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National American University Graduate is Making a Positive Impact in His Community and Industry



Andy Bartling was born and raised in Burke, SD. Growing up he enjoyed reading, hunting, fishing and playing baseball.

A 2009 graduate of National American University-Rapid City, Andy graduated Magna Cum Laude and earned bachelor degrees in Accounting and Business Administration with an emphasis in Financial Management. He was the 2009 NAU Outstanding Achievement in Accounting Award Winner.

Although his original intent was to become an accountant, while in college he completed an internship at Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial. After completing his internship, Andy switched gears and began his career as a Financial Advisor for Modern Woodmen.

Andy enjoys his job because it allows him to help his clients and make a meaningful impact in his community. One of his favorite aspects of working for Modern Woodmen is being able to give back through their fraternal programs. There he has been able to participate in numerous Matching Fund Drives, Join Hands Day projects and he volunteers with Character Counts. One of Andy's burning desires is to leave a positive lasting impact within his community. He is a past Modern Woodmen Sure Start Award Winner and was their 2010 Rookie of the Year.

Andy is also very active in numerous professional associations. He is the local president of the Black Hills Area Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, state president of the South Dakota Association of Fraternal Insurance Counsellors and the South Dakota Fraternal Alliance state president. He is also active on both the State and National level with the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and the American Fraternal Alliance. Andy has traveled to Washington DC and met with the South Dakota Congressional Delegation to discuss issues facing the Financial Services industry. This year he was named the Young Advisor of the Year by the South Dakota National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

Andy is also active in the Rapid City Area of Commerce. He has been a member of the Rapid City Young Professionals Group for over 7 years and is co-chair of the Membership Committee, a Steering Committee member and this year's incoming president. He enjoys attending the monthly Socials and being able to help grow the organization. In 2015 Andy was named the Young Professional of the Year by the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce and is a past Chamber board member. Andy enjoys networking and is also the president of his Business Networking International (BNI) group.

Andy prides himself on continually educating himself and is a graduate of the Leadership in Life Institute (LILI) where he learned that "a journal is not a diary" and "the only things that matter in life are the people you meet and the things you read". He attended the 2014 NAIFA National Sales Conference in San Diego where he was trained to be a future LILI Moderator and will be teaching a class of his own. His goal is to take positive steps forward with his career each and every day.

Family is very important to Andy and he has always had great role models in his life. Growing up he wanted to be just like his dad. His father taught him the value of hard work and to be a man of integrity. He was also very close to his grandpa who instilled in him the importance of an education and first got him interested in the stock market and investing.

In his spare time he enjoys gardening, watching the Twins, and spending time with his family; especially his wife Katie whom he married last September.