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Bill Ausmann

LDHS Class of 1947

- Graduated from Lead High School in 1947
- Served 21 months in the army, with a year in Korea during the Korean Conflict
- Following military service, Mr. Ausmann returned to Lead to teach social studies and physical education in the junior high school and coach junior high school sports
- In 1958, he transferred to the high school to teach physical education and social studies
- Served as assistant football and track coach
- In eight years as head basketball coach, his teams went to the State Tournament three times including a second place finish for the Diggers in 1959
- Activities Director for one year before moving to the principal's position where he served from 1967 to 1991
- During his tenure as principal, Lead High School was named the recipient of the National Belamy Award
- He served on the State North Central Committee for six years and was on the Board of Control of the SD High School Activities Association for 9 years serving as board chairman for two years
- Received the Distinguished Service Award from the SDHSAA
- South Dakota Principal of the Year in 1989-1990
- Upon retirement after 28 years of service to the school district, he served on the LD Board of Education

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Dawn Batterman-Curl



LDHS Class of 1985

- Attended LDHS from 1981 to 1985
- Basketball honors
 - 2-time LDHS Seaton Award Winner
 - 2-time all-conference (1 time 1st –team)
 - Honorable mention team (1 time MVP all-conference)
- Attended BHSU from 1985 to 1989
 - BHSU Women’s Basketball Team Honors
 - NAIA All-American-1988-89
 - SDIC Honorable Mention 1985

- SDIC All-Conference 1st Team-1986,87,88
 - SDIC MVP 1987,88
 - All-District #12 1987
 - Held as many as 15 records at one time at BHSU
- 2001 BHSU Hall of Fame Inductee
- 1989-90 Denmark Professional Basketball
 - Finished 1st place in Denmark Pro League
 - Leading scorer and rebounder
- 1990-91 Jr High Girl's Basketball coach in Deadwood
- Girl's Basketball Coach in Absarokee, MT
 - 2000-03 Asst. Girl's Varsity
 - 2005-present Jr. High
- Class A State All-Tournament Team – 2000
- Class A Academic All-State Team – 2000
- Mr. Free Throw – 2000
- Seaton Award Winner – 2000
- Class A All-State First Team – 2000
- SD vs. WY All-Star Team selection – 2000
- Track Honors
 - State qualifier – 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000
 - Qualified in long jump, 200m dash, 800m relay, 400m relay, & medley relay
- Conference victories:
 - 1999: Long Jump, 200m Dash, 800m relay
 - 2000: 800m relay, 400m relay
- Region finishes
 - 200m Dash – 1998 1st
 - 400m Relay – 1999 1st, 2000 1st
 - Medley Relay – 2000 1st
 - Long Jump – 2000 2nd
- State finishes
 - Long Jump – 1998 4th, 2000 8th
 - 800m relay – 1999 4th, 2000 2nd
 - 400m relay – 2000 5th
- Academic All State – 2000
- Seaton Award Winner – 2000
- Other Honors

- Magna Cum Laude graduate of LDHS, Male valedictorian
- Regents Scholar Diploma
- BHC Academic Award – 2000
- Murel G. Hanson Athletic Award – 2000
- L Club Award – 2000
- US Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award – 2000
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence – 2000
- Mike Rantapaa memorial Award – 2000
- Certificate of Recognition from the City of Lead – 2000
- Wendy’s Heisman Scholarship winner – 1999
- LDHS homecoming king
- Four-year honor roll student
- Student of the Month – 1997
- 2005 graduate of Augustana College
- Football Captain – 2004
- 1st Team All-NCC Utility Player – 2004
- 2nd Team All-NCC Receiver – 2004
- Augustana Football Offensive MVP – 2004
- Honorable Mention Academic All-NCC – 2003
- Honorable Mention All-NCC Receiver - 2003

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Bruce Bieber

LHS Class of 1969

As a child growing up Bruce was up early in the morning and didn’t seem to require much sleep. His mother called him “busy brain.” He took things apart to figure out how they worked and then

put it back together. Apparently, he blew a lot of fuses during this time; possibly a clue indicating what direction his life would take. During his adolescent years he developed an interest in music and taught himself how to play guitar. As an adult Bruce and a group of musicians recorded a CD.

With a family to support Bruce enlisted in the United States marine Corps. For six years taking advantage of education oppurtuinities. He received training in electronics and began his career in the aeronautics industry. He progressed through his career, learning on the job, taking additional classes and advantage of oppurtunities presented. He attended the Naval Technical Training Center, Riverside City College, and the Arapahoe Community College.

Bruce has three successful daughter, a psychologist, a medical researcher-writer, and a highway patrolman. He has been a "Special Friend," (a group similar to Big Brothers) a young man in Wheatland for several years.

An avid Mopar Enthusiast and drag racer! He has a Dodge Charger that he is constantly rebuilding, making it fast and louder. He has won some events, but is most proud of winning two road course handling events in Topeka, Kansas.

Bruce currently resides in Black Hawk, Colorado where he works for Lockheed Martin through subcontractor Advanced Solutions Inc. He is working on the NASA Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle program where his role is to provide senior test engineering support in the Assembly, Launch & Test Operations group.

During his career, Bruce Bieber has worked on the following projects:

- Automated test stations for NAVY Torpedo Tactical and Autopilot Data Processors-Ground Systems Group
- Flight Central and Remote Telemetry Multiplexer Units-Hughes Aircraft Company and Communications Group
- Peacekeeper and Small ICBM programs-Martin Marietta
- Small Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Instrumentation Range Safety System-Martin Marietta
- Titan IV Programmable Aerospace Grouped Equipment- Martin Marietta
- Multi Service Launch System program- martin Marietta
- Disassembly, move, reassembly and re-verification of General Dynamics Telemetry Data processing Station-Martin Marietta
- Mars Surveyor Program-Lockheed Martin
- Genesis Satellite-Lockheed Martin
- Civil Space Systems, New Business Support-ball Aerospace
- MARS Rover- PanCam Mast Assembly-Ball Aero-space
- Deep impact Instrument GSE-Ball Aerospace
- Kepler photo meter-Ball Aerospace
- The James Webb Space Telescope-Ball Aerospace (SES), GSFC, MD.

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Marianne Bieber

LHS Class of 1949

- 1949 graduate of Lead High School
- Life-long resident of Lead
- 1969 graduate of BHSU with a B.S. in Music Education
- Four years of piano study with Dr. Janeen Larson at BHSU
- Charter Member of Black Hills Area Music Teachers Association
- Member of MTNA and SDMTA
- Professional Certification in Piano Pedagogy through Music Teachers national Association
- 1946-1962 Bethel Lutheran Church Organist
- 1962- present Christ Church, Episcopal Organist
- 1966-1976 Vocal and Instrumental Instructor at Pluma School, Lead High School, and Deadwood Elementary
- 1963- present private piano teacher
- Piano accompanist for local soloists and choirs since 1960
- Hobbies:
- Making Music
- Walking the puppy
- Drag racing with son
- Married 51 Years to Gerhard Bieber
- Four children: Myron, Bruce, Gordon, Sandra, all graduates of Lead High School

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Glen Burgess



- Taught and coached football, track, basketball & wrestling for Lead-Deadwood 1948-1980
- 2-time Wyoming Track Coach of the Year
- Head Coach 1965 Wyoming State AA Champions
- Named District 7 National Track Coach of the Year in 1970
- Received the Distinguished Service Award for girls and boys track from the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials
- Received the Golden Bell Award from the Wyoming School Board Association
- Received the Purple and Gold Foundation Meritorious Service Award from Black Hills State College.
- Served as president of the Big Horn Coaches and president of the Wyoming Coaches Association.
- Served as Director at the Billings, Montana Vocational Technical Center
- Served as Vice Principal and Principal in Riverton, Wyoming
- Has been inducted in the Spearfish High School, Black Hills State University and the Wyoming Coaches Association Hall of Fames
- Finished second in the shot-put at the National Senior Olympic Games

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Hugh "Hootie" Burrington

DHS Class of 1931

- Entered DHS as a sophomore
- Graduated in 1931
- Lettered for three years in football, basketball, and track
- Attended Arkansas A&M and Dakota Wesleyan University
- While at DWU set record for longest punt in the nation-75 yards
- Served as postman in Maui while in the navy
- Served as postman to Deadwood for 32 years
- Played and umpired softball for many years
- Umpired youth baseball in Deadwood for many years
- Prior to the electronic scoreboard at Ferguson Field he served as timekeeper for football, and never missed a game
- Selected as coach for the 1964 Deadwood Alumni Basketball Team
- Set pole vault record for DHS in 1930's with a bamboo pole, record stood until fiberglass poles were used in the 80's

