

USD to honor graduating Native American students

The University of South Dakota will honor graduating Native American students at the fourth annual Native American Graduate Honoring ceremony at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 4 at the Muenster University Center.

Sponsored by Native Student Services, the cultural heritage ceremony recognizes the accomplishments of graduating Native American students and their supporters. Lynelle Noisy Hawk, M.D., Oglala-Hunkpapa from Fort Yates, N.D., and an alumna of the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, will deliver the keynote address. The celebration also includes a dinner and ceremony featuring traditional regalia, singing of honor songs and other appropriate cultural protocols. This event precedes the University of South Dakota's 125th Spring Commencement at the Dakota

Dome on Saturday, May 5.

Noisy Hawk began her work in August 2007 as a medical officer at the Fort Yates, N.D. Indian Health Service (IHS) Hospital where she currently serves as the clinical director. She utilizes both modern medical health care and traditional Lakota healing ceremonies in her practice of medicine. Noisy Hawk completed her B.S. at South Dakota State University in 1997 and was accepted into the Indians Into Medicine program (INMED) at the University of North Dakota. She subsequently transferred to the University of South Dakota and completed her M.D. in 2003. Married to Todd Goodsell, a University of South Dakota graduate, Noisy Hawk is a full blood Lakota from the Oglala and Hunkpapa Tribal Nations. Her Lakota name, Kagnigapi Win, means "The Chosen Woman."

USD students receive Global Learning Scholarships to study abroad

Five University of South Dakota students have been awarded Global Learning Scholarships to study abroad.

Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of State, Morgan E. Nelson, a biology and mathematics major from Sioux Falls will study in Ghana; Katie Kammert of Rapid City majoring in both biology and Spanish, will study in Peru; Abby Wolf, a biology major from Jordan, MN, will study in Ireland; Sean Patrick McCann, a biology and Spanish

major from Newell, SD, is to study in Argentina; and Alison Petrick of Gayville, majoring in biology and secondary education, will study in Costa Rica.

The \$60,000 grant for "Capacity Building for Undergraduate Study Abroad Program" was awarded in 2010 to be used for scholarships for students traveling abroad, program development for students in targeted areas, and faculty and staff training opportunities.

Students honored for leadership, service at USD

Students from the University of South Dakota were honored for leadership and service at the 2012 Celebration of University Leadership on Sunday, April 22.

Eva Draper of Omaha was presented with the Dave Lorenz Senior Leadership Award. Named in honor of Dave Lorenz, former Dean of Students at USD, this award is given to a graduating senior who has enriched campus life throughout his or her tenure. Britni Waller of Lincoln, NE, was presented with the Servant Leader Scholarship Award by the Gary and Judy Marx Endowment. This award, presented by the College of Arts and Sciences, is awarded annually to an undergraduate or graduate student for understanding the obligations as citizens of a local community and a sense of responsibility as a citizen of the world and custodian of the planet.

Hanna McElroy of Sioux City, IA, received the Office of Student Life's Community Spirit Award, awarded to a student whose work demonstrates a compassion for others through efforts in community service on a local, national or global level; and Levi Froke of Aberdeen was honored with the Outstanding Leadership and Service Award from the Office of Student Life.

Two students recognized for overall Outstanding Leadership and Service were Eric Schlimgen of Rapid City and James Payer of Vermillion, while Brittany Kielhold of Sioux City was recognized with the Outstanding Diversity Leadership Award.

Three students were recognized with Unsung Leader Awards by the Office of Student Life: Becky Jarding of Sioux Falls, Courtney Krcil of Dante, SD, and Darcy Leischner of Parkston, SD.

Alexandra Brummer of Council Bluffs, IA, was presented with the Service Learning Advocate Award, given annually to a student who exemplifies leadership in the doctrine of service-learning; and Ashlin Peitzmeier of Omaha received USD's New Student Leader Award, presented to a first-year student who has become involved in campus or community activities. Jake McBride of Vermillion received Community Advisor of the Year and Stephanie Andell of O'Fallon, IL, was awarded the Rookie Community Advisor of the Year.

