

QUICK FACTS

4,464 students from:

- All 66 South Dakota counties
- 44 states
- 29 foreign countries
- 77% residents
- 81% growth in graduate degrees since 2008

Largest programs:

- Business
- Education
- Biology

Fastest growing programs:

- Corporate Communication
- Engineering Technology-Advanced Manufacturing
- Music Education

Newest programs:

- M.S. in Secondary Education
- M.S. in Sustainability
- B.S. in Engineering Technology
- A.S. in Applied Health Sciences

New Certificates:

- Management
- Management Information Systems
- Entrepreneurial Studies

Certificates Related to

Engineering Technology:

- Advanced Computer Aided Manufacturing
- Construction Technology
- Energy Management Technology
- Industrial Leadership and Management
- LEAN Concepts & Management
- Mechanical Computer Aided Drafting



Black Hills State University

FY15 Budget Hearing

Appropriations Committee



Cheryl Dupris
Eagle Butte, S.D.
Class of 2013
Business Administration

BHSU supports the goals of the state

BHSU graduates more students helping to meet the state's workforce needs

- During the past five years, the number of individuals completing BHSU degrees has increased by 51%
 - 48% receiving degrees in May 2013 had transferred to BHSU
- BHSU has increased the number of STEM graduates by 20% over the last four years (biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics)

BHSU serves underrepresented populations

- 26% are first generation college students
- 5% are American Indians (the highest percentage in the Regental system)
- 39% are adult learners (the highest percentage in the Regental system)
- 4% are Hispanic
- 6% have veteran status
- 83% of BHSU students receive aid

2013-2014 RECOGNITIONS

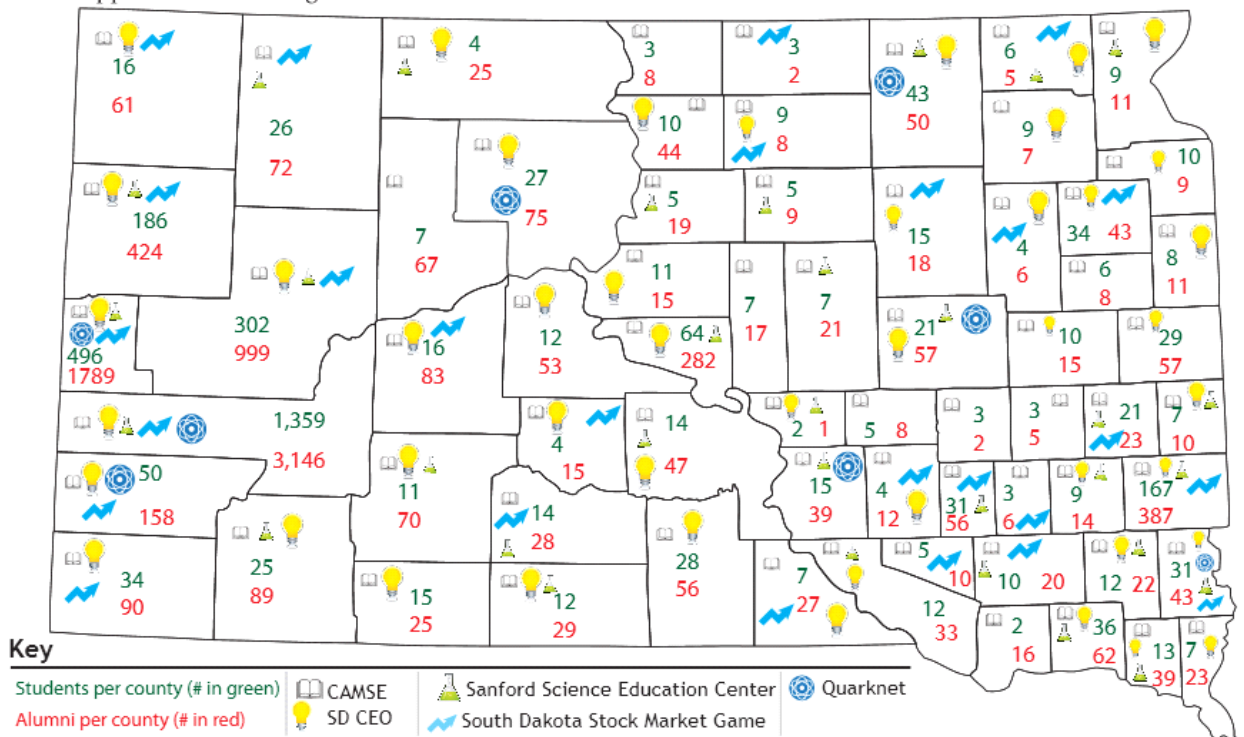
- Online education master's degree program ranked #11 nationally by U.S. News & World Report
- Top 200 Colleges for Native Americans designated by the editors of Winds of Change Magazine
- Among the top 15% of universities designated as Military Friendly by G.I. Jobs
- Named Best for Vets 2014 by Military Times
- Ranked #17 in Business and #22 in Education for affordable online degree programs by OnlineU



