to ask himself. Besides his companies and books, Paulson is also the chairman of the Falls Angel Fund, a regional angel investment fund that has raised \$1.35 million to invest in high-growth companies in South Dakota and surrounding states. "You want to help the next generation of entrepreneurs," he said.

He is also involved with the March of Dimes, serving on their state chapter board. This interest was spurred after his two children were born premature. "That's definitely an issue that hits close to home, and I care about."

Career advice he would offer his children or others, is to move in the direction of their current skills and interests, and really invest time into that, to know that "I'm probably smart enough to do this, it's a question of am I willing to put the time in?"



## MATTHEW PAULSON: AT A GLANCE

**Hometown:** Mitchell

**Year graduated:** 2008

**Current occupation:** entrepreneur, author, investor

**Companies:** MarketBeat, Falls Angel Fund, GoGo Photo Contest, USGolfTV

**Tech to watch for in the future:**

self-driving cars, & artificial intelligence.

**Advice:** Move in the direction of your skills and interests, and really invest time into that.

**Thoughts about DSU:** "I'm proud of my alma mater. You guys are doing really good work."

## Governor Daugaard on campus



S.D. Governor Dennis Daugaard was on the DSU campus to participate in an event sponsored by The National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) in April. He took part in the Aspirations in Computing (AiC) awards ceremony recognizing girls and women who are actively engaged in technology. The recognition included 22 high school girls from across S.D. and featured special guest Alexis Perez of Facebook.



## Faculty awards announced

The faculty awards were announced in April. These annual awards are presented to four faculty who are nominated by their peers, with final selection made by a faculty committee. The awards are sponsored by donors, and named after individuals who exhibited the traits outlined in the award criteria. The recognition includes cash provided by the award sponsor.

The 2017 faculty award winners are:

The Dr. Ernest Teagarden Award of Excellence in Teaching: Jeff Howard, Associate Professor, College of Arts and Sciences.

The DeWayne Mork Award of Excellence in Service: Jennifer Nash, Associate Professor, College of Education.

The Merrill D. Hunter Award of Excellence in Research: Jun Liu, Assistant Professor, College of Business and Information Systems.

The Alexander "Sandy" Davidson Award of Excellence in Advising: Viki Johnson, Associate Professor, College of Arts and Sciences.

## Senator Thune talks 5G at open forum at Dakota State University



U.S. Senator John Thune brought Washington, D.C. to Dakota State University with an open forum held on campus on April 11. The topic of discussion at the public event was 5G networks. Current technology networks are 3G or 4G, but a need for more capacity and speed has technology leaders predicting 5G will be implemented by 2020.

Thune, Chairman of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee which oversees information transport, told the 200 people in attendance that the government is "very interested in getting to 5G first. We have to win that race."

Technology innovations taking place at DSU fit nicely with what federal lawmakers are trying to do in regard to 5G, Thune said. "I am always proud to brag to my colleagues in the Senate what's happening at Dakota State University," he said, mentioning the university's developments and accomplishments that help the nation's vital security interests and the IT workforce shortage.



# First ribbon cutting on new construction

Dakota State University has a new kitchen, and, according to Sodexo's Executive Chef, Edgar Sepulveda, the facility is the best and most updated kitchen he's seen in his 17 years as a chef. "It's beautiful," he said.

The square footage of the kitchen is about 200 square feet larger than the former location, while the student serving area, called the servery, gained 750 sq. ft. of space.

Sepulveda is happy with the atmosphere this sets. "We're trying to break the school cafeteria ambience," Chef said, "and make it more like a food court."

Food service provider Sodexo is known for bringing quality to the table, focusing on the preparation of meals that are not typical school food. The servery offers several stations where students may choose a variety of foods, including a grill station, an American classics station, and a deli for freshly-made sandwiches. There will also be a brick-oven pizza and pasta station. "The salad bar will be twice the size of the old one," Sepulveda added.

The public is welcome to eat in the TC (Trojan Center), which offers all you can eat for a fair price.

This kitchen addition on the north side of the TC allows the former kitchen area on the east to be converted to retail space for Einstein's Bagels and the bookstore, giving those establishments more visibility, and easier access for the public.



**Pictured at the official ribbon cutting of the new servery are front: Dustin Hansen, Sodexo regional marketing; Executive Chef Edgar Sepulveda; Jess Dozer, Sodexo district manager; Gayle Cole, catering and retail manager; Javier Lopez, food service manager; José-Marie Griffiths, DSU President; and Marcus Garstecki, Vice President for Student Affairs.**

This project is part of an extensive expansion and renovation of the student union. A new student lounge is being added on the southwest corner, and other parts of the building will be renovated and updated, including the eating area called The Marketplace. This space will be repainted and reconfigured with new tables and chairs over the summer. The entire renovation project is expected to be completed in time for the start of classes in August.

A ribbon-cutting for the new food service area was held in March.

## Annual DakotaCon speakers focus on physical security

Security has become a topic of great interest, prompting the organizers of the seventh annual DakotaCon to focus the three-day event on physical security.

Speakers at the event included Deviant Ollam, a recognized expert in physical security. Other speakers include Devan Greene, senior security research engineer at Ixia's Application and Threat Intelligence Research Center, Dr. Tommy Morris, director of the Center for Cybersecurity Research and Education (CCRE) and associate professor at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and Daniel Crowley, senior security engineer and regional research director of the NCC Group Austin.

Dakota State University professors and students volunteer their time to organize and help with the event. Several businesses are sponsors, including Raytheon, First Premier Bank and First Premier Bankcard, SDN Communications, Ixia, and the Air Force Civilian Service.

A highlight of the annual event is the North Central Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC), a two-day network security competition for college teams. The teams build a network and operations environment, then protect and defend it from opposing teams. For the second year in a row, the Dakota State University CCDC team consisting of students Christopher Paschen, Steve Secker, Andrew Kramer, Cody Welu, William Hofer, Benjamin Cable, Alexander Gartner, and Jesse Mendez won the competition. Their win earned them a trip to the National CCDC competition in San Antonio, Texas to compete against nine other regional CCDC teams from around the nation. The team from DSU earned second place.





## Dakota State hosts four GenCyber camps this summer

Four camps are planned for the summer of 2017. All are free to participants, as they are sponsored by the National Security Agency and National Science Foundation. Additional sponsors provide funds for special equipment, activities, or speakers.

The goal of the NSA's GenCyber program is to inspire the next generation of cyber workers, helping young people direct their talents toward cybersecurity.

Core sessions at the camps will focus on cybersecurity, programming, networking and robotics. Students also have a choice of electives including: multimedia forensics, socket programming, password cracking, iRobot create, network forensics, web hacking, and 3-D printing.

The week-long GenCyber CybHER Security girls camp will be held June 25-29. This is DSU's third girls-only camp, and is the largest residential girls-only camp in the country, with spots for 135 girls in grades 7, 8 and 9.

Registration is open at [www.gencybergirls.camp](http://www.gencybergirls.camp).

Two co-ed camps are also planned, for students in grades 10 through 12. One will be held the week of July 9-14, the other July 16-21.

Registration for the coed camps is open at <https://gencyber.camp/>.



For the second year, there will also be a week-long camp for teachers, intended to educate and excite middle and high school STEM teachers and help them to incorporate cyber security in the classroom. There are spots for 50 teachers to attend the camp, which will be held June 19-23.

Registration is open at <http://www.gencyberteachers.camp/>.

## Minecraft camp brings local children to campus

A group of local children attended a Minecraft day camp at DSU in December. Adam Learning, a 2009 DSU graduate, is co-founder of Learn.Create.Build.Academy, the company which sponsored the session. Shane Thomas is also a co-founder.

"We host technology camps for kids," Learning said. Many sessions feature the 2009 video game because it is "an amazing game that kids can relate to, but it also has 'learning built into it.'"

Principles taught at the camp included computer skills, as the students learned the game commands on the company's PCs instead of the X-boxes or iPads they usually play on. Geography and topography were discussed as the boys and girls created volcanoes on their island worlds.

Online behavior was also discussed. One of the three rules for the day was "no griefing." Griefing is officially defined as the use of destruction to irritate or anger people in video games, according to a Minecraft wiki on Gamepedia.com.

The kids understood the term, voicing their interpretations -- "No destroying another person's place," and "No bullying." The students were told they could only destroy something if they were on multi-player and the whole group agreed.

Learning and Thomas started the Sioux Falls-based company in October of 2015. Camps are held in about 21 locations in five states in the upper Midwest, ranging from Bismarck, N.D., to Omaha Neb., and from Rapid City to the eastern suburbs of St. Paul, Minn.





## Dakota State hires McKay as Provost

Dr. Scott McKay, dean of science and engineering at Southern Arkansas University, has accepted the position of provost and vice president of academic affairs at Dakota State University. He will begin his duties on June 19, 2017.

"I believe that Dr. McKay's deep understanding of the role regional state universities play, coupled with his extensive leadership on campus, in the community, and in support of economic development, will be a tremendous asset to Dakota State University at this transformational time in our history," said DSU President José-Marie Griffiths.

