

# KAY SCHALLENKAMP

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## **CITATION FOR THE REGENTS' HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

In recognition of extraordinary service and leadership to the South Dakota system of public higher education, the South Dakota Board of Regents awards its highest honor, an honorary doctorate in public service, to Dr. Kay Schallenkamp.

Under Dr. Schallenkamp's eight-year leadership as president of Black Hills State University, the Spearfish institution has come to distinguish itself as a dynamic and growing comprehensive university in this region and beyond. With her focus on innovative change in education, Dr. Schallenkamp partnered Black Hills State University with the nearby Sanford Underground Research Facility to develop a world-class science laboratory that will pay dividends for years to come.

During her tenure, Black Hills State University steadily increased enrollment and graduation rates, added new undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and increased grant funding and scholarship donations. As president, Dr. Schallenkamp built and strengthened collaborations with business, industry, and government agencies to meet the region's workforce needs and to create new experiential learning opportunities for Black Hills State students.

The first South Dakota university president to join the American College and University President's Climate Commitment, Dr. Schallenkamp led Black Hills State University in efforts to reduce its carbon footprint, including Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification of the David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union and the Life Sciences Laboratory. The state's only master's degree in sustainability was launched at Black Hills State University in 2013.

As one of South Dakota's own, she began her higher education experience as an undergraduate student at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., and later returned to Northern State to embark upon her academic career. She holds three degrees in communication disorders from Northern State University, the University of South Dakota, and the University of Colorado.

In a higher education career that spanned more than 40 years, Dr. Schallenkamp also distinguished herself in public service as president of Emporia State University in Kansas and in senior-level academic positions at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and at Chadron State College in Nebraska.

In recognition thereof, the South Dakota Board of Regents, on behalf of the citizens of South Dakota, bestows upon Dr. Kay Schallenkamp the degree of Honorary Doctor of Public Service, reserved for those individuals whose exceptional personal and professional contributions merit special acknowledgement.

