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Commencement

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Dakota Dome, Vermillion, SD
May 9, 2015
Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement

Dakota Dome
May 9, 2015 9:30 a.m.

The Commencement Procession
   Dr. Susan Keith Gray, Professor of Music

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

Welcome
   University Senate Chair
   James W. Abbott, President

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching
   Jim Moran, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
   Associate Professor Tracelyn Gesteland, College of Fine Arts
   Assistant Professor Sarah Sik, College of Fine Arts

Commencement Address
   Mr. Thomas D. Gallagher

USD Chamber Singers
   *I Don’ Feel No Ways Tired* arr. by Stacey Gibbs
   Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Honorary Degree
   Mr. Thomas D. Gallagher, 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
Transitional 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

ROTC Oath of Office
Jim Moran, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Captain Jerry Zevecke, Acting Professor, Military Science

Alumni Welcome
Dr. Cindi Pochop, M.D., Alumni Association Representative

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*
USD Chamber Singers
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Closing Remarks
James W. Abbott, President
University Senate Chair

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.
A Principal of The Scowcroft Group, Thomas D. Gallagher provides strategic and financial advisory services to clients, specializing in U.S. monetary, fiscal, and currency policies. He also analyzes G20 economic policies and global trends. Prior to joining The Scowcroft Group, Mr. Gallagher was a Senior Managing Director of the International Strategy and Investment Group, Inc. (ISI), a Wall Street research firm. Before he began at ISI in 1999, he was a Managing Director at Lehman Brothers, where he worked as a political economist for thirteen years.

Mr. Gallagher was the top vote-getter in the Washington Research category on the Institutional Investor’s All-Star Team from 2001-2010. He also sits on the Global Investment Committee of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, the largest private wealth manager in the world, and serves as the Vice Chairman for CEB Monitor Group Ltd., a Shanghai-based Chinese economic research firm. He is also on the faculty of the Georgetown University’s Public Policy Institute as an assistant adjunct professor. Mr. Gallagher serves on the Board of the Africa Parks Foundation of America and on the Editorial Advisory Board of Mental Floss magazine. He was a regular panelist on “Louis Rukeyser’s Wall Street” and served on the Community First Bankshares Board of Directors until it was sold in October 2004.

Prior to his employment on Wall Street, Mr. Gallagher worked in the federal government as a senior staff member at the U.S. International Trade Commission, Legislative Assistant to Senator George Mitchell, Economist for the Senate Budget Committee, and as an Analyst in Public Finance for the Congressional Research Service.

Mr. Gallagher earned a BS in Economics and Political Science from the University of South Dakota (1976) and a Masters of Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (1978). He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Thomas D. Gallagher


**Stage Party**

James W. Abbott  
President

Bob Sutton  
Board of Regents Representative

Thomas D. Gallagher  
Speaker, Honorary Degree Recipient

Dr. Cindi Pochop  
Alumni Association Representative

University Senate Chair

Jim Moran  
Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs

Michael Card  
Dean, Graduate Education

Mary Nettleman  
Vice President, Health Affairs & Dean, Sanford School of Medicine

Paul C. Bunger  
Dean, Medical Student Affairs

Thomas Geu  
Dean, School of Law

Matthew Moen  
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

Venky Venkatachalam  
Dean, Beacom School of Business

Hee-sook Choi  
Acting Dean, School of Education

Larry Schou  
Dean, College of Fine Arts

Michael Lawler  
Dean, School of Health Sciences

Brandon Hendrickson  
Reader, College of Fine Arts

Jennifer Thompson  
Registrar

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Barbara Yutrzenka  
College of Arts & Sciences

Leon Korte  
Beacom School of Business

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Emeritus Professor Jack Powell

**Marshals**

Sherrie Bosse  
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Sanford School of Medicine

Eric Jepsen  
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School of Health Sciences

Beverly Kennedy  
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Gerald Yutrzenka  
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Faculty in Attendance

