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If your account is restricted to a certain dollar limit, then it will show either a positive number for the amount of funds you have remaining, or a negative amount if your last print/copy job ran past your account limit.

Unrestricted accounts will show a negative balance, which is the amount you have charged this fiscal year.

Keep in mind, these amounts are for the whole account, so if multiple people have access to that account it will show either the amount everyone has left or the total amount everyone has spent through that account, depending on the restricted or unrestricted status.

From this screen you can also access a list of your recent print jobs (just yours, you won't be able to see the printing of others on the account) and you can view your print jobs that are still pending release. There are options to change your print account PIN number and to Web Print as well.

If you have any questions, please email [Lori.DuBry@BHSU.edu](mailto:Lori.DuBry@BHSU.edu).

*Submitted by Lori DuBry on 2023-04-03*

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**SEND-A-THANKS WINNER!**

Congratulations to the March Send-A-Thanks winner, Jacky Easton! Keep up the great work!

Also, thank you to the BHSU Bookstore for this month's prize!

If you would like to Send a Thanks to an employee at BHSU, please follow the link below. You can also find the link on the BHSU Human Resources page. Each employee that receives a kudos will be entered in next month's drawing!

<https://www.bhsu.edu/Faculty-Staff/Human-Resources/Buzz-Around>

*Submitted by Cheyenne Mendelsohn on 2023-04-03*

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*Submitted by Cassie Maser on 2023-04-03*

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## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES (CENTER FOR FACULTY INNOVATION)

### Application Deadline, 4/10, Summer Institute (June 5-8)

Join the Center for Innovation for **paid faculty development** June 5-8. The 2023 CFI Summer Institute offers intensive workshops on experiential education and three, research-supported, engaging teaching strategies for courses or program(s): collaborative student projects, community-engaged teaching, and digital portfolios for education. Faculty can earn up to \$1000 for participating.

For more information about the Institute, including specific timing, funding arrangements, and session descriptions, visit the **Call for Applications:** [Call for Apps, 2023 CFI Summer Institute](#). Questions are welcome: [Nicholas.VanKley@bhsu.edu](mailto:Nicholas.VanKley@bhsu.edu). You can also book a brief meeting with the CFI Director to chat about your application: [booking page for 15-min meeting with Nick Van Kley](#).

### Workshop: Teaching Beyond Classrooms - engage students and improve learning with site visits (4/17)

Higher-ed researchers have shown repeatedly that field trips and other site-based learning are transformative in college settings. And yet, these experiences are far less common in America's universities than in its primary and secondary schools. In this workshop, we'll try to redress that gap by sharing the virtues of site visits, what makes them powerful learning tools, and

how to make them work in any discipline. Join us for highlights from research and a showcase of some successful BHSU site-based learning that harnesses our rich setting for engaging learning experiences.

**Hosts:** Rosie Sprague, Tara Ramsey, Justin Ramsey, Nick Van Kley

**When:** Monday, April 17, 2pm-3:15pm

**Where:** Jonas Academic 103A (or online)

**RSVP :** <https://forms.office.com/r/T9FCLkmJdA>

achieve her goal of becoming a great teacher. She comments that she has learned so much from her professors about teaching high schoolers since most of them have backgrounds in teaching the high school level. Furthermore, Megan is happy to share that she has been recently accepted to BHSU's School of Education program and is excited to continue becoming a competent, confident, and caring educator. Congratulations Megan!

*Submitted by Nick Van Kley on 2023-04-03*

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We would like to give a shout out to the recipients who have received a kudos! Recent recipients were:

- Jennifer Lucero, Coord, Disability Svcs & Test
- Cassie Maser, HR Coordinator
- Shannon McKinzie, Professional Advisor
- Christina Nauta, Senior Accountant
- Derek Riederer, Peer Mentor
- Desy Schoenewies, Associate Professor, Art

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Thank you all for everything you do!