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Vince Coyle



- Played football, baseball, track, and basketball for Coach Don Young at Spearfish High School
- Played football at Rutgers University & Iowa State University
- Broadcast his first DHS football game in 1954 for KDSJ
- Broadcast the first basketball game ever played in the Deadwood Armory in the winter of 1955-between the Deadwood Bears & The Lead Golddiggers
- Worked as Sports Director at CBS radio station KVOR and Television station KKTU in Colorado Springs
- Worked in Ames, Iowa as Sports Editor for the Ames Daily Tribune while acquiring an advanced degree
 - Named Best Sports Editor in Iowa-1969
- Worked at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa from 1970-1988
 - Served as Assistant to the President, Director of Public Information, & Sports Information Director
 - Football Coach from 1970-1978. His 1976 team won the Conference Championship
- Returned to broadcast in Lead and Deadwood in 1990- has broadcast Lead-Deadwood football & basketball games ever since
- Served as Director of Deadwood-Lead Chamber of Commerce
- Published the Lawrence County Centennial-continues to consult with the Lawrence County Journal

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Rena DeMartini-Dunn

LHS Class of 1918

- 1918 Graduate of Lead High School
- Following graduation, Rena attended the Oberlin Conservatory of Music; Oberlin, Ohio, and earned a piano teacher certification with a major in piano and a minor in voice
- Graduated from Ithica Conservatory (New York) in 1925
- Toured with a Russian Lyceum Company as pianist
- Pursued studies at the American Conservatory in Chicago
- Taught at Terraville school for 12 years
- Charter Member of the Northern Black Hills Community Concert Association started in 1943
- Member of the Black Hills Area Music Teachers' Association
- Honored by the City of Lead at "Rena Dunn Day" in 1982
- Lifelong members of St. Patrick Catholic Church and served as organist and choir director for more than 25 years
- Lifelong member of the Lead Women's Club
- Credited with having taught a majority of piano accompanists at Lead High School
- Kept alive her Italian heritage by visiting Italy many times during her 97 years
- Continues to support the Fine Arts in Community through a scholarship named in her honor

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Jessica Donner



LDHS Class of 1999

- Graduated from LDHS in 1999
 - 1998 Black Hills Conference Cross Country Champ
 - 1998 Region Cross Country Champ
 - 1998 State Cross Country Champ (state record time)
 - On 1997-98 Cross Country State Champ Team
 - State place-winner for track
- Attended Creighton Medical School 1999-2003
 - Scholarship winner for cross country and academics
 - All Conference 2001
 - Reinert Athlete of the year 2002
 - Representative for the Student Athlete Board of Advisors
- Graduated from UNMC with her medical degree in May 2007
- Continues to compete in road races, including one marathon

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Robert E. (Mike) Driscoll III



Mike excelled at speech and debate at LHS receiving numerous awards and represented the school at the national level. He attended Dartmouth College and graduated from Stanford University with a degree in Economics. Mike received the Mellinkoff Debate Medal while attending Stanford University.

- 1963– Mike attended Stanford School of Law and received his Juris Doctorate in Law. Mike practiced law at Bangs-McCullen law firm in Rapid City.
- 1970- Mike became a Professor at the University of South Dakota Law School. Mike was the coach of the South Dakota School of Law Moot Court Team. He was later named the Dean of the South Dakota School of Law.
- 1993- Mike retired as a Professor and Dean Emeritus of Law at USD. 1985 to 2006– Mike was a part of the AMCOL International board of directors. Mike was also an acting general partner in ACCO Partners Investments from 2001 to 2006.
- 2001- Mike was awarded the Student Bar Association's McKusick Award for outstanding contributions to the legal profession in South Dakota.

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Jim, Dunn



LHS Class of 1945

- Attended the Lead School District 1933-1945
 - Participated in band, drama, & speech
- Graduated from BHSC with a bachelor's degree in business administration and economics in 1948
- Served in the US Army Signal Corps 1945-1947
- Worked at Homestake Gold Mine 1945-1985
- Served one term in the South Dakota House of Representatives 1971-1972
 - Served in the South Dakota Senate 1973 till 2001

- One of four individuals to hold elected office in the state legislature for 30 consecutive years
- Named Legislature of the Year by the National Republican Legislators Association- 1996
- Credited with crafting legislation that brought focus and economic prosperity to Lead, Deadwood, and the rest of the northern Black Hills.

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Susan, Dunn



LHS Class of 1974

Susan M. Dunn graduated from Lead High School in 1974. In 1978, she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. In 2005, Dunn earned a Master of Business Administration from Regis University in Denver, Colorado.

Dunn has been in the organ and tissue donation and transplantation field for 22 years. She is currently the President and CEO of Donor Alliance and has been in that position for nearly six

years. Donor Alliance is the organ procurement organization serving Colorado and most of Wyoming. Prior to being named CEO, Dunn served as the VP of OPO Operations 2000 and Director of Quality Systems for Donor Alliance.

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Joe Dunmire



- Graduated from Yankton College in 1922
- Coached football, basketball, and track at Lead High School from 1927 to 1946
- Managed the Homestake Recreation Congress from 1952 until 1972
- Served in the south Dakota State Congress from 1952 until 1972
 - Started at a state representative
 - Completed political career as a state senator
 - Utilized political influence to boost state focus on Homestake Gold Mine
- Senate seat taken over by Jim Dunn in 1973

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Henry Elster



LHS Class of 1966

Henry Elster was the face of instrumental music in the Northern Hills for 40 years. Mr. Elster taught many Lead students how to blow their horns and bow their fiddles. He created taught many types, sizes and kinds of instrumental groups through his decades in Lead. There were dance bands, string quartets, bass quartets, a “German Band,” a pep band and an 85-piece orchestra.

In addition to his work at LHS, Mr. Elster directed the Homestake Band which consisted of adults in the community and they performed throughout the Hills. The Golden Discovery Days in Custer was written and performed by Elster’s band in conjunction with Helen Morganti.

After his 40 years at LHS, Elster and his wife, Gladys, retired in California. Mr. Elster passed away in 1988.

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Stewart Ferguson



- Coached at Deadwood High School from 1944 to 1955
 - Coached football, basketball, & track
 - Coached many Conference & State championship teams
 - 1954 basketball team won state title
- Coached basketball and football for Dakota Wesleyan University
 - Best record of any coach in DWU history
- Coached football at Arkansas A&M 1934
 - Coach of the “Wandering Weevils”
 - Posted a record of 30-3 from 1939 to 1941
 - Played for packed stands around the country
- Served in World War 1
- Inducted into South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame
- Ferguson Football Field in Deadwood is named after Mr. Ferguson
 - 1994-97 NCAA Academic All-American
 - (First & ONLY UNC wrestler to have been both 4x ACC Champ and 4x All-American)
 - 1996 ACC “Wrestler of the Year”
 - 1996 UNC Wrestling “David L Wall Award” for most improved wrestler
 - 1997 UNC Athletic Director’s Scholar of the Year Award
 - 1993-97 President of Carolina Outreach
 - 1995-97 President of UNC Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 - 1997 – Jim Tatum Award Winner for UNC Top Male Student Athlete
- 1997 – Order of the Golden Fleece – UNC-Chapel Hill Inductee
- 1999 Exemplary Character Award at NCAA Hall of Champions
- 1994-Present Monogram Club Member
- 2001-03 – Asst. Wrestling coach at Boston College
- 2003- Present – volunteer wrestling coach at UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2006 – Asst. Wrestling coach at UNC-Greensboro

- Habitat for Humanity volunteer
- UNC Heavyweight Club

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Thomas Finn



LHS Class of 1961

- 1966– Tom graduated from Black Hills State College with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education.
- 1970– Tom completed his Master’s Degree in Education with emphasis on counseling and psychology at Black Hills State College.
- He became the Director of Guidance, Counseling, Social Work, and Testing for the Lead-Deadwood Public School System.
- 1976- Tom moved to Louisiana and became the Dean of Students at Archbishop Shaw High School for three years.
- After working in education for many years, Tom worked his way up in the McDermott International, a multi-national off shore oil construction company.
- Tom worked for McDermott as the Head of Human Relations in many aspects for 20 years.
- 2001– Tom received the BHSU Alumni Association Special Achievement Award. Tom enjoyed a short stint as an Adjunct Professor in the Business Department.
- 2008- He was honored as one of the 125 Accomplished Alumni of BHSU at their 125th anniversary.

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Renold "Dint" Furois



1939 — DEADWOOD
Back row, l. to R: Charles Hanks, Al Stuberick, Bill Savage, Bill Stuberick, Arnold
Thomson, Stanley Kirby. Seated: Don Allison, Renold Furois, Charles Keene, Dink
Furnis, Hank Winsum.