Professor Fred Aderhold
Professor David Alexander
Professor Mejai Bola Avoesh
Professor Chet Barney
Professor Mark Baron
Professor Nicholas Benson
Professor Mary Berry
Professor Kathryn Birkenland
Professor Beth Boyd
Professor Larry Bright
Professor Hugh Britten
Professor Jean Caraway
Professor Karen Card
Professor Gary Cheeseman
Professor Wenqian Dai
Professor Carla Dieter
Professor Carol Dreke
Professor Kelly Duncan
Professor Cathy Ezrailson
Professor Darlene Farabee
Professor Harry Freeman
Professor Marie-Eline Gagnon
Professor Marvin Gable
Professor Susan Gapp
Professor Chaya Gordon-Bland
Professor Angela Helmer
Professor David Holdhusen
Professor Victor Huber
Professor Gregory Huckabee
Professor Gerard Jacobs
Professor Lindsey Jorgensen
Professor Teddi Joyce
Professor Christina Keller
Professor Bruce Kelley
Professor Jacob Kerby
Professor Valerie Kolbinger
Professor Ranjit Koodali
Professor June Larson
Professor Kathy Magorian
Professor Stanley May
Professor Kelly McKay-Semmler
Professor Jessica Messersmith
Professor Leroy Meyer
Professor Lisa Moore
Professor Matthew Nesmith
Professor Seth Olson
Professor Doug Peterson
Professor Jason Porter
Professor Carolyn Prentice
Professor Randal Quevillon
Professor Kevin Reins
Professor Lee Ann Roripaugh
Professor Molly Rozum
Professor Amy Schweinle
Professor Shane Semmler
Professor Elizabeth Smith
Professor Carole South-Winter
Professor Teresa Stephenson
Professor Haoran Sun
Professor David Swanson
Professor Mark Sweeney
Professor William Sweeney
Professor Andrew Sykes
Professor Joseph Tinguely
Professor Barry Vickrey
Professor Zhenqiang Wang
Professor Mick Watt
Professor Garreth Zalud
Professor Frank Zavadil
Professor Kory Zimney

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,
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 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.

The writer of the Alma Mater’s lyrics, Mable 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.
Doctoral Degrees
Graduate School
Presented by Dean Michael Card

Doctor of Philosophy

Rachael Anderson, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Personal Characteristics, School Setting, and Burnout Effects on School Counselors
Self-Advocacy

Musheera Anis Abdellatif, Mansoura, Egypt
M.D., Mansoura Faculty of Medicine
Counseling & Psychology in Education
A Study of Attachment Networks: A Cross-Cultural Study of Egyptian and American Young Adults

Holly Teresa Baker, Vermillion, SD
M.A., Ohio University
Steal Them Away: A Novel

Aravind Baride, Hyderabad, India
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Manipulation of Spectral and Surface Characteristics of Upconversion Nanoparticles for Security Printing and Drug Delivery Applications

Eliann Renee Carr, Beresford, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Healing Bridge: Exploring the Relationship Between Parental Apologies and Child Well-Being

Denise M. Casillas
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Listening to the Peoples Voices: The Effects of Research in a Northern Plains Tribal Community

Kelene A. Fercho
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Fatigue and Efficiency: A Study of the Role of Effort on Task Strategy and Performance

Daniel Kheng Joo Fung, Klang
M.P.A., University of the Sciences- Philadelphia
Physician Scientist
Factors Affecting Primary Care Providers' Referrals for Behavioral Health Services

Kimberle Ann Goodfellow, Bruce, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Health Implications for School Psychologists Experiencing Burnout and the Mitigating Factors of Service Delivery Model and Number of Schools Served

Sandra Hoover Kinsinger, Orange City, IA
M.A., University of Illinois at Chicago
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Predictors of Academic Hope: A Preliminary Biopsychosocial Model

Laurel Krokstrom, Vermillion, SD
M.M., University of Southern California
M.A., California State University - Los Angeles
Counseling & Psychology in Education
What Makes Music Majors Unique? Motivation to go to College and Learn in Major and General Coursework

