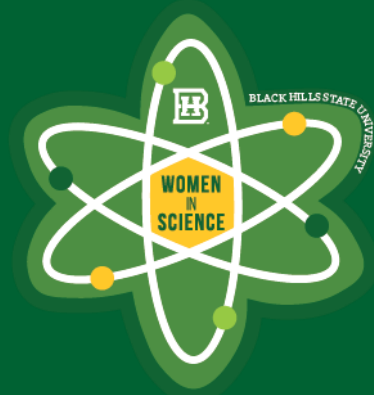

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Erin Fagnan

Born and raised in Aberdeen, SD. She has three older brothers who taught her most of what she knows about life! Erin is an avid outdoor lover and spent most of her childhood outside playing and was always fascinated with water. Erin attended Northern State University in Aberdeen and received bachelor of science degrees in both Chemistry and Environmental Science with a specialization in Bioremediation. While attending Northern State University, she participated in the Maryland Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) and was able to live on Solomon's Island, Maryland for a summer conducting research on the bioavailability of flame retardants found in wastewater streams. It was through this REU program where she discovered her passion for water treatment and through the advice of her mentors she returned to South Dakota and enrolled at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Erin graduated with a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering – Environmental Emphasis in 2010 and began her career with the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) as an engineer. Also, in 2010, Erin joined the South Dakota National Guard as a bridge crew member with the 200th Engineer Company. Erin continues to work for the DANR and serve in the SD National Guard and in 2021 became South Dakota's first female Drill Sergeant.

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Scyller J. Borglum



Dr. Scyller Borglum is employed at WSP as a Dr./Vice President Underground Storage, Energy. She graduated from Pacific Lutheran University (1999) Bachelor of Business Administration, Duke University (2003) Master of Theological Studies, Montana Technological University (2014) Master of Science, Petroleum Engineering, Montana Technological University (2017) Bachelor of Science, Petroleum Engineering, SD School of Mines and Technology (2018) PhD Geology/Geological Engineering.

Words of Wisdom: "Fail. Fail gloriously forward every single day. Know that lifelong learning and success comes with temporary incompetence. So, hurry up and get your temporary fail out of the way early in your day and then get on with your successes."

Phoebe Breed



Phoebe Breed is starting her own business called Sunshine Medical Aesthetics and will be providing non-surgical cosmetic procedures, including Botox and filler. She graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a B.A. in Nursing and Viterbo University with her Doctorate of Nursing Practice as a family nurse practitioner.



Lori Brown



Lori Brown is employed at The Nature Conservancy as a Riparian Health Project Manager. She graduated from California Polytechnic State University, 2012, undergraduate degree, and Texas Tech University, 2016, master's degree.

Words of Wisdom: "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." The more you learn, the more you will be inspired by the incredible beauty and complexity in the world around you. Always be curious."

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Denise Byrd



Denise Byrd is employed at Monument Health in Spearfish as a Doctor of Audiology. She graduated from the University of Northern Colorado - MA in Audiology in 2002, and Salus University - AuD in Audiology in 2008.

Words of Wisdom: "Audiology is an amazing and rewarding career for women. There are many areas of specialty and the ability to work with all ages. I love what I do every day and am so glad I found this career." My favorite quote comes from Helen Keller: "Blindness cuts us off from things, but deafness cuts us off from people."

Rachel Byrum



Rachel Byrum is employed at Prairie Hills Pharmacy as a Staff Pharmacist. She graduated from college at SDSU, Doctor of Pharmacy, August 2012-May 2016, USD with a Master of Business Administration, August 2009-May 2012, and BHSU with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, August 2002-May 2007

Words of Wisdom: "When a dream or goal seems too big it helps to break it up into several smaller goals. Before you know it, what may have seemed impossible has been accomplish



Suzanne Campbell



Suzanne Campbell is employed at Monument Health Spearfish Hospital as a Nursing Director. She graduated from Pearl River Community College, with an Associates in Nursing in 1990, University of Southern Mississippi, MSN in 2006, and American Sentinel University, DNP in 2016.

