Upper Midwest Honors Conference 2022
University of South Dakota
Schedule of Events

Friday, April 1
12:00-4:00 National Music Museum (on USD campus) open for tours
10:00-4:00 Over Museum (on USD campus) open for tours
Anytime Hike Spirit Mound (2-mile round-trip, moderate hike)
4:00-5:30 Conference Registration (Old Main Lobby)
5:30-6:15 Opening Remarks (Farber Hall, Old Main 111)
Dr. John Dudley, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Kevin O’Kelley, Assistant VP, Research
Melissa Berninger, Director, USD Honors Program
6:30-9:00 Opening Banquet (Pizza Ranch, Vermillion, 912 N. Dakota Street, across from the Dakota Dome)

Saturday, April 2
8:00-9:00 Upper Midwest Honors Council Annual Business Meeting, MUC 216/216A
8:30-9:50 Student Poster Session (MUC Ballroom)
10:00-10:50 Concurrent Session 1
   Session A: Roundtable: Where are all the G-D Students? (Hanna Holmquist, Amanda Husted, Nathan Bylander, Julie Fischer, Sydney Berry, Kalli Kuebler) Old Main 106
   Moderator: Melissa Berninger
   Session B: Workshop: Building Thinking Classrooms (Christine Larson) Old Main 305
   Moderator: Deborah Thurman
   Session C: Student Research Presentations, Engineering/Math I (Benjamin Diersen, Joshua Henderson, Gillian Morris) Old Main 212
   Moderator: Nick Gilbert
11:00-11:50 Concurrent Session 2
   Session A: Roundtable: Sharing the Load: Creating a System of Shared Governance in Honors (Becky Bott-Knudson, Ella Padden, Benjamin Connor) Old Main 305
   Moderator: Nick Gilbert
   Session B: Student Research Presentations, Health Science (Salume Osakue, Garret Thompson, Rachel Greiner) Old Main 212
   Moderator: Melissa Berninger
Session C: Student Panel: Student Perspectives on COVID (Maddie Olsen, Joy Westercamp)  
Old Main 106  
Moderator: Deborah Thurman

Session D: Connecting the Dots: From Campus to the Community Beyond (Hanna Holmquist, Amanda Husted, Karac Richardson, Julie Fischer) Old Main 103

12:00-1:20 Lunch (MUC Ballroom)

1:30-2:20 Concurrent Session 3

Session A: Workshop: What’s Next? Preparing Students for Life After College (Nathan Bylander and Rebecca Bott-Knutson) Old Main 212  
Moderator: Melissa Berninger

Session B: Student Research Presentations Humanities (Aly Sveeggen, Lacey Harder, Andrew Buchheim) Old Main 106  
Moderator: Deborah Thurman

Session C: Student Research Presentations, Diversity and Teaching (Nathaniel Roethler, Qaing Ai) Old Main 305  
Moderator: Nick Gilbert

2:30-3:20 Concurrent Session 4

Session A: Panel: Determining the Value of Honors: Alumni Perspective (Hanna Holmquist, Hara Mubashir, Heghan Grassel, Haley Schroeder) Old Main 212  
Moderator: Melissa Berninger

Session B: Workshop: Stability in Ever Changing Times: Developing an Effective Communication Plan (Brynn Olverson and Zoe Ton) Old Main 106  
Moderator: Deborah Thurman

Session C: Student Research Presentations, Nat Sci/Environment (Caitlin Buchholz, Emory McManimon, Ruby Hawks) Old Main 305  
Moderator: Nick Gilbert

3:30-4:20 Concurrent Session 5

Session A: Workshop: Establishing an Honors Mindset in the First-Year Course (Hanna Holmquist, Amanda Husted, Jordan Thompson, Karac Richardson, William Kessler) Old Main 305  
Moderator: Deborah Thurman

Session B: Workshop: Creating Honors Events in a To-Be-Determined World (Benjamin Connor, Rachel Goldsmith) Old Main 212  
Moderator: Nick Gilbert
Session C: Student Research Presentations, Behavioral Sci. (Kassidy Parks, Clara Cleland-Leighton, Patricia Thomas) Old Main 106
Moderator: Melissa Berninger

Session D: Student Research Presentations, Engineering and Math II (Darrin Dutcher, Sophia Lewis, Vinayak Sharma) Old Main 103
Moderator: Joshua Henderson

4:30-5:20 Optional time for state meetings (MUC 211/211A or MUC 216/216A)

Free Time! Make sure you give yourself a break during the day to check out one of these great museums on campus!

Over Museum, open 10:00-4:00
National Music Museum, open 1:00-4:00

5:30-7:00 Dinner and Keynote Address (MUC Ballroom)
Erik Muckey (USD Honors Alum and founder of Lost & Found)

7:00-9:00 Student Mixer (MUC Ballroom)

7:00-9:00 Faculty Reception (The Pub at Studio 13, cash bar)
1313 W. Cherry St., Vermillion

Sunday, April 3

8:30-9:30 Optional time for State Meetings (MUC 211/211A or 216/216A)

Safe Travels!!