THE ONE-HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ANNUAL

Commencement Exercises
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Held in the DakotaDome on the University Campus,
Vermillion

Saturday, May Tenth
Two Thousand and Three
At Nine-Thirty A.M.
Commencement Exercises

Processional - *Pomp and Circumstance* by Elgar ................................................................. Dr. Larry B. Schou
Professor of Music

Special Music - *The Star-Spangled Banner* ................................................................. USD Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. Matthew Harden

Introduction.......................................................................................................................... Frank J. Slage, USD Senate Chair
President James W. Abbott

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching........................................... Professor Judith Sebesta, College of Arts & Science
Assistant Professor Harry Freeman, School of Education

Commencement Address............................................................................................................................. Dr. Dan L. Crippen
“Trust....and the Quality of Life”

Special Music - *Fanfare for a Festival*, by Ron Nelson............................................. USD Chamber Singers and Brass Choir

Conferring of Degrees................................................................. Regent Shane C. Penfield
President James W. Abbott

Alumni Welcome.................................................................................................................... Shawn Lyons
Alumni Association

University Hymn, Alma Mater. ............................................................................................................... USD Chamber Singers
The audience is invited to sing

Recessional - *Sinfonia* by Mouret ................................................................................................. Dr. Larry B. Schou

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**Alma Mater**

Words by Mabel Kingsley Richardson  
Music by Winfred R. Colton

South Dakota! how dear to thy children thy name,  
How daring the tales oft retold  
Of thy builders who first to thy wilderness came,  
Theirs a glory that never grows old,  
The pine crested peaks of the storied Black Hills,  
The Missouri that ribbons thy plain,  
Where the slant summer sunshine so lavishly spills  
Over prairie and pasture and grain.

Alma Mater, Dakota, we drink thee a health  
As we go from thy sheltering walls;  
Younger feet shall come trouping to gather thy wealth,  
Younger voices shall ring through thy halls.  
Keep us true to the type of the brave pioneer,  
No hardship e’er daunted his quest;  
Alma Mater, lead on to the untried frontier,  
We follow the trail to the west.

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**Honorary Marshals**

Joan England  
M. Robert Stoner

**Lead Marshals**

Leon Korte  
Barbara Yutrzenka

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**Marshals**

Marylyss Boschee  
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Solveig Korte  
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Douglas Peterson  
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Gemma Skillman  
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## Candidates for Degrees

### Graduate School

#### Doctor of Philosophy

- **Jolene Kay Buehrer, Milan, OH**
  - B.A., Mount Marty College
  - M.A., The University of South Dakota
  - Dissertation: History, Culture, and the Spirit of Place in the New Mexico Novels of Frank Waters
- **Lisa Chiu-Hsien Chan, Tainan, Taiwan, ROC**
  - B.A., National Cheng Kung University
  - M.B.A., City University
  - Dissertation: Factors Affecting the Taiwanese Choice Between Domestic and Overseas Graduate Programs
- **Janis Marie Hebert Hausmann, Yankton, SD**
  - B.A., M.A., The University of South Dakota
  - Dissertations: A Meeting of the Disciplines: Musical Structures in Ernest Hemingway’s Early Fiction
  - English
- **Kathryn E. Stewart, Connelsville, PA**
  - B.S., University of Colorado Boulder
  - M.S., University of Hawaii - Manoa
  - Dissertation: Peer Reporting of Ethical Violations by Clinical Psychologists
  - Interns: Factors Contributing to the Decision-Making Process
- **Vanessa Victoria Berg, Lemmon, SD**
  - B.S., National Tsing Hua University
  - Dissertation: Conflict Management Styles and Emotional Intelligence of Faculty and Staff at a Selected College in Southern Taiwan
- **Jolene Kay Buehrer, Milan, OH**
  - M.A., Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
  - Dissertation: Academic Chair: Colleague or Administrator?
- **Chao-Ming Lin, Taichung, Taiwan, ROC**
  - M.S., National Kaohsiung Normal University
  - Dissertation: Transformational Leadership and Trust Profiles of Department Chairs in Recently Upgraded Institutes of Technology in Taiwan
- **Krisma Deylene Westgard DeWitt, Yankton, SD**
  - B.S., South Dakota State University
  - Dissertation: Academic Chair: Colleague or Administrator?
- **Lee Thomas Austin, Centerville, SD**
  - B.S., M.A., Mount Marty College
  - Dissertation: Educational Administration
  - M.A., Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
  - Dissertation: The Lived Experience of Academic Freedom by Tenured Faculty at a Public University
- **Ophelia Li-Hsien Chua, Tainan, Taiwan, ROC**
  - B.A., National Taiwan University
  - M.B.A., Elon College
  - Dissertation: The Effects of a Drum Art Program on At-Risk Junior High School Students in Taiwan
- **Ernest Hemingway’s Early Fiction**
  - English
  - Dissertations: A Meeting of the Disciplines: Musical Structures in Ernest Hemingway’s Early Fiction
- **Sandra Williams Schlenker, Sioux Falls, SD**
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  - M.A., Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
  - Dissertation: Academic Chair: Colleague or Administrator?
- **Chih-Hsiu Wu, Taichung, Taiwan, ROC**
  - M.B.A., City University
  - Dissertation: The Effects of a Creative Movement Program on Motor Creativity and Gross Motor Skills of Preschool Children
- **Hsun-Cheng Lin, Taichung, Taiwan, ROC**
  - B.S., The University of South Dakota
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- **Sonja M. Vierstraete, Marshall, MN**
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  - B.M., The University of South Dakota
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- **Danielle Elizabeth Englert, Vienna, SD**
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### School of Medicine