U.S. Senator John Thune presents a flag to Chris Bailey, business administration major from Spearfish and BHSU Vets Club president.

BHSU impacts the entire state

- Conducts research and participates in projects that are relevant and useful to the state:
 - Participating in dark matter and neutrino research at Sanford Lab
 - Examining the effects of the pine beetle infestation on South Dakota tourism
 - Infusing best practices into the teaching and learning of mathematics and science
 - Studying drought resistance of South Dakota native plants
 - Analyzing post-school status of special education students in the state
 - Developing and testing new solar cells
 - Reducing our carbon footprint by instituting sustainable initiatives
 - Testing the toxicity of nanomaterials
 - Developing new antibiotics and medicines
 - Collaborating with Oglala Lakota College to assess the health of bison herds and other species of concern
 - Creating strategic plans for the Belle Fourche and Redfield communities
 - Providing education and outreach activities with Sanford Lab
 - Offering summer academic camps for high school and elementary students
 - Cataloguing and archiving Black Hills National Forest Service documents into a searchable electronic database
- Offers bachelor's degree in Engineering Technology and associate's degree in Advanced Manufacturing Technology to support manufacturing workforce needs



- Fosters economic development through the South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity (SD CEO) - the only women's business center funded by the SBA in South Dakota - by providing business assistance and training to more than 1,350 current and aspiring entrepreneurs each year (See map - 💡)
- Takes the lead in innovative science education outreach through the Sanford Science Education Center, impacting approximately 6,000 people each year (See map - 🧪)
- Provides outreach to school districts through the Center for the Advancement of Mathematics and Science Education (CAMSE), impacting nearly 4,000 students and teachers each year (See map - 📖)
- Hosts the South Dakota Stock Market Game through the BHSU Center for Economic Education, each year providing 1,000 South Dakota high school teachers and students with relevant lessons that correlate to national content standards in economics and personal finance (See map - 📈)
- Enrolls students from all 66 counties in South Dakota (see map - # of students in green)
- Provides leadership and workforce ready graduates that live and work in a variety of professions in all 66 counties in South Dakota (see map - # of alumni in red)

Transforming Lives

BHSU transforms the lives of students preparing them to be leaders and decision makers



Jillian Draine

Jillian Draine - Spearfish, and Tayler Ripley - Pierre, Chemistry and Biology
 Earned NASA Space Grants for research projects. Jillian is working with Dr. John Dixon, associate professor of chemistry, to extract natural products from sages native to western South Dakota and test them for medicinal properties. Tayler is working with Dr. Dan Asunskis, BHSU assistant professor of chemistry, to investigate nanomaterials.

Jon Horner - Aberdeen Business Administration



Conducted research on possible negative economic impact of mountain pine beetle infestation.