Andrea Lin Lucas, Mission, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Basic Biomedical Sciences
Examination of trans-Golgi SNARE syntaxin 10 interactions at the chlamydial inclusion

Luther J. Mahoney
M.S., Kansas State University
Materials Chemistry
Solar Hydrogen and Solar Electricity using Mesoporous Materials

Kara Leah McCormick, Salem, SD
B.S., Dakota State University
Basic Biomedical Sciences
Swine Influenza: Pathogenesis and Prevention

Erica Lyn Mize, Sterling Heights, MI
M.S., Michigan State University
Biological Sciences
Tracking the Spread of Emerging Sylvatic Plague in Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Metapopulations Using a Landscape Genetics Approach

Andrew Michael Novick, Lower Gwynedd, PA
B.S., University of the Sciences- Philadelphia
Physician Scientist
Long-Term Effects of Adolescent Social Defeat on Cognition and Prefrontal Cortex Dopamine Function

Joshua Alan Rye, Adrian, MN
B.S., South Dakota State University
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Adolescent Suicide-Related Behaviors: Exploring Protection Afforded Through Physical Activity, Physical Education, and Healthy Diet

Andrea Danielle Stripling, Palm City, FL
M.S., Mississippi State University
Psychology
Betrayal Trauma and Risky Sexual Behavior: An Analysis of Affect Dysregulation Among Female Emerging Adults

Karla Leslie Tait, Moricetown, BC
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Tribal Participatory Research in Action: Cross-Culturally Adapting and Evaluating a Psychological First Aid Training Program for Native Direct Care Staff

Nathan Yockey Weltman, Charlottesville, VA
M.Ed., University of Virginia
B.S.E.D., University of Virginia
Physician Scientist
Thyroid Hormone Dysfunction in Cardiovascular Disease
Doctor of Education

Jennifer Louise Aranda, Eau Claire, WI
M.S., University of Wisconsin - Stout
Educational Administration
Civility and Bullying in Higher Education, Secrets in Academia: Culture of Incivility

Teresa Boysen, Sioux Falls, SD
M.Ed., University of Sioux Falls
Educational Administration
Comparative Case Study of Beginning Elementary Teachers: Year-Long and Semester-Long Student Teaching

Summer Christensen, St. Joseph, MO
M.A.T., Webster University
Curriculum & Instruction
The Relationship Between Induction Services Provided by District Leaders and Principals and New-Teacher Retention in South Dakota

Kirsten J. Doebel
M.S., Southwest Minnesota State University
Curriculum & Instruction
A Study of the Effect of Instruction on Student’s Implicit Theory of Intelligence in a Project-Based Learning Environment

Cynthia Ann Hanson, Sioux City, IA
M.S., Drake University
Educational Administration
Methods of Senior Administrator Leadership Development in Succession Planning at Iowa Community Colleges

Matthew David Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., Augustana College
Curriculum & Instruction
An Evaluation of the Good Behavior Game in a High School Special Education Setting

Kimberly S. Kludt
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Educational Administration
Incentives and Disincentives for South Dakota High School Seniors When Considering a Career in Teaching

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Ed.S., University of Sioux Falls
Educational Administration
The Relationship Between School District Expenditures and ACT Scores in South Dakota Public Schools

Jerry W. Rasmussen
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Educational Administration
Comparing Perceptions of Dual-role Administrators and Their Teachers Regarding the Effectiveness of Dual-role Administrators in Their Buildings

Erin E. Ribe
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Educational Administration
Recreation Management and Exercise Wellness Professional Awareness of Emerging Needs of Aging Adults

James Anthony Smith, Omaha, NE
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Educational Administration
Accelerated and Traditional Degree Programs: A Comparison of Student Academic Outcomes

Melanie Ann Stanton, Alexandria, VA
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Educational Administration
Preceptors Perception of Evidence-based Practice in Teaching Athletic Training Students

Christopher L. Stockdale, Vienna, IL
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Curriculum & Instruction
The Reflection of Social Values in Public School Reading Textbooks in the United States: A Historical Inquiry

