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South Dakota Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Honors Ceremony 2016

Our inductees are from all corners of the state and differ by gender, race, political orientation, vocation and avocation. What they have in common is their pursuit of excellence through the challenges and setbacks that become opportunities. We celebrate their stories at our annual Honors Ceremony to inspire, mentor and lead others in the pursuit of their own path to excellence.



The South Dakota Hall of Fame is unique in the mission and programming as the State's designated Hall of Fame supported solely by the generosity of donors. The Honors Ceremony is also the single fundraising event of the Hall.

Picture to the right: Class of 2016 – Front Row: Christine Hamilton, Marcus King, Joy Nelson, Elizabeth Meyer, JoEllen Koerner, and representing Jack Redden are his daughters Becky Sauro and Jill Redden Back Row: Rick Holm, Bob Burns, Bill Russell, John Barlow

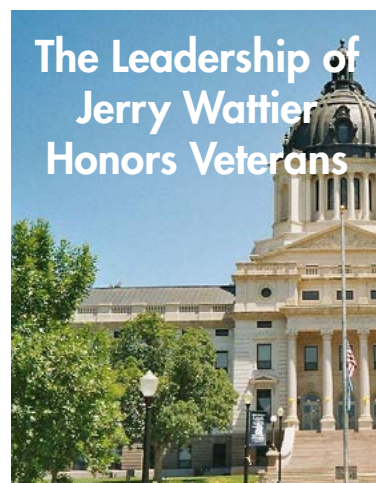


Frank Bramble and the Introduction of Pheasants in South Dakota

Acts of Excellence

Everyday throughout South Dakota South Dakotans do extraordinary things that we want to keep a digital record for global access and send back out for others to know. We maintain a one-of-a-kind digital platform to recognize those everyday stories of excellence. These real stories can inspire and influence the pursuit of excellence.

Find the rest of the story at sdexcellence.org



The Leadership of Jerry Wattier Honors Veterans



Mitchell, SD Top 7 Intelligent Community

Areas where you can make a difference

Honors Ceremony —
Annual Honors Ceremony;
Tribute to Honor
Inductees

Outreach Programs —
Acts of Excellence, Legacy
of Achievement, Legends
& Learning

Museum upgrades & updates — Enhanced & expanded exhibits with updated technology, Updated digital tools to support outreach & programming, Building maintenance

Recognition Levels —
Legacy: \$25,000 and up,
Heritage: \$10,000 - \$24,999,
Ancestry: \$2,500 - \$9,999,
Founder: \$1,000 - \$2,499,
Supporter: \$500 - \$999

Honor a Champion! Nominations Due Feb. 1

Champions can come from anywhere, and from any walk of life. We want to hear about anyone who has pursued excellence and contributed to the wonderful life we enjoy in South Dakota.

Nomination

Anyone may nominate an individual, living or deceased, to be considered for induction into the South Dakota Hall of Fame. Self-nomination is not permitted. Each nomination must be for a single individual.

Eligibility

Nominees must have resided in South Dakota for a portion of their life, and must have qualifications, attributes and achievement in the selected category that exemplify excellence and have statewide impact.

Categories

The six categories we use to ensure diversity of excellence are: Agriculture, Arts & Entertainment, General, Historical, Professional, and Sports.

Submission

Nominations will be accepted online only and are due by February 1, 2017. To start the process, visit sdhalloffame.com and click on "Nominations"

**Save the Date • 2017 Honors Ceremony
September 8 & 9, 2017**

South Dakota Legends & Learning

South Dakota Legends

Tom Brokaw	Mary Hart
Joe Foss	Sparky Anderson
Carole Hillard	Billy Mills
Al Neuharth	Oscar Howe
George McGovern	JoAnne Bird

SouthDakotaLegends.com

Read their stories
Watch video
Learn new vocabulary
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Extended activities
Teacher's guide



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Muth Electric Inc.



Igniting Excellence for over 40 years

New 2016-2017 Exhibits

Muth Electric: a South Dakota institution

Muth Electric is celebrating 45 years of business, and from its first day of operation, Muth Electric has been growing and changing. Formed in 1970 by Dick and Darlene Muth, it has grown from a two-employee company, to one with over 350 employees in ten locations across South Dakota, Omaha, NE, and Williston, ND. Muth Electric's gross sales have reached 79 million dollars.

Muth Electric's scope of work since 1970 has evolved into large commercial and industrial work including hospitals, water and waste treatment facilities, airport runway lighting, roadway lighting, motel complexes, industrial plants, military facilities, schools, medical clinics, office buildings, and major retail stores. Muth Electric has been involved in design/build teams for customers in all types of work.

