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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
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SATURDAY, MAY THIRTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX
AT NINE-THIRTY A.M.
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Commencement Exercises

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

*The Star-Spangled Banner*, arr. by Lloyd Pfautsch...........USD Chamber Singers
Directed by Dr. Matthew Harden

The audience is invited to sing. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

Welcome.................................................................Heidi Nickisch Duggan
Chair, USD Faculty Senate
President James W. Abbott

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching...........Dr. Royce C. Engstrom
Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs
Professor Christina Keller, College of Arts & Sciences
Assistant Professor Gregory Huckabee, School of Business

Commencement Address..................................................Greg Mortenson

“Three Cups of Tea” - Changing the World and Building Nations One School at a Time

Alumni Achievement Award.................................President James W. Abbott
Greg Mortenson, 1983, A.S., B.L.S.

*Come My Light*, by Stephen Yarbrough..................USD Chamber Singers
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Conferring of Degrees..............................................Regent Kathryn Johnson
President James W. Abbott

Posthumous Degrees........................................President James W. Abbott
Pamela R. Kreykes, Master of Arts, Counseling & Psychology in Education
Rhonda Lynn Thompson, Associate of Science, Nursing

Honorary Degrees..................................................President James W. Abbott
James Lloyd Weaver, Doctor of Humane Letters
Robert Neff Williams, Doctor of Letters and Literature

Alumni Welcome......................................................Steve Sikorski
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University Hymn, *Alma Mater*..............................USD Chamber Singers
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Recessional - *Grand Choeur*, by Salome.................. Dr. Larry B. Schou
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,
Their 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.

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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Cum Laude
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Cum Laude
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Marketing
Cum Laude
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  Dental Hygiene
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  Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies
Lindsey Marie Risinger, Pierce, NE
  Dental Hygiene
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To earn an Honors Designation at graduation, the baccalaureate-level graduate must have completed at least 64 hours of USD credit and must meet the following USD and cumulative 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

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**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

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ACADEMIC DRESS

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
- Education ..............................Light Blue
- Fine Arts (Art and Theatre) .. Brown
- Fine Arts (Music) .......................Pink
- Law ...........................................Purple
- Medicine .................................Green

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