

# BAMAAR Students Of The Month Named

Sam Hummel, Ciara Andrus, Dylan Haas, Tayler Dumke, Brook Woehl and Brendan Gramkow have each been named a BAMAAR Student of the Month at Yankton High School.

Hummel and Andrus were honored as the BAMAAR Students of the Month for February.

Hummel, a YHS junior, is the son of Randy and Carla Hummel of Yankton. He was nominated for the award by Robert Evans, his Automotives instructor.

"Sam is a great kid," Evans said. "He works hard and is proud of learning new things every day."

For Hummel, working in the Automotives lab is the best part of the class. He enjoys learning something new about cars and being able to apply it to cars at home. He believes Automotives has opened a lot of new possibilities for him. He plans to go to school for general business and possibly become an entrepreneur.

Andrus, the daughter of John and Twyla Andrus of Yankton, is a senior. She was nominated for the BAMAAR Student of the Month Award by Deb Welter, her first semester World of Work instructor.

"Ciara is interested in the field of nursing and spent a semester at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital shadowing in various departments," Welter said. "She will make a great nurse. She has a very caring and upbeat personality. She is dependable and was always at her worksite on time. She is also a good stu-



Andrus



Dumke



Gramkow



Haas



Hummel



Woehl

dent and does well in her classes."

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Haas and Dumke were honored as the BAMAAR Students of the Month for March.

Haas, a senior at YHS, is the son of Tim and Melody Haas of Yankton. He was nominated for the award by his Exploring Tech II instructor, Bret Johnson.

"Dylan has been in my Exploring Tech classes and has gone above and beyond what has been asked," according to Johnson. "While at Yankton High School, Dylan has always displayed a leadership role and has shown great citizenship skills."

"I would describe Dylan as a hard-working individual who has great ability to think out problems and create solutions. He has been working on a project in Exploring Tech where he will program robots to complete tasks according to Boolean logic," Johnson continued. "I feel that Dylan would make a great BAMAAR Student of the Month."

Haas, who is currently enrolled in Exploring Tech II and Building Trades, has also completed other Career and Technical Education courses, including: Metals, TMS I, TMS II, Woods I and Woods II, Exploring Tech I and Personal Finance.

For Haas, the best part of his Exploring Tech II course is gaining experience in the programs that are being used. He plans to attend Mitchell Technical Institute to pursue Power Line Construction and Maintenance.

Dumke, a junior at YHS, is the granddaughter of Ted and Sue Dumke of Yankton. She was nominated for the award by Teresa Martindale, her Nutrition and Wellness II instructor.

"Tayler is a hard-working, self-driven person," Martindale said. "She gets all of her assignments done and actively participates in class and is always willing to help another student or lab group if needed, without being asked."

"She is also in extracurricular activities and does a great job balancing her time between those activities and with her school work," she added. "Tayler would make a wonderful candidate for this award."

Dumke's favorite part of the class is making the food. She believes the experience will help her down the road as she considers a career in the medical field, maybe as a pediatric oncologist or as a dietitian.

Woehl and Gramkow were honored as the BAMAAR Students of the Month for April. Woehl, the son of Toby and Kerry Woehl, of Yankton, was nominated by Robert Evans, his Automotive Technology and Advanced Independent Study in Automotive Technology instructor.

"Brook has worked very hard this year," Evans said. "He does high quality work and has really pushed himself to achieve high levels and understanding. If he chooses to be an auto technician, I am sure that he will be an excellent contributor to Yankton's elite auto repair force."

Woehl, whose favorite part of the course is working with his hands and getting dirty, hopes to open up his own shop or auto clinic after attending a technical or four-year college.

Gramkow, the son of Willis and Patty Gramkow of Yankton, was nominated for the award by Bret Johnson, his Drafting instructor.

"Brendan has shown a great interest in drafting and is an excellent problem solver," Johnson said. "He has always displayed a leadership role and has

shown great citizenship skills. He is a hard-working individual who has a great ability to think out problems and create solutions."

Gramkow enjoys learning the computer aided drafting (CAD) programs in his Drafting course. Because he plans to attend South Dakota State University for engineering, he says the CAD programs will be valuable for his future.

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The award, which received the name BAMAAR because it is sponsored by the building association, manufacturers association and area retailers, was first presented during the 2008-2009 school year. It was designed to recognize outstanding students enrolled in Career and Technical Education classes at YHS and is awarded by Yankton High School in conjunction with the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC).

Students who are enrolled in CTE classes at YHS are eligible for the BAMAAR Student of the Month awards and can be nominated by their CTE instructors. A panel selects up to two monthly winners throughout the school year.

To honor monthly BAMAAR winners, a recognition ceremony will be held at 4 p.m., May 12, at RTEC. At that time, one of the monthly winners will be named the BAMAAR Student of the Year.

## U Honors Arts & Sciences Faculty With Cutler Awards

VERMILLION — John Dudley, Ph.D., of the Department of English, Molly Nepokroeff, Ph.D., of the Department of Biology, and Miglena Sternadori, Ph.D., of the Department of Contemporary Media and Journalism, are the 2011 recipients of the prestigious Richard and Sharon Cutler Faculty Awards in Liberal Arts at The University of South Dakota.

Dudley, the recipient in the Humanities Division of the College of Arts and Sciences, is chair of the USD Department of English. He was recognized for outstanding teaching of American literature and exceptional contributions to graduate education in English. A scholar of African American literature and the literature of the American West, and a nationally esteemed expert on the literary movement of American Naturalism, Dudley's recent accomplishments include chapters or entries in the Oxford Handbook to American Literary Naturalism, the Encyclopedia of Twentieth-Century Fiction, and the Research Guide to American Literature: Realism and Regionalism, 1865-1914. He earned a Ph.D. in English at Tulane University and has taught at USD since 2003.

Nepokroeff received the award for the Mathematics/

Natural Sciences Division for her excellent teaching of advanced plant biology classes as well as general biology courses, and for her dedicated mentoring of undergraduate students conducting research in her laboratory. As a specialist in the origin of plant diversity and patterns of distribution in plants, Nepokroeff has been awarded multiple National Science Foundation grants. Her recent publications include articles in the International Journal of Plant Science and the American Journal of Botany. She earned a Ph.D. in botany from the University of Wisconsin and has taught at USD since 2001.

Sternadori was recognized in the Social Sciences Division for her exemplary teaching of journalism and of the study of contemporary media at both introductory and advanced levels. Blending quantitative and qualitative methodologies, her research focuses on how the structure and elements of a news story influence the perceptions of the audience. Scholarly articles by Sternadori have recently been published in the Journal of Media Psychology, Media Report on Women, and the Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media. She received her Ph.D. in

journalism from the University of Missouri and has taught at USD since 2008. Sternadori is also the coordinator of the Women's Studies Program at USD.

The three awards, each carrying a \$3,500 cash prize payable through The University of South Dakota Foundation, are presented annually to faculty who advance liberal arts education through teaching and research over a three-year span.

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