Valorie Lynn Zonnefeld, Sioux Center, IA
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Curriculum & Instruction
Mindsets, Attitudes, and Achievement in Undergraduate Statistics Courses

Doctor of Audiology

David Ian Alexander, Vineland, NJ
B.A., Loyola University Maryland
The Effect of Sound Location on Verification Measures

Elizabeth C. Falk, Aberdeen, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Patient Perception and the Effects of Debris on Hearing Aid Directional Microphone Performance

Shana Nicole Bauer Vaitl, Pierre, SD
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Effects of Aging, Hormonal Fluctuation, and Cardiovascular Health on Peripheral Hearing Ability

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Tessa Linn Aiken, Spearfish, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Nicolas Ross Albers, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Becky Berentschot, Irwood, IA
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Matthew Carmody, Pipestone, MN
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Doctor of Medicine

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Professional Degrees

Sanford School of Medicine

Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy

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B.S., University of South Dakota  

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School of Law  

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Juris Doctor  

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B.A., Purdue University - West Lafayette  

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Emily Lessin, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University

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B.S., Brigham Young University

KyLee Rose Manthei, Sanborn, MN  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Alex Mason  
B.A., Northern State University

Ryan Michael McKnight, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Jerald Michael McNeary, Jr., Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Cullen Parker McNeese, West Burlington, IA  
B.S., Iowa State University

Danielle Dayle Moeller, Fairmont, MN  
B.S., Minnesota State University- Mankato

Nick Moser  
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Audie J. Murphy, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College

Kelsey Megan Murray, Lake Crystal, MN  
B.S., Minnesota State University- Mankato

Haleigh E. Nevill  
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Megan Elizabeth Olson, Sebeka, MN  
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Levi Taylor Parker, Lennox, SD  
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

Nick Peterson  
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

James Edward Petree, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota

Rachel Marie Preheim, Freeman, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota

Jonathon Phillip Sanborn, Windham, CT  
B.S., Lyndon State College

Sara Elizabeth Schroeder, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of Nebraska- Lincoln

Jackson Schwandt, Milbank, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

James Coulson Shanor, Casper, WY  
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B.S., University of Maryland University College

Jacqueline R. Shopbell, Seattle, WA  
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Rebekkah Joy Steinwand, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Anthony John Teesdale, Dakota Dunes, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Matthew W. Templar, Torrington, WY  
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Ernest Clay Thompson, SD  
B.A., New Mexico State University - University Park

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B.A., Morningside College

Ashlee Ann Wendt, Alcester, SD  
B.A., Augustana College

Nathan Zacher  
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Specialist & Master Degrees

Graduate School

Presented by Dean Michael Card

Specialist in Education

Jason Buckley, Cheyenne, WY  
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Educational Administration

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Brandi Jo Jangula, Rapid City, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota

Educational Administration

Benjamin J. Kasel, Le Mars, IA  
M.A., Briar Cliff University

Educational Administration

Melanie Jalbert Kathrein, Dickinson, ND  
M.A., Minot State University

Educational Administration

Ferra R. Kemp  
M.A., University of South Dakota

Educational Administration

Jolene Kay Koneche, Elk Point, SD  
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Educational Administration

Melissa Karen Kroghman, Mitchell, SD  
B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University

Counseling & Psychology in Education

Colleen Ann Murley, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., Northern State University

Educational Administration

Scotty D. Nelson  
Ed.S., University of Nebraska - Kearney

Educational Administration
Shawn Robert Packard, Lawton, IA  
M.A., Morningside College  
Educational Administration

Holly Pedersen, Yankton, SD  
M.T.S., Vanderbilt University  
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Amy Annette Rojas, Sioux City, IA  
M.S., State University of New York College at Buffalo  
Educational Administration

Alexa Kaye Sorensen, Sioux City, IA  
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Counseling & Psychology in Education

Nicole Marie Ulvestad, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Counseling & Psychology in Education