Banking in South Dakota

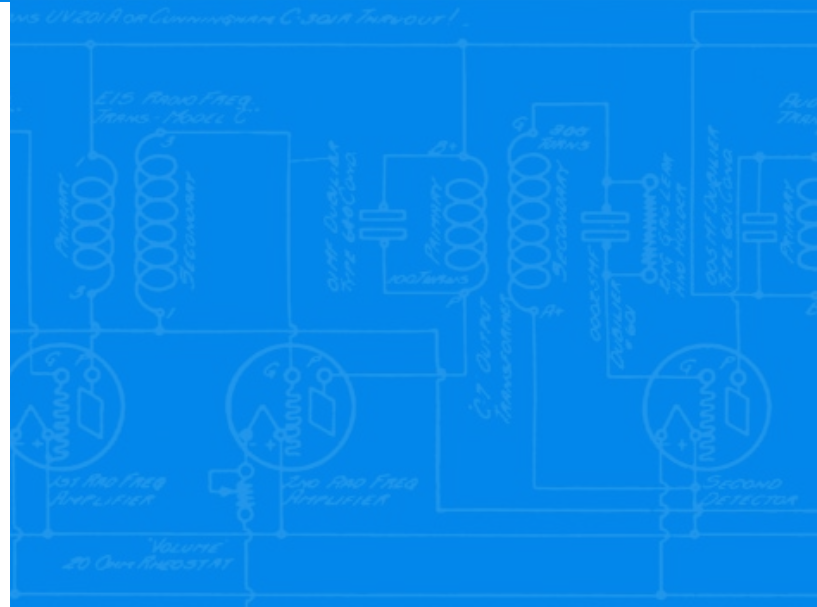
Money makes the world go round, and it is as true for South Dakota as anywhere. It was George Hearst and his partners kicked off banking with a bang in South Dakota by investing a million dollars into mining in the Black Hills.

South Dakota drew investors from all over the world as homesteaders filed their claims on towns throughout the prairie. Each little town had a bank and some had two or three.

According to gross domestic product standards, finance is the number one industry in South Dakota, accounting for more than 15% of our economy. South Dakota is also home to the Center for Protection of Financial Infrastructure, lending support to the entire financial services industry. Corporation ranks South Dakota first in the nation, holding an impressive 18% of all bank assets accounted for by the FDIC.

Banking Excellence in South Dakota

An Economic Engine



SD Hall of Fame Current Donors

Lifetime Donors

\$300,000 and above

T. Denny Sanford

\$250,000 – \$299,999

Richard & Agnes Ekstrum

\$200,000 – \$249,999

Dana & LaDawn Dykhouse

Frank Farrar

Earl Nordby

\$150,000 – \$199,999

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\$100,000 – \$149,999

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Ada May Yeager

2016 Donors

As of September 30, 2016

\$25,000 and above

Miles & Lisa Beacom

Frank Farrar

T. Denny Sanford

\$10,000 – \$24,999

First Premier Bank

Dana & LaDawn Dykhouse

Dr. Richard & Nancy Gowen

Al & Irene Kurtenbach

Dick & Darlene Muth

Earl Nordby

Dave & Kay Olson

\$2,500 – \$9,999

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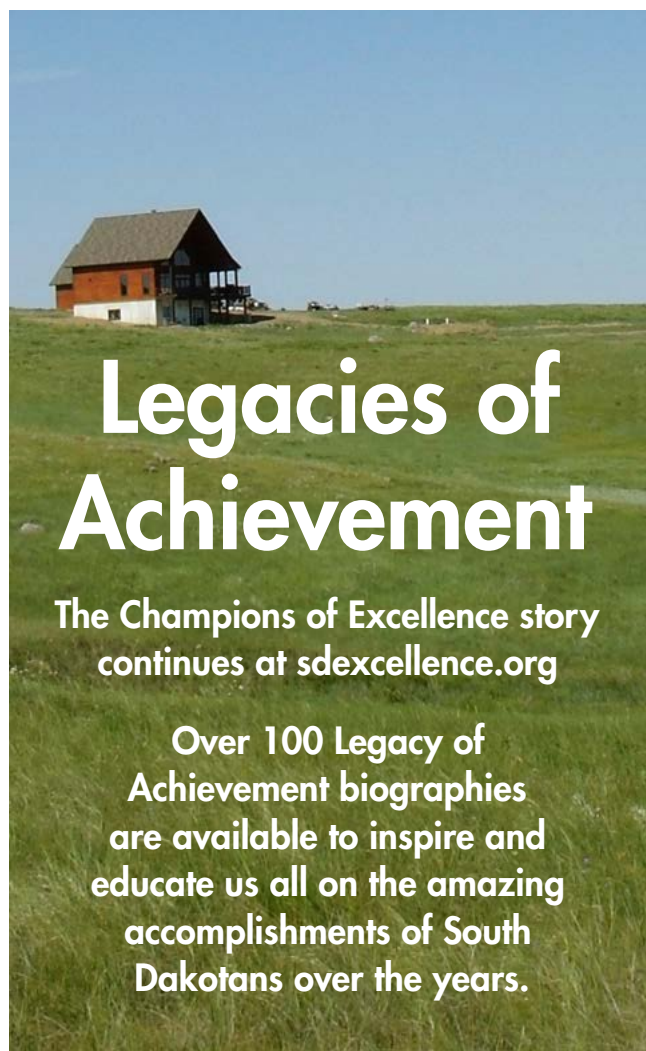
USD Foundation