McKay agreed that it is a truly exciting time to be at Dakota State. "DSU is becoming a leader in cutting-edge educational opportunities," he said. "My family and I are very excited to be joining the Madison community and work with the DSU team."

At Southern Arkansas, McKay increased traditional and nontraditional student enrollment, initiated accreditation in chemistry and engineering, gained certification for the Natural Resource Research Center, implemented retention initiatives, developed new programs, and worked on economic development and community partnerships.

McKay also has an extensive research record of funded grants and peer-reviewed publications related to his research interests in alternative energy, petroleum products, crystal engineering, and proton exchange membranes for hydrogen fuel cells. His research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, American Chemical Society, and Leonard Wood Institute-Army Research Laboratory.

He holds a B.S. in geology, a B.A. in chemistry, and an M.S. in chemistry from Eastern Kentucky University. He earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from the Florida Institute of Technology.

## Hanson new Dean of College of Computing

Dr. Richard Hanson, Dakota State University interim provost and vice will take over in June as dean of the college of computing and assistant to the president for strategic projects.

"Dr. Hanson's service as provost has established a solid academic foundation from which we can continue to build, innovate and distinguish DSU as a premiere, technologically forward-focused university. I am grateful he is willing to serve in this new capacity," said DSU President José-Marie Griffiths.

Hanson has been involved in higher education leadership for over four decades, including six years as president of Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College in Minnesota, and ten years as dean and vice president of academic affairs at Augustana University in Sioux Falls. He was also at North Dakota State University for many years, as a faculty member, associate vice president for academic affairs and interim president.

"I am delighted to be able to continue to assist Dakota State University as it moves forward with its powerful and highly relevant mission," he said.



## Madison safest city, DSU safest campus

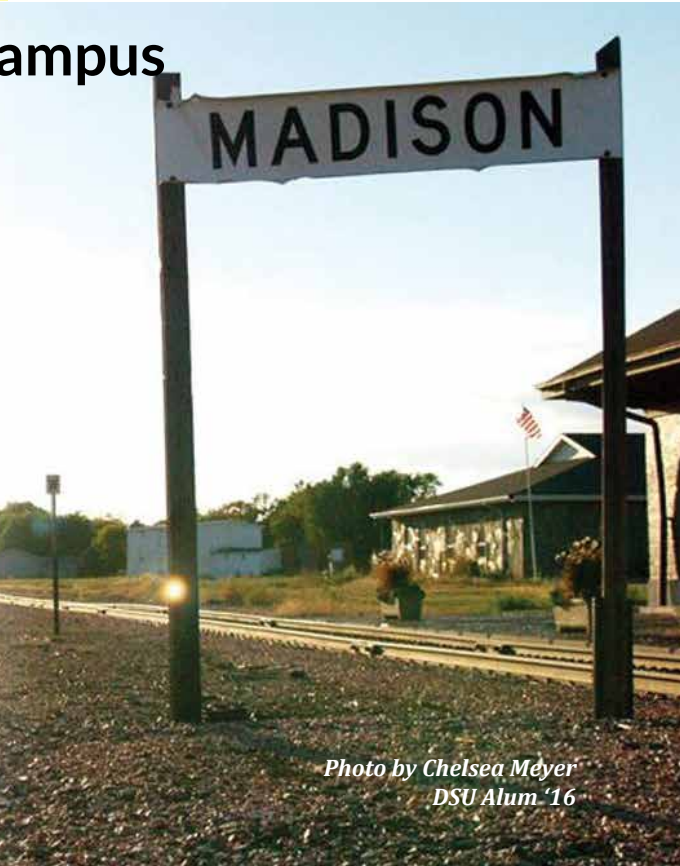
According to the National Council for Home Safety and Security, Madison is the safest city in the state.

The organization looked at municipalities with populations over 5,000 people, and focused their methodology on FBI crime report statistics, along with the council's own population data and internal research. Rankings were based on the number of violent crimes per 100,000 people, and property crimes.

Madison ranked three times lower than the state average in regard to both violent and property crimes.

Dakota State University was named the safest college campus in South Dakota by the ADT affiliate YourLocalSecurity.com.

The home security provider collected data from the FBI and U.S. Department of Education, and also looked at programs designed to provide on-campus protection. Crimes reported by the universities were placed into three main categories: violent crime, property crime, and violence against women. Each was weighted by severity to give a total crime score, which was then divided by the school's enrollment to produce a per-capita score.



*Photo by Chelsea Meyer  
DSU Alum '16*



## DSU earns Tree Campus recognition

The National Arbor Day Foundation has announced that Dakota State University has earned a 2016 Tree Campus USA® recognition.

Tree Campus USA, a national program launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation, honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation.

To obtain this distinction, Dakota State University met the five core standards for sustainable campus forestry required by Tree Campus USA, including establishment of a tree advisory committee, evidence of a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and the sponsorship of student service-learning projects.

Trees have long been used to create a beautiful campus at DSU. In 1887, 400 trees were planted to celebrate Arbor Day. In 1898, 2,000 trees (mostly ash and elm) were planted on the 17-year old campus.

Today, there are about 230 trees on campus, seven conifer species and 20 deciduous, said biology professor Dr. Dale Droge.

A bur oak was planted for the 2016 Arbor Day observance, in memory of DSU student Julian Freitag. This spring, a tree was planted (photo right) in memory of former English professor Bob Jackson, provided by Jackson's memorial funds as well as faculty and staff donations.



Pictured are representatives of the campus tree advisory committee (l - r) Physical Plant secretary Anne Hauglid, grounds supervisor Andrew Schaefer, biology professor Dr. Dale Droge, and grounds specialist Ted LaFleur.

## Nussbaum is Boesen Award winner

Bryce Nussbaum was awarded the Marcus Boesen Award at the South Dakota Higher Education Association (SDHEA) annual conference in February, for Outstanding Contributions to Student Development. Nussbaum is currently deployed with the 153rd Engineer Battalion in Kuwait, so accepted the award using Skype.

Nussbaum is the DSU residence director for special projects. He is a DSU alum, Class of 2011, and earned a Master's of Science in Counseling and Human Development with a specialization in college counseling from South Dakota State University in 2014.

The award's namesake, Marcus Boesen, was a charter member of the SDHEA, and dean of students at Black Hills State University. The award in Boesen's memory is given to a candidate "who shows outstanding contributions to the overall development of students, to their educational institution and to SDHEA and student affairs," says the SDHEA website.

## LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?

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DSU Development Officer Jill Ruhd, '07, awarded Champion scholarship certificates to a group of students on campus to register for fall classes. She is pictured with incoming freshman Shelby Gary. Shelby is a digital animation major from Waukee High School in Waukee, Iowa. Shelby's mom is Tonia, and step dad is Eric Peterson, '97. Eric is also a former DSU baseball coach.





## Bennett named BIS dean at Dakota State

Dr. Dorine Bennett has been named the new dean of the College of Business and Information Systems (BIS) at Dakota State University.

Bennett came to DSU in 1987 after working in the private health information management field. On campus, she most recently was Director of the Health Information Management (HIM) Programs and the Coordinator of the Health Informatics Program. She was named interim dean of BIS in June of 2016, after the retirement of former dean Dr. Richard Puetz.

Bennett was selected after a national search, said DSU President José-Marie Griffiths, citing Bennett's experience, education, communication skills and leadership ability. She has degrees in health information, business and also in education.

"Dr. Bennett is a strong, forward-looking leader who will give us direction for both the business programs as well as the information systems programs," said Griffiths. In addition, her communication skills and knowledge of DSU and the South Dakota system "will be an advantage to the institution for years to come," she added.

The university will advertise to fill the HIM leadership position. Bennett will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).



## Annual Service Day Attracts over 400

Wednesday, April 26 marked the second annual Dakota State University Day of Service. Activities began with a tribute to the past service of former professor Bob Jackson, speech communication faculty member who passed away from Parkinson's disease in 2016. DSU faculty and staff donated to a memorial fund to celebrate his life, and those resources were used to plant four lilac bushes on the campus green last fall. At noon on Wednesday, a ginkgo tree was planted in his memory south of Beadle Hall near the rose garden.

In the afternoon, students, faculty, staff and community members volunteers their service to the greater Madison community. Classes were cancelled for the afternoon, and over 400 students, faculty and staff signed up to help various groups and organizations with a variety of projects.

Some were spring cleaning endeavors, on campus and around the city of Madison, but also at Prairie Village and Lake Herman State Park. Others involved collaboration with city organizations. Volunteers were also at the Mundt Library tying blankets for Madison Regional Health System; others partnered with a Leadership Madison service group to paint fire hydrants around town. Leadership Madison is a program sponsored by the Greater Madison Area Chamber of Commerce.

The afternoon concluded with Spring Fling events on the campus's south lawn and in the Trojan Center, with food, music, games and a movie.

At the first service day in 2016, volunteers completed over 1,100 hours of service work.

