Welcome!
Welcome to BADM 369: Organizational Behavior. My name is Dr. Barney, and I will be your instructor this semester. This class focuses upon some great topics, and I hope that you will be able to share my enthusiasm about the various concepts. As such, this course is designed to give you a business perspective of working in the business world, and studying the various behaviors of individuals and groups within the workplace. As a side note, I am continuously learning the D2L system, so if I overlook something in D2L, please let me know.

About Me
I grew up in Utah and studied Information Systems at Utah State University and Brigham Young University. I completed my PhD in Business Administration and Organizational Behavior at New Mexico State University in 2013 and started teaching at USD in the Fall of 2013. I have been teaching at the University level since 2002 and love academia. You can find more information about me on D2L.

Textbook & Materials
The text for this class is Organizational Behavior; 16th edition by Robbins & Judge, Pearson Publishing. You do not need to purchase the code for the MyManagementLabs materials, unless you would like additional study aids.

Technology Requirements
The University of South Dakota has established minimum technology requirements for participation in courses supplemented with D2L. These are outlined under the Technology Support and Requirements section in the CDE Online Student Orientation document in the USD Getting Started widget on the course homepage.

**IMPORTANT:** All students should have the ability to submit papers and reports as Microsoft Word 2003 or later documents (.DOC or .DOCX), or as PDF files. Also, having a knowledge of PowerPoint, Windows Movie Maker, etc. is important.

General Course Schedule
Success in higher education requires that students maintain a regular weekly schedule of course work, and this course is designed around that philosophy. University studies require motivation, independence, and discipline. You must devote sufficient time to the course, and that time must be scheduled wisely. I would estimate that you should expect to spend over nine hours per week on this course in order to be successful. Learning will involve active reading, taking notes, understanding and applying definitions and concepts, and synthesizing this knowledge with your own experiences.

On average, we will cover one chapter a week over the duration of this term. For each chapter, you will be expected to complete a journal assignment and a detailed quiz covering the chapter materials, as well as complete virtual group assignments. Throughout the term, beyond the chapter quizzes and assignments, you will be required to complete a group project, a few case studies, and take three proctored exams. In terms of assessments, the exams and quizzes must be taken via D2L using the Respondus LockDown Browser.
Getting Started
First, you will want to access the course in Desire2Learn (D2L). This can be done via the USD student portal, http://myu.usd.edu, or directly via https://d2l.sdbor.edu. The course should be listed under My Courses. Note: you will not be able to access the course until the start date, as indicated in WebAdvisor.

Next, you should familiarize yourself with the CDE Online Orientation, which can be found in the Getting Started widget on the course homepage. It contains important information on accessing USD’s resources online.

Once in the course, you should do the following:

1. Orient yourself to the course components: News, Content (where all course materials reside), etc.
2. Go to the contents tab, and familiarize yourself with the posted modules.
3. Begin work, and complete the Mandatory Module materials, which include a syllabus quiz, a profile assignment, a D2L settings assignment, etc.
4. With the textbook, begin studying the first chapter.

Contacting Me
My contact information is listed at the top of this document. The best way to contact me with any concerns about this course is via my USD email (NOT the D2L email). I check my email account often and I will attempt to respond to your messages within two business days, but usually much sooner. On weekends I will not typically check my email.