

Internships highlight summer for USD students

University of South Dakota political science students are making the most of their summer break to gain valuable career experience through internships at the local, state and federal levels.

More than a dozen students are working in various government office internships in Washington, D.C. and throughout the state of South Dakota.

Alissa VanMeeteren, a junior from Yankton, is spending the summer in Washington, D.C. learning more about bureaucratic health care issues as a staff member for the House Committee on Ways and Means, specifically the subcommittee on health.

VanMeeteren, current USD Student Government Association president, spends her days with other staffers preparing representatives for various hearings on Capitol Hill.

"There is usually at least one hearing a week while the House is in session," said VanMeeteren, whose career goal is economic development for the state of South Dakota once she finishes her academic pursuits. "These hearings cover a variety of issues and are usually very interesting and entertaining."

She added that the subcommittee is currently waiting patiently for the outcome of the Supreme Court's ruling on the Affordable Care Act. She expects that the decision will come within the next week and then everything will change.

"All we can do is prepare for each possible outcome and wait until the decision is announced," she added. "These next few weeks could become very hectic very quickly."

This is VanMeeteren's second consecutive summer of work in Washington, D.C. She spent last summer as an intern for Rep. Kristi Noem, R-SD and when the opportunity arose to return to D.C. for an internship with the Ways and Means Committee, she leapt at the chance.

VanMeeteren also praised the USD Department of Political Science and the Alumni Association for their involvement with placing interns in specific government jobs as well as connecting current students with alumni living in the Washington, D.C. area.

"One of the best parts about Washington D.C. is that it is surprisingly easy to connect with USD Alumni," VanMeeteren admitted. "USD's Alumni Association does a fabulous job of planning events for USD affiliates and the number of attendees at these functions is truly a testament as to how well USD trains its students. There are graduates everywhere."

In addition to VanMeeteren, other involving USD students interning in Washington, D.C. this summer include Alex Curry of Shenandoah, IA, Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, Washington, D.C. office; Teresa Johnson, Sioux Falls, United

States Senate Republican Conference; Jennifer Kelly, Omaha, NE, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; Carolina Logato of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Council on Hemispheric Affairs; Rachele Norberg, Burke, S., Sen. Tim Johnson, D-SD, Washington, D.C. office; Rebecca Reiter, Florence, SD, Sen. John Thune, R-SD, and Rep. Kristi Noem, R-SD, Washington, D.C. offices; and Kevin Robb, Rapid City, Sen. John Thune, R-SD, Washington, D.C. office.

USD students serving internships closer to campus are Shiloh Day, Highmore, SD, Sen. John Thune, R-SD, Rapid City, office; Marina Kiefer of Zurich, Switzerland, Sen. Tim Johnson, D-SD, Sioux Falls office; Hanna McElroy, Sioux City, IA, Office of Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Pierre; Zach Nipp of Langford, SD, Sen. Tim Johnson, D-SD, Aberdeen office; Steven Payne, Sioux Falls, Great Plains International Trade Association; Nolan Schmidt of Avoca, IA, South Dakota Department of Transportation (Legal Counsel Civil Rights Compliance), Pierre; and Andy Walz of Meckling, Matt Varilek for Congress campaign, Sioux Falls.

More information about the Department of Political Science, part of the College of Arts & Sciences at USD, is available online at www.usd.edu/polsci or by contacting polsci@usd.edu.

Governor's initiative cuts red tape

As part of Gov. Dennis Daugaard's "Better Government" initiative, a series of new laws taking effect July 1 will repeal more than 400 sections of state law that are unnecessary, out-of-date or too complex.

In addition to those statutory changes, the Governor initiated the elimination of more than 1,100 state government regulations through the administrative rules process.

"It's my goal to get rid of laws and regulations that are not needed and are a burden on South Dakotans," Gov. Daugaard said. "I want to compliment my Cabinet and

staff for doing their best to conduct a very successful review of red tape."

Examples of rules and laws to be repealed include outdated banking provisions; burdensome insurance regulations; redundant measures governing the construction and inspection of burial methods; and information that was collected to obtain federal funds that no longer are appropriated.

The Red Tape Review is part of the Governor's "Better Government" initiative to make state government more open, efficient and accessible.

Mentoring youth pays dividends

Mentoring youth does pay dividends for both adults and youth. The youth build a strong relationship with their match, while adults report seeing the child open up and really become more engaging at home, in school and in social settings.

The Clay-Union Foundation would like to match youth in our area, so they too can have the benefit of a caring adult mentor who can share new hobbies, interests and ideas with them.

A 16-year-old girl in Vermillion, a 12-year-old boy in Jefferson, a 13-year-old boy in Elk Point and two 14-year-old girls in Elk Point are all seeking an adult mentor.

Contact John Gille at (605) 421-5050 for more details, or go to the Web site <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> for an application.

The program is funded by many area businesses, organizations and in part by the United Way of Vermillion.

