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Commencement
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Dakota Dome, Vermillion, SD
May 10, 2014
The Commencement Procession
   Dr. Susan Keith Gray, Professor of Music

The National Anthem
   USD Chamber Singers
   Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Welcome
   Professor Dan Van Peursem, Chair, University Senate
   James W. Abbott, President

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching
   Kurt Hackemer, Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
   Associate Professor David Holdhusen, College of Fine Arts
   Assistant Professor Jacob Kerby, College of Arts & Sciences

Commencement Address
   U.S. Attorney Brendan V. Johnson

USD Chamber Singers
   Do Not Fear, arr. by Jonny Priano
   Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Honorary Degree
   Mr. John Seigenthaler, Doctor of Humane Letters
Hooding and Conferring of Doctoral Candidates and Presentation of Diplomas

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Doctor of Education
- Doctor of Audiology
- Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Doctor of Medicine
- Juris Doctor

Conferring of Specialist and Master Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas

- Specialist in Education
- Master of Arts
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Fine Arts
- Master of Music
- Master of Natural Science
- Master of Professional Accountancy
- Executive Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science
- Master of Social Work

Conferring of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas

Alumni Welcome

Kersten Johnson, Executive Director, Alumni Association

University Hymn, Alma Mater

USD Chamber Singers
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Closing Remarks

James W. Abbott, President
Professor Dan Van Peursem, Chair, University Senate

Recessional

Note to Guests:
The audience will remain seated for both the Processional and Recessional and will rise for the National Anthem and Alma Mater. Professional photographs by Lifetouch Photography will be available a week after the ceremony at www.usd.edu/registrar/commencement.cfm.

The commencement program is a list of candidates for degree. It is not an official listing of degrees conferred.
Brendan Johnson was nominated by the President as the 40th United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota and was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on October 15, 2009. Johnson serves as South Dakota’s chief federal law enforcement officer and supervises the prosecution of all federal crimes and the litigation of civil matters in which the United States government has an interest.

At the request of Attorney General Eric Holder, Johnson chaired the Native American Issues Subcommittee from 2009-2013. The Native American Issues Subcommittee is the longest-standing subcommittee of United States Attorneys within the Department of Justice and is focused on improving the law enforcement efforts in tribal communities. Attorney General Holder also selected Johnson to serve on the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee. This committee consists of 17 United States Attorneys from across the country and is tasked with the responsibility of advising the Attorney General of the United States. Johnson also co-chairs the South Dakota Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee, is a member of the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Executive Board, and serves on the Department of Justice’s Terrorism and National Security Subcommittee.

Prior to becoming the United States Attorney, Johnson was a federal law clerk in Rapid City for Chief Judge Karen Schreier and later worked as a Deputy State’s Attorney in Minnehaha County where he prosecuted cases ranging from attempted murder to narcotics and domestic violence. In addition to his public service, Johnson practiced criminal and civil law as a partner in the law firm now known as Johnson, Heidepriem and Abdallah LLP.

Brendan Johnson is a fifth-generation South Dakota native and a graduate of the University of South Dakota (B.S.) and the University of Virginia School of Law (J.D.). Brendan and his wife, Jana, are the parents of four children.
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.

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.

Words by Mabel Kingsley Richardson
Music by Winfred R. Colton

Alma Mater

South Dakota! How dear to thy children thy name,
How daring the tales oft retold
Of thy builders who first to thy wilderness came,
Thiers 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 lavishy spills
Over prairie and pasture and grain.
University Marshal Corps

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Barbara Yutrzenika
College of Arts & Sciences
Leon Korte
Beacom School of Business