Words of Wisdom: "It is an honor to serve others so take every opportunity to do so. If you're judging others, you're not helping them or yourself. Be kind, everyone has a story that may not be outwardly apparent. Have fun and love what you choose to do as a career."

Kristi Chamley



Kristi Chamley is employed at Black Hills Energy as an Environmental Professional II. She graduated from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering, Emphasis in Chemical Engineering

Words of Wisdom: "Be happy now"



Cheryl Chapman



Dr. Cheryl Chapman is employed at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology as a Research Assistant IV, Atmospheric & Environmental Sciences. She graduated from SDSMT, B.S. Mathematics, and B.S. Civil Engineering, 1978 and South Dakota State University, PhD Biological Sciences, 2006.

Words of Wisdom: "Scientists and engineers combine creative ideas and technical know-how to solve the biggest problems in the world—join us!"



Jamie Clapham



Jamie Clapham is employed at Monument Health Rehabilitation Center as a Physical Therapist. She graduated from Furman University, Greenville SC. Bachelor of Science in Health and Exercise Science, 2004, and the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta GA. Master of Physical Therapy, 2007.

Words of Wisdom: "Remember that you will learn just as much from your challenges and "failures" as you do from your successes and triumphs. Don't just "go to school and go home." Get involved outside the classroom, you will be surprised of some of the people you will meet and things you will learn along the way."

Kim Clark



Kim Clark is employed at Technology and Innovation in Education as a Learning Specialist. She graduated from Northwestern College, BA Christian Education/Religion, Chapman University, BS Elementary Education, State of South Dakota K-12 Math Specialist Endorsement, and Black Hills State University, MS Curriculum and Instruction.

Words of Wisdom: “You matter. Explore and experience new things every day. Today will be one of those days to learn and try something you have never done before. You will be given a variety of hands on opportunities to engage in. This day is your day. You matter!”

Julie Dahl



Julie Dahl is employed at Sanford Underground Research Facility as a Science Education Specialist. She graduated from BHSU with a BS, Elementary and Special Education, and MS, Curriculum and Instruction.

Words of Wisdom: “Never let someone tell you the sky’s the limit when there are footprints on the moon.”



Deena Davis



Deena Davis is employed at Rapid City Regional Hospital as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. She graduated from South Dakota State University, BS Nursing, and Mount Marty College, MS Nursing.

Words of Wisdom: "Brigham Young said "You educate a man; you educate a man. You educate a woman; you educate a generation." Let's thank the women before us by succeeding, helping each other succeed, and leading the way for future generations."



Kellie Jo Dean



Kellie Dean is employed at Monument Health as an IT Manager in Healthcare Informatics. She graduated from National American University with B.S. Business Administration Management.

Words of Wisdom: "There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge. Wisdom is the ability to discern what is true, right, or lasting. Knowledge is information gained through experiences. Success takes both first applying knowledge daily and second developing wisdom for lasting happiness."

Abigail Domagall



Dr. Abigail Domagall is employed at BHSU as an Associate Professor of Geology. She graduated from BS University of Leeds, UK, Geological Science, University at Buffalo, NY, MS, Geology (Volcanology), and University at Buffalo, NY PhD, Geology (Volcanology).

Words of Wisdom: “Get involved and take as many opportunities that come your way as possible. Take opportunities to work shadow, to check out universities and their programs, to get to know your teachers or professors, and later, to participate in research, and go to conferences.”

Holly Downing



Dr. Holly Downing is employed at BHSU as a Professor. She graduated from Smith College, BS Zoology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, MS Entomology, and University of Wisconsin-Madison, PhD Entomology.

Words of Wisdom: “As you plan for your future, be imaginative, be flexible, and remember to have fun along the way.”



Julie Erickson



Julie Erickson is employed at Technology and Innovation in Education (TIE) as a Learning Specialist. She graduated from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, 1995, B.S. Electrical Engineering, and the University of Arizona, 1999, M.A. Information Resources and Library Science.

