The University of South Dakota is hosting the 16th annual Lawrence Brothers Science camp July 9-14.

The week-long camp, open to students entering grades seven through nine, focuses on a broad theme each year that includes aspects of science, chemistry, mathematics and the health sciences. This year’s theme is light and vision.

The goal of the camp is to inspire students into the sciences by providing hands-on opportunities to conduct experiments. The camp will also include recreational activities like swimming, trips to USD’s wellness center and attending movies.

The Lawrence Brothers Science Camp is a great way for students to meet and get to know fellow students from around the area and across the state, while they learn from staff members in a university setting.

The Lawrence Brothers Science Camp was founded in 2002 through a generous donation from the John and Amy Bowles Lawrence Foundation and support from the University of South Dakota Foundation to honor the legacy of scientists and USD alumni E.O. and John Lawrence. E.O. was a 1922 graduate in chemistry who went on to receive the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1939. John had a long-term association with the University of California, Berkeley and worked at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. There he discovered treatments for leukemia and polycythemia.

From 2006 through 2011, the camp received grant support from Battelle. Currently, the camp is supported by fees and the South Dakota Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (SD BRIN).

For additional information, please contact South Dakota BRIN at 605-658-6338 or brin@usd.edu.
The University of South Dakota Department of Music hosts the 66th annual Summer Music Camp July 9-14.

“The USD Summer Music Camp is a place for students who love music to come together with other students who share that love from across the region,” said David Holdhusen, chair of the camp and the USD music department. “I love the process of the week and seeing these kids come together not knowing each other, and at the end of the week, they are making music. That’s the most rewarding part of the camp for students and the staff.”

About 200 students who have completed grades 5-12 are expected to attend the six-day camp. Activities include vocal and instrumental ensembles, as well as a variety of other musical classes and experiences. Opportunities for private lessons in a specific instrument or voice are also available upon request.

For additional information, visit the Summer Music Camp website.

The university’s latest publication, The South Dakotan magazine, has a new look! In addition to a new print product, the magazine’s website--www.usd.edu/southdakotan--is also updated. It’s now more interactive to include added content, videos and extra photos.

We welcome your feedback. If you want to share any, please send an email to southdakotan@usd.edu.
Chiesman Fund Invites Grant Proposals

The Allene R. Chiesman Fund for Civic Education invites grant proposals from full-time USD faculty for projects starting during or after the fall semester of 2017. The deadline for submission of these proposals is Sept. 15, 2017 and applies to projects that will be completed within the next 12 months. The Chiesman Fund Advisory Committee will announce its decisions on the proposals on or before Oct. 1, 2017.

The Chiesman Fund is authorized to: “(1) support research addressing the issues of citizenship and civic education; (2) fund research and studies on the ongoing problems of American democracy including, but not limited to, economic and social problems; (3) fund studies of issues concerning the Constitution of the United States in particular and the legal systems in the United states in general; (4) sponsor studies of public policies with particular focus on policies relating to the role of citizens in our political system and consumers in our economic system; (5) support the publication of material produced through the aid of the Fund; (6) provide awards for contests promoting civic education; (7) make grants to organizations promoting civic education (for example, Boys and Girls State); (8) support conferences, meetings, and forums designed to educate people about civic education matters; (9) work with educational institutions to develop civic education materials and programs for students at all levels; [and/or] (10) coordinate activities of the fund with other organizations and institutions for the purpose of maximizing efforts to promote fund goals.”

Proposals for grants should clearly and specifically address one or more of these purposes. Proposals of three to six pages specifying the research question, method of inquiry, significance of the project, timeline for completion, a very detailed budget (which will explicitly define how any funding will be used) and the intended means by which the results will be disseminated should be submitted to: Chiesman Fund Advisory Committee, c/o William D. Richardson, Farber Center for Civic Leadership, 116 Dakota Hall. Electronic submissions are preferred and should be sent to chovorka@usd.edu.

Faculty/Staff Photo Shoot Aug. 14

Faculty and staff head shots are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 14, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Al Neuharth Media Center (main floor hallway). All faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to have updated photos taken. Those in Sioux Falls will have other dates and times, to be determined, for photos.

• Photos are taken on a first come, first served basis.
• Each photo session will take about five minutes.
• Due to heavy traffic flow, the photographer will be unable to show you previews of your photo.
• Individual photos only.
• Signed photo releases are required.
• There are no fees or costs.
• Professional dress is recommended.
• Photos are retained by the Marketing Office for USD publicity purposes.
• Individuals may request a digital file of a photo for professional use only.
• Photos may not be used or printed for personal use.
Kelly Bass, D.S.W., director of the University of South Dakota's Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program, has been selected by the national Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) to serve as a scholar in the Path to Licensure Institute.

The institute is part of a new ASWB initiative designed to help schools of social work infuse information about professional licensing and social work regulation into their programs and to better prepare students for professional practice as social workers.

Bass was chosen as one of only five scholars and faculty members from social work programs at colleges and universities from across the nation to participate in and contribute to the initiative.

