SOUTH DAKOTA STATE CROSS COUNTRY WOMEN'S ROSTER

Bobbie Sedlmajer
Grand Forks, N.D.

Holly Sheets
Perham, Minn.

Alex Suhr
Rapid City, S.D.

Andrea Weeder
Lindsay, Neb.

Chandra Welbon
Red Oak, Iowa

Laura Wolles
Colton, S.D.

Rochelle Wynia
Platte, S.D.

Bobbie McLaury
Elk Point, S.D.

Erica Meyer
Rosholt, S.D.

Courtney Neubert
Aberdeen, S.D.

Erin Nolz
Garretson, S.D.

Josie Oakland
Bristol, S.D.

Brooke Peterson
Hitchcock, S.D.

Tera Potts
Sturgis, S.D.

Kirsten Anderson
Prior Lake, Minn.

Samantha Anderson
Prior Lake, Minn.

Laura Bauer
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Leah Bolon
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Katie Boote
Canton, S.D.

Cheyanne Bowers
St. James, Minn.

Tia Carlson
Kadoka, S.D.

Krista Creager
Yankton, S.D.

Jessica Derby
Estelline, S.D.

Jessica Elbs
Henderson, Minn.

Jenna Grossenburg
Yankton, S.D.

Erin Hargens
Sioux Falls S.D.

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**History**

**WOMEN:**
- AIAW National Champions 1980
- NCAA Division II Champions 1981, 12 Top-10 Finishes
- North Central Champions Nine Times
- NCAA Division I Independent Champions 2006
- All-Americans (Division II) - 41
- Summit League Champions 2008

**MEN:**
- NAIA Champions 1956
- NCAA Division II Champions: 1959, 73, 86, 89, 96
- NCAA College or Division II Top-Ten Finishes - 40
- North Central Conference Champions 29 Times
- NCAA Division I Independent Champions 2005
- All-Americans (Division II) - 67
- All-Americans (Division I) - 2
- Summit League Champions 2009, 2010

**Quick Facts / Coaching Staff**

**South Dakota State University**

Location .................................................Brookings, S.D.
Founded/Enrollment ..................................1881 (12,725)
Affiliation ...............................................NCAA Division I
Nickname ...............................................Jackrabbits
Colors ....................................................Yellow and Blue
Conference .............................................The Summit League

**Sports Information**

Graduate Assistant/XC SID ..................................Will Rottler
Alma mater ...............................................Minnesota, Morris, '12
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**Team Information**

2011 Summit League
- Women: 4th place
- Men: 3rd place

Top Returners:
- Women: Erin Hargens, Laura Wolles, Tara Potts
- Men: Jared Ailts, Anthony Bongard Mike Krnask, Trent Lusignan

**Jackrabbit Cross Country**

**Coaching Staff**

**Rod DeHaven**

*Head Cross Country Coach*

*Eighth Year*

**South Dakota State, '89**

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While coaching the cross country teams, DeHaven has continued the long standing tradition of excellence at South Dakota State. In 2005, the men’s team captured the NCAA Division I Independent Championships, which was their 30th conference title in the program’s history and first at the Division I level. The men also won the 2009 Summit League Championship after being picked to finish fifth in the preseason. The men’s team followed up with a repeat championship performance in 2010. The women’s team won the 2006 NCAA Division I Independent Championship and the 2008 Summit League Championship, which were their ninth and 10th conference championships. In 2005 and 2007, they lost the respective conference championships by a single point on both occasions.

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**Jackie Spelts**

*Graduate Assistant Coach*

*Second Year*

**Nebraska Wesleyan, '11**

The Jackrabbits welcome Jackie Spelts to the track and field program as a graduate assistant.

Spelts joins the staff after a stellar career at Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln, Neb, during which she was a three-time All-American.

She earned her first All-America honor in track & field by placing seventh in the 5,000 meters at the NCAA III Outdoor Championships in 2010. She won four GPAC individual titles in 2010, two in 2009 and one in 2008 during her outstanding track career. She earned 11 All-GPAC awards, holds five school records and appears on 12 all-time charts in track. In cross country, Spelts was a two-time All-American earning the honor in 2008 and 2009 ... As a junior she placed fifth at the NCAA III Championships, which was the highest ever finish for a NWU women’s cross country runner. She was named the Journal Star State College Female Athlete of the Year in 2010.

Spelts was one of 29 women in the nation in all divisions selected to receive a $7,500 postgraduate scholarship from the NCAA for the spring 2010-11 sports season.

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## 2012 Schedule

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The women's cross-country team is looking to rebound after finishing fourth in the Summit League Championships last season. The Jackrabbits finished fourth or better in six of their nine events last year and at the Midwest regionals, the team finished 16th.

Erin Hargens was the top finisher for the Jackrabbits, as she took 69th out of 189 runners.

SDSU will be returning four runners that finished 50th or better at the conference championship meet, including Hargens who finished 17th with a time of 22:51.12.

With five seniors returning to the team, the Jackrabbits are looking to make noise this season and capture the championship title on October 27th in Rochester, Mich.

Coach Rod DeHaven had high praise for his women's cross-country as they prepare to improve from their fourth place finish last year. Talking about last season, coach DeHaven said “the team competed very well in the season, including the conference meet.” “Hargens and Tera Potts ran very well at the Summit League Conference Championships.”

The team will have lots of returners from last season including Leah Bolon, Hargens, Potts, and Laura Wolles.

The 2012 season will boast a recruiting class that will aim to make an impact this season and in the future. Any number of the incoming freshmen will be able to make their name known in the Summit League. A few notables from the state of South Dakota include Tia Carlson, Jenna Grossenburg, and Erin Nolz.

From the state of Minnesota the Anderson twins-Kirsten and Samantha-look to continue their success from Prior Lake High School on to the next level. Cheyanne Bowers who is also from Minnesota, was a I-state performer at St. James High School and plans to fit right in with the rest of Jackrabbit runners.

The Jackrabbits incoming recruiting class will also feature Andrea Weeder from Lindsay, Neb. Weeder ran at Holy Family High School, in helping her school win the Class D State Championship.

Coach DeHaven noted on the upcoming season that with the strength of the conference this year, that the team will have to run well if they want to finish near the top.

The season is set to begin at the NDSU Open in Fargo, N.D on Aug. 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Men's 2012 Preview

The men's cross-country team is looking for another top-tier performance, as they took third at the Summit League Championships last season. As a team the Jacks finished third or better in five of their seven events they competed in.

The Jackrabbits return nine of their 16 runners from last season including, Jared Ailts and Trent Lusignan. Ailts and Lusignan were both named to the second all-league team. Lusignan was also named the newcomer of the championship.

Ailts finished in 12th place with a time of 25:44.90 and Lusignan finished in ninth with a time of 25:30.20. Lusignan was the only freshmen to finish in the top 15 of the meet.

Coach DeHaven talked about his team’s performance from last year and how they should be this year. “Last year was a bit of a disappointment finishing third, the team struggled at the championship meet.” “The guys should be another top team this year again with our returners and incoming freshmen.”

The biggest question mark for the team according to coach DeHaven is “after the top four runners, who is going to step up and make an impact on the team.”

“Their is a large freshman class coming, and it is one most talented group of kids since 2008,” noted Coach DeHaven on the incoming freshmen.

A few of the notable incoming athletes are: Austin Hamm, Kipp Kinsley, Jensen Orlow and Joel Reichow.

Hamm competed at Bloomfield High School at Hartington, Neb., and won the Class D individual state championship.

Kinsley was an all-state performer his senior year, finishing fourth forYankton High School. Kipp recently took third in a triathlon over this past summer.

Orlow was a section champion, while at Holy Family Catholic High School. Riechow was two-time all-state competitor during his high school career at White Bear Lake.