DHS Class of 1940

- Graduated from Deadwood High School in 1940
- Basketball, Football, & Track participant
 - 1939 B & 1940 A State winning Basketball teams
 - 1939 State B All State Basketball
 - 1940 State A All State Basketball
 - Broke his spine during the 1937 football season, played with a brace for his remaining career
- Elected to South Dakota House of Representatives in 1968 Began working at Black Hills Power and Light at age 15
- Began working at Black Hills Power and Light at age 15
 - Served as plant manager at various locations 1941-1953
 - Served in various administrative roles from 1953-1987
- Published the book, “A Century of Light, an Illustrated History of Black Hills Power and Light” in 1989
- Presidencies:
 - Chamber of Commerce (Rapid City & Newcastle), Lions Club, Homebuilders Association, Downtown Improvement Association, Credit Bureau, March of Dimes, Greater South Dakota Association, Rapid City Boys Club
- Vice Chair of Rapid City American Red Cross
- Campaign chairman of United Fund

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Rolland "Rollie" Furois



DHS Class of 1940

- Graduated from Deadwood HS in 1940
- Basketball, Football, & Track participant at DHS
 - Member of 1939 & 1940 State champion basketball teams
 - 1939 (class B) and 1940 (Class A) All-State, All-Region Basketball player
- Graduate of University of Northern Colorado at Boulder
- Veteran of World War 2, Air Force 1942-1944
- Charter member of VFW Post 5969
- Served as secretary and president of Deadwood Rotary Club
- Member of Elks and Deadwood Chamber
- Manager of Franklin Hotel for 22 years, and district manager of Trail ways Bus Co. for 20 years
- Recipient of Distinguished Service Award in 1956

Wallace "Wally" Furze



LHS Class of 1933

- Wallace "Wally" Furze grew up in Lead and graduated from Lead High School in 1933. Mr. Furze earned eight (8) varsity letters at LHS in football (2), basketball (3) and track (3). He also sang in school musicals, participated in the Glee Club and was active in school journalism projects. He married Patricia Stromer in Lead on June 6, 1940 and they had one son, Barry. Furze passed away in 2008. Furze has a significant list of accomplishments following his days at LHS:
 - Earned a Degree in Higher Accountancy, C.P.A Problems and Business Law from International Correspondence Schools
 - Joined the Army Air Force in 1942 for 37 months as a Non-Commissioned Officer in Finance and Auditing
 - In 1946 was employed by the Black Hills Amusement Company as Assistant General Manager and Treasurer
 - Served as the Vice President and Manager of Lead's First National Bank of the Black Hills and retired in May, 1977
 - Served as a Lawrence County Commissioner for 24 years from 1954 to 1978, including several years as Chairman
 - Director of the Lead Chamber of Commerce for nine years and Treasurer for five years

- President and Treasurer of the Lead Junior Chamber of Commerce
- Treasurer of the Lead Chapter of the American Red Cross for 28 years
- Treasurer of the Northern Black Hills Community Concert Association for 21 years
- Member of the Homestake American Legion Post 31 for more than 60 years and held the office of Post Adjutant and Finance Officer
- Served as both Director and Treasurer of the Lead Kiwanis Club
- Treasurer of the Lead Cancer Fund for 16 years
- Member of the Lead Country Club from 1936—2008
- Earned a diploma in Commercial Banking from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University in 1964. His thesis was entitled “A Study of a Gold Mine and Its Community for a Thirty Year Period.”

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Terry, Gukeisen



- Earned 4 football, 4 track, and 3 basketball letters while attending Lead High School from 1957-1961.
 - Captain of all three sports his senior year.
 - Named to the Black Hills Conference "All Conference" football & basketball teams his Junior and Senior years, as well as various all-state teams.

- High and low hurdle conference champion junior and senior years placed 4th and 2nd in state high jump respectively.
- Coach Wendell Handley often referred to Terry as one of the best all-around athletes that he had coached.
- The 1959 football team won the BHC, and under coach William Ausmann finished runner-up in the 1959 State Basketball Tournament, the best finish since 1918, or Thereafter for LHS.
- Terry attended SDSU from 1961-65 on a football scholarship
 - Played on the 1962 & 1963 North Central Conference Championship teams.
 - Also lettered in track and golf.
- Taught at Lead-Deadwood High School from 1983-1998 and coached football, track, and basketball.

Fred, Gushurst



LHS Class of 1910

Fred Gushurst was a pioneer in football not just in South Dakota but in American football as it is known today. After leading LHS to a mystical state title in 1908 (beating Aberdeen), Gushurst played football at Notre Dame where his teams began using a particular play...the forward pass. Playing opposite Gushurst at the other end position was the legendary Knute Rockne. Gushurst was an All-American at Notre Dame in 1913 and later was named to the Fighting Irish Half-Century Team in 1948.

After college, Gushurst became the first fulltime paid coach at South Dakota Tech where he introduced the forward pass to the entire region. His teams at Tech were dominate throughout the 1920s. Gushurst passed away in 1977.

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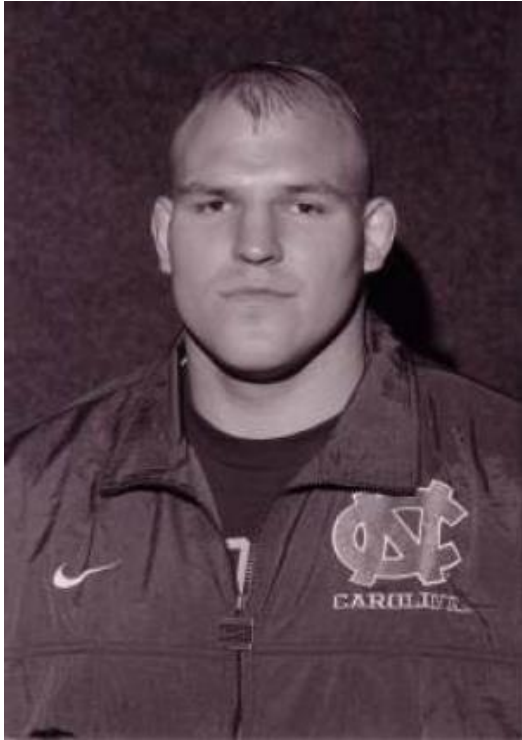
Wendell, Handley



1922-1999

- Bachelor of Science from Peru State College in Nebraska
 - Nebraska All-Conf. Intercollegiate Champ for halfback
 - Inducted into Peru State Hall of Fame in 1990
- Masters Degree from University of Wyoming in 1955
- Served in WWII
- LDHS staff from 1951 to 1984
 - Industrial arts, history & physiology
 - Head Football, Track coach
 - B record of 67-52-8 from 1951 to 1967
 - 3 Black Hills Conference championships
 - Overall record of 100-64-10
- Became Activities Director at LHS in 1967
- Became Assistant Principal of LDHS from 1980-84
- Elected Mayor of Lead in 1985
- President of SD Coaches Assn in 1968
- SDHS Athletic Directors Hall of Fame – 1984
- Kiwanis Community Service Award
- Played a major role in the Lead City Beautification process
- The Lead Family YMCA Building is named after Mr. Handley

Justin, Harty



LDHS Class of 1992

- Attended LDHS from 1988 to 1992
 - 1990,91,92 Class A HWT Wrestling Champ
 - 1992-92-SD All-State FB Team
 - 1992 SD State Class A Track & Field Discus Champ
 - 1992 Gatorade Track & Field Player of the Year (State Winner)
 - 1991-92 Seaton Award winner in WR and FB
 - 1992 LDHS Homecoming King
 - 1992 LDHS Student Body President
- Graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a BA in Psychology and Communications, 1997
 - 1994-97 ACC Champion (wrestling)
 - 1994 Espoir USA Wrestling Nat' 1 Champ-Freestyle
 - 1995 Appointed to Monogram Representative for UNC Athletes
 - 1994-97 NCAA All-American
 - 1994-97 NCAA Academic All-American
- (First & ONLY UNC wrestler to have been both 4x ACC Champ and 4x All-American)
- 1996 ACC “Wrestler of the year”

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- 1997 UNC Athletic Director’s Scholar of the Year Award
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- 2006 Habitat for Humanity volunteer
- UNC Heavyweight Club