Words of Wisdom: "Science and engineering careers look different depending on where you work and what your job responsibilities are. Having a science and engineering education provides you with opportunities in many fields because you have problem solving and technical skills that are necessary in today's world."

Liz Fayer



Liz Fayer is employed at BHSU as an adjunct. She graduated from Northeastern Illinois University, B.S. in Biology, Northeastern Illinois University, M.S. in Biology, Northern Illinois University (NIU), Teacher Certification; Biology, University of South Dakota, Ed.S., C&I, and University of South Dakota, Ed.D., C&I.

Words of Wisdom: "Becoming a 'Women in Science' can change your future, the lives of others, and the world!"

Connie Feist



Connie Feist is employed at Black Hills State University as the Head Coach for Triathlon. She graduated from Northwestern Michigan College, B.S. Hospitality Management in 1986.

Words of Wisdom: "You are the only person on earth who can use your ability."



Samantha Figgins



Dr. Samantha Figgins is employed at Health Source Chiropractic of Spearfish as a Chiropractor. She graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic, Doctorate of Chiropractic.

Words of Wisdom: “Whatever your passion may be, take it, and nurture the idea of what happiness it will bring in your future. We only live one life so we shouldn’t spend a single second of it doing something that doesn’t bring joy and fulfillment to our lives.”

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Marti Garlick



Dr. Marti Garlick is employed at SD School of Mines as an Assistant Professor in Mathematics. She graduated from Utah State University with a PhD in Mathematics with an interdisciplinary emphasis in Biology, Aug 2012, MS Mathematics, December 2007, and BS Mathematics, December 2004.

Words of Wisdom: "Don't be afraid of Math! You can learn more than you might think you can. Math is the behind cool technology and is an integral part of science and engineering. (And it is fun!)"

Sara Gottlob



Sara Gottlob is employed at Monument Health as a certified nurse practitioner. She graduated from BHSU, AS Business, USD, AS Nursing, SDSU, BS Nursing and MS Nursing.

Words of Wisdom: “Work hard every day to succeed and achieve your goals in life. Your daily sweat and endurance will persevere.”



Jessica Graham

Dr. Jessica Graham is employed at Black Hills State University as the Assistant Professor of Biology. She graduated from Washington State University, B.S. Wildlife Ecology in 2013, and North Dakota State University, PhD Environmental & Conservation Science in 2018.

Words of Wisdom: "Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference. - Dr. Jane Goodall"



Anna Hemelin



Anna Hemelin is employed at NewsCenter1 as a Meteorologist, Multimedia Journalist. She graduated from Florida Tech, May 2021, with a Bachelor of Science in Meteorology.

Words of Wisdom: "Follow your heart, and your brain will follow. You don't have to be perfect at math or win the science fair to be an amazing, inspiring and happy scientist! You just have to be you."



Amy Hasvold



Amy is employed at RE/SPEC Consulting & Services as an Engineer for Mining & Energy. She graduated from University of Wyoming with BS, Mechanical Engineering, and MS, Mechanical Engineering.

Words of Wisdom: “Think like a proton, always positive!”



Kristine Heinen



Kristine Heinen is an Educator at the SD Discovery Center. She graduated from Montana Western with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Interpretation, 2016.



Words of Wisdom: "Never lose your curiosity. Always ask questions. Don't be afraid to break the mold and do what you are passionate about."

Hope Jackson



Hope Jackson is employed at Jackson Dental as an Operations Director, Registered Dental Hygienist, and a Certified Orofacial Myologist. She graduated from University of Minnesota School of Dentistry with a Bachelor of Science in 2003. She has been working in dentistry since 1997, while still in high school. She studied myofunctional therapy through multiple educational avenues, becoming a certified myologist in 2020 through the IAOM.

Words of Wisdom: "Do something you love. If you have a passion for what you do, it won't feel like work, you will do it better, and you will love your life."