## DSU releases details of Indochina trip

Details of the 14-day, 13-night Indochina trip planned by Dakota State University this summer

The trip is scheduled for July 16-29 and will include such stops in Vietnam, including the Cu Chi tunnel, the Reunification Palace, the War Remnants Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, and Ben Thanh Market. There will also be a Mekong Delta day trip, and stop on Tan Phong Island.

Also scheduled are sites near Bangkok including the Grand Palace and Temple of the Dawn, Erawan National Park and a dinner cruise on the Chao Phraya River. The trip also includes cooking classes in both Bangkok and Hanoi, horse rides through the countryside near Siem Reap, and elephant trek through the jungle and a twilight bath with the elephants on the Kwai Yai River.

The trip is organized by Deb Tech, an assistant professor with the College of Business and Information Systems. As with previous trips, this discovery trip will "appeal to a broad group of people," Tech said. Anyone over 18 with a DSU connection is welcome, DSU students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members.

The cost for the land portion of the trip will be \$2,050. This includes accommodations, some meals, private tours and entrance fees, boat trips, and three flights in the area. It does not include the round-trip flight from the U.S. to Vietnam, some meals, personal expenses and tips, Visa fees or bank transfer fees.

Anyone with questions may contact Tech for more information, at 605-256-5173, or [deb.tech@dsu.edu](mailto:deb.tech@dsu.edu).

# DSU Gala – “A Different Kind of March Madness”

The 2017 Dakota State University Gala continued a 28 year tradition of supporting student scholarships, raising more than \$83,000, which will be directed to deserving DSU students and identified priorities at the university.

This year the theme was “A Different Kind of March Madness”, with decorations depicting Alice in Wonderland and her trip down the rabbit hole. Guest enjoyed a meal prepared by Sodexo’s Executive Chef Edgar Sepulveda, which had the distinction of being the first meal cooked in the new kitchen facility at the Trojan Center. DSU alumnus and auctioneer Jared Sutton, ’16, rallied the crowd around the items up for bid during the live auction. Entertainment was provided by mentalist Chris Carter, while José-Marie Griffiths, DSU President, used the occasion to give guests an update on the state of the university.

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# THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT DSU ATHLETICS

## VOLLEYBALL

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Entering her senior season this fall, volleyball outside hitter Carly Rozell has already garnered three All-Conference selections as well as sitting in fifth place for career kills with 1,106.

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Volleyball standout Tessa Weeldreyer finished her DSU career ranked second all-time in career blocks with 373.



## FOOTBALL

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Three-time first team All-Conference honoree Cole Potter ended his football career ranked #1 in the country in tackles for loss per game in 2016. He is tied for ninth place in the DSU record books with 18 tackles in a single game.



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Austin Opdahl owns a new school record with 15 receptions in a single game. Opdahl was also selected 2nd-Team All-American and conference offensive MVP for the 2015 season.

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Last season DSU recorded a 34-30 victory over rival Dakota Wesleyan. The rivalry continues when the Trojans host DWU in the season opener on August 24th at Trojan Field.

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Quarterback Jacob Giles enters his final season as a Trojan this fall after breaking different school records during his junior campaign, including seven completed touchdown passes in a single game.

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Head coach Josh Anderson has a recruiting class of 51 coming in this fall, nine of which are standouts from area schools including Madison, Oldham-Ramona-Rutland, and Colman-Egan. Two of the incoming athletes, Marcus Vanden Bosch and Mason Leighton are two-time All State and Argus Leader Elite 45 honorees.

## LADY T'S BASKETBALL

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BreeAna Olson finished her career ranked #3 on DSU's career scoring list with 1,442 points and #3 in career steals with 287. She averaged 2.6 steals per game her senior year, ranking 20th in the country in that category.





# BASEBALL

## ATHLETICS

- 9** The 2015-16 Trojan Baseball team finished with twenty wins; including a third place finish in the North Star conference standings and three All-Conference selections.
- 10** Ian Barker ended his senior baseball season tied for second with 19 career home runs and first in career triples in the DSU Record Book.

# SOFTBALL

- 11** NSAA 2016 1st-Team All-Conference softball selection Elizabeth Rubalcava ended her DSU career with 86 runs scored, first place in that respective category.
- 12** Freshman standout Nicole Stewart is on pace to break the single season home run record of 11. Nicole currently has eight, with the career home run record of 17 not far from reach.



# TRACK

- 13** Former track and field head coach Buzz Stevenson was recently awarded the prestigious Dan Lennon Award at the USD DakotaDome Relays for his decades of service to athletics. While head track coach at DSU, Buzz was awarded SDIC Coach of the Year 14 times.
- 14** Karen Mayfield placed third in the Marathon at the 2016 National Outdoor Championships with a time of 3 hours, 16 minutes, 47.2 seconds. The third place finish earned her All-American honors.

- 15** Track standout Mark Moeller earned his third All-American honor by placing fifth in the 800 Meter run at the 2017 NAIA National Indoor Track and Field Championships in March.



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The DSU men's 4x800-meter relay team of Cameron Harming, Alex Derr, Claudio Tejada and Mark Moeller placed tenth at the 2017 NAIA National Indoor Championships.

# TROJAN BASKETBALL

- 17** Tanner Heiser now owns the DSU single game record for most three-point field goals made with 11.
- 18** Gary Garner earned a milestone 500th win as a collegiate head coach, in a career that spans over four decades. Gary has led his team to a conference championship and national tournament berth four of the last six years including an Elite Eight spot in 2013.
- 19** 2016 North Star Conference Tournament MVP Kyle Kilgore is the 17th men's basketball player in program history to surpass the 1,000 mark in career points.

- 20** DSU recorded an increase in admissions to spectator sports this season. Overall attendance at home football games was up 94%. Overall attendance at volleyball was up 48%, and overall attendance at men's and women's Basketball was up 57%.



## Johnston leads Dakota State University development team



Mark Johnston is the new Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Prior to DSU, Johnston served as the East River Regional Director of U.S. Senator Mike Rounds.

"We are so pleased that Mark has agreed to join the Dakota State staff," said DSU President José-Marie Griffiths. "He has made a career of serving our state in the areas of marketing,

strategic communications, government and industry relations and public policy. All of these traits will serve us well as we continue to grow and advance the mission of Dakota State University."

Johnston is no stranger to serving the citizens of South Dakota. From 2007-2014 he served in various leadership roles for Sioux Falls-based Sanford Health. From 2002 to 2007 he served as press secretary to then-Governor Mike Rounds.

In 2010, he was elected to the South Dakota Senate, serving the citizens of District 12 in Sioux Falls. In the three years in the legislature, he served as chair and vice-chair on the Education Committee, and also served on the Commerce and Energy and State Affairs Committees. In 2013, he retired as a U.S. Army colonel after serving more than 25 years in the National Guard and Army Reserve.

Mark and his wife, Julie, reside in Sioux Falls. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. He is a member of Rotary and many veteran service organizations. He is a volunteer for Warriors Never Give Up, and many civic causes.

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# Beadle

## Leadership Society

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The Beadle Leadership Society (BLS) was established in 2016 to give donors the opportunity to support Dakota State with gifts that can directly impact students. BLS support is used to create scholarships, and fund other important university priorities. You can become a BLS member by making an annual commitment to DSU.

Your membership includes:

- Dinner party for eight with the DSU president for Platinum members
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  - Exclusive invitations to limited-access DSU events
  - Opportunities to interact with distinguished guests
  - Direct updates on key DSU initiatives from the DSU President, faculty, and the DSU Board of Trustees
  - Recognition at DSU events and in University publications
- And now, if you are a young alum, you can join BLS as an Emerging Patron and receive the same perks as the Silver Level membership.

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# Progress continues on the Da

## DSU moves closer to completion of major projects

Progress continues on three major construction projects on campus. All three are on target for fall openings, and workers are in full swing to make that deadline. A crane was on campus last month to place equipment on the roof of the Trojan Center (right).



The Beacom Technology Building gets a brick façade (above) while workers place glass panels on the buildings west wall (right). Campus officials get a tour of the new building (below) including the view facing north from atop the grand staircase (centered below).





# kota State University campus



To accommodate remodeling in the Trojan Center, the DSU Bookstore is temporarily housed in the Kennedy Center (top right). Following the ribbon cutting at the new facility in the Trojan Center (bottom right) DSU President José-Marie Griffiths leads a group of campus and community guests through the servery (right).





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# Alumni

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*Keeping Up with DSU Graduates*

### 1950s

**ANGELA ABRAHAM RICHTER, '50 (EDUCATION)**, lives in Ft. Myers, Fla., where she and husband Donald are members of the Cypress Lakes Country Club. The Richter's have three grandsons and one great-grandson.

**EUGENE BECKEL, '51 (EDUCATION) AND wife AUDREY, '51 (EDUCATION)**, were the first husband and wife to graduate together the same day from (then) General Beadle State Teachers College. Eugene enjoyed a 35 year career with the school district in Richmond, Calif. He and Audrey have spent much of their retirement time traveling and taking cruises.