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Bob Harvey

- Taught Math at Lead High School for 34 years
- 1957-1991
- Taught over 2500 students during his career
- Born in Deadwood, graduated from Spearfish High School
- Joined the US Navy in 1950
- Stationed in Seattle, then on a destroyer in the Pacific during the Korean War
- Graduated with B.S. from BHSU in 1957
- Continued graduate studies at Reed College and SDSM&T
- Active in National Education Association, South Dakota Education Association, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- Served as governor for the Professional Practices and Standards Committee
- Worked actively on the Lead-Deadwood School consolidation process
- Taught summer courses at BHSU
- Married to Wife Barbara since 1954, with five children, 14 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren
- Now lives in Hanna Canyon and travels

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John "Nick" Heinen



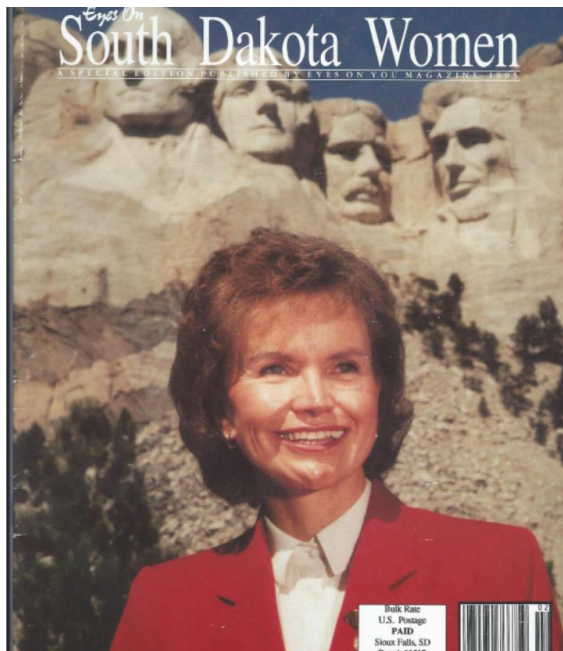
LHS Class of 1961

- Attended St. Patrick's Catholic School in Lead, 1st through 8th grade
- Graduated from Lead High School in 1961
- Participated in football, basketball, wrestling, and track
- 1966 Graduate of the Black Hills College
- Coached and taught in Nebraska- 1966-1971 Head FB, BB, WR, and Track Coach
- Coached and taught at LDHS from 1976-2006
 - Piloted first HS vocational mining program in the US
 - Founding advisor of the LHS Rodeo and LDHS Power Lifting Club
 - Founding advisor and Huddle Coach of the Lead-Deadwood chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 14 years
- Orchestrated the installation of the first weight room at LDHS and wrote the first curriculum the introduction of two weight training classes
- Taught Physical education for 30 years, Health for 25 years and Industrial Arts and Electronics for 5 years.
- Coaching assignments included:

- Head Football- 1986-1999
- 1987, 1989- Class 11A, 2nd in Region 8; made class 11A playoffs
- 1989, 1990- BHC Champions
- Head and Assistant Track- 1979-2006
- 1999-2006- L-D Pole vaulters placed 1st, 6 out of 7 years at the State Track Meet and in 3 of those years, won the Gold Medal
- Assistant Girls Basketball- 1978
- Past President of the SD Health, PE, Recreation and Dance Teachers Association
- 1990-South Dakota Football Coach of the Year
- 2005 and 2006- South Dakota Assistant Track Coach of the Year

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Carol Hillard



DHS Class of 1954

To people of 60 plus countries around the world Carole will be remembered as an ambassador of hope and freedom Carole served as an international consultant on behalf of the U.S. State

Department promoting and training leaders in the fundamentals of democracy and monitoring elections. For the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the International Republican Institute, Carole helped create small businesses and diligently lobbied for women's rights. Carole also brought compassion and resources to the poor and oppressed around the world through her work and the Heifer International Foundation and the Hillard Mozambique Endowment. To the people of South Dakota Carole will be remembered as one who was aware of and responsive to the needs of her community. Carole's heart went out to women and children in particular. She served on the board of the South Dakota Children's Home Society and helped coordinate a protection network for battered women before there was women's shelter in Rapid City.

Carole was instrumental in found the Rapid City Woman's Shelter and the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Carole answered the call of public service as well. She represented the people of Rapid City as a member and then first woman president of the Rapid City Council and as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and second woman president. Carole went on to serve the people of South Dakota in the South Dakota House of Representatives from 1991-1994 and then as the first woman Lieutenant Governor from 1995-2003. To the community of Deadwood Carole will be remembered as active participant in Music, Theatre, Speech and Debate, and the school newspaper called the "Bruin". Carole loved growing up in Deadwood and always thought her education there truly "opened up windows to the world" for her.

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Glenn Hogen

- Graduated from Lead High School
- Worked at Homestake in numerous roles while completing college
- Graduated from BHSU with B.S. in composite Science Education
- Taught and coached for eleven years
- Taught in Nisland, Rapid City, Pendeton OR, Bitburg Germany, and Las Vegas
- Completed his M.Ed. in administration at University of Oregon
- Served initially as assistant principal at Lead High School with principal Don Fitcher
- Promoted to assistant Superintendent and eventually superintendent of the Lead School District
- Named Administrator of the Year by BHSU
- Served as president of South Dakota School Administrators
- Member of South Dakota North Central Accreditation Association
- Evaluated schools in Puerto Rico for NCA

- Oversaw the consolidation into the Lead0Deadwood School District
- Took sabbatical from new Superintendent position to complete Ph. D. at University of Oregon
- Served as Director of Instruction for 12,000 student Medford School District in Medford, OR
- Opened a Sylvan Learning Center in Medford
- Named Vice President for Research and Educational Development for Sylvan Learning Centers, Inc.
- Named spokesperson for the corporation and was published in numerous magazines and was interviewed by Time
- Appeared on numerous radio and television shows including the Today show
- Active in numerous community organizations
- President of Lead Kiwanis
- Member of Rotary and Lions
- Sang in church choir, barbershop groups, and the Rogue Valley Choral group
- Married to wife Jane for 60 years
- Two sons attended Lead schools, have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren
- Now resides in Spearfish, traveling and volunteering in community organizations

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Marlin Janas



DHS Class of 1959

Marlin held four school records in both high and low hurdles, the mile relay and the 880 relay while attending DHS. 1957- Marlin set two Black Hills Conference records in high and low hurdles. 1959- He set school record scoring 36 points in his final home game as a senior at DHS. Marlin attended Adams State College, Alamosa, CO on a four-year full scholarship for basketball and track. 1961- He set an ASC school record in the high hurdles with a time of 14.6 seconds, which was not broken for eleven years. 1962- Marlin placed fourth in high hurdles at the National Small College Regionals in Emporia, KS. Marlin was a teacher and coach at Del Norte, CO.

He coached track for 14 years. Marlin's track teams were Conference Champions nine of those years, and runners-up the other five years. His teams placed third three times and fourth twice at the State Track Meet. Marlin was a junior high principal for 16 years at Del Norte, CO and spent the last nine years of his career as Superintendent. 2012- After eighteen years of retirement, a stone marker featuring a bronze plaque was constructed in Marlin's honor at the entrance of the Del Norte track and football stadium for his 40 years of service to the Del Norte School District.

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Bill Jones

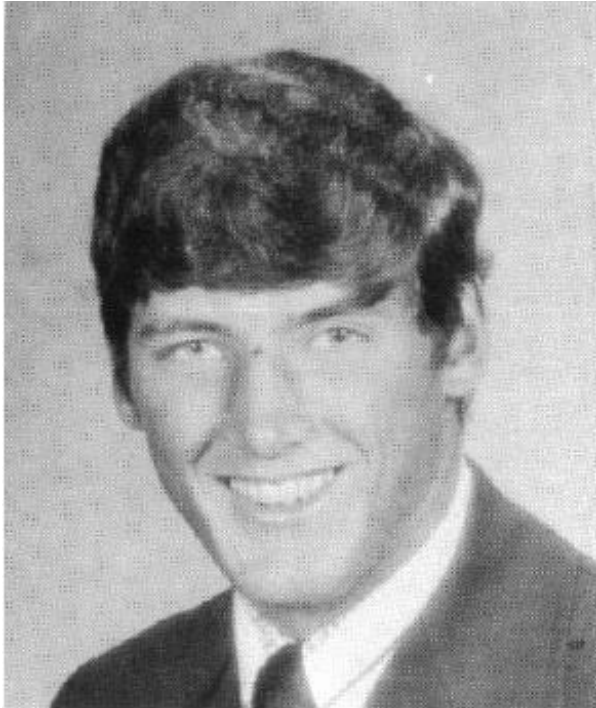


DHS 1954

- Graduated from Deadwood HS 1954
 - Played football, basketball, and track
 - 1954-led basketball team to first state title since 1940
 - Named to the Class A All-State and All-Tourney Teams
 - Also won the conference basketball title-1954
 - Captain of the football team-1954
 - Named to the Class A All-State football team-1954
 - Qualified for the state track meet in the hurdles
- Golden Gloves boxing champion-1950-1951
- NAIA All-American football player at Adams State College
- Achieved his master's degree through Adams State College
- Selected as "Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities" each year in college
- Drafted by the Oakland Raiders and Dallas Cowboys but did not play
- Coached for thirteen years in Colorado
- Coached football, basketball, and track at LDHS
- Served as co-athletic director until retiring in 1986