The season is set to begin at the NDSU Open in Fargo, N.D on Aug. 31 at 5:30 p.m.

The jackrabbits will be able to compete in front of their home fans once this season at the SDSU Classic.

The SDSU Classic will take place on Sep. 14 at the Edgebrook Golf Course. The start time is scheduled for 6:15 p.m.
## South Dakota State Jackrabbits Cross Country

### Women: Fall 2011

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- **Creager, Krista**: 19:48.3 (11, 5), 24:09.4 (46, 4), dnc
- **Hargens, Erin**: 18:52.4 (1, 1), 23:30.3 (15, 1), dnc
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- **Lawton, Laura**: dnc
- **Krsnak, Michael**: dnc
- **Thielen, Dominic**: dnc
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- **Mattison, Lars**: 27:13.1 (14, 5), 21:44.8 (58, 8), dnc
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Jackrabbit Cross Country

Jackrabbit Men

Jared Ailts (Senior)

2011
Took 92nd at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/12) ... Finished 12th at the Summit League Championships (10/29) ... Top Jackrabbit finisher at the SDSU Classic (seventh overall) ... Best 8K time of 25 minutes and 21 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/14)

2010
Finished ninth at the Summit League Championships (10/30) in an 8K-best of 25 minutes 16 seconds, helping the Jacks to their second consecutive Summit League Championship ... finished 10th at both the UND Double Dual (9/4) and SDSU Classic (10/2) ... was a top-five runner for the team the majority of the season ... ran a 10K personal-best at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/13) with a time of 32:14

2009
Placed sixth on the team in the Griak Invite with a time of 27:19.20 (9/26) ... ran season best times at the Drews Invite finishing in 26.25.90 (10/17) and matched that time with a 20th place finish at the Summit League Championships (10/31) ... finished 83rd at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a 10,000 meters time of 33:32.70 (11/14)

Anthony Bongard (Senior)

2011
Redshirted due to military deployment

2010
Finished fourth at the Summit League Championships (11/30) helping the Jacks to their second consecutive Summit League Championship ... twice named the Summit League Athlete of Week for his performances at the prestigious Griak Invite (11/25) where he led the Jacks with 61st place showing and winning the SDSU Classic (10/2) in a time of 24 minutes 46 seconds ... finished 48th at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/13) with a time of 31:15

2009
Won the Pynn Invite with a time of 25:46.30 (9/5) ... ran a season best time of 25:08 for a 15th place finish at the Drews Invite (10/17) ... finished 11th at the Summit League Championship in 26:01.40 (10/31)

2008
Redshirted due to military duty

2007
Ran in four cross country meets as a freshman, posting a season-best finish of 15th after a time of 21 minutes, 47.70 seconds at the NDSU Open ... placed 30th at the SDSU Classic in a time of 27:06
Michael Kransk (Senior)

2011
Redshirted ... Ran unattached in the SDSU Classic (10/1) and finished second overall with an 8K time of 24 minutes and 48 seconds

2010
Opened the season with individual wins at the UND Double Dual (9/4) and the Oz Memorial (9/10) meets ... earned Summit League Athlete of the Week honors for his performance at the Oz Memorial ... ran a personal-best 8k at the Pre National (10/16) meet with a time of 24 minutes 46 seconds ... at the Summit League Championships (10/30), he battled for top honors most of the race before slipping to a third-place finish, leading the Jacks to a second-consecutive Summit League title ... narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA Championships when he finished 16th with a time of 30:22 at the NCAA Midwest Championship (11/13), earning all-Midwest Regional honors ... his finish at the Midwest Regional helped the team finish eighth, which was the team’s highest regional finish ever

2009
Had the best team time in four of the seven events that he competed in ... placed third at the season opening Pynn Invite with a time of 26:11.90 (9/5) ... finished fourth and had the best time on the team at the Oz Memorial in 19:24.30 (9/11) ... had a third place finish at the SDSU Classic in 25:48.80 (10/3) ... ran a season best time of 24:56.80 at the Drews Invite to place seventh (10/17) ... finished sixth at the Summit League Championships in 25:33.80 (10/31) ... had the second best time on the team at the NCAA Midwest Regional in 33:18 (11/14)

2008
Krsank had an impressive freshman campaign as he came across as the first Jackrabbit harrier on five of seven occasions ... finished the season very strong with a 9th place finish at the Jim Drews Invite in a time of 25:20 ... placed 10th at the Summit League Championships in 25:14 and 46th at the NCAA Midwest Regional.

Lars Mattison (Senior)

2011
Finished 165th at the NCAA Midwest Regionals (11/12) ... Competed in eight meets this season for the Jacks ... Best 8K time of 26 minutes and 45 seconds at the Fall Finale (11/7)

2010
Redshirted

2009
Finished the season opening Pynn Invite in 28:14.50 (9/5) ... clocked in at 28:29.70 at the SDSU Classic (10/3) ... ran a season best time of 28:07 to finish 24th at the Fall Finale (11/6)

2008
Mattison competed in seven meets for the Jackrabbit men ... his best races came in October at the SDSU Classic and Jim Drews Invitational ... at the Drews meet the Wisconsin native cracked the 28:00 minute barrier for 8k with 27:54 clocking.
Jackrabbit Men

Christian Karels (Junior)

2011
Competed in six meets for the Jacks ... Best 8K time of 26 minutes and 53 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/14)

Drew Kraft (Sophomore)

2011
Took 144th at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/12) ... Finished 46th at the Summit League Championships (10/29) ... Competed in six meets for the Jacks ... Best 8K time of 26 minutes and 55 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/14)

Kenny Mayer (Junior)

2011
Took 39th at the Summit League Championships (10/29) ... Three top-five team finishes ... Best 8K time of 26 minutes and 23 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/14)

2010
Ran a season-best time of 26 minutes 40 seconds at the SDSU Classic (10/2) to highlight his freshman season

Trent Lusignan (Sophomore)

2011
Finished 67th at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/12) ... Took ninth at the Summit League Championships (10/29) ... Top-five team finisher in every meet ... Finished second overall at the Ronn Pynn Invite (9/3) behind teammate Greg Vollmer ... Best 8K time of 25 minutes and 21 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/14)
Jackrabbit Men

Connor Branick (Freshman)
Before SDSU
2010: 19th place in the State Cross Country Meet ... 2011: 11th place in State Cross Country Meet ... 2012: seventh in 3200m at the State Track Meet ... awards: four year letter winner, twice voted hardest worker, and team captain senior year

Stephan Bruha (Freshman)
Before SDSU
All academic team cross country ... high school records: 400M 4x400M 4x800M ... two-time all conference ... three time all state ... two time hamline elite meet mvp in track and cross country ... most improved runner in track and cross country

Austin Hamm (Freshman)
Before SDSU
2008 Nebraska state cross country Class D 12th place 17:40 ... 2009 Nebraska state track Class D 3200 meters fifth place 10:15 ... 2009 nebraska state track Class D tenth place 17:40 ... 2010 Nebraska state track Class D 3200 meters third place 10:09 ... 2010 Nebraska state cross country Class D fourth place 16:52 ... 2011 Nebraska state track Class D 3200 meters first place 9:57 ... 2011 Nebraska state track Class D 1600 meters third place 4:37 ... 2011 Nebraska state cross country Class D first place 16:26 ... team eighth 2012 Norfolk Track Classic 3200 meters first place 9:49 ... first place in the 2012 Nebraska state track Class D 3200 meters ... 2012 Nebraska state track Class D 1600 meters first place 4:29

Kipp Kinsley (Freshman)
Before SDSU
Individual: finished fourth at the 2011 South Dakota cross country championship ... 2011 all-state cross country ... 2012 Morgan J Smith Track Scholarship ... four year letter winner in cross country and track ... 2011 and 2012 Yankton High School cross country athlete of the year ... team Accomplishments: 2009, 2010, 2012 South Dakota combined cross country champion

