THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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SATURDAY, MAY EIGHTH
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AT NINE-THIRTY A.M.
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Commencement Exercises

Processional - *Pomp and Circumstance*, by Elgar........Dr. Susan Keith Gray
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 Mark Yockey
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Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching................Dr. Charles Staben
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Commencement Address...................................................Mr. Pete Dexter
“Does Anybody Here Know Where We’re Going?”

*Lux Aeterna*, arr. by Brian Schmidt.........................USD Chamber Singers
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Conferring of Degrees......................................................Regent Kathryn Johnson
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Honorary Degree............................................................President James W. Abbott
Mr. Pete Dexter, Doctor of Letters and Literature

Alumni Welcome............................................................Kersten Johnson
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University Hymn, *Alma Mater*.................................USD Chamber Singers
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### Alma Mater

**Words by Mabel Kingsley Richardson**

**Music by Winfred R. Colton**

**Alma Mater, Dakota, we drink thee a health**

As we go from thy sheltering walls;

Younger feet shall come troupimg 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.

The writer of the Alma Mater's lyrics, Mabel Kingsley Richardson, graduated from The University of South Dakota in 1902 and directed USD’s library from 1907 to 1941. A pioneer’s daughter who loved South Dakota, she voiced in the Alma Mater the views of a woman of her time.

### Stage Party

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Early American Folk Music of the Upper Midwest

Nathan Chioine  
Utilitarian Support for Carbon Tax and Wind Power

Jon Martin Christensen  
Increasing Public Access and Education of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Cami J. Connell  
Constraints of Presidential Ideology on American Federalism and Education Policy

Joseph Edward Cooch  
Occupational Licensing of Lawyers and Effects on Wages

Thomas Crouse  
Breeze: a Swift Glance at Fleeting Intelligence

Carly Charron Dearborn  
Preserving Identity: The Socio-Cultural Role of Archives and Memory in the Modern Nation-State

Alicia Lynn Elliott  
The Cellular Interactions of Endometriosis

Alyssa M. Erickson  
The Role of Prevention and Personal Responsibility in Solving the Healthcare Crisis

Heather Lynn Fluit  
Military-Led Development: An Unbalanced Approach

Karl Evan Giuseffi  
The Gavel on the Initiative Process: Hubris or Adequate Balance?

Anne Marie Grady  
The Effects of Iron and Europium Cations on the Environmental Remediation Properties of Titania Dioxide
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Courtney Lee McCrelias
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Will Daniel Mortenson
South Dakota Circuit Court Elections in the New Campaign Era
Erin Marie Muckey
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Alaina Mudder
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Brooke Elizabeth Olson
Parents’ Opinions Towards Influenza Vaccination
Catherine Grace Patrick
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Patrick John Siegling
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Rachel Lynn Tschetter
College Students’ Knowledge & Behavior Regarding Influenza
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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
- Health Sciences......................................................................Green
- Law.......................................................................................Purple
- Medicine................................................................................Green

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

- Beta Gamma Sigma.............................................................Blue ribbon with medallion
- Chi Sigma Iota........................................................................Blue & white honor cords
- Golden Key International Honour Society...............................Blue & gold woven honor cords
- Mortar Board..........................................................................Gold & silver interlaced honor cords
- Omicron Delta Epsilon..............................................................Blue & gold honor cords
- Omicron Delta Kappa.......................................................White, black & blue twisted cords
- Order of Omega.................................................................White & gold double cords
- Phi Beta Kappa Society......................................................Light blue & light pink honor cords
- Psi-Chi Psychology Club....................................................Double gold cord with blue & gold tassels
- Sigma Delta Pi.................................................................Red & Gold honor cords
- 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.