

Newsletter

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Ohling Scholarship Recipients Honored

Endowed scholarship supports students studying at USDSU

The First National Bank in Sioux Falls established the Donna Ohling Memorial Scholarship in memory of longtime employee Donna Ohling. Mr. William L. Baker, President and CEO of the First National Bank established the scholarship to support non-traditional students attending part-time at USDSU. It is the first endowment established for this purpose.

The recipients of the Ohling Scholarship for this year are Leah Erks, an employee of the First National Bank and a part-time student pursuing a nursing degree and Kay Ketterling who works at Keystone Treatment Center and is a part-time student studying criminal justice.

On November 14, a luncheon was held to honor the scholarship recipients. Those in attendance were Jan Ritter, Human Resources Director for the First National Bank; Mark Lee, Executive Dean of USDSU; Kay Ketterling; Elizabeth Fuller, Student Advisor at USDSU; Leah Erks; and William Baker.



Academic Expectations

Faculty and Administration Discuss Issues

At a recent meeting between the general education faculty teaching at USDSU and the administration, issues regarding academic expectations were discussed. One of the conclusions of the discussion was that certain expectations need to be clearly communicated to all students.

Academic Expectations

There are (at least) two underlying principles regarding the delivery model at USDSU.

1. Programs and courses delivered at USDSU will be equivalent to programs and courses on the main campuses with respect to content and rigor; and
2. Faculty expect students to attend class just as they would on the main campuses.

As a campus that is developed to serve the part-time working student, USDSU tends to organize courses to meet once a week (rather than two or three times) to help accommodate student schedules. In addition, it is fair to say that adult students may encounter more disruptions in their schedules than traditional-age residential campus students.

Still it is important to remember that if you miss a class, you really miss the equivalent of three classes. That is a lot!

The faculty who teach here will be accommodating, but certain types of absences are not necessarily “excused” absences. For example, attending a soccer game or hosting a child’s birthday party are not equivalent to an emergency illness or a required business trip. Unexcused absences may well affect your grade for the class.

We encourage students to make their plans and attend all their classes. That way you get the most out of your time here and the money you are investing in your education.

USDSU Bookstore Under New Management

SDSU will provide services

Effective with the beginning of the spring semester, the USDSU Bookstore will be managed by SDSU as an extension of their campus store. SDSU was selected after proposals were received from the current official bookstore providers from USD and SDSU. DSU declined to submit a proposal.

A mid-year transition makes it a little more difficult to serve students. USD Book and Supply will continue to operate through most of December and will actually be doing the book buyback this term. SDSU will move into the space as soon as they can. Book ordering for spring is going through the SDSU Bookstore.

Students will be able to order and pay for books online beginning on or about December 26, however this is subject to change. The website will be www.usdsubookstore.com. The personnel at SDSU are doing everything they can to make this a smooth transition and an excellent bookstore.

The current contract with USD Book and Supply ends December 31, 2003.

Faculty Focus

Patti DiMond, USD English Instructor, presented a paper entitled "The Other Side of the Story: The Importance of James Welch's *Fools Crow* Novel" at Southeastern Oklahoma State University on November 14th. Patti will also be presenting the same paper at a colloquium at USD on December 5th.

Cassandra Underberg, SDSU Speech Instructor, attended the National Communication Association Convention in Miami Beach, FL from Nov 19-24th. The annual convention highlights new research developments in the communications field. Scholars from all over the country attend panels and forums to discuss the role communication plays in all different facets of life. Cassandra enjoyed the time in Miami Beach and said the conference was exciting. The weather was great too, so it was difficult to come back to the snow that was waiting at home.

Employer Tuition Reimbursement Reminder

The Spring 2004 Semester will be here before you know it so the time is now for completing the appropriate paperwork to receive tuition reimbursement from your employer. Contact your company's Human Resource Department or Elizabeth Fuller at USDSU for more information.