Tayler Ripley

Rilda Means - Pine Ridge - Class of 2013 - Political Science and American Indian Studies

Community Relations Associate at Red Cloud Indian School

While at BHSU, Rilda was a mentor for the Bridge Program, a program that helps students transition from high school to college by addressing academic, professional, cultural and social issues that first-time Native college students face.

"BHSU was a great place for me to earn my education while remaining close to home. The faculty and staff broadened my perspective of the world."



Autumn Sanderson - Conde - Psychology - Class of 2013

Selected to present her research on the effectiveness of a local after school program at the American Psychological Association national convention. Autumn worked with Dr. Aris Karagiorgakis, assistant professor of psychology.



"This highlights the outstanding work at BHSU."



Joe Geyer - Rapid City Mass Communication

Recognized in the top 100 out of nearly 17,000 photo submissions for his image "Windswept." Fourteen BHSU photography students were chosen as finalists (top 5 percent) in the 33rd Annual College Photographers Competition by Photographer's Forum Magazine.

Black Hills State University
Committed to student success
 BHSU ensures graduates are workforce ready and on the right path to reach their career aspirations.

Erin Marsh - Pierre - Class of 2013 and Ann Anderson - Belle Fourche - Class of 2010

Earned the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Erin and Ann were the only two South Dakota educators to earn this award, the nation's highest honor.

Marsh teaches second and third graders and is a math coach at the Pierre Indian Learning Center. Anderson is a fifth-grade science teacher in Belle Fourche.



Marsh



Anderson

"Our graduates are being recognized nationally for their impact on student learning and their impact on the way math and science is taught."



Shown here working with students at Neutrino Day

Anna Hafele - Newell Outdoor Education and Biology

Presented her research on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on students' understanding of radiation and radioactivity during the Council on Undergraduate Research. Hafele has been working with Dr. Andy Johnson, assistant professor of physics, for the past three years.

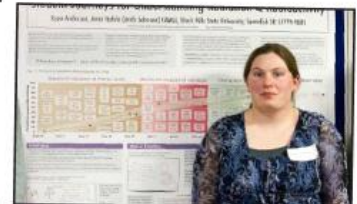
Ashley Wingert - Custer Chemistry

One of six BHSU interns at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF). Wingert worked on the Majorana Demonstrator experiment - a project studying whether neutrinos are their own antiparticle.



Joshua Thurmes - Deadwood Business Administration

One of only 55 students in the nation selected to receive the Tourism Cares scholarship.



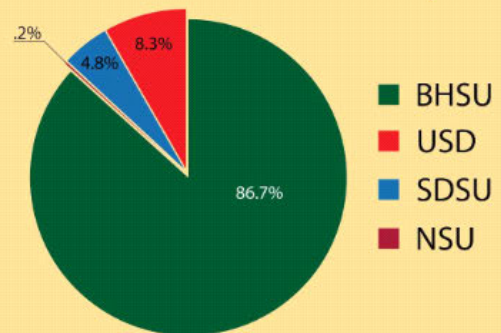
University Center-Rapid City



Enrollment by University

Black Hills State University	991
Dakota State University	12
Northern State University	4
South Dakota State University	355
University of South Dakota	334
Total	1,696

Credit Hours Per University



More than 200 courses offered at the University Center-Rapid City every semester

Programs & Certificates by University

BHSU	USD	SDSU	DSU	NSU
2 Master Degrees	1 Doctorate Degree	3 Master Degrees	4 Bachelor Degrees	2 Bachelor Degrees
13 Bachelor Degrees	1 Master Degree	5 Bachelor Degrees	2 Associate Degrees	2 Associate Degrees
4 Associate Degrees	4 Bachelor Degrees	1 Associate Degree		2 Certificates
9 Certificates	1 Associate Degree			

