

# SESDAC



Brooke Hillman, direct support professional (center), Alice Sealey, assistant director of services (right) and Gerry Tracy, executive director.

(Submitted photo)

## Hillman is SESDAC, Inc., employee of the month

Brooke Hillman, direct support professional, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. May 2014 Employee of the Month.

Hillman has been a part of our organization since August 2012.

Brooke was nominated for the award by her fellow co-workers, based on her dedication to her job and the people she supports.

Co-workers had the following compliments written in their nominations for Brooke:

“Brooke is a hardworking dedicated employee who is dependable, creative and has great ideas. She has great teamwork skills.”

Hillman currently resides in Sioux Falls.

## Dakota Gardens tour this weekend

Sanford Vermillion is hosting a tour of the Dakota Gardens apartment complex this weekend.

The tour will take place Saturday from 10-11:30 a.m., and Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m.

The complex features congregate housing, with one-bedroom apartments

now available.

The Dakota Gardens apartment complex is located next to the Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

For more information, contact Melissa Langle-Lee at (605) 638-8423.

## Heartland Humane Society Taste & Tour June 28

YANKTON – Tickets are on sale for the third annual Heartland Humane Society Taste & Tour in downtown Vermillion.

The event will take place from 6:30-10 p.m. on Saturday, June 28 and will feature VIP passes to 10 businesses in Vermillion for food, drink, raffles, shopping and more.

“We are excited to have many great businesses supporting this event,” said Kerry Hacecky, Executive Director at Heartland Humane Society. “All proceeds will fund our operating costs for vet care and animal expenses.”

Tickets are \$25 a piece and can be purchased at the HHS shelter, Infinite Variety, The Eagles, or Nook’ N Cranny in Vermillion. You can also purchase tickets by calling (605) 664-4244 or going online at [www.heartlandhumanesociety.net](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net).

The event will include stops at Carey’s Bar, Lumo Studios, Nook’ N Cranny, Maya Janes, Sharing the Dream, Patsy Paw, The Varsity, Maloney Real Estate, Infinite Variety, and The Eagles. Wine and beer tasting, juices and waters, appetizers, Maki Rolls, tacos, chili dogs, games, a book signing by Matthew Moen and music by Feather River Band will all be included in the event.

For a full list of what is happening, check out the events tab on Heartland’s Web site.

Each location offers a chance to win a raffle prize valued at \$100 or more. Raffles include a USD packages, gift baskets, chamber bucks, and more.

“This event is a chance to ensure more strays find

permanent homes in 2014 and a chance to get everyone in the communities together for a great cause,” Hacecky said. “Our shelter runs one hundred percent on private donations and events like this are critical to our success. We hope if you have a love for pets that you will consider joining us.”

Heartland Humane Society serves Yankton, Vermillion, and the surrounding area, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people.

For more information about HHS or the Taste & Tour, visit Heartland Humane Society online at [www.heartlandhumanesociety.net](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net).

## USD receives grant to fund study abroad opportunities

The University of South Dakota is one of nine colleges and universities to earn funding through 100,000 Strong in the Americas innovation grants.

This round of grant funding was sponsored by Santander Universities, a division of Santander Bank and announced by the Department of State, Partners of the Americas and NAFSA: Association of International Educators at the first 100,000 Strong in the Americas capacity building workshop.

USD was awarded a grant to double study abroad

participation by 2017, especially in smaller campuses in the South Dakota Board of Regents system that do not have the resources to develop study abroad opportunities on their own. USD is partnering with Universidad Antonio Ruiz de Montoya of Pueblo Libre, Peru.

“The College of Arts and Sciences is thrilled to partner with the Center for Academic and Global Engagement to increase the global opportunities for our students,” noted Tina Keller, associate dean, College of Arts

& Sciences at USD. “This program will build on a strong existing relationship between Associate Professor Angela Helmer of our Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics and Universidad Antonio Ruiz de Montoya of Pueblo Libre, Peru and we look forward to the expansion of this program across multiple disciplines within the college.”

President Obama’s goal for 100,000 Strong in the Americas is to reach at least 100,000 U.S. students studying, training, or researching abroad in the countries of the Western

Hemisphere each year by 2020. An equal number of students from other countries in the hemisphere is likewise expected to learn and train in the United States. The initiative is aimed at enhancing hemispheric competitiveness, at increasing prosperity, and at better preparing a globally aware workforce.

“The University of South Dakota believes it is important to provide our students with a variety of global experiences to better prepare them for an interconnected world,” said Kurt Hackemer, interim

provost and vice president for academic affairs at USD. “We are pleased that the State Department has recognized our commitment to international education and are looking forward to serving students from across the state.”

The awards announced in May are of approximately \$25,000 each, and will leverage commitments by USD and the other eight winning colleges and universities to increase student mobility and address institutional barriers that prevent students from studying abroad.

## VERMILLION POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

06/08/14 02:35 – Caller reported a neighbor was dealing with a loud intoxicated man and was concerned the situation might escalate. Officers contacted the neighbor who explained the intoxicated man was a friend who was very drunk and now sleeping inside the home. No further action.

06/08/14 21:55 – Caller reported an unknown man had been in their neighborhood taking pictures of her daughters. Officers searched the area but did not locate the individual.