Message from Student Advisory Council

Speaker Series

The first SAC Speaker Series was held on September 30 with approximately 100 people attending. Many community leaders, students, faculty and staff enjoyed a social hour hosted by Hemar Insurance Corporation. William L. Baker from The First National Bank of Sioux Falls gave a very informative presentation on "The Economics of Giving."

The next two seminars in the series will follow in the Spring 2004 semester. The Presidents of USD, SDSU, and DSU have been invited to participate as panelists in a Town Meeting type forum. All students are invited to attend, and to ask questions during the forum. The third Speaker Series seminar will be scheduled for later in the Spring semester. Watch the bulletin boards and website for more information.

SAC Issues

Lockers

The SAC was asked to research the feasibility of providing lockers. We are limited by space as to the number of lockers we would be able to offer. The SAC will be looking at various locker sizes and available locations.

Student Advisor

The SAC would like to welcome Denise Heidebrink as a new student advisor. Look for Denise's spotlight information in this newsletter.

Childcare

The SAC is interested in the possibility of evening daycare by combining services with STI. There are still many issues that need to be resolved. Funding this service is a major hurdle that will need to be resolved.

SAC Membership

SAC member recruiting efforts are on going. We are continually looking for a few good people with fresh innovative ideas! JOIN US! If you are interested in helping the SAC with these and many other issues, please contact Mark Lee at 367-5640 or email Mark at mark.lee@usdsu.org.



Study Tips to Ponder

1. Choose a study partner early.
2. It's OK to be friendly! Meet your neighbors.
3. Be an active group member and participate.
4. Review your old notes before coming to class.
5. Skim new material before lecture starts.
6. Talk to your teachers. Let him or her know that you're interested in the subject!
7. Don't be afraid to ask for help early.

Want even more great study tips?

8. ATTEND THE SAC STUDY WORKSHOP
COMING UP SOON!

USDSU Student Appreciation Day

The Student Advisory Council will be selling pizza by the slice in honor of the USDSU Student Appreciation Day on Tuesday, January 13, 2004. Look for Council members in the USDSU Commons from 11:00 am-12:30 pm and at 6:00-7:30 pm. More details will follow, watch the bulletin boards for flyers the first week of classes.



*The SAC wishes
you a safe
Holiday Season.*

Coordinators Corner

USD is offering the following new classes for Spring 2004. **History 468/568 U.S. & World Affairs 1900-Present.** This course examines U.S foreign policy from the late 19th century to the present. **LDR 310 Leadership Theory and Practice** will explore leadership in one's employment future. This course applies to the Leadership Minor. Also offered this spring are several courses which apply to teacher certification—including ARTE 310 K-12 Art Methods, INED 411/511 South Dakota Indian Studies, EDER 762 Foundations of Educational Statistics, ELED 757 Assessment and Remediation of Reading Difficulties, SPED 703 Educational Needs of Exceptional Persons, SPED 711 Educating Students with Mental Disabilities, SPED 762 The Nature and Nurture of Creativity.

SDSU will offer the following new classes for Spring 2004. **SOC 492 Sociology of Dying and Death** is designed to touch on different disciplines so that it will be applicable to your future endeavors. If you think you will die some day or will know someone who might, then this class will inform, enlighten and stimulate what you thought you knew about dying and death. It's probably not what you would think?!?!? **HIST 492 History of Mexico**, topics covered in the course will be Mexico's spectacular pre-Columbia cultures and past; the conquistadors and clash of two worlds; Colonial Period; Wars of Liberation and Independence (1820-1821); National Period-19th Century; 20th Century Mexico; 21st Century Mexico; and Mexico's culture. **HIST 492 Constitutional History** will cover, in detail, the origins and writing of the American Constitution and its subsequent development and interpretation.

