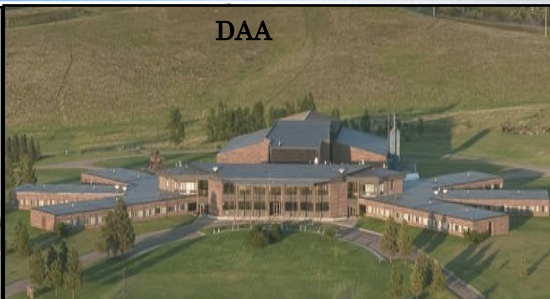


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Graduation 2019



Dakota Adventist Academy's Class of 2019 was comprised of 14 students from all over the world; 1 from Yap, 1 from China, 1 from Thailand, 1 from Idaho, 1 from Washington, 3 from South Dakota and 6 from North Dakota.

With students as diverse in talents as they are in where they are from, the Class of

2019 will leave a huge hole in the student body. The staff and students who were a part of this school year see where we will be missing our leaders and workers. Construction, Art, Math, and Music are only a few of the empty spots they are leaving. Graduation seems like it is about the end of an era, but yet it is this end that opens the doors for these students to have a new beginning. For some their next landing point will be college. Others plan to go right to work. But they will all have this common time in life where they bonded and became the Class of 2019 at DAA.

In addition to their leadership many of the seniors were strong academically. Over \$750,000 was awarded to seniors from four Adventist Universities in recognition of their high scholastic achievements.

The positive part about the senior class moving on to other things is the growth that happens to those left behind. It enables there to be room in leadership roles for change, for the next group of senior students, and more than enough room for an incoming freshman class.

Thank you Class of 2019 for the examples you set for others to follow. Remember that DAA is always part of your family. Choose kindness and laugh often!

Dakota Adventist Academy
Building Friendships for Eternity

We prepare our students for a lifetime of commitment to God, service to society, and citizenship in Heaven!

DAA, SRA, & PVA

Alumni Weekend 2019

WHEN

October 4 - 5, 2019

WHERE

Dakota Adventist Academy
Bismarck, ND

HONOR CLASSES:

1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965,
1970, 1980, 1990, 1995, 2000,
2005, 2010, 2015

DETAILS

Reservation forms, schedules, and
more information are
found on pages [4](#) & [5](#)

See you in October!

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Principal's Message

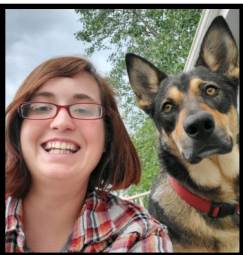


Greetings from DAA:

We are almost ready to start the new school year at the academy. A lot has happened since our last opportunity to connect with you. First, we graduated 14 seniors this past spring, 2 of whom are already in classes down at Southern Adventist University. Another 2 will be enrolled at Union this fall and 8 others will be in a variety of colleges, including 2 right here in Bismarck. Besides the 14 graduates, we have one other student who came back to complete classes and improve his GPA and 2 others who have made different plans for next year, so we have really hit the road recruiting and praying. God has blessed us; we have the enrollment numbers we finished last year with – and we are still talking with several other potential students.

At the end of the school year, over the summer and as we meet for pre-work in the school, the staff and some family members have put in many hours and we are pleased to report that new ceiling tiles and new lights have been installed throughout the school, our new bleachers are set up in the gym, and our water fountains have been upgraded. We believe you will be pleased with how well we have taken care of your investment.

Finally, in a year where it looked like almost everything would be the same, we have made some sudden changes at the last hour. Our music teacher has accepted a call to another position, moving out of the music classroom and her family will be going with her, leaving a few holes. I am pleased to announce that the pieces have fallen into place and we have new staff in place to start the year. Our new music teacher is **David Ballesteros**. He comes to us from Great Lakes Academy where he has been engaged in directing all of the music genres we are looking for as well as lessons. Shannon Brown moves from assistant Ladies dean to full time Bible and Spanish instruction and coming in to replace her as the girls assistant dean is **Lana Miller**. She will also be assisting part time in the kitchen and in a supervision capacity. Stepping into the gap in the boys assistant dean position for the first semester is **Gregory Ratter**. Mr. Ratter is a senior in Spanish Bible and History Education at Union College and he has chosen our school for his last semester of student teaching under Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Brown.



