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Rosse earns leadership honor

BROOKINGS — Vickie Rosse, of Brookings, president of the Department of South Dakota Ladies Auxiliary was named Outstanding Runner-Up in her membership group during the 102nd National Convention held July 18-22 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The judging of the award was done by National President Ann Panteleakos. President Panteleakos judged the presidents on their participation in the national programs of the organization, including scholarships, veterans and family support and hospital. Each state president also completed reports on what the members in her state did, as well as wrote an essay describing

their outstanding achievements. Other factors included their membership percentage, the state president's leadership abilities and how business was conducted in that state.

"This is a very difficult award to judge. All the states did amazing things for veterans, their families and the communities they live in," Panteleakos said of the judging. "I am truly proud of all they have accomplished and congratulate each department on their hard work."

She is also serving a two year term as national district council member representing Michigan and South Dakota.

— From the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW



Vickie Rosse

Anniversary



Bleeker - 40th

Marvin and Kayleen Bleeker will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 9. The family is requesting to have a card shower for them. Greetings can be sent to them at 718 19th St. S. Brookings, 57006.



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From left are: Program coordinator Larry Ayres, Project Search co-founder Susie Rutkowski, job coach Kyrsten Zimmerman, Project Search co-founder Erin Riehle, and Career Advantage Manager Matt Simet.

Project Search earns employment award

BROOKINGS — SDSU/Brookings Project Search completed another successful year on the SDSU campus. A transition program for students with disabilities, Project Search teaches transferable job skills to students who want to work.

The Brookings School District, Advance/Career Advantage, the Division of Rehabilitation Services, and SDSU are partners in the SDSU Brookings Project Search program, located on campus and hosted by SDSU. Project Search interns complete three different internship rotations during the year, each lasting 10-12 weeks. Internships include food service, the SDSU Wellness Center, the South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum, the University Bookstore, the Office of the Provost, and University Housing.

The goal of Project Search is to achieve competitive employment for every student who participates.

This July, SDSU/Brookings Project Search staff attended the ninth annual Project Search conference in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference drew attendees from programs across the United States, as well as from the United Kingdom and Canada.

There are more than 400 Project Search programs throughout 45 states, Canada, England, Scotland, and Ireland. SDSU/Brookings Project SEARCH team was one of 33 programs worldwide to be recognized with an award for achieving 100 percent employment outcomes for each intern that participated in its' first

year, 2013-2014.

For information about SDSU/Brookings Project Search, contact Larry Ayres, Project Search Coordinator, Job Coach Kyrsten Zimmerman at 688-4407, or visit the program's website at www.sdsubrookings-projectsearch.org.

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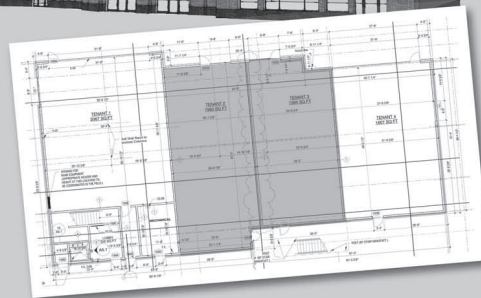
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