Phillip LaVallee (Freshman)
Before SDSU
Cross Country: 16th place and All-State at the 2011 Minnesota State meet ... 2010 conference team champions ... track: school record 5000 meters ... third place and All-State in the 800 meters and sixth place and All-State in the 4x800 meters at the 2012 Minnesota State meet ... first place in the 1600 meters and the 800 meters in the 2012 conference meet ... first place in the 4x800 meters and the 800 meters 2011 conference meet ... school and conference records at the 800 meters, 1600 meters and the 4x800 meters

Jensen Orlow (Freshman)
Before SDSU
Cross country two-time all-conference ... 2010 conference champion ... 2011 section 2A champion ... three-time state participant ... two time All State ... two-time academic all state ... 5k school record holder (15:51) ... team captain track and field during the 2010 and 2011 seasons ... four-time all-conference in the 1600 and 3200, two-time state participant in the 3200 ... four-time academic all state ... school records in the 1600 (4:23), 3200 (9:14) ... 2011 and 2012 team captain in cross country ... USAAT JR national qualifier

Joel Reichow (Freshman)
Before SDSU
Cross country: earned All-Conference and individually qualified for the state meet all four years ... 2008 section and conference champions ... 2009 and 2011 runner ups for conference and section ... state finishings: placed fifth in 2008, sixth in 2009, and 12th in 2011 ... All-State in 2010 and 2011 ... placed ninth in 2010 and 20th in 2011 ... 2010 section runner up ... 2011 runner up conference and section in cross country ... track: 2012 track and field section champion in the 1600 with a time of 4:16 ... placed ninth in the 2012 state meet in the 1600 to earn All-State

Dylan Slaba (Freshman)
Before SDSU
Two time cross country state team champion ... academic All-State ... four year varsity letter for cross country and track/field ... All-State cross country ... top 25 award Rider Award in cross country 2011 ... most improved athlete in track 2011

Andrew Thies (Redshirt Freshman)
Before SDSU
Cross Country: five year letter winner ... three time team MVP ... three time all-conference ... three time team champs ... three time all-section ... team was section runner-up during his senior year ... individually qualified for the class AA state meet three times ... Track: four year letter winner ... four time conference champ (3200, 4x800, 800, 4x400) ... three time all section ... school record holder in 800 (1:58.06) 4x800 (8:12.60) 4x400 (3:27.07)

Grant VanKeluon (Freshman)
Before SDSU
Cross Country: five year letter winner ... three time team MVP ... three time all-conference ... three time team champs ... three time all-section ... team was section runner-up during his senior year ... individually qualified for the class AA state meet three times ... Track: four year letter winner ... four time conference champ (3200, 4x800, 800, 4x400) ... three time all section ... school record holder in 800 (1:58.06) 4x800 (8:12.60) 4x400 (3:27.07)
Laura Bauer

2011
Competed in seven events for the Jacks ... Best 6K time of 23 minutes and 29 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/15)

2010
Won the Fall Finale (11/5) in a time of 19:33, her fastest 5K time on the season… the fourth Jackrabbit to cross the finish line at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/13) with a season-best 6K time of 23:27.18

2009
Had a season best 5000 meter time of 21:13.80 at the Griak Invite (9/26) ... finished the Neubauer Invite in 25:11.70, a season best at 6000 meters (10/17)

Krista Creager

2011
Competed in six meets for the Jacks ... Best 6K time of 23 minutes and 37 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/15)

2010
Finished the SDSU Classic (10/2) in a 5K season-best of 19:37.9 ... finished 87th at the Bradley Classic (10/15) in a season-best 6K time of 23:24 ... the sixth Jackrabbit to cross the finish line at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/13) with a 6K time of 23:43.18

2009
Ran a 20:29.20 to place 20th at the Pynn Invite (9/5) ... had a season best time of 25:19.80 at 6000 meters at the Neubauer Invite (10/17)
Jackrabbit Cross Country

Jackrabbit Women Seniors

Erin Hargens

2011
Top-two team finisher in all seven competed meets ... Top Jackrabbit finisher at the Ron Pynn Invite (9/3), Oz Memorial (9/9) and SDSU Classic (10/1) ... Won the Ron Pynn Invite (5K) in 18 minutes and 52 seconds ... Best 6K time of 22 minutes and 12 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/15) ... finished 17th at the Summit League Championships (10/29)

2010
Finished third at the Summit League Championships (10/30) with a season-best 6K time of 21:24.3 ... named to the All-Summit League First Team for her performance at the Championships ... the first Jackrabbit to cross the finish line at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/13) in 55th place with a time of 21:29.65 ... finished first for the Jackrabbits in every race she ran ... finished fourth at the Ron Pynn Classic (9/4) with a time of 18:37.5 ... finished the SDSU Classic (10/2) in sixth place with a season-best 5K time of 17:58.5

2009
At Oklahoma, finished 19th in her first competition as a Sooner at the Hurricane Festival, completing the course with a time of 11:50 ... Finished 67th (24:07) out of 193 runners at the Roy Griak Invitational ... Finished 84th overall with a time of 23:07.23 at the Chile Pepper Festival ... Finished 70th at the Big 12 Championships completing the course with a time of 23:54.73.

Josie Oakland

2011
Competed in six meets for the Jacks ... Finished sixth overall at the Fall Finale (11/4, 5K) in 19 minutes and 32 seconds ... Best 6K time of 24 minutes and 39 seconds at the Roy Griak Invite (9/24)

2010
Finished the SDSU Classic (10/2) in a season-best 5K time of 20:05.5 ... finished the Bradley Classic (10/15) in a season-best 23:55 in the 6K ... finished in a season-high 12th place at the Fall Finale (11/5) with a time of 20:10 in the 5K

2009
Ran a season best 5000 meter time of 20:59.80 at the season opening Pynn Invite (9/5) ... placed 14th, second on the team, at the DSU/Blakely Invite clocking in at 21:02.10 (9/19) ... had a season best of 25:05.80 at the Neubauer Invite (10/17) ... finished 19th with a time of 20:39 at the Fall Finale (11/14)
Jackrabbit Cross Country

Jackrabbit Women Seniors

Tera Potts

2011
Top-four team finisher in all seven competed meets ... Placed second at the Ron Pynn Invite (9/3, 5K) in 18 minutes and 56 seconds ... Top Jackrabbit finisher at the Roy Griak Invite (10/24) in 23 minutes and 17 seconds ... Best 6K time of 22 minutes and 55 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/15) ... finished 20th at the Summit League Championships (10/29)

2010
Finished the Ron Pynn Classic (9/4) in a season-high eighth place with a season-best time of 19 minutes 8.8 seconds ... finished the Bradley Classic (10/15) in a season-best 6K time of 22:54 ... the fourth Jackrabbit to cross the finish line at the Summit League Championships (10/30) with a time of 23:25.2 ... finished second for the Jacks at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/13) with a time of 23:00.02

2009
Finished 11th in the season opening Pynn Invite with a time of 19 minutes 21.30 seconds (9/5) ... placed fourth on the team clocking in at 24:31.80 at the Oz Memorial (9/11) ... ran a season best time of 24:01.70 at the Neubauer Invite (10/17) ... finished the NCAA Midwest Regional in 24:17.20 (11/14)

Laura Wolles (Redshirt Junior)

2011
Competed in seven meets for the Jacks ... Third Jackrabbit to cross the finish line at the NCAA Midwest Regional in 23 minutes and 17 seconds, a season-best 6K time (11/12) ... finished 34th at the Summit League Championships (10/29)

