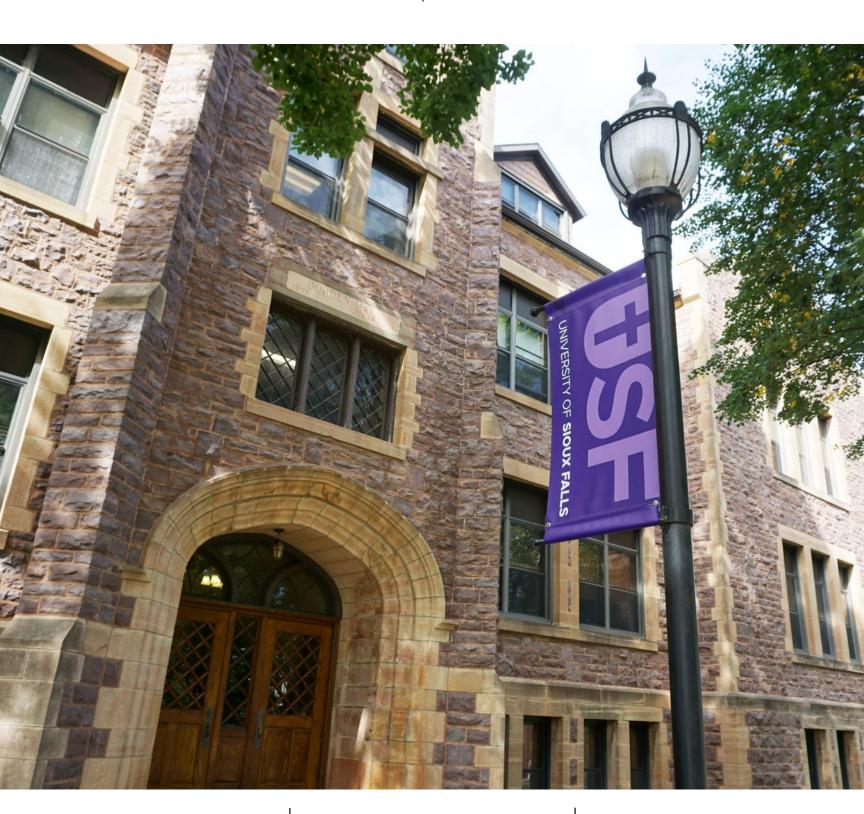
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Hello & Welcome

Greetings USF Community:

As we engage in the second semester on the journey to our 2023 commencement, we take the opportunity to reflect upon many significant accomplishments within the USF community. Amidst an ever-increasing competitive market in the Sioux Falls region, we continue to experience stable undergraduate enrollment and the University fulfilling its core mission in profound ways. Collectively, the USF community continues to generate numerous success stories among various programs conducted under the auspices of the University.

Inside the numbers, USF has offered over 200 professional development opportunities, serving 4,527 students pursuing credit and non-credit bearing experiences, leading to various credentialing through its Center for Workforce Development. In alignment with growing workforce needs in the region, the University has continued expansion of its already extensive adult learning footprint to serve people attempting to upskill or reskill within the United States economy. Clearly, the University takes pride in its prominent role for serving educational needs at all levels within the community, state and region that support its existence.

The University will soon post the 2021-2022 results of its annual senior survey. Over many years, the University has achieved a senior survey response rate exceeding the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) standards, thus providing the University with the ability to make sound generalizations regarding the value proposition of a USF degree. For years, USF graduates at both the undergraduate and graduate level have indicated a 99% placement rate of employment or entrance into graduate/professional programs within six months of their graduation from the University.

While we have much to celebrate, we also honored the memory of legendary USF football coach, Bob Young, and commemorated his life of commitment to God and humankind through his work at the University. As we consider many people that have left their mark on USF, the heartfelt memories of his positive impact across generations of football players who came to honor him were a testament of his dedication to the University's mission-centric purpose.

Enclosed in this 2023 spring edition of the alumni magazine are similar stories of current students, alumni and employees who are also using their unique knowledge, skills and dispositional attributes, garnered through their particular USF experiences, to serve others and live out their calling. Their pursuit of such callings perfectly aligns with the University's traditional motto of "Culture for Service" and its multiplying impact providing demonstrable samplings of USF's mission in action throughout the world.