As we move into this 2019-2020 school year, keep us in your prayers and in your hearts... and if you know of a student who needs to be here, please help us connect with them.



Year End Awards

Best of Class

Jadyn Anderson and Fin Pathomsiri were recognized by the Bismarck Tribune and KFYR at the annual luncheon honoring students who have a GPA of 3.9 or above.



Renaissance Scholarship

Jadyn Anderson awarded with a \$500 scholarship recognizing her for excelling in a wide range of disciplines.



Caring Heart Award

Jaelyn Pickett, junior, received the Caring Heart Award, a \$500 scholarship from the NAD for her commitment to selfless acts and witnessing activities.



DAA Today

National Honor Society Induction



Students have many opportunities for leadership roles at DAA. Along with holding a leadership position comes the opportunity to be a member of the National Honor Society. Members must demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, leadership, service, and character. This year **Jessica Winistorfer** and **Wesley Kayser** met these requirements and were inducted into the National Honor Society.

Music Festival

DAA hosted its 13th Annual Music and Art Festival in February with the theme of “Trust in God!”. Musicians, clinicians, and artists from Minnesota, North & South Dakota gathered together to celebrate their God-given talents. Students participated in choir, brass and guitar ensembles, handbells, strings and art classes. The weekend culminated with a concert Sabbath evening.



Education Sabbath

Sabbath April 13 found students and staff traveling to area churches to participate in the Worship Service and share their love for God through song, story, verse, and prayer. DAA prepares our students for more than academic greatness. We encourage them to share the love of God, we help them “grow in knowledge and stature, and in favor with God and man.” Luke 2:52



Community Service



Students are required to participate in 20 hours of community service each year they are attending DAA. One of the opportunities this year was working with United Way filling backpacks for the summer program, and cleaning and organizing the storage/distribution center for United Way. DAA has a solid reputation in the community for students who are not afraid of hard work and complete their duties with willingness and compassion.

Purkapile Scholarship Awards



In 2016 PVA alumni established the Ron Purkapile Scholarship Award to benefit students from South Dakota who were attending DAA. Thanks to the generosity of PVA alumni \$2300 was distributed this year. Recipients are **PawLay Pway - Huron**, **Jadyn Anderson - Watertown**, **Karissa Rickard - Sioux Falls**, and **Hayden Gronau - Aberdeen**.

A Message From Your Alumni President



Dear Fellow Alumni,

As we head into another year, I want to let you know how you can be involved with the Alumni Association. No matter how you contribute, supporting fellow and future alums will help us all and enable our school to continue to focus on building friendships for eternity. Our association offers opportunities for fellowship and allows you to reconnect with classmates not only at our annual Alumni Weekend, but also at various chapter meetings held across the US. Take a look at the opportunities below and consider how you can be involved!

Contact Information - Update your contact information at www.mydaa.org on our alumni page to make sure you get timely information about activities and get-togethers. We are working to start an electronic newsletter, make more social media posts, and to create an alumni-specific email address so you can contact us directly.

Homecoming - For many years, we have organized events, activities, and plenty of fellowship during Alumni Weekend. Each year in October, we recognize Honor Classes; this year those are the graduates of years ending in 0 and 5. We can't wait to see you at DAA this October 4-5 as we walk down memory lane together!

Give - There are many opportunities to provide support beyond contributing yearly dues. These are available in Development communications and on DAA's website; we hope you will look at those. We have the opportunity to support our school as future students continue to build friendships for eternity.

Class Composites - Your officers are also working on a project to refurbish damaged class composites, beginning with those from the 70s, using protective glass and trying to preserve each composite's unique look. More information on that project will be available during Alumni Weekend.

On behalf of your officers, thank you for supporting your alumni association and may God generously bless you!

