

## MMC In Top 3rd Of All SD Colleges For Return On Investment

AffordableCollegesOnline.org (AC Online) — today's Nop. 1 resource for college affordability and financial aid information — recently identified the South Dakota colleges and universities with the greatest lifetime return on investment. Graduates from these schools enjoy the largest earnings gap between non-degree holders over 30 years, and earn more on average than graduates from other South Dakota schools. Mount Marty College came in at number seven on the list for South Dakota.

"These are important lists for prospective students to consider," says AC Online founder Dan Schuessler. "We've sifted through comprehensive data sources to find colleges and universities in South Dakota that offer a high quality education with consistent, long-term payoffs in the workplace."

AC Online developed the following criteria for consideration as a "High ROI College":

- Fully accredited institution
- Either public or private
- Four-year, degree-granting institution
- ROI according to PayScale's 2013 College Value Report

AC Online compiled a list of schools meeting these criteria by using the following highly respected, authoritative data sets:

- NCES (<http://nces.gov/>), the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education. It provides consistent, reliable, complete, and accurate indicators of education status and trends.

- IPEDS (<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/>), the primary federal source for data on colleges, universities, and technical and vocational postsecondary schools in the U.S.

- Carnegie Classification

(<http://classifications.carnegiefoundation.org/>), a framework widely used in the study of higher education, both as a way to represent and control for institutional differences, and also in the design of research studies to ensure adequate representation of sampled institutions, students, or faculty.

- Payscale.com

(<http://www.payscale.com/about/methodology>), the premier salary data collection organization.

"We aim to educate so that potential students are aware of their options for obtaining a degree and, most importantly, for paying for one," says Schuessler. What are the most affordable options — online study, two-year, four-year, public or private colleges? What financial aid options are available and what pitfalls should you avoid? Our goal at AffordableCollegesOnline is to keep our finger on the pulse of college-related issues, the latest research, how the government is responding, and help students analyze their options."

The rankings are available at <http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/south-dakota/>.

## SD Department Of Ag. Launches County Site Analysis Program

PIERRE — As part of its continuing efforts to enhance local economic development opportunities, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) has partnered with First District Association of Local Governments and Development District III to launch a county site analysis program.

This program is designed to help counties plan for the future by providing local officials with resource-based information to assist them in making well-informed decisions. Site analyses include information on local zoning ordinances, permitting requirements and the availability of infrastructure.

"With agriculture consistently investing in rural South Dakota, the need for information related to economic development opportunities has never been greater," said Lucas Lentsch, South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture. "We're pleased to offer this program to help counties identify the right opportunities, in the most effective locations."

The county site analysis process features a broad overview of locations that could host a variety of economic development projects, including manufacturing, commodity processing and livestock-related enterprises.

"Because South Dakota's ag industry is so vast, there are a wide range of opportunities," said Paul Kostboth, SDDA's Director of Ag Development. "By undertaking a detailed analysis of the possibilities available within an individual county, local governments can better consider which types of investments best fit their long-term goals."

Site analyses will be provided to interested counties free of charge, upon formal request of the County Commission and will be conducted by local planning and development districts. Funding is provided through the Value-Added Agriculture Sub Fund, administered by the Value Added Finance Authority (VAFA).

For more information regarding the county site analysis program, contact Paul Kostboth at 605-773-5436 or e-mail [paul.kostboth@state.sd.us/](mailto:paul.kostboth@state.sd.us/).

## Pooch Plunge Slated Aug. 19

The Heartland Humane Society and Dakota Animal Rescue, along with the City of Yankton Parks and Recreation Department, invites the community to the fourth annual Pooch Plunge at the Memorial Park Pool in Yankton. The dog swim event will be held on the evening of Monday, Aug. 19, from 6-8 p.m.

There is a fee for each dog that is brought in to swim and each dog must be accompanied by a human companion.

Dogs and their humans are invited to swim as life-guards will be on duty. Proceeds from the Pooch Plunge

will go toward the care of Heartland Humane Society and Dakota Animal Rescue's shelter pets.

All dogs should have a collar, carry ID tags, be properly licensed, vaccinated and in good health to participate. Ensure all dogs are leashed until ready to take the plunge. Be courteous and be prepared to clean up after your dogs.

For more information please contact the Summit Activities Center at (605)665-5234 or the Heartland Humane Society at (605) 664-4244 or Dakota Animal Rescue at (605) 661-4519.

### Click And Clack

# Jump Pack Much Better Than This Harebrained Idea

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI  
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**Dear Tom and Ray:**

OK, I know this is a pretty ridiculous question, but I've done a little research and can't find anything written on the subject. I was wondering if it's possible to implement a sort of pull-start system (like a lawnmower has) on my truck. The reason I would want this is for a situation such as a dead battery with no one to give me a jump-start. I just figured that it would be nice to have a system like this for occasional use. Now, I know I can just buy a portable jump-starter and keep that in my truck, but is a modification such as this possible? I appreciate your time and help. — **Harvey**

**RAY:** Sure. On almost every car, there's a big, fat nut on the crankshaft pulley that bolts to the front of the crankshaft. That's the pulley with the serpentine belt running around it. If you were to turn that nut, you'd be turning the crankshaft and thereby "cranking the car."

**TOM:** In fact, on old cars like the Model T Fords, that's exactly what people did. They went to the front of the car, fit a wrench on that nut and "cranked it" until the engine started.

