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Sanford School Of Medicine Nationally Rated In U.S. News

VERMILLION — For the third consecutive year the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine (SSOM) has been recognized as one of the nation's most desired medical institutions by medical students.

According to 2013 information released by the publication, U.S. News & World Report, SSOM rated sixth nationally in the percentage of an institution's accepted students who actually enroll at the institution. Nearly 80 percent of the students accepted into SSOM enroll at SSOM. The national average was 53 percent. The University of Kansas Medical Center topped the national list with an 85 percent rating. There are more than 150 medical schools in the nation, and 112 responded to the survey conducted by U.S. News & World Report.

"This analysis shows that medical students are eager to attend the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine," said Mary Nettelman, M.D., dean of the school of medicine and vice president of health affairs at USD. "This reflects our institution's exceptional education and reputation, and our impressive faculty, facilities, and opportunities."

"We prepare our students to become outstanding physicians," added Dr. Nettelman. "We also aim to retain the physicians we train in our state, improving health care for South Dakotans."

In 2013, there were more than 450 applicants for 56 first-year slots at SSOM. Among those accepted were students representing 25 high schools from across South Dakota, including 15 students from small town high schools. Class size for

the medical school will expand to 67 first-year students beginning in 2015.

Since expanding to a degree-granting, four-year program in 1974, the medical school has graduated 1,823 physicians, and 40 percent remained in South Dakota. "The SSOM is a significant and positive factor impacting quality of life in South Dakota," said Dr. Nettelman.

For more information, visit <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-graduate-schools/the-short-list-grad-school/articles/2014/05/06/10-medical-schools-where-accepted-students-usually-enroll>.

Mascots Set For Czech Days Parade



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George, Tom, Teddy, and Abe the famous South Dakota Tourism's Mount Rushmore Mascots will be participating in Tabor's 66th Annual Czech Days parade. The four famous faces will be walking along the parade route at 1 p.m. Friday, June 20. South Dakota Tourism's four famous men have previously made appearances in New York on NBC's Today Show in honor of President's Day along with many other stops in the Big Apple; they have also been in Kansas City, Milwaukee, Denver, and Des Moines. Their appearance in Tabor's big parade will welcome all visitors to the parade and this year's Czech Days in Tabor on June 20-21.

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in the American and that's almost unheard of," Johnson said. "I know members that have been in 60, 65 years, but this is the first one I've seen that was in for 70."

To give an idea of Black's accomplishment, Johnson compared the timeframe of his membership to his own age.

"He's been in the legion almost as many years as I am old," he said. "I'm 72 and I think that is really an accomplishment."

During his 70 years, Black has seen a change of scenery — belonging to Legions in Fullerton, Nebraska; Genoa, Nebraska; Humboldt, Nebraska; Pierce, Nebraska; and Yankton.

Black added the legion was always a big help when moving around the area.

"I attended meetings in all those towns," he said. "It's a great way to get acquainted in a town."

In this time, he's also seen the American Legion evolve.

"Early on, there weren't many World War I veterans left, but there were a ton of World War II veterans, and they took over and ran with the organization. Later on the Korea guys came in, then Vietnam and guys from the last wars we've had. You get to meet all of them."

Black said he's proud to see the work the Legion does for both the community and veterans.

"The Legion has done a lot of work for the communities that they were in," he said. "They sponsored Legion baseball and had a kid's program for several different things. They've always looked out for the veterans on a national level, which has been a great help. It's been very enjoyable."

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