*Submitted by Melissa Hart on 2023-04-03*

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Questions? Contact [Courtney.HuseWika@BHSU.edu](mailto:Courtney.HuseWika@BHSU.edu)

*Submitted by Dr. Courtney A Huse-Wika on 2023-04-02*

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## **READ&WRITE SOFTWARE AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE AT BHSU!**

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*Submitted by Jennifer Lucero on 2023-03-27*

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We are looking forward to hosting students, faculty, staff and community members.

Please contact Debbie Liddick or Eric Hanson if you have any questions at 605-642-6560.

*Submitted by Debbie Liddick on 2023-04-04*

## **LAST CHANCE BEFORE GRADUATING: JOB SEARCHING!!**

Please share this with students!!

### **Last Chance Before Graduating: Job Searching**

Monday, April 24, 2023, 9am-10am and 4pm-5pm

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Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 4pm-5pm

In the President's Conference Room

For more information or for persons with disabilities requesting accommodations for this event, please contact Jin Kim at 605.642.6269 or [Careers@BHSU.edu](mailto:Careers@BHSU.edu) at least 48 hours prior to the start of the event.

*Submitted by Career Development on 2023-04-11*

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## **CHECK OUT THESE OPENINGS ON HANDSHAKE!**

Please share these with students!

### **Apply for Positions Now on Handshake!**

- #7695099 SEDC Internship: The Barn at Aspen Acres
- #7618216 SEDC Internship: Sunshine Medical
- #6382336 Server-Snitches @ Tin Lizzie Gaming Resort
- #7722037 Residential Worker, Canyon Hills Center
- #7685141 Early Childhood Educator

Contact: [Careers@BHSU.edu](mailto:Careers@BHSU.edu) or 605.642.6269

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with their tasks in research, read, and write while using their existing tools such as word processors. BHUSU's subscription includes OribitNote to read PDF documents and a separate plug-in and/or app for ePUB documents. Follow this link to access the full details and usage instructions: <https://www.bhsu.edu/iits/services/readwrite>

*Submitted by Jennifer Lucero on 2023-04-11*

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*Submitted by Desy Schoenewies on 2023-04-11*

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## **OPEN ENROLLMENT IS COMING!**

Open Enrollment is coming up on May 1 and will be open until 12:00 p.m. MT on Monday, May 15. ALEX®, your personal benefits expert, is ready to talk to you at any time. With this year being an active enrollment, meaning that **you are required to go in this year and elect your benefits**, this is a great opportunity to use ALEX and determine which benefits best suit you and your family's needs.

And just who is this ALEX character?

ALEX is the host of a unique, online experience that will help you understand and make decisions about your benefits. ALEX will help explain all your medical, dental, vision, and voluntary benefits offerings "Talking" with him is easy, and only takes about 15 minutes. He will ask some basic questions about your personal situation (your answers remain confidential, of course), crunch some numbers, and explain your available benefits options.

Want to save money and make the right benefits decisions for your needs? Check out ALEX at <https://www.myalex.com/benefits2024/>

Additional information and resources for FY24 Open Enrollment, including a list of Open Enrollment presentations, can be found here: <https://bhr.sd.gov/fy24plans/>

*Submitted by Melissa Hart on 2023-04-11*

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## **AMERICAN INDIAN AWARENESS WEEK**

This week the student organization Lakota Omniciye will honor Native American culture by hosting their annual American Indian Awareness Week featuring daily speakers and the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Wacipi, which is this Saturday at noon!

The theme for this year's celebration "The Indigenous Influence; Leadership of Past and Present" was selected by members of Lakota Omniciye to bring awareness to the importance of indigenous leadership. Speakers will present throughout the week in several American Indian Studies classes. All presentations are free and open to the community. We would like to thank the College of Liberal Arts for the support and sponsorship of our presenters.