Dean & Shirley Van Peurse

Cliff & Donna Visscher

Winner Food Center

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If you find a discrepancy in this donor list, please accept our apologies and contact us at sdhallinfo@gmail.com



Legacies of Achievement

The Champions of Excellence story continues at sdexcellence.org

Over 100 Legacy of Achievement biographies are available to inspire and educate us all on the amazing accomplishments of South Dakotans over the years.

SD Hall of Fame Endowment Campaign Vision 2020

SD Hall of Fame Strategic Plan Goals:

- Annual Election and Recognition of Inductees - Honors Ceremony
- Board Development
- Champions for Excellence Network - leading edge technology to support programming with the Acts of Excellence, Legacy of Achievement and Legends and Learning
- Diversification of Funding through Endowment Interest, Individual Donors, Annual Honors Ceremony Fundraiser, Grants and Fees
- Personnel Resources for Organizational Development
- Programming that tells the tangible outcomes of excellence today, tomorrow and for our future
- South Dakota Hall of Fame as a central location in South Dakota that tells the hands on and interactive achievements of Champions for Excellence

SD Hall of Fame Strategic Plan Values

- Embrace Excellence
- Culture is built on Beliefs and Behaviors
- Excellence is Inclusive

How can I make a gift to the Endowment Fund?

- Donors may use many different gift options, including one time gifts (checks), or gifts pledged over a number of years.
- In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to an endowment in the name of the deceased.
- Designate that a memorial gift in honor of others be placed in the Endowment Fund.
- Include a bequest to the Endowment Fund in your will.
- Designate the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy.

Most asked Questions about Endowments:

- How does a gift to the Endowment work?
 - Gifts to the Endowment are invested to generate income that provides annual support for the beneficiary (SD Hall of Fame) in perpetuity. By providing a dedicated stream of income, endowment gifts ensure that the mission they support are fulfilled despite economic downturns and other challenges.
- Why should I participate?
 - Your gift to the Endowment will help insure the program will continue and grow beyond your lifetime.
- Who oversees the collection and management of these funds?
 - The Endowment Funds are managed by the SD Community Foundation.
- Will the Endowment accept gifts other than cash?
 - Yes, generally any asset that has value and can be sold will be accepted. Stocks and bonds are typical of this type of gift. Less liquid assets, such as real estate, crops etc. must first be approved by the SD Community Foundation.

These are just a few of the most-asked questions. If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact us! We look forward to hearing from you.

2016 Endowment Donors

T. Denny Sanford — \$300,000
Miles & Lisa Beacom — \$250,000
Frank Farrar — \$200,000
Dan & Arlene Kirby — \$100,000
Dr. Richard & Nancy Gowen — \$50,000
Al & Irene Kurtenbach — \$50,000
Dana & LaDawn Dykhouse — \$50,000
Dave & Kay Olson — \$50,000
Jeff Scherschligt — \$25,000
Mary Olinger — \$20,000
Glenn & Phyllis Jorgenson — \$1,200

South Dakota Hall of Fame Timeline

- 1974** Established
- 1976** Named the Cowboy and Western Heritage Hall of Fame (October 29)
- 1975 - 1999** Quarterly magazines – Dakota West to South Dakota Heritage to South Dakota Hall of Fame
- 1978** The first 120 individuals were inducted during the first annual Honors Ceremony
- 1986** Established as the South Dakota Hall of Fame (July 25)
- 1992** Relocation to Chamberlain
- 1993** \$1.5 million building campaign launched
- 1996** Designated as official State Hall of Fame by Legislature
- 2000** Grand opening of the new building during the Honors Ceremony
- 2004** South Dakota Hall of Fame launches Honors Ceremony Commemorative Magazine
- 2010** Endowment established and 30th Anniversary
- 2012** Legends and Learning Statewide Youth History Program Launched
- 2014** Mortgage paid
- 2015** 40th Anniversary, Champions for Excellence Network & Legacy of Achievements
Acts of Excellence for Everyday Excellence in South Dakota

