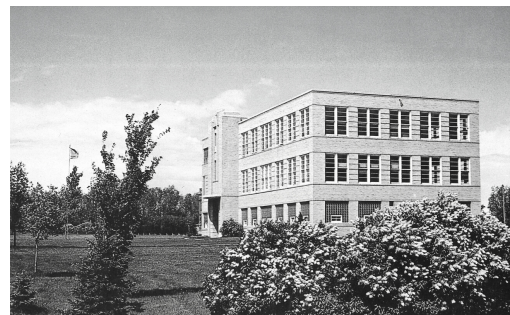


Alumni Newsletter

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY,
PLAINVIEW ACADEMY, AND SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY



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Friendships for Eternity

Lynette Miller, Development Director



Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends leave footprints in your heart. As I listen to alumni reminisce about their days at PVA, SRA, or DAA, friendships are always mentioned. Our schools provide an opportunity to develop those close friendships and more

importantly give our students the additional opportunity to meet Jesus and turn their lives over to Him. What more could we ask for than friendship, both earthly and heavenly?

As you read through the pages of this newsletter you will find memories of friendships made in academy and now renewed during Alumni Weekend. You will read stories of what is happening on our campus today and how our current students are making their own memories. There is a common thread among our alumni which is the time they spent at academy, the impact on their lives, and the importance of continuing to provide our youth with the opportunity for a Christian education.

Thank you for placing your trust in us with your students and your donations. Working together we will continue to provide our youth with a safe haven, a strong academic program, and an opportunity to meet Jesus and connect with Him. Please continue to keep our students and staff in your prayers. We appreciate all you do for our organization.

**BISMARCK
REGIONAL
AND CELEBRATION
OF PRAISE**



December 18, 2021

Dakota Adventist Academy
15905 Sheyenne Circle, Bismarck ND

Sabbath School - 10:00a
Church - 11:00a
Lunch provided by DAA - 12:00p
Afternoon Seminars - 1:00p
DAA Christmas Concert - 3:00p

A TASTE OF HEAVEN

DAA/SRA/PVA All School Reunion

OCTOBER 7 & 8 2022

If you are a former student, faculty member, or just a friend, make plans now to attend a special Alumni Weekend honoring ALL classes. Look forward to events like the Alumni vs. Student volleyball & basketball games, return of the Golf Scramble, and more!



A Call to Serve

Benjamin Dossenko, Alumni President



I remember feeling a strong sense of duty and responsibility after my time at DAA. I felt like I had a job to do and God would let me know the specifics along the way. It was with this sense of duty that I accepted the alumni association president position this last Alumni Weekend. Having previously served in this capacity, I hesitated to accept it again because I fully knew that many of our alumni have been absent. Absent in their presence, absent in their gifts of service to the association, and absent in the simplest form of support - money. Because of these reasons I have wondered, "How much of a priority is the Academy to all of us?" During the years I attended, I am sure the people who supported the school through time and money thought I would do the same; thought I would give another child a chance to have the opportunities I had, the fun I had, the introduction to my Lord and Savior that I had. I want to thank those of you to who came before me, and those who have stayed active - you are the people who gave me my chance.

DAA is a priority to me, being an alumni officer and the giving of my time is what I can do. What can you do?

Coming Soon!

A website dedicated entirely to the Alumni Association and friends that will include: Alumni updates, honor class and Alumni Weekend photos, upcoming events, giving options, in remembrances, and more!

Alumni Officers

President - Benjamin Dossenko, DAA Class of '97
Vice President - TBD

Treasurer - Mitchell Merkel, DAA Class of '98
Vice Treasurer - Brenda Rexin Klein, DAA Class of '92

Secretary - Jodi Gottfried Dossenko, DAA Class of '97
Vice Secretary - Jaelyn Pickett, DAA Class of '20

Contact: dakotaalumni@gmail.com



Alumni Weekend 2021 - photo by Lynette Miller

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR

your continued support

FROM ANTHONY OUCHEREK
& THE DAA TEAM

Fall Festival

Tracy Peterson, Recruiter

Fall festival means food, family, and fun! Gathering together sampling foods, playing games, and spending the mandated time in jail, kept everyone entertained for the evening, and that was the result of Fall Festival 2021.

Dakota Adventist Academy's Fall Festival was welcomed back into full swing this year. It was well attended, thanks to students' supportive families and the church community in the area. The festive evening reminded me of the blessings of fellowship and friendship.

Thank you for being our support!



Tracy Peterson



Tracy Peterson



Dakota Adventist Academy Preview Days

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

Join the school for a day of skiing at Huff Hills

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH - THE 27TH

Spend the weekend getting to know the students and teachers at the Academy, preview classes and join in the activities!

