

### Accounting Students Interview With Top Firms

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Beacom School of Business recently hosted campus interview opportunities for graduate and undergraduate accounting students. Representatives from several of the region's largest accounting firms were in attendance and conducted interviews. The interviews provided easy access and availability to current job opportunities for USD students while these area businesses looking to fill job openings or internship positions also had an opportunity to meet with locally qualified and skilled candidates. Firms represented were Ernst & Young, Minneapolis, Minn.; DeLoitte, Omaha, Neb.; KPMG LLP, Omaha, Neb.; McGladrey & Pullen LLC, Sioux Falls; Eide Bailly, Sioux Falls; Williams & Company, P.C., Yankton; Brandt, Solomon & Anderson LLP, Sioux Falls; Cain Ellsworth & Co., LLP, Sheldon, Iowa; King, Reinsch, Prosser & Co. LLP, Sioux City, Iowa; Ketel Thorntenson, Rapid City; Black Hills Corporation, Rapid City; Ness Tax & Bookkeeping Service, Sioux Falls; Shuck Bennett & Weber LLP, Gillette, Wyo.; Carlson & Millar LLP, Platte. For more information about similar events or to become involved in future on-campus business opportunities, contact Sara Hansman at Sara.Hansman@usd.edu or call (605) 677-5201.

### Big Friend, Little Friend Earning Supplies

Members of Big Friend Little Friend, Inc., have been earning free resources/sports equipment/office supplies by participating in the FundingFactory Recycling Program. They collect empty cartridges, cell phones, small electronics, and laptops from the community and send the waste products to FundingFactory in exchange for their choice of technology and recreation products, or even cash. Companies interested in demonstrating a commitment to education and the environment can participate free of charge in the FundingFactory Business Support Program. FundingFactory will send each supporting business free prepaid shipping labels for the return of collected cartridges, cell phones, small electronics, and laptops. By donating to Big Friend Little Friend businesses help them earn the technology and or recreational equipment they need. Community and business supporters can also drop off cartridges, cell phones, small electronics, and laptops at the following locations: 610 W 23rd St. Ste 5. Or call and Big Friend Little Friend will come and pick up. To learn more about supporting Big Friend Little Friend, call Stacy Starzl at 605-665-6365 or email bigfriendlittlefriend@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.FundingFactory.com.

### Local KOA Wins Major Awards At Convention

BILLINGS, Mont. — The Yankton/Missouri River KOA Campground has been awarded the 2011 KOA President's and Founder's Awards by Kamppgrounds of America Inc., the world's largest system of family-friendly campgrounds. The awards were presented Tuesday, November 8 at KOA's annual International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The KOA President's Award is presented annually to campgrounds that receive high scores in customer service from their campers, and also receive top scores in KOA's annual Quality Review. The KOA Founder's Award, named in honor of Dave Drum, who founded KOA on the banks of the Yellowstone River in Billings, Montana in 1962, is given to those campgrounds that attained the very top scores in both customer service and the KOA Quality Review. KOA surveys hundreds of thousands of campers each year regarding their KOA camping experience. "Our campers play a key role in helping us select the very best KOA campgrounds to receive these awards," said Kamppgrounds of America Inc. President Pat Hittmeier. "This year, as we celebrate KOA's 50th birthday, these awards take on a special meaning. To be one of the very best in a longstanding, iconic company like KOA really is a unique honor that this special KOA campground can share with its campers." To find out more about the Yankton/Missouri River KOA Campground, or any of the other 472 KOAs in the U.S. or Canada, go to www.KOA.com.

### Williams A Finalist In International Contest

Ed Williams, Vice President of EXCELLTECH Inc, is the sole qualifier from the USA among the 14 finalists who will compete to be known as the Best "AR Drone" Pilot in the World. The final competition will take place at the 2012 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas in January. The finalists are from all over the world with representatives from France, China, Russia, Japan, Canada, South Africa, Germany and the United States. The "AR Drone" is a high end computer toy built by a French company named Parrot (www.parrot.com). The company has a booth at the Consumer Electronics Show and they sponsored a competition to determine the Best "AR Drone" Pilot. Fourteen finalists were selected based on videos submitted demonstrating proficiency with the "AR Drone".