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Emeritus Professor Don Dahlin
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College of Arts & Sciences
Ann Brunick
College of Health Sciences
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School of Law
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Lana Svien
College of Health Sciences
Michelle Van Maanen
College of Arts & Sciences
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Professor Fred Aderhold
Professor Anna Allen
Professor Mark Baron
Professor Terri Bellis
Professor Kathryn Birkeland
Professor Larry Bright
Professor Ellie Brooks
Professor Kyle Brouwer
Professor Karen Card
Professor Wenqian Dai
Professor Janet Davison
Professor Carla Dieter
Professor Mark Dixon
Professor John Dudley
Professor Kelly Duncan
Professor Cathy Ezrailson
Professor Marvin Gamble
Professor Susan Gapp
Professor Chaya Gordon-Bland
Professor Lisa Hazlett
Professor Angela Helmer
Professor David Holdhusen
Professor Chaoyang Jiang
Professor Becca Jorde
Professor Teddi Joyce
Professor Christina Keller
Professor Bruce Kelley
Professor Donna Kennealley
Professor Jacob Kerby
Professor Eunho Kim
Professor Karen Kindle
Professor Ranjit Koodali
Professor Karen Koster
Professor Loralee LaPointe
Professor Doug Martin
Professor Stanley May
Professor Kelly McKay-Semmler
Professor Jessica Messersmith
Professor Ross Nelson
Professor Trudi Nelson
Professor Lisa Newland
Professor Brandon Nutting
Professor Seth Olson
Professor Linda Reetz
Professor Kathleen Rice
Professor Molly Rozum
Professor Amy Schweinle
Professor Shane Semmler
Professor Elizabeth Smith
Professor Carole South-Winter
Professor Barbara Stolle
Professor Cliff Summers
Professor Haoran Sun
Professor Mark Sweeney
Professor William Sweeney
Professor Andrew Sykes
Professor Sarah Townsend
Professor Barry Vickrey
Professor Jae Yom
Professor Frank Zavadil
Doctoral Degrees

Graduate School

Presented by Dean Michael Card

Doctor of Philosophy

Patti Jo Berg-Poppe, Sioux Falls, SD
M.P.T., University of Iowa
Counseling & Psychology in Education
An Examination of Goal Contents, Motivation, Basic Need Satisfaction and Well-Being among Practicing Health Professionals

Daniel Koon Chan, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Augustana College
Physician Scientist
Metabolic and Mitochondrial Targets in Ovarian Cancer

Tomas Lawrence Holtberg, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Adolescent Gender Differences in Residential Versus Outpatient Mental Health Treatment: A Meta-Analysis

Darren M. Jilek
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Counseling and Psychology in Education
When Perfect Reliability Is Not Enough: Improving the Stability of Single Digit Multiplication MCBM Probes

Shuai Li, China
M.D., China Medical University
Biomedical Sciences
Effects of a proteasome inhibitor, bortezomib, in hypertension

Quoc Anh Nguyen Luu, Sioux City, IA
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Surface plasmon enhanced upconversion luminescence of Yb3+/Tm3+ and Yb3+/Er3+ systems doped in NaYF4 on Au nanopillar arrays

Stephanie Ann Marcellus, Wayne, NE
M.A., University of Nebraska-Kearney
English
Making the Rural Home in Nineteenth-Century British Literature

Jeffery Dale Mottishaw, Chubbuck, ID
M.S., Idaho State University
Materials Chemistry
The Influence of Weak Interactions on Charge Transport in Model Organic Semiconductor Systems

Lori Newcomb, Norfolk, NE
M.S., Wayne State College
English
“A Little Universe For Themselves:” Metanarrative and Community in Postmodern American Fiction

Rui Peng
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Visible Light Enabled Photocatalytic Splitting of Water over Spatially Isolated Semiconductors Supported Mesoporous Materials

Chao Qiu, China
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering on Cuprous Oxide Nanomaterials

Allison Paige Watson, Rapid City, SD
B.A., Augustana College
Physician Scientist
Multiple Functions of Sushi Domain Containing 2 (SUSD2) In Breast Tumorigenesis

Doctor of Education

Amer F. Ahmed
M.A., Indiana University
Educational Administration
From the Griot to Hip Hop - The Oral Tradition as Critical Liberatory Praxis in Islamic Black America

Michael Wayne Amolins, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., University of Kansas
Curriculum & Instruction
Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Laboratory-Based Professional Development Program for Science Educators

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Curriculum & Instruction
Incorporating iPad® Mobile Digital Devices within Repeated Reading Interventions for Students with Learning Disabilities

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Educational Administration
Examining the Perceptions of Successful College Graduates Who Are Deaf to Determine What Respondents Deemed Important for Their Attainment of Postsecondary Goals

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Educational Administration
Credentialing of Dual-Enrollment Faculty in North Dakota: An Evaluation and Model of Instructor Qualifications

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Educational Administration
Motivation and Resiliency Among Native American Students: Factors Impacting Successful Native American High School Students
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Factors that Influence Retention in College Students who Serve as Resident Assistants