Sincerely,

Brett Bradfield Dr. Brett Bradfield

President, University of Sioux Falls

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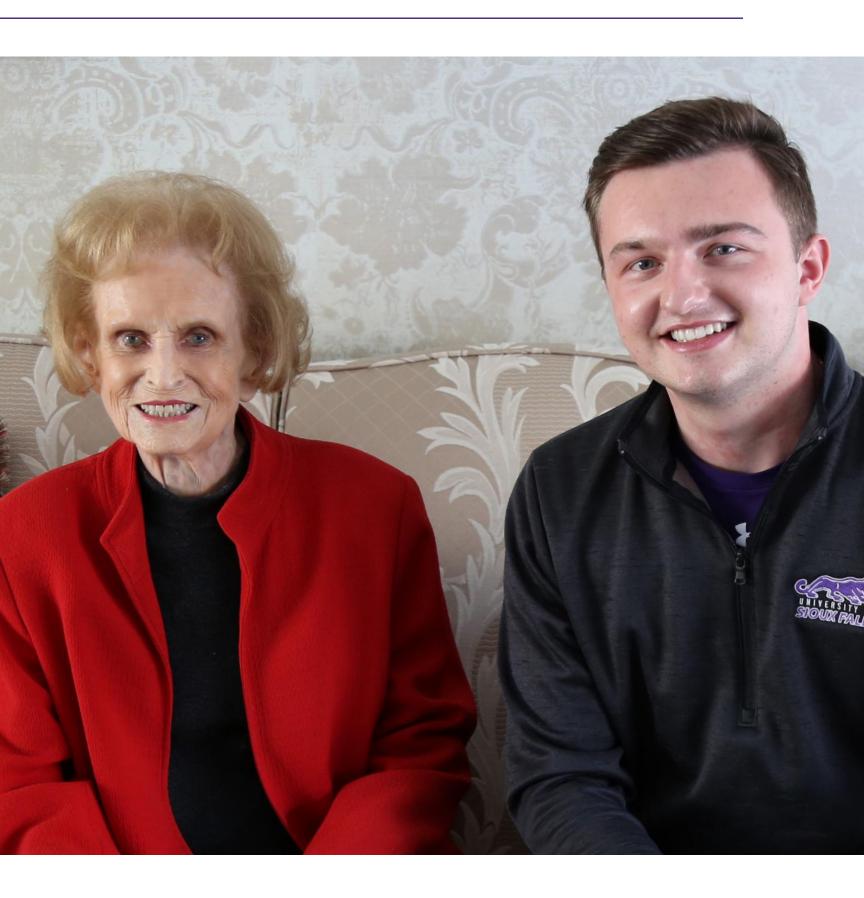
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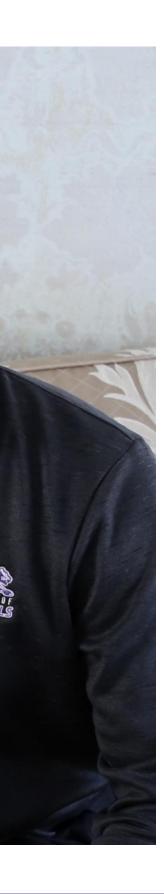
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UNEXPECTED

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round 12:45 p.m. most Sunday afternoons, Carter Domagalski begins watching the door during his shift at The Country Club of Sioux Falls.

That's about the time Marian Sullivan and her family come in for brunch, just as they always have.

Carter began working in the dining room almost five years ago when he was a student at Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls. He started as a food runner and became a server when he turned 18. In the fall of 2020, he enrolled at South Dakota State University, but the "pandemic experience" was frustrating and he moved back home. When the doors of the country club reopened following pandemic restrictions, he returned to work full-time and got his own apartment.

// **LEFT** Marian and Carter smile for a photo together.

"Life was just kind of moving along," he explains. "I missed learning, but I wasn't sure what to do or where to go next."

Enter Marian Sullivan, a 1950 graduate of Sioux Falls College. Marian was raised by a widowed mother and understood the power of a helping hand. Her experience at USF helped her already strong Christian faith and opened her eyes to the importance of serving others. She married Bill Sullivan and the two worked hard to open Sullivan Import Company (now Sullivans) in Sioux Falls, which grew to be internationally successful. Sullivans is recognized as a business that truly cares about employees and generously gives back to the local community. After Bill passed in 1987, Marian continued to help run the business until she sold it in 2014. Throughout the years, her amazing philanthropic efforts made a difference in the lives of so many people—including Carter's.

"Carter is a hard worker, and he is always so kind and endearing. There is just something special about him," Marian says. "We got to know each other over many conversations, and it became important to me that Carter do something meaningful with his life. When the Lord nudges me like that, I tend

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to listen!"

One day while Marian and Carter were talking, she asked him if he would consider attending the University of Sioux Falls if he didn't have to worry about tuition. He told her he would. She made the call to USF President Dr. Brett Bradfield soon after.

"When Marian told me what she wanted to do, I was stunned," says Dr. Bradfield. "She asked me to

set up payment for Carter's tuition and to help arrange all the details. Carter was floored when he found out and wasn't sure how to accept. We talked it through, and he enrolled in the fall of 2022. He understands what an amazing opportunity this is for him."

Marian's daughter Kathy attests to her mother's big heart and faithful obedience over the years.