### USD Prof. Named SDWLA Teacher Of The Year

VERMILLION — Teresa Piper, a Spanish professor at the University of South Dakota, has been selected as the South Dakota World Languages Teacher of the Year. The South Dakota World Languages Association (SDWLA) is an organization created to promote the study of world languages and to sustain professional development of language teachers at all levels of public and private education within the state of South Dakota. Each year, the SDWLA chooses a meritorious individual to commend for their language teaching accomplishments. Piper, a native of Mexico City, Mexico, was recognized for her enthusiasm and effectiveness in teaching, her efforts in curricular reform, and the development of a Spanish tutor program at USD. In addition, she has exhibited commitment to diversity through the promotion of Mexican folkloric dance. Piper, who joined the USD faculty in 2002, has a B.A. in Spanish from Northeast Missouri State University and an M.A. in Latin American Literature from Eastern Michigan University.

### Bogatz Named Pride Employee Of The Month

VERMILLION — Joyce Bogatz, LPN, Care Center was selected as the Sanford Vermillion October 2011 PRIDE Employee of the Month. She has been employed here since 2006. The nomination form included these comments: Personalized Service: Joyce discusses cares with residents and co-workers. Staff and residents trust her. Respect: Joyce is respected by other departments and care center management. Innovation: Joyce has an analytical mind. She recently reorganized work that affected nurse, CNA's and Dietary technicians. Dedication: Joyce is from the school of INTEGRITY. She will always put the residents first. Excellence: She is a highly respected nurse at the Care Center. "Joyce is always willing to help with the bigger organizational needs of the residents. Joyce is a great support to our nursing assistants, giving them support and education whenever needed. Joyce is thorough in her evaluation of resident illness and pain management. Our residents are in good company with Joyce looking out for them." comments Pat Fodness, Director of Nursing, Sanford Care Center Vermillion. Joyce (Estey) is a native of Ashland, Neb. She resides in Yankton with her husband Steve.

# Applied Eng. To Participate In NCRC Program

Applied Engineering of Yankton has announced their intention to participate in the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) job profiling program. This opportunity is made possible by the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR). ACT Inc., best known for their college entrance exam, has established a job profiling analysis system to help businesses identify the skills and skill levels employees must have to perform particular jobs effectively. It also gives individuals a clear picture of the skill levels they need to qualify for and be successful in the jobs they want. "The benefits of job profiling are reducing

employee turnover, establishing an employee selection process, improving training practices and documenting employee and business competitiveness," said State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts. The profiling procedure is designed to systematically develop accurate profiles through a task analysis to select the tasks most critical to a job, a skill analysis to identify the skills and skill levels required at the entry level and for effective performance on that job, and skill ranking to determine the skills most critical to the job. "We are excited about what the NCRC has to offer. The certificate will supply Applied En-

gineering with pertinent data that can be difficult to capture during a typical interview," said Bridget Benson, Human Resource Assistant. "Completion of the NCRC also demonstrates the applicant's level of motivation and appetite for the position, therefore making the applicant more desirable." The NCRC verifies to employers anywhere in the United States that an individual possesses essential employability skills in reading, math and locating information. The certificate is an easily understood and nationally valued credential that documents the attainments of these critical workplace skills. For more information, contact any DLR local office or visit www.sdjobs.org.

