SPRING 2016
Commencement
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Dakota Dome, Vermillion, SD
May 7, 2016
Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement

Dakota Dome
May 7, 2016 9:30 a.m.

The Commencement Procession
Dr. Susanne Skyrm, Professor of Music

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

Welcome
Dr. Robin Ammon, University Senate Chair
James W. Abbott, President

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching
Jim Moran, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
   Associate Professor Cassandra McKeown, College of Arts & Sciences
   Assistant Professor Kathryn Birkeland, Beacom School of Business

Commencement Address
Jan Neuharth, Chair & CEO, Freedom Forum

USD Chamber Singers
Someplace arr. by Jocelyn Hagen
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Honorary Degree
Jan Neuharth, Doctor of Humane Letters

Authorization of Degree Conferral
Randy Schaefer, South Dakota Board of Regents
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
Lieutenant Colonel Michelle Bunkers, Department Chair, Military Science

Induction into Alumni Association
Staci Stern, Alumni Association Representative

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

Closing Remarks
James W. Abbott, President
Dr. Robin Ammon, 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.
Jan Neuharth, an attorney and author, is Chair and CEO of the Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan foundation that is dedicated to free expression and the five freedoms of the First Amendment. The Freedom Forum is the main funder of the operations of the Newseum, a 250,000-square-foot interactive museum of news in Washington, DC, and the Newseum Institute, whose initiatives include the First Amendment Center, the Religious Freedom Center, NewseumEd, and the Al Neuharth Media Center at USD. Jan Neuharth’s father, Al Neuharth, the founder of USA Today and the former Chair and CEO of the Gannett media company, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Dakota in 1950.

A graduate of the University of Florida and Vanderbilt Law School, Jan Neuharth is the founder and President of Paper Chase Farms, Inc., an equestrian company based in Middleburg, VA, and serves on the boards of Middleburg Bank, the Library of Virginia Foundation, and the Middleburg Forum. She is the former Chair of the National Council at Vanderbilt Law School. A member of the California Bar and admitted as an attorney and counselor of the United States Supreme Court, Jan Neuharth formerly worked for Senator Howard Baker in Washington, DC and Nashville, Tennessee; for Louis Harris International in London, England; and practiced law with Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker in Los Angeles, California. She is the award-winning author of the *Hunt Country Suspense* novels.
**Stage Party**
James W. Abbott  
President
Randy Schaefer  
Board of Regents Representative
Jan Neuharth  
Speaker, Honorary Degree Recipient
Staci Stern  
Alumni Association Representative
Robin Ammon  
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
Donald Easton-Brooks  
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

**Head Marshals**
Michelle Van Maanen  
College of Arts & Sciences
Leon Korte  
Beacom School of Business

**Honorary Marshals**
Emeritus Professor Barbara Yutrzenka
Emeritus Professor Barry Vickrey

**Marshals**
Sherrie Bosse  
School of Education
Scott Breuninger  
College of Arts & Sciences
Ann Brunick  
School of Health Sciences
Steven Bucklin  
College of Arts & Sciences
Kurt Hackemer  
College of Arts & Sciences
Gregory Huckabee  
Beacom School of Business
Christine Hutton  
School of Law
Moses Ikiugu  
Sanford School of Medicine
Stuart Inglis  
Sanford School of Medicine
Eric Jepsen  
College of Arts & Sciences
Joy Karges  
School of Health Sciences
Beverly Kennedy  
School of Health Sciences
Peter Kindle  
School of Health Sciences
Solveig Korte  
College of Arts & Sciences
Jay Memmott  
School of Health Sciences
Dave Moen  
Beacom School of Business
Timothy Schorn  
College of Arts & Sciences
Lana Svien  
School of Health Sciences
Gerald Yutrzenka  
Sanford School of Medicine
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,
Thine 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 troupig 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