**RAY:** But it's not so easy with modern cars. First of all, you don't have easy access to it. Most modern engines are mounted transversely (aka installed sideways). So you'd have to smash a hole in one of your front fenders to get at the crankshaft pulley with a crank handle.



### CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

**TOM:** And even on a truck with a longitudinally mounted engine, like yours, you'd still have to blast a hole through the radiator.

**RAY:** But more importantly, it's not easy to crank a modern engine. By comparison, Model T engines were tiny. You simply wouldn't be strong enough to turn over a modern, high-compression engine by hand — even with the mechanical advantage of a pull starter or a wrench.

**TOM:** Think about it: Even a tiny lawnmower engine takes some effort to pull-start, and lawnmowers typically have 0.15-liter engines, as compared with the 2.0- to 3.0-liter engines found in typical cars. Or 4.0-, 5.0- and 6.0-liter engines in trucks!

**RAY:** So, a pull start is out of the question. But if you still want to pursue this idea, I guess you could employ some sort of separate electric motor to help you turn the crankshaft. Actually,

we have those, Harvey. They're called starter motors! Your car already has one.

**TOM:** I suppose you could buy yourself a powerful electric drill instead — something that delivers, say, 5 horsepower (the starter motor, for comparison, delivers 8-10 hp). But that drill will cost you about \$4,000. And don't forget the cost to replace the radiator you had to pop a hole in.

**RAY:** So as you suggested, Harvey, this is a harebrained idea. You're much better off with one of those portable "jump packs" that you can use to jump your battery. The most powerful one you can get (which is what you should look for, in terms of the amps it produces) will cost you less than \$200. That's the way to go.

Do you really need that truck if you only make one trip to the lumberyard per year? Find out what kind of car NOT to get in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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## USD Fraternity Receives Award

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE) Fraternity was honored earlier this month at the fraternity's summer PIKE University event, The Academy, in Memphis, Tenn. with the Robert Adger Smythe Award, Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity's most prestigious honor.

The Smythe Awards honor the top percent of 225 chapters and colonies in the United States and Canada and recognizes a group of young men who have committed to the meaning of Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, Gentlemen — Pi Kappa Alpha's four cornerstones, and to the idea of always being there to support one another and put each other in a position to succeed.

"Our chapter is filled with men who are dedicated not only to USD and the community, but to our chapter," said Pi Kappa Alpha Chapter President Trenton Karlson, who is from Canton.

"These awards show what a group of brothers banded together can accomplish in the community and internationally."

The Smythe Award is based upon excelling in 16 areas of operation: membership recruitment, chapter programming, scholastics, philanthropy, community service, member retention, member and new member education, athletic performance, management, risk awareness, campus involvement and leadership, community involvement, consultant vision analysis score, and international involvement.

In addition to earning the Fraternity's most prestigious honor, the USD PIKES also received the Fraternity's second highest award, the Raymond L. Orians Chapter Excellence Award.

For more information about Pi Kappa Alpha at USD, contact Karlson at (605) 987-7426 or by email at [Trenton.Karlson@coyotes.usd.edu](mailto:Trenton.Karlson@coyotes.usd.edu).

### South Dakota

## Kindergarten Immunization Rate High

PIERRE — South Dakota boasts some of the highest immunization rates in the nation for kindergarten students, according to recently released data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC surveyed immunization records for 12,468 South Dakota kindergarten students for the 2012-2013 school year and found:

- 97.9 percent were fully immunized for MMR (measles, mumps, rubella);
- 97.7 percent were fully immunized for DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis);
- 96 percent were fully immunized for varicella (chickenpox); and
- just 0.3 percent had a medical exemption for vaccination and another 1.5 percent claimed a religious exemption.

"South Dakota parents and vaccine providers do a great job of getting kids the shots they need for school entry," said Lon Kightlinger, state epidemiologist for the Department of Health. "These high vaccination rates prevent disease from spreading and protect people with medical conditions that keep them from getting vaccinated."

Now is a good time for parents to check with their health care provider to see if their kids are up to date on shots before the school year starts. Parents can also request copies of immunization records from the department through its website, <http://doh.sd.gov/family/childhood/immunization/>.

While the kindergarten coverage rates are excellent,

### MENUS

This is the corrected menu for the Tabor Senior Citizens Center for the week of Aug., 12, 2013

**Tabor Senior Citizens Center**  
Monday — N/A  
Tuesday — Lasagna Rotini  
Wednesday — BBQ Chicken Leg  
Thursday — Pork Chops  
Friday — N/A

## USD Dean Completes Leadership Development Course

VERMILLION — Nedd Brown, Ed.D., associate dean of graduate medical education at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, has successfully completed the Association of American Medical Colleges' (AAMC) Graduate Medical Education Leadership Development Course, joining 262 graduates from institutions from across the country who have earned this certificate.

The 40-plus-hour course, organized by the AAMC Group on Resident Affairs and directed by Kathy Andolsek, M.D., is designed to help participants fulfill their responsibilities as graduate medical education leaders and designated institutional officials. The course is offered exclusively to academic leaders in AAMC-member medical schools and teaching hospitals who manage the institutional environment for residents and fellows. It explores all aspects of their responsibilities, including leading an institution through accreditation; improving the education program; developing residency program directors; and managing resources.

"The GME Leadership Development course is designed to educate the Designated Institutional Officer in best practices for graduate medical education," said Brown, who received a certificate of completion and letter of commendation from Darrell G. Kirch, M.D., president and CEO of the AAMC. "The completion of this course provides me with the skills and professional network to assist current and future residents navigate their residency programs on par with residency programs across the nation."

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