BHSU supports HB1022 and SB19

House Bill 1022 - Acquisition of Little Jackets Learning Center

- Transfer ownership of the building from the BHSU Foundation to the state
- The Little Jacket Learning Center was established in 1986 and is licensed for 60 children from 4 weeks to 12 years old. The Center offers childcare and preschool services to BHSU's students, faculty and staff with priority given to students
- The Center has a strong connection with academic programming in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. Students majoring in elementary education, early childhood development and human relations benefit from direct interaction with the Center

Senate Bill 19 - Increase authorization for Jonas Science renovation

A \$2.5M gift from T. Denny Sanford as well as grants will complement other funding sources for the renovation. The Jonas Science renovation will provide:

- Classrooms designed to reflect best practices in the teaching and learning of science and mathematics
- Space for the Sanford Science Education Center and the Center for the Advancement of Mathematics and Science Education
- Enhanced opportunities to collaborate with scientists in microbiology, genomics, and chemistry
- State-of-the-art research opportunities for BHSU students and faculty
- A clean room for research projects with the Sanford Underground Research Facility
- Plumbing, ventilation and electrical upgrades appropriate for scientific research and labs

- NSF-funded “Cyber Stars” Cyber Security 2014 Summer Camp – 147 students, 14-17 years old
- In FY 2012, DSU graduated 92 Computer Science and Information Systems baccalaureate degree students or 68.6% of all students in that major in the BOR System.

In FY 2012, DSU graduated 49 Computer Science and Information Systems master’s degree students or 83% of all students in that major in the BOR System.

- 6-8 Full-ride Cyber Security Scholarships available to high-achieving students; 29 students have received scholarships since 2011
- Classroom and lab access to students through biometric devices
- Education and business majors graduate with technology certifications



Dakota State’s new Mission Statement:

DSU integrates learning, technology, and innovation in a student-centered environment to develop graduates and to contribute to the success of local, national, and global endeavors.

Expansion of Info Systems and Cyber Security Programs at DSU

	Projections Provided to 2013 Legislature	Revised Projections as of Jan. 2014			
	FY14	Year 1 FY14	Year 2 FY15	Year 3 F16	Year 4 FY17
Projected Expenses:					
Faculty Salary Total	\$180,000	\$164,500	\$331,080	\$344,323	\$358,096
Graduate Assistants (GA's)			\$42,000	\$44,940	\$48,086
Benefits (faculty & GA's)	\$41,460	\$44,840	\$89,616	\$95,791	\$102,473
Total Personal Services Cost	\$221,460	\$209,340	\$462,696	\$485,055	\$508,655
Operating Expenses	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Total Expense Projection by FY	\$229,460	\$212,340	\$468,696	\$491,055	\$514,655

Projected Number of Faculty & GA's:					
Faculty	2	3	5	5	5
Graduate Assistants	0	0	3	3	3

Projected Enrollment	Projected	Actual	Projected - 10% Growth Annually		
			Fall 12 - Fall 13	Fall 12 - Fall 14	Fall 12 - Fall 15
Growth ² in IT Programs ¹ :					
Number of new Undergrad students in IT	10	78	86	95	105
Number of new Graduate students in IT	3	14	15	17	19

DSU Total Enrollment Data:	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Change
Total DSU enrollment Headcount	3110	3129	19
Total DSU enrollment FTE	1727.7	1740.6	12.9

Scheduled Expenditure of Special Appropriation:	FY14	FY15	F16
Beginning Balance	\$900,000	\$687,660	\$218,964
Expenditure	\$212,340	\$468,696	\$218,964
Ending Balance	\$687,660	\$218,964	\$0



Notes:

- ¹ The Projected Enrollment Growth in IT Programs include the following majors: Cyber Operations, Computer Network Security, Information Systems and other computer science related programs.
- ² Enrollment Growth is the increase in the number of IT Program majors from Fall 2012 to the Fall of the future fiscal year.