Tyler Brown, Sioux City, IA
B.S., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
The Influence of Socioeconomic Status and Cognitive Ability on Educational Outcomes
B.A., Augustana College
Physician Scientist
Understanding & Therapeutically Modulating the Immune Response & Metabolic Regulatory Pathways in HPV+ Head & Neck Squamous Cell Cancer
Jenny Yang Cropp, Lawton, OK
M.F.A., Minnesota State University - Mankato
English
Concordance
Emily Ann Dykstra, Brooklyn Park, MN
M.A., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Differences in Motivation and Prediction of Academic Success: A Study of American and International College Students
Lori Lynn Evenson, Yankton, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Personality, Career Indecision, and Indecisiveness: A Meta-analysis Measuring How Personality Factors Can Inform Practice
Jenny Lee Ferguson, Canada
M.A., University of Windsor
English
The Intersection[s]: a novel
Miranda Jo Floen, Ireton, IA
B.S., University of South Dakota
Physician Scientist
Thioredoxin-1: Identification of Redox Substrates and Response to Hyperoxia
Niranjan Ghimire, Sioux Falls, SD
B.B.M.E., Purbanchal University - Nepal
Biomedical Engineering
Antimicrobial Orthopedic Implant Material: Surface Modification and Characterization
Sara Danielle Henning, Athens, GA
M.F.A., George Mason University
English
Surface Normal
Samantha Leigh Hersrud, Sturgis, SD
M.S., Black Hills State University
Physician Scientist
Investigation of Antigen Presenting Cells in the Periphery of the Cln3-/- Mouse Model of Juvenile Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis
Elizabeth Marie Hultgren, Spencer, IA
B.A., Augustana College
Physician Scientist
Sushi Domain Containing 2 (SUSD2): A Membrane Protein Enhancing Angiogenesis and Metastasis in Breast Cancer
Alison Kate Irvine, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Future Health Risks: Misunderstood, Devalued, and Discounted
Jaciel Elizabeth Keltgen, Olivia, MN
M.S., South Dakota State University
Political Science
The Impact of Generational and Gender Effects on Physician Satisfaction in the U.S.
Joshua Michael Klonoski, San Pedro, CA
M.S., Colorado State University
Physician Scientist
Contribution of Viral Genes, Host Immunity and Vaccination Toward Survival After Influenza Virus: Streptococcus Pyogenes Super-Infection
Ryan Edward Bryce Los, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
M.A., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
A Hierarchical Linear Model of the Interaction Between Student Motivation and the Instructional Environment on Academic Outcome
Jacob N. Miller, Pierre, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University
Physician Scientist
Nonsense-Mediated Decay and Batten Disease: Utilizing Nonsense Suppression as a Therapeutic Tool to Enhance Functional Protein Activity
Jennifer Jo Olson, Rutland, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Establishing Evidence of Concurrent Validity for the INQ-15 within an Alternative High School Setting
Khaled M. Rashwan, Vermillion, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Michelle Kay Skaff, Sioux City, IA
M.S., University of South Dakota
Political Science
Implementing the Electronic Document Management System at the Local Law Enforcement Level by Iowa’s Judicial System: An Application of the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology
Sem Raj Tamang, Kathmandu
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Complexation of Frustrated Lewis Pairs with Transition Metals and Reactivity
Doctor of Education

Darron Michael Arlt, Plainview, NE  
M.Ed., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
The Relationship Between Superintendent Tenure and Student Achievement in Nebraska as Measured by 2015 NeSA-Reading Scores

Lynn Eichler, Panama City, FL  
M.B.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Experience of Career Changing Adults to Higher Education

Evan David Gough, Blue Earth, MN  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Southwest and South Central Minnesota K-12 Teachers’ Perceptions Regarding the Flipped Classroom

Carol M. Grode, Mitchell, SD  
M.Ed., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
Job Satisfaction of Online Faculty at a Midwestern Technical Institute

Steven V. Helgeland, Box Elder, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Job Satisfaction and Perceived Self-Efficacy of South Dakota Special Education Administrators

June Peterson Larson, Beresford/Centerville, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
Professional Identity: A Comparison of Professional Values of Nursing Students and Nurse Educators

Katherine A. Logan  
M.S.N., Thomas A. Edison State College  
Educational Administration  
Meta-ethnography of Caring with Nursing Education

Aaron Jeffry Plas, McCook, NE  
Ed.S., Wayne State College  
Educational Administration  
High School Student Perceptions of Online Classes Compared to Traditional Face-to-Face Classes

Kay Marie Rasmussen, Vermillion, SD  
M.S., University of North Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Interprofessional Education: A Phenomenological Analysis

Steven Matthew Webner, Le Mars, IA  
M.Ed., Iowa State University  
Educational Administration  
Iowa School Board Presidents’ and Superintendents’ Perceptions of the Characteristics of Effective Superintendents

Shawn W. Yates, Roscoe, SD  
M.Ed., Covenant College  
Educational Administration  
Factors Influencing Rural Superintendent Tenure in South Dakota