2010
Redshirted

2009
Had a team-best seventh-place finish at the DSU/Blakely Invite with a time of 20 minutes 27.70 seconds (9/19) ... finished the SDSU Classic in 20:50.70 (10/3) ... placed 15th with a time of 20:28 at the Fall Finale (11/6)
Jackrabbit Cross Country

Jackrabbit Women Juniors

Katie Boote

2011
Competed in seven meets for the Jacks ... Finished third at the Fall Finale (11/4) in 19
minutes and four seconds ... Best 6K time of 23 minutes and 32 seconds at the Bradley
Invite (10/15)

2010
Finished a season-high 22nd place at the Ron Pynn Classic (9/4) with a time of
20:23.1 in the 5K ... ran a season-best 19:39.8 in the 5K at the SDSU Classic (10/2)
... finished sixth for the Jacks in a season best 6K time of 23:35.9 at the Summit
League Championships (10/30)

Jessica Derby

2011
Did not compete in the 2010 season

2010
Ran a season-best 24:04.5 in the Ron Pynn Classic (9/4) ... finished 29th at the Dakota State Invite (9/18)
with a time of 24:10 ... finished the 5K at the SDSU Classic (10/2) in a time of 24:48.2

2009
Ran a 23:28.10 at the DSU/Blakely Invite (9/19) ... finished the SDSU Classic with a time of 23:15.20
(10/3) ... clocked in at 28:55.10 at the Neubauer Invite (10/17)

Erica Meyer

2011
Finished 16th among Jackrabbit runners at the SDSU Classic (10/1, 5K) in 23
minutes and 18 seconds

Holly Sheets

2011
Did not compete

2010
Finished the SDSU Classic (10/2) in a season-best 5K time of 20 minutes 26.2
seconds ... finished the Bradley Classic (10/15) in a season-best time of 25:15 in
the 6K ... took a season-high 25th place at the Fall Finale (11/5) with a 5K time of
20:45
Leah Bolon

2011
Competed in six events for the Jacks ... Placed fourth at the Fall Finale (11/4) in 19 minutes and 25 seconds ... Best 6K time of 24 minutes and 18 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/15)

Bobbie McLaury

2011
Did not compete

Laura Lawton (Redshirt Fr.)

2011
Competed unattached in two meets this season ... Finished fourth at the Fall Finale (11/4, 5K) in 19 minutes and 33 seconds

Courtney Neubert

2011
Five-time top-five team finisher ... Finished seventh overall at the Ron Pynn Invite (9/3, 5K) in 19 minutes and 37 seconds ... Best 6K time of 22 minutes and 18 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/15)
Brooke Peterson

2011
Competed in six meets for the Jacks ... Finished seventh overall at the Herb Blakely Invite (9/17, 5K) in 20 minutes and one second ... Best 6K time of 25 minutes and 47 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/15)

Alex Suhr

2011
Competed in seven meets for the Jacks ... Finished sixth overall at the Herb Blakely Invite (9/17, 5K) in 19 minutes and 57 seconds ... Best 6K time of 24 minutes and 26 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/15)

Bobbie Sedlmajer

2011
Competed in five meets for the Jacks ... Best 6K time of 25 minutes and seven seconds at the Roy Griak Invite (9/24)

Chandra Welbon

2010
Redshirted
Kirsten Anderson

Before SDSU
Named cross country rookie of the year in 2009 ... Dagget award winner in 2011 for leadership and Co-Captain of Cross Country in 2011 ... participated in the MN State track & field championships 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 as a runner on the 4 x 800 relay achieving All State honors each year ... partook in the MN State 2 mile as an individual qualifier in 2009 ... a runner on the Section 3AA 4x800 champions in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 ... helped Prior Lake High School achieve State True team places of 2nd 2009, 3rd in 2010, 3rd in 2011 and 2nd in 2012 ... has been all conference in cross country and track for four years and four-time Academic All-State for cross country and track.

Jenna Grossenburg

Before SDSU
Athlete of the year in track and cross country ... cross country state champ her senior year ... state champ her sophomore and senior year in ESD track ... sophomore year: ESD team champs track ... sophomore year: fifth in the 3200, eighth in 1600 ... junior year: third in the 3200, eighth in the 1600 ... cross country: sophomore year: eleventh place ... junior year eighth place ... senior year: fourth place ... junior year: individual ESD champ ... sophomore year: ESD Team Champs.

Samantha Anderson

Before SDSU
State participant in the MN State swim meets in 2008 and 2009 ... all-conference and all-academic all-state honors ... rookie of the year in 2008 for swimming ... competed in the MN State cross country championships in 2010 and 2011 ... was named cross country rookie of the year in 2010 and co-mvp in 2011 ... cross country all-conference in cross country in 2010 and 2011 ... took part in the MN State track & field championships 2009, 2010, 2011 as a runner on the 4 x 800 relay achieving All State honors each year ... a runner on the Section 3AA 4x800 champions in 2009, 2010, 2011 ... has been an individual qualifier for the Hamline Elite meet for the past 4 years in the 800M open and 4x800 relay in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Cheyanne Bowers

Before SDSU
Cross country: four-time MVP two-year captain, five-time all-section, four-time all-conference, two-time all-state academic, six-year letter winner, and three time state participant, (holds all team and individual records in cross country) ... basketball: most improved, team captain ... track: six year letter winner, 3200 meter record holder, three-time all-conference, conference champ in 3200, subsection champ in the 3200 meters, two-time section runner up in the 3200 meters, placed tenth and ninth in state 3200 meters.

Melissa Knobloch

Before SDSU
Most Inspirational for track 2012 ... Outstanding Senior Athlete Award ... 2012 White Letter Award ... 2009-2012 Varsity Scholar Athletic Award ... 2012 National Girls & Women in Sports Day Award ... Cross Country team finished 11th at State 2011 ... Track and Field 2009-2012 ... best finish for the 4x800 placed seventh at State 2012.

Tia Carlson

Before SDSU
2007: Cross Country state B team champions ... 2008: Cross Country state B team runner-ups ... 2009: Cross Country state B team 3rd place ... 2010: Cross Country state B team runner-ups ... 2011: All-State Cross Country ... 2010: Best of the west ... 2010: All-Conference ... 2011: 1600m third place ... 2012: 400m seventh place ... 2012: 3200m third place ... 2012: 800m. State Champion ... 2010: 1600m State runner-up ... 2011: 800m State runner-up ... 2012: 4x800m third place.

Erin Nolz

Before SDSU
Cross country: three-time coaches award winner ... two-time MVP award ... five-time All-State ... five-time All-Conference ... placings at state: 18th in 2007, 16th in 2008, sixth in 2009, fourth in 2010, third in 2011 ... Top 10 All Class (2 years), Top 25 All Class (2 years), Top 10 All Class (1 year) ... team awards at state: third place in 2007, ninth place in 2008, two-time State Champions (2009 and 2010)... second place in 2011 ... track: four-time coaches award ... broke school record in mile, six year letter winner ... awards at state: third in the 4x8 in 2007, second in the 4x8 in 2008, fourth in the 4x8 in 2010, and third in the mile in 2010.

Andrea Weeder

Before SDSU
Junior year: Individual state cross country champion, third place state basketball team, state track champion in the 3200, 1600, and the 800 meters and state champion 4x800 relay team member, and state champions as a team ... senior year: individual state runner-up and team runner-up, third place state basketball team, state track champions in the 3200 and the 1600 meters, third place in the 800 meters and a member of champion 4x800 relay team, and state champions as a team.