Trevor Aaron Ulrich, Denison, IA  
M.S., Buena Vista University  
Educational Administration

Samantha Muriel Walder, Hayti, SD  
B.Ed., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration

Tonia Ann Warzecha, Harrisburg, SD  
B.S., Southwest Minnesota State University  
Educational Administration

Savanna Ashton Williams, Maple Grove, MN  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
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- Accounting

Spenser E. Birney
- Business Administration
- Summa Cum Laude

Brad Wood
- Mathematics

Nathan David Wunder, Sioux Falls, SD
- Economics

University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude

Samuel Lewis Young, Conde, SD
- Medical Biology

University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude

Tyler Dean Young, Custer, SD
- Psychology

Kristen Leigh Yount, Hartford, SD
- Psychology
- Magna Cum Laude

Elliott Lynn Zadow, Aurelia, SD
- Biology

Aaron Zyda, Sioux City, IA
- Biology

Associate of Arts
Jack Douglas Duren, Omaha, NE  
Marketing  
Anthony Joe Edwards, Scotland, SD  
Accounting  
Katryn Marie Eilers, Swisher, IA  
Health Services Administration  
Tiffany Amber Elkins, Mankato, MN  
Management  
Erica Jean Erz, Sioux Falls, SD  
Human Resource Management  
Cum Laude  
Samuel James Fernandez, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing  
Emily Ann Feyereisen, Chanhassen, MN  
Accounting  
Kara Ann Fischbach, Mellette, SD  
Finance  
Magna Cum Laude  
Shyla Fodness, Brandon, SD  
Accounting  
Kelly Ann Frederick, Mitchell, SD  
Finance  
Daniel Patrick Gill, Brandon, SD  
Economics  
Sharee Rachele Goldammer, Tea, SD  
Accounting  
Ryan James Gunderson, Aberdeen, SD  
Finance  
Kyle Joseph Guziec, Lake Forest, IL  
Finance  
Alyssa Hanisch, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance  
Cum Laude  
Alexander Jon Haverly, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance  
Tyler Jon Hegge, Watertown, SD  
Finance  
Michael Paul Heigerson, Yankton, SD  
Finance  
Roland James Henry, Hinton, IA  
Finance  
Magna Cum Laude  
Michael Thomas Heuertz, Remsen, IA  
Management  
Cayla Marie Hilbrands, Elk Point, SD  
Management  
Nick Hoeltzner  
Accounting  
Christy Margaret Hofer, Freeman, SD  
Accounting  
Lucas Kane Holden, Parkston, SD  
Accounting  
Corey Douglas Hunhoff, Smithville, MO  
Finance  
Jeremy Herard Jacques, Lumberton, NJ  
Management  
Andrew Craig Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting  
Darren James Johnson, Aberdeen, SD  
Finance  
Kathryn Elizabeth Johnson, Pierre, SD  
Management  
Katherine Anne Johnston, Montrose, SD  
Management  
Amanda Jean Jones, Madison, SD  
Management  
Billy Joel Jones, Bonesteel, SD  
Accounting  
Magna Cum Laude  
Hwan-Ug Jung  
Accounting  
Kelsy Jade Koeberlin, Rapid City, SD  
Marketing  
Ashley Marie Kolbeek, Yankton, SD  
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Jordan Allen Konkol, Custer, SD  
Accounting  
Magna Cum Laude  
Ryan Patrick Lammers, Yankton, SD  
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Madison Lee Landeen, Beresford, SD  
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Shawn Paul LeGree, Sioux City, IA  
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Lucas John Leithiser, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Services Administration  
Yang Liu, Dalian, China  
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Cum Laude  
Kelly Marie, Whiting, IA  
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Joshua James Mahaney, Akron, IA  
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Marcus Evan Mahlen, Webster, SD  
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Sam James Matthews, Roseville, MN  
Finance  
Inna Michaylovna Mazan, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Health Services Administration  
Amos Joe Meyer, Williams, SD  
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Jeremy R. Miller  
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Jay Michael Eric Nelson, Omaha, NE  
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Joshua Ryan Newman, Rapid City, SD  
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Stephen Dean Nelson, Pierre, SD  
Health Services Administration  
Magna Cum Laude  
Kirby Otto Nitzschke, Lawton, IA  
Marketing  
Connor David O’Hara, Dell Rapids, SD  
Marketing  
Shelby M. Oliver, Milbank, SD  
Finance  
Summa Cum Laude  
Kaleb R. Paulsen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Economics
Steven Mark Payne, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Services Administration
Cum Laude
Benjamin Peyton, Edina, MN
Marketing
Tyler Matthew Reddington, Andover, MN
Management
Cum Laude
James Edward Reeser, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Joshua Dale Rentschler, Sioux Falls, SD
Marketing
Parker Bradley-Kane Rew, Yutan, NE
Management
Aaron Spencer Riswold, Dell Rapids, SD
Finance
Cum Laude
Alisha Lynn Roessler, Viborg, SD
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
Mariah Rae Rogers, Aberdeen, SD
Health Services Administration
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Wesley Thomas Ruden, Remsen, IA
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Ryan Michael Schloss, Yankton, SD
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Elizabeth Jane Shmel, Bentonville, AR
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Hailey Louise Srsoka, Sioux Falls, SD
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Erika Swenson, Brandon, SD
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Dillon Alan Temple, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Matthew Trammel, Apple Valley, MN
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Sean C. Turgeon, Sioux Falls, SD
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Leighann Marie Van Wormer, Western Springs, IL
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Zachary John VanRoekel, Sioux Falls, SD
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Kami Sue Vogt, Worthington, MN
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Scott A. Westhoff
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Alex Joseph Wheeler, Huron, SD
Finance
Ian Burchill Williams, Sioux Falls, SD
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Robby Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Tyler A. Zahn, Aberdeen, SD
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Bachelor of Science