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Jack Kucera



LDHS Class of 1974

- 1974 LDHS Graduate

Football Honors

- BHC All- Conference team 1972
- BHC All- Conference team 1973
- Class A All- State team 1973
- Named to the Prep All-American Honors Program

Basketball Honors

- BHC All- Conference team 1972
- BHC All- Conference team 1973
- BHC All- Conference team 1974
- Class A All- State team 1974
- Held long-time school discuss and shot records

Air Force Academy 1974-1978

- 3rd team All-American Football player-1978

- Defensive co-captain-1978
- Held school records for tackles in a game, tackles in a season, and tackles in a career

Other

- Serves on the Board of Directors for the Air Force Academy Assn. of Graduates
- Serves as Co-Chair for the Air Force Academy capital campaign “Building Leaders of Character for our Nation”
- Current President and CEO of Climatec, Inc.

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George Kotti



LHS Class of 1965

He was named to both the All Black Hills Conference Football Team with an Honorable Mention Award; and the Black Hills All Conference Team for basketball. George was awarded the John Finola Athletics Scholarship, the Lead Women' Club Mechanical Drawing Award and the Gerald Zwetzig Student Council Memorial Award. Colonel Kotti attended and graduated from the United Air Force Academy in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He also graduated from the Air Force Institute of Technology with a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering Facilities. Colonel Kotti was assigned as a scientist/engineer with

the Air Force Weapons laboratory where he served both as a test operations manager and test director for several highly important large scale blast and shock experiments on structures for different strategic missile basing concepts. George has held numerous operational flying assignments and is a Command Pilot with over 3,000 hours. program to upgrade the KC-135 refueling fleet of aircraft Colonel Kotti managed a highly successful, multi-billion dollar program to upgrade the KC-135 refueling fleet of aircraft. He was selected to command the 71st Refueling Squadron at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, where his aircrews supported air refueling operations throughout the world. He also commanded the 2nd Support Group also at Barksdale, where he oversaw all support activities for an 18,000 acre base with over \$100 billion dollars in assets and served over 20,000 active duty military, reserve and civilian personnel, military retirees and their families. During Operation Desert Storm, Colonel Kotti commanded the 4404th Support Group (Provisional), Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. As commander he directed the combat support activities of all Air Force locations in the Middle East Theater of Operations. Closer to home, Colonel Kotti served as the Inspector General, 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth, AFB. In 1999, Colonel Kotti served as a pastor at three different congregations in Rapid City. He also served as Executive Director of the Hot Springs Area Chamber of Commerce where he was instrumental in gaining national recognition from the National Trust for Historic Preservation when they named hot Springs, SD as one of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations in 2009. George is also a past Chairman of the Board of the Black Hills Badlands and Lakes Association.

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Dr. Allen Larson, PhD



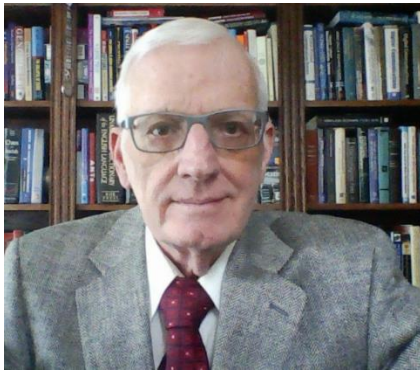
LHS Class of 1960

- Dr. Allen Larson lived outside of Lead, in Grizzly Gulch, commuted to school and graduated from LHS in 1960. He married Nancy Buckley of Denver, Colorado, in 1968 and they have two children. He and his wife are proud of their children and grandchildren. Here are some of Larson's many accomplishments following his time at LHS.
- 1960-1964, Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science, United States Air Force Academy
- 1968-69, taught flying in a T-38 Supersonic Trainer. Named Instructor of the Month and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and Captain
- 1970-1972, Master of Science and PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1975-1978, Director of Computer Systems Lab, USAF Academy. Designed microprocessor controller for NASA shuttle payload. Wrote two texts and designed two laboratory trainers to teach how computers work
- 1979-1981, Consulted with Intel on Several processor designs that revolutionized Unix and Windows
- 1981-1983, designed digital voice storage port boards which led to the AT&T Audix Voice Mail System. Designed and built high-performance Ethernet message handler system and received two patents on this work.
- 1983-84, Supervisor of Advanced Switching Group
- 1984-1988, Supervisor of Video Switching Development Group

- 1988-1991, Supervisor of Advance Technology a fiber-based Video Information System called “Cheetah.”
- 1991-Present, President of Micromedia. Wrote and eBook, “Your Electrical Life” which has been downloaded by more than 12,000 people. Created a “Chaos Model of Markets” and developed unique market forecasting methods delivered via hotlines, fax, newsletter and e-mail. Developed several advance computer programs for traders.

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Malcom (Bud) Lorang



LHS Class of 1952

Malcom ran track and played football at Lead High School. He worked at Homestake Mining Company as a laborer, motorman, miner, contract miner and finally a surveyor. Malcom enlisted in the United States Air Force, 4 years active/6 years non-active reserves. He was a Radar and Radio Maintenance Technician and Electronics Instructor and a member of the Mobile Radar/Radio support team for U2 aircraft in Europe. Malcom earned a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering, Master's of Science in Operations Research, Master's of Science in Management Science, and a Master's of Science in Systems Engineering. Malcom worked for Telemeter Magnetics, Inc. TMI. He was an Electronics Technician, Craftsman of magnetic components, and involved in control design and certification. At Magnavox Research Labs Malcom: Contributed to the design and the direct sequence first Spread Spectrum Radio, (DS-SSR), obtained patent on the first Portable FAX machine, was a contributor in the development of the first SSR modem, was the head of a group of engineers and others in the

development/design/implementations of mostly Spread Spectrum based applications for existing and new Mil, was a Radio, Radar etc. including for example the horizon Radar. He contributed towards the advancement of and applications of various versions of source, channel coding and modulation, of which the majority was classified and intellectual property of US Government entities. At Texas Instruments Malcom had many accomplishments: Accomplishments over 15 years includes major contributor on architectural and systems, source and channel coding, circuit design of Flat panel TV, 3.5 inch, 2MB Bernoulli Flying disc voice/video. Single chip multiple technology radio patent. He worked as an Engineer/Key technologist at Pagemart/Webpage from start up to one of the dominate nationwide paging companies in the United States. It was the first and worldwide patented satellite based paging system, and first and patented pager in a PMI product and obtained worldwide patent position on advanced paging plus com systems. He was the Co-founder and CTO in MetroPCS. He took it from start up to fifth largest Cellular Company in the US. The company was listed in Forbes 500 largest companies list in 2011. It was first in the world to commercially launch LTE handset. The company was first in the western hemisphere to commercially launch LTE and second in the world. Also, it was the first to commercially launch RCS on 4G LTE. On April 19, 2007 MPCS went public NYSE (11 billion). It Merged with T-Mobile in 2012 (8 billion). Malcom obtained patent positions in advanced cellular based systems and services. Malcom has 16 profitable US Patents and multiple patents across multiple countries. 2012- Summer Olympic torch carrier, Scotland. Involved in the startup (mission) Episcopal Church, Dallas, TX. ExecRank's " Top CTO Ranks": ranked Malcom 43 in a field of 15,000 CTO's in the United States.

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Renita Mollman



LDHS Class of 1984

After leaving Lead High School in 1984, Renita attended South Dakota School of Mines & Technology. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1988. During college, Renita was involved in several organizations on campus and was an intern for the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

Upon graduation from SDSM&T, Renita started her career at Burns & McDonnell Engineering in Kansas City, MO. She started working in the Aviation field and designed commercial and military airfields. When Renita started at Burns & McDonnell, She was one of about 10 female engineers in the company. In 1997, Renita was promoted to Civil Engineering Department Manager in the Aviation & Facilities Group at Burns & McDonnell. She was the first female engineer assigned as a department manager in the company's history. During this time, Renita also led a team of engineers in designing and developing the first privately funded and operated commercial service airport in the USA.