"Mom is always doing things like this for people—we probably don't even

know about most of them!" says Kathy. "She turns lives around and never asks for anything in return. She saw something in Carter and really believes in his great potential."

Today, Carter continues to work about 30 hours a week at The Country Club of Sioux Falls while attending classes at USF. He loves being part of a smaller campus community and is majoring in business administration with a minor in criminal justice. When Marian recently found out he was interested in pursuing a graduate degree, she wrote a check to Dr. Bradfield to help cover the costs of graduate school if he decides to go.

"I'm 94 and not in good health. I want to make sure Carter has what he needs. If he decides he doesn't need it, I want USF to use this money to help someone else," Marian says. "All I can hope is that people pay it forward when they can."

For Carter Domagalski, there is nothing he'd like more.

"How do you thank someone enough for something like this? It's an overwhelming gift. My goal is to get to a place where I'm in the position to do this for someone else, in Marian's name. She saw something in me, and I need to make that count."





OVERCOMING & BECOMING

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT FEATURING

AKENGA SANGO

Akenga Sango is familiar with hard work and perseverance.

"My parents always tell me not to give up but to force myself to be an overcomer," Akenga says.

Akenga has not only overcome challenges, he has excelled and is now helping others.

"The biggest challenges I encountered during my undergraduate education were learning to improve my English language, studying, paying for school and raising my family at the same time," Akenga says.

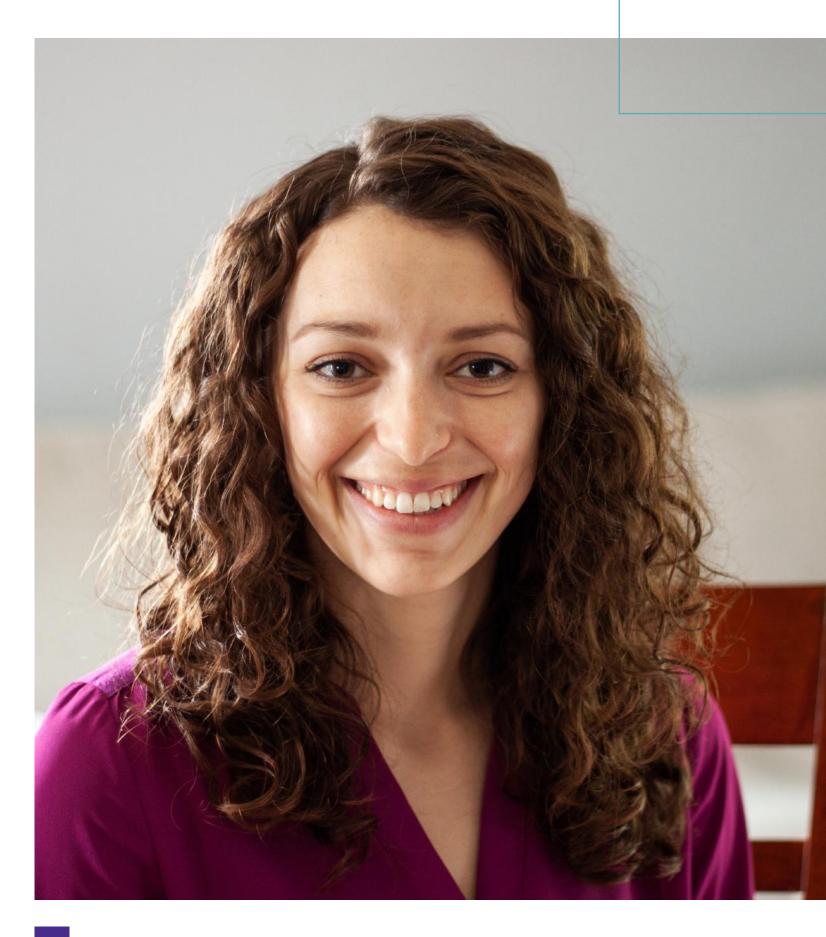
As a father of seven, husband, business owner and student, Akenga prioritized learning a new language and pursuing education when he arrived in South Dakota after moving from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"In my life, I have found that nothing can be done without education," Akenga says. "Education is so important. It is a big key to life success. Education develops critical thinking by teaching our personality how to use logic when making decisions and interacting with other personalities. Education shapes our mindset and gives discipline by showing our nature the yes, the no, and how to become and overcome. I need education to fulfill my vision and have a better life, serve my community and contribute to our country's development and success."

During his time at USF, Akenga volunteered his time helping immigrants and low-income citizens with their taxes. Through this experience he saw a need to help this population on a bigger scale with tasks such as filling out government forms, translating, completing taxes and more. This led him to create Akenga Financial Services, LLC, a business where he could use his experiences, education and passion to help others.