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Christopher Berneil Aslesen, Florence, SD
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  Summa Cum Laude

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  Mathematics Education
  Summa Cum Laude

Nicole Kathleen Bohnenkamp, Remsen, IA
  Elementary Education
  Summa Cum Laude

Laura Ann Buckman, Yankton, SD
  Elementary Education
  Summa Cum Laude

Minji Cho, Daegu, South Korea
  Elementary Education, Special Education
  Summa Cum Laude

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  Mathematics Education
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  Summa Cum Laude

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  Summa Cum Laude

Josie DeAnn Fairbanks, Gettysburg, SD
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  Summa Cum Laude

Lauren Farmer, Sioux Falls, SD
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  Summa Cum Laude

Lindsey Amelia Fiegen, Garretson, SD
  English Education
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Haile Christine Foss, Lennox, SD
  Elementary Education
  Summa Cum Laude

Skyler Frederick, Mobridge, SD
  Elementary Education, Special Education
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Timothy Bruce Gergel, Bowie, MD
  History Education

Kaitlyn Lee Glover, Burke, SD
  Elementary Education
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Sara Jane Gohman, Sioux Falls, SD
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Jennifer Lynn Pechous, Tabor, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education

Brandon Louis Pogge, Minden, IA  
Elementary Education

Bailey Marie Ronning, Groton, SD  
Elementary Education

Kayla Nicole Rye, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Marissa Ann Schlup, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Summa Cum Laude

Andrew David Schofield, Orland Park, IL  
Physical Education

Paige Cassandra Seim, Watertown, SD  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Benjamin Robert Short, Canton, SD  
Elementary Education

Kayla Leigh Sorensen, Brandon, SD  
Elementary Education

Craig Thomas Swensen, Yankton, SD  
History Education  
Cum Laude

Terrance Terry, Barrington, IL  
English Education

Nicholas Chandler Tifft, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education

Tiffany Suzanne Tusha Wehmeyer, Bridgewater, SD  
Elementary Education

Emily Marlene Alitz, Hastings, MN  
Art

Zachary Tyler Baltz, Omaha, NE  
Theatre

Cynthia Kim Bendt, Centerville, SD  
Art

Brianna Eileen Bernard, Mitchell, SD  
Theatre  
Summa Cum Laude

Elise Danielle Buchmann, Martin, SD  
Art  
Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Phillip Caffee, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art