Doctor of Audiology

Katherine Lynn Awoyinka, Chanhassen, MN  
B.A., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
The Effect of Judges’ Age and Gender on Stigmatization of Preschool Children Wearing Various Hearing Assistive Technologies

Leah M. Campbell, Le Mars, IA  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Effect of Ear and Stimulus Repetitions on the Speech-Evoked Auditory Brainstem Response

Jessica Ann Hagg, Albert Lea, MN  
B.A., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
Parent Knowledge of Newborn Hearing Screenings and the Impact of Hearing Loss on Development

Eva Margaret Hecht, Omaha, NE  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Usefulness of Classroom Accommodations and Modifications for Teenagers Who Have Hearing Loss

Carly Anne Hemmingson, Watertown, SD  
B.S., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
Investigation of Current Nationwide Cochlear Implant Clinical Practice Patterns

Angela M. Seuser, Mellette, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Clinician Self-Perceptions of Readiness for Clinical Practice

Laura Rose Barber, Enning, SD  
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Educational Administration  
Professional Identity: A Comparison of Professional Values of Nursing Students and Nurse Educators

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Nicole Marie Streleck, Rapid City, SD
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Jenna Alaine Stroup, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
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B.S., University of South Dakota
Caitlin Elysse Vance, Papillion, NE
B.S., University of Sioux Falls
Adam John Way, North Platte, NE
B.S.Ed., University of Nebraska - Omaha

Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy

Michael Bono, Seattle, WA
M.S., University of Rhode Island
M.S., University of Rhode Island
M.A.T., George Fox University
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M.S., University of South Dakota
Jeffrey Leonard Kallberg, Bloomington, MN
B.S., University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
David Gerard Kleinmeyer, Brookfield, IL
B.S., University of Health Sciences - Chicago Medical School
B.A., University of Northern Iowa
Lisa Redlin Westlake, Rapid City, SD
B.S.P.T., University of North Dakota

Professional Degrees
Sanford School of Medicine
Presented by Dean Mary Nettleman
Doctor of Medicine

Allison Lesley Abitz, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., St. Catherine University- Minneapolis
Scholarship Pathway Scholar
Joseph Michael Anderson, Sgt. Bluff, IA
B.S., South Dakota State University
Summa Cum Laude
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Scholarship Pathway Scholar
George Allen Ceremuga, Rapid City, SD
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Joseph David Coppock, Sioux Falls, SD
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B.S., University of South Dakota
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Scholarship Pathway Scholar
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B.A., St. John’s College
Kari Lea Halvorson, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Luther College
Scholarship Pathway Scholar
Elizabeth Anne Helsper, Brookings, SD
B.A., Augustana College
Samantha Leigh Hersrud, Sturgis, SD
B.A., American University
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Summa Cum Laude
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B.S., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
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B.S., University of South Dakota
Josephine Victoria Kerk, Rapid City, SD
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Joshua Michael Klonisiski, San Pedro, CA
B.A., Colorado State University
Kelsey Elyce Koch, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Cum Laude
Nicholas Adam Kohles, Aberdeen, SD
B.S., Minnesota State University- Moorhead
Bill Bingyang Liu, Deyang
B.A., University of Pennsylvania
Magnus Cum Laude
Paul W. Mallory
B.S., Augustana College
William David McClain, Miller, SD
B.A., Dordt College
Summa Cum Laude
Benjamin Dutton Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College
Scholarship Pathway Scholar
Jacob N. Miller, Pierre, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University
Magnus Cum Laude
Christopher Eugene Milines, Rapid City, SD
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Joy Anna Mueller, Keystone, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Lukas James Mueller, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Robert George Nicholas, Huron, SD
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Ryan A. Nimick
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Veronica Elizabeth Radigan, Sioux Falls, SD
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Timothy Alan Reid, Brookings, SD
B.S., US Air Force Academy
Meredith Abbie Reynolds, Sioux Falls, SD
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B.A., Creighton University
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Karsten Jon Rohlfis, Aberdeen, SD
B.S., Northern State University
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B.A., Benedictine College
Cum Laude
Taylor John Slingsby, Rapid City, SD
B.S., University of Southern California
Cum Laude
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B.S.M., Shandong University
Ph.D., University of South Dakota
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Erika Toyoda, Rapid City, SD
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Shane William Bryant, Mahomet, IL  
B.S., National American University
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B.S., South Dakota State University
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Aliyson Marie Crespo, Bronx, NY  
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B.A., Winona State University

