

BELLE FOURCHE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations
Graduates!

Belle Fourche Paint the Town

June 21 - 25, 2021

Location: Home located at 1103
5th Ave, Belle Fourche.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Contact Paul Kuhn at
NeighborWorks 605-578-1401 to
sign up.

Black Hills Roundup

June 30 - July 4, 2021

Pro Rodeo, Fireworks, Parade,
Ranch Rodeo, Carnival

BlackHillsRoundup.com for
complete schedule and tickets.

BFDC Board of Directors Meeting

June 9, 2021

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Location: BFDC Conference
Room - 5th & Grant Plaza, 608 5th
Ave.



Live Music 6:30 - 9:30 PM
June 10: Nunsun

FREE

New Location:
Tri-State Museum Grounds

Where Friends Meet by the River
Belle Fourche

The heart of a leader..... what does it take?

Do I have the skills to contribute value to an organization or leading role in my community?

Leadership Belle Fourche was designed to introduce community leaders and future community leaders to the inner workings of civic engagement by gaining the knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to make that difference in the civic life of their community.

The actions and attitudes brought to the table by these two classes was beautiful to witness. The hearts of champions for the place we call home! The 2019/2020 and the 2020/2021 classes celebrated graduation together. Covid did not dampen their spirit! We are very blessed with the folks who have committed to the leadership program and have the willingness to serve.

We all share in the joy of giving back to the community that offers so much to us.

Highlights

Industry Tours

Manufacturers

Pipeline Plastics, RP Minerals, New Generation Supplements, Gillette Fence, Ring Container

Local established historic industry

Wool Warehouse, Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange.

Local Government

City of Belle Fourche

- city hall – finance, engineering, landfill, rec center, police dept, public works, council chambers with overview of city government function, roles, and responsibilities.

Butte County

- courthouse, states attorney office with a report on local crime and areas of need, auditor's office, assessor's office, treasurer's office, registrar of deeds, sheriff's office and dispatch, roads, and commissioner's chambers with overview of county government function, roles, and responsibilities.

Economic Development

from the state down to the local level, how economic and community development are structured, programs and departments designed to help local business enhancement and expansion as well as new business development.

Housing

from SD Housing down to the local level and partnerships with NeighborWorks and community entities – city of Belle Fourche, the county and economic development.

Workforce Development

State level work and partnering with the universities and tech schools to offer opportunities for students to partner with local business to stay and work in South Dakota if they choose to.

Essence of a Leader

"Bring Your A Game", personal & professional development, individual personality assessments with Miss Kayla Kinard Grams.





Leadership Graduation Speaker: Michelle Kane

As director of the SD CEO Women's Business Center, located on the campus of Black Hills State University, Michelle provides business advising and resource guidance to aspiring and established entrepreneurs. She and the SD CEO team are privileged to bring outstanding workshops, networking opportunities and conferences to professional women across the state while promoting entrepreneurship and leadership – both in-person and virtually.

Prior to joining SD CEO, Michelle owned Black Hills PR, a public relations firm she launched in 2011. Headquartered in Spearfish, Black Hills PR designed marketing, social media and PR programs for local, regional, and national clients including three years traveling with a professional rodeo association.

She earned her bachelor's degree in Advertising from San Jose State University and is a 4th generation Californian who says that she "found her spot" in the Black Hills. Michelle and husband Mike, who teaches World History and Geography at Belle Fourche High School, have been married 30 years, have a 21-year-old son, Jack, and live in Spearfish.

You can find Michelle at the intersection of people and technology as she enjoys keeping up to date on new tools and the innovative ways people are using them.



2020/2021 LEADERSHIP BELLE FOURCHE - L TO R: *HOLLIE STALDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BELLE FOURCHE DEVELOPMENT CORP, RHONDA SCHMIDT, CHARLEE BACHMAN, MIRANDA GALLAGHER, TALLIA NIGHSWONGER, NATE VELANDER, HUNTER ANDERSON, NOT PICTURED TROY JENSEN.*



CHARLEE BACHMAN
HR DIRECTOR, CITY OF BELLE FOURCHE



RHONDA SCHMIDT
OFFICE MANAGER, SCOTT PETERSON MOTORS



MIRANDA GALLAGHER
DIRECTOR OF THE BELLE FOURCHE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE



HUNTER ANDERSON
PHOTOGRAPHER, HUNTER ANDERSON PHOTOGRAPHY



NATE VELANDER
DIRECTOR, BELLE FOURCHE REC CENTER



TALLIA NEIGHSWONGER
MARKETING MANAGER, JACKSON DENTAL



2019/2020 LEADERSHIP BELLE FOURCHE
 NOT PICTURED MELISSA KRAFT, MARK KAPSA & JASON LAFAYETTE



ANDY BEARS
MANAGER & GOLF PRO, BELLE FOURCHE
COUNTRY CLUB



THERESA PROZELLER
OFFICE MANAGER, PAIN AND MOVEMENT SOLUTIONS



LEE CAPP
QUALITY CONTROL SUPERVISOR, MINERALS
TECHNOLOGY



JANE SUMMERS
NORTHERN HILLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION



MELISSA KRAFT
CREDIT ANALYST, PIONEER BANK & TRUST



HOME SLICE COLLEAGUES ACCEPTING MARK KREAGER'S HONORARY GRADUATE CERTIFICATE



Mark Travis Kreager,

Leadership Belle Fourche
Class of 2019/2020

Mark Travis Kreager, age 45, was born on December 6, 1975, to Robert and Carol Kreager in Sioux Falls, SD, and died on December 23, 2020, at Monument Health in Rapid City, SD, of natural causes. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls and from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, both as an honor student. He was currently an Account Executive with Home Slice Group in Rapid City, SD, and lived in Belle Fourche, SD. He married Jaime Harrison and they had one son. At the time of his death, he was a single dad co-parenting his 16 year old son who resided with him. Their bond was one unlike any seen. His whole life centered around him.

There was not an activity that Elliot was involved in that Mark was not there to cheer him on. From taekwondo, band, high school plays he was there to support his best friend. He was also his mentor and loved to actively engage with him in intellectual conversations. He loved challenging him, and even more, loved when he challenged him back. Quite often, Mark would post on Facebook some of the

more interesting and humorous conversations they had. He had a love for children.

Like many Generation X'ers, Mark loved music, movies, history, reading, and anything pop culture related. From an early age Mark loved oldies music, was involved in competitive swimming, junior and senior high chorus and choral groups, class plays and enjoyed collecting comic books. One thing that stayed consistent from a young age, and he passed on to his son, was his love for WWF/WWE wrestling which they watched on television and they would attend whenever professional wrestling was in the area. They also attended live concerts. He was an avid reader and once wrote a story entitled, "The Silverware Drawer". He always wanted to publish a book but didn't realize that dream.

Mark was a member of the 2019/2020 Leadership Belle Fourche class. He will be missed by many.