**IONE SLEMMEN SANDENE, '54, (EDUCATION)**, had a long teaching career, including as media specialist in the Omaha Westside School District, where she retired after 15 years in 1991. In retirement, Ione volunteers in the elementary school for the Happy Faces singing group, and with Habitat for Humanity. She and her husband also traveled through the United States and abroad prior to his death in 2013.

**MAVIS HARDIE STOLTENBURG, '57, (EDUCATION)**, taught in rural schools prior to taking a position with the Department of Agriculture, now the Farm Service Agency. She worked there for 25 years as a program specialist, retiring in 1995. She and husband Dennis have been married 61 years, and live in Clear Lake.

**DELORES BERKELO DOYLE, '59 (EDUCATION)**, earned her Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University, and went on to teach and serve as an administrator for 35 years. Dr. Doyle earned many accolades during her teaching career including Distinguished Classroom Teacher, Distinguished Administrator, and 1992 Tennessee Teacher of the Year. She was inducted into the Tennessee Teacher's Hall of Fame.

**ALICE LENARDS MACK, '59, (EDUCATION)**, began her teaching career at Watertown Junior High School but was fired when she became pregnant. She became a stay at home mom to five children, and helped on the family farm while husband Phillip operated his barbershop in Watertown. Alice managed their farrow-to-

finish hog enterprise. She has 15 grandchildren, lives at home, helps manage the farm in trust, and remains active at the community rec center.

**MARTIN WELLS, '59 (EDUCATION)**, taught high school math for 36 years in Mont., Kan., and finishing in Waterloo, Iowa. He also taught math at Upper Iowa University and Hawkeye Community College. Since retirement, Martin has traveled extensively, visiting 27 countries.

### 1960s

**JUDITH VICK HILMOE, '60 (EDUCATION)**, taught and was an administrator in the Rosemount, Apple Valley, and Eagan school districts in Minn. She and husband Richard retired to their family farm near Volga in 1997, and Judith continued working as a principal in Arlington. She and Richard retired again in 2011 and now live in Duluth, Minn.

### THANKS GBSTC! STILL IN LOVE!

**KAREN EGGEBRAATEN MUTH, '61 (EDUCATION)**, met husband Wayne at General Beadle and they shared 50 years together before his untimely death in 2013. Karen taught school for a few years, and moved her family to wherever Wayne's work with nursing homes took them. Back in Sioux Falls, Karen volunteers with Meals on Wheels, and has provided manicures for the residents at Prince of Peace on Tuesdays mornings for 30 years, a program she and a friend started. Karen belongs to a church circle, and is a member of Chapter BD PEO. She and Wayne purchased a brick in DSU's Walk of Honor that says simply "Thanks GBSTC! Still in Love!"

**FLOYD BECK, '62 (INDUSTRIAL ARTS)**, moved his family to Calif., where he started a construction business. In 1974, Floyd began building customs homes with his three sons, and remained doing so up to his retirement. He and wife Mary Lou have been married 61 years and have four children and six grandchildren. They have traveled in their Airstream to many national parks in the United States as well as visiting many foreign countries.



**ROBERT HAVARD, '64 (EDUCATION)**, retired from teaching industrial arts at Albany Area Schools in Minn., to work full time as an owner/operator of Havard Construction. His wife, **CONSTANCE BOUSFIELD HAVARD, '66 (EDUCATION)**, taught third grade at Holy Family School in Albany, and was recognized recently for 30 years of service. They have five granddaughters.

**ROBERT ELTON, '66 (EDUCATION)**, started his teaching career in Minn., but after experiencing the skiing in Colo. during his post-graduate work, he and his family moved to the mountains. Robert took a position at the University of Northern Colorado in 1973, remaining there until retirement in 2003. His wife Susan retired from her position in human resources in 2010 and they enjoy traveling. Their son John Paul is an orthopaedic surgeon in Vail, and they have three granddaughters.

**ARDIS WINDEDAHL JOHNSON, '66 (EDUCATION)**, and her husband Jim live in Brookings. Ardis retired from teaching in 2003. She and Jim celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2015.

**DENNIS BOSSMAN, '66 (EDUCATION)**, taught for 18 years in junior and senior high schools before graduating from seminary. Dennis has now been a pastor in ELCA congregations for over 20 years. He is currently serving Brandon Lutheran Church in Brandon.

**CAROLE FASTNACHT HURLEY, '66 (EDUCATION)**, and husband **DON, '66 (EDUCATION)**, both retired from teaching and from their ranching enterprise and now enjoy time with their six grandchildren.

**RICHARD HINZ, '67 (EDUCATION)**, retired in 2001 after teaching high school math in Adams, Minn. for 34 years.

**THEODORE KOELLN, '67 (EDUCATION)**, is in his 28<sup>th</sup> year of ordination as an Episcopal priest. He is currently serving Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Fruitland Park, Fla.

**MARILYN JEFFERIS THUE, '67 (EDUCATION)**, taught in the Hamlin School District for 23 years before retiring. She and husband Wayne live on the farm, and enjoy their five children and 16 grandchildren.

**ANNA KAY KEENIHAN VINZ, '67 (EDUCATION)**, and husband Duane owned a dairy farm north of Spencer until they moved to Tea in 1994, and later to Sioux Falls. They have four children. Anna Kay taught history and English for 27 years in the Spencer and Salem School Districts.

**MYRON MOEN, '67 (EDUCATION)**, was inducted into the South Dakota High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame during ceremonies held at the State A Boys Basketball Tournament in March. Myron is a Sisseton native, and a member of the Sisseton basketball team that won the 1964 State A tournament. He played basketball at General Beadle, and went on to coach basketball in Iowa and S.D. He was inducted into the DSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995. Myron founded the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame in Madison in 2009. The Hall of Fame is now housed in the Pentagon in Sioux Falls.

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**JANIS RIKANSRUD CAMPBELL, '68 (EDUCATION)**, has been in the insurance business since 1984, receiving her insurance license in 1993. Janis is also the organist at Bethany Lutheran Church in Emmetsburg, Iowa since 1999. She plays for Sunday and mid-week services, along with weddings and funerals. She and husband Brian have one daughter and two grandchildren.

**NANCY LYNCH DILKS, '68 (EDUCATION)**, lives in Chaska, Minn., where she enjoys traveling and spending time with her three children and eight grandchildren.

**TERRY VINCENT, '69 (EDUCATION)**, is a member of the 2016 class of the South Dakota Cross Country & Track & Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Terry began his teaching and coaching career at Elkton School District in 1970. He served as an assistant football coach for 38 years, junior high boys' basketball coach for 29 years, junior high girls' basketball coach for four years, and head boys basketball coach for seven years. In 1973, Terry volunteered (without pay) to start a cross country program. He went on to coach the boys for the next 35 years, winning 66 meets including 12 conference titles, four regional championships, and a State B title with a perfect score. He started the girls program in 1977 and coached them for 31 years, winning 83 meets including 14 conference titles, 11 regional championships, and finished in the top four seven times at the State B meet, including state champions in 1997. Terry became head boys track and field coach in 1978 and coached them for 30 years, winning 17 conference titles, four regional championships, and a state title in 1980. He became head girls coach in 1982 and coached them for 27 years, winning 22 conference titles, 11 regional championships, and finished in the top four nine times at the State B meet. Terry was inducted into the Michael Entringer Holiday Basketball Scholarship Hall of Fame in 2008 and into the Elk Nation Hall of Fame in 2013. He was a National High School Athletic Coaches Association Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year finalist twice, representing Region 6 (S.D., N.D., Nebr., Iowa, Minn., Colo.) in 2000 and 2008. Terry retired in 2008 and works on his family's farm.

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**DOROTHY KNUTSON, '69 (EDUCATION)**, worked at various places including 25 years at EROS Data Center as a production service associate in the photo lab. She now works part-time at HyVee in Sioux Falls.

## 1970s

**JAMES TRELOAR, '70 (EDUCATION)**, retired recently after working nearly 32 years for the S.D. Department of Social Services - Economic Assistance. For the past 12 years he was the regional manager in the southwestern S.D. Region

which included the Pine Ridge Reservation. Jim retired to Rapid City and is active in the Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club International.

**STEPHEN WEISMAN, '70 (EDUCATION)**, taught for 33 years before retiring in 2003. He spent seven years as a consultant with High Schools that Work, retiring in 2010. He enjoys free-lance writing, traveling with his wife Darial, and spending with their three grandchildren.

**MILLE SCHOCK BINNEBOESE, '71, (EDUCATION)**, taught for several years before taking a job at a medical clinic, where she stayed for 16 years. She is now retired and living on a farm in Iowa with husband Allen.

**MARY LOU OLSON JACKSON, '71 (EDUCATION)**, retired after a 43 year career in teaching, including in Nebr., Iowa, and S.D. Mary Lou most recently taught vocal music at Dell Rapids High School.

**DENNIS WINROW, '71 (EDUCATION)**, is working as a credit analyst for Michael Foods in Minn. He and his wife are active in a saddle club in the Minneapolis area, and Dennis competes in western gaming such as barrel racing.