Amber Kennedy



Amber Kennedy is employed at Monument Health as a Physical Therapist. She graduated from the University of Puget Sound: Doctor of Physical Therapy, 2013, and the University of South Dakota: B.S. Psychology, minor in Biology, 2009.

Words of Wisdom: "You are capable of anything. Pursue a career that interests you and take your time figuring it out. Take advantage of opportunities that allow you to learn more about yourself, and what your interests are."

Nicole Kerkenbush



Nicole Kerkenbush is employed at Monument Health as a Chief in Nursing and a Performance Officer. She graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing, and the University of Washington with a Masters in Nursing Informatics, and Masters in Healthcare Administration.

Words of Wisdom: “Plan Deliberately. Take Risks. It’s All About Relationships.”

Deb Kuehn



Deb Kuehn is employed at Rapid City Regional Hospital and Black Hills Pediatrics and Neonatology as a Certified Neonatal and Family Nurse Practitioner. She graduated from Augustana College, BA Nursing and Psychology, Indiana University, MSN Perinatal Nursing, and SDSU, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Certificate and Nurse Practitioner Certificate.

Words of Wisdom: “Follow your heart’s desire and shoot for the stars. You can do anything you want, but it usually will take time and perseverance.”

Debbie Liddick



Debbie Liddick is employed at BHSU as an Assistant Director for Facilities and Sustainability as well as a Retired Colonel in the US Air Force. She graduated from Wilkes University, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, 1988, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Master of Science in Aeronautical Science, 1995, and National Defense University, Master of Science in National Recourse Strategy, 2010.

Words of Wisdom: "With a STEM degree, you might find yourself working in a mostly male dominated career field but always remember you don't have to present yourself as "one of the boys" to succeed, you should trust your brain and be a confident woman."

Anna Lukens-Black



Anna Lukens-Black is employed at Monument Health in Spearfish as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). She graduated from Luther College, Decorah, IA; Bachelor of Arts, Nursing, 2007 and Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR; Master of Nursing, Nurse Anesthesia, 2017.

Words of Wisdom: "The power that women have lies in our innate ability to bring ideas and people together with knowledge, kindness, compassion, enthusiasm and generosity."

Naveen Malik



Naveen Malik is employed at Tempus Labs as a Senior Program Manager. She graduated from Northwestern University, 2005, B.Sc. - Pre-Med, BHSU. 2017, B.Sc - Chemistry, and BHSU, 2019, M.Sc - Integrative Genomics.

Words of Wisdom: "Don't listen to anyone who gives advice. Follow your own path!"

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Christine Mathews



Dr. Christine Mathews is employed at SD School of Mines as a Lecturer & Primary Adviser for Pre-Professional Health Sciences, Department of Chemistry, Biology, and Health Sciences. She graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston, 2013, PhD Epidemiology, the University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston, 2009, MPH, and Wheaton College, 2007, BS Biology.

Words of Wisdom: "Find your passion in life and follow it, but know you may not find it right away, and that is ok. Don't be afraid to take risks because you fear failure. Failure can sometimes teach you more than success can."

Stephanie Mayfield



Stephanie Mayfield is employed at West River Area Health Education Center (WRAHEC) as the Executive Director. She graduated from Dickinson State University, 1996, Magna cum Laude Graduate with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and Minors in English and Spanish.

Words of Wisdom: "Challenge yourself to try something new—it may be your life's passion!"



Kelli McCormick



Kelli McCormick is employed at SD School of Mines and Technology as the Senior Lecturer in Mining Engineering and Management. She graduated from Idaho State University, BS Geology, University of New Mexico, MS Geology, and John Hopkins University, PhD, MA Earth and Planetary Science.

Words of Wisdom: “Adaptability is important to success. Being a lifelong learner will help you achieve your goals.”

Quinn McCoy



Quinn McCoy is a Physical Therapist at Monument Health. She graduated from Simmons College, 5/2002, Bachelor of Science, and Simmons College, 5/2004, Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Words of Wisdom: "Don't be afraid to try new things and don't be afraid of failing. Put yourself out there even if it doesn't go the way you want it to as you can always learn from failure. Ask questions as the answers may surprise you and it always okay to not know something."