Speakers include:

### ***Howasteya Oyuspapi: Capturing Their Good Voices Documentary***

Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> | 12:30-1:45pm

Jonas 107

### **Gene Swallow**

*"How I Created an Art Career"*

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> | 9:00-9:50am

Jonas 107



**Valeriah Big Eagle**

*“Let Us Put Our Minds Together and See What Life We Can Make For Our Children”*

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> | 11:00-11:50am

Jonas 107

**Courtney Fischer**

*“Experiences as a Long-term Indigenous Scholar”*

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> | 1:00-1:50pm

Jonas 107

**Mato Wayuhi**

*“Laughter, Love, Tears, & the Hottest Gossip with Musician/Filmmaker Mato Wayuhi”*

Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> | 12:30-1:45pm

Jonas 107 or Zoom link: <https://bhsu.zoom.us/j/93920961589>

**Whitney Rencountre**

*“Indigenous Perspective of Traditional and Contemporary Leadership”*

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> | 9:00-9:50am

Jonas 107

**D’Aryn Lends His Horse**

*“First-Generation Determination”*

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> | 11:00-11:50am

Jonas 107

**Peshawn Bread**

*“My Journey Through Hollywood”*

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> | 1:00-1:50pm

Jonas 107 or Zoom link: <https://bhsu.zoom.us/j/95025483039>

*Submitted by Isabella Montero on 2023-04-11*

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**WORK STUDY POSITION AVAILABLE IN STUDENT HEALTH AND COUNSELING CENTER**

Two student receptionists work study positions will be available in the fall of 2023. This position requires students to be enrolled in the federal work study program. Great experience for those students interested in the field of human services and psychology. Must be professional, responsible and dependable. Great atmosphere and team to work with!

*Submitted by Rebecka Funk on 2023-04-11*

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**STAFF SENATE MEETING MONDAY APRIL 17**

Staff Senate will hold their May meeting on Monday, April 17, at 10am. Because of the HLC visit, we will meet in person in Woodburn Hall room 127 (Residence Life / Public Safety wing conference room). Space is limited, but Zoom is available as always (link on the Staff Senate Meetings/Agendas webpage). See you then!

*Submitted by Nancy J. Shuck on 2023-04-11*

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**BELLMAN WRITING AWARDS CELEBRATION**

The Bellman Writing Awards ceremony is open to all students, staff, faculty, and public. We invite everyone to come help celebrate the excellent student writing from the past year. Finalists have been notified, but the place they won will not be revealed until the ceremony. Join us Tuesday, April 18th at 4:00 pm in the Blackbox Theater!

*Submitted by Matthew Bauman on 2023-04-11*

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- Melinda Keefe, Instructor Speech Communication
- April Meeker, Registrar

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*Submitted by Melissa Hart on 2023-04-11*

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## **IDEA SURVEYS OPEN**

IDEA surveys have opened for your courses. Instructors should already have received an email with information on completing Objective Selection Forms for each course section being surveyed. Please do carve out time during your face-to-face courses for students to fill out the surveys as this will greatly impact the response rate. Reports on students' responses will be sent out after final grades have been submitted for the semester.

All IDEA surveys will close April 28th. The link students will use for filling out their surveys is <https://sdbor.campuslabs.com/courseeval/>, which they have already received via email.

*Submitted by Rebecca Rodriguez on 2023-04-06*

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## **GERDAN; MUSIC FROM UKRAINE**

Gerdan will present Ukrainian music and perform as a lively quartet with flutes, violin, voice, guitar, and bass. Andrei Pidkivka will demonstrate the many flutes of the Carpathian Mountains

along with sopilka, one of the Ukrainian national instruments. Solomia Gorokhivska will perform on violin and sing songs from many regions of Ukraine. They look forward to interacting with the Black Hills State University community.