"I have helped almost 200 people," Akenga says. "I provide them with income tax return preparation, accounting, financial coaching, youth financial vision and other services. My goal is to make many people ready to make valuable management decisions on their income and source of revenue."

In May, Akenga will graduate with his accounting degree and plans to pursue his MBA and focus on serving others through his business. ■



a lens for life

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT FEATURING

ALECIA JUELFS '17

Alecia Juelfs' theatre classroom at USF is a place for students to grow and become, while processing life and sharing stories.

"Theatre reflects life and involves a great deal of problem solving," says Alecia Juelfs, assistant professor of theatre and theatre program director. "We are constantly trying to make sense of the world in both its brokenness and beauty, and theatre is a lens through which to examine those things."

Juelfs' intention for her classroom is a space where students feel safe to experience true community, practice empathy and generate deep thinking.

"As theatre artists, we use our creativity to tell stories that connect us in our humanity, cultivate empathy and proclaim beauty," Juelfs says.

Helping students use theatre as this lens is what Juelfs' classroom is all about.

"The confidence that comes from overcoming stage fright, nailing a musical dance number or getting a crowd of hundreds to laugh is a remarkable feeling," Juelfs says. We provide our students opportunities to take chances and try new things even when they're scared or feel unqualified—which is a skill I

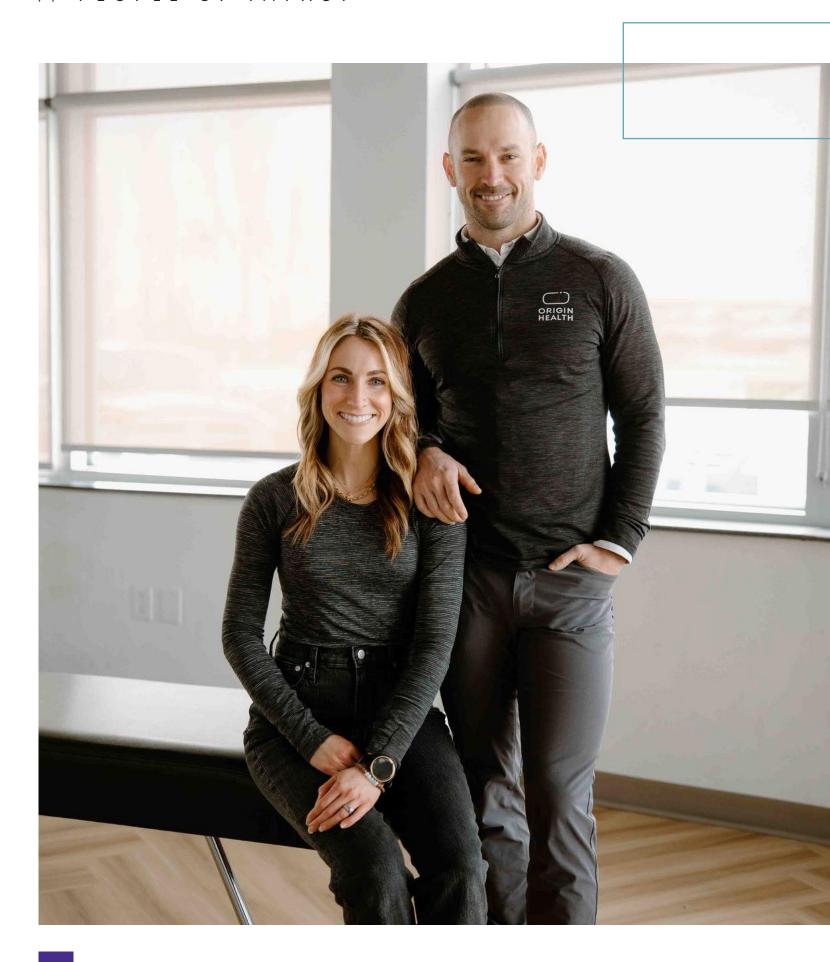
hope they carry with them throughout their adult lives."

In February, USF theatre produced PlayDate III, a one-night event featuring student playwrights at USF, which included a collection of ten-minute plays, scenes and monologues. The staged readings were performed by USF students and featured the entire department.

"Our students are being sought after by local theatre companies to perform, teach and serve in various capacities," Juelfs says. "I believe it is important to get our students connected to the arts community beyond USF while they're still in school."

Juelfs brings passion and a unique perspective to the theatre classroom as she has held the roles of student, staff, adjunct and now full-time faculty at USF.

"In simplest terms, it is my hope that the USF theatre department is a light in the community," Juelfs says. "We have such a unique opportunity to share a glimpse of how to love and be loved well through powerful storytelling and excellence in our artistry that I do not take lightly."



