

SCHOLASTICS

MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE

Listed here are the Mount Marty College graduates from May 2015:

- Sara Means, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Granville, Iowa
- Alexander Bayse, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Polk City, Iowa
- Megan Turner, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Sioux City, Iowa
- Christopher Richardson, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration & Recreation Management, Convent LA
- Shaina Lonneman, Bachelor of Arts/Exercise Wellness, Adrian, Minnesota
- Amelia Berning, Bachelor of Arts/Criminal Justice, Comfrey, Minnesota
- Allison Berry, Bachelor of Arts/Biology, Cottage Grove, Minnesota
- David Blais, Bachelor of Arts/Criminal Justice, Eveleth, Minnesota
- Bryton Carlson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Saint Michael, Minnesota
- Kristie Tessmer, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, St Michael, Minnesota
- Lorenzo Davis, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Saladin Smith, Bachelor of Arts/Exercise Wellness & Recreation Management, St. Louis
- Riley Stack, Bachelor of Arts/Mathematics & Secondary Education, Chadron, Nebraska
- Holly Hegge, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration, Crofton, Nebraska
- Megan Leader, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Crofton, Nebraska
- Sarah Donovan, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Gretna, Nebraska
- Stan Sudbeck, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration Hartington, Nebraska
- Lauren Heyden, Bachelor of Arts/Elementary Education, Newport, Nebraska
- Kristen Boyle, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Norfolk, Nebraska
- Lauren Orwig, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Norfolk, Nebraska
- Rebecca Zimmerman, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Utica, Nebraska
- Alexandra Rojas, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration, Wahoo, Nebraska
- Elisa Robinson, Bachelor of Arts/Accounting, Wayne, Nebraska
- Julian Cutolo, Bachelor of Arts/Accounting, Las Vegas
- Zachary Hollenback, Bachelor of Arts/Exercise Wellness, Las Vegas
- Tyler Payer, Bachelor of Arts/Elementary & Special Education, Armour
- Collin Peterson, Bachelor of Arts/Exercise Wellness, Beresford
- Jackee Knutson, Bachelor of Arts/Accounting, Big Stone City
- Nicholas Sehr, Bachelor of Arts/Mathematics, Canton
- Brenda Jerde, Bachelor of Arts/Psychology, Florence
- Brandi Carpenter, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration, Garden City
- Brittany Healy, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Harrisburg
- Kelsey Popham, Bachelor of Arts/Human Service, Hayti
- Reilly Biel, Bachelor of Arts/English: Writing, Java
- Brian Bartlett, Bachelor of Arts/History & Secondary Education, Kaylor
- James Elliott, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration, Lake Norden
- Amanda Bernard, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Madison
- Ryan Buck, Bachelor of Arts/Criminal Justice, Mitchell
- Courtney Miller, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Mitchell
- Carissa Scherschligt, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Mitchell
- Kelsey Thury, Bachelor of Arts/Mathematics & Secondary Education, Mitchell
- Cody Juffer, Master of Education/Curriculum & Instruction, North Sioux City
- Nick Kummer, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Parkston
- April Cordell, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Roslyn
- Zachary Bauman, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Sioux Falls

