

THE WATCHDOG

2022 | FALL EDITION

Watchdog
FOUNDATION



Run with the Pack

The Watchdog Foundation appreciates the community's generosity during our free-will Pork Loin BBQ. During the event, we raised \$2,174.96. After the parade and before the tailgate, we held a **Run with the Pack** event where individuals could take a Watchdog Foundation punchcard and travel to local businesses for a punch at Jensen's Insurance & Real Estate, Fyzical, and Sioux Corporation (inflatables provided by the SD National Guard). With a completed punchcard, pack members could pick a Watchdog Foundation window cling or a stress Watchdog as their prize.



Fyzical



Jensen's Insurance & Real Estate



Sioux Corporation

Watchdog Hall of Fame



The Hall of Fame exists because of the partnerships between the **Beresford School District**, the **Watchdog Foundation**, the **Beresford Athletic Booster Club**, and the **Beresford Area Arts**.

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Mr. Paul Runyan, **Dr. Shelly Kennedy**, **Mrs. Karla (Rick) Deuter**, the **1977 Girls' Basketball Team**, and **Mr. Brian Field** received their Hall of Fame Watchdog and addressed the crowd during the ceremony.

The induction program started at 7 pm after a banquet at 6 pm. Catering by Cleavers provided the meal for

roughly 160 guests. In addition, Beresford FFA students provided table service during the banquet. Community members and guests joined to listen to our inductees and speakers share insights, stories, and memories about the Beresford School District. Individuals and team members expressed appreciation for the event and the honor. To view the program, click [here](#).

To read more about our inductees, check out our PDF program with biographies (Hall of Fame Program). To help this tradition continue, we need your help. We would love for you to think about the individuals or teams that embodied greatness or embody excellence today and complete a nomination form (online or via a PDF submission). Please consider taking a few moments in the weeks/months ahead to complete and submit your nomination(s) to the Beresford School District. We accept nominations based on our four pillars of the "Watchdog Experience." One can find the online Nomination Form (open year-round) [here](#).

Did you know that the Watchdog Foundation...



1 Helps connect Beresford High School alums and supports Beresford School District educators and students through scholarships and grants?

The Watchdog Foundation provides innovative teaching grants, special programs, mini-grants, and scholarships, including the Shanna Rae Christensen Memorial Scholarship. We've awarded 33 scholarships through the Shanna Rae Christensen Memorial Scholarship and almost \$33,000 for innovative education grants. Invest in the cause by making a [donation online](#) or by mailing your investment to Beresford School District (c/o Watchdog Foundation) at 301 W Maple St, Beresford, SD 57004.

2 Accepts memorials for loved ones who have passed away?

Memorial funds can go to the Shanna Rae Christensen Memorial Scholarship fund or the Watchdog Foundation fund. Memorials and monetary gifts sent to the Watchdog Foundation immortalize the legacy of loved ones and friends. After the memorial is deposited, you will receive a donation statement from the South Dakota Community Foundation for tax purposes.

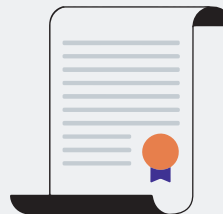
3 Is an agent of the Beresford Area Foundation?

In addition to the Watchdog Foundation, the opportunity to enhance Beresford or leave a legacy are also viable options through the Beresford Community Foundation and the Beresford Public Library Foundation. The Beresford Area Foundation was created as a not-for-profit tax-exempt organization associated with the South Dakota Community Foundation to serve as a vehicle to create a community savings account to promote the commonwealth of the greater Beresford community. The Foundation's mission is to create a means to invest the legacy from our past to build a bridge to the future. The Beresford Public Library strives to provide timely access to materials and services helping city and area residents of all ages obtain information to meet personal, professional, and educational needs. The library also strives to promote lifelong learning in an atmosphere that is welcoming, respectful, and businesslike.

Innovative Education Grants

The vision of the Watchdog Foundation is **Building the future of Beresford, together**. Our mission is to assist and advance our community's pursuit of excellence, create lifelong connections, and build strong and mutually beneficial ties between the Beresford School District, the community, and its diverse alumni. Last year, the Watchdog Foundation awarded four **Innovative Education Grants** to the following educational leaders:

- **Mrs. Ann Tornberg** (Dakota Debate Institute) submitted a grant application to send three Beresford Watchdogs to the Dakota Debate Institute.
- **Mrs. Karol Baer** and **Mrs. Noelle Muller** (Yoga & Mindfulness) have expanded our middle school wheel/encore electives by offering a yoga/mindfulness course. Grant funds purchased materials to help students practice during a period five elective.
- **Mrs. Bridget Twedt** (Greenhouse Updates) submitted a grant application to update grow tables in the greenhouse. Updated equipment will help propagate plants and assist with seedbed preparation, plant handling, and final product preparation.
- **Mrs. Shellie Pratt** (Care Closet) is working to establish a stocked cabinet that will contain clothing, toiletries, and personal care items for our Beresford Middle and High School students. Learning cannot happen until a student's basic needs are met.



Shanna Rae Christensen Memorial Scholarship

The Shanna Rae Christensen Memorial Scholarship (SRCMS) was established in 2009 by the David and Susan Christensen family in memory of their daughter Shanna Rae. The fund was set up with the South Dakota Community Foundations as a sub-fund of the Watchdog Foundation and an affiliated fund of the Beresford Area Foundation.

