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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DR. ROMKEMA RESIGNING AS PROVOST AND VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT BHSU

Dr. Pricilla Romkema has announced that she is stepping away as Provost and VP of Academic Affairs at BHSU. She has been a valued member of the BHSU family for over 20 years and will be missed. We sincerely appreciate your dedication and devotion to our community and this university. We also look forward to your continued support as an Alumna and wonderful member of our community. We wish you all the best!

A note from Dr. Romkema:

BHSU Faculty and Staff,

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to return to Black Hills State University (BHSU) this year to serve as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. It has been rewarding and inspiring to work with such a dedicated team at BHSU! Thus, I want to take this time to thank each of you for all that you do in support of our students!

After careful consideration and reflection, I have made a decision to step away from my position at BHSU, effective July 21, 2021. My future plans include focusing on several personal priorities (family, friends, travel, health and wellness) and exploring new opportunities and adventures. While my husband and I look forward to a “new season of possibilities,” I want you to know that I will miss the daily interactions with so many of you as we worked both independently and collaboratively to address opportunities, challenges and new initiatives in the best possible manner.

Special thanks to Dr. Laurie Nichols for providing strategic leadership as President of Black Hills State University and to all of the faculty, staff and students with whom I worked this year. It has been an honor to partner with each of you to more effectively serve our students and advance the mission and vision of BHSU.

Finally, as you might expect, after serving for close to 21 years in various roles (faculty member, chair, center director, dean, provost) at BHSU (and graduating from BH in 1979!), I plan to continue to serve as a champion of Black Hills State University in the community and region!

Best wishes for the summer and the upcoming academic year!

All the best,
Priscilla

--Submitted by Julie Olson on 2021-06-29

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY FROM BHSU SUSTAINABILITY!

This weekend is filled with picnics, parades, and pride! While celebrating America and independence this weekend, we can't forget about the lasting repercussions on the environment from pollutants, carbon dioxide emissions, and large amounts of waste this holiday brings.

Here are some ways to add some GREEN to your red, white, and blue without missing any of the fun!

Buy locally! Support our Spearfish and surrounding area small businesses by purchasing your fruits, vegetables, meat, and other barbeque necessities locally. Produce travels on average about 1,200 miles to major corporations and grocery stores in North America. Reduce your carbon footprint and impress your guests with sustainable, fresh, and flavorful, home-grown watermelon, tomatoes, and beef. Buy in bulk and avoid individual wrapped treats and goodies to save on waste and disposal.

Swap out your charcoal grill with propane. Charcoal creates air pollution, contributes to deforestation, and emits greenhouse gases.

Lose the plastics! Reduce your amount of waste by avoiding single-use plastics and Styrofoam. Styrofoam cannot be recycled and takes hundreds to thousands of years to break down in the landfill. Replace your straws, cups, plates, and utensils with 100% compostable

options or good old-fashioned kitchenware.

Lastly, attend community firework shows. Prevent wildfires, injuries, and additional air pollutants by opting not to purchase fireworks and attending community shows.

--Submitted by Debbie Liddick on 2021-06-29

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS VIRTUAL HUDDLE

The next Academic Affairs Virtual Huddle will be this Thursday, July 1 at 3:30pm. Please mark your calendars to join us!

Meeting URL: <https://bhsu.zoom.us/j/93023178997?pwd=Y0puZjVndkxqWDBGd3hmWHBDTmxzQT09&from=addon>
Meeting ID: 930 2317 8997
Passcode: 244684

--Submitted by JODI GABRIEL on 2021-06-28

ACADEMIC SUMMER CAMPS

There is still time to sign up for two academic summer camps at Black Hills State University for Elementary, Middle and/or High School students. Learn from BHSU faculty and career professionals! All classes will be held on the BHSU campus. Registration and information: www.bhsu.edu/SummerCamps

Entrepreneurship

Ages 14-18; July 6-9, 2021

Creative Writing

Ages 10-17; July 13-16, 2021

For questions, contact Helen Nesson-Merriman, BHSU Summer Camp Coordinator at Helen.Nessonmerriman@bhsu.edu

--Submitted by JODI GABRIEL on 2021-06-28

SEND-A-THANKS

Thank you for all you do at BHSU! Here are the recipients of the Send-A-Thanks messages last week:

Angie Faulkner

Kim Nida

Melissa Simpson

Allison Olson

To thank an employee on campus, use the new “Send-A-Thanks” link at the bottom of the E-Update.

BHSU IN THE MEDIA

BHSU NAMES ANDREW CONNIFF AS NEXT HEAD SOCCER COACH

Read the [Rapid City Journal](#) and [Black Hills Pioneer](#) articles

MCMEEL TAKES OVER AS BHSU ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Read the [Rapid City Journal](#) and [Black Hills Pioneer](#) articles

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