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CAMPUS HAPPENINGS - USD

Spring 2018: Get Advised – Get Registered!

Registration is open for spring 2018 and summer 2018. If you have already registered for spring 2018 courses, check your course choices to make sure it meets your goals and fits your schedule. Review your program of study and look at the available courses for the upcoming terms on [WebAdvisor](#). Contact your academic advisor today to discuss spring 2018 courses and get registered.

Vermillion Veterans Day Ceremony

Veterans Day at the Vermillion High School sponsored by The American Legion and AFW! Open to the public.
Friday, November 10, 2017 | 9:55 – 11:05 a.m. | Vermillion High School, 1001 E. Main St.
Contact: Student Veterans Resource Coordinator Joseph Knoer | Joseph.Knoer@usd.edu

Waroxi Performance & Feast

Waroxi Performance: This participatory performance explores a change in life ways due to missionary efforts to convert Natives to Christianity. It specifically draws on language loss and addresses contemporary economic strategies of American Indian tribes, i.e. casinos. The Feast: For this educational feast, guests are invited to learn about the diversity among the 567 federally recognized tribes existing within the United States today. It is designed to educate, bring awareness, and spark dialogue surrounding issues affecting Indian Country historically and presently. Sydney Jane Brooke Campbell Maybrier Pursell is an interdisciplinary artist. She uses video, performance, new media, interactive, and community engaged practices to explore and connect to her own identity and culture. She is an enrolled member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. Free event for everyone.
Monday, November 13, 2017 | 6 – 9 p.m. | Coyote Twin Theater, 10 E. Main Street, Vermillion, SD
For more information: www.facebook.com/events/496024937449698/

Tea with the Graduate Dean

Graduate students are welcome to join us for an open forum to meet Graduate School Dean, Ranjit Koodali, Ph.D. Dean Koodali is looking to improve the graduate student experience and he needs your feedback. Come and voice any concerns and share your thoughts on various graduate student issues. Feel free to drop by and chat and come and go as time allows. We will have tea, coffee and cookies. FREE event for everyone.

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 | 3 – 5 p.m.
Muenster University Center, Conference Room 211
Contact: Graduate School | 605-658-6140 | grad@usd.edu



Little Women

Follow the stories of the four March sisters Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy and the many colorful characters in their lives as they come of age in Civil War-era New England. With music by Jason Howland, lyrics by Mindi Dickstein, and book by Allen Knee, this beloved musical captures the essence of Louisa May Alcott's classic 19th century American novel while making it accessible and relevant to 21st century audiences of all ages. Performed on the Wayne S. Knutson Main Stage.

Nov. 17, 18, 29 & Dec. 1, 2, 2017 | 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. • **Nov. 19 & Dec. 3, 2017 | 2 – 4:15 p.m.**
Click here for Tickets: www.usd.edu/fine-arts/theatre/ticket-information

Candle Art

Make a gift for someone, or just treat yourself with a handmade candle!
Tuesday, November 28, 2017 | 11a.m. – 2 p.m. | Muenster University Center
Contact: Student Services | 605-677-5666 | www.usd.edu/student-services

Donut Fail Your Finals

RHA is providing FREE hot chocolate and donuts to students for finals week!
Wednesday, December 6, 2017 | Noon – 9 p.m. | Muenster University Center, Pit Lounge 141



Yote Life App
Want to stay up to date on all programming news, events and activities? Download the **Yote Life** app and get access to real time information on all programming opportunities.

- Directory
- Campus Dining
- Coyote Athletics
- Schedules, Store and Tickets
- The Volante
- Maps and more...



Stay Connected with USD

Campus programs are open to all students, including graduate students!
Do you want to be in the know with campus happenings? Stay connected with upcoming events by following/liking the USD pages below.

USD Campus Events - LINK | **All USD Social Media - LINK**

Popular Campus Facebook Sites:
[USD-Official Site](#) | [Muenster University Center](#)
[USD Student Activities](#) | [USD Campus Activities Board](#)

EDUCATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Writing Center Workshops

This semester's workshops, sponsored by the Writing Center, the Department of English, the University Libraries, the Academic & Career Planning Center, and the Department of Media & Journalism, are free and available to all students, staff, and faculty at the University of South Dakota who wish to improve their writing skills. No registration is required. All workshops are in **Delzell 110**.

Distance students, to attend live online, log into D2L and select the Online Writing Center (if you don't see the link, email wcenter@usd.edu to be added). Under Communications, select Collaborate Ultra. Then, select the link for the current workshop. To access workshop recordings, in the Collaborate Ultra menu (top left corner), select recordings.