RIPPLE EFFECT

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT FEATURING

DR. JOE '10 & KELSEY '10 MOEN

"We simply want to help people live the lives they are called to live," say Dr. Joe and Kelsey Moen, owners of Origin Health Chiropractic & Wellness. "Sometimes that's helping someone get rid of back pain or manage headaches. Sometimes that is simply being a listening ear, offering a hot cup of coffee, or taking a few minutes to check in with someone going through a hard time. In short, we are called to serve each other, and that is what we intend to do."

The Moens opened Origin Health in 2020 with a vision to have a health practice that would provide hope and joy for patients who are trying to better their lives and get out of pain. Their practice offers chiropractic adjustments from Dr. Joe, and Kelsey provides SoftWave TRT treatments—a treatment that initiates a biological regeneration process at the cellular level and promotes tissue healing. Acupuncture, nutrition and wellness coaching are also offered at Origin Health.

As they serve the Sioux Falls community the couple brings empathy to their practice, as they both have navigated challenges in their individual health journeys and found hope in their owns stories through a holistic approach to health.

"Origin Health is built on the principle of getting back to the basics: movement, eating real foods, getting quality sleep, taking care of our bodies, letting our hair down every once in a while, spending time with people we love and being grateful for all the good Lord has given us," Dr. Joe and Kelsey say.

They have seen patients make great progress with simple, consistent lifestyle changes.

"We believe that if we can positively impact one person, that person will be more apt to be kind to another, who will in turn, be kind to yet another," Dr. Joe and Kelsey say. "We don't know how far that 'ripple effect' will go, but we believe that we have a responsibility in either starting it, or at a minimum, keeping it going."

The Moen's are excited for the adventures ahead in 2023 which include opening a functional fitness facility on the east side of Sioux Falls called Origin Strength and welcoming their third child in July.

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

JIM GLOGOWSKI

FINDS A HOME AT USF



WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING TOWARD?

This question drives decisions for Jim Glogowski, USF's new head football coach. Coach Glogowski was hired as USF's 22nd head coach in December and has since recruited an entirely new coaching staff to help guide the program. He brings with him an impressive coaching resume dating back to 1997, serving the last seven seasons at Minnesota State University as associate head coach and defensive coordinator. During his time at MSU, the team boasted a 64-14 record and won four NSIC championships. Prior to his distinguished coaching career, Glogowski was a four-year starter at the University of South Dakota, earning both MVP and All-American honors as well as the North Central Conference Most Outstanding USD Male Athlete and Most Inspirational Player awards.

Aside from extensive experience and a lifelong passion for football, "Coach Glo" brings a high level of energy to his position and is excited to make an impact on the people around him. As he shifts into his new role, USF's new football coach candidly answers 10 "get to know you" questions, starting with the one he likes to ask his own players and staff.

What are you running toward?

COACH GLO: Opportunity. I absolutely ran toward the opportunity to be head coach for USF. It's a highly respected program in a town that feels like a second home. My wife is from Sioux Falls, so the chance to live near family was appealing. I ran toward the excitement and the challenge and the opportunity to use everything I have learned over the years to make a difference at a place that just feels right.

What goals do you have for the football program?

COACH GLO: My main goal is to make a positive impact that extends beyond football, like so many great USF coaches before me. I feel the culture of USF allows me the opportunity to do this. Of course, I want to help build a winning program, but I also want to build people up to be their best.

How have you been working to help make this a smooth transition?

COACH GLO: I wanted to move forward right away and get a new staff put together. We are all new here, so we are all starting with a fair opportunity and no preconceived notions. The players can also start fresh and make a new impression. That's exciting.

// LEFT Coach Jim Glogowski and his family pose for a photo in December after the press conference that welcomed him to the USF family.

What is your philosophy for building a successful team of student-athletes?

COACH GLO: I'm not really a big slogan guy, but I guess my philosophy might be "if you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together." I feel it's important to have everyone on the same page, moving in the same direction. I want everyone to be on board. If someone isn't on board, I want to know how to get them on board.

What qualities were you looking for in the new staff you hired?

COACH GLO: I researched people who came highly recommended and then called them pretty much out of the blue. I didn't want anyone to prepare anything, I wanted to have an off-the-cuff conversation that was as authentic

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as possible. I went after coaches who were willing to drop everything and jump in the car or hop on a plane for the chance to join this program. I tried to determine if they were running towards the opportunity to be at USF or trying to run away from their current circumstances. For me, that was the best way to identify the right people to join our staff.

Describe your coaching style.

COACH GLO: I feel it's important to pay attention to the little things, to be engaged and connected and intentional with people. My mentor is (the late) Coach Mike Freidel. He made me feel like I didn't want to disappoint him, and my teammates and I would have run through a brick wall for him. I feel my style reflects the fact that I am not only a coach but a parent as well. I try to coach the way I would want someone coaching my own kids.

What kind of culture do you want to model as a USF Cougar?

COACH GLO: I want our team to model a consistent culture of respect. If you wouldn't do it in front of your grandma, don't do it here. It's that simple.