Brittini Boes, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Sioux Falls

- Samantha Huber, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Sioux Falls
- Caitlyn Illg, Bachelor of Arts/Elementary Education, Sioux Falls
- J Renville, Bachelor of Arts/Accounting, Sisseton
- Rachel Sine, Bachelor of Arts/Criminal Justice, Sisseton
- Gina Ludens, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Springfield
- Ashle Lais, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Tyndall
- Benjamin Crandall, Bachelor of Arts/Elementary Education, Vermillion
- Neal Seppanen, Bachelor of Arts/Accounting, Vienna
- Jennifer Hansmann, Master of Education/Curriculum & Instruction, Wagner
- Sarah Kokesh, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Wagner
- Angel Johnston, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Wakonda
- Lori Cleveland, Bachelor of Arts/Accounting, Watertown
- Sara Guest, Bachelor of Arts/Interdisciplinary Studies, Watertown
- Laurie Kruse, Bachelor of Arts/Criminal Justice, Watertown
- Charlene Kurkowski, Associate of Arts/Business Administration, Watertown
- Michele Laurie, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration, Watertown
- Abby Lewandowski, Bachelor of Arts/Human Service & Psychology, Watertown
- Lindsay Martin, Bachelor of Arts/Criminal Justice & Human Service, Watertown
- Heidi Norgaard, Bachelor of Arts/Criminal Justice & Human Service, Watertown
- Holli Owens, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration, Watertown
- Joseph Schmeling, Bachelor of Arts/Accounting & Business Administration, Watertown
- Ashley Seurer, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration, Watertown
- Ashley TeBeest, Bachelor of Arts/Human Service, Watertown
- Amber Thomas, Bachelor of Arts/Elementary Education, Watertown
- Joseph Williams, Bachelor of Arts/Applied Technology Management, Watertown
- Paige Anderson, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration, Yankton
- Tiffany Bergeson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Yankton
- Christin Broscha, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Yankton
- Jillian Crisman, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Yankton
- Nikolaus Davis, Bachelor of Arts/Exercise Wellness, Yankton
- Jacob Fokken, Bachelor of Arts/Elementary Education, Yankton
- Paul Foss, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Yankton
- Kelly Frazee, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration, Yankton
- Adan Garcia-Marquez, Bachelor of Arts/Accounting & Business Administration, Yankton
- Laura Groseth, Bachelor of Arts/Psychology, Yankton
- Sara Hensley, Bachelor of Arts/Criminal Justice, Yankton
- Christopher Hoffman, Bachelor of Science/Biology & Pre-Professional & Medical Laboratory Science, Yankton
- Wendy Jungemann, Bachelor of Arts/Human Service, Yankton
- Cheyenne Lambley, Bachelor of Arts/Elementary & Special Education, Yankton
- Joshua Monson, Bachelor of Arts/Mathematics, Yankton
- Derrick Nelson, Bachelor of Arts/Physical Education & Secondary Education & Special Education, Yankton
- Ashley Riibe, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Yankton
- Kari Smith, Bachelor of Arts/Elementary Education, Yankton
- Cody Ulmer, Bachelor of Arts/Recreation Management, Yankton
- Logan Ulmer, Bachelor of Arts/Business Administration, Yankton
- Heather Weber, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Yankton
- Raegan Layher, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Douglas, Wyoming

# Farmers Union Camp Prepares Generations Of Leaders

BY LURA ROTT  
For South Dakota Farmers Union

Growing up, chores and fieldwork kept Lorrie Hanson busy on his family's Claremont farm during the summer months. Farmers Union Camp was one of the few exceptions. "I couldn't wait for camp. I developed friendships I still have today; plus, as I got more involved and served on the Junior Advisory Council, I gained valuable leadership skills which have served me well as an adult and single dad," explains the 37-year-old father of five.

Today, Hanson's children are among the more than 3,000 South Dakota youth who participate in South Dakota Farmers Union camp and educational programming each year. His oldest son, Jason, 17, has followed in his footsteps and currently serves on the Junior Advisory Council - the elected student group who plans camp each year.

Attending camp since he was 8, Jason echoes his father's experience. "I've had opportunities to travel, make lifelong friends and develop leadership skills, as well as learn the value of cooperatives," says the 2015 graduate of Britton/Hecla High School who plans to attend North Dakota State University this fall to pursue a degree in Animal Science.

Teaching the next generation about the cooperative system while helping them develop leadership and citizenship has been at the heart of Farmers Union youth educational programming since it was introduced to the state organization in the early 1930s, explains Bonnie Geyer, S.D. Farmers Union Education Director.

"Farmers Union Youth programming shows the brilliance of our forefathers to realize that educating the entire family is the best approach," Geyer says. "It's important that youth learn about the importance of community involvement and cooperation early."

Geyer explains that the award structure within Farmers Union youth programming incentivizes youth to not only become active in their rural communities, but to serve as positive peer role models. "We learn best by doing. When teens are given the large task and responsibility of planning a camp together, they develop valuable skills that serve them well into the future - and



Denise Mushitz (fourth from left) at All States Camp.

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the younger kids pick up on positive peer pressure," Geyer says. "Kids mentoring kids works."

Serving as Education Director for more than 18 years, Geyer has seen campers' experience come full circle when teens who helped her plan camp as members of the Junior and Senior Advisory Councils return to work with her, volunteering as County and District Education Directors. This is Denise Mushitz's story.