Raeann Mettler



Dr. Raeann Mettler is employed at Missouri Breaks Industries Research, Inc. as a Science Specialist. She graduated from Black Hills State University (Spearfish, SD), 2005 BS Biology, and Black Hills State University (Spearfish, SD), 2008 MS Integrative Genomics, and the University of Freiburg (Freiburg, Germany), 2020 PhD Natural Sciences.

Words of Wisdom: “Science & everyday life cannot and should not be separated.” - Rosalind Franklin



Joanne Noyes



Joanne Noyes is employed at the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Geological Survey Program as an Environmental Scientist and Hydrologist. She graduated from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, BA Geology, University of Minnesota, Morris MS Geology, and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Petroleum Remediator license and Professional Engineering license.

Words of Wisdom: “Find your passion, even if it is an outrageous dream and pursue it with all your heart. If you love what you do, you will have fun and make money doing it. Education is also essential. No matter what career you choose, education is not just something you check off once you graduate.”

Megan Ostrenga



Megan Ostrenga is employed at The Journey Museum and Learning Center as an Archivist/Curator. She graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and Earth Science from Northern Arizona University and her Master's degree in Heritage and Museum Sciences from Texas Tech University. Ostrenga has worked as a Science Educator, Camps Director, Collections Assistant, and Site Manager at museums around the county- including Lowell Observatory, the Home of Pluto, where she gained her background in space sciences.



Peggy O'Sullivan



Peggy O'Sullivan is employed at Monument Health as the Director of Surgical Services in Rapid City. She graduated from American Sentinel University with her Master's of Science in Nursing specializing in Management and Strategic Organizational Leadership (2015), and Rapid City Regional Hospital School of Nursing with her Diploma/Registered Nurse (1982).

Words of Wisdom: "Be bold; be brave; seek out challenges; look for opportunities; be brave; BE KIND!" "Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it." Albert Einstein

Sara Pesek



Sara Pesek is employed at GenPro Energy Solutions as the Director of Business Development. She graduated from New York University - BS Finance and International Business, 2005, and Goldsmiths, University of London - MA Design & Environment, 2013

Words of Wisdom: "On your way to becoming great, you will try lots of things and you will fail a lot. Embrace failure - it can be heartbreaking, but it makes you stronger and better. Nothing truly great ever got done perfectly the first time."



Jane Pierce-McPherson



Jane Pierce-McPherson is employed at Monument Health as a Physician Assistant. She graduated from North Dakota State University, Undergrad, Dickinson State University, Bachelor's of Science - Elementary Education with concentration in Reading and Science, and Rocky Mountain College, Master of Physician Assistant Studies.

Words of Wisdom: "Keep an open mind about a future career path. Realize there are many steps you may take to get to your final goal. Focus on your strengths, interests, and values. Maintain a good work ethic and work-life balance. Never stop learning!!"

Jaelyn Quintana



Jaelyn Quintana is employed at SDSU as an Extension Sheep Field Specialist. She graduated from Laramie County Community College - A.S. in Animal Science, 2016, University of Wyoming - B.S. in Animal Science, 2017, and University of Wyoming - M.S. in Animal Science, 2020.

Words of Wisdom: "Seize every opportunity. Life is an adventure, so go out and experience everything it has to offer. You never know where an open door will lead."



Brandie Rainboth



Brandie Rainboth is the owner of Spearfish Physical Therapy and works there as a Physical Therapist. She graduated from the University of South Dakota: Doctor of Physical Therapy (Aug 2005 - May 2008), and University of South Dakota: Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology (Aug 2001 - May 2005).

Words of Wisdom: "Science surrounds us in our everyday life, just look around you. Science helps spark interest in asking why or how and then investigating to find answers. My best advice is to stay curious and keep seeking knowledge."



Myra Rude



Myra Rude is employed at Monument Health Spearfish Hospital as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). She graduated from the University of North Dakota: May 2013; Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), and Texas Wesleyan University: December 2017; Master of Science Nurse Anesthesia (MSNA).

