

# 2015 USD Homecoming Royalty Announced

VERMILLION — Fourteen students are representing the University of South Dakota during this week's Dakota Days homecoming activities, which culminate Saturday with the coronation of Mr. and Miss Dakota at halftime of the home football game.

The 2015 royalty candidates, announced at Tuesday evening's Royalty Reveal, their hometowns, fields of study, sponsoring organizations and involvement:

- Eric Roach, of Brandon, is majoring in physics and minoring in math and Spanish, was nominated by the Campus Activities Board, and is active in CAB, Lambda Chi Alpha, Heroes, Club Baseball, Honors, Order of Omega

- Shane Wernke, of Gregory, is studying kinesiology and sports science, was sponsored by the Interfraternity Council, and is active in IFC, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Dakotans, Kinesiology and Sports Science Club

- Lucas Peterson, of Sioux Falls, is studying business administration, was sponsored by Tau Kappa Epsilon, and is active in Dakotans, College Republicans, National College Scholars, Golden Key, National Society of Leadership and Success

- Bill Belch, of Rochester, Minnesota, is studying mathematics and economics, was sponsored by the Order of Omega, and is active in Pi Kappa Alpha, Mortar Board, Sorority and Fraternity Life Ambassadors,



From top left to bottom: Eric Roach, Shane Wernke, Lucas Peterson, Bill Belch, Joey Snyder, William Lewis, Jacob Munger, Sami Zoss, Mary Dick, Kaitlyn Stern, Sarah Barthel, Emily Jansen, Carrie Wintle, Rachael Ruba

Club Baseball, College Republicans

- Joey Snyder, of Pierre, is studying health services administration, was sponsored by Dakotathon, and is active in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Student Ambassadors, Dakotathon, SFL Ambassadors

- William Lewis, of Pierre, is majoring in media and journalism

with an emphasis in strategic communication and minoring in political science, was sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and is active in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Dakotathon, Student Ambassadors, SFL Ambassadors

- Jacob Munger, of Larchwood, Iowa, is studying health sciences, was sponsored by AWOL (Alternative

Week of Off-Campus Learning), and is active in AWOL, Beta Theta Pi, Big Pal Little Pal, Adopt a School

- Sami Zoss, of Beresford, is studying criminal justice and political science, was sponsored by the Student Government Association, and is active in SGA, Kappa Alpha Theta, Criminal Justice Club, Dakotathon, National Society for Leadership and Success

- Mary Dick, of Dakota Dunes, is studying medical biology and Spanish, was sponsored by the Pre-Med Society, and is active in Pre-Med Society, Kappa Alpha Theta, Colleges Against Cancer, American Medical Women's Association, Mortar Board, Order of Omega

- Kaitlyn Stern, of Freeman, is studying chemistry and interdisciplinary studies, was sponsored by the Panhellenic Council, and is active in Alpha Phi, Panhellenic Council, Student Ambassadors, Honors, Honors Ambassadors, Undergraduate Research, Order of Omega

- Sarah Barthel, of Sioux Falls, is studying marketing, was sponsored by Alpha Phi, and is active in Alpha Phi American Marketing Association, Adopt a Grandparent, Colleges Against Cancer, Order of Omega, Student Ambassadors

- Emily Jansen, of Sheldon, Iowa, is studying special education and elementary education and Spanish, was sponsored by the Council for

Exceptional Children, and is active in the School of Education Student Organization, Residence Year Teacher Candidate, Popcorn Panel, Kappa Alpha Theta, Colleges Against Cancer, Council for Exceptional Children, NAEYC, USD Student Reading Council, AWOL, SERVE, National Society of Colligate Scholars, P.E.O. Chapter DU

- Carrie Wintle, of Iroquois, is studying mathematics and accounting and finance, was sponsored by Mortar Board, and is active in Mortar Board, Kappa Alpha Theta, USD Cheerleader, Beta Theta Pi, Beacom School of Business Dean's Ambassador, Beta Gamma Sigma, National Society of Collegiate Scholars

- Rachael Ruba, of Worthing, is studying accounting, was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, and is active in CAB, Kappa Alpha Theta, Political Economy Club, Heroes, Dakotathon, Beta Gamma Sigma

Dakota Days features numerous student, community and alumni activities, including the Vermontown Bash on Wednesday; fun run, outdoor movie, media panel discussion and presentation of the Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in Media on Thursday; pep rally, free admission to the National Music Museum, and alumni social, dinner and award presentation on Friday; parade, tailgating and football game against Youngstown State on Saturday.