Enrollment:

Total Headcount for
Fall 2013

3,129

Distance Education / Off-Campus:

- 22% increase in self-support credit hour from Fall 2009 to Fall 2013
- New and enhanced student support services for distance students
 - Online student orientation for distance students
 - Online tutoring
 - Online proctoring services for distance students
 - Distance student survey used annually to seek student input

**24 of DSU's 41 programs
available online**

Graduation Rates

DSU's six-year graduation rate has increased 6.8% in one year.

Cohort	5-year Graduation Rate	6-year Graduation Rate
2003	34.4%	39.7%
2004	41.4%	44.1%
2005	26.8%	34.1%
2006	39.1%	41.9%
2007	42.9%	48.7%

Retention Rates

Fall 2008 to Fall 2009:	66.1%
Fall 2009 to Fall 2010:	63.5%
Fall 2010 to Fall 2011:	66.9%
Fall 2011 to Fall 2012:	59.9%
Fall 2012 to Fall 2013:	69.3%

DSU increased retention by 9.4% in one year.

Programs:

34 Undergraduate Majors

6 Master's Degrees

- Information Systems
- Information Assurance
- Health Informatics
- Educational Technology
- MBA in General Management
- Applied Computer Science

DSU and SDSU are planning a joint MS in Analytics (DSU) and MS in Data Science (SDSU), anticipated start date of Fall 2014.

1 Doctor of Science in
Information Systems

with a second D.Sc. in Cyber Security, pending approval from Higher Learning Commission and SDBoR

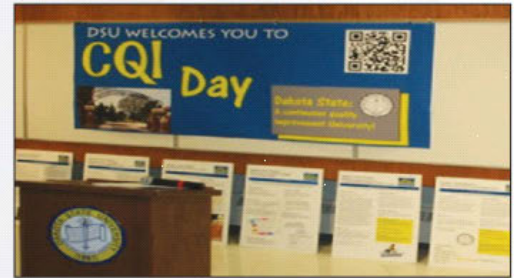
External Funding

FY 2009	\$2.8 million
FY 2010	\$8.7 million
FY 2011	\$5.1 million
FY 2012	\$2.7 million
FY2013	\$1.5 million
FY2014	\$1.6 million in proposals pending as of 12/31/13

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Initiative:

In order to address the many challenges of continuous improvement and the delivery of outstanding and cost-effective higher education, DSU implemented a campus-wide CQI process in 2010-11.

- The majority of faculty and staff plus campus student leadership have attended CQI training.
- Since 2010, 180 employees have been involved in approximately 105 CQI projects
- The CQI Leadership Committee sponsors frequent Campus Connections, informal gatherings to discuss quality improvement activities
- The fourth annual CQI Day will be held on March 19 with a focus on institutionalization of CQI and recognition of employees who recently completed quality improvement projects.
- DSU's CQI website: <http://www.dsu.edu/about/cqi/index.aspx>



Strategic Planning:/Listening Day:

On Wednesday, October 2nd, 259 DSU employees, students and community members attended Listening Day to begin work on the university's new Strategic Plan. In the months that followed, the feedback collected from these stakeholders was utilized in the development of DSU's new Mission, Vision, and Values statements.



2013-14 Student Success Initiatives

69.3% retention
Fall 2012 to Fall 2013
which is a
9.4% increase
from the previous year



- **First-Year Residential Experience (FYRE):** targets new residence hall students. Consists of an integrated culture focused on the unique challenges first-year residents experience when transitioning to the DSU campus.
- **Next Experience:** targets upper-class students. An intentional living experience focused on the needs, challenges, and successes of upper-class students.
- **Freshmen Intervention Team (FIT):** targets new freshmen and transfers. Identifies risk factors linked to retention and implements intentional intervention activities for these students.
- **Academic Advising:** targets all students. New, innovative advising programs are being developed and piloted to increase completion rates.
- **Honors/Enrichment Programs:** targets high achieving students. Each college has developed additional academic opportunities for qualifying students.
- **Math Success Center:** targets all remedial math students. Includes coordination of all tutoring and support services for students enrolled in remedial math.
- **Pre-general education course redesign:** Faculty piloted courses in math, English and reading focused on improving course completion rates for students who need pre-general education courses
- **Starfish:** A student tracking and support system to provide a comprehensive and coordinated approach to student success.
- **StrengthsQuest:** targets FYRE participants and College of Education freshmen. Students complete the StrengthsQuest assessment, identifying their strengths and activities are developed based on these strengths.

