

Global Learning Scholarships Awarded At USD

VERMILLION — Five University of South Dakota students have been awarded Global Learning Scholarships to study abroad.

Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of State, Morgan E. Nelson, a biology and mathematics major from Sioux Falls, will study in Ghana; Katie Kammert of Rapid City, majoring in both biology and Spanish, will study in Peru; Abby Wolf, a biology major from Jordan, Minn., will study in Ireland; Sean Patrick McCann, a biology and Spanish major from Newell, is to study in Argentina; and Alison Petrick of Gayville, majoring in biology and secondary education, will study in Costa Rica.

The \$60,000 grant for "Capacity Building for Undergraduate Study Abroad Program" was awarded in 2010 to be used for scholarships for students traveling abroad, program development for students in targeted areas, and faculty and staff training opportunities.

USD Global Learning, part of the Center for Academic Engagement at USD, facilitates study abroad opportunities in all majors enabling students to complement their USD courses by focusing on language, culture, history, international business or other areas of specific interest.

A complete list of programs can be found at: <http://admissions.usd.edu/academics/study-abroad.cfm>.

Opsahl, Vogt Earn DSU Achievement Awards

MADISON — Alexander Opsahl and Austin Vogt, a seniors at Yankton High School, were recently awarded the DSU Achievement Champion Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to high achieving students based on ACT scores and high school GPA.

Along with excelling in academics, Alexander has been involved coaching soccer, high school soccer, marching band and boys' basketball. He has also lettered in soccer and marching band. He is the son of Kevin and Lisa Opsahl. Alexander plans to attend Dakota State University in Madison this fall to pursue a degree in biology for information systems.

Austin plans to attend Dakota State University in the fall to pursue a degree in accounting.

Jingyi Sun Earns National Merit Scholarship

EVANSTON, Ill. — Jingyi Sun of Vermillion has been named one of the South Dakota winners of the National Merit Scholarship.

The winners of the \$2,500 scholarships were announced May 2 by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (nmsc). The 2,500 Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 finalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. They were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors. These scholars may use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

This year's competition for National Merit Scholarships began in October 2010 when approximately 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools took the Preliminary sat/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (psat/nmsqt®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, the highest-scoring participants in each state, representing less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors, were named Semifinalists on a state representational basis. Only these 16,000 semifinalists had an opportunity to continue in the competition.

There were seven winners from South Dakota.

Millage Honored At Dordt College Ideafest

SIoux CENTER, Iowa — Dordt College hosted a celebration of students' finest academic accomplishments at Ideafest. The following local students presented papers, projects, or documentaries during the event:

Cady Millage of Fordyce, Neb., co-presented with Jake Buss "Pizza Ranch Documentary" during the annual event on April 26. Millage is a senior majoring in digital media production.

Timothy Morgan of Chancellor co-presented with Meghan Aardsma "Star-Crossed Borders" during the annual event on April 26. Morgan is a senior majoring in digital media production.

More than 70 presentations were given throughout the college's Campus Center during the two and a half hour event where audience members were free to travel from one presentation to another.

"I'm really glad we have Ideafest. It's the closest thing we have to a public sporting competition for academics," said Mark Volkers, professor of digital media production at Dordt College. Several of his students presented documentary films they created for their upper level Documentary Filmmaking class. "In an academic community like Dordt College, where students and faculty are constantly wrestling with ideas and dreaming up dreams both big and small, it's so important to have a venue where those ideas can be shared."

A Dordt College education is about learning and growing within a Christian community. And for English professor Dr. Mary Dengler "events like Ideafest are the reason for a college education: discovering, developing, and discussing ideas as agents of growth and change in God's world. Students come prepared to celebrate their scholarship in various forms of media with peers and faculty."

Schuster To Study Abroad With Northwestern

ORANGE CITY, Iowa — Meghan Schuster is among 29 Northwestern College students who will head around the world this summer on month-long study abroad programs led by NWC professors.

Music professor Dr. Juyeon Kang will join Dr. Luke Dahn, another member of Northwestern's music faculty, in teaching a course on Austria's musical history and culture. Students will stay with host families and attend concerts and visit museums in Vienna, Salzburg and Prague.

Spanish professor Rick Clark is once again leading a trip to Ecuador, the country he grew up in as the son of missionaries. Students will learn about Ecuadorian society and culture, study Spanish, live with host families for three weeks in Quito, and worship with Christian members of the Otavalo Indians in the northern part of Ecuador.

The summer study abroad program in Great Britain will examine British culture through art and theatre. Led by theatre professors Bob Hubbard and Jeff Taylor, students will attend theatre productions, visit museums, and explore England's many cathedrals, markets, parks and squares.