Words of Wisdom: "1. You can do ANYTHING you set your mind to.
2. Work HARD and it will pay off, I promise!"

Susan Sanders



Susan Sanders is employed at the National Weather Service as a Warning Coordination Meteorologist. She graduated from the University of Michigan, BS Atmospheric Science, and University of Nebraska, Masters in Public Administration.

Words of Wisdom: “Don’t be afraid to go to new places or do new things!”



Chrystal Sheaff



Dr. Chrystal Sheaff is employed at Energy Laboratories, Inc. as a Laboratory Director. She graduated from Black Hills State University: 1998-2004; Bachelor of Science (Biology/Chemistry), and the University of Idaho: 2004-2008; pH D. Analytical Chemistry.

Words of Wisdom: "No matter who you are or where you come from, generating quality data will demand respect from your peers and the public, it is always about the data. Pursuing a career in the sciences bring together science, math and technology."



Ann Slaughter



Ann Slaughter is retired and was an employee at TEOCO Corporation as a Vice President-Strategic Telecommunication Accounts. She graduated from Middlebury College with a BA in Mathematics and German, and Harvard University with a MS in Biostatistics.

Words of Wisdom: "Be curious and always learning. Do what you love, and you will always love what you do!"



Melissa Smith



Melissa Smith is employed at NOAA as a Service Hydrologist. She graduated from Iowa State University, BS Atmospheric Science.

Words of Wisdom: “Take lots of math, science, and computer classes. The more variety, the better since many employers prefer to hire people with diverse backgrounds and training.”



Logan Stone



Logan Stone is employed at Medtronic, Inc as a Principal Regulatory Affairs Specialist. She graduated from Iowa State University (Ames, IA) with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science (2004), Northeastern University (Boston, MA) with a Master's of Science in Regulatory Affairs for Drugs, Biologics and Medical Devices (2013).

Words of Wisdom: "Ensure you work hard in everything you do and take every opportunity to experience something new. Pursue your passion in STEM and the world will be at your fingertips."



Jill Trimble



Jill Trimble is employed at BHSU as a Lecturer of Mathematics. She graduated from Montana State University with a Master's of Science in Statistics, and BHSU with a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics.

Words of Wisdom: "There are no secrets to success. Success is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure. - Colin Powell"

Katrin Volkmer



Katrin Volkmer is employed at Monument Health as an Occupational Therapist. She graduated from University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL, BS in Biology, and Creighton University in Omaha, NE, Doctorate in Occupational Therapy.

Words of Wisdom: "Get as much hands-on experience as you can! As you get into the world, be open to change your focus based on your experiences... sometimes your interests and talents can surprise you."



Constance Walter



Constance Walter is employed at South Dakota Science and Technology Authority as the Communications Director. She graduated from Bismarck State College, AA Liberal Arts, Dickinson State University, BA English and Communication Arts, and Peru State College, MS Organizational Management.

Words of Wisdom: “Other people’s dreams are not your dreams, so Do What You Love. It will take you down roads you didn’t know were there, challenge you in ways you never expected, and lead you to a place of wonder.”

Kara Weigel



Kara Weigel is employed at Monument Health as a Physiotherapist. She graduated from Augustana College, 2002, Bachelor Degree with a major in Biology, Baylor University, 2004, Master of Physical Therapy, and Baylor University, 2007, Transitional Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Words of Wisdom: "Set long term and short-term goals for yourself and share them with people that will help you make a plan to reach those goals. You shouldn't choose not to do something because you are afraid of failing, failure is okay, that is how we grow and learn."

Linda Wiley



Linda Wiley is retired and was employed at Caterpillar as a Logistics Center Manger, Manager of Distribution Projects for Common Process. She graduated from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, BS Mathematics.

Words of Wisdom: "You are responsible for your life, your successes and your mistakes. Everyone makes mistakes -- own them, hold up your head, and learn from them."

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