Tell us about your family.

COACH GLO: My wife Kate is amazingly supportive. We've been married nearly 25 years, and she's had to move and change jobs about a million times because of my career. She's always up for the adventure. We have four awesome kids, sons Jake (23) and Ben (18) and daughters Maddie (20) and Sam (9).

What do you like to do outside of football?

COACH GLO: I'm a big home improvement guy. I love working on the house, tinkering in the garage and I like to fire up the grill and BBQ! I enjoy following our kids and their activities as well as traveling and spending time with my wife.

Who is your favorite pro football team and why?

COACH GLO: It's funny. I don't really watch professional football or follow any team. Coaching tends to consume so much time, so when I do get away, I'd rather do something else. I guess my favorite football team is always the one I am coaching!

// **BELOW** Coach Glo's football staff smiles for a photo at the signing day event this February.





BOB YOUNG

In Loving Memory

1939-2023





EQUIPPING FUTURE SCIENTISTS

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT FEATURING

DR. GEORGE MWANGI

Dr. George Mwangi has a passion for research, mentorship and equipping future scientists to impact the world.

"I am constantly surrounded by students and colleagues who share my passion for science and research," says Dr. George Mwangi, associate professor of chemistry. "I find myself inspired by the enthusiasm of my students and my enthusiasm for teaching them is returned tenfold."

Dr. Mwangi has taught over 1,400 students throughout the last 18 years at USF. Students in his classroom benefit from the global educational journey that has equipped Dr. Mwangi to be the professor he is today.

"I was born in Nairobi, Kenya, which is on the eastern side of Africa," Dr. Mwangi says. "After my primary and high school education there, I went to India and then back to Kenya for my undergraduate and master's degrees in chemistry. I then taught at Egerton University, Kenya, for nine years before proceeding to the University of New Hampshire, USA, where I acquired my Ph.D."

Alongside being a professor, Dr. Mwangi is the project director and liaison for the Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) at USF.

"The ultimate goal of BRIN is to provide a

pipeline of future biomedical researchers for South Dakota, and USF has been at the forefront in attaining this goal," Dr. Mwangi says.

The program is designed to encourage undergraduate and graduate students majoring in the biological sciences to participate in research. USF has participated in the BRIN program since 2005, and during that period, more than 120 students have undertaken research projects, under the guidance of USF and external mentors. Many of these students have later gone on to be educators in the science field, researchers at reputable research institutions, dentists and medical doctors.

While Dr. Mwangi mentors and encourages students in their research, he continues to work on his own research in the field. His latest project includes studying the design, synthesis and evaluation of imprinted polymers for chemical sensing.

"I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to share my knowledge," Dr. Mwangi says. "I can honestly say that there isn't a day that goes by where I don't appreciate the unique experience that comes with being part of this amazing community."



LEADING & BEYOND

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT FEATURING

EMMA KENKEL

"I have come from generations of strong women," says Emma Kenkel, a senior at USF.

Emma continues the family legacy as she makes an impact as student body president, sprinter on the women's track and field team and an honors student with her sights set on law school.

"I distinctly remember a conversation I had with my mom when I was around a sophomore in high school," Emma says. "She told me to never settle on my dreams, and that no goal was too hard to achieve if I put my mind to it. That influence in my life fueled me to pursue collegiate track and field and leadership positions."

Emma knew in high school she wanted to run collegiate-level track, but it wasn't until after her first few semesters of college that she found her passion to pursue being an attorney. The field gives Emma an opportunity to help people while she puts to work her love for writing, reading and critical thinking.

"At USF, I was able to be part of the Alumni Mentorship Program where I was paired with a lawyer who graduated from USF," Emma says. "We met about once a month, and I was able to ask her questions and get to know about her journey at USF and in law school. This was impactful for me because we had a lot in common and it was nice to have a member of the Sioux Falls community to be in touch with."

During her time as student body president serving the over 1,100 undergraduate students, Emma advocated for students to get involved in areas of campus outside of their comfort zone. As a student-athlete she saw the rich value in broadening community outside of one's natural social circles.

As Emma has been influenced by strong women like her grandmothers, mom and career mentor, she hopes to pass on the encouragement someday.

"Outside of my profession, one of my biggest goals is to be a mentor to other female student-athletes or aspiring lawyers," Emma says. ■



MULTIPLYING IMPACT

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT FEATURING

GORDON HARPER '64

As a pastor and chaplain Gordon Harper serves his community of Gillette, Wyoming, on the best days and the hardest days.

"Being a chaplain and being a pastor are closely related but different in that a chaplain to a government agency cannot overtly evangelize, but we advance the Kingdom of God in more subtle ways," Harper says. "Becoming involved in First Responder Chaplaincy opened a door to a segment of our population that I would never have crossed paths with as a pastor."