Schuster is a senior and is a music major at Northwestern. She will be studying abroad in Austria. Schuster is the daughter of David and Erin Schuster of Yankton.

Bergeson Earns MSUM Bachelors Degree

MOORHEAD, Minn. — Minnesota State University Moorhead will award degrees to 989 students. MSUM's spring commencement is Friday, May 11, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in MSUM's Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse. About 700 students are expected to participate in the ceremonies.

Minnesota State University Moorhead is a comprehensive regional university enrolling approximately 7,500 students. MSUM is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

Area graduates include:

• Nathan Bergeson, Gayville, Gayville-Volin High School, Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies.

Yankton College Announces Scholarship Winners

The Yankton College Board of Trustees met in Yankton on Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21, at the Summit Activities Center for the annual spring board meetings. The Alumni Advisory Board (AAB) and the Financial and Scholarship committees also met on the morning of April 20.

The Board of Trustees spent two days examining the financial status of the college and adopting the 2012-13 Budget, reaffirming six members whose terms had expired and re-electing the present officers, in addition to approving eighteen \$1,000 scholarship awards.

The general high school scholarship recipients are:

- Connor Reed, Pierce, Neb., and Kathryn Soorholtz, Clive, Iowa — The Carl & Cle Youngworth Scholarship;
- Kerri Stolle, Warren, Conn. — The Brown-Daniels Scholarship;
- Tory Gross, Yankton, and Madeline Ausdemore, Madison Lake, Minn. — The Bennett-Walter Scholarship;
- Haley Hinseth, Irene — The Rivola Family Scholarship;
- Matthew Zeeb, Nashua, N.H. — The Mary L. & Glenn Jensen Scholarship;

- Luke Buffington, Gayville — The Class of 1962 Scholarship;
- Griffin Baker, St. Louis Park, Minn.; Calvin Hunhoff, Bertrand, Neb.; Kelly Hobbs, O'Fallon, Ill.; Matthew Gubbels and Danielle Gill, both from Yankton — The Trantina Revocable Trust Scholarship;
- Courtney True, Yankton — The Rev. Dr. Donald B. Ward Scholarship;
- Sarah Ekeren, Yankton — The Y-Club Scholarship.

Post-graduate scholarship recipients are: Bryce Somer, Omaha, Neb., and Kristine Zeeb, Nashua, N.H. — The Dr. Fritz A. Brink Scholarship;

David Kramer, New York — The Dr. Richard G. Sherman Scholarship.

These students will receive their awards to attend an accredited college or university for the 2012-13 academic year.

Other agenda topics included: Policy & Procedure recommendations and acceptance of the 2012 Yankton College Emergency Response & Recovery Plan.

Special guests at the Friday afternoon session of the Board of Trustees meeting were Warden Jordan Hollingsworth and the Rev. Dr. Doug Upton from the Federal Prison Camp

(FPC). Upton presented to Yankton College a painting of the Old Middle Building by one of the FPC inmates to be on loan for display in the office. Upton described the inmate coursework of the 2012 Educational Program entitled "Basics of Bible Interpretation," which is the first result of the Yankton College and FPC educational collaboration, as a public service and to once again bring theological education to the campus. Hollingsworth was presented an Honorary Alumni Certificate on behalf of the Board of Directors and Alumni Advisory Board for his gracious hospitality & continued loyalty in support of Yankton College.

The YC Alumni Advisory Board met to review the plans for the Yankton College 2012 All-Class Reunion to be held next July in Yankton. Other agenda items included: AAB terms and election procedures, accepting the nomination of Dennis Steffen from Viborg to the AAB and the responsibilities of the three AAB Committees: Reunion, Alumni Awards and Giving.

The Legacy Committee met Saturday after the Board of Trustees adjourned to discuss long-range planning for the College.

For further information call the Yankton College office at (605) 665-3661.

LEARNING THE BEAT



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The third graders at Beadle Elementary enjoyed an afternoon of music played by musicians, Jay Gilbertson and Tom Zoss. Students learned about playing the guitar and the drums. Students were also able to play each instrument with the help of Jay and Tom. Jay is the dad of Evan Gilbertson a third grader at Beadle. Evan enjoys music just like his dad and is learning to play the guitar.

Character Counts Winners Announced

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota CHARACTER COUNTS!® project and the South Dakota 4-H Foundation announced the winners of the 2012 Foundations For Life essay contest.

More than 120 students took part in the state contest that encouraged young people to choose a maxim from a predetermined list and write an essay that shows how the maxim fits into their lives. The students chose from a range of maxims such as "When one helps another, both gain in strength" and "The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention."