2016 Inductee Anniversaries — 20, 15, 10 & 5 years

1996 — Ronald Backer, Leonard DeBoer, Renee Sansom Flood, Kenneth Halligan, Albert Hauffe, Anthony Heim, Emma Jacobs, Glenn Jorgenson, Ida Mallet, Archie Moore, Louis Otey, George Rinker, Lawrence Ritz, Milo Rypkema, Arlette Schweitzer, Louis Sebert, John Younger

2001 — Alexander T.O.R. Bombera, Marjorie Forney, Joseph Habeger, Arthur Huseboe, Doris Huseboe, Keith Keltgen, Wayne Knutson, Oscar Micheaux, Danny Olson, Terry Redlin, Gerald Tracy, John Verschoor, Jim Woster

2006 — Stan Adelstein, James Bell, Pat Blum, Frank Farrar, Roger Fredrikson, Maurice Fuerstenau, Richard Kjerstad, Andre Larson, Marcella LeBeau, Johanna Meier, Solomon Iron Nation, James Reynolds, Murray Rowe, Harold Spitznagel, Ilo Vanderboom

2011 — Gene Abdallah, Don George Barnett, Herb Conn, Jan Conn, Gary Conradi, Tony Dean, Dana Dykhouse, Curtis Hage, William "Bill" Hinks, Norm McKie, Watson Parker, Amiel "Doc" Redfish, Donus Roberts, Lynn Gregory Seppala

Books by and about Inductees



Earl Brockelsby (2000) - *Rattle Snake Under His Hat - The Life & Times of Earl Brockelsby* by Sam Hurst (2016). Earl Brockelsby believed that he could find a place in the badlands of South Dakota where the foot of man had never stepped.

He imagined a place of perfect solitude, where no hunter had ever taken aim at a fleeing antelope, where no windmill had ever broken the silence of a hot summer day and the dens of a thousand tangled, writhing rattlesnakes guarded the fossil boneyard of the Cretaceous.



Dennis Casey (2004) - *Bear With Me - The Biography of Dennis Patrick "Doc" Casey* by Don Theye (2002). Dennis Patrick "Doc" Casey was an enigma. In his lifetime, he touched the lives, spirits and funny-bones of many people in many ways. He had a special gift of doing so on a level field of equality with but one rule, "play the game of life for the love of the game, not the damn score!"



Monsignor James Doyle (2007) - *Amazed By Grace - A Personal History* by Monsignor James Doyle (2011). This is the story of a young man who was so attracted to the Church of his youth that he chose to study for the priesthood - into which he was ordained in 1957 - and of how he adapted to the long overdue renewal of the Church called for in the 1960's by Pope John XXIII and the Vatican II Council.



Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (1984) - *High Elk's Treasure* by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (1972). Joe High Elk and his sister, Marie, are caught in a raging storm and seek shelter in the cave of their ancestors, Steps High Like an Elk.



Gilbert C. Fite (1990) - *Mount Rushmore* by Gilbert C. Fite (1980). This is the story of the "four faces" carved in granite in the Black Hills of South Dakota - the sculptures of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt.



Art Kroetch (1990) - *Art Kroetch Iron Worker* by Dale Lewis (2006). In this book and through months of interviews, Dale Lewis tried to figure out what makes Art Kroetch so special. He never could figure it out except that he just did it. Art worked hard and worked smart all at the same time.



Evelyn Leite (2008) - *Women - What Do We Want?* by Evelyn Leite (2014). What do women want? It's a simple question with a not-so-simple answer. Evelyn Leite draws insight from interviews and from her decades of experience counseling women to reveal the roots of the issues that plague many relationships.



Lloyd R. Moses (1978) - *Whatever It Takes - The Autobiography of General Lloyd R. Moses* by Lloyd R. Moses (1990). An account of the author's life from growing up on the frontier, to his service in the United States Army, sometimes in an international



setting (Korea, Japan and Germany), and his return to South Dakota.



Al Schock (1990) - *Matthew his Father Paul and Grandpa Al* by Al Schock (2002). A story of heart, miracles, honor, respect (and some misbehavior), plus children's stories by the author Al Schock.