Casey Patrick Coates, Rapid City, SD  
Theatre  
Summa Cum Laude

Alisa Louise Dubbelde, Omaha, NE  
Art Education  
Cum Laude

Antonio Jose Garcia, Sioux City, IA  
Theatre

Abigail Marie Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art  
Cum Laude

Zachary Michael Lacey, Trent, SD  
Art

David Wayne Langner, Madison, SD  
Art

Charissa Hope Livingston, Yankton, SD  
Art

Jason David Logan, Vermillion, SD  
Art

Debra Ann McCarty, Sioux Center, IA  
Art

Angela Marie Meyer, Melvin, IA  
Art  
Cum Laude

Elizabeth Anne Nehlich, Aberdeen, SD  
Art

Christine J. Pietz  
Theatre

Lucas David Ptacek, Vermillion, SD  
Theatre  
Summa Cum Laude

Ashlee Jean Reck, Sibley, IA  
Theatre

Chelsea Rose Studenski, Foley, MN  
Art  
Summa Cum Laude

Emily Anna Vortherms, Yankton, SD  
Theatre  
Cum Laude

Sophia Christine Wermers, Centennial, CO  
Art

Jordyn Lynn Bangasser, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Performance  
University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude

Ethan James Conrad, Jasper, MN  
Music Education

Jordan Daniel Hoffman, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Performance

Kayla Jean Josephson, Albert City, IA  
Music Performance  
Cum Laude

Terrence Michael Kenny, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Education

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College of Fine Arts
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Bachelor of Fine Arts

Emily Marlene Alitz, Hastings, MN  
Art

Zachary Tyler Baltz, Omaha, NE  
Theatre

Cynthia Kim Bendt, Centerville, SD  
Art

Brianna Eileen Bernard, Mitchell, SD  
Theatre  
Summa Cum Laude

Elise Danielle Buchmann, Martin, SD  
Art  
Magna Cum Laude
Becca Renae Lunstrum, Redfield, SD  
Music Performance  
Magna Cum Laude  
Blake V. Q. Proehl, Parkston, SD  
Music Performance  
Summa Cum Laude  
Abigail Constance Sandberg, Hutchinson, MN  
Music Performance  
Magna Cum Laude  
Katelyn Irene Warnock, South Sioux City, NE  
Music Education  
Cum Laude  
Michael Eugene Wilbur, Ruthven, IA  
Music Education

Bachelor of Musical Arts

Tobias David Deutsch, Geneva, OH  
Health Sciences  
Nelly Joelle Dikosso, Sioux Falls, SD  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Karen Kay Drenth, Albert Lea, MN  
Addiction Studies  
Derek Allan Dauer, Norfolk, NE  
Health Sciences  
Cum Laude  
Allyson Rae Dumke, Omaha, NE  
Dental Hygiene  
Magna Cum Laude  
Jennifer Jean Eggers, Wagner, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Magna Cum Laude  
Shannon Rae Ellefson, Garretson, SD  
Health Sciences  
Shelby Marie Ellefson, Garretson, SD  
Health Sciences  
Tara Marie Filler, Baltic, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Jordan David Fuglestad, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
Jordyn James Goebel, Hill City, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Erika Ann Gravning, Sioux Falls, SD  
Addiction Studies  
Brant Riley Haase, Lemmon, SD  
Health Sciences  
Summa Cum Laude  
Jordan Haeckel, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
Camille Lynn Haje, Tyndall, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Summa Cum Laude  
Kelsey L. Hanson  
Dental Hygiene  
Mallory Jo Harris, Newcastle, WY  
Addiction Studies  
Hannah Elizabeth Hawkins, Milford, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Hayley Lea Hefner, Coleridge, NE  
Health Sciences  
Cum Laude  
Madison Brooke Heinz, Jacksonville, FL  
Health Sciences  
Katherine Nicole Helderbrand, Freeman, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Natasha Louise Herman, Mission, SD  
Addiction Studies  
Ashley Lynn Herringer, Juniata, NE  
Dental Hygiene  
Brenda Marie Higman, Orange, CA  
Health Sciences  
Katelyn Isburg, Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work  
Jasmine Jackan, Watertown, SD  
Health Sciences  
Cum Laude  
Amalia Anna Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
Tess Johnson, Clark, SD  
Health Sciences  
Magna Cum Laude