Mushitz, a middle school teacher, volunteers as District 1 Education Director serving Charles Mix, Bon Homme, Hutchinson, Yankton, Clay, Union, Lincoln and Turner Counties. She is among the 50 member volunteers who help organize Farmers Union day and overnight camps each summer.

A third-generation Farmers Union member, Mushitz vividly remembers attending county meetings with her parents and grandparents as a child. She credits her involvement in Farmers Union Youth Programming with her ability to speak in front of groups and overcome her shyness tendencies to make new friends.

"The way the camp program is designed allows youth who are shy, or kids who may not fit in at their school, to connect with peers and develop confidence, as well as lifelong friendships. I know how valuable this opportunity is because I was one of those shy kids," Mushitz says. "I've

been blessed to see youth mature and grow through the program to become amazing adults. It's rewarding to know that as a volunteer I had something to do with that."

She adds that the multi-generational nature of an organization like Farmers Union provides a unique opportunity for youth to engage with people of all ages. "By interacting with people of all ages and walks of life, it not only gives youth a strong sense of belonging, but it presents youth with a broader view of the world they live in."

Cooperative education In the early years, Farmers Union campers were mostly farm kids. However, as on-farm demographics have changed, so too have the campers. Today, Farmers Union campers represent South Dakota's rural residents and are a mix of farm and town kids.

This makes the cooperative education these campers receive even more important, says Jeff Nelson, retired General Manager of East River Electric Power Cooperative.

"Many cooperative members are so far removed from the days before electricity and telephone services, that they tend to take cooperatives for granted. This is where rural advocacy organizations, like Farmers Union, play a valuable role as they look at ways to sustain and bring in the next generation of cooperative members."

Supporting cooperative

development has been a focus of South Dakota Farmers Union since its establishment in South Dakota more than a century ago. (Read more about S.D. Farmers Union's role in establishment of cooperatives in South Dakota at www.sdfu.org.)

Although cooperative education is part of all Farmers Union summer camps, during the teen leadership camp, campers actually get to operate their own cooperatives.

"This taught me the importance of cooperatives and how they not only help me as a consumer, but also the community around me," Jason Hanson explains.

To show their appreciation, each year CHS cooperatives invest in Farmers Union Youth Programming through an educational grant fund.

"Farmers Union Youth Programming provides great value to cooperatives throughout the state because by the time these youth are members, they will understand the importance of getting involved in the leadership decisions and direction of the cooperative business they own," says Don Truhe, General Manager of Southeast Farmers Co-op.

For more information, contact Farmers Union State Education Director, Bonnie Geyer, at 605-352-6761 ext. 125 or email her at bgeyer@sdfu.org. To view images from SD Farmers Union camps throughout the summer visit <http://www.sdfu.org/education/youth-camps>.

## Hartington's Sudbeck Is Inducted Into Honor Society

The University of Nebraska Medical Center inducted its first class of Gold Humanism Honor Society members earlier this month in a ceremony at the Omaha Press Club.

The class included 18 third-year medical students, six resident physicians and three faculty members.

The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) was established in 2002 by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, which was established by Drs. Arnold and Sandra Gold at Columbia University. The national organization has more than 20,000 members in training and practice.

Since 1988, the Gold Foundation has partnered with medical schools and teaching hospitals to infuse humanism into medical training. The honor society is one more way the foundation is working to achieve this goal.

As noted in the organization's website, "The power of the society lies in bringing together like-minded individuals to sustain their own humanism and to inspire and nurture humanism in others."

Inductees are selected through a vetted peer- and faculty-nomination process,



Sudbeck said Charity Evans, M.D., assistant professor of surgery and co-advisor for the honor society.

"For the inaugural class, UNMC has selected a group of student, faculty and resident members that exemplify the qualities and attributes - compassion and empathy in medicine - that this society was created to celebrate and engender in the medical community," Dr. Evans said.

The student members will meet soon to create service projects, Dr. Evans said.

"The projects will benefit the UNMC community at large," she said. "This next year's work will be the beginning of a legacy for the GHHS here at UNMC, and we hope to involve first- and second-year medical students to keep them aware of the mission of the GHHS."