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  - Summa Cum Laude
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Thesis: Seasonal Movements of Feral Brown Trout (Salmo Trutta) in Rapid Creek within Rapid City, South Dakota

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Thesis With Distinction

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Cum Laude
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Art
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Douglas Russell Strich, Matawan, NJ
Theatre
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Theatre

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Contemporary Media & Journalism

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Magna Cum Laude

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Contemporary Media & Journalism

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Bachelor of Science

Lisa Ann Burud, Jackson, MN
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Melissa Ann Ellefson, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

Christina Lynn Fincham, Fremont, NE
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Dental Hygiene

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Jill Lynne Sievers, Albert City, IA
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Cum Laude

Tamara Kaye Olson Thompson, Laurens, IA
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

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Bachelor of Science in Allied Health

Bruce Lawrence Albers, Sioux Falls, SD
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Associate of Science

Jessie Lynn Adler, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Jennifer Elizabeth Age-ton, Watertown, SD
Nursing

Sheila Jo Ahmed, Spearfish, SD
Nursing

Wendy K. Barrett, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

Kelly Jo Beck, Britton, SD
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Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

Michelle Lea Bowen, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

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Nursing

Abbie Katina Bruner, Howard, SD
Nursing

Jennie Marie Buller, Yankton, SD
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Leslie Anne Byers, Kingsley, IA
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Kimberly Sue Carter, Spearfish, SD
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Lisa Raye Collins, Anthon, IA
Nursing

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Nursing

Melissa Ann Cooper
Nursing

Emily Anna Dickschat, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Brad J. Drake, Lake Norden, SD
Nursing

Teresa Mare Hoffman Drey, Stickney, SD
Nursing

Jonnie Dalene Dye
Nursing

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Nicolle Ellen Foley, Hayti, SD  
Nursing  
Marisa Rae Fox, Custer, SD  
Nursing  
Jamila Horeca Fucs, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Tanya Lee Galles, Remsen, IA  
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Sevaryd Maria Gimpel, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Melissa Sue Glines, Brookings, SD  
Nursing  
Julie Lynn Gradoville, Rapid City, SD  
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With Honors  
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Angela Gabrielle Grove, Alexandria, SD  
Nursing  
Kimberly Jean Hansen, Jackson, MN  
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Heidi Jo Healy, Irene, SD  
Nursing  
Erin Mar Hejna, Yankton, SD / Tabor, SD  
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Corina Marie Hemmingson, Madison, MN  
Nursing  
Mary Kay Herrold, Lake Andes, SD  
Nursing  
Christina Kay Hoehne, Stanton, NE  
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Nicole Magdalena Hoff, Tripp, SD  
Nursing  
Treva Jean Holbert, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Alecia Lane Holt, Cresbard, SD  
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Kerri LeAnne Hoover, Watertown, SD  
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Nursing  
Marla Lynn Johnson, Montevideo, MN  
Nursing  
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Sadie Lynn Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
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Shauna Rae Kahler, Spearfish, SD  
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Mariya Cheryl Knutson, Watertown, SD  
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Nursing  
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Nursing  
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Sheri Mae Muir  
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Amanda Marie Olberding, Stuart, NE  
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The tradition of academic costume has a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townsmen wore long flowing robes or gowns. The materials and colors varied greatly, according to the wealth and rank of the individual, and were governed by royal decree. Gradually there developed distinctive gowns for the various professions, trades and guilds. They survive today in the gowns of religious orders, the judiciary and the academic regalia.

The gowns worn by the recipients of the various degrees vary somewhat in design. The sleeves of the gown worn by recipients of the baccalaureate degree are long and pointed, while the sleeves of the gown worn by the master’s degree recipients are square at one end with a slit at the elbow. The doctor’s gown has flowing sleeves with three bars of velvet and facing of velvet down the front of the gown.

Most distinctive of the academic regalia is the hood, which serves as identification of the graduate degree and the institution where the degree was awarded. The hood is lined with silk in the official colors of the institution. Thus, the hood of The University of South Dakota is lined in red. The trim is velvet, three inches wide for the master’s degree and five inches wide for the doctor’s degree. The color of the velvet border indicates the degree.

The academic cap was developed in the fifteenth century. Some caps were stiff, some soft, some square, some round, with a tuft in the center. The tassel used today is an elaboration of the tuft. While some institutions still use the round caps, most institutions have adopted the “mortar board” style which comes from Oxford. The tassel for graduate degrees may be black, except that a gold bullion tassel may be worn by recipients of doctoral degrees. The tassel’s color indicates the discipline in which the degree has been earned. The tassel colors are shown below.

- Arts and Sciences.......................White
- Fine Arts (Music).......................Pink
- Business...............................Blue
- Law........................................Purple
- Education..............................Light Blue
- Medicine...............................Green
- Fine Arts (Art, Mass Communication and Theatre).................................Brown