Jessica Eibs

Before SDSU
Cross Country: took 84th in the 2010 State meet ... 2010 All-Conference ... 2010 All-Section ... 2010 Rookie of the Year ... 2011 State Entry 26th place 2011 All-Conference ... 2011 All-Section 2011 Captain ... Track: 2009 Section Participant ... 2010 Section Participant ... 2011 All-Conference Honorable Mention ... 2011 Section Participant ... 2012 Captain ... 2012 All-Conference ... Set the 800m School record (2:22) ... Set 1600m School Record (5:27) ... Re-broke 800m School Record (2:21).

Rochelle Wynia

Before SDSU
Cross country: placed 22nd in her freshman year, 21st her sophomore year, 15th her junior year, and 22nd her senior year at state meets ... academic all-state ... voted most valuable female runner five years in a row ... named to the South Dakota run elite team junior and senior year of track ... placed sixth in the 3200m relay at the 2011 state meet and seventh in 3200m run at the 2011 state meet.
National Titles (Men)

NCAA Division I All-Americans (Men)
Garry Bentley 1974 (8th)

NCAA Division I Top 10 Finishes
1953 (7th), 1954 (9th)

NCAA Division I Top 50 Finishes (Men)

National Individual Champions (Men)
Don Broksieck 1959, Garry Bentley 1973, 1974

NCAA Division I Independents National Individual Champion (Men)
Brad Lowery 2005

NCAA Division I Independent Title (Men)
2005

NCC Individual Champions (Men)

NCC Titles (Men)

All-Americans (Men)
Jackrabbit Cross Country

Jackrabbit Women Records

National Titles (Women)
1980, 1981

NCAA Division I Top 50 Finishes (Women)
Vicki Coyle 1981

NCC Titles (Women)

NCC Runner-Up Finishes (Women)

NCAA Division I Independents Champions (Women)
2006

NCC Individual Champions (Women)

NCAA Division I Independents All-Americans (Women)
Becka Manshiem 2005, 2006

All-Americans (Women)
       Men’s Finish 3rd, 1st Southern Utah 48pts
       All League Performers: Greg Vollmer (Sr.) 6th, Trent Lusignan (Fr.) 9th*, Jared Ailts (Jr.) 12th
       Women’s Finish 4th 116pts, 1st North Dakota St. 64pts
       All League Performers: Danielle Burke (Sr.) 14th

       2010  Host School: IUPUI Carmel, Ind.
       Men’s Finish 1st 43pts
       All League Performers: Micheal Krsnak (Jr.) 3rd, Anthony Bongard (Jr.) 4th, Jared Ailts (So.) 9th,
       Greg Vollmer (So.) 12th
       Women’s Finish 6th 159pts, 1st Oakland 45 points
       All League Performers: Erin Hargens (So.) 3rd

       2009  Host School: Southern Utah, Cedar City, Utah
       Men’s Finish 1st 59pts
       All League Performers: Micheal Krsnak (So.) 6th, Greg Vollmer (So.) 10th, Anthony Bongard (So.) 11th,
       Greg Beesly (So.) 12th
       Women’s Finish 5th W

       2008  Host: Centenary College, Shreveport, La.
       Men’s Finish 5th 125pts, 1st South Utah 50points
       All League Performers: Micheal Krsnak (Fr.) 10th
       Women’s Finish: 1st 60pts
       All League Performers: Ashley Storm (Jr.) 7th, Nicole Davis (Jr.) 9th, Claire Steinke (Sr.) 10th, Caitlin Berry (Sr.) 11th

       2007  Host School: Western Illinois, Macomb, Ill.
       Men’s Finish: 4th 100pts, 1st Southern Utah 40pts
       All League Performers: Marshall Kambestad (Fr.) 5th, Andrew Van Nurden (Sr.) 6th
       Women’s Finish: 3rd 68pts, 1st Southern Utah/IPFW 67pts
       All League Performers: Caitlin Berry (Jr.) 5th, Claire Steinke (Jr.) 9th, Emily Smith (Fr.) 14th

       *freshman newcomer of the year
2011  Host School: Northern Illinios
   Men’s Team Place: 17th of 25-440 pts, Top Finisher Greg Vollmer (Sr.) 61st-32:53.3
   Women’s Team Place: 16th of 28-475 pts, Top Finisher Danielle Burke (Sr.) 45th-22:19.7

2010  Host School: Bradley
   Men’s Team Place: 8th of 24-256 pts, Top Finisher Micheal Krsnak (Jr.) 16th-30:22.70*
   Women’s Team Place: 23rd of 27, 647 pts, Top Finisher: Erin Hargens (So.) 55th-21:29.65

2009  Host School: Missouri St.
   Men’s Team Place: 13th of 25 Top Finisher: Greg Beesley (So.)-67th 33:05.1
   Women’s Team Place: 18th of 24-439 pts, Top Finisher: Ashley Storm (Sr.) 40th-21:55.1

2008  Host School: Oklahoma St.
   Men’s Team Place: 18th of 23 Top Finisher: Micheal Krsnak (Fr.) 46th-32:36.0
   Women’s Team Place: 16th of 27-427 pts, Top Finisher: Caitlin Berry (Sr.) 22:29.1-59th

*Named to All-Midwest Region Team
As The Summit League enters its fourth decade of Division I athletics, the performance level continues to rise to higher standards. A memorable 2011-12 campaign celebrated numerous record-setting and remarkable achievements for The Summit League, its member schools and student-athletes during the league’s 30th anniversary season.

“Ascending” and “improving” are common adjectives used in media coverage of The Summit League as it continues its renaissance. Consisting of nine member institutions with over 3,000 student-athletes competing in 19 championship sports, The Summit League has enjoyed unparalleled success and development in recent history.

Since rebranding as The Summit League in 2007, the league has produced 54 All-Americans, 37 Academic All-America selections and seven NCAA Championships. In the past seven seasons, Summit League teams have achieved final national rankings in six different sports, won NCAA regional championships in two sports and advanced in three additional NCAA team championship tournaments. That level of success carries into both the classroom and athletic competition.

Record-Setting 2011-12 Season

In 2011-12 alone, The Summit League nearly doubled its all-time NCAA Champions total by claiming four national titles. IUPUI’s Chen Ni became the first female to win multiple NCAA championships, after winning the platform dive in 2010 and 2012. The Summit League finished 2011-12 with its highest RPI ranking in history, placing 16th among Division I conferences after peaking as high as No. 11 earlier in the season. A record five teams played in national postseason tournaments with one, Oakland, making the deepest run in league history with three wins and a semifinal appearance in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament. The league-wide success translated to unprecedented fan support and an all-time best home attendance figure.

Throughout the 2011-12 season, The Summit League measured up well against men’s basketball leagues across the country and finished with a .500 or better record against 15 of the 17 mid-major conferences. Against both Division I and overall non-league competition, The Summit League amassed its highest victory total and its best winning percentage on record. Under the national spotlight, The Summit League was one of only two conferences with multiple participating teams to post perfect records in nationally-televised BracketBuster games.

In women’s athletics, The Summit League sent a record four teams to compete in national women’s basketball postseason tournaments, including an all-time high three in the WNIT. The volleyball season saw The Summit League ranked as high as No. 13 among the 33 Division I leagues in the Pablo Ranking system.

With three national champions and the two-highest placing teams in league history at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, The Summit League solidified itself as one of the national leaders in the sport. During the Indoor season, The Summit League finished ninth among men’s Division I leagues in the final USTFCCCA conference index. A combined 12 men’s and women’s Indoor and Outdoor All-America honors went to Summit League student-athletes.

The Summit League emphasizes a balance of outstanding athletics and academics. The NCAA honored a record 15 Summit League student-athletes for APR success that included finishing among the top 10 percent for their sport. Individually, North Dakota State’s Amy Anderson continued to garner recognition as one of the NCAA’s top student-athletes by earning the National Golf Coaches Association’s Dinah Shore Trophy recognizing achievement in athletic performance, grade point average and community service. Similar honors went to IUPUI’s men’s soccer standout Perez Agaba, who earned selection to the Lowe’s Senior CLASS All-America team. A total of seven Summit League student-athletes were named to their sport’s Capital One Academic All-America teams, includes three first team honorees.