Awards and Recognitions



Of the eight programs recognized by the National Security Agency, DSU has the only undergraduate program in the nation designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Operations.

Victory Media named DSU a Military Friendly Schools for the fourth year in a row.



Dorine Bennett, the Dir. of Health Information Management programs at DSU, was recipient of AHIMA's Council for Excellence in Education (CEE) "Making Dreams Come True" Award.

Gale Wiedow, interim dean of the College of Education, is the president of the newly-named national organization, the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America). SHAPE America is the largest organization of professionals involved in physical education, physical activity, and school health--all specialties related to achieving an active, healthy lifestyle.



The DSU cyber security team clinched the first place position in the National Cyber League's (NCL) Fall Post Season National Championship Standings.



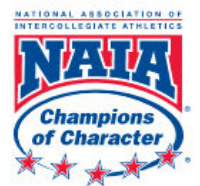
Earlier this year, the Barrier Free Learning Committee had a meeting with Governor Daugaard's Task Force to increase employment opportunities for those with disabilities. They discussed forming a partnership that would involve DSU providing training for both employees and employers.

This year's DSU's Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) team came home with second place from the eighth annual National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (NCCDC - <http://www.nationalccdc.org>), in San Antonio, Texas.



The DSU Trojans earned a spot at the 22nd Annual NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Tournament "Elite 8"

Dakota State was named to the NAIA's Five-Star Champions of Character institution for 2012-13. Dakota State is the North Star Athletic Association's (NSAA) top-scoring NAIA Champions of Character Five-Star Institution this year. DSU is also the top South Dakota institution on the NAIA Champions of Character Scorecard.





NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Joint Appropriations Committee



Budget Presentation
Feb. 5, 2014

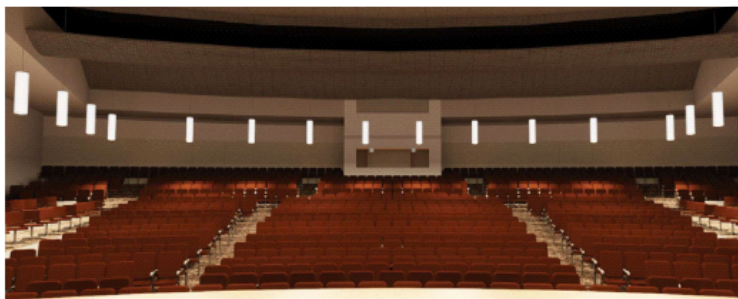
NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Northern State University is a premier residential, liberal arts institution characterized by outstanding instruction, extraordinary community relations and unparalleled co-curricular opportunities.

	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013
Head Count	2,672	3,296	3,580	3,622	3,343
Full Time Equivalent	1,923	2,082	2,202	2,156	2,128
Online Course Enrollments	402	1,251	1,356	1,805	1,865
International Students	186	240	254	157	193
Retention	67%	69%	68%	69%	71%
Average ACT Score	21.8	21.2	21.5	21.7	22
WolfPACT Annual Scholarships	451	500	493	502	530
Total WolfPACT Dollars	\$635,598	\$717,899	\$732,130	\$680,000	\$732,531

INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE

- **U.S. News & World Report** recognized Northern State University as one of the best public baccalaureate colleges in the Midwest for the sixth consecutive year. It also recognized NSU as one of the most affordable institutions in the country for the second year in a row.
- **NSU was ranked second in affordability** among South Dakota colleges and universities offering online programs by Affordable Colleges Online. AC Online, a website that provides students with information about affordable higher education options, focused specifically on distance learning options from public and private nonprofit institutions with full accreditation.
- **NSU has been awarded a competition based Title III grant of \$1,924,640 from the U.S. Department of Education** to make changes to its academic advising system, with the goal of increasing retention and graduation rates. This five-year award provides funding for six full-time academic advisors, including a full-time American Indian advisor.