**LINDA BERKELO KIMMEL, '72, (EDUCATION)**, is retired after 40 years teaching in the middle school at McCook Salem Central School. She remains busy substitute teaching and spending time with grandchildren.

**DIANE KOLBECK KRANZ, '72 (EDUCATION)**, taught in the Watertown School District for 26 years as a trained reading recovery teacher and a K-1 classroom teacher. She left for a time to become a stay-at-home mom, but returned after 12 years to work as the Title I teacher. She retired in 2010 but still volunteers in the school.

**DE ANN HILDE MOLSKNES, '72**, retired after teaching. She and husband Robert lived on a farm, where De Ann was a partner in the work. She has four children and nine grandchildren. De Ann has traveled with the DSU Alumni group to Cuba and Peru, and has also taken trips to Norway, Mexico, and Brazil.

**JON GRAVES, '73, (BUSINESS MANAGEMENT)**, retired in 2015 after working for the National Guard for 30 years. He lives in Sturgis.

**MARLENE JOY GERLACH WINTEMUTE, '73**

**(EDUCATION)**, lives in Surprise, Ariz. after a 30 year career spent teaching abroad with her husband Dale in places including Lusaka, Zambia; Seoul, South Korea; Lahore, Pakistan; Kuwait; Damascus, Syria; and ending in Madrid, Spain.

**DARLENE EVERDING DULITZ, '74 (EDUCATION)**, taught English and art for the majority of her career in Webster. She also taught oral interp and theater. Darlene was awarded district and region teacher of the year awards in 2002. She retired in 2015, only to return as a substitute teacher the following fall.

**DAVID VAN LIERE, '74 (EDUCATION)**, started at Dakota State in 1967, before passing officer flight school and joining the Army as a pilot. David served in Vietnam, before returning to Dakota State and finishing in 1974. He stayed in the South Dakota Army Guard for nine years. David logged 1,300 hours flying for the military, 680 of those in Vietnam and Cambodia. He was awarded the Bronze Star and 25 air medals with (V) device for human life. His name is on the Honor South Dakota Wall at Ellsworth Air Force Base as a combat pilot. David flew for 40 years, and logged 20,000 flight hours. He taught 1,000 students and as an FAA Examiner (Experimental Aircraft Examiner) he did 300 flight checks mostly to army pilots in large helicopters. David's wife **JAYNE KRISTENSEN, '74 (BUSINESS)**, worked for 31 years as the Vice President of Human Resources for Guardian Industries in Mich.

**DONNA MATTIM '75 (EDUCATION)**, has played with the Harpers Ferry Fireflies, a granny basketball team in Harpers Ferry, Iowa. The team capped a 15-0 undefeated season in 2016 by winning the National Granny Basketball tournament in Nashville, Tenn. The Granny Basketball League boasts 24 teams in eight states, and more than 200 players. Learn more about Granny Basketball at [grannybasketball.com](http://grannybasketball.com)

**MICHAEL HANKS, '75 (SOCIAL SCIENCE)**, spent 40 years working with at-risk youth, first at the S.D. State Training School in Plankinton, and later at Aurora Plains Academy in Plankinton.

**BARBARA STEFFANSMEIER, '73 (EDUCATION)**, is a consulting rosarian, the rose world's equivalent of a master gardener. That means not only does Barb grow roses herself, she is also available to answer rose related questions, and encourages other to grow roses. She does occasional speaking engagements, and has been known to make house calls to diagnose rose-related problems. Barb has about 60 rose bushes, mostly hybrid teas, floribundas, and miniatures in her own yard. She lives near Palm Springs, CA, where the climate is desert and roses surprisingly thrive, growing year round. She has lemons, limes, orange, and palmetto trees growing in her yard. She is active in the local Desert Rose Society, which hosts a rose show each November, with competitions featuring garden grown roses exhibited as horticultural specimens and in floral arrangements. Barb has won many awards, especially for her arrangements using dried roses.

In 2016, Barb was invited to join a group of 40 rosarians from across the U.S. to evaluate new varieties planted in a trial garden in the Los Angeles area. Their choices will influence which new roses come to market.



Traveling Trojan enjoying the tulips  
(and roses) in Amsterdam



**DEBRA MEEKS KOESTER, '75 (EDUCATION), and husband RONALD, '75 (EDUCATION),** recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary by finishing up visits to all 50 states. They are both retired teachers. Ron taught high school physics, math, and chemistry and coached football, basketball, and track. Debra taught first and second grade. They live in Minn.

**RANDY AHRENDT, '76 (BUSINESS),** retired recently after having served for over 30 years as general manager of the Tri-State Neighbor. He and wife **SANDI KARELS, '77, (APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMING)** have three sons, **CHRIS, '05 (MATHEMATICS), BRYAN, '08 (COMPUTER GRAPHIC DESIGN),** and Kevin. Sandi owns County Lane Quilting Studio, doing computerized longarm machine quilting. Randy was recently honored by the South Dakota Corn Growers Association for Excellence in Public Outreach.

**DORINE BENNETT, '78 (MEDICAL RECORDS),** was elected to the 2017 board of directors for the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education. Dorine is the Director of the Health Information Management Program at DSU. She is also coordinator of the Master of Science in Health Informatics program and is the interim dean of the DSU College of Business and Information Systems.

**TIM HABEGER, '78,** is the producing artistic director and founding member of PushPush Theater in GA. He and fellow graduate **RORY SULLIVAN, '78,** recently collaborated on a film project called "Intersection of Dreams". They toured with the film in Europe and Asia. [www.pushpushtheater.com](http://www.pushpushtheater.com)

**SUSAN BOLSTAD DOCTER, '78 (EDUCATION),** teaches in the Sioux Valley School District where she was selected Teacher of the Year in 2015.

**DONALD KLUDT, '78 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION),** attended USD Springfield for over 3 years before quitting to run the family farm. After a tour in Vietnam, Donald transferred to Dakota State to finish his degree. He lives in Colo.

**GARY SNOW, '79, (MUSIC),** has been a professional musician since graduating, touring the country with many famous acts and having the opportunity to play in a variety of venues. Gary has composed music for TV and has had many placements in the United States and several foreign countries.

**GREG DREW, '78,** served his country as a Chaplain and Director of Religious Education for 32 years, including 18 years in Europe, and three in Asia. He and his wife Minda are now retired and live in Tenn.

**KEVIN STORMO, '79 (EDUCATION),** is raising bison at his farm Tatanka Hills near Lake Norden. This comes after a career teaching in various locations in S.D., and serving as principal in Miller, and in Gambell, Alaska.

**HOLLY MOELLER-WEIGEL, '79 (EDUCATION),** is retired and living in Fla., after a 35 year career in education that included teaching in S.D. and Ill. While teaching in

the Plainfield Central School District, Holly completed her master's degree and was asked to create an "In-Lieu of Expulsion Program". Holly spent the next four years administering the program that included offerings such as P-STEP, an 18-22 year old secondary transition and educational program, and TAP, a therapeutic academic program.

**JANE LARSON PERRY, '79 (EDUCATION),** taught for several years before leaving the profession for a time to raise three daughters. She returned as a substitute, taught full time at Volga Christian School for seven years, and now is back to substituting. She and her husband Alan also own and operate a bulk gas business. Jane teaches piano and occasionally plays organ or piano in her church.

## 1980s

**DALE METTE, '80 (EDUCATION),** was one of the 12 finalists in the USS South Dakota crest contest. He has been teaching art for 36 years, the last 31 for the Winnebago Public Schools in Winnebago, Neb. He earned an MFA in painting from USD in 1995. Dale and his wife Sandy live in Vermillion. **PHOTO- 3**

**JAMES AISENBREY, '80 (EDUCATION)** and wife June live in Baltic where Jim is the principal for the Baltic School District. This after Jim taught and coached in the Freeman School District for 24 years, where his football team qualified for the playoffs 19 times and won five state championships. In 2011, he was elected to the South Dakota Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He was the state High School Principal of the Year in 2015. Jim currently serves as the state coordinator for the South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals.

**JOHN BELLMAN, '80 (MANAGEMENT),** lives in Texas where he works transporting guests, and ushers at the Circuit of the Americas formula one race track.

**KIMBERLEY MARKEN ESTES, '81 (MEDICAL RECORDS)** lives in Nebr., and has made a career in the health care industry from working in the hospital gift and flower shop, to her current position in electronic medical records. Kimberley and husband Alan are farmers, and have two daughters and two granddaughters. Kimberley is also active in her local church and with Chapter BU PEO.

**RENEE HATCH HECK, '81 (EDUCATION),** is retired after 35 years as an educator, 29 spent in Canton teaching fourth grade. She and husband Dave have two daughters.

**MYRL HOLIDA, '81 (PHYSICAL SCIENCE)** attended Military Physician Assistant School and graduated from the University of Oklahoma. He and wife Denise both work at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC), where she is a neonatal nurse and clinic manager. Myrl began his medical career in pediatric bone marrow transplant. He also became involved in clinical research of lysosomal storage disorders which are rare enzyme deficiencies. In 2014, he transferred to medical genetics at UIHC and expanded his research as a clinical trial investigator, while still caring for patients.

