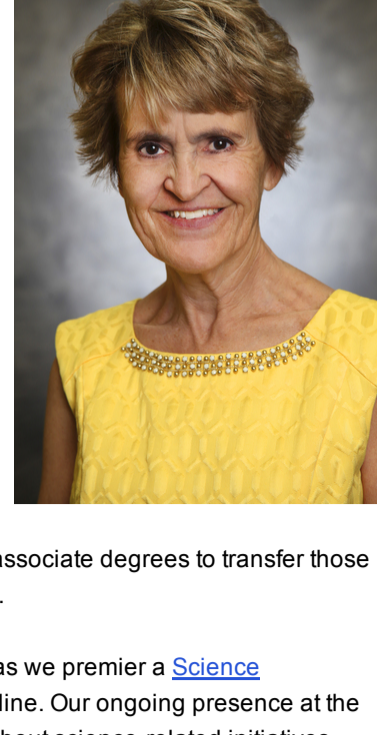


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Black Hills State!

There's an air of anticipation and excitement as we begin the Fall 2020 semester. It's a time of new beginnings for all of us. There are a number of adjustments as we proactively consider the ever-changing pandemic that's affecting life as we know it throughout the world. The need for, and the delivery of, higher education remains constant. Our faculty, our staff and our students continue to impress me with their innovative approach and willingness to adapt to ensure this semester, although it won't be the same, will provide life changing educational experience.



We are proud to showcase several new programs this fall including a Bachelor of [Applied Science degree in Leadership](#). We worked with Western Dakota Tech in Rapid City in the development of this new program which creates an excellent opportunity for graduates of applied associate degrees to transfer those credits into this program and continue their pursuit of a bachelor's degree.

I'm also pleased to note that BHSU is collaborating with the Sanford Lab as we premier a [Science Communication emphasis](#) in our in demand mass communications discipline. Our ongoing presence at the Lab creates many possibilities for our students to get experience writing about science-related initiatives.

Two Centers are now housed in the BHSU-Rapid City location – [the Center for Hospitality and Business](#) as well as the West River Health Sciences Center. Both of these Centers focus on critical workforce development and have the potential to spur economic development in the region. We are pleased to be working closely with industry leaders in the Rapid City region.

This fall brings some disappointing changes as well. Several [fall sports are being moved](#) to the spring semester. We are looking forward to cheering on the cross country and golf teams this fall. Thanks to the coaches and scholar-athletes for their gracious and proactive approach to these changes. Discussions are underway at this time about Swarm Week. We will have information out soon.

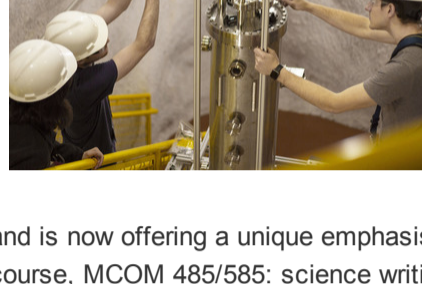
There's still the opportunity to join us for the [BHSU Comeback Extravaganza](#) at Lyle Hare Stadium next Saturday. The fundraising event will be a great evening of fun while raising scholarship dollars. There's a virtual option for participation too.

Sincerely,

President, Laurie S. Nichols



NEW PROGRAMS AT BHSU



UNIQUE SCIENCE COMMUNICATION COURSE TO BE OFFERED AT BHSU THIS FALL

In a region with groundbreaking science research, BHSU has capitalized on the strengths of its mass communication program and is now offering a unique emphasis in Science Communication, including a new course, MCOM 485/585: science writing.

The Science Communication emphasis at BHSU merges science knowledge with mass media skills. From a unique combination of courses, students learn to effectively communicate scientific information to the general public. In collaboration with Lead's underground lab, BHSU is offering courses in science communication. This is a growing field and our ongoing presence at the Lab makes creates many possibilities for our students to get experience writing about science-related initiatives. [Read more](#)



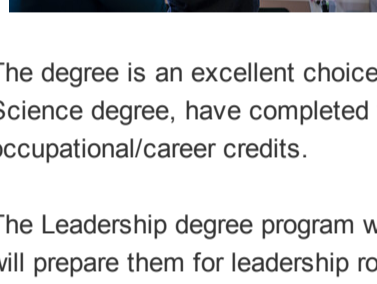
THEATRE ACTING CLASS FOR BUSINESS STUDENTS

A new course, Introduction to Acting for Business, is designed specifically to help non-theatre majors develop confidence when talking to customers and will be offered for the first time this fall and in the

spring of 2021.

Chair for the School of Business and associate professor of entrepreneurship Dr. Jeffery Wehrung says, "The course will help freshmen develop better presentation skills for their future courses. It is also useful to help upper classmen prepare for the job market."

While the course is geared toward business students, there are no prerequisites for the course. That means any student, no matter their course of study or what courses they've taken in the past, can register for the class. [Read more](#)



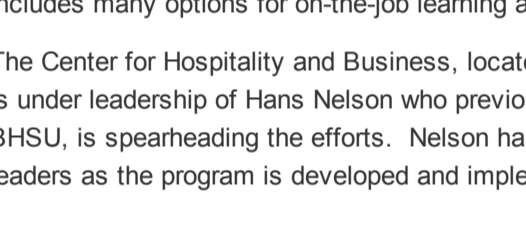
A BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN LEADERSHIP

A new Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Leadership will be offered by Black Hills State University this fall.

The degree is an excellent choice for students who have an Associate of Applied Science degree, have completed technical school course work, or have occupational/career credits.