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Preston Thomas Nakai, Santa Fe, NM  
B.A., University of Utah
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B.S., The University of South Dakota
Victor Michael Rapkoch, Shelby, MT  
B.A., Ave Maria University
Megan Presley Reed, Arlington, NE  
B.S., Midland University
Rebecca Rose Reiter, Florence, SD  
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Eric Michael Schlimgen, Rapid City, SD  
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Anthony Patrick Sutton, Flandreau, SD  
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B.A., Augustana College
Ashley Adayre Tanner, Gettysburg, SD  
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Lyndze Thompson, Hartford, SD  
B.A., Briar Cliff University
Joseph Bartholomew Trask, Elm Springs, SD  
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Jennifer Lynn Van Kekerix, Beresford, SD  
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L.L.B., University of Birmingham-United Kingdom
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Matthew Thomas Oehlerts, Luverne, MN
   Biology
   Cum Laude
Alexis Whitney Olson, Mitchell, SD
   English
   Summa Cum Laude
Austin James Oxner, Sioux Falls, SD
   Criminal Justice & Political Science
Charlie T. Pap
   Biology
John Tyler Paul, Sturgis, SD
   Medical Biology
   Summa Cum Laude
Riley Terrill Paulsen, Yankton, SD
   Biology, Chemistry & Physics
   Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Synnora Lynn Peterson, Lawton, OK
   Psychology
   Cum Laude
Lexy Marie Pillatzki, Milbank, SD
   Psychology
   Magna Cum Laude
Alexander Alan Plendl, Kingsley, IA
   Psychology
   Cum Laude
Kaitlyn C. Rangel, San Diego, CA
   Sustainability
Laura Michelle Rezac, Renner, SD
   Medical Biology
   Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate, SSM Alumni Student Scholar
Eric Allen Roach, Brandon, SD
   Physics
   Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Aspen Elizabeth Robinson, Hartington, NE
   Communication Sciences & Disorders
Matthew Rohner, South Sioux City, NE
   Psychology & Communication Studies
   Magna Cum Laude
Jason Roskens, Sioux Falls, SD
   Biology
Rachel Ann Saltness, Rochester, MN
   Medical Biology
   Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Heather Lynn Sandt, Oto, IA
   Psychology
Connor Timothy Schilling, Sioux Falls, SD
   Biology
Matthew Dick Schlimgen, Vermillion, SD
   Psychology
Tosha Lee Schmiidt, Oacoma, SD
   Criminal Justice
Eric N. Schoelmeester
   Anthropology & Earth Science
Zachary Michael Schulte, Sioux Falls, SD
   Chemistry
   Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Schaunna Schwabe
   Chemistry
Alexandra Lee Scriver, Milbank, SD
   Political Science
   Cum Laude
Jeremy Dean Shirey, Tripp, SD
   Psychology
Matthew Gordon Shore, Brooklyn, WI
   Criminal Justice
   Abby Lynne Simon, Watertown, SD
   Medical Biology
   Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
   Justin Phillip Sininger, Sioux City, IA
   Criminal Justice
Brooklynn Ray Smith, South Sioux City, NE
   Psychology
Emmy Jean Smith, Mitchell, SD
   Political Science & Criminal Justice
Harrison Park Smith, Willmar, MN
   Psychology
Cyrus J. Sorenson
   Biology
Brandon Taylor Stanley, Groton, SD
   Psychology
   Cum Laude
Kristen Taylor Steffen, White Lake, SD
   Communication Studies
   Magna Cum Laude
Connor James Stephens, Lenexa, KS
   Psychology
Erin Lynn Sternhagen, Groton, SD
   Medical Biology
   Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Tyler Jay Sternhagen, Yankton, SD
Biology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Melissa Rae Stevens, Shakopee, MN
Psychology
Michael Stokke, Sioux Falls, SD
Biology
Tyler J. Stolzmark
Biology
Taylor A. Strasburg, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology
Theresa Marie Taylor, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology
Sopida Trageser, Hawarden, IA
Medical Biology
Cum Laude
Katelyn Marie Troastle, Rapid City, SD
Sociology
Elena Rose Tsakakis, Edina, MN
Biology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Derrick William Umstott, Cleveland, OH
Criminal Justice
Owens Uwangue, Gothenburg
Medical Biology
Kathryn Jean Van Balen, Custer, SD
Psychology & Medical Biology
Cum Laude
Marah Jo Van Diest, Groton, SD
Medical Biology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
SSM Alumni Student Scholar
Lucas Paul Van Ermen, Sioux Falls, SD
Biology & Chemistry
Magna Cum Laude
Kurtis Peter Van Gent, Vermillion, SD
Computer Science
Emily E. VanLaecken, Watertown, SD
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude
Tanner James Virchow, Arlington, SD
Computer Science
Curstie Ranae Visser, Hayti, SD
Criminal Justice & Psychology
Magna Cum Laude
Jessica R. Vrcek, Tabor, SD
Biology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Max J. Walter
Criminal Justice
Eli Watson, Lawrence, IN
Chemistry
Nichole Elizabeth Waugh, Dakota Dunes, SD
English
Kiley Ann Weier, Ankeny, IA
Psychology
Cum Laude
Kaitlyn Anne Wetzstein, Hudson, WI
Medical Biology
Summa Cum Laude
William J. Whitlock, Watertown, SD
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude
Kristen Miranda Wilen, Rapid City, SD
Communication Sciences & Disorders Cum Laude
Alyssa Beth Williams, Yankton, SD
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude
Brianna Kay Williamson, Hot Springs, SD
Anthropology & Psychology
Carly Jo Wilson, Vermillion, SD
Computer Science & Physics
Tanner James Wilson, Sioux City, IA
Chemistry
Jeffrey William Wright, Omaha, NE
History
Krisay Zalud, Vermillion, SD
Medical Biology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Hayden Richard Zeigler, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice
Lauren Elaine Zickrick, Pierre, SD
Psychology
Christopher Scott Zimmer, Rapid City, SD
Political Science & History
Magna Cum Laude
Gavin P. Zimmerman
Economics
Cum Laude
Samantha Renee Zoss, Beresford, SD
Criminal Justice
Rachel Kristine Zuhlke, Foster, NE
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Brad Camden Zwart, Dell Rapids, SD
Medical Biology