MYDAA.ORG/ADMISSIONS/ACADEMY-DAYS

2022

Donate to a Special Project

Would you like to help the school by donating money to a specific project? Please designate on your donation check what project you have chosen. Here are some things to choose from:

- Cameras for graphic design & photography class (4 cameras x \$600) = \$2,400
- Gymnasium basketball safety wall pad and stage pad = \$2,400
- Sound boards for music department (2 areas needed) = \$1,700 and \$3,300
- Drinking fountain/bottle filler = \$1,000
- De-thatcher for mower = \$775
- Shelving for a school storeroom = \$2,000

Honor Classes From Alumni Weekend 2021



SRA Class of 1946 - 75 years

Carol Seibold



SRA Class of 1951 - 70 years

Wilbert Kostenko, Helen Myres,
Gordon Eichele



SRA Class of 1952 - 70 years

Grace Murphy



SRA Class of 1957 - 65 years

Pearl Stabel, Eleanor Cross,
Richard Kannenberg, Dennis
Schmierer, Delbert Krause



SRA Class of 1961 - 60 years

Front: Leland Juhl, Judy Liebelt,
Delores McKinven, Sharon
Alexenko, Back: Alice Krueger,
Allen Krueger, Vernon Liebelt, Ron
Biloff, Dennis Lehmann, David
Lehmann



SRA Class of 1962 - 60 years

Delilah Treft, Garry Treft, Linda
Devnich, Darold Opp



SRA Class of 1966 - 55 years

Front: Phyllis Nudd, Darlene
Stafford, Back: Mary Kay Duvall,
Bruce Darcy, Marge Seifert, Ralph
Lawler, Rod Widicker



SRA Class of 1967 - 55 years

Front: Floyd Bejerle, Lynden Kurtz,
Cindy Darcy, Glenna Widicker-
Gow, Back: Jack Korolsky, Judy
Korolsky, Raylene Connelly,
Connie McCormick, Jim Patzer,
Lyndon Juhl, Marvin Gottfried



SRA Class of 1971 - 50 years

Alan Hansen

Would you like to view and download honor class photos online?

Visit: <https://bit.ly/honorclassphotos>



SRA Class of 1972 - 50 years

Front: Dennis Reinke, Brenda Eichele, Nadine Boyko, Denise Weikum, Candace Kreiter, Jerene Nelson, Rayleen Hansen, Sharon Messer, Nancy Tarasenko, Back: Pam Timothy, Dallas Eichele, Dale Timothy, Leslie Dockter, Marlin Weikum, Allen Boyko, Jerry Davis



SRA Class of 1976 - 45 years

Mark Miller, Lynn Miller, Kathy Tebelius, Sara Begley, Mark Seibold, David Parker



DAA Class of 1981 - 40 years

Neal Martin, Sherry Taylor, Lee Meier, Theresa Parker, Jay Horob, Renee Corbett, Brad Hansen, Lyle Miller



DAA Class of 1982 - 40 years

Pamela Blumenschein, Kon Sorensen, Paula Shaw, Kris Kirschmann



DAA Class of 1987 - 35 years

Jodi Dockter, Shawn Walgren



DAA Class of 1997 - 25 years

Amy Soper, Pablito Torres, Angela Barber, Benton Davis, Lauralee Dammen, Ben Dossenko, Jodi Dossenko



DAA Class of 2001 - 20 years

Tyson Davis, Michael Miller



DAA Class of 2002 - 20 years

Reed Merkel



DAA Class of 2006 - 15 years

Allison Engelhart, Bartley Engelhart

Honor Classes From Alumni Weekend 2021



DAA Class of 2012 - 10 years

Thomas Chapman, Nathan Struckman

Class photos taken by Zak Adams.



DAA Class of 2016 - 5 years

Brighton Ulery



DAA Class of 2017 - 5 years

Kaitlyn Rickard, Trevor Pike, Robbie Weisz, Richard Pathomsiri, Nicole Hamilton

The Language of Music

Tracy Peterson, Recruiter

Music is a language that speaks to everyone on a different level, evoking emotion differently for every ear. Hymns and praises are most often the themes of the music learned by the students for performance purposes to be shared during church services throughout the conference.

Adding to the musical diversity learned by the students, Mr. Ballesteros has orchestrated a refreshing concert of both vocal and instrumental entertainment from favorite tunes chosen by the students. Soon they will be practicing the tunes to celebrate the season, then moving back to the hymns and praises to be shared during the spring tour of the Dakota Conference Regionals.

Join us in celebrating the language of music at any of the upcoming musical performances. More ears make the music merrier!