Origins and Evolution

In 1982, the present-day Summit League was formed by commissioner F.L. “Frosty” Ferzacc a as the Association of Mid-Continent Universities with eight schools competing in five championship sports at the Division I level. Later known as the
One of the Summit League’s most iconic moments came when Valparaiso’s Bryce Drew hit “the shot”, a game-winning three-pointer at the buzzer, to top Mississippi in the first round of the 1998 NCAA Tournament. Valpo’s story captivated the nation as they became the league’s second team to reach the “Sweet 16.”

Mid-Continent Conference, The Summit League has grown to a combined enrollment of over 144,000 students at nine universities, four of which are based in top-58 U.S. metro populations (Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City and Omaha).

The Summit League’s two newest members, South Dakota and Nebraska Omaha, compete together for the first time in 2012-13. Admitted to the league in 2009, USD completed its initial year of league competition in 2011-12 and is eligible for all championships this season. UNO joined the league in 2011 and is in its first year of Summit League competition before becoming fully eligible for all sport championships in 2015-16.

Current Summit League member institutions include: IPFW (Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne), IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis), UMKC (University of Missouri-Kansas City), the University of Nebraska Omaha, North Dakota State University, Oakland University, the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, and Western Illinois University. Eastern Illinois University competes as an associate member in swimming and diving and men’s soccer and Oral Roberts University is an associate member for men’s soccer. These member institutions pride themselves on providing quality athletic, academic and social experiences for their student-athletes.

The Summit League sponsors 19 championship sports: baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross country, men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s indoor track and field, men’s and women’s outdoor track and field, men’s and women’s soccer, softball, women’s and men’s swimming and diving, men’s and women’s volleyball, and men’s and women’s tennis. The league champion receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament in all applicable sports.

Since its inception in 1982, The Summit League has had several transcendent moments on the national stage. In 1986, Cleveland State upset third-seeded Indiana in the first round of the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament on its way to a berth in the Sweet 16. A decade later, Valparaiso captured the nation’s attention when Bryce Drew hit “the shot” to topple No. 4 seed Mississippi in an NCAA first-round game that sparked its 1998 Sweet 16 run. More recently, Oral Roberts’ baseball program finished the 2004 campaign with a national-ranking and became the first Summit League school to reach an NCAA Super Regional in 2006. Three years later in 2009, North Dakota State became the league’s first softball team to win an NCAA regional and advance to the Super Regional round. During the 2008-09 basketball season, South Dakota State’s women’s team was nationally-ranked throughout the year and capped its season with an NCAA Tournament first round victory.

The League has produced nine NCAA champions, four Olympic medalists and numerous All-Americans in the sports of track and field, swimming and diving and cross country. Several professional athletes and draft choices have come directly from The Summit League, including three Major League Baseball first round picks, a pair of NBA first round choices, and one WNBA selection. Former Summit Leaguer Kevin Duckworth (NBA) was a two-time all-star during his professional career.

To coincide with The Summit League’s 30th Anniversary Season, the league released a list of its Top 30 Distinguished Contributors from the Division I era as selected by a panel of voters from member schools and media. Four individual NCAA champions and three Olympic medalists along with four NBA players and two World Series Champions headlined The Summit League’s list of top student-athletes, coaches and administrators that was the jewel of the anniversary celebration.

Follow The Summit League on Twitter @thesummitleague, @summithoops and @summittchamps
### Media Information

**Credentials** - All requests for media credentials for SDSU home events should be directed to the SDSU Athletics department. At least 24 hours prior to the event.

Credentials will be mailed if requests are received a week or more in advance. Otherwise, credentials may be picked up at the Jackrabbit Ticket Office inside the Kansas Union on game day. The media coordinator will be available throughout the day and will provide any necessary information.

Due to limited seating, only media working will be allowed access on a first-come, first-served basis.

The following guidelines apply specifically to Internet services:

- No more than two people working for the official media site of the opponent and/or its official conference site will be issued credentials.
- Web sites whose content centers around message boards and chat rooms where users can post anonymous information and/or rumors are ineligible for any consideration for credentials or access.
- Credentials will not be granted to any agency operating sites that are in any way affiliated with gambling, or to freelance or fan-based sites that are not affiliated with a legitimate news-gathering organization.

The final decision for credentials remains at the sole discretion of the South Dakota State sports information department.

**Statistics** - The South Dakota State sports information office will keep official statistics and will distribute final statistics to teams and members of the media within 15 minutes after a conclusion of a meet or event. The box scores, statistics and a meet recap will be posted within an hour following the conclusion of a contest.

**Interview Policy** - Outside of athletic events, interviews with South Dakota State student-athletes must be arranged 24 hours in advance Monday through Thursday by contacting the SDSU Athletics department. media coordinator. Student-athletes will not be available for interviews prior to a contest the day of a game, but will be available for post-game interviews 10 minutes after the conclusion of contests by contacting a member of the sports information staff or coaching staff.

**Photographers**

Photographers (live or still) are asked to not interfere with the sight lines of spectators. Photographers must remain outside the team areas and in a position as to not interfere with the action.

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With a record enrollment of 12,725 students in the fall of 2011, South Dakota State remains the state’s largest institution of higher learning.

**SDSU Early History**

Located in Brookings, the Territorial Legislative Assembly authorized SDSU in 1881 to serve as the state’s land grant institution. Territorial Council member John O’Brien Scobey managed to secure Dakota Agricultural College for his city. Although allocations fell short of the actual cost, the school did open in the fall of 1884 because the president, George Lilley, advanced $500 — one-third of his salary — to finish three rooms in the new Central Building. “Old Central” was soon joined by South (1885) and North (1887), forming the nucleus of campus for a decade and a half.

During the first year of operation, the college only held preparatory classes. College classes started in 1885 with five teachers, 17 freshman and 61 preparatory students. Growth stayed slow and erratic for many years, but by the turn of the 20th century, 242 students enrolled and by 1990, SDSU enrollment grew to more than 9,000 students.

**Colleges Established**

SDSU has granted nearly 70,000 degrees since its charter in 1881.

The structure of the college became more complex as enrollments increased. The first nine chairs of instruction established in 1884 included agriculture, science, mathematics, English, modern languages, military tactics, veterinary science, practical business, political & domestic economy and music.

By 1907, the year the name of the institution changed to South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, there were 22 departments on campus.

Reorganization into the five divisions that formed the basis for the designation of colleges was completed under President Charles W. Pugsley in 1923.

In 1964, when “State College” became South Dakota State University, the school included six colleges. Now, students can earn degrees offered through eight colleges.

Students can choose from more than 200 majors, minors and options at SDSU with more than 2,500 different course offerings.

Master’s degrees can be earned in more than 30 areas, with doctorates available in eight fields.

SDSU also offers degree programs through the South Dakota Public Universities and Research Center in Sioux Falls. The Office of Academic Affairs and Outreach coordinates evening, RDTN, Internet and off-campus courses.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools accredits SDSU, while numerous departments on campus hold accreditation from various other agencies.

SDSU celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2006, a yearlong event that culminated with the 2006 Hobo Day football game.

Over those 125 years, SDSU grew from a campus of 80 acres in 1881 to a 271-acre campus with facilities worth more than $220 million.

The university owns or leases another 15,000 acres for research throughout the state.

The Printing and Journalism Building — now named Anson and Ada May Yeager Hall — underwent a $2.1 million expansion and renovation project.

Other recent campus construction projects include a $7 million expansion to Crothers Engineering Hall, the renovation of Solberg Hall and the building of a $9 million performing arts center, which opened in the fall of 2002.