Associate of Arts

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Kelsey Marie Aldrich, Dakota Dunes, SD
Marketing
Isaac Allen, Lincoln, NE
Accounting
Sarah Kay Barthel, Sioux Falls, SD
Marketing
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Management
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Accounting
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Courtney Rae Buchholz, Parker, SD
Health Services Administration
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Amanda Sue Bueltel, Estherville, IA
Business Administration
Callen Rae Campagna, Omaha, NE
Human Resource Management
Bailey Monique Carlson, Vermillion, SD
Health Services Administration
Anshuman Chandra, Sioux Falls, SD
Marketing
Alexa Cimpl, Dante, SD
Finance
Kimberly Jean Cleveland, Lake Preston, SD
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Cody Joe Conover, Anthon, IA
Accounting
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Elizabeth Jo Dailey, Jefferson, SD
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Daniel Harlan Damgaard, Sioux Falls, SD
Marketing
Kristen Marie De Jong, Spring, TX
Management
Spencer James Determan, Holton, KS
Finance
Carissa DeVries, Sioux Falls, SD
Human Resource Management
Cum Laude
Carolyn Josephine Dickey, Worthington, MN
Management
Erinn Danielle Drew, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Nathan Douglas Dubbelde, Pipestone, MN
Management
Randal Robert Dyk, Platte, SD
Accounting
Cum Laude
Morgan Kay Ellefson, Garretson, SD
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
Ryan Ellefson, Mitchell, SD
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Jami Nicole Faddoul, Pierre, SD
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Magna Cum Laude
Justin John Whalen Fundermann, Battle Creek, IA
Finance
Cum Laude
Anthony Thomas Fusco, Sheffield Lake, OH
Marketing
Joshua John Gaikowski, Webster, SD
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Mariah Lynn Gehle, Sioux Falls, SD
Economics
Elizabeth P. Grosvenor, Sioux City, IA
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Colin Ray Gundersen, North Sioux City, SD
Management
Emily Nicole Haak, Dell Rapids, SD
Accounting
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Alicia Danielle Hamann, Milbank, SD
Management
Diane Sheryl Hanisch, Montrose, SD
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Kristopher J. Hanson
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Kelsey Kay Harnisch, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Jonathan Peter Hasselquist, Center City, MN
Management
Brittany Marie Herbener, Moorhead, MN
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Marketing
Colin Hirsch, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
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Samuel Lynn Hummel, Utica, SD
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Management
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Nathan V. Iversen, Chamberlain, SD
Marketing
Jordan Louie Janousek, Fairfax, SD
Marketing
Kelsey Rae Johnson, Spicer, MN
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Management
Matthew William Korus, Yankton, SD
Management
Benjamin Joseph Kramer, Ottumwa, IA
Finance
Cum Laude
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Accounting
Cum Laude
Kaylor Nicole Lang, Sioux Falls, SD
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Ngoc Van Le, Sioux City, IA
Accounting
Cum Laude
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Accounting
Jeffrey Adam Letcher, Mitchell, SD
Accounting
Megan T. Lewno, Yankton, SD
Management
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Lindsey Marie Lien, Yankton, SD
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Accounting
Lucas Adam Martin, Mobridge, SD
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Health Services Administration
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Marketing
Mary Kay Moller, Sioux Falls, SD
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Theresa Mercedes Mounbua, Sioux Falls, SD
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Ryan Wayne Nepodal, Platte, SD
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Kaylien Marie Ogstad, Tomahawk, WI
Accounting
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Aaron Francis Peterson, Sisseton, SD
Management
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Management
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Hollie Pommier, Florence, SD
Accounting
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Katie Elizabeth Redden, Faulkton, SD
Accounting
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Dylan Rock, Sioux City, IA
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Economics
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Finance
Magna Cum Laude
Brody Patrick Ryan, Minnetrista, MN
Business Administration
Ryan Nelson Saeger, Hartland, WI
Health Services Administration
John Anthony Schoppert, Sioux Falls, SD
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Finance
Jared Lee Smith, Huron, SD
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Marguerite Carol Smith, Dellwood, MN
Marketing
Reid W. Smith
Management
Adam Paul Spady, Crofton, NE
Management
Roman John Spaid, Vermillion, SD
Accounting
Samuel Loren Stanforth, Platte, SD
Economics
Eric Teune, Steen, MN
Accounting
Andrew Joseph Thares, Aberdeen, SD  
Economics