## Award

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"I would say that despite the cynicism that I have talked about in journalism today, I am really hopeful that they decide to get involved in journalism," he said. "No matter where journalism takes us in the future we are going to need those young people. We are going to need those young reporters to go out and tell stories whether it is on the television, on the Internet or on an iPhone. But it is important they recognize the value of

that for our democracy." Seigenthaler participated in several events Thursday, including a panel discussion on whether the media is helping or hurting politics. He received his award at a banquet held later in the day.

He noted that this political season is unique in the history of our country.

"I don't have any absolute opinion on if the media is helping or hurting politics, but I do think what we are seeing today is a different sort of political coverage and a different sort of campaign, a campaign like we have never seen before," he said. "The journalists

I know who cover campaigns are really surprised by what we are seeing, less from the news media and more from the voters. It is clear to me that the voters are fed up. I think they are fed up with the media. I think they are fed up with the whole political system and they are looking for something new and different.

"That is something we haven't seen in such a strong way before this time. As you know, it used to be that we began to cover the political season, election season in the fall at the earliest. But this already began well into the summer of the third year of

President Obama's term. He still has another year to go and it seems like we are well into the campaign. I don't know why this is happening, it is just different."

He noted that the trends he is seeing in journalism in general have trended more to celebrity journalism, more sensationalism and less serious in-depth reporting.

"I think that I am excited to be doing the work I am doing for Al Jazeera America, because I am getting the opportunity to do fact-based, in-depth, unbiased reporting in a way that I think doesn't necessarily exist on cable

news channels today," he said. "When I heard that Al Jazeera was starting a new cable news channel, I was skeptical. I didn't know what to expect. Then when they told me they had 70 bureaus around the world, they were about to open 12 new bureaus in the United States, that I would have those resources and be allowed the independence to put together a prime-time newscast every night and choose stories that I felt were important for the American people to hear, that was a gift. So, I am especially proud of the work I have been doing for the last couple of years."

As for any advice for someone considering entering the journalism field, Seigenthaler said he was versatile.

"Learn all the skills possible," he said. "It used to be you were a photographer or a reporter, you wrote copy or you wrote headlines, you shot video or you edited video or you were an editor or producer. You have to be all those things now. If you are a young person coming up now, learn those skills as well as you can because the new newsroom of today will require you to have those skills."

## OBITUARIES

### Sam Garrity

Samuel Robert Garrity, age 23 of Yankton, died unexpectedly Monday, September 28, 2015 at his residence in Vermillion, SD.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 2 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Larry Regynski officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations began at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 1 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations resumed one hour prior to the service at the church. Urn Bearers were Patrick and Ruth Boehmer.

Honorary Urn bearers will be the Sacred Heart School Class of 2006.

He is the son of Jan and Patrick Garrity, Yankton, SD.

Sam was born June 29, 1992, in Seoul, Korea. He joined his parents in America on November 20, 1992 after his adoption was finalized.

Jan and Pat raised Sam



Garrity

lives with his quick wit and charm as he waited on customers and helped his parents.

Sam attended Sacred Heart School through eighth grade. He graduated in 2010 from Yankton High School where he participated in marching band and was a member of the National Honor Society. He worked in the Hy-Vee produce department during his high school years.

Sam was a member of Boy Scout Troop #102 and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2009.

Sam graduated magna cum laude from South Dakota State University in 2014 with a degree in psychology. He was awarded a full scholarship to the Univer-

sity Of South Dakota School Of Law, where he won the first year intramural alternative dispute resolution tournament (negotiations). He was currently in his second year of studies.

Sam traveled often with his parents for family vacations, especially enjoying trips to Seattle, WA, his favorite city. As a Boy Scout he hiked the Bighorns and snorkeled in Key West.

As an employee of Daktronics in Brookings, SD, first as an intern, then as a full-time summer staff member, he traveled to Milwaukee, WI, Kansas City, MO, and Jacksonville, FL, installing scoreboard systems.

Sam, affectionately known as "Samwise" and "Panda" to his friends, never failed to make an impression - whether he was pontificating on any number of subjects, or sharing his wry sense of humor. He was sensitive, inquisitive, smart, and always ready to share a hug.