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - April 18, 2023 - Meier Recital Hall

*Submitted by Katrina Garnett on 2023-04-06*

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*Submitted by Cassie Maser on 2023-04-05*

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## **CALL FOR GEEK SPEAK LECTURERS FOR 2023-2024**

Dear faculty and staff,

The Honors Program is currently seeking proposals for Geek Speaks for the 2023-2024 academic year. Would you like to share your research or special interest with us? Host a panel discussion? Offer a hand-on workshop?

Geek Speaks are free and open to the public and are typically scheduled during the week from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Send your ideas our way! [Courtney.HuseWika@BHSU.edu](mailto:Courtney.HuseWika@BHSU.edu).

*Submitted by Dr. Courtney Huse Wika on 2023-04-03*

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*Submitted by Debbie Liddick on 2023-03-22*

## **END-OF-YEAR ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Please join us in an End-Of-Year Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, May 3, between 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the Campus Green.

All Students, faculty and staff are invited as we celebrate and thank each of you for a successful academic year!!

*Submitted by Debbie Liddick on 2023-04-18*

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## **FACILITIES SERVICES IS HIRING STUDENTS FOR THE 2023 SUMMER AT \$15 PER HOUR!**

We are looking for students who want an opportunity to join the Facilities Services Summer team from May through August. We have many positions available working in the grounds, custodial, mail services, facilities, maintenance, recycling, and sustainability departments. Training and equipment is provided. All positions are posted on the Handshake job board <https://app.joinhandshake.com/> if you would like to apply, or have a friend who is interested. Or you can stop in the Facilities Services building to complete an application.

Don't wait – apply in advance!

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*Submitted by Desy Schoenewies on 2023-04-18*

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## **WE WANT YOUR INPUT ON OUR BHSU BRAND!**

Fresh Produce, the marketing agency that designed the new BH logo in 2021, is coming back to campus to assist the University in finding, creating, and completing our full brand identity, which includes BH's story, voice, and tone.

The Fresh Produce Team will be on campus all day Tuesday, April 25, and half a day Wednesday, April 26.

They would like to meet with BH staff, faculty, and students to listen, learn, and research before developing ideas for BHSU. They will explore strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, challenges, mission, and timbre—the character that sets BHSU apart from others.

If you are interested in spending a few minutes sharing your thoughts on the BHSU brand, please email [Becca.Walters@BHSU.edu](mailto:Becca.Walters@BHSU.edu).

*Submitted by Becca Walters on 2023-04-18*

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## **TRIO STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations Joshua Hadwiger for being the TRIO Student of the Month for April!

Joshua Hadwiger is from Navarre, Florida. He is majoring in human services with a focus on community studies. Through the Student Support Services, Joshua has utilized the mentoring program, free printing, TRIO talks, the writing specialist, rentals, and priority registration. When asked what he considers his greatest achievement at BHSU, Joshua stated, "Being an RA, a peer mentor, and the president of Pride Club has helped me improve my social skills, my leadership skills, and overall attitude towards life. These positions will continue to help me grow in all aspects of my professional and personal life." When Joshua was asked what his long-term career goal is, he stated, "I would absolutely love to open what I would call a self-help bakery. The idea behind this bakery is for people to come in and receive a positive message when they pick up the baked goods of their choice. The main idea being to promote self-help and self-care." His advisor Peggy Madrid says, "Josh is using his time at Black Hills State University to look over different career options and opportunities. Not only choosing classes that explore different options, but also the experiences he has been involved in on and off campus. He uses TRIO services for advising and discussing his options and opportunities. TRIO has had the pleasure of having Josh as one of our peer mentors helping new students become familiar with the campus and TRIO programs. Congratulations, Josh, on being one of our Students of the Month.

*Submitted by Ashley Kircher on 2023-04-18*

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## **BELLMAN WRITING AWARDS PRESENTATION TODAY!! (TUESDAY AFTERNOON)**

The 2023 Stewart Bellman Writing Awards will be presented today (Tuesday) at 4:00 pm in the Blackbox Theater. Students, faculty, staff, and public are welcome to come and help celebrate the exceptional undergraduate writing at BHSU. Winners will be sharing an excerpt of their winning essays and will receive a cash prize and certificate.