FOR THE RECORD

Cases Disposed 06/15-21/2012

Jessica Lynn Lundgren, 233 Spruce St. #117, Vermillion; Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, \$54.00 plus costs

Alex Steven Klein, 428 Lee Drive, Lemars, IA; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Karla Ann Hybertson, 6521 S. Jeffrey Ave., Sioux Falls; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Ann L. Fields, 2920 Lakeview Drive, Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Joseph Girard, 302 Slant St., Wakonda; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Edith Marie Foolbull, Lot 5 299th Street, Wagner; Speeding on state highway, \$39.00 plus costs

Nicholas Patrick Hopson, 901 Rose #411, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Jerrold Freidel, 1225 Roosevelt, Vermillion; Entering property-after notice, \$54.00 plus costs

Samuel Martin, 713 W. Chestnut, Vermillion; County speeding, \$99.00 plus costs

Timothy Gudmundson, 15 Hall Street, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Douglas Steven Broughton, 1905 Meadowbrook Dr., San Angelo, TX; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Patrick Scott Lucas, 153 Las Brisas Blvd., Sequin, TX; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00

plus costs
Kimberly Ann Lawrence, 9810 Sendera Dr., Magnilin, TX; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Charish Wise, 214 Bower #105, Vermillion; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$204.00 plus costs

Robert Glenn Horstman, 403 S. Oak, Inwood, IA; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Gustavo Zardenta, 1111 Main St., Wayne, NE; Domestic abuse - aggravated assault, recharged; Domestic abuse - aggravated assault, dismissed;

Domestic abuse - simple assault, \$300.00 plus costs; Thirty days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the

court
James A. Oliver, 211 S. Douglas, Elk Point; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Natasha J. Hauge, 37386 252nd Ave., White Lake, SD; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Jason Peterson, 513 West Clark, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

William Albert Lind, 30150 SD Highway 11, Alcester; County speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Timothy Dailey, 33572 Dakota Rd., Jefferson, SD; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Bruce Ernest Rubida, 32753 478th Avenue, Elk Point; Tow trailer without safety chains, \$54.00 plus costs

Katelyn Wudel, 327

Walnut St., Elmhurst, IL; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Todd Gannon, 316 Lewis Street, Vermillion; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Andrew J. Peterson, 200 Dickerson Ave., Irene; Failure to make proper stop at stop intersection, \$59.00 plus costs

Tanya Marie Harris, 1508 W. 28th Street, Sioux Falls; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Denise F. Naslund, 314 N. Portland, Coleridge, NE; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Cody James Olson, 46562 312th Street, Vermillion; Malicious

mischievous, \$75.00 plus costs

Karin F. Monzel, 601 Lewis St., Vermillion; Driving under influence-1st offense, recharged;

Driving under influence-1st offense, dismissed

Jordan Hawks, 220 N. Wayland Ave., Sioux Falls; Open container, \$54.00 plus costs

Stuart Eugene Kissick, 311 E. national St., Vermillion; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Linda Wanamaker, 236 Wildwood Drive, Mission Hill; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Kevin E. Hustrulid, 701 S. Williams Ave.,

Sioux Falls; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

David C. Wetzel, 51319 866 Rd., Orchard, NE; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Nicola Obeney, 220 Sycamore #39, Vermillion; Failure to stop, \$54.00 plus costs

Matthew J. Hornyak, 62761 Belgar Blvd., Rapid City; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$59.00 plus costs

Daniel A. Remme, 1305 Lincoln #206, Vermillion; Municipal speeding, \$19.00 plus costs

Glenn Myron Zurcher, 403 Locust, Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

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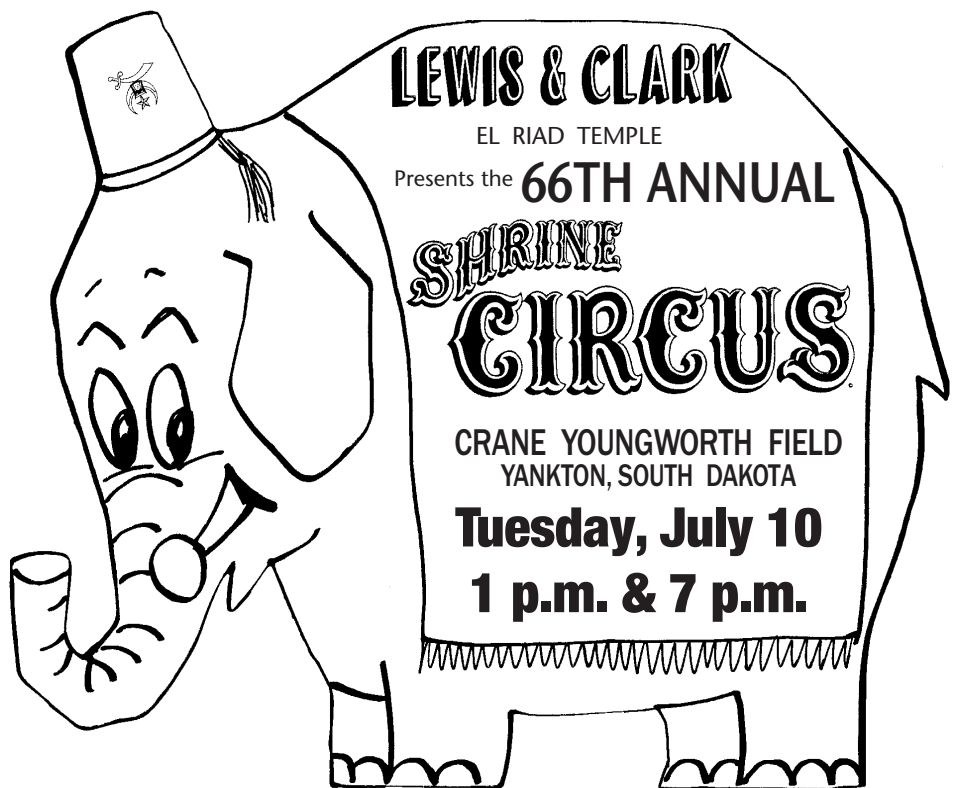
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