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RE: SOUTH DAKOTA HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2017 INDUCTEES

CHAMBERLAIN, SD: The South Dakota Hall announces its 2017 Class of Ten Inductees

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2017 South Dakota Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

Honorees this year are **James W. Abbott**, Vermillion, SD (Education); **Andrew Bogue**, Rapid City, SD (Law); **Jeff Broin**, Dell Rapids, SD (Agriculture); **Ernest Carlsen**, Sioux Falls, SD (Business); **Niels Hansen**, Brookings, SD (Agriculture); **Stephanie Herseth Sandlin**, Sioux Falls, SD (Professional); **Kelby Krabbenhoft**, Sioux Falls, SD (Medical Field); **Jeff Scherschligt**, Sioux Falls, SD (Business); **Thomas Shortbull**, Rapid City, SD (Education); and **Governor Harvey Wollman**, Frankfort, SD (Political). Their biographies are included.

The Honors Ceremony will be held in Chamberlain, SD on September 8 and 9 and is open to the public. Tickets will go on sale June 1, and can be purchased on the Hall of Fame website at sdexcellence.org or by calling the Hall at 605.234.4216.

WHY: The mission of the South Dakota Hall of Fame is to champion a culture of excellence in South Dakota: One Act at a Time. The 2017 inductees represent areas of higher education, the insurance industry, state parks, healthcare and wellness, landmark legislation, a pioneer in worldwide biofuels, the father of title insurance, one of the youngest congresswomen, and advocacy for Native American Culture.

Since 1974, over 700 South Dakotans have become members of the South Dakota Hall of Fame that is designated as the state's Hall of Fame. There are over 200 living inductees with the achievements of all inductees continuing to impact our state. Their accomplishments reach beyond South Dakota in representing and building the future for this great State.

More information is available at sdexcellence.org.

For more information about the 2017 Inductees, the Honors Ceremony or the Hall of Fame programming contact Greta Chapman at 605.430.0792, ceo@sdhalloffame.com or visit the website at sdexcellence.org.

James W. Abbott, “I will be there if you need me - Private and Public Sector Ambassador”

James W. Abbott is a lawyer, businessman, and politician. Since 1997, he has served as President of the University of South Dakota; the only alumnus to lead USD. A native of Yankton, he served in the South Dakota Legislature from 1991-1993, was the Democratic Lieutenant Governor candidate in 1994, and ran for the U.S. House in 1996. Under Abbott's leadership, USD stepped up from NCAA Division II to Division I in 2006, and began expanding campus facilities and scholarships. During his tenure, more than \$300 million has gone into building new structures and renovating historic ones. Today, Abbott leads a record-breaking \$250 million fundraising campaign to further growth in facilities, faculty, research and scholarships. In 2016, USD opened a \$65 million sports complex, adding a state-of-the-art basketball arena and outdoor track to the venerable DakotaDome.

Andrew Bogue “Insightful, Well-Versed, and Respectful, an Advocate for All”

Andrew Bogue (1919-2009), a World War II veteran, was born in Yankton. He practiced law in Parker and Canton, serving as a judge in Sioux Falls and Rapid City from 1967-2009. He earned his law degree from USD in 1947, and practiced for twenty years. He was appointed to the Federal bench by President Nixon in 1970. Bogue was the first sitting Federal Court Judge in Rapid City, holding court in the Elks Building until a courthouse could be constructed. He oversaw the busy docket arising from Wounded Knee, the Custer Courthouse Riot, and other tumultuous events. He authored countless appellate decisions from the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. A highly respected trial attorney and Judge himself, he enjoyed watching advocates try cases in his courtroom. The Rapid City Federal Building was renamed the Andrew W. Bogue Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in a ceremony attended by Senator Tim Johnson and other dignitaries.

Jeff Broin, “Pioneer of Biofuels”

Jeff Broin of Dell Rapids, SD, is the Founder and CEO of POET, the largest producer of biofuels in the world. POET is comprised of 28 plants in the U.S., producing 1.75 billion gallons of ethanol. Mr. Broin has served as CEO, growing the company from one small plant to the current POET network of facilities. He founded the joint management, marketing, research and design/build companies that continue to work with the POET network. POET has been a pioneer in cellulosic biofuel technology, and has created Project LIBERTY, one of the first cellulosic ethanol plants in the U.S., through a joint venture with the Netherlands-based company DSM. Mr. Broin has been involved in biofuels advocacy and promotion on both federal and state levels for 30 years. He holds a degree in Agricultural Business from the University of Wisconsin.

Ernest G. Carlsen “Father of Title Insurance.”

Ernest G. Carlsen is a distinguished South Dakota lawyer, businessman, community leader and family man. His dedication to excellence in his work, his generosity in cheerfully sharing his time, his abilities, and knowledge will inspire many future generations. Ernest helped modernize the field of title transactions by introducing title insurance to South Dakota in the early 1950's. He is known as the state's "Father of Title Insurance." Ernie became trusted as a knowledgeable adviser on real estate transactions for individuals, realtors, bankers, lawyers, and title agents throughout the state. He helped better his community through active leadership in a number of civic organizations in Sioux Falls, including the Park Board, Zoo Board, Downtown Lions Club, Homebuilder's Association, Toastmasters International, Chamber of Commerce, South Dakota Land Title Association, and the Sheldon Reese Foundation.

