

S.D. Board of Regents adopt performance funding model

The South Dakota Board of Regents has adopted a framework for a performance funding model that rewards public universities for their success in producing college graduates.

The model adopted Thursday will allocate \$3 million in one-time funding from this year's South Dakota Legislature, to be matched with a like amount from the six public universities' base budgets. The model will be piloted in the coming fiscal year, starting July 1.

"This is being rolled out using one-time funding that the Legislature appropriated this year to the public university system," said Regents President Kathryn Johnson. "More importantly, we believe our performance funding model holds promise as a component in future funding allocations."

Use of the model beyond the pilot year implementation is subject to future regents' action, depending on availability of matching funds, legislative funding support and workforce priorities.

Performance funds will be distributed based on three years of cumulative data on graduate production. A weighted point system gives more weight to completers at higher degree levels and also to completers who earn degrees in high-priority workforce development fields.

Warner said the board wanted to develop a model that emphasized production of graduates, because public university students tend to remain in South Dakota after graduation and that underscores the direct economic benefits arising from increased degree production.

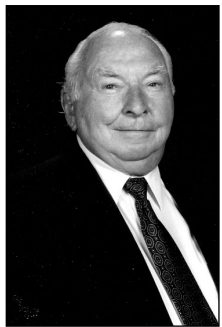
OBITUARIES

Deryl Kruse

Deryl Kruse, 85, of Vermillion, passed away Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 6, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion. A Committal Service will follow at the Bluff View Cemetery with Military Honors performed by Vermillion VFW Post #3061. Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, 2012 at Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion with a 7 p.m. "Celebration of Deryl's Life." The Mount Funeral Home of Platte is handling arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family through www.mountfuneralhome.com.

Deryl Wayne Kruse was born on Dec. 5, 1926 to Leo and Lois (Wrede) Kruse in Wessington. He moved with his family to Vermillion in what he called the "dirty 30's." He enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17 and was assigned as Seaman First Class for 2 1/2 years during WWII. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Vermillion and met Lela Christopherson. They were united in marriage on Jan. 7, 1947 and spent 65 cherished years together. They raised six wonderful children and were blessed with six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Deryl enjoyed time with his wife, Lela, spending time with



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his family, telling jokes, cruising around Vermillion on his scooter, making BBQ ribs, watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities and sports, as well as just having a pure joy for life.

An avid bowler for most of his life, Deryl participated on many leagues and passed his fondness for the sport down to his children and beyond as a favorite family pastime. He loved the outdoors, and could be found fishing on the Missouri River whenever he got the chance. He was also a member of the Black Hills Hunt Club, served on the Vermillion Fire Department for many years, and belonged to VFW Post #3061 and American Legion Post #44, both of Vermillion. It was Deryl's privilege to take part in Honor Flight South Dakota in April of 2010, making the trip to Washington, DC with his son, Tom.

Grateful for having shared in Deryl's life are his wife, Lela Kruse of Vermillion; their six children, Linda (Al) Kruse of Marshall, MN, Nancy Kruse of Soldotna, AK, Mary Jo (Bill) Ralph of Austin, TX, Carol Kruse of Vermillion, Tom (Carlotta) Kruse of Vermillion, and Mike (Laurie) Kruse of Vermillion; grandchildren, Jay (Stacey) Yates and sons, Zach and Caden, Seth Ralph and son, Shawn, Michael (Beth) Kruse and children, Emma and Michael, Matthew Kruse and son, Conner, Megan (Kevin) Kalil and Shawn Kruse; two sisters-in-law, Joyce Ashmore of Elk Point, and Betty Hansen of Vermillion; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Deryl is joined in heaven with his parents; a sister, Maxine Cummins; and a brother, Charlie Kruse.

Malathy Ramakrishnan

Malathy Ramakrishnan passed away Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 6 at the Nelson-Berger Northside Chapel in Sioux City, IA. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 7 at the Nelson-Berger Northside Chapel, with cremation to follow.