In 2009, Renita moved to California to lead her offices in the region. In this role, she was tasked with turning a failing office into a profitable and growing office. Renita was the first female to lead a Regional Office in the company's history. This office has grown over 300% in the last 7 years. In 2011, Renita was promoted to Vice President

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Helen Morganti



LHS Class of 1931

- 1931 Lead HS Graduate
- Achieved a Bachelor of Science Degree from BHSU in English, History & Speech (minors in PE & Music) in 1948
- Master's Degree in Journalism from SDSU
- Taught at LHS from 1949-1980 ("Jr. Nugget" advisor)
 - Led Efforts to acquire the Belamy Award for Lead High School
 - Won national award as facebook, and school newspaper advisor
 - Founded Boys State and Girls State in Lead
 - Helped many of her students raise money to attend college
 - Nicknamed "Grandma" by her students
- Served in the Army 1942-1946
 - Fluent in Italian-transcribed communicative for military officers during WW2
 - Honorary captain in US Army Special Service Corps
 - Past commander of the American Legion
 - 1st woman to head a public relations dept. for the Army Corps of Engineers
 - Inducted into the "Timberwolves", a special service branch that supported European campaign
- Black Hills Ordinance Depot employee
- Named an Honorary Princess of Pine Ridge Sioux Tribe
- Published author- "The Badger Clark Story" and "Problems of School Publications"
 - Left all copyrights for "The Badger Clark Story" to the Home stake/ Mine Museum

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John Moye



LHS Class of 1961

John was an active member on the Debate team, Yearbook, Senior Play and performed Bob Newhart comedy skits at school assemblies. Founded the Denver law firm Moye White, a 50-lawyer commercial firm that represents clients nationally and internationally. President of the Colorado Bar Association 2002-03 Winner of the Colorado Bar Association's highest award, the Award of Merit, 2005 Co-founder of the Institute for Advancement of the American Legal System. Served on the faculty of University of Denver College of Law. Lectures and teaches extensively throughout the United States in the areas of contracts, corporate, commercial, banking and partnership law. Author of several books, including legal texts on corporations, business organizations, partnerships, federal jurisdiction and Uniform Commercial Code. Chairman of the Board of Directors, Colorado Historical Foundation Director, Colorado Public Radio, Inc. Director, Denver Botanic Gardens Winner of the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year from both the Denver and Colorado Bar Associations in the 1980's In 2011, John was named one of Colorado's Lawyers of the Decade. As chair of the Denver Downtown Plan Steering Committee and a director of Downtown Denver, Inc. John was driving force behind the revival of the 16th street mall, and the revival of LoDo. John Moye Hall is dedicated on the campus of the University of Denver. This building is the home of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System. Moye White law firm is recognized by Fortune magazine and LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbel as a 2012 Top Ranked Law Firm.

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James R. Nelson

LHS Class of 1947

James R. Nelson was born in Lead and graduated from Lead High School in 1947 as class Salutatorian. He also was the recipient of the prestigious Homes take Scholarship that same year. While at LHS, Nelson lettered in football, basketball, and track. He was captain of the Black Hills Conference champion basketball team in 1947 while earning All-Conference honors. He also played American Legion baseball.

Nelson graduated from Yankton College in 1951, magna cum laude, with a double-major B.A. in Mathematics and Physical Education. He played varsity basketball for four years, was team captain in 1951, and earned All Dakota-Iowa Conference tournament honors. He also played varsity football for three years and was selected for the Yankton College's F.E. Smith Student Athlete Award at graduation.

Nelson married Ruth Wolf of Spearfish in 1954.

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William H. Parker

A graduate of Deadwood High School, Mr. Parker moved to Los Angeles, California and joined the LA Police department in August of 1927. He served as an LAPD officer for 15 years before taking leave to fight in World War II, earning a Purple Heart after being wounded in the Normandy Invasion. Parker became LAPD police chief on August 9, 1950 and was credited with transforming the LAPD into a world-renowned law enforcement agency.

Chief Parker's law enforcement career of 39 years earned him the honor of serving the longest term of any Chief of Police in the history of the City of Los Angeles. He was recognized as "one of the top professional police administrators in the nation."

Chief Parker died in office on July 16, 1966. The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation was created in 1967 to help fund grants for specialized training courses and equipment for personnel of the LA Police Dept.. The subcommittee that developed the Parker Foundation also was responsible for renaming the Los Angeles Police headquarters building to the “Parker Center” in honor of Mr. Parker.

Michelle Palmer-Percy



LDHS Class of 1986

Michelle graduated from Lead High School in 1986. While in high school, Michelle was involved in French Club, Student Council, Class Secretary and Key Club. She was a cheerleader, participated in debate and went to Girls’ State. Michelle graduated from Pepperdine University with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Psychology in 1990. She is a member of the Psi Chi National Honor Society and is a 1994 graduate of the University Of South Dakota School Of Law with a Juris Doctorate Degree. Michelle is a published writer for the South Dakota Law Review. In 1994, Michelle clerked for the 7th Judicial Circuit. She was Lawrence County Deputy States Attorney from 1995-1996. She worked for the Fuller, Tellinghisen, Gordon & Eckrich Law Firm as an Associate Attorney from 1996-1998, making partner in 1999. Michelle opened her own law practice in 2005. defense. Michelle has also served as Incorporator/Director for the Lead Chamber of Commerce. She was involved with the Lead-Deadwood Arts Council, the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Library Endowment Board, the Lead-Deadwood Hospital Board and was a member of the Lead Deadwood School District Board of Education from 2003-2006. Judge Percy is also a Casa Board member, a Teen Court Volunteer and a Kiwanis Club member.

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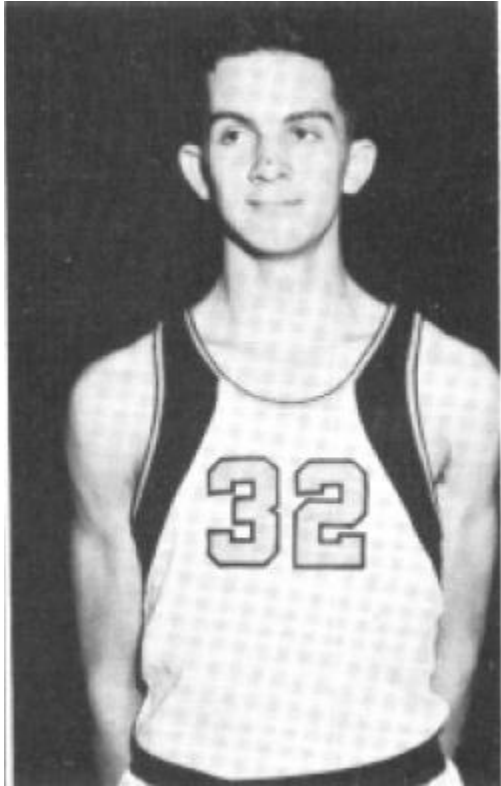
Dean Peterson



- Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Northern State College (1974)
- 1976-1996 Lead High School Vocal Music Teacher
- 1996-2006 Lead-Deadwood Elementary Music Teacher
- 2006- 2016 Lead-Deadwood High School and Middle School Vocal Music Teacher
- Active community & church members as tenor soloist, ensemble performer, accompanist, and entertainer
- 1979-1980 Tenor Soloist at Central Lutheran Church, and a member of the Bach Society Chorale in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Guest tenor soloist with BHSU, NSU, SDSU Collegiate Choirs, and Rapid City Symphony & Chorus
- Contest adjudicator and festival choral director
- Member of SD Choral Director's Assn.
- Involved with youth activities as an instructor, coach, mentor, advisor, and positive role model
- Has played a major role in the development of the vocal music department of Lead-Deadwood school district

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Bob Phillips



LHS Class of 1957

- Attended the Lead School District from 1945 to 1957
 - All State, All Conference basketball player 1957
- Attended Black Hills Teachers College from 1957 to 1961
 - Played basketball 1957-1961, baseball 1960—1961
 - Name Athlete for the Year 1961
- Peace Corps volunteer 1964-1967
- Professional Awards
 - Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator 1974
 - Kiwanis Claire E. Faust Award 1990
 - Distinguished Service Award, Golden Star Lodge #9, Lead, SD 1992
- All Century Basketball Team, BHSU, 2007
- Currently serves as university supervisor for student teaching at Black Hills Stat
- Taught for Lead Middle School 1961-1963
 - Served as assistant principal & principal at Deadwood Middle School 1968-1996

- Curriculum Director
- Coached football, basketball, and track
- State of South Dakota Modernization Program, Local Director