A new residence hall (Caldwell Hall) and the University Student Union expansion and renovation opened in the fall of 2005, and the Enterprise Institute, located on the southwest corner of campus opened in 2004. In 2005, SDSU spent more than $3 million to install new state of the art scoreboards in Frost Arena and at Coughlin Alumni Stadium.

**Agricultural Research**

The university reaches all corners of the state through the Cooperative Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station, offering service to improve the quality of rural life.

SDSU also sponsors the Center for Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship; Engineering Experiment Station, Office of Remote Sensing; Water Resources Institute; Engineering and Environmental Research Center; Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory; and Northern
Grain Insect Research Laboratory. These units help strengthen the university’s growing commitment to research and support of state and local economic development efforts. The Northern Great Plains Biostress Laboratory, dedicated in 1993, houses scientists who focus on research aimed at developing new technologies to protect crops and livestock.

SDSU is also one of just five universities to serve as a regional center for the Sun Grant Initiative, which is a concept to solve America’s energy needs and revitalize rural communities with Land-Grant university research, education and extension programs on renewable energy and bio-based non-food industries.

The Harding Distinguished Lecture Series, the F.O. Butler Lectures, the Lusk Lecture, and the Amdahl, Schultz-Werth, and Griffiths endowments all supplement classroom instruction. Students can also choose from more than 100 clubs and organizations on campus.

Museums & Attractions
The educational opportunities do not end in the classroom or laboratory, as South Dakota State University houses several facilities, including museums and gardens.

Dedicated in 1970, and expanded in 2000, the South Dakota Federation of Women’s Club first envisioned the South Dakota Art Museum in 1949. The museum’s collections include early Sioux Indian tribal art, the famed Harvey Dunn paintings of pioneer life and the exclusive Vera Way Marghab linens.

The State Agricultural Heritage Museum transformed the former Stock Judging Pavilion into a home for exhibits that record and preserve the agrarian heritage of South Dakota.

The 70-acre McCrory Gardens and South Dakota Arboretum, located south and east of campus, provide a beautiful setting for area residents and tourists to enjoy a stroll through the radiant colors and fragrances of one of the top 10 small ornamental gardens in the nation.

It is also recognized as an All-American Display Garden, one of only 13 in the nation. In 1993 McCrory Gardens was designated an All-American Judging Garden to conduct research on annual flowers.

Since 1985, private contributions made many new gardens possible including the Rose, Rock, Centennial Prairie, Iris, True Lily, Mum, Native Prairie Collection, Oak Tree Memorial Garden, All-Red Specialty Garden, Peony Garden, Shrub Rose Collection, and Children’s Maze.

In August 1994, McCrory Gardens dedicated the McKelvie Grove Memorial in honor of former governor and Brookings resident George S. Mickelson.

In 1982, they dedicated the area north of the formal garden to the planting and testing of ornamental trees and shrubs. The 45-acre site was designated the South Dakota State Arboretum in 1988.

The arboretum’s purpose is to test woody plants needed to protect agricultural fields and livestock from the region’s harsh environment, to provide hardy trees to shade our towns and cities, and to test ornamental shrubs for both durability and beauty.

SDSU Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks Department manage the arboretum and gardens.

McCrory Gardens continues to develop more gardens, tree and shrub collections.

The Coughlin Campanile
South Dakota State’s most recognizable landmark may be the 165-foot Coughlin Campanile, the state’s largest chimes tower. A climb of 179 steps leads to a panoramic view of the city.

Charles Coughlin, a 1909 engineering graduate who later went on to become head of the Briggs & Stratton Corporation, donated the statuesque structure on the west end of campus at a cost of $65,000. Coughlin laid the campanile’s cornerstone on June 10, 1929. Since then, its chimes call students to classes with the famous Westminster peals.

An alumni-sponsored project to restore the campanile was completed in the summer of 2001.

Named after a former SDSU President, The Hilton M. Briggs Library, the state’s largest, opened in 1977 and joined South Dakota’s statewide automated library network in 1988. Through the library, users can access holdings from all 10 of the state’s libraries, including official documents and more than 1 million other holdings at Briggs.

Adjacent to the campanile, Coolidge-Sylvan Theatre provides a restful, green haven for students since its dedication by President Calvin Coolidge in September 1927.

Over the years the outdoor amphitheater hosted concerts, graduations and inaugurations for university presidents.

Woodbine Cottage, the home of the university president, is a charming example of Queen Anne architecture. Built in 1887 by South Dakota Agricultural College’s second president, Dr. Lewis McClouth, the home is crowned by multiple rooflines. The house also served as a women’s dormitory, music hall and infirmary.

The Jackrabbits
Two theories exist as to how and why SDSU’s athletic teams became known as the “Jackrabbits.”

Most believe that the name “Jackrabbits” came from a story and cartoon sketch that appeared in a Minneapolis newspaper following a 1905 football game between the University of Minnesota and South Dakota State College. Many believe that a reporter for the newspaper, knowing of the preponderance of jackrabbits in the Brookings area, wrote that the SDSC team was as quick as jackrabbits. Many people believe that the school adopted the Jackrabbits as its official nickname from that beginning.

The other theory about the origin of the nickname came in the Jackrabbit, SDSU’s yearbook. A poem in the 1907 yearbook puts forth the idea that the yearbook is called The Jackrabbit because a group of juniors wished to immortalize themselves by changing the name of the yearbook. Athletic teams followed suit, adopting the nickname.

Prior to the adoption of the Jackrabbit nickname, fans knew the school athletic teams as the Barn Yard Cadets as SDSU was known as South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in 1907.

The Jackrabbit can run at speeds of 30-to-35 miles per hour, with bursts up to 45, making it the second-fastest animal in North America, second only to the pronghorn antelope, which can run at speeds up to 60 miles per hour.

Jackrabbits are, properly speaking, not rabbits but hares, with longer feet and longer ears than rabbits. Most hares live in open country, whereas rabbits – like cottontails – live in brushy habitats. Jackrabbits can grow up to two feet long, weigh from six to nine pounds, with ears up to eight inches long. Hares are vegetarians, eating tender herbs in summer, and woody twigs and bark in the winter.

Brookings, South Dakota

Named after W.W. Brookings, who came to the area in 1857. That winter, his legs froze badly enough to force doctors to amputate them. Undaunted, Brookings stayed and eventually became president of the territorial council and a judge in the state supreme court. In honor of his support of railroad construction, and possibly because of his stalwart nature, South Dakota’s first locomotive was named the “Judge Brookings.”

Situated at the intersection of U.S. Highway 14 and Interstate 29, about 20 miles west of the Minnesota border and 50 miles north of Sioux Falls, the Brookings community of about 18,500 people continues to grow. The community also houses several recognizable companies including Rainbow Play Systems, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M medical products), Larson Manufacturing (doors and windows), and Daktronics, a leading manufacturer of scoreboards and display systems.
Justin Sell, who served as an athletic administrator at the University of Northern Iowa for 10 years, became the 12th director of athletics at South Dakota State University on May 7, 2009. “Justin brings a wide range of experiences from other Division I universities to South Dakota State,” President David L. Chicoine said in making the announcement. “He has a degree of familiarity with our athletic programs’ conference affiliations, and he demonstrates an appreciation for Jackrabbit athletics. Most importantly, he shares our common aspirations for the future success of our student-athletes and teams.”

At South Dakota State, Sell oversees the Jackrabbits’ 21-sport Division I varsity athletics program. Eighteen SDSU teams compete in The Summit League, while football competes in the Missouri Valley Football Conference of the Football Championship Subdivision and wrestling competes as a member of the Western Wrestling Conference. Women’s equestrian competes in Varsity Equestrian and the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association.