The Johnson Fine Arts Center expansion and renovation will begin in May 2014. This project will help meet the growing needs of the School of Fine Arts, where student numbers have increased greatly. It will also allow the university to attract major touring companies and host statewide high school fine arts events.

- **Dr. Alan LaFave, dean of fine arts** and professor of music/clarinet at Northern State University, was named 2012-13 Outstanding Music Educator during the annual All-State Chorus and Orchestra event in Sioux Falls. LaFave previously served as director of bands at NSU from 1991 to 2006 and is a Northern alum.
- **NSU has received initial approval and funding support** from the Board of Regents to construct an academic greenhouse on campus. This state-of-the-art facility will enhance research opportunities and teaching capabilities. Equipped with the latest technology, it will draw students to campus who are interested in science-related careers. Since 2008, NSU's biology and environmental science majors have increased by 66 percent.

INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE

- **NSU's Honors Program** brought stellar speakers to campus this fall as part of the NSU Common Read, including Jennifer Pharr Davis, who holds the record for the fastest through hike of the Appalachian Trail; and human rights activist and former refugee Myra Dahgaypaw. In November, about 1,000 people came to campus to hear best-selling author Jeannette Walls deliver the main Common Read lecture. Her memoir, "The Glass Castle," was the Common Read book this fall.
- **Students of the NSU Honors Program continue to excel.** Danielle Weisz won a student poster competition award in the education and pedagogy category at the National Collegiate Honors Conference this fall. This work was her honors thesis. Fellow honors student Mike Newman embarked on a summer research trip to Europe, following the same trail his grandfather took during the Holocaust. His trip was partially funded by an NSU Undergraduate Research Grant. He plans to write an honors thesis, that may someday lead to a novel, about his grandfather's life.
- **The NSU volleyball team finished the season ranked 23rd in the final AVCA top-25 poll** – Northern's first-ever appearance in the top-25 poll. The Wolves went to the NCAA Regional Tournament for just the second time in school history (2006). NSU head coach Brent Aldridge was named the NSIC's Coach of the Year for the first time. Kelsey Chambers, a sophomore special education major from Jordan, Minn., was also selected as an All-American in volleyball.
- **Undergraduate research continues to grow and thrive at NSU.** In Feb. 2014, NSU will host its third annual Undergraduate Research Forum where students display their art or present their data in poster or oral presentation. Three students have recently received research awards through NSU's Undergraduate Competitive Research Grant program which is in its second year.
- **The NSU football team's season opener Sept. 7 against Wayne State** was the highest-attended NSIC game played in 2013, as 6,132 fans attended the Wolves' 29-27 triple overtime victory.
- **NSU student Calley Worth** was the first member of the Northern State University Rodeo Club to go to nationals since the club started up again in 2006. Worth and her horse, Lily, competed in barrel racing at the College National Finals Rodeo – known as the "Rose Bowl" of college rodeo – in Casper, Wyo., June 9-15.



NSU dedicated its new International Sculpture Garden on Aug. 23. The sculpture garden displays five sculptures – titled "Four Elements," "Meditation," "Reminiscence," "Rendezvous" and "Triumph" – by acclaimed Vietnamese artist Tuan Nguyen.

The pieces, valued at \$1.2 million, will be on display for the next ten years due to the generosity of the Picture Art Foundation. NSU alum Benjamin Victor, now Northern's artist in residence, was instrumental in bringing the Tuan sculptures to campus.