The contest promotes reading, critical thinking, and composition skills as young people write about the importance of having good character. The winners from fourth-, seventh-, and ninth-grade classes around South Dakota included the following youth:

In the seventh grade division, Marlys Strahl of Tabor took second place.

Karelyn Farrand, 4-H Youth Character

Education Field Specialist, is the project coordinator of CHARACTER COUNTS!® for SDSU Extension. She said the project challenged schools to participate in the statewide "Foundations for Life" essay contest, and that eight new schools joined the project for the first time this year.

"Across South Dakota, 517 students participated in local competitions, and we were really pleased to see such a large number of writers taking this challenge," Farrand said. "We had more than 120 essays that went from the local to the state competition and those writers represented 21 South Dakota schools."

Longtime donors, Joe and Elaine Floyd, served as judges for the competition, along with judges from Dacotah Bank and Black Hills Power Company.

CHARACTER COUNTS!® is a trademark of the CC! Coalition, a project of the Josephson Institute of Ethics. It operates in South Dakota under the leadership of the 4-H Youth Development program of SDSU Extension.

USD Students Honored For Leadership, Service

VERMILLION — Students from the University of South Dakota were honored for leadership and service at the 2012 Celebration of University Leadership on Sunday, April 22.

Eva Draper of Omaha, Neb. was presented with the Dave Lorenz Senior Leadership Award. Named in honor of Dave Lorenz, former Dean of Students at USD, this award is given to a graduating senior who has enriched campus life throughout his or her tenure.

Britni Waller of Lincoln, Neb. was presented with the Servant Leader Scholarship Award by the Gary and Judy Marx Endowment. This award, presented by the College of Arts and Sciences, is awarded annually to an undergraduate or graduate student for understanding the obligations as citizens of a local community and a sense of responsibility as a citizen of the world and custodian of the planet.

Hanna McElroy of Sioux City, Iowa received the Office of Student Life's Community Spirit Award, awarded to a student whose work demonstrates a compassion for others through efforts in community service on a local, national or global level; and Levi Froke of Aberdeen was honored with the Outstanding Leadership and Service Award from the Office of Student Life. Two students recognized for overall Outstanding Leadership and Service were Eric Schlimgen of Rapid City and James Payer of Vermillion, while Brittany Kielhold of Sioux City, Iowa, was recognized with the Outstanding Diversity Leadership Award. Three students were recognized with Unsung Leader Awards by the Office of Student Life: Becky Jarding of Sioux

Falls, Courtney Krcil of Dante and Darcy Leischner of Parkston.

Alexandra Brummer of Council Bluffs, Iowa was presented with the Service Learning Advocate Award, given annually to a student who exemplifies leadership in the doctrine of service-learning; and Ashlin Peitzmeier of Omaha, Neb., received USD's New Student Leader Award, presented to a first-year student who has become involved in campus or community activities. Jake McBride of Vermillion received Community Advisor of the Year and Stephanie Andell of O'Fallon, Ill. was awarded the Rookie Community Advisor of the Year.

The School of Law honored Jason Krause of Hartford with two awards: Student Bar Association Student Leadership Award and the American Law Institute/American Bar Association Scholarship and Leadership Award. Samantha Mollet of Jefferson and Cassie Bennett

of Vermillion each received the law school's R.D. Hurd Volunteer Law School Society, Outstanding Pro Bono Services and Leadership Award. Shari Fischbach of Mellette and Tiffany Buehner of Brandon received the School of Education Outstanding Leadership Award (Undergraduate Student) while Lisa Wolf was awarded the School of Education Outstanding Leadership Award (Graduate Student). Aaron Oestmann of Rapid City and Kayla Foreman of Orient received the Beacom School of Business Outstanding Leadership Award and the School of Health Sciences awarded Student Leader Awards to Lacey Lane of Sioux Falls and Wade Fligge of Harrisburg who also received the Office of Student Life's Graduate Student Leadership Award.

Additional awards were presented to Kaiti Strayer of Sioux City, Iowa for "Best in Show" Stillwell Art Competition; Allison Mar-

cus of Olivia, Minn. for the "110% Award" from University Libraries; Ken Granle of Mantorville, Minn., for Most Dependable (University Libraries); Rachel Blake of Centerville received the Student Assistant Outstanding Leadership Award from University Libraries; Jennie Bellis of Vermillion received the John W. Carlson Research Grant presented by the College of Arts and Sciences; Nolan Goetzinger of Rapid City received the Dean Joseph H. Cash Award for Excellence in Writing; and Corryn Celmer of Broomfield, Colo., received the Student Ambassador of the Year for exemplifying true commitment to the Office of Admissions and university community.

Students recognized at the awards ceremony were nominated by peers, faculty and staff members. All students, undergraduate or graduate, were eligible for nomination.



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