During his first year at SDSU, the Jackrabbits displayed success across the board, winning Summit League regular season titles in men’s cross country, women’s soccer and baseball and a conference tournament championship in women’s basketball. The football and women’s basketball teams made postseason NCAA Tournament appearances. Sell also implemented aggressive marketing and fundraising initiatives that resulted in record average attendance for football and the highest number of donors and dollars donated to the Jackrabbit Club and through corporate sponsorships.

Dr. Chicoine has over 30 years of experience in higher education with the University of Illinois. He is a nationally-recognized economist, specializing in public finance, taxation, and rural economics. His higher education administrative experience includes service as Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Dean of the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Serving most recently as Vice President for Technology and Economic Development for the University of Illinois system and interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chicoine started his career as an Extension economist and specialist with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

As vice president at the University of Illinois, he restructured the university’s technology licensing offices, reaching new milestones each year. He launched the university’s early stage capital and business development services company, IllinoisVENTURES, LLC, that supported start-up projects, securing special state and university funding for operations and pre-seed investing and facilitated the creation of the $26.5 million early stage Illinois Emerging Technologies Fund; and he oversaw the expansion of research parks and incubators at the university’s Urbana-Champaign and Chicago campuses.

As dean, he transitioned the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) from 14 administrative units to seven academic departments and the Information Technology unit; completed a capital campaign for ACES surpassing the final goal of $115 million by raising $134 million in private gifts; grew the ACES endowment to $60 million; established $15 million in annual private gift support, funding endowed positions, scholarships and fellowships, and program support for teaching, research, and Extension; and he oversaw the completion of the $22 million ACES Library, Information and Alumni Center where $11 million was from gifts from ACES alumni and friends.

He has co-authored four books, 12 book chapters and more than 100 invited and/or peer reviewed academic journal articles. Dr. Chicoine served as an advisor to the Illinois General Assembly on tax issues, farmland property tax assessments, public finance and rural economic issues. He served as a member of the Illinois Governor’s Council of Economic Advisors, and was a member of the board of the Illinois State Treasurer’s Technology Development Fund. He currently is a tenured faculty member in the SDSU Department of Economics, where he has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus.

Chicoine served as the faculty representative to the Big Ten Conference and the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He served as chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for the Big Ten Conference for nine of his eleven year term.

Dr. Chicoine is a graduate of SDSU with a Bachelor of Science in agribusiness in 1969, and the University of Delaware where he received a Master of Science in agricultural economics in 1971. In 1978 he received a Master of Arts in economics from Western Illinois University, and in 1979 he completed his doctorate in agricultural economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Leon Costello  
Senior Associate Athletic Director-External,  
South Dakota State University  
Loras College, ’98  

Leon Costello brought his comprehensive background in athletic marketing and administration from the University of Northern Iowa to the South Dakota State athletic staff in March 2010 as the senior associate athletic director for external affairs.

Costello worked in a variety of roles for the Northern Iowa Athletic Department the past eight years, most recently serving as the associate athletic director for external affairs. In that position, Costello oversaw the marketing efforts for the Panther athletic program, directed the Panther Scholarship Club and supervised the men’s and women’s golf programs. During his tenure, Costello assisted in negotiating a 10-year agreement with Learfield Sports to provide additional marketing resources.

From 2005-08 Costello served as the assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions, where he assisted with the fundraising efforts of the McLeod Center capital project and coordinated all aspects of the athletic sales and marketing plan, including managing the Northern Iowa Sports Radio Network. Under his direction, UNI also secured two separate cable television agreements and saw a 700 percent increase in membership of the official student athletic group.

A native of Fairbank, Iowa, Costello graduated from Loras College with a bachelor’s degree in physical education and sport science in 1998. While at Loras, he also played for the Duhawk men’s basketball team.

After working in sales in the private sector for two years, Costello enrolled in graduate school at Western Illinois University. While completing his master’s degree in sport management in 2002, Costello served an internship in marketing and game operations with the Boston Celtics. In the fall of 2002, Northern Iowa hired him as its athletic marketing and promotions assistant, where he worked for a year before earning a promotion to director of athletic marketing and promotions in January 2003.

Leon and his wife Heather live in Brookings with their daughter Cailin and son Michael.

Rob Peterson  
Senior Associate Athletic Director-Internal,  
South Dakota State University  
Northern Michigan, ’92  

Rob Peterson joined the South Dakota State University in April 2000, as an assistant athletic director for internal operations. Now the Jackrabbits senior associate athletic director for internal affairs, Peterson supervises the Jackrabbit athletic department internal operations, with a primary focus on the day-to-day operations of the department.

Peterson also serves as sports supervisor for football, equestrian, baseball, swimming/diving and track/cross country.

Before joining the SDSU staff, Peterson served as the coordinator of athletic facilities, events & projects for Fresno State University from 1997-2000. In this position, Peterson supervised seven athletic venues and the game operations for 10 sports.

Prior to his time at Fresno State, Peterson served as assistant director of recreation - facilities & events at Northern Michigan University from 1995-97. This position provided him the opportunity to supervise events and operations for the Superior Dome on the campus of NMU. This facility also houses the United States Olympic Education Center. Peterson started his career at Northern Michigan as the director of sport clubs from 1994-95.

Peterson’s collegiate education includes completion of an HVAC certificate program at Northern Michigan in 1981, a Bachelor of Science in physical education & health at NMU in 1992 and a Masters of Arts in Sports Administration from Central Michigan University in 1995. He also completed a collegiate marketing internship with NMU athletics and a professional sports operations internship with the Green Bay Packers, both in 1993.

A Marquette, Mich., native, Peterson lives in Brookings with his two chocolate labs, Tucker and Bailey. His primary interests include college football, baseball, softball and ice hockey. Rob also enjoys reading, especially on the topics of professional leadership and history.

Kathy Heylens  
Associate Athletic Director-Compliance/SWA,  
South Dakota State University  

Kathy Heylens came to South Dakota State in July 1984 as a member of the staff in the admissions office before moving to athletics two years later as a senior secretary.

Heylens became the institution’s first full-time Compliance Coordinator in 1990 and continues those duties as the associate athletic director for compliance and senior woman administrator.

Heylens manages all aspects of the athletics compliance program to ensure strict adherence with NCAA, affiliated conferences and university rules and regulations for amateurism, eligibility, recruiting, financial aid, awards and benefits, playing and practice seasons and enforcement.

Heylens recently accepted an appointment of a four-year term on the NCAA Division I Legislative Council, which serves as the primary legislative body in the Division I governance structure. She also accepted an appointment to the four-member Legislative Council Administrative Committee, which acts on behalf of the full Legislative Council between meetings to transact routine items of business. She also serves on the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Governance Committee.

In addition to her day-to-day duties, Heylens serves on the Undergraduate Experience Committee, Diversity Committee, Intercollegiate Athletics Board and Compliance Team.

A Watertown, S.D., native, Kathy and her husband, Bill, live in Volga, S.D. and have two grown children.
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
CROSS COUNTRY
MEN'S ROSTER

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Yankton, S.D.

Anthony Bongard
Redwood Falls, Minn.

Connor Branick
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Stephan Bruha
Prior Lake, Minn.

Austin Hamm
Hartington, Neb.

Kipp Kinsley
Yankton, S.D.

Drew Kraft
Wessington Springs, S.D.

Michael Krsnak
Rapid City, S.D.

Phillip LaVallee
Monticello, Minn.

Christian Karels
Milbank, S.D.

Trent Lusignan
Shakopee, Minn.

Lars Mattison
Verona, Wis.

Kenny Mayer
Hazel, Minn.

Jensen Orlow
Edina, Minn.

Joel Reichow
White Bear Lake, Minn.

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