**PETER DAIKER, '81 (BUSINESS)**, worked for Duracell USA for a few years before starting a career in financial services. After working with PEBSCO, and A.G. Edwards, Peter is now with Wells Fargo Advisors in Omaha.

**MELINDA ELLIS HUNTIMER, '81 (BUSINESS)**, worked in human resources with Citi Bank in Sioux Falls for 30 years. She is now working in human resources at Great Western Bank. She and husband LeRoy have raised six German shepherd dogs over the years.

**PAMELA BALOUN EDGAR, '82**, played softball for Coach Judy Dittman as a student at DSU. She and her husband Mark went on to coach their daughter's softball team in Rockham to four state championships. Pamela is now retired, babysitting her grandchildren and overseeing the family farm, Edgar Bros. Registered Angus, run by their three sons.

**LISA ALDRICH ACHESON, '82, (EDUCATION)**, is Chester Area School District's 2017 Teacher of the Year. Lisa is in her 35<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, currently in a first grade classroom. Lisa's husband **MARK, '80 (EDUCATION)**, is the 4-8 grade physical education teacher at Tri Valley and daughter **AMY, '15 (EDUCATION)** is a K-1 special education teacher in Denver. The Teacher of the Year program was started by Chester Superintendent Heath Larson 4 years ago, and feeds into the regional, statewide, and national award. In 2015 the winner was **DANELLE KENNINGER, '02 (EDUCATION)**, and in 2014 it was **TRACEY OINES DREW, '93 (EDUCATION)**.

**DANIEL BUUM, '83 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)**, has worked for EcoLab for the last 22 years as a distribution sales development manager. Daniel and wife Victoria have three children and one granddaughter.

**ROSE MARIE EICH KRAFT, '83 (EDUCATION)**, has been teaching high school special education in Britton for the past 29 years. She and husband Mike coach 4-H shooting sports, specializing in the BB gun program. They have produced two national champions, and their teams consistently finish in the top ten in competitions. Rose Marie is the District V President of the American Legion Auxiliary, where she proudly volunteers her time. She and Mike have one son.

**BETH DRAKE SHORTALL, '83 (EDUCATION)**, taught in S.D., N.D., and Ariz., in a career that spanned 31 years of teaching. She and her husband retired in 2014 and are now grain farmers in Easton, Md. Beth volunteers at the local library where she helps people learn to use the latest technology on their smart phones, tablets, and computers.

**MICHAEL VAN ERDEWYK, '83 (BIOLOGY INFORMATION SYSTEMS)**, is the founder and CEO of ReliaMax, a private student loan insurance and financial technology company based in Sioux Falls. He is a member of Atlas 400, a private global network of executives. Michael and wife Mona live in Naples, Fla., spend summers in Minn., and travel extensively. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

**GARY BREUER, '85 (EDUCATION)**, is retired after a career with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. He and wife Sandy live in Madison.

**ADAM CLARK, '88, (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)**, is a Vice President with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management where he travels to meet with clients. His wife Dana owns her own insurance agency and the couple live in Brandon.

**JANET ULMER GOLAY, '88 (MODERN OFFICE SYSTEMS)**, is an administrative assistant with VAST Broadband. She and husband Brad have been married 25 years, and have one daughter and a grandson.

## 1990s

**CHERYL KNUTSON ANGEL, '93 (EDUCATION)**, teaches business and computers in Colman-Egan where she lives with husband Dean. Their daughter Lynn played softball for the DSU Trojans.

**LOUISE HOVEY ZUIDERHOF, '93 (EDUCATION)**, has been teaching at Lakenheath Middle School in Feltwell, England for the past 13 years. She and husband Michael built a house in Bruce, and intend to retire back to S.D.

**ELIZABETH LYDIARD, '94 (MEDICAL RECORD TECHNOLOGY)**, has been working as a patient care coordinator in dental offices since graduating, and with the same practice for over 21 years. She lives in San Diego, Calif.

**PAT RUMML, '94 (EDUCATION)**, taught at Dakota Valley, South Shore, McCook Central, and in Howard, where he was the head football coach for eight years. During that time he led the team to the State 9AA championship in 2009. His team was runner up in 2012, and in the semi-finals in 2013. In 2014 the team earned the State 9A championship.

**MATT RETTMER, '95 (FITNESS WELLNESS MANAGEMENT)**, lives in CO where he serves on the fire department and enjoys the outdoor activities. **PHOTO - 4**

**ANGELA GUSTAF, '96 (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)**, works at Steelcase, Inc., in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she manages large projects. She has traveled to Canada and Europe to help create and coordinate global systems solutions. She supervises a team intended to integrate their entire scheduling world across order management, manufacturing, procurement, and distribution. Angela also works with teams from MIT in the dynamic scheduling arena, and is able to use the latest SmartBusiness HANA database technology. **PHOTO - 5**

**DAWN MENSCH WALZ, '96 (MODERN OFFICE SYSTEMS)**, owns The Vintage Vault, a restored historic bank building in Freeman, where she operates an emporium of vintage inspired home décor, gifts, confections, and fresh flowers. She and husband Darren also farm and are the parents of teenage triplets. [www.vintagevaultonmail.com](http://www.vintagevaultonmail.com).

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**SARAH HOCK, '97 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)**, worked at various businesses in Madison including 12 years at Madison Community Hospital. She is currently



with Interlake Community Action Partnership. Sarah is also active in the community as a volunteer, most notably with the Domestic Violence Network and Church Women United.

**BRAD MAIR, '98 (FITNESS WELLNESS MANAGEMENT)**, was named "Builder of the Year" by the Home Builder's Association of the Sioux Empire in December. Brad is a superintendent at A+ Construction in Sioux Falls.

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**ERIC BRILL, '98 (MANAGEMENT)**, has more than 17 years of experience in the area of healthcare alarm management, a product field he helped create. Prior to his current position at Voalte, Inc., Eric was the Vice President of Clinical Applications at Ascom, where he led the North American launch of a jointly developed software project between Ascom and GE Healthcare. Prior to Ascom, Eric was the fourth employee at Emergin (now a Phillips Healthcare company). In his 13 years at Emergin, Eric managed strategic healthcare partnerships and was instrumental in growing Emergin as the market leader in alarm management software. The company grew to 125 employees and was acquired by Phillips Healthcare. Eric helped fund and is on the board of directors of a startup non-profit in his hometown called Project LIFT, which stands for Life Initiatives for Teens. Project Lift helps at-risk youth learn life skills so they can adapt to and survive in the real world.

**JOAN MOON, '98, (HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)**, is a coder auditor in the coding quality department at Indiana University Health where she reviews the work of outpatient coders.

**KRISTOPHER KING, '99 (ENGLISH INFORMATION SYSTEMS)**, is an information security specialist with the South Dakota Air National Guard. He joined the Air Guard in 2001 as a traditional member and has been deployed three times. After his last deployment, Kristopher joined the guard full time. He and wife Michelle have a son.

**WANDA DEJONG JEFFCOAT, '99 (ENGLISH EDUCATION)**, is a mental health therapist at Journey Counseling Services, LLC. In Sioux Falls.

**MICHAEL FISCHER, '99 (EDUCATION)** is the superintendent of Oldham-Ramona School. He had been serving as principal and activities director, but took over the head job when the previous superintendent retired. Fischer began his teaching career in the Wagner School District, moving to Lake Preston in 2000, where he taught business and computer courses and coached a variety of teams. He has been at Oldham-Ramona since 2013.

## 2000s

**KATE SIZER OLSON, '00 (EDUCATION)**, and her husband Aaron live in Pierre where Kate teaches computers at TF Riggs High School. They have two children, Luke and Molly.

**ERIC "RED" REDINGER, '00 (FITNESS WELLNESS MANAGEMENT)**, is married to his DSU sweetheart, **JEN ERICKSEN REDINGER**, and they have two boys. Jen is

a teller supervisor at a local bank, and Red is the associate director of the campus recreation department at Southeast Missouri State University. Red plays rugby and is the oldest starter of the Kohlfield Scorpions Rugby Club. His older son is the youngest starter on the same team. Red and Jen's younger son appeared in the movie Gone Girl, which was filmed near their home in Mo. **PHOTO - 8**

**ADAM ELLSWORTH, '01 (COMPUTER SCIENCE)**, is the owner of Molten Audio in Sioux Falls, and the developer of "AirFader" audio control software. Adam and wife Carly have a son Finnick, born May 16, 2016.

**EMILY VOELKER '02 (BUSINESS MANAGEMENT)**, and husband Steve welcomed Grayson Paul in February, 2016. He joins siblings Katrina, Alex, Ryan, and Sarah. **PHOTO - 9**

**CASSANDRA KING PETERSON, '02 (EDUCATION) and husband ROSS, '00 (EDUCATION)**, live in Chester where Ross teaches middle school social studies and computer and is the head girls basketball coach. Cassandra teaches middle school reading and language in Flandreau. They have two children, Kyson and Kinlee.