Samantha Kate Thuringer, Worthington, MN  
Accounting

Austin L. Underwood, Omaha, NE  
Marketing

Shane Nicholas VanDeBerg, Garretson, SD  
Accounting  
Summa Cum Laude

Karissa Jo Marie Vander Waardt, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Hannah Victoria Veselik, Darien, IL  
Marketing

Carrie L. Vitek, Yankton, SD  
Management

Zachary Tolbert Waletich, Milbank, SD  
Management  
Cum Laude

Scott Allan Ward, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Cum Laude

Jared David Weber, Parkston, SD  
Accounting  
Magna Cum Laude

Matthew George Wester, Pierre, SD  
Management

Brandon Winter, Hamill, SD  
Management

Hannah Marie Wollmann, Menno, SD  
Human Resource Management

Raelle Lyn Wright, Cody, WY  
Accounting

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Kinesiology & Sport Science

Valerie Ann Belding, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Magna Cum Laude

Nick Adam Bell, Blair, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Alissa Renae Binger, Tulare, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Cum Laude

Travis J. Bolstad  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
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Zachary M. Bomkamp, Woodstock, IL  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Nathan Dean Christensen, Tyler, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

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Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Summa Cum Laude

Teagan Janine Eberle, Schaumburg, IL  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Connor Daniel Fitzsimmons, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Magna Cum Laude

Laken Frericks, Northville, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Magna Cum Laude

Tessa Marie Goehring, Menno, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Cum Laude

Jenifer Lynn Hall, Sturgis, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Cum Laude

Macle Jae Harris, Mitchell, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Magna Cum Laude

Joshua Allan Johnson, Vermillion, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Lindsay Renee Jones, Spearfish, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Cum Laude

Brian Charles Juran, Burke, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Shayla Lynn Kayl, McCook Lake, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Cum Laude

Colin R. R. Krysl, Omaha, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
University Scholar Graduate

Collin Neal Kunzman, Shelby, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Margaret Mae Loudenslager, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Cum Laude

Katie Anne Ludemann, Pierre, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Summa Cum Laude

Abbey Pharis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Stephanie Rohe, Le Mars, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Summa Cum Laude

Eric Duchay Shufford Jr., Rialto, CA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Rebecca Lynn Sparkman, Eden Prairie, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Cum Laude

Tyler Jay Sternhagen, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Rachel Marie Svendson, East Grand Forks, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Magna Cum Laude

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Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Summa Cum Laude

Nina Ann Weidert, Lismore, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Summa Cum Laude

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Kinesiology & Sport Science
Bachelor of Science in Education

Kayli Adams, Tyndall, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education

Sarah Elizabeth Anderson, Bellingham, MN
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Carli Nicole Arnoldi, Springfield, MN
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Danielle Joy Babcock, Galva, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education