"How to Write a Portfolio Introduction" **Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | 7-8 p.m.**
Portfolio-based classes, including English 101, challenge students to compose a compelling introduction for the portfolio. Often overlooked, this important document should be crafted with care. This interactive workshop will guide students through the process and pitfalls of writing an introduction worthy of preceding a fantastic portfolio. The workshop presenter is Paul Formisano, Director of Writing, Department of English.

"Write-In" **Wednesday, November 29, 2017 | 7-11 p.m.**
Are you working on an essay, a report, a portfolio, or another kind of writing project? Get helpful feedback from a writing consultant. You can also write and revise on your own at a nearby table. We will have free beverages and snacks!

View the full fall 2017 [workshop schedule](#).

BBS Seminar Series

The seminars are focused on key areas of study within the Basic Biomedical Sciences, including Cancer Biology, Behavioral Neuroscience, Cardiovascular Biology, Immunology, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Protein Quality Control and more. These seminars are given by local, national and international scholars. They provide our USD faculty and students the opportunity to learn about new discoveries, interact with experts and build collaborative interactions that will aid in their professional development.

The Basic Biomedical Sciences Seminar Series is held most Thursdays at 12pm in Lee Med 107 and video conferenced to Sanford Research 2375* (other locations available upon request**).

Adam Hoppe, Ph.D. **Thursday, November 16, 2017**
Center for Teaching and Learning **Thursday, December 7, 2017**

Contact: Wendy Peterson wendy.pederson@usd.edu or biomed@usd.edu

Scholarship Opportunities

1. Discovery Research PreK-12 program (DRK-12)
The Discovery Research PreK-12 program (DRK-12) seeks to significantly enhance the learning and teaching of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and computer science (STEM) by preK-12 students and teachers, through research and development of STEM education innovations and approaches. Projects in the DRK-12 program build on fundamental research in STEM education and prior research and development efforts that provide theoretical and empirical justification for proposed projects. Projects should result in research-informed and field-tested outcomes and products that inform teaching and learning. Teachers and students who participate in DRK-12 studies are expected to enhance their understanding and use of STEM content, practices and skills.
Deadline is November 14, 2017 | View Details

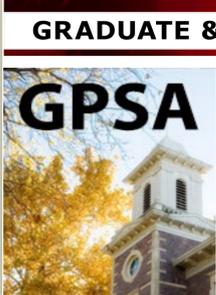
2. National Physical Science Consortium
The National Physical Science Consortium is a partnership between government agencies and laboratories, industry, and higher education. NPSC's goal is to increase the number of American citizens with graduate degrees in the physical sciences and related engineering fields, emphasizing recruitment of a diverse applicant pool.
Deadline is November 30, 2017 | View Details

3. Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC)
The Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC) program helps cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting sustainable conservation measures that mitigate deterioration, prolong the useful life of collections, and support institutional resilience: the ability to anticipate and respond to natural and man-made disasters.
Proposals are due by December 5, 2017 | View Details

4. Pancreatic Cancer Action Network 2018 Catalyst Grant
The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is accepting applications for its 2018 Catalyst Grant program. The program, which aims to encourage and support junior faculty in the pursuit of pancreatic cancer research and establish a career path in the field, provides grants of up to \$500,000 over three years to junior investigators who have yet to secure their first significant research funding. Research projects may be basic, translational, clinical, or epidemiological in nature but must have direct applicability and relevance to pancreatic cancer. Grant recipients not only receive financial support for their funded research but also are invited to join the network's Community for Progress, a mentorship program that works to advance the goal of increasing survival rates and improving outcomes for pancreatic cancer patients.
Deadline is December 15, 2017 | View Details

5. Friends for an Earlier Breast Cancer Grant
Earlier.org - Friends for an Earlier Breast Cancer Test is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting awareness and education and to raising funds for research into earlier detection of breast cancer. Since its inception in 1995, Friends has awarded nearly \$4 million in seed grants to qualified projects. To advance this mission, grants of up to \$40,000 over one to three years will be awarded in support of pilot research projects focused on new methods aimed at improving detection of early stage breast cancer. Priority will be given to projects that lead to the development of new techniques in the areas of biological or immunologic methods of early detection.
[View Details](#)

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION - GPSA



Topics to be discussed include information from various university committee meetings during the month of November, as well as ways proposed changes to the U.S. Tax Code could affect graduate students. All are welcomed to attend.