The School of Law honored Jason Krause of Hartford, SD, with two awards: Student Bar Association Student Leadership Award and the American Law Institute/American Bar Association Scholarship and Leadership Award. Samantha Mollet of Jefferson, SD, and Cassie Bennett of Vermillion each received the law school's R.D. Hurd Volunteer Law School Society, Outstanding Pro Bono Services and Leadership Award. Shari Fischbach of Mellette, SD, and Tiffany Buehner of Brandon, SD, received the School of Education Outstanding Leadership Award (Undergraduate Student) while Lisa Wolf was awarded the School of Education Outstanding

Leadership Award (Graduate Student). Aaron Oestmann of Rapid City and Kayla Foreman of Orient, SD, received the Beacom School of Business Outstanding Leadership Award and the School of Health Sciences awarded Student Leader Awards to Lacey Lane of Sioux Falls and Wade Fligge of Harrisburg, SD, who also received the Office of Student Life's Graduate Student Leadership Award.

Additional awards were presented to Kaiti Strayer of Sioux City for "Best in Show" Stillwell Art Competition; Allison Marcus of Olivia, MN, for the "110% Award" from University Libraries; Ken Granle of Mantorville, MN, for Most Dependable (University Libraries); Rachel Blake of Centerville, SD, received the Student Assistant Outstanding Leadership Award from University Libraries; Jennie Bellis of Vermillion received the John W. Carlson Research Grant presented by the College of Arts and Sciences; Nolan Goetzinger of Rapid City received the Dean Joseph H. Cash Award for Excellence in Writing; and Corryn Celmer of Broomfield, CO, received the Student Ambassador of the Year for exemplifying true commitment to the Office of Admissions and university community.

Students recognized at the awards ceremony were nominated by peers, faculty and staff members. All students, undergraduate or graduate, were eligible for nomination.

USD Med School to present research symposium in June

The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine is hosting a symposium on Ubiquitin, Protein Quality Control and Molecular Pathogenesis at Deadwood Gulch Resort in Deadwood June 13-15.

Due to the rapidly growing faculty research in the area of Protein Quality Control and Degradation (PQCD) at the Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota, this three-day conference will focus on the role of the ubiquitin-proteasome system (UPS) and autophagy in cardiovascular disease, neural degeneration and cancer biology.

In addition, a series of general discussions and poster sessions will provide participants an opportunity to network with researchers and field experts. State-of-the-art lectures from world-renowned scientists and presentations by the Protein Quality Control Degradation faculty of the Sanford School of Medicine will cover diverse topics related to protein quality control and their relevance to disease pathogenesis.

Invited speakers include Ivor J. Benjamin, M.D., of the University of Utah (Reductive Stress and Proteostasis); George DeMartino, Ph.D., University of Texas Southwestern (Regulation of Proteasome Assembly, Activation and Function); Mark Hochstasser, Ph.D., of Yale University (Biogenesis of Proteasomes); Peipei Ping, Ph.D., UCLA (Proteasome Regulation by PTMs); and X. William Yang, M.D., Ph.D., of University of California, Los Angeles (Designer Mouse Models to Dissect Huntington's Disease).

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USPS

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neither extreme is suited to long-term survival of USPS.

To many experts, Issa's approach is likely to frighten away businesses that mail. The Lieberman-Collins bill agrees that USPS needs a more flexible, less costly workforce. It keeps mail flowing through today's network while cost-cutting is underway. For example, they would end Saturday mail delivery in two years, but only if USPS has taken other big steps toward financial viability. They would allow the closing of postal plants now, if USPS takes preserves local mail delivery speed.

Is their bill the product of compromise, or of a different vision?

- Consider:
- The Postal Service's plant-closing

plan is based on a desire to amass more mail at automated urban centers, where costly machines sit idle much of the day. To optimize machines, USPS would haul mail much farther. But the hauling would slow the mailstream, particularly in small towns and rural areas that are far from mail plants and create a set of second-class citizens who get and send mail more slowly than urban dwellers. It will also hamper smaller communities' quests for economic development.

- Many Americans say they wouldn't miss Saturday mail. But USPS builds its system around senders, not receivers. Who would be hurt by a 5-day delivery regime? Anyone who depends on timely mail delivery. Shutting down the system two days a week—three when Monday holidays occur—would create delay, according to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Then there are those who need prescriptions delivered when they are

at home; small-town citizens who get the newspaper by mail and businesses needing 6-day cash flows.