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Debra Ann (Heinen) Proctor

LHS Class of 1971

- Attended elementary, junior high and high school in Lead, SD at St. Patrick's Catholic School and at Lead High School (graduating with the Class of 1971)
- Undergraduate degree-BHSU- Bachelor of Science-Secondary Education Degree- Major: English Composition, Minor: Sociology
- Bachelor of Art in Curriculum and Instruction
- Master's Degree- University of Wyoming
- Employment began as a library assistant and teacher, study hall supervisor and substitute teacher in the Lead-Deadwood system
- Digger Deb, varsity football and freshman basketball cheerleader advisor
- 1979-1984- Jr. and Sr. High English Teacher- Crawford, NB
- Also sponsored many extracurricular activities, including publications, ski club, drill team, cheerleaders, pep club, freshman class and coaching volleyball
- 1984-Present – HS English Teacher, Newcastle, WY
- Continues to be active in extracurricular activities: assistant speech/forensic coach, yearbook advisor and head class sponsor
- 2000-Present- Adjunct Professor, Eastern WY College Outreach, Newcastle, WY
- Awards and Achievements
- First Wyoming Teacher of the year: Scholastic Journalism, 1989
- Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1989, 1994, 2000
- National Yearbook Advisory Council, 1990
- Yearbook State Champions, 1993, 1994, 1996, 2003
- Golden Pony Yearbook Award, 1993-2008
- District Excellence in Education, 1993-1996
- Person of the Year Nomination, 2003
- Wyoming Body of Evidence Consortium, 2000-present
- Wyoming Body of Evidence Cadre, 2001-present
- Wyoming State Standards Review Board, 2002

- Wyoming PAWS Testing Review Panel-2004-2007
- Wyoming Arch Coal, Inc. Teacher Achievement Award, 2006
- Wyoming Lifelong Learning Association Outstanding Adult Educator
- PEBC National Scholarship Recipient, January 2009

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Joan Rachetto



Girls & Boys Golf Coach at LDHS, 1987 to 2013

- Boys Black Hills Conference Titles: 1990, 1991, 1992, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
- Girls Black Hills Conference Titles: 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006
- Girls Region Titles: 1989 through 1992, 2022, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
- Boys Region Titles: 1992, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
- Girls State Titles: 1992, 2004, 2005, 2006 (runner-up in 03)
- Boys State Titles: 2006 (runner-up in 90, 01, 04)
- Black Hills Conference Coach of the Year 23 times

- Region coach of the year 16 times
- Joan's first year of coaching was on a trial basis: she received no salary and had 18 boys' golfers for the fall season in 1987. The following year, it was determined that golf would be added as a sport at LDHS.
- Served as a paraprofessional at Lead-Deadwood High School

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Dustin Rice

LDHS Class of 2003

- **Football**
 - 2001**
 - Defensive Captain
 - BHC All-Conference, 11A All-State selection
 - Class 11A Region Champion team, State Runner-up
 - 2001 Argus Leader All-State Football Team-Elite 45
 - Most Valuable Back Award
 - **2002**
 - Team Tri-Captain and Defensive Captain
 - BHC All-Conference Team, 11A All-State selection
 - 11A All-American nominee
 - Class 11A Academic All-State Football Team
 - Class 11A Region Champion team, State Runner-up
 - 2002 Argus Leader All-State Football Team-Elite 45
 - NHSACA All-American
 - Selected for 2003 SD All-Star Game
 - Most Valuable Back Award
 - Seaton Award
- **Basketball**
 - 2000**

- District and region champion team, 8th place at state tournament

- **2001**

- BHC Honorable Mention
- Free Throw Award

- **2002**

- BHC Honorable Mention
- District Champion Team
- Assist Leader and Defensive Award

- **2003**

- Team Tri-Captain
- District Champion Team
- BHC All-Conference
- Seaton and Defensive Award
- Academic All-State Basketball Team

- **Track**

- 2001**

- BHC placer in 4x200m relay, 4x100m relay
 - 2nd place in 4x100m relay at region
 - State qualifier in 4x100m relay
 - 4th place in state in 4x200 relay

- **2002**

- BHC placer in 4x100m relay, 100m, long jump, and 4x200m relay
 - 3rd place at regionals in 4x100m relay and medley relay
 - 2nd place and state qualifications in 4x200m relay

- **2003**

- Team Captain
 - BHC placer in 200m, long jump, 100m, and 4x100m relay
 - 1st place at regionals in 4x200m relay and medley relay
 - Qualified for state meet in 4x100m relay, 4x200m relay, medley relay, and long jump
 - 6th place in state in 4x200m relay
 - Seaton Award
 - Academic All-State Track Team

- **Other Awards**

- Scholarships: Frances and Walter Green, Ross Ommen Memorial, Jack Rantapaa Memorial, Augustana Heritage, Elks Most Valuable Student, Wells Fargo.

- Awards: BHC Academic, Presidential Award for Education Excellence, L Club, Golden L, Wendy's High School Heisman nominee, Myrle G.Hanson Athletic, Award of Honor, Regents Scholar, National Scholar/Athlete, Mike Rantapaa Memorial, Leadership and School Service, Student of the Month, Student of the Year 2003
- National Honor Roll 2003
- Honor Roll all quarters
- Active in choir, NHC, and FCA
- **2008 Graduate of Augustana College**
- First Team Daktronics Inc, Division II All-North-west Region Football team-2007
- First Team All-North Central Conference Defensive Back-2007
- Holds NCC career record for interceptions for a touchdown
- Tied for NCC single season record for interceptions for a touchdown
- Team Captain of the Augustana Football Team-2007
- Augustana Football Viking Club Award-2007
- Augustana Football Defensive MVP-2007,2006
- Honorable Mention All-North Central Conference Defensive Back-2006,2005

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Eric Rice



LDHS Class of 2000

- Attended LDHS from 1996-2000
- Seaton Award winner in Football, Basketball, and Track

Football Honors

- All State Player-1997,1998,1999
- Most Valuable Back- 1997,1998,1999
- All BHC Player- 1997,1998,1999
- USA Today Top Football Preseason High School list- 98,99
- Argus Leader's Elite 45 Team-1998
- USA TODAY ALL-USA team honorable mention-98,99
- Team Captain-1999
- Academic All-State Player-1999
- Class 11A Top South Dakota Football Player-1999
- South Dakota North All-Star Football selection-1999
- US Navy Scholastic All-American Football District & 2nd Team-99
- NHSACA All-American Football selection-1999

Basketball Honors

- All-West River Tournament Team-1998,1999
- Mr. Assist Award-1998

- All BHC Player-1998,1999,2000
- Mr. Basketball Invitational All-American Team-98,99
- Most Valuable Player-1999,2000
- Class A All-State Second Team-1999, Captain-2000
- USA TODAY Top Basketball Preseason HS list-2000
- Spirit of Su Award winner-2000
- Class A State All-Tournament Team-2000
- Mr. Free Throw-2000
- Class A All-State First Team-2000
- SD vs. WY All-State Team selection-2000

Track Honors

- State qualifier in long jump, 200m dash, 800m relay, 400m relay, & medley relay-1997,-p,2000
- Conference victoris: Long jump,200m dash, 800m relay (1999); 800m relay, 400m relay (2000)
- Region Finishes
- 1998-1st in 200m Dash
- 1999 & 2000- 1st in 400m Relay
- 2000-1st in Medley Relay, 2nd in Long jump
- State Finishes
- Long Jump-1998 4th, 2000 8th
- 800m relay—1000 4th, 2000 2nd
- 400m relay-2000 5th
- Academic All State- 2000

Other Honors

- Highest Male GPA, graduate of LDHS
- Regents Scholar Diploma
- 2000 BHC Academic Award
- 2000 Muriel G. Hanson Athletic Award
- 2000 L Club Award Winner
- 2000 US Army Reserve Nat' I Scholar Athlete
- 2000 Presidents Award for Educational Excellence
- 2000 Mike Rantapaa Memorial Award
- 2000 Certificate of Recognition, City of Lead
- 1999 Wendy's Heisman Scholarship
- LDHS Homecoming King
- Four year honor roll student
- Student of the month, 2007
- 2005 Graduate of Augustana College

- 2004 Football Captain
- 2004 1st Team All-NCC Utility Player
- 2004 2nd Team All-NCC Receiver
- 2004 Augustana Football Offensive MVP
- 2003 Honorable Mention Academic All-NCC
- 2003 Honorable Mention All-NCC Receiver