Scholarships are awarded to Beresford High School seniors whose intended plans for post-high study are in the area of special education, rehabilitation or nursing. Since 2011, \$16,500 has been awarded to 33 Beresford High School seniors.

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May

 Fifty-one BHS students participated in the Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony. Click [here](#) to see pictures from the event.




 On May 16, the Lady Watchdogs earned their 4th Big East Conference title. The boys' team finished 2nd.




 Tavyn Valder, Jade Rhody, Kylie Mockler, Eva Schaap, Rachel Zanter, Savannah Beeson, Isabel DeLay, Brynn Nelson, and Haleigh Stene qualified for the State A Track Meet held May 26-28. Boys qualifiers were Michael Shegrud, Brody Andrews, Jax Fickbohm, Thomas Cordell, Andrew Atwood, Max Orr, Isaiah Richards, Carter Sveeggen, Gavel Valder, Ashton Tjaden, Gage Lyle, Aidan Hamm, Josh Lawrence, Peyton Peterson, Jaxsen Tadlock, Peyton Fridrich, Malachi James, and Aaron Larson.



 At the State Track Meet, our medalists were: Jade Rhody placed 4th in the high jump with a height of 5-00 feet, the girls' 4X100 meter relay team (Tavyn Valder, Isabel DeLay, Rachel Zanter, and Savannah Beeson) placed 4th with a time of 50.75 seconds, the sprint medley team (Peyton Fridrich, Gavel Valder, Max Orr, and Andrew Atwood) placed 3rd with a time of 3:43.60, the boys' 4X400 meter relay team (Malachi James, Isaiah Richards, Andrew Atwood, and Max Orr) placed 6th with a time of 3:35.26, Max Orr placed 6th in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 41.75 seconds, and Andrew Atwood placed 5th in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:59.92.



June

 Maiya Muller and Juliann Seeley qualified for the 2022 State A Girls Golf Tournament held June 6-7. Maiya placed 3rd in the 2022 Class A Individual Championship (+15, 80, 77, for 157) and Watchdog Juliann tied for 29th (+48, 95, 95, for 190).



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Hall of Fame Inductee Marvin Wastell joined the Beresford School District on July 11 to provide special recognition to the Beresford FFA Chapter and Mrs. Twedt. Marvin presented the Beresford FFA Chapter with a \$2,000 check to help offset rising fuel costs for travel. Mr. Wastell desires that the Beresford School District continues to have students attend leadership and development camps as transportation costs continue to rise. Mr. Wastell also presented the Beresford FFA Chapter with a \$500 check as seed money for an Avenue of Flags fundraising opportunity. Mr. Wastell explained how the project works and how it has grown from one flag to 650 flags in the Omaha area. Mr. Wastell presented Mrs. Twedt and her family with a travel opportunity.



August



The Beresford School District's first day of school was August 25. The Beresford School District welcomed 714 students to Watchdog Nation.



Ciara Neuman, Ashlynn Rozeboom, and Mrs. Julie Saugstad worked to update and refresh our Watchdog mural at Cortland Carnes Stadium.



Beresford High School seniors selected the following students to our Royal Court: Josie DeLay, Larissa Tiedeman, Adyson Hansen, Irelyn Fickbohm, McKayla Roelke, Jaxsen Tadlock, Landon Schurch, Jake Goblirsch, Aaron Larson, and Jack Erlandson.



September



During homecoming week, McKayla Roelke was crowned Queen and Aaron Larson was crowned King.



Senior Golfer Maiya Muller signed her letter of intent to play golf at Morningside University. Ms. Muller will pursue a major in Biopsychology and a minor in Criminal Justice.



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Haidyn Lounsbery and Brenna Dann attended the South Dakota Educators Rising Leadership Conference. While attending the conference, they worked with other chapters across the state to discuss growing their chapters and benefitting the communities they live and learn in daily.



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Beresford hosted the 5th Watchdog Marching Band Festival on September 30. The festival featured 24 bands with over 900 student performers.

October



Kaden Anderson, Derek Mass, and Dustin Mass qualified for the State Golf Tournament. Dustin Maas shot a 158 (83, 75) and placed 19th at State.



Andrew Atwood and Ella Merriman qualified for State Cross Country in Huron.



Lane Klarenbeek, Mason Heiberger, Derek Maas, Max Josko, McKayla Roelke, Kylie Mockler, Haley Huot, and Haidyn Lounsbery performed at All-

State Choir in Sioux Falls. Our BHS choirs are directed by Mrs. Kristin Schmeling.



November



The Watchdog Football team hosted a home playoff game against the Canton C-Hawks. The win was the team's first home playoff since 1993.



Before the game, the C-Hawks and Watchdogs teamed up to support Canton teacher, Jordan Huot, who had a medical emergency.



The Watchdog Volleyball team lost against Elk Point-Jefferson in Region 4A. The Watchdogs finished the season with a 9-20 record.



The Beresford Dance team earned 2nd place at State (overall). Hip Hop placed 1st and Pom placed 2nd. The team is coached by Amy Farley and Lynsey Andal.



The Beresford School District hosted its annual Honor Program for Veterans on November 11.



The Beresford High School drama department presented "A Night of One Acts" on November 11 and 12.