In Remembrance

Lois Pekeldel Utter

12.30.2020
PVA Class of 1949

Llewellyn Alexenko

11.21.2021
SRA Class of 1954

Jeannette Boyko Martin

8.11.2021
SRA Class of 1954

Charles Darcy

11.2.2021
SRA Class of 1963

Jerrold "Jerry" Harchenko

7.30.2021
SRA Class of 1950

Lillian Vietz Krueger

6.10.2021
SRA Class of 1939

Roy Wightman

6.25.2021
PVA Class of 1943

Russell Hieb

11.16.2021
SRA Class of 1951

Karol Hanson

9.12.2021
SRA Class of 1955

Lyndel Hieb

6.14.2021
PVA Class of 1946

Valerie Eder Ransom

4.25.2021
PVA Class of 1946

Michael Frank

11.20.2021
DAA Class of 2001

Giving to Dakota Adventist Academy

Many who give to DAA experience the satisfaction of knowing their gift makes a real difference in the life of a young person. You help in "Build Friendships for Eternity." Your gifts will help us serve this generation and beyond. Working together we can help our youth build friendships for eternity and a home in Heaven.

Annual Fund Goal

\$275,000 / year

Gifts to the Annual Fund are unrestricted donations that are valuable to the operation of the school. They contribute to the stability and security of the school program and are applied where the need is greatest.

Worthy Student Fund Goal

\$125,000 / year

These gifts go to work immediately in assisting students with financial needs. Approximately half of our students currently receive assistance from this fund. Support is needed annually, especially in these financially difficult times.

Dorm Renovation Goal

\$80,000 / year

Our students spend many hours in their dorm rooms throughout the school year. It is their home away from home. Here they study, sleep, relax, and spend personal time in worship. In addition, the dorms are used during Alumni Weekend, Campmeeting, and other special events.

Non-cash Gifts

Donations of shares of stock, land, and crops are just a few ideas for non-cash donations.

Ways to Give

As you consider what type of gift to give, we encourage you to consult your CPA or attorney. You may also want to speak with Conference or DAA administration to understand the areas of need. Undesignated gifts that are received through estates are unrestricted and their use will be determined by the K-12 Board of Education.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to a scholarship fund should make their check out to Dakota Conference Corporation, mark it for the scholarship of their choice and mail it to Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 7200 N. Washington St, Bismarck, ND 58503-6301.

Apply for a Scholarship

Call Lynette Miller at the Dakota Conference office: 701.751.6177.

Legacy Gifts

Gifts left in the form of a legacy through your estate plans play a vital part in the operation of DAA. As you determine how your estate will be handled after your death, you can plan to give a portion to DAA. These gifts have tax implications and are often transmitted through a legal document such as a Will or Trust.

Gifts-in-Kind

Gifts of a non-monetary nature will benefit the school. They enrich programs and capital improvement. Examples could include furniture, landscape materials, library books, or musical instruments.

Special Funds

Donors may give to a variety of programs including music, mission trips, art, basketball, or special projects. These enrich the quality of the programs offered to our students.

Gifts of Time & Talent

Do you have time or expertise in an area that might benefit DAA? Contact us to see what projects need assistance and how we might work together.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts may be made in memory of a loved one or a classmate.

Endowment Gifts

These gifts are a major contribution to the school's future stability and are often considered a legacy gift. These gifts, held by the Dakota Conference Corporation, include permanent funds that provide lasting financial resources to DAA and its programs. Invested in interest-earning accounts, the income is used annually for the designated purpose of the endowment.

Kungel Family Endowment Fund

Established by Lenhardt & Darlene Kungel, this fund will provide two Dakota students a \$1,500 annual scholarship.

PVA-Ron Purkapile Student Scholarship Fund

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide South Dakota students with supplemental funds to attend DAA. Recipients will need to meet scholarship requirements. Students will be selected on a yearly basis by the scholarship committee.

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CALENDAR

December

- 18 Celebration of Praise - DAA
- 18 Bismarck Regional - DAA
- 18 Afternoon Christmas Concert - DAA
- 18-2 Christmas Homeleave

January

- 13-28 MAPS Testing
- 23 K-12 Board Meeting

February

- 2-5 Union College Music Festival
- 16-20 Homeleave & UC Basketball Tournament
- 24 Ski & Rec Day
- 25-27 Academy Days

STAY CONNECTED

We love to hear from you and your classmates love to keep up with you. Please send us your news, photos, and changes of address, marriages, births, etc.

For those of you who spend the winter months away from home, send us your winter address and the time frame you will be gone so you don't miss an issue of this newsletter. Thank you.

Email: development@dakotaadventist.org

APPLY TODAY

Apply to attend Dakota Adventist Academy today! Registration is still open for the 2021-2022 academic year. Visit our website to apply online or contact Tracy Peterson at: 701.258.9000.