Spring 2004 offerings from DSU include **CSC 260 Object Oriented Design** which emphasizes object-oriented programming methodologies. An object-oriented language will be used to illustrate these OO concepts. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) will be introduced; **CSC 300 Data Structures** examines a systematic study of data structures and the accompanying algorithms used in computing problems; structure and use of storage; methods of representing data; techniques for implementing data structures; linear lists; stacks ; queues; trees and tree traversal; linked lists; and other structures. Other courses being offered is ART 122 Design II-Color, ENGL 208 Documentation and Presentation, SPED 100 Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities, CSC 206 Business Applications Programming (Word) and CSC 206 Business Applications Programming (Power Point).

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

Tina Ormsby

My name is Tina Ormsby and I am a non-traditional student. I was born and raised in Germany and have been in this country for 22 years. My home school is USD and my favorite class so far has been Anatomy with Dr. Meyer, followed by Chem. 106 with Dr. Jewell as a close second. These choices seem strange even to me since science is not my forte'.

If I ever grow up I want to work in the health care field. I am not quite sure yet what capacity, but patient care for the elderly seems to be my calling.

For now I earn my living in a mail order pharmacy, CIGNA Tel-Drug and until recently also at Walgreen's.

Spare time is non existent in my life, but if I had some I would read more. In the summer my garden gets all my time, much to the chagrin of my 2 cats – Mr. Bigglesworth and Sunnie. They demand a lot of me and remind me of the important things in life.

Being involved with the SAC gives me the opportunity to represent the non-trad students and the different issues/challenges facing us. USDSU is growing and all voices need to be heard to avoid a lot of growing pains. A small issue addressed in the planning stages will not turn into a headache later on. This is also part of the reason I like attending USDSU. The other part would be convenience, proximity and meeting people from all age groups, different countries, and different mindsets and ideologies. It broadens one's horizon and is an enriching experience.

Diane Hansum

My name is Diane Hansum. I grew up in Platte, SD. My home school is USD and I am majoring in Business. Two of my favorite courses have been English, and Art/Design. In the future I would like to utilize my education to develop my own business. Additionally, I hope to become involved in local politics.

In 1988 I moved to Sioux Falls and attended Nettleton Jr College. In 1993 I moved to Texas for six years (I vowed to never say "Y'all, or Fixen). In 1999 I decided to complete my education and moved back to Sioux Falls to be closer to my family. I currently work full time as a Marketing Coordinator for TSP Group, Inc.

In my time away from school and work, I like to work-out, enjoy time with family and friends, and reading.

I am on the Student Advisory Council because the challenges faced by the typical USDSU student are vastly different from a student at one of the campus universities. There are many issues associated with providing non-traditional students appropriate services. SAC provides the opportunity to assist the staff in modifying existing services to meet the needs of the non-traditional student.

I love attending classes at USDSU because I am able to continue my education and maintain a career. USDSU also enables me to remain close to family, and avoid long drives. The new facilities and technology are also an advantage.

USDSU STAFF SPOTLIGHT

The USDSU Staff Spotlight this month will be introducing you to two new staff members at USDSU. Both are ready to help the students with making the most of the great opportunities that we have available.

Julie Rajdl

Meet Julie Rajdl (whose last name is pronounced Rydel). She is the smile you will see in the cashier's office at the north end of the main hallway on first floor. Julie's husband, John, is on active duty with the National Guard in Iraq; at home with her in Garretson are their 10 yr old daughter, Amanda, and TJ who is 8. Most recently she worked at a medical clinic specializing in pain management; she also has had several years experience in the banking industry. What great credentials for being the secretary and cashier for USDSU's accounting department! Julie wants each student to know that her goal is to help them through the necessary steps to use the financial aid opportunities that they have available. Students can visit with Julie at any time the cashier's window is open or they can call ahead to make an appointment. Her direct telephone number is 367-8418. She is also available by e-mail at julie.rajdl@usdsu.org.

Julie expressed special interest in having one-on-one interactions with USDSU students so come on by the cashier's window anytime. Financial details can be sorted out and Julie is ready to do that or to refer a student to another staff member if needed. She looks forward to interacting with traditional and non-traditional students.