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Educational Administration
Development of Professional Nursing Values: Nursing Students’ Values Based on Program Type and Delivery Method

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M.S.N., University of Phoenix
Educational Administration
Nursing Program Leaders’ Perceptions of Interprofessional Education and Curriculum Practices within Pre-Licensure Baccalaureate Nursing Education

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Educational Administration
Rethinking Mathematics Curriculum in a K-5 Setting: Comparing An Inquiry-Based Mathematics Curriculum to Traditional Mathematics Curriculum on Value-Added Measures

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Educational Administration
Nursing Faculty and Students Perception of Classroom Incivility at a Select Public University and Methods to Manage It

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Educational Administration
Perceptions of Special Education Administrators in the Development of Career Skills Necessary in a K-12 Setting

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Educational Administration
The Relationship Between Early Childhood Education and Third Grade Reading Proficiency

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Educational Administration
Student Athlete Academic Success/Retention and Athletic Scholarships in Women’s Collegiate Athletics

Martha Kay Muellenberg, Vermillion, SD
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The Effectiveness of Parental Involvement at the Middle School Level in a Multicultural Visual Arts Program

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Educational Administration
Factors that Motivate Faculty Members to Serve as College Student Organization Advisers

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Educational Administration
Athletic Training Directors’ Perceptions of Satisfaction with the Appropriateness of Graduate Entry-Level Education Competency Content Areas

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A Case Study of the Design, Implementation, and Evaluation of a University-Sponsored Web-Based Support Site

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Educational Administration
Teaching Nursing Students with Disabilities in the Clinical Setting: Practices and Accommodation

Robert Jason Uttermark, Aberdeen, SD
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Educational Administration
Academic Intensive Care Units For Incompleted Assignments in the High School Setting: The Impact on Student Success and Achievement

Lillian Jo Van Vlack Bruckner, Rapid City, SD
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Educational Administration
Using Student Development Theory to Enhance the Educational Experience in Student Conduct: Perspectives of Student Conduct Practitioners at Four Year Institutions

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Nursing Students Who Work: The Relationship Between Hours Worked, Type of Employment, and Nursing Students’ Academic Success

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Measuring Effectiveness in Teacher Candidates

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The Relationship Between Emotional Intelligence and Risk of Burnout in Communication Sciences and Disorders Graduate Students

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Evaluation of Streamlined Programming Measures in Children with Cochlear Implants

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The Effect of Input Mode on Music Perception, Appreciation, and Naturalness for Individuals with Cochlear Implants
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Increasing Serotonin in the Rat Ventral Hippocampus Reduces Anxiety-Like Behavior During Amphetamine Withdrawal

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Mechanistic Studies of the Bodroux Reaction

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The Dysfunction of the Mirror Neuron Network in Individuals with Autism: A Literature Review

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The Impact of Need-Based Aid in Higher Education and the Application to the State of South Dakota

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A Re-Evaluation of the Lifestyles of South Dakota Family Physicians

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History
Mary Elizabeth Galvin, Sioux Falls, SD
International Studies
Aarón García Navarro, Vermillion, SD
Political Science, Anthropology
Grace Gill, Rapid City, SD
Criminal Justice
Audrey Renae Graber, Freeman, SD
Spanish
Summa Cum Laude
Laine Elizabeth Grebblunas, Yutan, NE
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Charles Stephen Gresser III, Waukesha, WI
Political Science
Chance Thomas Hagemann, Yankton, SD
History
David Ryan Hennessey, Portsmouth, IA
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Kaitlyn Marie Heuer, Pierre, SD
Criminal Justice, Political Science
Cum Laude
Dereck J. Hurt, New Prague, MN
Criminal Justice
Anna Marie Hyronimus, Valley Springs, SD
Spanish, Economics
University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude
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English
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Alyssa Audree Jackson, Rapid City, SD
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English, Psychology
University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude
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Criminal Justice
Zachary Daniel Koenig, Chamberlain, SD
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Psychology
Emily Lynn Lake, Le Mars, IA
Psychology
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English Education
Magna Cum Laude
Connor Christine Larson, Sheldon, IA
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Criminal Justice
Mckenzie Sue Liska, Verdigre, NE
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Eric Steven Mayer, Sioux Falls, SD
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Spanish
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Criminal Justice, Political Science
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History, Native Studies

Nicholas David Miller, Yankton, SD
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English, Economics