**BUZZ HILLESTAD, '02 (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)**, was featured recently in the Sioux Falls Business Journal for an article on the dark web and the effect cybercrime has on businesses. Buzz is a senior consultant with SBS CyberSecurity.

**SCOTT NAMANN, '02, (MULTI MEDIA WEB DESIGN)**, is a mortgage loan officer with Great Western Bank in Sioux Falls. He recently received the Great Western Bank Directors Club award for outstanding sales production.

**KAREN SUNDERMANN, '02, (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)**, is a software engineering manager at MetaBank in Sioux Falls.

**CHARLIE FLOHR, '02 (EDUCATION)**, is the 2016 Football Scoop Division II Coordinator of the Year. The award is presented by ProGrass and is selected by prior winners. Flohr helped guide the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats to the Division II national championship. The team capped a 15-0 season with the national championship. One of Flohr's players was named Offensive Player of the Year on the Don Hansen All-Super Region 3 team and the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Offensive Player of the Year. A second player was named to the D2 Conference Commissioners Association All-American team, and four players were named to the All-MIAA First Team.

**AMY BRANDRIET, '03 (EDUCATION)**, began her career in education at Hamlin and then at DeSmet, teaching special education. She went back to school in 2012 while raising four children. In 2014, Amy became principal at Viborg-Hurley and is currently the elementary principal at Milbank.

**THEODORE SEES, '03 (BIOLOGY INFORMATION SYSTEMS)**, operates Rockford Family Eyecare along with his wife Carrie. Their practice was named Rockford's new business of the year in 2016 by the Chamber of Commerce.

**BOB GILL, '03 (MS, EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY)**, retired from teaching after 38 years, 20 as the computer teacher at TJ Riggs High School in Pierre, and is currently a real estate associate with River Bridge Realty in Pierre. Bob is married to Laurie, the current mayor of Pierre.

**DANIEL SWARTOS, '04 (EDUCATION)**, is the new executive director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association. He will begin his duties July 1. Swartos is currently the superintendent at McCook Central School. Before that, he spent four years as superintendent of Big Stone City School District. He is a member of the National Guard and was deployed as a truck driver in the first Iraq War. He plays the trumpet in the National Guard Army Band based in Mitchell.

**DUSTIN SCHNABEL, '04 (BS - COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS) '06 (MS - INFORMATION ASSURANCE)** and wife **LIZA, '04 (MANAGEMENT)**, live in Sioux Falls where they are parents to Audrey, 3, and Katherine, 20 months. Dustin is the lead sales engineer for Century Link and Liza is a stay at home mom. **PHOTO - 10**

**ERIK OSTERKAMP, '04 (COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS)** is the IT Governance Manager at Great Western Bank in Sioux Falls. He previously worked for Fiserv.

**RENAE (BOTTUM) PROSTROLLO, '05 (EDUCATION)** is the Executive Director of the Madison Central School Education Foundation. Renae taught for one year in Chester and six in Madison. She serves on the PTO, is on the boards of a preschool and her church, and recently took a seat with the DSU Foundation Board of Trustees. Renae and husband Nick have three children, Logan, 7, Parker, 4, and Oakley, 22 months. They live in Madison.

**RYAN GLANZER '05 (COMPUTER GRAPHIC DESIGN)** took a new job as the marketing automation manager for Protect America, a home security company based in Austin, Texas. Ryan had previously served as an email marketing manager at Callaway Golf.

**KELLY KUSSER HANSON, '06 (WEB DEVELOPMENT)**, is a motion graphics artist for Daktronics, where she has worked since before her DSU graduation. Her primary focus is on small-matrix, on premise LED displays and digital billboard content production. She works with customers across the nation, assisting in content production and adherence to best practices for their displays. Her work has earned annual recognition from the Communicator Awards, 70 in all. She and husband JD live in Madison with their two children. **PHOTO - 11**

**IVAN VEN OSDEL, '06 (COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS)**, is co-founder and software engineer of Wimpy Analytics. One of their projects is prizemojo.com, a giveaway game site that is meant to re-invent giving based promotions.

**HEATHER JO WHETHAM-FERGAN, '07 (EDUCATION)**, and husband Andrew welcomed daughter Cora Jo to their family in February, 2017. She joins big brother Jerome, 2. The family resides in Corsica where Andrew is the 7-12 principal and Heather works from home as a teacher blogger and virtual assistant. **PHOTO - 12**

**MICHAEL FODNESS '07 (EDUCATION)** and wife **AMANDA DRIVER FODNESS, '07 (PHYSICAL EDUCATION)**, live in Lennox with their two children. Michael and Amanda both teach in the Lennox school system.

**MELISSA PETERSON BIRK, '08 (COMPUTER AND NETWORK SECURITY) '13 (MS - INFORMATION ASSURANCE)**, started her career in the Department of State in Oslo, Norway after marrying Trond Birk in 2007. They lived overseas for several years before returning to the U.S. and settling in Gillette, Wyo. Melissa is the IT systems manager at Peregrine Academic Services.

**AMANDA HOTCHKIN, '08 (EDUCATION)**, was among five finalists for the Dr. John W. Harris Teacher of the Year award. The award is given by the Sioux Falls School District in partnership with Vern Eide Motors. Amanda has been with the Sioux Falls District for six years, and is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Oscar Howe Elementary. She is married to **MATT, '07 (COMPUTER EDUCATION)**. Matt is a videoconference specialist at Sanford Health. The Hotchkins have two daughters, Olivia, 5, and Sophia, 17 months. **PHOTO - 13**

**VANESSA RENAE ELER HALTVICK, '08 (EDUCATION)**, is a stay at home mom to two children, after spending several years as a first grade teacher in North St. Paul, Minn.

**LARRY MORMAN, '08 (EDUCATION)**, is a teacher and coach in Norman, Okla. He and fiancé Alexandra plan to marry in May, 2017.

**DAREN ANDERSON, '09 (MS - INFORMATION SYSTEMS)** is serving as the chair for Sioux Falls SCORE, where he coordinates community outreach including small business mentoring and workshop programs. Anderson is president of Big D Technology Solutions, Inc., in Sioux Falls. He is heavily involved in the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce where he serves on the Diplomat and Small Business Committees. In addition, he has been a school-based mentor for Lutheran Social Services, and serves on the board of the Minnehaha County Historical Society. He is also secretary of the American Legion Riders – Chapter 8. **PHOTO - 14**

**SHANE THOMAS, '09 (COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS)** and **ADAM LEARING, '09 (ACCOUNTING)** are co-founders of Learn. Create. Build (LCB) Academy. LCB educates and inspires the next generation of innovators by offering a customized curriculum at educational camps. Prior to founding the camp, Thomas started a company that build e-commerce websites. He later joined a STEM education company as their chief technology officer. After graduating from DSU, Learning co-founded a website company focused on building business software. He later joined a STEM education company as their curriculum director. LCB offers camps on 2D animation, 2D video game design, Minecraft, and others. Children have fun while developing a variety of STEM skills such as game design, coding, engineering, and math. The academy offers camps in nine states and 28 locations. LCB was recently recognized with first place in the 2016 CenturyLink



Launchpad business pitch competition. The business is based in the Zeal Center for Entrepreneurship in Sioux Falls. Find more on the company at [learncreatebuild.com](http://learncreatebuild.com)  
**PHOTO- 15 & 16**

**BRANDI HAHN, '10 (FINANCE)**, is a loan documentation specialist at BankWest in Pierre.

**CONNOR MULHERIN, '11, (MANAGEMENT)**, is a territory sales manager for Altria Group, the parent organization of several well-known tobacco companies including Phillip Morris. Connor travels through the northwest corner of Minn., calling on stores that sell tobacco products and helping them be as profitable as possible with their products. In his spare time, Connor enjoys the outdoors, hunting and fishing.

**AMANDA SCHAGER, '11, (DIGITAL ARTS AND DESIGN)**, is a financial consultant for Good Samaritan Society, where she analyzes the financial outcome of all 53 of the home and community based Good Sam locations.

**JOSHUA LONG, '02 (RESPIRATORY CARE)**, is a flight therapist on the transport team at Avera McKennan Hospital. He has previously worked at Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center, and at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa. At Avera, Joshua works with all specialties including ICU, pediatrics, NICU, and also on the general floors. He and his wife Amber live in Sioux Falls and are the proud parents of a fur baby named Lucy.

**CALEB CLEMENTS, '13 (FINANCE)**, is a business development officer with BankWest in Tripp.

**LORI HARSHBARGER, '14 (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)**, is an IT support specialist with Blue Sky Satellite in Lawrence, Kan. She is also currently taking classes toward her master's degree in information systems through DSU.

**ALEC NILSON, '14 (COMPUTER AND NETWORK SECURITY)**, works with a security and privacy operations team at Google, where his responsibility is to insure that Google and its assets are safe. Alec began his career with Google as an information technology resident, wearing many hats including working at the help desk. The position allowed him to work in various locations including Brazil, Argentina, Poland, Ireland, and New York. He moved into a position with Google's Perimeter Security team, fixing worldwide issues on Google's internal network security infrastructure, which led to a promotion to his current position and prompted a move to Seattle, Wash.