Josie Lynn Babin, Omaha, NE
Elementary Education & Special Education

Katelyn Mariah Barker, Wilmington, OH
Elementary Education

Luke Michael Bernard, Watertown, SD
Elementary Education

Rachel Jo Ann Berte, Livermore, IA
History Education

Kelly Jo Binder, Montrose, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Tara Jo Bouwman, Inwood, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude

Cassidy Ellen Breon, Sergeant Bluff, IA
Physical Education
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Morgan Leigh Buckendahl, Pierre, NE
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Charli Jo Cochran, Le Mars, IA
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Mackenzie Alexander Curry, Casper, WY
Elementary Education

Paxton M. Cutler, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education

Kelsey Lynn Dailey, Watertown, SD
Elementary Education

Jarod Michael DeBey, Rock Rapids, IA
Mathematics Education
Cum Laude

Emily Rae DeBey, Ellsworth, MN
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude

Allison Duffy
Speech Education

Sarah Anne Ekeren, Yankton, SD
Elementary Education

Marissa Nicole Fallesen, Wayne, NE
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Jennifer Fick
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Melissa Firtko, Racine, WI
Physical Education

Abigail Fong, Kearney, NE
Elementary Education & Special Education
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Adriann Lynn Frankenhoff, Summit, SD
Biology Education

Ashley Nicole Goossen, Marion, SD
Elementary Education

Alexa Elizabeth Harris, Moville, IA
History Education

Mallory Renee Heding, Tea, SD
Elementary Education

Abbie Huber, North Sioux City, SD
English Education
Magna Cum Laude

Emily Ann Jansen, Sheldon, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude

Austin John Johnson, Black Hawk, SD
History Education & Special Education
Cum Laude

Samantha Louise Johnson, Waterbury, NE
Elementary Education

Erica Marie Jurgensen, Dell Rapids, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Beth Marie Kelderman, Canton, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Summa Cum Laude

Morgan Jae Kleinberg, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Molly Elizabeth Knowles, Lockport, IL
Elementary Education

Dylan Kor, Holland, MN
Elementary Education & Special Education

Daniele Jamae Kunkel, Mountain Lake, MN
Elementary Education & Special Education

Katie Litka, Pipestone, MN
Elementary Education

Nicholas Carl Maczewski, Gretna, NE
Elementary Education

Brady Michael Mayer, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education

Kayla Michelle McDaniel, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education

Samantha McMahon, Fremont, NE
English Education
Cum Laude

Samantha Metke, Mundelein, IL
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude

Megan Reaka Mortz, Le Mars, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude

Bailey Nicole Murphy, Le Mars, IA
Elementary Education

Kristin Pollema, Brandon, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude

Rachel Anne Reinert, Olivia, MN
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude

Elyssa Marie Reinke, New Prague, MN
Elementary Education

Jenna Brooks Rembold, Yankton, SD
Elementary Education
Brittney Lynn Rezac, Tabor, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Amanda Christina Salazar, Sioux Falls, SD
History Education
Ashlee Marie Schlafli, Yankton, SD
Biology Education
Megan Schlosser, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude
Tamsin Rose Spencer, Detroit Lakes, MN
Elementary Education
Cassandra Marie Timm, Elkton, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
April Marie Tjaden, Beresford, SD
Elementary Education
Shelby Michael Tomoson, Sergeant Bluff, IA
English Education
Erin Jade Tounsley, Pierre, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Joanne Lucille Trio, Mapleton, MN
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Brooke VanderSluis, Le Mars, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude
Terese Marie Vogel, Omaha, NE
Spanish Education
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar
Graduate
Lucas Richard Werner, Ellsworth, SD
Elementary Education
Michelle Ann Wharton, Cedar Rapids, IA
Elementary Education
Matthew Jerome Wiederrich, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Brandon Robert Witt, Rock Rapids, IA
Elementary Education
Emily Elizabeth Zondervan, Willmar, MN
Elementary Education & Special Education

Lucy Renee Benitez, Brandon, SD
Art Education
Magna Cum Laude
Samantha Kay Drapeaux, Sioux Falls, SD
Art
Kara Elizabeth Dumke, Gary, SD
Art Education
Anna Rose Glenski, Rochester, SD
Art
Samantha Jo Heard, Sioux Falls, SD
Art
Magna Cum Laude
Rayna Lynn Hernandez, Gayville, SD
Art
Tyler R. Hoebelheinrich
Art
Emily Christine Holm, Colorado Springs, CO
Theatre
Cum Laude
George Walker Iversen, Murdo, SD
Theatre
John Steven King, Thornton, CO
Theatre
Rachel Ann Klave, Sioux City, IA
Theatre