The Leadership degree program will complement students' previous coursework and will prepare them for leadership roles in their chosen field. Coursework will include emphasis on skills such as leadership, team building, strategic planning, and organizational communication. Extensive discussion with Western Dakota Tech helped frame the development of the degree.

"This program provides a great opportunity for Western Dakota Tech graduates who are interesting in an excellent 2+2 agreement leading to a bachelor's degree," said Ann Bolman, Ed.D., Western Dakota Tech President. [Read more](#)



BHSU LEADS TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY INITIATIVES WITH NEW CENTER IN RAPID CITY

Tourism and hospitality are big business in this region and now Black Hills State University is leading initiatives to ensure the need for qualified workers is met by creating an associate degree that can be completed in 16-months and includes many options for on-the-job learning along with classes.

The Center for Hospitality and Business, located in the BHSU-Rapid City building near Exit 61, is under leadership of Hans Nelson who previously served as Director of Corporate Relations at BHSU, is spearheading the efforts. Nelson has been meeting with tourism and hospitality leaders as the program is developed and implemented. [Read more](#)

FUROIS FAMILY CREATES BHSU SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS ENCOURAGING COLLEGE GRADUATION

Black Hills State University is offering a new scholarship for incoming students who require continued academic accommodations. The Ed and Mary Furois Family Scholarship was established this year after a vehicle auction at the BHSU Scholarship Gala last summer netted \$25,000 for students.

The annual award is designed to encourage students to attend and complete their college education. Having an Individual Education Plan (IEP) in high school is the foremost qualification.



Mary and Ed Furois

"Mary and her late husband Ed have been longtime supporters of BHSU and the entire Spearfish community. It is so appropriate that we will have a scholarship in their name that will help students in perpetuity," says Steve Meeker, vice president for University Advancement. [Read more](#)



RMAC POSTPONES 2020 FALL SPORTS TO SPRING 2021

The Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) announced Thursday afternoon, the postponement of all 2020 Fall seasons except cross country and golf until the Spring of 2021 due to precautions surrounding COVID-19.

This follows Wednesday's announcement regarding the cancellation of all seven of NCAA Division II's fall 2020 championships.

"COVID-19 related decisions are tough when there is so much out of our control in the situation," said Black Hills State University Athletic Director, Jhett Albers. "We at Black Hills State are going to focus on creating and sustaining a healthy, safe and positive environment to keep enhancing our student athlete experience."

For BHSU, this means the football, women's soccer and volleyball schedules will be postponed until the spring. Men's and women's cross country, women's golf and rodeo currently remain as scheduled for the fall. [Read more](#)



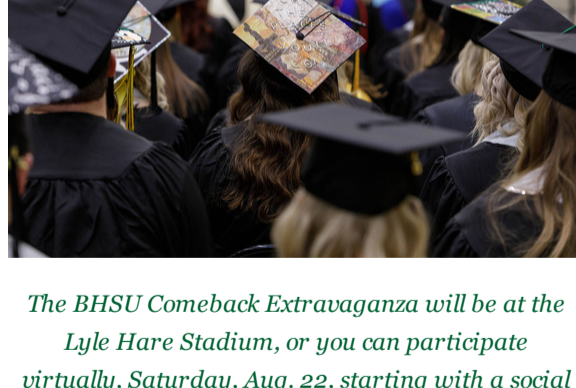
Tetrault

Q&A WITH BHSU ALUM EASES WORRIES FOR FRESHMEN AND SHARES INSIGHT INTO HEALTHCARE PROFESSION

Bailey (Kusser) Tetrault from Highmore, S.D., graduated from Black Hills State University in May 2016 with a bachelor's degree in biology and minors in chemistry and business. Tetrault also played for the BHSU women's basketball team. Today she works fulltime for Monument Health in Spearfish as an outpatient infusion registered nurse.

Bailey took a redshirt year during her junior season after having knee surgery, so she attended BHSU for five years. She has been working with Monument Health for three years now. Click the link to read the full Q&A about her experience on the BHSU campus and in the healthcare profession. [Read more](#)

BHSU SCHOLARSHIP GALA AND RAFFLE TO BE HELD IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY



The BHSU Comeback Extravaganza will be at the Lyle Hare Stadium, or you can participate virtually, Saturday, Aug. 22, starting with a social hour at 6 p.m. The main event starts at 7 p.m.

This year Black Hills State University is combining its annual Scholarship Gala and Gold Rush Raffle event into one Comeback Extravaganza, inviting alumni, staff/faculty, and community members to raise funds for academics and athletics. The event will be at the Lyle Hare Stadium, or you can participate virtually, Saturday, Aug. 22, starting with a social hour at 6 p.m. The main event starts at 7 p.m.

BHSU has hosted two separate fundraising events, but due to COVID-19 the university decided to combine the two. The gala last year raised more than \$160,000 and the raffle, an additional \$47,000. All the funds go toward scholarships for academics and athletics.

Throughout the event, BHSU will be using a mobile bidding program. This will allow participants to bid virtually from the comfort of their homes.

The deadline to register was AUGUST 10th, but late registrations for this event will be accepted. Register at <http://bit.ly/BHEXTRA20>. For more information contact Meeker at Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu or 605-642-6228. [Read more](#)

BHSU TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SUFFRAGE WITH EVENT HELD ON CAMPUS

On Friday, October 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Jacket Legacy Room of the Student Union, Black Hills State University will be holding an in-person and virtual event in celebration of the 100th anniversary since the passing of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. At this event, attendees will learn about some of the historical women and events that have fueled the progress of women's rights over the last 100 years. For more information or to register for the event, [click here](#).