He was here for such a short time, but the impact

he had on his family, friends, classmates and co-workers will last forever.

Sam is survived by his parents, Jan and Patrick Garrity, Yankton, SD; maternal grandmother, Phyllis Karolevitz, Yankton, SD; special 'nana', Donna McLagan, Brookings, SD; aunts and uncles - Jill Karolevitz and James (Pete) Peterson, Yankton, SD; Tom and Denise Garrity, Allentown, PA; Ruth and Pat Boehmer, Chicago, IL; Ted and Amy Garrity, Edina, MN; and numerous cousins, great uncles and aunts.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Joe Garrity and Faith Lund; maternal grandfather, Robert Karolevitz, and uncle and aunt, Emmet and Marie Billings.

Memorials preferred.  
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## Toastmaster Area 62 Speech Contest Awards



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John Swenson of Yankton 1294 Club won first place at the Humorous Speech Contest held in Mitchell on September 26. Muriel Stach of Sacred Heart Club in Yankton won first place in the Table Topics Speech Contest. Sister Eileen O'Conner won second place in the Table Topics Contest. Molly Sutton, Mitchell won second place in the Humorous Speech Contest. Other contestants include: Jack Dahlseid, Yankton and Duane Duba, Mitchell. Also pictured is Jen Hovland, Contest Chair and member of Sacred Heart Club in Yankton.

### Aaron Engen

Aaron Nathan Engen passed away Tuesday, September 29, 2015 in a farm accident on the family farm.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 3 at the Viborg Community Center, Viborg, SD with Rev. Randy Phillips officiating. Burial will be in the Elim Cemetery, rural Irene, SD.

Visitations will be 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, October 2 at the Viborg Community Center, Viborg, and then one hour prior to the service.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD is assisting with the service details. For online condolences, go to www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Pallbearers are Jordan Hjlem, Garrett Smith, Allen Gjoaas, Matt Jensen, Stephen Lee, Thomas Smith,



Engen

February 23, 1993 to Sheldon and Mary (Smith) Engen in Freeman, SD. Aaron graduated from Viborg High School in 2011 and MTI in 2013 with an Agricultural Technology Degree.

Aaron was baptized at St. Columba Church in rural Irene, SD and confirmed at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in rural Irene, SD. He enjoyed his church family.

Aaron was currently farming with his dad in rural Irene, SD on the family homestead.

Aaron enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing cards, golfing and most of all, being out with his friends. He loved to visit and had a giving spirit and in keeping with that, was a tissue donor.

Grateful for having shared his life are his parents, Sheldon and Mary Engen of Irene, SD; three brothers: Seth, Kyle and Ethan of Irene, SD; grandmother, Lorraine Engen of Irene, SD; aunts and uncles: Blanche (Ron) Gjoaas of Sioux Falls, SD; Sandra (Bill) Rodol of Bird Island, MN, Janet Engen of Sioux Falls, SD, Cleo (Terry) Sorensen of Sioux Falls, SD, Mike (Linda) Smith of Kimball, SD, Joe (Brenda) Smith of Kimball, SD and many cousins and friends.

Aaron was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Sanford Engen

and maternal grandparents, Owen and Kathleen Smith and cousin, Philip Sorensen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the family for the establishment of a scholarship fund in Aaron's honor.

The family of Aaron Nathan Engen thanks you for your support and presence today. An invitation is extended to join them at their home, 29240 442nd Avenue, Irene, SD for refreshments and fellowship immediately following the committal service.

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### Max Larson

Max Larson, 100, of Yankton passed away Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton with the Rev. Kwen Sanderson officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton and then on hour prior to the service at

the church. Go to www.opsahl-kostel funeralhome.com to send online condolences.

### Richard Davenport

Richard L. "Dick" Davenport, age 78, of Yankton passed away Thursday, October 1, 2015 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton. Memorial services will be 2:30 p.m. Monday, October 5 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with Rev. Michael Carlson officiating. Visitations will be one hour

prior to the service at the funeral home. For online con-

dolences, go to www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Dillon O'Keefe  
10:30 AM, Friday  
Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul) Catholic Church  
Bow Valley

Alfred J. Honeywell  
Graveside Services  
3:00 PM, Friday  
Wynot City Cemetery

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