- **NSU's efforts to recruit international students** was recognized in a Wall Street Journal article that appeared in print in early November. Northern had almost 200 international students on campus from 24 countries this fall, nearly double the 13 countries represented in spring 2013.
- **Northern's study abroad numbers have increased.** In past years, the university might send three or four students abroad during the summer. Last summer, 60 students took advantage of travel abroad opportunities. That number could certainly rise again this upcoming summer, as NSU has four faculty-led trips planned: to England and France; Ireland; Israel; and Germany and the Czech Republic.

FUNDRAISING AND GROWTH OF THE NSU FOUNDATION

- **The total endowment of the Northern State University Foundation** stands at \$23,208,929 as of June 30, 2013. Permanent endowment is \$2,448,558, while the quasi-endowment totals \$760,370.
- **Following the successful completion of a \$29.2 million dollar campaign**, the NSU Foundation recently embarked on an \$8 million campaign to refurbish the Johnson Fine Arts Center. The Millicent Atkins Estate has gifted the foundation \$15 million to provide support for primary and elementary education. Students in year-long student teaching placements are already benefiting from Ms. Atkins' gift.
- **This past year the foundation** distributed \$2,225,979 in scholarships, which supported 2,060 students. Private support totaled \$16,407,456 from 3,831 alumni and friends.

CENTER FOR STATEWIDE E-LEARNING

- **NSU E-learning focuses** on delivering high-quality learning opportunities in a fiscally responsible way.
- **All AP courses are approved** through the College Board Audit Process.
- **All classes are instructor-developed** and led where students engage directly with each other and the teacher.
- **NSU E-learning is outcome-based:** 98 percent of student who completed the year-long courses passed their respective course(s).
- **Student surveys** report that E-Learning teachers are very knowledgeable of their subject matter (4.55 on 5 point scale)





Joint Committee on Appropriations

South Dakota's 89th Legislative Session
February 2014

FAST FACTS (2013-2014)

ENTERING FRESHMEN

Average Math ACT scores	88 th percentile
Average Unweighted High School GPA	3.5

ENROLLMENT	2,640
Full-time students	2,136
Undergraduate students	2,328
Graduate students	312
Men	2,031
Women	609
Veterans	123



CAMPUS DIVERSITY

American Indian	102
Asian/Pacific	105
Black/Non-Hispanic	9
Hispanic	86
Non-US Citizen	145
Other	14
White/Caucasian	2179

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Recognized as one of "America's 100 Best College Buys" for 15 consecutive years
- Ranked #5 nationally for return on investment by BestColleges.com, with a 30-year net return on investment of more than \$1.2 million
- Latest PayScale report for college graduates placed us 13th nationwide for starting salaries (\$62,400)
- Ranked in the top ten "Best for Vets: Colleges" in the Military Times EDGE magazine for four consecutive years

KEY POINTS

STUDENT SUCCESS

- 79% Retention (first to second year)
- 76% Students w/co-op/internships
- 55% Graduation Rate
- 98% Placement Rate
- \$62,400 Starting Salary



RESEARCH

- Relationship with 45 companies: tech transfer and commercialization
- 20 incubated “start ups” or “new to the area” tech businesses in Black Hills Business Development Center on campus since 2007
- Collaboration with Sanford Underground: \$10M research proposals and leader in nuclear astrophysics

FY 2015 PRIORITIES

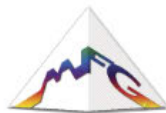
- Authorize 54.61 permanent FTE for custodial and maintenance
- Fund tuition freeze for South Dakota students
- Fund the Higher Education Facility Fund (HEFF) Match
- Fund Salary Policy



INITIATIVES

- Support to energy industry
- Student Wellness & Recreation Center
- Student Housing
- Steadily grow research partnerships, including Sanford
- Drive innovation with company partnerships
- Inspire the next generation of SD engineers and scientists

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