THE ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL

Commencement Exercises
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Held in the DakotaDome on the University Campus,
Vermillion

Saturday, May Seventh
Two Thousand and Five
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*, arr. by Lloyd Pfautsch.................................. USD Chamber Singers
Directed by Dr. Matthew Harden

Welcome.......................................................................................................................... Dan Van Peursem, USD Faculty Senate
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Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching....................................................... Vice President of Academic Affairs Royce C. Engstrom
Professor Susan Keith Gray, Department of Music, College of Fine Arts
Professor Elizabeth Smith, Department of Political Science, College of Arts & Sciences

Commencement Address.............................................................. United States Representative Stephanie Herseth
*Public Service, Community Involvement and the Next Generation of South Dakota Leaders*

Special Music - *America, The Beautiful*, Samuel A. Ward, arr. by William Himes........ USD Chamber Singers and Brass Choir
Directed by Drs. Matthew Harden and Rolf Olson

Conferring of Degrees.................................................................................................................. Regent Terry Baloun
President James W. Abbott

Alumni Welcome.................................................................................................................................................... Steve Sikorski
Alumni Association

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*.......................................................................................... USD Chamber Singers
The audience is invited to sing. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

Recessional - *Grand Choeur*, by Salome........................................................................ 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.
O 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.

**Marshals**

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Deborah Jo Venable, Rapid City, SD
Nursing
Jessica Lea Vlieger, Mitchell, SD
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Meredith Ann Vos, Sheldon, IA
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With High Honor
Leslie Anne Wagner, Rapid City, SD
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Molly Jo Wakeman, Hawarden, IA
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Lindsey Ann Walker, Armstrong, IA
Dental Hygiene
Anita Marie Walsh-Sunde, Chamberlain, SD
Nursing
Lisa Ann Washburn, Rapid City, SD
Nursing
Britney Elizabeth Weber, Parkston, SD
Dental Hygiene
Kayla Dawn Weis, Rockham, SD
Nursing
Deborah Wendt, Madison, SD
Nursing
Toni Marie Wengert, Chester, SD
Nursing
Wanda Lea West, Rapid City, SD
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With Honor
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
- Business: Sapphire Blue
- Law: Purple
- Education: Light Blue
- Medicine: Green
- Fine Arts (Art and Theatre): Brown
- Fine Arts (Music): Pink

Honors societies wear specially designated stoles, cords or medallions. The designations are listed below.

- University Honors Program: Golden Stole
- Mortar Board Honor Society: Medallion on white ribbon
- Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society: White, black & blue twisted cords
- Order of Omega Honor Society: Ivory & golden cords
- Phi Beta Kappa: Light blue & light pink twined cord
- Golden Key Honor Society: Golden stole with Golden Key emblem

To earn an Honors Designation at graduation, the baccalaureate-level graduate must meet the following grade point averages:

- Summa Cum Laude: equal to or greater than 3.9
- Magna Cum Laude: equal to or greater than 3.7
- Cum Laude: equal to or greater than 3.5

To earn an Honors Designation at graduation, the associate-level graduate must meet the following grade point averages:

- With highest honor: equal to or greater than 3.9
- With high honor: equal to or greater than 3.7
- With honor: equal to or greater than 3.5