Rex Smith (1987) - *Moon of Popping Trees* by Rex Smith (1975). The tragedy at Wounded Knee and the end of the Indian Wars.

Inductee updates



Frank Farrar (2006) - Tourism officials in Aberdeen were expecting about 800 people to visit their community for the South Dakota Senior Games. Event director Mark Kolb said that 530 athletes were registered to participate and many of them are traveling with family and friends. The event was held August 24 - 28, 2016. Former South Dakota Gov. Frank Farrar, who is 87, was among the athletes scheduled to compete.



Dana Dykhouse (2011) - On September 8, 2016, Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium opened its doors with the Jacks Bash celebration. The event started Thursday with a sold-out crowd of over 24,000 people gathering for one of the state's biggest single-night events in an outdoor concert featuring Lee Brice, Little Big Town, and Luke Bryan. The Jackrabbit football team, along with 15,000+ fans in attendance, continued the celebration on Saturday with a 56-28 win over Drake in the inaugural football game hosted in the new stadium. "It's an exciting day," said Dana Dykhouse, a 1979 SDSU grad, former all-conference defensive tackle and the lead donor for the facility that bears his name. "For so long we worked for this – through former athletic directors, three presidents – everyone worked to get this accomplished and see this through to fruition. It's just very exciting to see this happen for SDSU and for South Dakota."

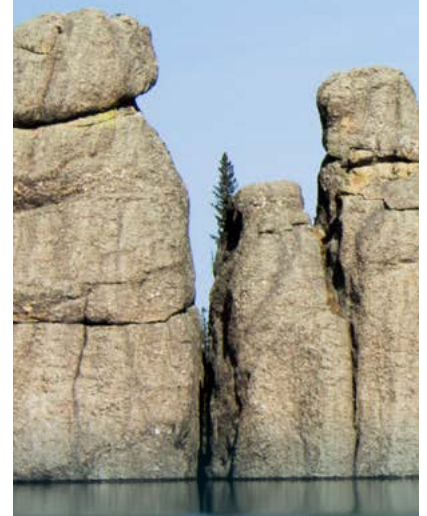


Vance Thompson (2003) - Vance Thompson Vision, a leader in ophthalmology and refractive surgery in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa, is thrilled to be one of the country's first to provide Avedro's Crosslinking System (KXL) for the treatment of progressive keratoconus. "After years of research and development, we are excited to see this technology receive approval and provide keratoconus patients with first-time access to a reliable solution," said Dr. Vance Thompson. "Avedro's crosslinking system is a significant advancement for the keratoconus community, and our team is proud to have played a key role in its development."



Norm McKie (2011) and Dale Lamphere (1987) - South Dakota has a new monumental piece of art. A fifty foot tall stainless steel sculpture now stands on the Missouri River bluffs near Chamberlain. "Dignity" as it's called depicts a Lakota woman wrapping a star quilt around her shoulders. Norm and Eunabel McKie of Rapid City donated one million dollars to make the project reality. Sculptor Dale Lamphere is among those who spoke at the dedication celebration. "My intent of this is to have this sculpture stand as an enduring symbol of our shared belief that we are in a sacred place, and that we are all sacred. I'm humbled and so grateful to have this chance to contribute to the future landscape of South Dakota and the Great Plains. Thank you very much," says Lamphere.

Celebrating 42 Years of Excellence in South Dakota, 1974–2016



For 42 years, from 1974 to 2016, the South Dakota Hall of Fame has honored Champions for Excellence from all walks of life who have contributed to the development and heritage of South Dakota.

Over 700 inductee stories illustrate the many paths to excellence. It is our honor to keep a record of the achievements and service these inductees have provided.

Find out more about our inductees by visiting the museum in Chamberlain or online at sdhalloffame.com

We Celebrate.
We Educate.
We Preserve.
We Inspire.
We Build.

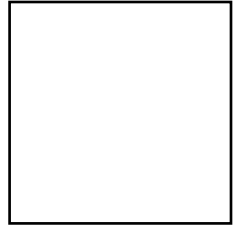
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Champions for Excellence in South Dakota

The South Dakota Hall of Fame is privileged to have inducted 714 exemplary individuals in recognition of their exceptional achievements.

These inductees are connected with the many others throughout South Dakota committed to be Champions for Excellence.

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Visit us in Chamberlain!

Visit the state's official South Dakota Hall of Fame in Chamberlain, just off I-90, Exit 263

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Monday - Friday 9AM - 5PM

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(Memorial Day - Labor Day)
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Legacies of Achievement

sdexcellence.org

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