Harper has conducted weddings, sat with individuals who have just lost their loved one and stood with families as their house burned down.

"A chaplain quietly builds relationships and trust that leads to meeting needs of first responders and civilians as the Holy Spirit opens hearts and minds," Harper says.

As Harper serves as a vessel of light in some of life's darkest moments, he is passionate about raising up and equipping other chaplains with knowledge and skills to serve others.

"Chaplaincy began in Gillette in 1994 when another pastor and I approached our hospital administrator with a plan to formalize a volunteer chaplain program for the hospital," Harper says. "I became the trainer for all the new chaplains coming aboard."

Harper served the hospital in this capacity for 27 years with 8,500 hours of service. His chaplaincy impact didn't stop inside the hospital walls. In 2002 the Campbell County Fire Department chief invited Harper to become the department chaplain.

"As a fire chaplain, I was introduced to critical incident stress management and became a crisis interventionist," Harper says. "I organized and trained a team to assist groups and individuals impacted by a critical/traumatic incident, providing them psychological and emotional first aid. This team continues to be used all over the states of Wyoming and Montana."

Harper's reach of impact continued to grow as the local county sheriff and Wyoming Highway Patrol asked him to serve as a chaplain and trainer for their teams.

While Harper serves his local community in Gillette through chaplaincy and pastoring on a church staff, he has also served globally, helping plant a church in Ecuador and teaching in a refugee camp in Tanzania.

CAMPUS UPDATES

CELEBRATING TRADITION



As we celebrate the 100th year of the Purple Feather Award, we commemorate this tradition with a new name – the Purple Legacy Award – as it enters the next century of its existence at USF.

For 100 years, the University of Sioux Falls has recognized the importance of the whole student by giving this award. The Purple Legacy Award is a prestigious award given to USF students based upon the attributes of character, scholarship, leadership and service. The honor is given to no more than ten percent of the senior class and five percent of the junior class in any academic year and is determined by a committee of the Student Senate based on recommendations from faculty and staff. The Purple Legacy Award is USF's longest standing tradition and has been received by more than 2,000 students since its inception in 1923.

COUGAR CUPBOARD UPDATES



This spring, campus celebrated an upgrade for Cougar Cupboard. USF's food pantry received a new refrigerator, new shelving and its own space in the lower lever of Mears Library. Cougar Cupboard began in the spring of 2021 to serve a growing need for students. It provides nonperishable food and personal hygiene items to any member of the USF community who is in need.

INSPIRING NEW BOOK

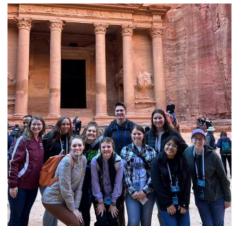


USF Board of Trustees member Dan LaRock recently wrote and released a book ranking #1 in six new release categories on Amazon. "Grandpa's Gift" is a story born from a grandson's walk through the world in search of something more. Attaining the comforts of business success, a very happy marriage and family life, still left Dan with a yearning for something else to find. Following the rediscovery of a book containing messages from his grandfather from more than 60 years ago, he began to realize that the elusive "something more" is the wisdom he found in its pages and stories. That discovery became a gift for Dan, from his grandfather, and his desire was to compile the wisdom from his grandfather and share it with others. All book proceeds go to further the mission and ministry of Rock Ranch.

TRAVELING Horoad

This January USF students had the opportunity to travel to Japan and Israel for educational credit. Photos in the top two rows feature the Israel adventure including floating in the Dead Sea, experiencing Petra and taking in the Holy Land. Photos in the bottom row highlight the art and media studies department's trip to Japan. Students explored Tokyo and beyond!









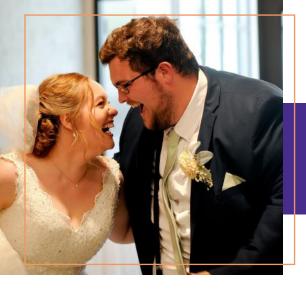












CLASS

Notes

All notes are based on information received between September 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023.

CELEBRATIONS

ALUMNI

Libby Fritz '03 married George Lee on Apr. 9, 2022.

Beth (Fischer) '07 and Nicholas Swank welcomed Mara Noelle on Nov. 24, 2022.

Tina (Spade) '10 and Dan Ackerwold welcomed Elijah James Robert on Dec. 8, 2022.

Noel (Kuperus) '10 and Chris Krull welcomed twins Finley Mae and Greyson Allen on Oct. 11, 2022.

Tracie (Erdmann) '10 and Jeff Ritz welcomed Parker John on Jan. 24, 2023.

Ashley (Maturan) '11 and Erik Anderson welcomed Graham Daymon on Jan. 6, 2023.

Rachel (Heeney) '11 and Troy Whittler welcomed Cade LeRoy on Jul. 6, 2022.