*Submitted by Matthew Bauman on 2023-04-18*

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*Submitted by Cassie Maser on 2023-04-14*

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## **TIMESHEETS DUE FRIDAY 4/21 BY 9AM**

TIMESHEETS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON SNAP BY: **FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM MT**

**Please note, missed timesheet submissions or approvals will cause a delay in pay so be mindful of the deadline!**

Hourly employees and student workers should always record all actual hours worked. **There are 184 total hours in this current pay period, including the following for full-time employees:**

### **Overtime Eligible (Hourly) Employees:**

- Tuesday, April 4, 2023 -- 8 hours Administrative Leave
- Friday, April 7, 2023 -- 8 hours Administrative Leave
- Monday, April 10, 2023 -- 8 hours Administrative Leave

- \*\*No administrative leave should be recorded if employee worked

**Overtime Exempt (Salaried) Employees:**

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**Faculty:**

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- Monday, April 10, 2023 -- 8 hours Administrative Leave
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CURRENT PAY PERIOD: 3/22/2023 through 4/21/2023

**SUPERVISORS - all timesheets must be approved BY 2pm FRIDAY 4/21** as processes start that afternoon. **Before approving any timesheets please check the leave request systems for outstanding leave requests.** Once the leave is approved the timesheet should be updated with the appropriate leave and approved for processing. Please note, if the timesheet approval deadline is missed, your employee(s) will experience a delay in receiving a paycheck.

**EMPLOYEES** - please make sure your timesheet has been submitted and approved by your supervisor prior to 2:00 pm on Friday, April 21.

*Submitted by Melissa Hart on 2023-04-14*

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**BHR OPEN ENROLLMENT PRESENTATIONS**

FY24 Open Enrollment will take place from May 1 – 15 and we want to make sure you have all the latest information to make the best choices for you and your family.

**This year is an active enrollment meaning you must take action during Open Enrollment** to actively elect or opt out of coverage by logging into Employee Space between May 1 – May 15, 2023. If you do not log in before May 15, you will be enrolled in the Washington employee-only plan and your dependents will have to wait until next year's open enrollment to sign up for benefits. Dental, Vision and other flexible benefits will not roll over.

You can now register for one of the Open Enrollment Presentations the SD Bureau of Human Resources (BHR) are offering beginning Wednesday, April 12, and continuing throughout the month. You can browse the list of virtual and in-person presentations on the FY24 Plans page: <https://bhr.sd.gov/fy24plans/>.

This is your opportunity to learn about the 4 health plans available to you, flexible benefits, LiveWellSD, and the new Critical Illness plan available beginning July 1. You are encouraged to log on to your Employee Space and review your current benefits before attending an Open Enrollment presentation.

Thank you!

*Submitted by Melissa Hart on 2023-04-12*

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## **BLACK HILLS TRI FEST**

The Black Hills Tri Fest will be held on Sunday, April 23rd featuring a collegiate race followed by an open division race for all non-collegiate athletes. Four NCAA teams will be competing in the collegiate wave (BHSU, Colorado Mesa, Cal Poly Humboldt and MSU Billings), which will mark the conclusion of the Spring season for the Yellow Jackets. The race format includes a 500 meter pool swim at BHSU, followed by a 25K bike and 5K run which finishes on the track at Lyle Hare Stadium. The collegiate race begins at 9am and the open division race at 10am.

We are excited to host this new annual event for our community which showcases our triathlon team as well as our beautiful campus and surrounding area. Volunteers are needed to help with the race, please contact [Connie.Feist@bhsu.edu](mailto:Connie.Feist@bhsu.edu) or call 701-240-1485.