## Employer Support Freedom Award Nominations Sought By DOD

ARLINGTON, Va. — Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency, is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is the DoD's highest award for civilian employers supporting Guard and Reserve members. The DoD encourages all Guard and Reserve members to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of their military service. Nominations may be submitted by service members, or a family member acting on their behalf, at www.FreedomAward.mil through Jan. 16, 2012. "Employers who go above and beyond in their support of Guard and Reserve members are providing a tremendous service to our country; they are contributing to the resiliency and peace of mind of the more than one million men and women who stand ready to serve when our nation's calls on them," said David McGinnis, acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. "Guard and Reserve members who feel their employers have gone the extra mile in supporting their military service should nominate them for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award to show their appreciation and highlight their support as an example for others to follow."

With employer support acknowledged as a critical component of our national defense, ESGR enhanced the nomination website this year to help guide nominators in capturing the most important details of their employers' support. Previous recipients garnered recognition for supportive measures including organizing colleagues to provide dinners to a deployed employee's family, covering extra shifts during an employee's military training, taking a deployed service member's children to sports practices and other family events, and establishing robust military support networks.

## Laurel Company Launches New Pilot Plant For Plastic Molding Market

LAUREL, Neb. — Laurel Bio-Composite LLC announced today that it has introduced Bio-Res™, a patent pending product for the plastic molding market. The company developed the unique material to cost-effectively raise the renewable or "green" content of plastic products by as much as 40 percent. The product introduction coincides with the launch of a new pilot plant expected to begin manufacturing the material in November. Laboratory tests prove the material's ability to act as a replacement for neat resin at a reduced cost. Bio-Res is available in a powder or pellet form and mixes easily with polyethylene,

polypropylene, polylactic acid and PHA. Bio-Res pellets are made of 60 to 80 percent bio-material. Injection molders can insert the pellets directly into injection molded parts. The material can also be blended with various resins. The product replaces traditional petroleum-based resins in a variety of manufacturing processes for plastics. The new material does not affect food supplies because it is made from corn-based distillers' grain, a non-edible by-product of ethanol plants. This renewable feedstock is readily available and easy to transport and store, making Bio-Res suited for large volume produc-

tion. Bio-Res sequesters carbon dioxide and does not use toxic compounds during processing. The pilot facility will produce approximately 1 million lbs. of Bio-Res the first year to support customer trials. The trials will help define specific performance property improvements. Plans are underway to build a plant in 2012 capable of producing 48 million lbs. of Bio-Res pellets. The material is especially suited for use in a range of industries including shipping, lawn and garden, agriculture and automotive applications. For more information about Bio-Res and Laurel BioComposite visit: www.laurelbiocomposite.com

## SCHOLASTICS

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL ROLL OF EXCELLENCE (\* MEANS ALL A'S)

#### Fifth Grade

Student Name  
Dangler, Bryce  
Geigle, Kellie\*  
Jussel, Jess  
Kusek, Noel  
Lehl, Nick\*  
McCarthy, Erin  
Medeck, Holly  
Nguyen, Brian  
Sandal, Kendra\*  
Schulte, Miranda  
Vyborny, Sophia

#### Sixth Grade

Baker, Shiann  
Benoit, Adele  
Bent, Max\*  
Budig, Kate\*  
Buttolph, Katie\*  
Buttolph, Sara  
Callahan, Brendan\*  
Cass, Tori Elizabeth  
Cordell, Madie\*  
Dangler, Brady\*  
Dvorak, Evan\*  
Eichacker, Nathan\*  
Fejfar, Megan\*  
Fitzgerald, Tanner\*  
Fortner, Ethan  
Frick, Savannah  
Hicks, Holly\*  
Jensen, Lauren  
Knoff, Anne\*  
Kreitinger, Matthew  
Lange, Trevor

Mines, Holly\*  
Paulsen, Quinn  
Rafferty, Trevor\*  
Schoenfelder, Jack  
Smith, Maddie  
Specht, Cameryn\*  
Vavra, Carly\*  
Wolffgram, Jack\*  
Yaggie, Storm