Bass earned his doctorate degree in social work from the University of Tennessee. He has directed the MSW program at the University of South Dakota since 2016.

Mary Nettleman, M.D., M.S., M.A.C.P., vice president of health affairs and dean of the Sanford School of Medicine at the University of South Dakota, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).

The Board of Directors provides fiduciary and strategic oversight and direction to the work of the AAMC, a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to transforming health care through innovative medical education, cutting-edge patient care and groundbreaking medical research. AAMC, founded in 1876, is comprised of all 147 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools; nearly 400 teaching hospitals and health systems, including 51 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; and more than 80 academic and scientific societies. AAMC represents 148,000 faculty members, 83,000 medical students and 115,000 resident physicians.

“I deeply respect and value the work of the AAMC, and I am truly honored to join the Board of Directors,” said Dr. Nettleman. “This is a time of change in medicine. The AAMC works to ensure that the patient is at the center of reform efforts, and that academic medicine is positioned to improve the health of all. I look forward to my new duties.”

Do you know someone who should be USD’s Employee of the Month? Nominate him or her with the CSA Employee of the Month form at http://sites.usd.edu/csac/.
Hartig is May Employee of the Month

Lorraine Hartig, the department manager for the secretaries in family medicine in the Sanford School of Medicine, was named USD's May Employee of the Month.

Valery Hearns, a co-worker in family medicine, nominated Hartig because of her attitude on the job and her ability to follow through and get the job done. “Loraine goes the extra mile and puts in the time required to get the job done right,” she said. “When you ask her to look into something, you can rest assured that it will get taken care of. Her ability to prioritize and complete tasks shows her innate talent for her position.”

The appreciation Hartig’s staff have for her is reciprocated.

“The favorite part of my job is the team I work with,” Hartig said. “They are the best and having them makes all the changes and challenges that come along that much easier to deal with.”

Her enthusiasm for the job has continued over almost 30 years of employment at USD. She started in March 1988 as a claims clerk for the USD School of Medicine in the grants and finance department based in Sioux Falls. She transferred to the Department of Family Medicine in 1996.

Prior to USD, Hartig worked a few different accounting positions. “My position is never boring—it’s always changing and challenging,” she said.

Though the work is constantly changing, her fellow coworkers appreciate Hartig’s commitment to focusing on how to do it right the first time. Hearns said, “Loraine takes the time to learn the details of an assignment or project in order to deliver a high-quality test. This shows in the many contracts she manages for our clinical faculty, in the way that she handles questions from the secretaries about their own responsibilities, and how she prepares and follows through when hiring new staff members.”

Social Media Roundtable Sept. 12

Marketing Communications & University Relations will host its next social media roundtable Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. in the Al Neuharth Medica Center, Room 220.

This gathering is intended to help all social media users on campus. Get-togethers, guest speakers and best practices will be shared, all to improve social media accounts associated with USD.

If you would like to be invited to these quarterly discussions, please email michelle.cwach@usd.edu.
White Named June Employee of the Month

Rachael White, who works on the Board of Regents human resources team and specializes in doing a little bit of everything, was nominated for Employee of the Month.

White serves as the liaison for the Head Start program, the Vucurevich Children’s Center and the College of Fine Arts. She conducts employee orientations, assists with payroll functions and manages day-to-day workers compensation, injury and family medical leave.

Emery Wasley says he nominated White for the work she does on top of everything else. “In support of the HR Strategic Plan, Rachael created and maintains the HR presence on Facebook and is the co-developer of the HR Dashboard, which provides the USD executive committee with statistics upon which to make decisions.”

White has worked at USD since November 2015. Prior to that she worked with the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation for three and a half years. She held a variety of positions: employment services assistant, supplemental nutrition assistance program employment representative and employment specialist-business relations.

Now that she is at USD she says it’s hard to pick a favorite part of her job because of her passion for her work. “When an employee contacts the Department of Human Resources to request Family Medical Leave, they’re often in the midst of some of life’s most stressful events, such as an illness in the family or the birth or adoption of a child. As the FML facilitator for USD, I find it truly rewarding to be able to do my part in mitigating some of that stress by providing those requesting leave with efficient and compassionate service.”

Parking Passes Available Now

2017/2018 parking permits are available for purchase for $159. The permits are valid from now until 8/15/18. There are three options in which you can purchase a permit:

1. Register and pay online at http://parking.usd.edu. You will need to enter your vehicle and credit card information. You will also need to indicate if you want the permit mailed to you or if you will pick up the permit at the Business Office. (Please allow two business days for processing.)
2. Stop by the Business Office at Slagle Hall 207 to pay by cash, check or credit card. Please complete a vehicle registration form (available in the USD portal) and bring it to the Business Office.
3. Complete a payroll deduction form for authorization to have the parking permit deducted from your paycheck. Bring the completed authorization form to the Business Office at Slagle Hall 207 and a vehicle registration form must be completed, as well. For more information regarding parking permits, rules and regulations go to: www.usd.edu/administration/university-police/parking.cfm.

If you have any questions, please contact the Business Office at 605-677-5613 or email us at businessoffice@usd.edu.