



Pictured are Ryan Molencamp, DPT and Erin Vogel, DPT.

## Two new physical therapists join Sanford Vermillion staff

Sanford Vermillion Medical Center is pleased to announce that Erin Vogel, DPT and Ryan Molencamp, DPT, have joined its staff.

Vogel and Molencamp join therapists Matt Hoyt, PT, Katie Walter, PT and Bob Brockevelt, PT in the Physical Therapy Department. Brockevelt, rehabilitation services manager, is happy to add Vogel and Molencamp to the current staff.

"We are very excited and feel fortunate to have Erin and Ryan as employees within our physical therapy department. They have both participated in clinical work as part of their USD education and are familiar with not only our facility, but many of our patients as well," said Brockevelt. "They bring updated information as well as a lot of enthusiasm to our team."

Erin (Busker) Vogel is a native of Elk Point. She received her bachelor's degree in biology from The University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Vogel was accepted into the USD Physical Therapy program and graduated with a doctorate in physical therapy (DPT), in May 2009.

"I am thrilled to serve the community as part of the Sanford Vermillion family," said Vogel.

She enjoys outside activities like golfing, running, family activities and walking her dog. Her husband, John, is a plumber for Barry's Plumbing. The couple resides in Vermillion.

Ryan Molencamp is a native of Clear Lake, IA. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from The University of South Dakota in Vermillion and also played football for the USD Coyotes. Molencamp was accepted into the USD Physical Therapy program and graduated with a doctorate in physical therapy (DPT), in May 2009.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to stay within the community of Vermillion. I very much appreciate the opportunity to work both in a general outpatient setting as well as the pediatric programs. Working with the kids has been a lot of fun," said Molencamp.

Sanford Vermillion provides pediatric physical therapy services in partnership with the Vermillion School District and the Birth to 3 program. Ryan provides these services spending part of his time each week on-site during the school day to work directly with those children in need of services.

Ryan and his wife Molly enjoy spending time with friends and family in their free time. Molly is a graduate of The University of South Dakota and works in Canton as a dental hygienist.

For more information physical therapy services at Sanford Vermillion, call (605) 638-8330

## USD Orchestra to play Beethoven

The USD Symphony Orchestra will give a free concert on Friday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall, the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. The concert will feature Beethoven's First Symphony.

Beethoven did not rush to come forth with his first symphony, letting his early impressions in Vienna be made by chamber music, piano sonatas, piano trios, string quartets, and other works. When it came, premiered in 1800, Beethoven's fifth year in Vienna, it created controversy. The critics were not convinced that a symphony in C major could or should begin with a chord containing a B-flat (definitely not a note in the C major scale), intoning that a symphony should begin with the tonic.

The composer answered the critics with the beginning of his second symphony, in D Major, which he begins with every instrument playing D fortissimo. While it owes much to the form established by his teacher, Haydn, one can hear the impetus to push the limits of the classical style and mentality in the sudden and extreme dynamic contrasts, abrupt modulations, and rapid tempi that abound throughout the work.

The orchestra will also perform what many critics feel is the most sublime piece ever written: the Adagio for Strings by Samuel Barber. This beautiful work was broadcast over radio after the assassination of President Kennedy and has been used in the soundtracks of numerous movies, including Platoon and The Elephant Man.

The concert will also feature the world premiere of a new work, The Sikkinnis of Marsyas, by Colorado native Arpad Brolov. A sikkinnis is a

dance of the mythical satyrs, and Marsyas was a satyr noted for his performance on the aulos, or double flute/oboe.

For more information contact Rick Rognstad, 677-5722.

# USD's medical school faculty honored by state organization

The South Dakota Chapter of the American College of Physicians recently honored three doctors who are faculty members of the Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota.

LuAnn Eidsness, M.D., professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, received the organization's Humanitarian Award. Thomas Braithwaite, M.D., clinical faculty member, received the group's Laureate Award, and Suneeet Verma, M.D., clinical faculty member, received the Young Physician of the Year Award.

In addition to her medical school role, Eidsness is medical director of Hospice

and Palliative Medicine and Ethics at Sanford USD Medical Center. She graduated from our medical school in 1987 and our internal medicine residency program. The Humanitarian Award honors doctors who have distinguished themselves as true humanitarians.

Braithwaite is an associate professor with the medical school's internal medicine department. He also is the medical director of the Sanford USD Medical Center Hospitalist Program as well as director of cardiac rehab and clinical practice committee chair. He graduated from our medical school in 1982 and completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals

and Clinics. The Laureate Award honors doctors with an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, research and service.

Verma, a clinical assistant professor in the medical school's Department of Internal Medicine, is also an internist and clinical lipidologist with Avera McGreevy Clinic in Sioux Falls. He holds a medical degree from the University college of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India. He completed his residency at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. The Young Physician of the Year Award is bestowed upon a physician who has taken a leadership role in the South Dakota Chapter of ACP.



USD President James Abbott presents Renée Bak with her October 2009 Career Services Employee of the Month honor.

## Renée Bak is October Employee of the Month

Renée Bak, senior secretary for the Department of Biology, is the October 2009 Career Services Employee of the Month at The University of South Dakota.

Bak, who has been a USD employee for 15 months, was nominated for the award by Kaius Helenurm, Ph.D., professor of biology because of her hard work, efficiency and, particularly, for her diligence in managing the diverse activities of the biology department.

Surprised with the honor during a reception at Churchill-Haines Laboratories building on Tuesday, Oct. 6, Bak noted that she was grateful for the award and credited her coworkers for their help and friendship.

"I wouldn't be as good as I am without the help of everyone around me at work, including faculty and staff," admitted Bak. "This wouldn't have been possible without the support of the people I work with."

Bak, a Mission Hill, native, began working in the Department of Biology at USD after working as a secretary in the Yankton School District. Because of the high level of research activity in the department, Bak is constantly sub-

mitting large numbers of forms for purchasing, employment, travel requests, reimbursements and invoices. She also manages funded grant and contact accounts, and ensures that work study and staff time sheets are completed for more than 50 employees.

"It's very enjoyable for the fact that I get to meet a lot of interesting students," added Bak, who resides in rural Mission Hill with her husband, Greg. "I also have an opportunity to learn a lot about the field of biology, so every day is a new challenge."

## USD med school faculty honored for educational excellence

Three faculty and staff members of the Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota recently received awards for excellence.

The Division of Basic Biomedical Sciences of the medical school honored Barb Goodman, Ph.D., and Ann Settles, M.A., with teaching awards. The medical school's Office of Medical Education recognized Marilyn Moor, M.A., R.N., for an outstanding educational project.

Goodman is a professor with basic biomedical sciences and director of the South Dakota Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network, which is led by USD. Goodman received her doctoral degree in physiology from the University of Minnesota. Settles is an assistant professor with basic biomedical sciences who has a master's degree in anatomy from New York Medical College. Settles received the award for excellence in medical education, while Goodman was honored for excellence in undergraduate education.

Moor received the Learning Resource Fund Education Project Award for her project, "Complementary and Alternative Medicine." Moor attended a conference and then helped incorporate alternative medicine into the curriculum of fourth-year medical students. As the use of alternative medicine increases among consumers, Moor argued that medical students needed a basic knowledge of the alternatives available to adequately answer questions from patients. Moor is the educational coordinator for the medical school's Sioux Falls campus. She has a master's degree in adult education from USD.

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