#### Seventh Grade

Becker, Cortney\*  
Bent, Keeli  
Bisgaard, Sophie\*  
Brockberg, Avery  
Buttolph, Emily\*  
Cwach, Blake  
Hauser, Katie\*  
Heine, Belle  
Kanaly, Samantha\*  
Katterhagen, Kate\*  
Kennedy, Kolbi  
Kouri, Sophie\*  
Mueller, Nicole  
Mueller, Sara  
Rezac, Alexis\*  
Rezac, Kristen\*  
Rezac, Lauren\*  
Rucker, Rachel\*  
Ruffinott, Rose  
Schroeder, McKenzie  
Shuey, Brandon  
Stephenson, Nate\*  
Warriner, Jacob  
Wenande, Drew  
Wubben, Morgan\*  
Eighth Grade  
Dvorak, Danielle  
Geigle, Brianna\*  
Hauser, Nicholas\*

Huber, Spencer\*  
Ingalls, Sydney  
Kusek, Adrienne\*  
Manning, Maddie\*  
Perakslis, Cody\*  
Rofis, Sean\*  
Schroeder, Kenneth\*  
Smith, Andrew  
Sundleaf, Mason  
Trail, Jenna

#### HONOR ROLL

##### Fifth Grade

Becker, Abby  
Buechler, Morgan  
Haeceky, Harlie  
Hunhoff, Walker  
Kolkner, Emily  
Kortan, Samantha  
Lange, Tyler  
Liebig, Olivia  
Madson, Brooke  
Mueller, Evan  
Peitz, Brandon  
Perakslis, Catherine  
Reinhardt, Jessica  
Sedlacek, Sydney  
Shoberg, Anna  
Warriner, Olivia  
Wenande, Courtney  
Woodmancy, Michael  
Wubben, Madison

##### Sixth Grade

Barger, Dillon  
Cuka, Abby  
Rockne, Hunter  
Schild, Koby  
Seventh Grade  
Bray, Steven

Cameron, Hunter  
Carda, Lucas  
Heine, Michael  
Kathol, Jordan  
Kortan, Dylan  
Liebig, Kyra  
McDonald, Haley  
McDonald, Shannon  
Payer, Jordan  
Schild, Keely  
Schwartz, Stephanie  
Shoberg, Natalie  
Winterring, Miranda  
Wintz, Josh  
Zimmerman, Courtney

##### Eighth Grade

Barger, Austin  
Kreitinger, Christopher  
Lucht, Jordan  
Salvatori, Danielle  
Sanchez, Samantha  
Strom, Mike  
Vornhagen, Cody

#### MERIT ROLL

##### Fifth Grade

Smith, Alexander

##### Sixth Grade

Garcia, Mimi C

##### Seventh Grade

Becvar, Cheree  
Hunhoff, Kendra  
Vornhagen, Trentin  
Welter, James

##### Eighth Grade

Heine, Adam  
LaCroix, Keenan  
Meshoto, Jordan

## Henderson Named HSC November Employee Of The Month

Marla Henderson is being honored as the November Employee of the Month at the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC), Yankton, South Dakota, announced Pam Van Meeteren, CNP, Interim Administrator. Henderson has 32 years of service to the State of South Dakota. She began employment as a Rehabilitation Teacher with the Division of Rehabilitation Services in June, 1982. Her position was transferred to the South Dakota Human Services Center in September, 2005, where she now works as a Rehabilitation Teacher.

Henderson graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Secondary Education from South Dakota State University, Brookings. She completed K-12 Educational Technology Teacher training through the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. She also earned an endorsement for Deaf/Hearing Impaired Education. Colleagues recognized Hen-

derson for meeting all of the Pillars of Character Counts including: Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Colleagues honored Henderson for her professionalism, knowledge, helpfulness, advocacy for patients, willingness to work well

with others, and her consistently high level of performance. Henderson and her husband Greg, of Yankton, have two daughters: Leslie attends Yankton High School, and Bridget and her fiancé Lee both work in Pierre.



Marla Henderson

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