Among those inducted was Craig Sudbeck of Hartington, Nebraska. He is the son of Cathy Sudbeck of Yankton and Rick and Lou Ann Sudbeck of Hartington.

## Yankton Firm Wins Producers Choice Award At World Pork Expo

SULFI-DOXX, a product manufactured by Direct Biologicals of Yankton, won the Producer's Choice Award at the 2015 World Pork Expo in Des Moines, Iowa, recently. The contest is sponsored each year by The National Hog Farmer.

SULFI-DOXX is the first product in the industry to reduce hydrogen sulfide, a deadly gas, in hog confinements. SULFI-DOXX stabilizes sulfur in liquid manure, preserving it for crop production. The product also prevents metal from corroding in and around animal confinements.

"Hydrogen sulfide is definitely a problem in livestock production. Until now, we haven't had any tools to combat the issue," explains Direct Biologicals President Matt Heyne. "This product will have a significant environmental impact in the industry. SULFI-DOXX has the unique ability to protect farmers and animals from a deadly

gas, stabilize sulfur for their crops, practically eliminate metal corrosion and reduce nuisance odors."

"SULFI-DOXX has been through field testing over the past year and what we are finding is remarkable. We have producers telling us that where SULFI-DOXX has been applied, they can hardly smell manure," adds Heyne. "We are pleased to offer this comprehensive product to swine producers around the globe."

Direct Biologicals is a research and manufacturing company providing a line of products for livestock environmental and health improvement. The company is based in Yankton.

For more information, call 866-227-3129, or visit [www.directbiologicals.com](http://www.directbiologicals.com).

MEETINGS

INTERCHANGE

Interchange held its regular weekly meeting Monday, June 8, 2015, at noon at Minerva's. Interchange Board President Ann Clough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Peseck, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital of Yankton, introduced her guest, Helen Crernick, Professor, Mount Marty College of Yankton.

The following announcements were made by members: Marie Steckelberg, Steckelberg Consulting, shared information about the Art and The Cosmic Connection Workshop being held at Yankton High School June 15-16 and June 17-18.

President Ann Clough, City Finance Office, commented on the World Youth Archery Tournament being held this week in Yankton. She encouraged members to attend parts of the event.

Hostess Mary Milroy, MD of

Yankton Medical Clinic guest speaker Dr. Dan Johnson, orthopedic surgeon, shared his experiences about his mission trips to Haiti. He started the mission trips several years ago through the Methodist Church. He now makes 1-2 mission a trips a year to Haiti independently. One mission trip was five weeks after the devastating 2010 earthquake. While in Haiti, he and the medical personnel that join him practice at Hospital Albert Schweitzer. Most injuries post-earthquake are referred to as crushing injuries due to buildings collapsing on top of the victim. Dr. Johnson showed pictures of the stabilizing device they use on these crushing injuries. He also shared challenges, cases/stories and successes. He was very positive about the progress that has been made in the last five years in Haiti as they continue to recover from the earthquake. He and Dr. Milroy lso

shared some personal experiences while on mission trips. Both commented that despite the challenges, there is a lot of good happening in Haiti.

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TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant on Saturday June 6, 2015. Club President Vernon Arens called the meeting to order and asked Jack Dahlseid to give the invocation and lead the pledge of allegiance. Kevin Buhl was introduced as Toastmaster of the meeting and called on Master Evaluator Vernon Arens to introduce his program team; Jack Dahlseid as ah counter, Kevin

Buhl as timer, and Roy Wilcox as vote counter, and then present the word of the day "Parity." Manual speeches were given by Teresa Rentsch entitled "The Blind Side" and John Swensen entitled "Dog-Gone It." Table topics were led by Lee Felder, who called on members to respond to questions about the benefits of Toastmasters. Master Evaluator Arens lead the evaluation portion of the meeting and called on Roy Wilcox to evaluate Rentsch and Jana Lane to evaluate Swensen, and then presented his evaluation of the entire meeting. Trophies were awarded to Teresa Rentsch for best speaker and Roy Wilcox for best speech evaluator and best table topic's response.

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 meets each Saturday from 7:30-8:40 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant and guests are always welcome to attend a meeting. For information about Toastmasters, call (605) 665-0920 or 665-1728.

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