Marcus Gregory Murtha, Maple Grove, MN
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Magna Cum Laude

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Anthropology, Native Studies

Michael Cameron Owens, Fountain, CO
Political Science

Shelby Tirrel Peters, Lake Park, IA
History

Wyatt James Pickner, Sioux Falls, SD
Native Studies

Gavin Douglas Johnson Pochop, Gregory, SD
History, English
Cum Laude

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International Studies

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Cum Laude

Ashley Marie Putzier, Pierre, SD
Sociology, Psychology

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Spanish, Communication Studies
Cum Laude

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Sociology

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McKenzie Anne Shroyer, Mitchell, SD
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Tanner William Sifferath, Hector, MN
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Magna Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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International Studies, Philosophy
Bachelor of General Studies

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Karim Timothy Rowson, New York, NY
Skylar Wesley Tiahrt, Vermillion, SD
Morgan Leigh Wiebenga, Dell Rapids, SD

Bachelor of Science

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Biology
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Jessica Alesch, Marcus, IA
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Biology
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Psychology
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Earth Science
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Psychology
Magna Cum Laude
Travis Brenner, Yankton, SD
Biology
Magna Cum Laude
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Economics
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Criminal Justice
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Chemistry
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Psychology
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Chemistry
University Scholar Graduate, Cum Laude
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Biology
Cum Laude
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Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Biology  
Cum Laude

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Political Science

Jordan Steve Jendersee, Mitchell, SD  
Psychology  
Cum Laude

Fanyi Jian, Guangzhou  
Physics  
Cum Laude

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Earth Science

Jake Nolan Johnson, Harrisburg, SD  
Biology  
Cum Laude

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History, Political Science

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Psychology

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Psychology

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Psychology

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Summa Cum Laude

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Biology  
Summa Cum Laude

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Psychology

Cum Laude

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Criminal Justice

Jesse Adam Kunkel, Marion, SD  
Biology

Cum Laude

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Biology

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Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude

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Biology  
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History  
Cum Laude

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Psychology  
Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Mathematics  
Cum Laude

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Biology

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Criminal Justice

Allison-Quinn Francine McEntee, Lennox, SD  
Medical Biology  
Cum Laude

Allison Kay McNamara, Groton, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Cum Laude

Mackenzie Rae Mears, Milbank, SD  
Biology  
University Scholar Graduate, Cum Laude

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Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude

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History

Kyle Alan Moret, Mankato, MN  
Sustainability

Paige Marie Moser, Rapid City, SD  
Psychology  
University Scholar Graduate

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Mathematics

Ashley Ann Nelson, Eyota, MN  
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Criminal Justice  
Cum Laude

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Biology  
University Scholar Graduate

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Psychology, English  
University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude

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History

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Political Science, Economics  
University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude

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Biology  
Magna Cum Laude

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Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude

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Criminal Justice

Tara Jo Otto, Hartford, SD  
Biology

Tania Eunice Padilla, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
Cum Laude

Joseph Raymond Palleschi, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice

Andrea Nichole Petersen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology  
University Scholar Graduate, SSOM Alumni  
Student Scholar, Summa Cum Laude

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Psychology

Alexander Chase Peterson, Harrisburg, SD  
Psychology  
Cum Laude

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Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude

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Criminal Justice, Political Science

Andrew Roger Pillatzki, Milbank, SD  
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Brittany Lynn Pochop, North Platte, NE  
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Psychology  
Summa Cum Laude

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Alyssa Jo Protzsch, Howard, SD  
Criminal Justice

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University Scholar Graduate

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University Scholar Graduate, Cum Laude

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Ashley Frances Rock, Fenton, MO  
Psychology, History

Laurel Rose Rub, Norfolk, SD  
Psychology  
Cum Laude

Chad Michael Sabers, Huron, SD  
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Biology

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Communication Studies  
Cum Laude

Mary Judith Schaefner, Montrose, SD  
Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude
Caitlin Marie Schenkel, Sioux Falls, SD  
History  
University Scholar Graduate, Cum Laude

Adam Gabriel Schimelfening, Vermillion, SD  
Biology, Earth Science

Rachel Renee Schmidt, Marion, SD  
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Ashley Jo Schultz, Dell Rapids, SD  
Psychology  
Cum Laude

Curtis Edward Schulz, Huron, SD  
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Criminal Justice