*Submitted by Melissa Hart on 2023-04-12*

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## **READ&WRITE SOFTWARE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE AT BHSU!**

Black Hills State University faculty, staff, and students have access to a literacy support software called Read&Write which they can install on their work and personal devices. An inclusive learning software designed to support individuals of all ages, learning styles, and abilities with their tasks in research, reading, and writing while using their existing tools such as word processors. BHSU's subscription includes OrbitNote to read PDF documents and a separate plug-in and/or app for ePUB documents. Follow this link to access the full details and usage instructions: <https://www.bhsu.edu/iits/services/readwrite>

*Submitted by Jennifer Lucero on 2023-04-11*

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## **RETIREMENT RECEPTION**

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*Submitted by Dawn Hunter on 2023-04-11*

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## **EARTH DAY PLANT GIVEAWAY AND SWAP**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> from 12pm until we run out of plants**

*In honor of Earth Day, the BHSU Sustainability Department will be on the campus green giving out, swapping, and potting plants. Bring a plant to swap or take a plant for free. Upcycled pots will be provided by the Free Store and the Art Department. Plants and pots are free and are first come, first serve.*

*Submitted by Maggie Torness on 2023-04-18*

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## **GERDAN; MUSIC FROM UKRAINE**

Gerdan will present Ukrainian music and perform as a lively quartet with flutes, violin, voice, guitar, and bass. Andrei Pidkivka will demonstrate the many flutes of the Carpathian Mountains along with sopilka, one of the Ukrainian national instruments. Solomia Gorokhivska will perform on violin and sing songs from many regions of Ukraine. They look forward to interacting with the Black Hills State University community.

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - April 18, 2023 - Meier Recital Hall

*Submitted by Katrina Garnett on 2023-04-06*

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### **FINAL GEEK SPEAK OF SPRING!**

Please join us for the final Geek Speak of spring semester! Monday, April 24, at 4:00 p.m. in Jonas 110. These are free and open to the public.

Dr. Parthasarathi Nag and Instructor Carrie Gray-Wood: **Maps: Perspectives on Properties and Distortions**

Are geographical maps credible representations of land masses? Sometimes! Can maps have biases? Depends! How do we represent the surface of the sphere representing the globe on a plane? We will present cylindrical projections used in cartography and discuss Mercator projection which is used by Google Maps using techniques from Calculus. Join us for an exciting exploration of cartography from sociological and mathematical perspectives to ensure your next adventure uses the best map for the journey!

Questions? Contact [Courtney.HuseWika@BHSU.edu](mailto:Courtney.HuseWika@BHSU.edu)

*Submitted by Courtney A Huse-Wika on 2023-04-02*

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### **COME PLANT A TREE AND CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY 2023!**

Please join us in celebrating Arbor Day at Black Hills State University on **April 19th from 2:30pm - 4pm** at Ida Henton Park (near The Joy Center, 1351 St Joe Street, Spearfish), for hands on learning of proper tree planting and care techniques!

Activities include: Presentation of the 2022 Tree Campus Higher Education recognition plaque, a demonstration of proper tree planting techniques and a demonstration of proper pruning and maintenance techniques.

We are looking forward to hosting students, faculty, staff and community members.

Please contact Debbie Liddick or Eric Hanson if you have any questions at 605-642-6560.

*Submitted by Debbie Liddick on 2023-03-22*

## UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES ACCEPTING RECORDS AND OTHER ITEMS

In order to document the history of BHSU, the University Archives invites you to submit copies of publications, programs, posters, photographs, and other records or items from any campus unit or organization. The materials will be preserved in the University Archives and made available to researchers. Please contact Lori Terrill at 642-6361 or [Lori.Terrill@BHSU.edu](mailto:Lori.Terrill@BHSU.edu) for further information.

*Submitted by Lori Terrill on 2023-04-25*

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## 50% OFF!! DOWNTOWN JACKET ZONE

The downtown Jacket Zone is closing and everything in the store is 50% off! We would like to invite BHSU faculty and staff to kickoff the sale on Wednesday from 10 a.m to 7 p.m. The sale will continue to run until we sell it all! Thanks to everyone for supporting this store.

