



McGovern Center Living the Legacy

FALL 2022-23

Celebration Success

MCGOVERN CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY EVENT

We spent well over a year planning a celebration of Sen. George McGovern's 100th birthday, the fifty years since he won the nomination of the Democratic Party, and the ten years since his passing: three major things to commemorate all fell within one year. We invited everyone we knew to come to our big party, and party we did!



Every moment of the day seemed laden with joy and gratitude. Friends and admirers of Sen. McGovern joined us at DWU for a day of celebration, learning and memory-making.

More than 100 individuals came to the DWU campus for the tribute event. Attendees included past McGovern campaign workers and staffers; McGovern scholars and authors; family members and friends of the McGoverns' and many more.

The video of the day's events may be viewed at youtube.com/DWUedu. If you would like to make a donation to the McGovern Center in honor of Sen. McGovern's lifelong legacy, we encourage you to visit <https://give.dwu.edu/>.

JOEL ALLEN, Ph.D. *Director of the McGovern Center*

Farewell

GOV. HARVEY WOLLMAN

Much to our surprise and sadness, we learned recently that Governor Harvey Wollman passed away just a few days after his moving talk at the McGovern Celebration on Sept. 22 at Dakota Wesleyan.



Photo by Keith Wessel

Wollman was the 26th governor of the state of South Dakota. His last recorded words were those he delivered at DWU. He said that the highest praise he had for George McGovern was that, in the words of the old hymn, he sought to "throw out the lifeline" to those in need.

We recognize Gov. Wollman's great contribution to the state of South Dakota. He fought for more open government and to bring the process of legislation into the open. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him. The video of Gov. Wollman's speech at DWU on Sept. 22 can be viewed at youtube.com/DWUedu.

DWU LECTURE SERIES

The McGovern Center continues to plan and support the DWU Lecture Series. The first lecture (our Stark lecture) of the 2022-23 series was Professor Tom Knock, chair of the history department at SMU and McGovern scholar. His title: "A Sense of History": George McGovern's Legacy and America's Past and Present."

- Don Hedrick'02 — "Violent Crime: Challenge and Hope" (Nov. 8, 2022)
- Called to Freedom — "A Healthy Path for Victims of Human Trafficking" (Feb. 12, 2023)
- SURF Day (Carhart Event) — Representatives from the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) in Lead, S. Dak., will discuss current research into particle and nuclear physics

Your gifts will help us continue to bring these speakers and more to our students and community.



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We have produced a new episode of the podcast “The McGovern Report.” It includes an update on the McGovern Center, an interview with Kristy Zink and Andrea Hult about past and future Uganda trips, and an interview with David Aylward. David and Joel Allen

puzzled together the astounding way in which Sen. McGovern was able to so deeply impact so many so profoundly over such a long period of time. Search for it wherever you listen to podcasts.

Remember to follow our Facebook Group Page at <https://www.facebook.com/McGovernCenter> for updates, recent donations to our archives, and McGovern inspiration. It is updated at least weekly.



Left: The McGovern Engagement Group celebrated George's 100th birthday at the Blue and White Days parade on Oct. 1.



CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN SOUTH DAKOTA

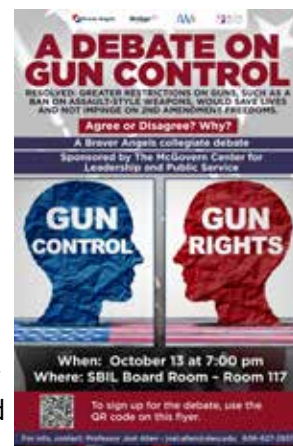
The McGovern Center and the DWU Diversity Club co-sponsored a wonderful event for Indigenous Persons Day. Jerome Kills Small, an Oglala Lakota singer, dancer, and interpreter of Lakota culture, was welcomed to campus for traditional singing and drumming.

JEROME KILLS SMALL

BRAVER ANGELS PARTNERSHIP

The McGovern Center is now a Braver Angels partner agency. On Oct. 13, we hosted our second Braver Angels debate with moderator Luke Nathan Phillips. Roughly 30 people were in attendance for a debate on gun control. The resolution: “Resolved: Greater restrictions on guns, such as a ban on assault weapons, would save American lives and not impinge on 2nd Amendment freedoms.”

Oddly enough, on the morning of this debate, someone called Mitchell Regional 911 with a report of an active shooter at the high school with 10 students down. It turned out to be a hoax, but the relevance and importance of the topic could hardly have been more clearly underscored. I couldn't help but think Sen. McGovern would have been proud and gratified to see such civil and intellectually honest debate on such an emotionally charged topic.



AFRICA BOUND

UGANDA TRIP SCHEDULED FOR 2023

We continue to work towards another trip to Uganda with DWU students, community members and faculty. Andrea Hult, the 2022-23 president of the DWU student body, went to Uganda with last year's team. She is helping to lead and organize this trip. Our partner agency, AsOne Ministries, has recently constructed five clinics in Uganda. We hope to recruit DWU nursing students to assist in those clinics. We also hope to make a larger purchase of livestock this year for our “Livestock for Life” program. Applications are due by the end of October. To donate toward livestock purchases, go to <https://give.dwu.edu/Livestock>. If you wish to support student costs, go to <https://give.dwu.edu/Africa>.

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