THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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SATURDAY, MAY TENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT
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. David Holdhusen

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

Welcome.................................................................Professor Kaius Helenurm
Chair, USD Faculty Senate
President James W. Abbott

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching..................Dr. Matthew Moen
Acting Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs
Professor Christine Hutton, School of Law
Professor Amy Schweinle, School of Education

Commencement Address.................................................Michael Gartner
Principal owner of the Iowa Cubs and winner of the 1997 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing
“Eggs and Rutabagas”

*O Day Full of Grace*, arr. by F. Melius Christiansen.......USD Chamber Singers
directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Conferring of Degrees..................................................Regent Dean Krogman
President James W. Abbott

Posthumous Degree..................................................President James W. Abbott
Cole K. Juhnke, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance

Honorary Degree......................................................President James W. Abbott
Senator George McGovern, Doctor of Public Service

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

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,
Thyrsis 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.

Stage Party

James W. Abbott, President
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Michael Gartner, Speaker
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- 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 have completed at least 32 hours of USD credit and must meet the following USD and cumulative 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

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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 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 the doctorate. 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 designed stoles, cords or medallions. The designations are listed below.

- Betta Gamma Sigma: Blue ribbon with medallion
- Chi Sigma Iota: Blue & white honor cords
- Golden Key International Honour Society: Blue & gold honor cord
- Mortar Board: Gold & silver interlaced honor cords
- Omicron Delta Kappa: White, black & blue twisted cords
- Order of Omega: White & gold double cords
- Phi Beta Kappa Society: White
d- Psi-Chi Psychology Club: Double gold cord with blue & gold tassels
- University Honors Program: Gold stole

Faculty wearing medals with a red ribbon are recipients of a Belbas-Larson Award, given as the university’s highest honor for teaching excellence; faculty wearing a red/white ribbon are recipients of Richard and Sharon Cutler Awards, given by the College of Arts and Sciences for promoting liberal arts education through teaching and research.