

YELLOW JACKET CLUB



2026-2027 GUIDE





Yellow Jacket Nation,

As we enter a new season of Yellow Jacket Athletics, I want to take a moment to share my appreciation and excitement for what lies ahead. Our student athletes continue to lead with joy, integrity, grit, and passion—both in competition and in the classroom.

This past spring, we achieved an overall athletic GPA of **3.390**, with *every team* earning above a 3.0 team GPA. That's not just a statistic, it's a reflection of the dedication our students bring to everything they do, and of the culture of excellence we're building together. The success of our programs doesn't happen without the support of our community. It takes all of us—families, fans, alumni, and partners—working together to build something bigger. That's what the **Yellow Jacket Club (YJC)** is all about.

As Athletic Director, my mission is to serve our student-athletes and coaches with the resources and support they need to thrive. **The YJC plays a vital role in that mission.** Through your membership, you help provide:

- Team travel and competition opportunities
- Academic support and enrichment
- And the kind of student-athlete experience that builds lifelong memories

I want to personally invite you to **join the Yellow Jacket Club today**. Your support—whether through membership, sponsorship, or volunteering—makes a real and lasting impact. There are also great perks for members, including a **season parking pass, bookstore discounts, and much more.**

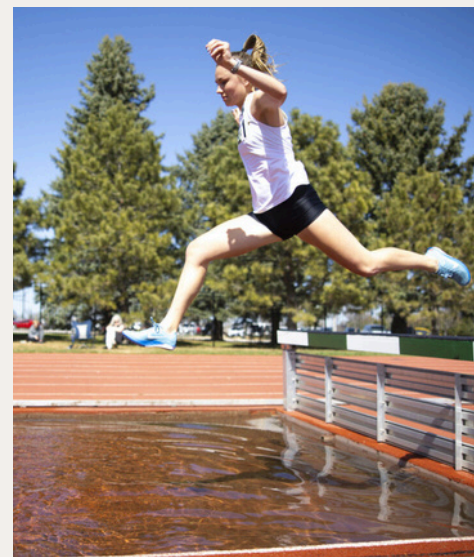
We're building more than teams—we're building a **Yellow Jacket Nation**, and we want you to be a part of it. Thank you for all you do; we appreciate your support and friendship.

Mark Nore
Athletic Director





Black Hills State University competes at the NCAA Division II level as a member of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) and sponsors **14 varsity athletic programs**. These offerings span a wide range of men's and women's sports, with rodeo teams competing separately through the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA).



YELLOW JACKET CLUB MISSION

Together, We Shape the Future

The Yellow Jacket Club brings us together to shape the future of BHSU athletics in meaningful and lasting ways. Through the YJC, our supporters directly enhance the experience and success of **more than 375 student-athletes** who proudly represent Black Hills State University.

Why It Matters

BHSU's athletic department is experiencing incredible momentum across all sports, driven by competitive growth, academic achievement, and a commitment to developing leaders for life. Continued partnership between the YJC and generous donors are crucial to sustaining this positive trajectory and elevating BHSU athletics to transform lives.

Invest in the Nest | What's Next?

As our programs grow, so do our expectations. With an **annual support goal of \$3.1 million**, the need for resources continues to access top-tier facilities, equipment, travel, nutrition, and support services necessary to compete at the highest level.

Impacting **375+** BHSU
Student-Athletes Each Year



ANNUAL COST PER STUDENT-ATHLETE



Academic & Living: \$20,996



Athletic Support: \$4,200 (training, equipment, travel)

TOTAL COST

In-State \$25,196 | **Out-of-State** \$28,388



A photograph of three BHSU student-athletes standing on a basketball court. The male athlete on the left is wearing a green BHSU t-shirt and yellow cargo pants. The female athlete in the middle is wearing a green BHSU t-shirt and blue jeans. The female athlete on the right is wearing a green BHSU t-shirt and black leggings. They are all smiling and posing for the camera. In the background, there are bleachers filled with spectators.

Mitch Moravec (football) and **Zoe Evans** (soccer) represented SAAC at the RMAC Convention and led the RMAC Mental Health Week initiative with BHSU's athletic counselor Chris Wallace featured at a basketball game.

YOUR SUPPORT BUILDS LEADERS

- BHSU athletic programs were highly recognized by various organizations for their work in the classroom. The Yellow Jackets saw 141 RMAC Academic Honor Roll selections, 17 First Team Academic All-RMAC Selections, two RMAC Summit Award recipients, one RMAC Academic Player of the Year, 31 CSC Academic All-District selections, two CSC Academic All-Americans, four CTCA Scholar All-Americans, three USTFCCCA All-Academic athletes, one NCAA Elite Scholar Athlete, and three scholar all-academic teams.
 - BHSU student-athletes make an impact through community service, including reading to elementary students, welcoming Spearfish K-12 back to school, volunteering with Feeding South Dakota, and supporting Special Olympics.
 - There are currently 28 student-athletes from 14 different sports that serve on our Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).
 - Three BHSU teams earned 2025-2026 Scholar All-American honors.
 - Two RMAC Summit Award Recipients in 2025-2026.
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Help us meet our goal!

GOAL: 500 members



Blake Volmer

2026 NCAA Elite Scholar Athlete

2-Time RMAC Summit Award

2-Time Academic All-RMAC First Team

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Yellow Jacket Club memberships are **\$200 per person per year**, with a **reduced rate of \$100** available to parents of current student-athletes or alumni who have graduated from BHSU within the last five years. Contact Keighton Hatten to take advantage of this special rate.

- ➔ **Yellow Jacket Club ID**
- ➔ **15% Discount at BHSU Bookstore**
- ➔ **Parking Pass for BHSU Home Athletic Events**
- ➔ **BHSU Athletic Website Recognition**
- ➔ **Exclusive Yellow Jacket Club Updates**
- ➔ **Season Pass to Premium Tailgating Experience**

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SUPPORT BHSU ATHLETICS

Customize Your Support

SPORT SPECIFIC GIVING Donate directly to the team of your choice.

PURCHASE YJC SEASON TICKETS Cheer on the yellow jackets at all home events

NAMED ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP Minimum of \$1,500 per year

ATHLETIC DEPT. FUND Support the BHSU athletics dept. and operations

BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR Highlight your business by partnering with BHSU

Make Your Gift

CASH OR CHECK Please stop into the Joy Center and a member of our University Advancement team will assist you

SCAN THE QR CODE AND GIVE NOW!



See the Impact

Every gift invests in the future of Yellow Jacket Athletics by supporting scholarships, competitive opportunities, and memorable game-day experiences. Your generosity fuels success for student-athletes and brings the BHSU community together to celebrate Green and Gold.