NEXT MEETING
Date: Monday November 27, 2017
Time: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Location: MUC 212

Check our Facebook page for meeting details. To be added to the GPSA listserv or to receive information, contact us at the information below.

Join us @ Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/GPSA_USD
NEW Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/usd.edu/gpsa/welcome> | Email: GPSA@usd.edu

SOPA - STUDENTS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

SOPA will be hosting Nate Welch, the executive director of the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company. Welch will speak about economic development in the area and public administration as related to a nonprofit economic development organization. The event is free and open to the public.



Students of Public Administration

Speaker: Nate Welch
Date: Monday, November 27, 2017
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: MUC 212

To be added to the SOPA listserv or to receive information, contact us at the information below.
Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/USDsOPA/>

Follow our Twitter page: @USDsOPA to stay up-to-date on meetings or any other SOPA-related events, activities, or information.
Email: SOPA President Malachi Petersen at Malachi.Petersen@coyotes.usd.edu

SGA GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE CORNER



■ Thanks to a resolution authored by Malachi Petersen, the Senator representing the Graduate School, two new baby changing stations have been installed in both the men and women's restrooms on the first floor of the Muenster University Center. A lactation room for nursing mothers has also been established on the second floor of the MUC.

■ Senator Petersen will also be introducing legislation in SGA to voice opposition to proposed changes to the U.S. Tax Code by the House of Representatives which would define tuition waivers / graduate assistantships as taxable income.

■ **Monday, November 13, 2017 | 7 p.m. | Farber Hall in Old Main**
SGA will host a town hall discussion on sexual assault with USD administrators. All students are encouraged to come and participate in the discussion. SGA Senators will also be going on a "safety walk" with University Police on Wednesday evening to see if any areas of campus can be improved with better lighting.

If you have any issues that you would like brought to the Student Government Association, contact your graduate student senator, Malachi at Malachi.Petersen@coyotes.usd.edu.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Fall 2017 Important Dates

Thanksgiving Recess Begins	Wednesday, November 22, 5 a.m.
Thanksgiving Recess Ends, Classes Resume	Monday, November 27, 8 a.m.
Last Day of Fall Classes	Tuesday, December 5
No Classes	Wednesday, December 6
Final Exams Begins	Thursday, December 7
Semester Ends	Wednesday, December 13
Final Grades Due	Monday, December 18 (by 11:59 p.m.)

December 2017 Graduation

12/01/17	Graduation Approval Form (with results of written and oral exams filed with the Graduate School Office)
12/01/17	Thesis/Dissertation submitted online to ProQuest
12/01/17	Complete survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. students only)
	Fall graduates may participate in the spring 2018 commencement ceremony.

May 2018 Graduation

01/29/18	Final Program of Study (with committee members' signatures) due in Graduate School Office (if this is already on file with the Graduate School, please disregard)
01/29/18	Application for Degree (with advisor's signature) due in Graduate School Office
04/27/18	Graduation Approval Form (with results of written and oral exams filed with the Graduate School Office)
08/10/18	Thesis/Dissertation submitted online to ProQuest
04/27/18	Complete survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. students only)
05/05/18	Graduate Commencement Ceremony at Sanford Coyote Sports Center - 3:00 p.m.

August 2018 Graduation

01/29/18	Final Program of Study (with committee members' signatures) due in Graduate School Office (if this is already on file with the Graduate School, please disregard)
01/29/18	Application for Degree (with advisor's signature) due in Graduate School Office
03/23/18	Walk Early Form due in Graduate School Office (Subject to change)
08/10/18	Graduation Approval Form (with results of written and oral exams filed with the Graduate School Office)
08/10/18	Thesis/Dissertation submitted online to ProQuest
08/10/18	Complete survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. students only)
05/04/19	Graduate Commencement Ceremony at Sanford Coyote Sports Center - TBA

For more information and access to all Graduate School forms, please visit [Graduate School Forms](#).

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS - VERMILLION

Stand Still Parade of Lights
November 30, 2017 | Downtown Main Street | 6 - 6:45 p.m.
Stand Still Parade of Lights! The Floats don't Move, the People do! - [View details online](#).

Holiday Crafts with Santa
November 30, 2017 | 6:45 - 8 p.m.
Vermillion Public Library - [View details online](#).

[View](#) the online calendar for more events in the Vermillion area.

Please connect with us to receive reminders & updates about Graduate School events.



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If you are a person with a disability and need a special accommodation to fully participate, please contact Disability Services at 605-677-6389 4 hours before the event.