Jeana Styron Eszler '05
Alumni President

Alumni Weekend Schedule

(Events and times subject to change)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 1:00 pm Registration
- 2:30 pm Wallace Carlson Memorial
- 4:00 pm Pioneer Reception - *Class of 1970*
All classes are welcome
- 7:30 pm Vespers

SABBATH, OCTOBER 5

- 8:30 am Breakfast
- 10:00 am Worship Service - *Class of 1980*
Honor class pictures immediately following the worship service
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 3:30 pm Honor Class Recognition
- 5:00 pm Buffet Supper
Compliments of the Alumni Association - all are welcome
- 6:30 pm Vespers - DAA Showcase
- Immediately after Vespers - Alumni Business Meeting
- 8:00 pm Basketball & Volleyball games
Alumni vs DAA

Alumni Officers

President:	Jeana Styron Eszler '05 jeanaeszler@gmail.com
Vice President:	To be decided
Secretary:	Chelsea Flemmer Christensen '03 chflemmer@gmail.com
Assistant Secretary:	To be decided
Treasurer:	Mitchell Merkel '98 Mitchell@merkelcpa.com
Assistant Treasurer:	To be decided

Area Lodging (partial listing)

AmericInn	1-800-634-3444
Comfort Inn/Suites	1-800-424-6423
Country Inn/Suites	1-800-456-4000
Fairfield Inn	1-800-228-2800
Holiday Inn	1-701-751-8240
MainStay Suites	1-701-223-9119
Radisson	1-800-223-8001
Staybridge Suites	1-800-939-4249

PLEASE NOTE there are 2 reservation forms - 1 for meal tickets and 1 for room reservations at DAA. We would appreciate it if you would send separate payment for each form. Meals are payable to the Alumni Association and rooms are payable to Dakota Adventist Academy. Thank you!

MEAL TICKETS

Please order and pay before Sabbath.

Make checks payable to DAA Alumni Association

Mail to: Mitch Merkel, PO Box 70, Ellendale, ND 58436

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Pioneer Reception _____ tickets x \$8.00 = \$_____ **PLEASE NOTE: The Pioneer Reception is a full meal. .**
 Sabbath Breakfast _____ tickets x \$5.00 = \$_____ Sabbath Lunch _____ tickets x \$8.00 = \$_____
 Sabbath Supper - Free to all; Donations accepted during the meal **Total for meals \$_____**

Thank you for your support!

DORM ROOM RESERVATIONS

Make checks payable to Dakota Adventist Academy

Mail to: Dakota Adventist Academy, Attn: Mindy Juhl, 15905 Sheyenne Circle, Bismarck, ND 58503

Or call: 701-258-9000 ext 224

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DORM ROOM \$25.00 x _____ rooms x _____ nights = \$_____ Arriving on _____ Leaving on _____

NOTE: Please bring your own linens for dorm rooms.

OFFICE USE: Room(s) Assigned _____

Support Your Alumni Association

Every year your alumni officers and DAA work diligently to provide an inspirational alumni weekend as well as assisting with the quarterly newsletter that keeps us all informed of what is happening with alumni and on campus. We encourage you to support your alumni association with these costs by paying your yearly dues. Donations are also encouraged to assist with the costs of the newsletter. We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing to serve you.

At the 2013 Alumni Business Meeting held alumni weekend, it was voted to set the annual dues at \$20.

Please make checks payable to DAA Alumni Association

Mail to: Mitch Merkel, PO Box 70, Ellendale, ND 58436

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DUES: \$20/alumni \$_____ **ACADEMY/ALUMNI NEWSLETTER** \$_____

Alumni Chapter Meetings

Friendship is a strong bond between people that can last a lifetime. With our older alumni and even our younger alumni the one thing that stands out in their memories is the friends they made while attending academy. Many are able to attend Alumni Weekend in October and renew those friendships. Others are not able to make the trip to DAA each October. Chapter meetings held in four locations each year provide the opportunity for alumni to renew friendships and to hear updates on what is happening on our campus. Additionally PVA alumni gather at the Spearfish church the last Sabbath in June to renew friendships. We encourage you to attend one of these chapter meetings if you have the opportunity to do so.



Mesa, AZ



Walla Walla, WA



Loma Linda, CA



PVA - Spearfish, SD

Alumni Updates

Sheyenne River Academy 1940s

Maxine Foster Scofield '43 At 94 I still have very fond memories of my time at the academy. It was there I met Jesus and was baptized and also met my husband Paul. I now live in Lincoln, NE near my daughter.