06/09/14 11:22 – Caller reported a failed sale on Craigslist that might be a theft. Under investigation.

06/09/14 22:01 – University police requested assistance with a traffic stop. Officers arrested the driver for DWI.

06/10/14 00:18 – Officers found a door ajar on the high school. The school was searched but nothing was found amiss.

06/10/14 04:22 – Caller reported loud music from a neighbor’s house. On arrival officers heard the loud music and contacted the occupant, the odor of burnt marijuana was coming from the house. A search warrant was obtained. A variety of prescription medications, approximately two pounds of marijuana, and \$21,500 were found and seized. The occupants were arrested for possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver and possession of marijuana. The residence was also with a drug-free zone.

06/10/14 09:05 – Officers responded to a request for assistance from a court services officer. The

officer arrested a probationer who was refusing to provide a urine sample as required by the conditions of probation.

06/10/14 10:07 – Officers investigated a report of a sex crime.

06/10/14 11:52 – Caller reported a four-wheeler leading a dog and was concerned the dog was being abused by being forced to run beside the four-wheeler. Officers contacted the owner of the four-wheeler and saw the dog. The dog did not appear to be suffering any distress from the runs and in fact appeared young and energetic. No further actions.

06/10/14 23:00 – Officers responded to a 911 call from a woman in distress. On arrival they contacted a vehicle that the woman had pointed out an indicated they were in some type of dispute. Officers saw one of the four vehicle occupants hiding a glass pipe and the odor of burnt marijuana was present. The four occupants were questioned and the vehicle was searched. Two of the occupants were arrested for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and ingestion.

06/11/14 10:00 – Officers assisted a court services officer with locating and arresting a probationer who had an active warrant.

06/12/14 19:23 – Caller requested an officer because a theft of her medications. Officers arrived and found the caller had given her medications to friend to keep her from over medicating, the bottle of

medication had been dropped at one point and several pills had been lost under a heavy piece of furniture. The caller was now confused by what had happened to the medication and wanted the man charged with theft. Investigation revealed no theft had occurred.

06/12/14 23:22 – Caller reported a man refusing to leave a business. Officers responded and the caller requested that two men be thrown out of the business. The two men claimed the caller was not an owner and did not have the right to throw them out. Officers investigated further and found that the caller did not have the authority to throw the men out of the business.

06/13/14 00:27 – Officers receive a noise complaint and as they approached the residence smelled marijuana. While searching the residence for the marijuana, officers identified a man who had an active Clay County warrant for his arrest. He was arrested.

06/13/14 15:56 – Caller reported a violation of a protection order. Caller said he was at a local business and had a protection order out against another man. The

man pulled into the business parking lot and the caller yelled at him. Officers investigated and found the man in question had pulled into the business parking lot but upon seeking the caller had left immediately. Officers did not believe there was intent to violate the order. No further action.

06/13/14 16:29 – Officers responded to a residence in compliance with a protection order and stood by while a man collected his belongings from his ex-girlfriend’s home.

06/13/14 16:45 – Caller wanted to report poor business practices by a local car repair shop. The described events did not constitute a crime and the officer explained the process for a civil dispute resolution.

06/13/14 17:02 – Caller reported items missing from her apartment. She was out of town and a caretaker had discovered her TV and Blu-Ray player were missing from her apartment. Officers responded and collected evidence. Under investigation.

06/13/14 22:51 – Caller reported the odor of burnt marijuana in an apartment stairwell. Officers responded and could also

detect the odor. They searched the hallways in an attempt to locate the source of the odor but were unable to isolate where the odor had come from.

06/14/14 01:43 – Officers found the front door of a residence open in the middle of the night. The residence was checked and the owner located, nothing was amiss.

06/14/14 17:41 – Caller requested officers assist with an elderly man who was being increasingly violent toward his caregivers. Officers provided assistance.

06/14/14 19:36 – Caller asked for officers to contact her neighbors and tell them they could use her garage to protect their vehicles from a storm that was forecasted (caller was out of town). Officers made the notification.

06/14/14 21:26 – Caller reported a loud party at a neighbor’s house. Officers responded but heard nothing from the suspected residence. After remaining in the area for a short time they attempted to re-contact the caller who could not be reached. No further action.

Total Records: 23



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Applicants should have a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree in a human services related field (i.e. Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, or Education) or other related field. Applicants should have a minimum of three years’ experience in working with persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, with a minimum of 1 year in a supervisory capacity, or the equivalent combination of education and/or experience in the developmental disabilities field.

The position is a Full-time salaried position with a starting base salary of \$35,500. Excellent benefit package is available. For more information or to apply online visit [www.sesdac.org](http://www.sesdac.org).

Position will close on July 11th, 2014.

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**STIP Public Meetings**

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2015-2018 Four-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period. Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be held on the following dates and locations to receive public comment on the tentative program.

July 22, 2014.....	Ramada Convention Center.....	Aberdeen.....	7:00 PM
July 23, 2014.....	Ramkota Hotel.....	Sioux Falls.....	7:00 PM
July 24, 2014.....	Ramkota Hotel.....	Pierre.....	7:00 PM
July 29, 2014.....	Ramkota Hotel.....	Rapid City.....	7:00 PM
July 30, 2014.....	Webinar.....	Contact: Dave.Voeltz@State.SD.US to register.....	1:30 PM

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