**ANDREW GROSS, '15 (GENERAL STUDIES)**, is currently working on his master's degree in educational technology at DSU. Andrew is the assistant women's basketball coach at DSU, and is active in the ministries at the United Methodist Church in Madison.

**ASHLEY KROGER, '15 (MANAGEMENT)**, works for the state of South Dakota as a licensure specialist. She oversees the unlicensed assistive personnel registry which includes certified nurse aides, unlicensed mediation aides, unlicensed diabetes aides, and unlicensed dialysis techs.

**SARAH SPROUL, '15 (ENGLISH FOR NEW MEDIA)**, is a curriculum specialist and editor with STEM Fuse, based in Sioux Falls, a company providing online K-12 curriculum nationwide.

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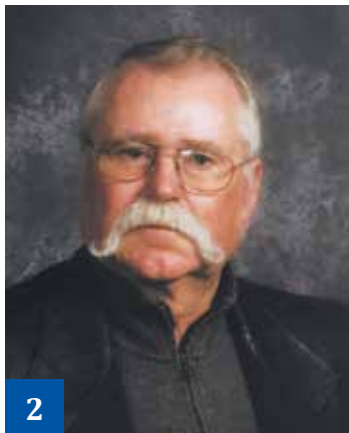
Alumni are encouraged to share their DSU experience with their children.

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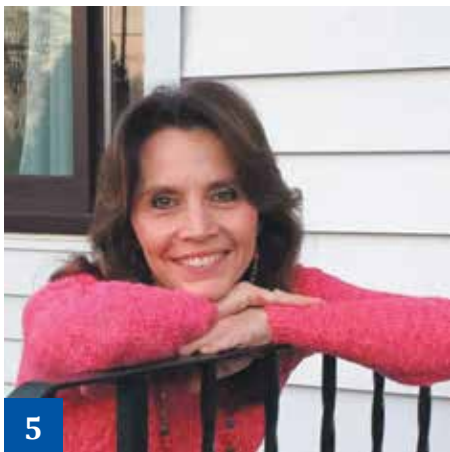
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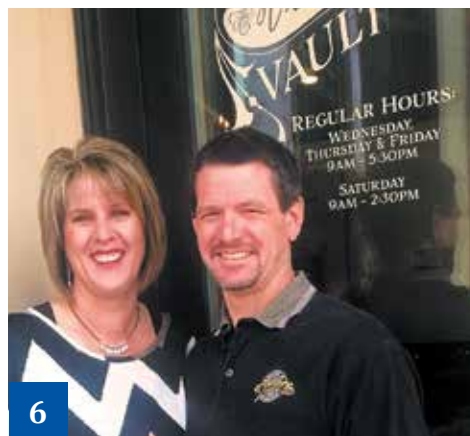
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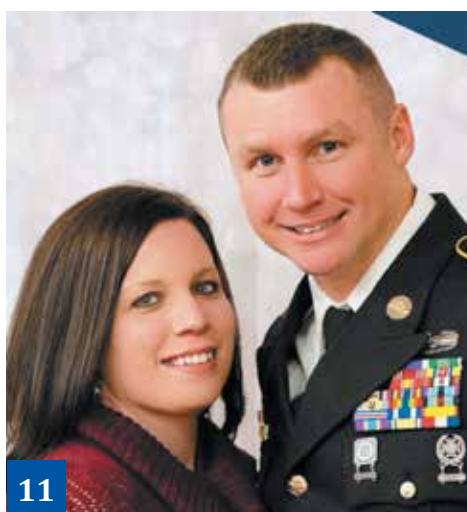
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1. Myron Moen, '67
2. Terry Vincent, '69
3. Dale Mette, '80
4. Matt Rettmer, '95
5. Angela Gustaf, '96
6. Dawn Walz, '96
7. Brad Mair, '98
8. Red Redinger, '00
9. Grayson Voelker (mom, '02)
10. Dustin, '04 and Liza Schnabel, '04
11. Kelly Hanson, '06
12. Heather Whetham-Fergan, '07
13. Olivia and Sophia Hotchkin (mom, '08, dad, '07)
14. Daren Anderson, '09
15. Adam Learning, '09
16. Shane Thomas, '09
17. Matt, '08, and Karine Paulson, Adylin and Micah
18. Travelin' Trojan touching down in Las Vegas, and (19) hitting the slots



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19. Alumni gather at Crave in August for Third Thursday.
20. Gene Linton, '54, Al Krager (who passed away in December, 2016), Marlene Linton, '60, Bev McDowell, '60, sport DSU sunglasses at the August Third Thursday social.
21. DSU alumni at Federated Insurance in Owatonna, Minn., met with former faculty member Tom Farrell. L-r: Sharon Foster, '96; Teresa Hellerud, '94; Tom, '70; Lisa Aus, '02; and Megan Whalen, '01.
22. A group of ladies gather at DSU President José-Marie Griffiths' home for a garden party. Bottom: Alice Lange, Sirji Kiin, Nini Hart, Alice Poppen. Middle: Patti Simon, Crystal Pauli, Kelli Whiteing, Joyce Farrell, '70. Back: Lynette Molstad Gorder, '72; Dr. José-Marie Griffiths, and Linda Nelson, '67.
23. Alumni working at Horizon Health in Howard include: Max Williams, '15; Lexy Sattler, '12; Michelle (Schamber) Wiedman, '94; Jodi Hamilton, Justin Palmquist, Josh Bosma, '08; Jamie Stevens, Katie Dailing, '11; Scott Weatherill, and Melissa (Cavigielli) Hofer, '11.
24. A group of DSU Alumni met with DSU President José-Marie Griffiths when she visited SDN in Sioux Falls.



# ALUMNI GATHERINGS



- 25. DSU Alumni Association Board President Arden Jones, '78, poses in the S.D. Capitol with his wife Deb, and S.D. Secretary of State Shantel Krebs, '98.
- 26. Adam Hafner, '04, talks with Wyatt York of Sanford Health Plan at an alumni social sponsored by Sanford Health in Sioux Falls.
- 27. Alumni gather at The Barrel House in March for Third Thursday.
- 28. A large group of DSU alumni and friends helped stuff backpacks at Feeding South Dakota.
- 29. Travelin' Trojan at the Bilbao, Spain airport.



# DSU Alumni

## REMEMBERING

We learned of the following DSU alumni and friends passing between September 1, 2016 and April 1, 2017

### 1930s

'37, Edline Haugen  
'37, Marie J. Pommer  
'38, Ruth Ryland

### 1940s

'41, Ruth Hoogestraat  
'41, Constance Johnson  
'41, Beth Smith  
'42, Mary Tubandt  
'42, Grace Turbak  
'46, Muriel Simmons  
'49, Bonnie Keppen

### 1950's

'51, John Lang  
'58, Robert Miller, Jr.

### 1960's

'61, Deanna Liddiard  
'61, Ruthie Sriver  
'62, Carol Hoskinson  
'62, Thomas Marso  
'62, Geraldine Traver  
'63, Dallas Johnson  
'65, Alice Anderson  
'67, Elaine Dempsey  
'68, Elwood Harmon  
'69, Helen Gunderson  
'69, Mary Rose Stoffel

### 1970's

'71, Norma Kim  
'72, Lyndon Hoseck  
'73, Ralph Sedelmeier  
'76, Jeff Shriver  
'76, Carol Van Erdewyk  
'78, Thomas Lehmann

### 1980's

'82, Gary Pearson  
'83, Mary Thurow  
'85, Cheryl Woodlee  
'89, Jacqueline Halbritter

### 1990's

'94, Emily Rohloff

**Eric Johnson**, former Dean of the (then) College of Liberal Arts, passed away March 6. Dean Johnson came to Madison in 1969, and except for a year of sabbatical leave to earn his Ph.D. in 19<sup>th</sup> Century British literature from Notre Dame, and taught for the next 36 years at DSU. Eric served as Dean for 23 years, published over 80 articles and essays in professional journals, and was a speaker at conventions around the country. He also taught classes in cross-country skiing and tennis. After retiring in 2005, Eric began writing mystery novels. His first was published in 2013, four more are in print, and a fifth is pending.

**George Blankley** passed away December 29, 2016. Coach Blankley came to General Beadle in 1962 where he served as athletic director and football coach. Many alumni credit Coach Blankley for setting them on the path to success in their careers by teaching them the value of treating teammates and opponents with the same level of dignity and respect.

**Robert "Bob" Nangle**, passed away November 9, 2016. Bob graduated from (then) GBSTC in 1961, and started on a teaching and coaching career that would cross six decades, mostly in Pipestone, Minn. In college, Bob lettered eight times, four in football, three in track, and one in baseball.

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## **Legacy graduates carry on alumni tradition**

**This year the Dakota State University Alumni Association started a new tradition: giving blue and yellow cords to graduates who have a relative who graduated from DSU before them. There were 13 Legacy Graduates at the fall commencement ceremony in December. There will be over 40 at the spring ceremony in May.**