Malathy was born in Tamil Nadu, India. She came to the United States and made her home in Burbank, SD, for the last 20 years. She enjoyed work as a CPA at Quam & Berglin until her death, as well as being a founding board member of the Siouxland India Cultural Association.



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She is survived by her husband, Kumoli Ramakrishnan; their son, Kaushik of New York and his wife Janet; and their daughters, Vani of Minneapolis and Varsha of Nashville; as well as her sisters, Rajalakshmi, Savitri, and Lalitha, and her brother, Jayaraman, all of India. She is preceded in death by her parents, S. Subramaniam and S. Dharmambal.

Kozak honored for decades of service to Vermillion community

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A Vermillion man who continues to have a lasting impact on the University of South Dakota and the city of Vermillion is the recipient of the Mayor's Community Service Award.

Mayor Jack Powell presented the award to Roger Kozak at the annual Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Company's banquet held March 20.

Before asking Roger to join him at the banquet podium, however, the mayor read a list of Kozak's many local accomplishments.

"Over the years, he has made many contributions to our community, to the University of South Dakota, to our state and to our nation," Powell said. "Many organizations and individuals have benefited from his talents, dedication and service."



Vermillion Mayor Jack Powell presents the Mayor's Community Service Award to Roger Kozak at the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Company banquet March 20.
(Photo by David Lias)

Kozak is a native of Lake Andes, and his college studies were interrupted when he was called to serve in the U.S. Army. He eventually returned to South Dakota where he received degrees from Southern State College and the University of South Dakota.

He began teaching, and then moved to Pierre, where he served four years as director of research for the South Dakota Board of Regents. He moved to Vermillion in 1979.

"He began 22 years of employment at USD, first as a special assistant to the president, then as associate vice president, and ending as vice president," Powell said. "In 2002, he retired and was named professor and vice president emeritus."

The mayor said Kozak truly fits the definition of a community leader. During his time in Vermillion, he has served on the city council as alderman, president and mayor. He was a board member of the Southeast Council of Governments, served as finance officer for Dakota Development Corporation, and was a board member of the USD Athletics Board of Control.

"He volunteered for the high school football playoffs from their inception through 2009," Powell said. "He was a

member of the Vermillion-Newcastle Bridge Committee, campaign co-chair of Vermillion Now!, president of the Missouri Valley Growth Corporation and on The Bluffs Planning and Development Committee."

Over the years, Kozak has been active in the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce and Development Company, and served on boards for several local entities, including the USD Foundation and the National Music Museum.

Kozak is a trustee of the Friends of Vermillion Library, and is currently serving as co-chair of the expansion project fundraising committee for the development of the library's new building addition.

He is also board president and founding member of Junior Achievement of Vermillion, and is on the state board of Junior Achievement South Dakota. Kozak also served on the boards of the Vermillion Area Community Foundation and the Dakota Hospital Foundation.

Kozak has served as commander of the local American Legion post, and as been highly involved in Rotary, serving many roles in the local club, and as district governor.

"When I think of

community service, volunteerism and a desire to get involved and make a difference, I think of the gentleman we are about to honor," Powell told the banquet crowd. "He is a friend to many, he has given so much of himself for the benefit of others, and he is truly an inspirational model for others to follow."

"We are very thankful for all that he has for our community," he said.

Kozak noted, as he was presented the award, that everyone in the banquet audience is worthy of a similar honor.

"We are all volunteers, so there are many people who are deserving to receive this, and our community is blessed with a large number of individuals who are willing to step

forward," he said. "They will do not only their share at whatever task may be at hand, but they will also be willing to go the extra mile to see that whatever the job is, they will commit and give not only a minimum but whatever it takes to get the job done."

Positive developments in a community are never accomplished alone, by a single person, Kozak said.

"It is always the cumulative effort of many individuals coming together to see that a task is done, and done right," he said. "I've been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with many of you over the years, and it's always been that maximum effort, together, that has made so many positive results come true."



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