School of Health Sciences

Presented by Dean Michael Lawler

Bachelor of Science

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Medical Laboratory Science  
Ashley Kay Anderson, Aurelia, IA  
Health Sciences  
Megan Nichole Anderson, Rapid City, SD  
Health Sciences  
Emmylu James Antonsen, Kadoka, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Emily Sue Beckmann, White Lake, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Cum Laude  
Miranda Lynn Borstad, Yankton, SD  
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Alexander Leo Brech, Philip, SD  
Health Sciences  
Jenaye Rose-Marie Brenner, Groton, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Cum Laude  
Marin Ellen Brus, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Ashley Elizabeth Brunick, Vermillion, SD  
Health Sciences  
Magna Cum Laude  
Amanda Lee Burnsted, Cushing, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Summa Cum Laude  
Kiana Lin Case, Lake City, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Jordan Kinsey Catlett, Rapid City, SD  
Health Sciences  
Hailey Starr Chipman, Miller, SD  
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Jennifer Lee De Jager, Rapid City, SD  
Social Work  
Jaclyn Marie Dehner, Hinton, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Cum Laude
Afton Marie Keiser, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Kristen Jay Kinsella, Rapid City, SD
Health Sciences

Jordan Lardy Konda, Sioux Falls, SD
Addiction Studies

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Medical Laboratory Science

Megan Anna Kroeger, Hartford, SD
Health Sciences

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Kayla Lea Krohnke, Schleswig, IA
Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude

Leon Robert Leader Charge, Parmelee, SD
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Sofia Lynn Lopez, Rapid City, SD
Addiction Studies

Susan Marie Lowin, Blunt, SD
Health Sciences

Jason Dean Lulf, Sterling, SD
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Cody James Lupkes, Rock Rapids, IA
Health Sciences

Tammy Irene Machmiller, Renner, SD
Health Sciences

Jenna Margaret McDermaid, Watertown, SD
Dental Hygiene

Arthur Daniel McNeill, Chicago, IL
Health Sciences

Adam James Mikkelsen, Gregory, SD
Health Sciences

Emma Lea Miller, Vermillion, SD
Medical Laboratory Science
Summa Cum Laude

Rebecca Jo Molsberry, Algona, IA
Health Sciences
Summa Cum Laude

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Health Sciences

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Dental Hygiene, Health Sciences

Aminata Nicholas, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

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Health Sciences

Carissa Jean Origer, Lakefield, MN
Health Sciences

Sheila Jenny Ortiz-Castillo, Norfolk, NE
Dental Hygiene

Hillary Ann Palasma, Dakota City, NE
Dental Hygiene

Jessica Penegreg, Rapid City, SD
Health Sciences

Jessica Kay Peterson, Northfield, SD
Dental Hygiene

Molly Mae Pingrey, Centerville, SD
Addiction Studies

Blake William Prochnow, Prescott, WI
Addiction Studies

Britney Anne Pulliam, Somerville, TN
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Dental Hygiene

Daniel Reichelt, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

Logan Jaide Reinholter, Wentworth, SD
Health Sciences

Hayley Ann Romano, Gretna, NE
Health Sciences

Amber Marie Schnitzler, Omaha, NE
Social Work

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Courtney Jo Visaya, Maple Valley, WA
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Magna Cum Laude

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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.

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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
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- Fine Arts (Music)...........................................Pink
- Health Sciences........................................Green
- Law..........................................................Purple
- Medicine..................................................Green

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