Troy Klongerbo '12 and Sarah welcomed Calvin James on Jul. 27, 2022.

Brittany (Kurtenbach) '13 and **Brandon Hanson '12** welcomed Scarlet Jo on Oct. 6, 2022.

Mollie (Potter) '13 and Chase Lage welcomed Kennedy Richard on Feb. 25, 2023.

Kristin (Killough) '13 and **Taylor Majerus '13** welcomed Joanna Kay on Nov. 6, 2022.

Hannah Olsen '13 married Kale Foster on Apr. 23, 2022.

Jill (Rokeh) '14 and Dillon Miles welcomed Ellie Kay on Nov. 9, 2022.

Breonna Oveson '14 married Bob Sands on Nov. 19, 2022.

Ashley (Kellenberger) '14 and Jon Ludwig '13 welcomed Chloe Linn on Jun. 28, 2022.

Kaylee Anderson '15 married Cody Ver Steeg on Jun. 3, 2022.

Denise (Ferguson) '15 and Kayi Pfoze welcomed Olivia Kapesa on Nov. 18, 2022.

Pamela (Peterson) '15 and **Thomas Ryan '15** welcomed Judah Thomas on Oct. 13, 2022.

Staci Attema '16 married Jason Hengeveld on Jan. 14, 2023.

Victoria (Dwyer) '16 and Aaron Boese welcomed Christian Dean on Feb. 3, 2023.

Christin (VanderPol) '16 and Connor Majerus '19 welcomed Sawyer Wayne on Oct. 1, 2022.

John Tidwell '16 and Miranda welcomed Sloan Alice on Dec. 11, 2022.

Jeneane De Jesus '17 married **Wesley Bertoni '16** on Oct. 1, 2022.

Evan Gentry '17 married Liz Fiegen on Jul. 1, 2022.

Austin Hogie '17 and Helen welcomed Camden Hugh on Jun. 23, 2022.

Jill (Langland) '17 and Michael Kvanli welcomed Riker Jon on Dec. 2, 2022.

Nathan Lucs '17 married Rachel Teague on Jun. 4, 2022.

Allie (Thiesse) '18 and Nicholas LaFave welcomed Hannah Irene on Oct. 20, 2022.

Ashlea (Brenna) '19 and **Jared Peasley '19** welcomed Railee Quinn on Nov. 11, 2022.

Sydney Boots '20 married Presley Pasco on Dec. 31, 2022.





Lexi (Bryan) '21 and Keith Fricke welcomed Eliza May on Nov. 1, 2022.

Elizabeth Schaff '21 married Ryan Meiszberg on Jul. 16, 2022.

Rachel Boyer '22 married Devin Wolthuizen '22 on Jun. 18, 2022.

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

Phyllis (Matthies) Jastram '45, Nov. 12, 2022, Redfield, SD

Dorothy (Bowers) Knowles '49, Oct. 22, 2022, Beavercreek, OH

Dean Knudsen '54, Oct. 19, 2022, West Lafayette, IN

Shirley (Roberts) Barcus '56, Nov. 1, 2022, Virginia Beach, VA

Loren Halter '59, Dec. 21, 2022, The Dalles, OR

Janet (Hillman) Rourke '60, Feb. 15, 2023, Nashua, NH

Bob Young '61, Jan. 25, 2023, Brandon, SD

Ardella Rold '62, Oct. 5, 2022, Harlan, IA

Camilla (Vanderburg) Graff '64, Dec. 20, 2022, Luverne, MN

Mike Lynch '66, Oct. 2, 2022, Charles Town, WV

Judith Johnson '68, Jan. 30, 2023, Sioux Falls, SD

Vaughn (Leighty) Winter '69, Nov. 26, 2022, Inver Grove Heights, MN

Mary (Basler) Davidson '70, Dec. 15, 2022, Hartford, SD

Jan Kaarup-Draper '76, Dec. 24, 2022, Tea, SD

Kyle Baymiller '84, Dec. 23, 2022, Newton, KS

Patrick Fitzgibbons '86, Oct. 1, 2022, Sioux Falls, SD

Dean Cressman '87, Nov. 30, 2022, Sioux Falls, SD

Denise (Malnourie) Fuller '91, Dec. 27, 2022, Dawson, MN

Lyn (Nelson) Collver '92, Nov. 11, 2022, Sioux Falls, SD

Gregory Miller '92, Feb. 18, 2023, Garretson, SD

FRIENDS

Anita Arnold, Jan. 16, 2023, Sioux Falls, SD

Ann "The Bagel Lady" Backer, Oct. 28, 2022, Sioux Falls, SD

Norm Ekeland, Feb. 8, 2023, Sioux Falls, SD

Pictured above: Devin and Rachel Wolthuizen, Scarlet Hanson and Graham Anderson

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