*Submitted by Michael Jastorff on 2023-04-24*

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## SUSTAINABILITY CURRICULUM WORKSHOP AT SDSU

Are you wanting to incorporate Sustainability concepts into your teaching curriculum but don't know where to start? SDSU is hosting a 2-day workshop centered on incorporating sustainability into the University curriculum in collaboration with UMACS (Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability). The BHSU Sustainability Department will cover the expenses associated with the workshop for faculty interested in attending. Details below:

**Teaching, Thriving, & the Sustainable Development Goals at South Dakota State on May 15 from 1-4:30pm and May 16 from 9-12pm at the McCrory Gardens Visitor and Education Center**

Join us for an interactive workshop with Casey Meehan, Director of Sustainability and Resilience at Western Technical College and Associate Lecturer at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, on incorporating concepts of environmental, social, and economic sustainability into your courses. At the end of the workshop, you will have integration tools, assessment strategies, and personalized action steps to take what you've learned into reality. In addition, there will be time to explore SDSU sustainability efforts, hear from faculty who have successfully integrated sustainability into their courses, and have access to a resource-filled website specifically made for you and this program! Please bring a laptop to use during the workshop!

Registration Deadline is April 28. If interested, please contact Maggie Torness ([maggie.torness@bhsu.edu](mailto:maggie.torness@bhsu.edu)).

*Submitted by Maggie Torness on 2023-04-24*

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## **LAST CHANCE BEFORE GRADUATING: JOB SEARCHING!!**

Please share this with students!

### **Last Chance Before Graduating: Job Searching**

Monday, April 24, 2023, 9am-10am and 4pm-5pm

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Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 4pm-5pm

In the President's Conference Room

For more information or for persons with disabilities requesting accommodations for this event, please contact Jin Kim at 605.642.6269 or [Careers@BHSU.edu](mailto:Careers@BHSU.edu) at least 48 hours prior to the start of the event.

*Submitted by Career Development on 2023-04-24*

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## **EMPLOYEE AWARD NOMINATIONS**

The annual employee awards have been revamped and individual winners will each earn \$500! Now is the time to make recommendations for your valued colleagues. Do you know of an outstanding BHSU employee or group who stands out in their service to students and/or the University? If you have been admiring from afar, now is the time to show your fellow coworkers that their work is noticed and appreciated! Nominate our outstanding employees for an award to be given out at the State of the University this fall, and for them to get the recognition they deserve. Visit <https://portal.sdbor.edu/bhsu-fac-staff/Pages/Human-Resources.aspx> for nomination forms and descriptions of the awards. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2023 Please email thenominations to [BHSUHumanResources@bhsu.edu](mailto:BHSUHumanResources@bhsu.edu). Call HR at 605.642.6549 or email [BHSUHumanResources@bhsu.edu](mailto:BHSUHumanResources@bhsu.edu) with any questions or for more information. Thank you!

*Submitted by Cassie Maser on 2023-04-24*

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## END-OF-YEAR ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Please join us in an End-Of-Year Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, May 3, between 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the Campus Green.

All Students, faculty and staff are invited as we celebrate and thank each of you for a successful academic year!!

*Submitted by Debbie Liddick on 2023-04-18*

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## FACILITIES SERVICES IS HIRING STUDENTS FOR THE 2023 SUMMER AT \$15 PER HOUR!

We are looking for students who want an opportunity to join the Facilities Services Summer team from May through August. We have many positions available working in the grounds, custodial, mail services, facilities, maintenance, recycling, and sustainability departments. Training and equipment is provided. All positions are posted on the Handshake job board <https://app.joinhandshake.com/> if you would like to apply, or have a friend who is interested. Or you can stop in the Facilities Services building to complete an application.

Don't wait – apply in advance!

*Submitted by Debbie Liddick on 2023-04-18*

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