Grace Lehmann Murphy '52 My years as a student at old SRA were enjoyable. I'm living in my home in Zephyrhills, FL and will as long as I can. This past year I lost my husband of 61 years. I retired the end of May after working 61 years as a registered dietitian. If I am able I hope to attend alumni for my 70th reunion.

Carolee Wheeler '61-'63 staff We enjoyed our time at SRA and made several lifetime friends while there. My parents had both attended SRA and it was kind of neat to be at the school where they had attended. After our time at SRA we moved to CA where we still reside.

In Remembrance - Asleep in Jesus

Wallace Carlson
SRA Class of 1949
April 28, 2019

Lawrence Claridge
PVA Class of 1942
July 22, 2018

Leland Fischer
SRA Class of 1953
February 23, 2019

Archie Hieb
SRA Class of 1942
July 1, 2019

Lloyd Johnson
PVA Class of 1949
May 11, 2019

Gerald "Jerry" Juhl
SRA Class of 1965
March 18, 2019

CORRECTION
Lindell Lehmann Juhl
SRA Class of 1946
September 28, 2018

Glenn Kerr
SRA Class of 1961
March 13, 2019

Dale Miller
SRA Class of 1945
May 29, 2019

Arthur Quance
Tolstoy SDA Church
May 7, 2019

Shirley Binder Roberts
SRA Class of 1950
February 22, 2019

Lawrence Savchenko
Minot SDA Church
March 18, 2019

Jerry Schack
PVA Class of 1956
May 18, 2019

Shirlee Ericson Schack
Bowdle SDA Church
May 18, 2019

Beryl Fisher Sievers
SRA Class of 1940
December 22, 2018

Helen Tarasenko Sprengel-Lutz
SRA Class of 1943
June 6, 2019

Myrna VanVorst
PVA Class of 1942

Harley Wagner
SRA Class of 1963
April 2, 2019

Wendell Wall MD
Wahpeton SDA Church
June 3, 2019

Theodore "Ted" Wiebe
Beulah SDA Church
May 12, 2019

Betty Wine
SRA Class of 1948
January 15, 2019

*"And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
Revelation 21:4*

Giving to DAA

Many who give to DAA have the satisfaction of knowing their gift makes a real difference in the life of a young person. You help "Build Friendships for Eternity".

Annual Fund – an unrestricted donation that is used in a variety of ways depending on the current needs of the school.

Worthy Student Fund – these gifts go to work immediately in assisting students with financial needs.

PVA-Ron Purkapile Student Scholarship - those wishing to donate to this scholarship for South Dakota students should make their check out to [Dakota Conference Corporation](#) and mark it for the PVA-Purkapile Scholarship.

Dorm Renovation – a restricted donation for use in renovating and updating our dorm rooms.

Gifts-in-Kind – non-monetary gifts that will benefit the school. Examples could include furniture, landscape materials, library books, and musical instruments.

Planned Gifts – gifts that benefit DAA through your estate plan. As you determine how your estate will be handled after your death, you can plan to give a portion to DAA.

Additional Funds – donors may give to a variety of projects including music, art, sports programs, robotics club or other special projects. Contact David Chapman for further information at 701-258-9000.

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle. Thank you for sharing what God has given you.

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Calendar of Events

August

18 Registration
21 - 25 Camp Week

September

5 - 7 Leadership Training at Union College
28 Endowment Sabbath/Home Leave

October

4 - 5 Alumni Weekend
7 - 12 Week of Worship
18 Aberdeen Regional
23 - 27 Home Leave

November

9 Rapid City Regional
16 Sioux Falls Regional
27 - 1 Thanksgiving Break

Leave a Legacy

Annual gifts play a vital part in the operation of our academy. Vital, too, are those gifts that are left in the form of a legacy through your estate plans. Please consider adding Dakota Adventist Academy as a beneficiary in your estate plan. We thank you, and our students and future students thank you as well.

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.

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Mail: Development Office, Dakota Adventist Academy,
15905 Sheyenne Circle, Bismarck, ND 58503