Denise Heidebrink

To better serve the student body an additional staff member in the Student Advising Department is now available to USDSU students and prospective students. The STAFF SPOTLIGHT would also like to introduce Denise Heidebrink who joins Deanna Kost and Elizabeth Cox in the Student Services Department. In order to have these services available after the traditional workday, Denise will be at USDSU from 10 am to 7 pm Monday-Thursday, and 8 am-5 pm on Friday. She can be reached by her direct line (367-8407) or by e-mail at denise.heidebrink@usdsu.org. Questions or concerns about any area of education at USDSU would be welcome: general questions about classes/registration, specific questions about a class/major, academic concerns on how to reach a career goal, how to work through issues that affect a student's success. Denise also has many other great resources in the rest of the staff here at USDSU; sometime referring a student to the right source is just what the doctor ordered as most students have discovered. If you have a question, Denise will give you an answer or work with you to find another person who can.

Denise attended Augustana University here in Sioux Falls; she received her Undergraduate B.A. degree with a major in Communications. To achieve this major she served several internships with Sioux Falls businesses to hone her skills in Journalism, Marketing, Creative Copywriting and Interpersonal Relations. Her experiences in all of these areas will be valuable resources as she works with USDSU students who are currently a part of the business community or are interested in a related career goal. As you have noticed the word "goal" has cropped up twice in this article. Denise wants to help current and prospective students develop a workable plan that will allow them to achieve whatever personal goal they set. She also has a Master's Degree in Counseling from USD with an emphasis in post-secondary student services and has previous experience in recruiting and advising university students. She looks forward to meeting many of the students.

On a personal note, Denise is at home here in Sioux Falls having grown up nearby in Pipestone, MN. Family members still live in the area and she is proud to be the aunt of five nieces from little to teens so the 6 "girls" have many good times together. Other interests include almost anything outdoors from hiking and horseback riding to traveling to see the many great places our country has to offer. In fact, she is probably just returning from or planning her next trip so that is always a good conversation topic for Denise. She also mentioned lots of reading, playing her keyboard and being "on staff" for her two cats so off-campus she is a busy lady.

Student Advisors Extended Hours

With the addition of Denise Heidebrink to the Student Services staff, USDSU has expanded advising services into the evening hours to serve the needs of our working students. Our new hours are:

Elizabeth Cox - M-F 8 am-5 pm

Denise Heidebrink - M-Th 10 am-7 pm, F 8 am-5 pm

Deanna Kost - M 8 am-5 pm, T-Th 8 am-6 pm, F 8 am-1 pm

Whether you are just starting out or have been here several semesters, we want to provide you with accurate information and assistance with your academic pursuits. If you need help choosing classes, are struggling and are considering a drop, want a referral to a tutor, need test-taking hints, looking for career information, or want a main campus contact give us a call, send an email or stop in. We'll be happy to answer your questions!



Access
WebAdvisor
to register for Spring
2004 classes, check on
your class schedule, add
and drop classes; and to
check on your Fall
2003 grades!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 15**—Final Exams Begin
- December 19**—Semester Ends
- December 25**—Christmas Day Holiday
(No Classes-Offices Closed)
- January 1**—New Years Day Holiday
(No Classes-Offices Closed)
- January 8**—Classes Begin
- January 19**—Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday
(No Classes-Offices Closed)
- February 16**—President’s Day Holiday
(No Classes-Offices Closed)
- March 5**—Spring Break Begins
- March 15**—Spring Break Ends-Classes Resume
- April 8**—Easter Recess Begins
- April 13**—Easter Recess Ends-Classes Resume
- April 14**—New Student Information Session (5:30 pm)
- May 3**—Final Exams Begin
- May 7**—Semester Ends



*The Faculty and Staff of USDSU
Sioux Falls wish you a happy,
healthy holiday season!*



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