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Cum Laude

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Biology  
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Psychology  
Cum Laude

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Economics

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Summa Cum Laude

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Psychology

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Earth Science

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Biology

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Tricia Watson, Watertown, SD  
Psychology

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Psychology

Justin Kenneth Wegenke, Huron, SD  
Criminal Justice

Laurel Dawn Wek, Yankton, SD  
Psychology

Ruth Wetzel, O'Neill, NE  
Earth Science  
University Scholar Graduate

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Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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Anthropology

Kirsten Jean Wilcox, Fort Pierre, SD  
Biology

Anthony Maurice Williams, Tampa, FL  
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Talia Marie Wilson, Rapid City, SD  
Psychology

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Psychology

Tara Lee Zeinstra, Marshall, MN  
Biology  
Cum Laude
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Marketing
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Management
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Marketing
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Jared Donavan Bartscher, Alexandria, SD
Accounting
John Frank Bloom, Madison, SD
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Kelsey Rae Boelter, Crofton, NE
Accounting
Morgan Boettcher, Ipswich, SD
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Katelyn Jennie Marie Breen, Baltic, SD
Marketing
Jordan Austin Carlson, Sioux Center, IA
Accounting
Cum Laude
Amy Chu, Yankton, SD
Management
Marshall David Clark, Grand Forks, ND
Economics
Kayla Marie Cuperus, Rock Rapids, IA
Accounting
Cum Laude
Derrick Robert DeBuhr, Elk Point, SD
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Jarod Deinert, Mt. Vernon, SD
Management
Patrick Allan Daniel Draisey, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Sinzingayo Nehemia Eli, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting

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Joseph Erickson, Dell Rapids, SD
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Kayla Marie Foreman, Orient, SD
Accounting
Alyssa Jane Giedd, Crooks, SD
Accounting
Stephen Vaun Goodfellow, Randolph AFB, TX
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Renee Elizabeth Grabow, Watertown, SD
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Kristi Lynn Grau, Lawton, IA
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Ryan Curtis Kost, Vermillion, SD
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Summa Cum Laude

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Summa Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Heidi Jo Walter, Menno, SD  
Management

Matthew Todd Westra, Rock Valley, IA  
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Magna Cum Laude

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Management

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Magna Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Summa Cum Laude

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Elementary Education

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Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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  *Cum Laude*
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  *Cum Laude*
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  *Cum Laude*
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Kelsie Jo Carter, Elk Point, SD
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Emily Grace Dorsett, Sioux City, IA
  Theatre
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  Theatre
Chelsea Elizabeth Kathol, Yankton, SD
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  Theatre
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  Theatre
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  Theatre
Aaron C. Packard, Vermillion, SD
  Art
  *Magna Cum Laude*
Corey Rush, Sturgis, SD
  Theatre
Reanna K. Schultz, Yankton, SD
  Art
  *Cum Laude*
Tait Brian Simonson, Faith, SD
  Art
Makayla Louise Stabbs, Underwood, IA
  Art
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  Art
Erica Paige Wergin, Vermillion, SD
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  *Cum Laude*

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  Music Education
Jared Allen Mogen, Sioux Falls, SD
  Music Education
  *Summa Cum Laude*
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  *Cum Laude*

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  *Cum Laude*
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  Addiction Studies
Rebecca K. Anderson, Viborg, SD
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  *Cum Laude*
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With Honor  
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To earn an honors designation at graduation, the baccalaureate-level graduate must have completed at least 60 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

To earn an honors designation at graduation, the associate-level graduate must have completed at least 30 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

Honor Societies

Honor 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 honor cords
- Mortar Board............................................................................................Gold & Silver Interlaced honor cords
- National Society of Leadership and Success..........................Black & Platinum silk 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 Alpha Sigma Theta............................................................Yellow & Blue ribbons with gold medallion
- Phi Beta Kappa Society.................................................................Light Blue & Light Pink honor cords
- Pi Alpha.................................................................................................Blue & Green honor cords
- Pi Mu Epsilon.......................................................................................Purple & Gold honor cords
- Psi-Chi Psychology Club............................................................Double Gold cord with Blue & Gold tassel
- Scholarship Pathways Program.........................................................Gold Medallion with red ribbon
- Sigma Delta Pi..................................................................................Red & Gold honor cords
- University Honors Program..........................................................Gold stole

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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 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

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