Niels Ebbesen Hansen “Plant Explorer: Founder of SD Agriculture”

Niels Ebbesen Hansen (1866 - 1950) was born in Denmark in 1866, and emigrated to the US in 1872. He received a BA & MA in Horticulture from Iowa Agricultural College in Des Moines, IA. Hansen was a Professor of Horticulture at SDSU from 1895-1937, and was appointed US Plant Explorer Number #1 in 1897 by USDA. His explorations took him through remote regions of northern Europe, Asia, and China collecting plants and seeds for experiment stations across the northern Great Plains. Plants introduced from the Old World have forever changed northern plains agriculture, and have been made publicly available through Gurney's Seed & Nursery in Yankton, SD. South Dakota fields and pastures flourish continues with his introductions of crested wheatgrass, hardy Cossack alfalfa, legumes, and other crops. Area shelterbelts grow trees he introduced, providing valuable shade and protection from the elements. Our gardens bloom with the flowers and our orchards still produce the fruits of his labors.

Kelby Krabbenhoft, “Investing in Health & Healing through Research, Wellness and the Next Generation of Healthcare Professionals”

Kelby Krabbenhoft has transformed Sanford Health into a rural health system that is now 45 hospitals and 289 clinics spanning nine states and four countries. With more than 28,000 employees, Sanford is the largest employer in the Dakotas. Sanford has helped fund global children's clinics, multiple research centers, and research to cure for type 1 diabetes and breast cancer. Kelby developed training/sports complexes that host numerous youth and adult amateur and professional events in football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, baseball, softball, hockey and tennis. Mr. Krabbenhoft also led the investment in enhancing South Dakota's NCAA Division 1 facilities at South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota. And through donations and contributions, the health system gives back to communities. Mr. Krabbenhoft has also served on professional and community boards and in local, state and national leadership roles with several associations, including the Governor's Healthcare Advisory Committee, University of South Dakota Foundation, Kirby Science Center, Sioux Empire United Way and Sioux Falls Development Foundation.

Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, “A Family Tradition of Public Service”

Stephanie Herseth Sandlin carries on the family tradition of public service engaged in South Dakota politics. After earning graduate and law degrees from Georgetown University, she served four terms in the United States House of Representatives as both the youngest female member of the House and the first woman elected to the House from South Dakota. Esquire Magazine called Stephanie “South Dakota’s Golden Girl” in their genius edition. Glamour Magazine named Stephanie a “Woman with Guts” for her encouragement of young female candidates. She advocates for agriculture, renewable energy, rural economic development, veterans, and tribal affairs. Stephanie helped enact the 2008 Farm Bill, the Renewable Fuels Standard, the Tribal Law and Order Act, the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, and women veterans health care provisions. Since 2012, Stephanie has served as General Counsel & VP of Corporate Development for Raven Industries, negotiating the largest acquisition in the Company’s history. Stephanie and her family live in Sioux Falls, SD.

Jeff Scherschligt, “Doing Business Local to Keep a Community Thriving”

Jeff Scherschligt was born in 1955 to Lester and Arlette Scherschligt and raised in Sioux Falls. After graduating in 1974, Jeff attended St. John’s College in New York City. After earning his degree in business and insurance, Jeff returned to Sioux Falls, where he has worked in the family business as President and CEO since 1985. Jeff is an expert in insurance and risk management, with specialized knowledge in Professional Liability and Medical Malpractice. He believes in top-notch service, and to Howalt & McDowell, the customer is king. Jeff is very involved in the community, serving tirelessly as an engaged civic leader and nonprofit board member. Over the years, Jeff has contributed to virtually every local capital campaign and chaired several of them. He believes in doing business locally to help the community thrive. In his free time, Jeff enjoys hunting, nature conservation, riding horses, development, spending time with family - most importantly his three young granddaughters.

Thomas Shortbull, “Progressive, Collaborator and Advocate for Native Americans and Education.”

Thomas Shortbull began his leadership lifestyle while attending USD from 1965-1970 as President of the Wapaha (War Bonnet) Club, and then the Tiyospaye Council. In 1970, he began his teaching career at Flandreau Indian School teaching Indian Studies. After receiving his Master Degree in Public Administration in 1973, he was selected as the Coordinator of the Task Force on Indian State Government Relations, passing progressive legislation fostering cooperative agreements between Indian tribes and the State of South Dakota. Shortbull served as President of Oglala Lakota College twice, from 1975-1979 and 1995-2017. He also served as Director of the Rapid City Johnson O’Malley Program, and Executive Director of the Rapid City Indian Service Council. From 1983-1988, he was a South Dakota State Senator serving the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations. He advocated for the reauthorization of 2005 Voting Rights Act, and in 2014 was appointed to the Election Assistance Advisory Commission

Governor Harvey Wollman *“Landmark Legislation To Build South Dakota”*

Governor Harvey Wollamn graduated from Doland High School and Huron College. In 1958, he married Anne Geigel, and served in the U.S. Army from 1958-1960. He taught at Doland High School from 1961-1966, then served as State Senator, Senate Minority and Majority Leader, President of the Senate, Lt. Governor, and Governor. He sponsored legislation creating the state’s Investment Council, Building Authority, Education and Health Authority, Housing Development Authority, and degree granting Medical School. He was a member of the State Constitutional Revision Commission, and served as South Dakota’s Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army from 1979-1982. He and Anne farm in Spink County and have three children: Kristine, Michael, and Daniel (Julie), and 7 grandchildren. He is a steward of the land, a valued member of his church and community, a committed family man, and a visionary public servant. Our state and its people are better off because of his intellect, tenacity and leadership.