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Steve Rice



- 1987-1991 Head Football Coach, Milbank, SD
 - 1987,1990-Class 11A Quarter Finalist
 - 1989-Class 11A State Runner up
 - 1988-Class 11A Playoffs
- 1991-2012-Lead-Deadwood High School
 - Taught History/Geography & Weight training for 15 years
 - Dean of Student for four years
- Lead-Deadwood High School Head Football Coach for 13 years, Total record of 90-40

- 2003- Class 11A Playoffs
- 2001,2002- Class 11A State Runner up
- 1998,1999,2000- Class 11A Quarter Finalist
- 1994,1995, 1996- Class 11A Playoffs
- 1993- Class 11A Semi Finalist
- 1992- Class 11A Quarter Finalist
- 1991- Class 11A State Runner up
- 1996,1999,2000,2001,2002- Black Hills Conference Champion Coach
- 1996,1999,2000,2002- SD Football Coaches Association Region 4 Coach of the Year
- Head Varsity Track Coach- 11 Years
 - 1999,2001- Black Hills Conference Champion Coach
- Assistant Boys Basketball Coach- 2 years

Gil Roesler



LHS Class of 1955

Gil was a member of the 1953 & 1955 Golddigger basketball team where he played forward for the State tourney team and was honored with a 2nd team All-State Selection. Gil participated on the high school track and field team for three years where he was a member of the 1953 undefeated Mile Relay team that won the State Championship. He placed 2nd in both the low and high hurdles at the 1954 State Track Meet and tied for 1st in the high jump. Gil also participated in Debate, Boys' State, was editor of the Nugget, and an honor student. He lettered the next three years in football and track and was elected captain of the track team in 1958-1959. Gil also played on the undefeated 1958 Army football team. Gil branched Infantry followed by Airborne and Ranger schools. Before attending flight school, Gil graduated from Command & General Staff College and the University of Alabama with a Master of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering. He has served on the Aviation Test Board

and was assigned to the Pentagon as Systems Coordinator for the TOW Anti-Armor System and as the Missile Procurement Team Chief. Gil attended and graduated from the Defense Systems Management College and served his final assignment at the Operation Test and Evaluation Agency. Gil flew over 3,600 hours, including 1,500 combat hours. His awards include: Master Army Aviator Wings, Ranger Tab, Airborne Wings, Expert Infantryman Badge, Army Staff Badge, three Army Commendation Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, 25 Air Medals, the Bronze Star, 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses and the Legion of Merit. Gil retired from military service and began a 20-year civilian career with a services company, providing program management, financial and engineering support to the Naval and Warfare Systems.

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Alfred Satterlee



LHS Class of 1954

Al graduated from Lead High School in 1954. His achievements are many and are listed below: First, employed at Homestake Mining Co. where he used his knowledge from his industrial classes he took at LDHS. Worked at an atomic energy facility machining radioactive materials for the U.S. Government's defense program. Employed at the University of Colorado as an instrument maker, working closely with graduate students in designing and machining close tolerance instruments for space exploration as well as medicine. Employed at the Lange Ski Boot Company, designing equipment to create the first adjustable buckle for ski boots. Became owner of machine shop business producing close tolerance parts for the computer industry, assisting in the design and production of a compact portable stove for backpackers; also, engineering and manufacturing out of production parts for automobile restorations and guns. Involved in a number of award winning total old car restorations. Brought back the handcrafted log building trade to the Black Hills in 1976. Promoted log home building on the Rosebud Indian Reservation as an alternative housing choice. With help of

business partner, constructed a 3,500 foot handrail along Veteran's Point Trail at Pactola Lake making the trail handicap accessible. Also constructed 10 pedestrian bridges throughout the trail systems in the Black Hills. Designed and produced all working mechanisms for a 1700's clock with limited sales. Served his country in the South Dakota National Guard for seven years and received a special commendation from then Governor, Joe Foss, for three consecutive years of perfect attendance. Served 5 years on the LDHS Advisory Board, guiding and encouraging the Industrial Arts Classes. Conducted Adult Education night school classes in the machine shop at LDHS. Boy Scout Leader and Master. ifetime Church officer and trustee. Al and his wife of 56 years, Leatha, are the parents of three professional children who are active in their professions, communities and churches.

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James Shea



DHS Class of 1940

- Graduated from Deadwood HS in 1940
- Track-held school record for the mile for 27 years

- WW2 Vet, US Navy 41-45 active duty
- Helped organize the VFW Black Hills Post 5969 in 1945
- Mayor of Deadwood from 1968 to 1970
- Community & public service volunteer
- Jaycees, Deadwood Chamber, Adams Museum, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Ambrose Church
- Established the James E. & Lillian E. Shea Charitable Trust to provide emergency/hardship funds for Lawrence Co. residents
- Mayor Francis Toscana proclaimed Sunday, Jan 30, 2005 as "Jim & Lillian Shea Day" in the city of Deadwood

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John T. Vucurevich

John Vucurevich was born in Yugoslavia in 1912 and immigrated to the United States with his parents at the age of eight. His family settled in Lead, SD where John attended public schools until 10th grade. He began his career working as a laborer and chauffer for Homes take mining Company during the depression, John operated a small grocery store in Rapid City, SD, and later, a hotel in Kadoka, SD. In 1939, John entered the Insurance business in Rapid City. He continued this business until 1948, except for an 18-month interruption for service in the United States Army during World War 2. He owned the Alex Johnson Hotel in Rapid City in the early 1970's, and has owned real estate in Rapid City and Sioux Falls.

In 1951, Mr. Vucurevich purchased his first bank and for more than 50 years, John Vucurevich has owned controlling interests in banks in Nebraska, North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

He developed a reputation as an expert in the development of publically traded bank holding companies and has served on a number of gubernational advisory committees. John also hosted numerous foreign financial advisors in the U.S. and visited several foreign countries to meet the financial executives. Mr. Vucurevich also served on the Rapid City Board of Economic Development in 1991 and 1992.

In addition to a demanding business schedule, John Vucurevich found time for public service. He served in the SD House of Representatives (1947-1951) and Senate (1952-1958). He was an active supporter of higher education and was a prime sponsor in the construction of Patterson

Hall on the University of South Dakota campus in 1957. In 1977, he was recognized by the University Of South Dakota School Of Business as the South Dakotan of the Year. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Business Administration from SD School of Mines and Technology in December, 1992.

He established scholarship endowments at Mount Marty College, University of Sioux Falls, Augustana College, Dakota Wesleyan University, University of South Dakota, SDSM&T and Black Hills State University. John Vucurevich also helped fund a childcare center at the University of Sioux Falls, both of which bear his name.

John is survived by two children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, the Masonic Lodge and the Shrine, as well as numerous community service organizations.

John Vucurevich demonstrated a deep-seated concern for the future leadership of the United States and is interested in promoting young men and women as future leaders as well as helping less fortunate people with demonstrated needs. His interest in community affairs was private, and his support of local charities was often provided anonymously. Mr. Vucurevich received many awards and accolades from local and state organizations for his financial support.

His successful ventures in the banking world, his time devoted to public service and his tremendous support in community affairs enabled him to establish the John T. Vucurevich Foundation “to make a piece of the world a brighter place.” The John T. Vucurevich Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to helping the poor, the distressed and the underprivileged without regard to age, gender or nationality. John T. Vucurevich Foundation also sponsored many international speakers, including Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Dr. Jeane Kirkpatrick, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Conner, Carol Burnett, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Jane Goodall, Dave Barry, and most recent Gen. Tommy Franks.

His success allowed him to establish endowments for United Way of Rapid City, Black Hills Workshop, Youth and Family Services of Rapid City, Boy’s Club of Rapid City and Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Rapid City. He was also a major contributor and supporter of YMCA of Rapid City.

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Lisa Wilczynski Ward



LDHS Class of 1992

- Graduated from Lead-Deadwood High School
- Three sport athletes for the Lead-Deadwood Golddiggers: Basketball, volleyball, and track
- Girls Basketball
 - Two-time Most Valuable Offensive Player
 - Named to All-Tournament Team at '89 state basketball tournament
 - Played for 1989 state consolation champion basketball team
- Named Argus Leader “Athlete of the Week” 1998
- 1988—Seton Award
- 1988 KOTA Territory Athlete of the Week
- 1988 Athlete of the Week for the Sioux Falls Argus Leader
- Track Athlete
 - Two-time Seton Award Winner- Most Valuable Jumper
 - Placed 6th and 7th in 300-meter hurdles at state track meet
 - Qualified for state meet 100m hurdles
- Non-Athletic Honors
- 1988 LDHS Homecoming Queen
- 1992 BHSU Homecoming Queen candidate

- 1992-93 President of NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) at Black Hills State University
- 1993 Graduated Magna Cum Laude from BHSU
- Currently a teacher at Lead-Deadwood Elementary School