Bachelor of Fine Arts

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Bachelor of Fine Arts

Donna Evelyn Adams, Lincoln, NE
Theatre
Magna Cum Laude
Kristian Asfeldt, Sioux Falls, SD
Theatre
Magna Cum Laude
Jennifer Baggett, Parker, CO
Art

Bachelor of Musical Arts

Thomas Donald Clark, Mt. Vernon, IA
Alexis Eve Tuttle, Aurelia, IA
Magna Cum Laude
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Bachelor of Science
Michelle Lynn Achterberg, Watertown, SD
Addiction Studies
Cum Laude
Andee Andersen
Health Sciences
Marissa Jean Andersen, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude
Nicole Elizabeth Arbach, Hoven, SD
Health Sciences
Stefanie Baxter, Spalding, NE
Social Work
Marcus William Becks, Cleveland, OH
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Noel Bjerken, Trimont, MN
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Health Sciences
Katie Sue Braun, Spearfish, SD
Health Sciences
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Holly Nicole Canada, Sioux City, IA
Dental Hygiene
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Jenna Therese Collins, Cincinnati, OH
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Health Sciences
Joseph R. Coyle
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Kayela DeLong, Sturgis, SD
Health Sciences
Sydney Victoria Dimke, Ham Lake, MN
Health Sciences
Kiana Dowdell, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences
Monica Shea Durkee, Phoenix, AZ
Health Sciences
Samra Jo Eller, Ponca, NE
Health Sciences
Rebecca Constance Ekeren, Garretson, SD
Health Sciences
Danielle Marie Eldredge, Hartford, SD
Social Work
Shelby Marie Engelhaupt, Norfolk, NE
Dental Hygiene
Lindsey Erthiem, Garretson, SD
Medical Laboratory Science
Magna Cum Laude
Chris S. Farra
Health Sciences
Andrea Rae Fothergill, Fenton, IA
Health Sciences
Rebecca Lee Gaikowski, Waubay, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude
Taylor LeeAnn Gall, Pierre, SD
Social Work
Joel Angel Garcia, New York City, NY
Health Sciences
Alyssa Louise Gee, Spencer, IA
Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude
Franke Jo Gonzales, Sturgis, SD
Social Work
Cum Laude
Kellee Joann Griebe, Platte, SD
Dental Hygiene
Alex Taylor Gross, Huron, SD
Health Sciences
Krystal Lynn Halter, Brandon, SD
Health Sciences
Hope Amber Hansman, Westside, IA
Health Sciences
Vanessa R. Harter
Health Sciences
Abby Marie Heath, Kimball, SD
Dental Hygiene
Morgan Faye Hebig, Luverne, MN
Dental Hygiene
Taylor Christine Heidebrink, Worthington, MN
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Addiction Studies
Shaylee Aryn Heinert, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude
Leslie Lorraine Henderson, Yankton, SD
Health Sciences
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Health Sciences
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Heidi Nicole Hoff, Brandon, SD
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Paige LeAnn Hoffmeyer, Estherville, IA
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Jessica Rose Honetschlag, Lucan, MN
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Kara Kristine Honius, Worthington, MN
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Victoria Rose Hopperdietzel, Rapid City, SD
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Skyler M. Hortop
Health Sciences
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Medical Laboratory Science
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Magna Cum Laude
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Health Sciences
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Hannah Jo Lang, Le Mars, IA
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Cum Laude
Carlisa Raelynn Langerock, Watertown, SD
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Chris Less
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Social Work
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Gretchen Christine McLaughlin, Tea, SD
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Social Work
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Fisher J. Mollet
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Randi M. Moore Baxter
Social Work
Kimberly Lynn Murphy, Waterbury, NE
Dental Hygiene
Taylor Deborah Nivala, Andover, MN
Health Sciences
Rachel Christine Noonan, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences
Summa Cum Laude
Shantel Lynn Norman, Fort Pierre, SD
Health Sciences
Summa Cum Laude
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Health Sciences
Cum Laude
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Cum Laude
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Social Work
Amanda Marie Roemen, Sioux Falls, SD
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Academic Honors

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 cord
- 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..............................................................Red & Blue honor cords
- Phi Alpha Theta..........................................................................Red & Blue 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

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.
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:

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