- Closing small post offices seems a no-brainer to city dwellers who spot those one-room POs at the roadside on the way to the beach. Surely not all are needed. But rather than closing them entirely, USPS could have circuit-rider postmasters to open them a few hours a day. That is affordable if worker benefits are brought into line with the private sector. For those communities, a circuit rider could continue their links to the world.

- The Congressional Budget Office says the Senate bill would cost \$33.6 billion, adding to the federal deficit. But postage-payers, not taxpayers, carry that burden. Taxpayers face a liability as the funder-of-last resort only if postage revenues dry up - which is more likely to happen if the mail slows to a crawl.

Finally, members of Congress may

differ on how they see USPS. Is it a corporation? Is it a government agency responsible for binding the nation together?

Fact: it is a Government-Sponsored Enterprise or GSE, more like Fannie Mae than like IBM or the Defense Department. It has to use business tools, but carry out a public mission. And it has enormous power in the marketplace. Consider, for example, its new Every Door Direct Mail program, which directly competes with many private businesses. Members of Congress who mistakenly see postal reform as an exercise in deregulating a company may actually unleash a powerful federal agency, while those who look to raising postage so generous worker benefits can continue could pull the plug on the economic engine that keeps jobs alive.

It isn't compromise that is needed, but a clear-eyed vision based on a full understanding of the needs of all who

the Postal Service serves. Postal management today has an impossible task, expected to accomplish business goals without the cost-controlling tools businesses have, and expected to achieve government ends without federal support. Congress owns this confusion. Only Congress can fix it and it will continue to need to fine-tune its solutions as communications cultures change. No bill passed today will avoid the need for legislation in the future. Neither "deregulating" it nor hiking rates will get USPS to stability. Nor will abrupt and disruptive approaches to labor costs.

Senators Collins and Lieberman, along with co-sponsors Tom Carper, D-DE, and Scott Brown, R-MA, have devoted endless hours to understanding the challenge and to crafting the next steps toward fixing it. Their approach deserves considerably more respect than it is getting.

JUDE

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instructor and proprietor of Vermillion Taekwondo.

Shortly after 1:30 p.m., the students formed three lines, one containing 4-6-year-olds, the next 7-12-year-olds and the last those older than 12.

"We break 50 (boards) at a time, and that's 150 total," Trefz said. "Then we'll take a small rest, and keep on going until we get to 1,950 or so, and then we'll break actual wooden boards. First we break plastic. ...

"It goes really fast, surprisingly. What takes the most time is breaking the wooden ones at the end," he said.

Trefz estimated 30 to 40 took

part in Saturday's activities.

"But that's not everybody who takes part, because there are a lot of kids who collect money for St. Jude's that don't make it to the board break," he said. "I imagine there's probably around 70 to 80 kids that run around collecting money."

Brown belt Alex Hessman, 18, and first-degree black belt Dawson Daniels, 12, took part Saturday.

Hessman said he enjoys taekwondo because it helps him to stay focused.

"It's the first time I've done the board break marathon. It's been interesting," he said.

Daniels has been doing taekwondo since she was 4 years old.

"I mostly enjoy watching all the little kids, and it feels good knowing you're helping some kids in St. Jude's," she said.

Trefz said he began holding the board breaks after he was approached by St. Jude's seven years ago.

"I asked them some questions about (the event), and they explained how it works," he said. "So I thought I would try it. It was just a lot of fun."

It was rewarding, too, both for him and the students.

"The kids get awards for how

much money they collect, so it's rewarding for them in that respect, too," he said.

Vermillion Taekwondo isn't the only local organization who holds fundraising events for St. Jude's - Trefz said a "fight night" recently was held at the DakotaDome by Tau Kappa Epsilon.

The biggest reward is knowing they've helped

children not only nationwide, but from South Dakota, as well, he said.

"St. Jude's has told me that there are 10 children ... in their facilities that are from the state of South Dakota," he said. "So it's nice to know that we're

helping out people that are close to us, too, not just other kids around the country.

"I think they do a great job down there. Their research has passed some milestones, so I think it's a great charity to be giving to," he said.

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