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Commencement

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
DAKOTA DOME, VERMILLION, SD
MAY 6, 2017
Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement

Dakota Dome
May 6, 2017 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
   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 Jason Porter, Beacom School of Business
   Assistant Professor David Lane, College of Arts & Sciences

Commencement Address
   Royce C. Engstrom, University of Montana

USD Chamber Singers
   i carry your heart arr. by Connor Koppin
   Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Honorary Degree
   Pamela Smith Hill, Doctor of Humane Letters

Authorization of Degree Conferral
   Harvey C. Jewett, 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 Occupational Therapy
- 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 Professional Accountancy
- Executive Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Health
- 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.
Commencement Speaker

Royce C. Engstrom

Dr. Engstrom is on the faculty at the University of Montana after serving as President of UM for six years and Provost for three years before that. He was a member of the University of South Dakota community for 28 years, holding positions as a Faculty member in the Department of Chemistry, Department Chair, and Vice-President for Research, Dean of the Graduate School and Provost. In all of those roles, Engstrom has been a staunch advocate for student engagement, interdisciplinary learning, and research growth. He takes great pride in his relationships with both UM and USD, and views the growth of student research at USD and the launch of the Global Leadership Initiative at UM among his most important work.

He has been actively involved in the national agenda for higher education, serving in leadership roles in the Council on Undergraduate Research, the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

Royce is married to Mary Engstrom, who holds a doctorate from USD and who served on the faculty there. They have two children. Carey is married to Pete (both USD grads) and they have two boys. Tyler is married to Ellie, and they live in New York. Royce has had a long-time hobby of building and paddling wooden canoes.

He is grateful to the opportunity to speak at USD’s 2017 Commencement.
Pamela Smith Hill is the New York Times best-selling editor of Laura Ingalls Wilder’s Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography and the author of Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Writer’s Life. She is also the author of three award-winning young adult novels. At eighteen, she sold her first story to her hometown newspaper and has been writing professionally ever since. She’s taught professional and creative writing classes at universities in Oregon, Washington, and Colorado. Her popular massive open online courses on Laura Ingalls Wilder, offered through Missouri State University, have reached 10,000 students worldwide. Her books have been recognized by the Junior Library Guild, the Oregon Book Awards, Western Writers of America, Women Writing the West, the New York Public Library, the National Indie Excellence Committee, and the Mark Twain Award Committee. She holds BA and MA degrees from the University of South Dakota. Ms. Hill lives in Portland, Oregon, where the continues to teach and write.
**Stage Party**

James W. Abbott  
President

Harvey C. Jewett  
Board of Regents Representative

Royce C. Engstrom  
Speaker

Pamela Smith Hill  
Honorary Degree Recipient

Staci Stern  
Alumni Association Representative

Robin Ammon  
University Senate Chair

Jim Moran  
Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs

Ranjit Koodali  
Dean, Graduate Education

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

Paul C. Bunger  
Dean, Medical Student Affairs

Thomas Geu  
Dean, School of Law

Kurt Hackemer  
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

Timothy Pyles  
Reader, College of Fine Arts

Jennifer Thompson  
Registrar

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**Honorary Marshals**

Emeritus Professor Gervase Hittle

Emeritus Professor Robert Stoner

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**Head Marshals**

Michelle Van Maanen  
College of Arts & Sciences

Leon Korte  
Beacom School of Business

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**Marshals**

Daniel Bird  
Sanford School of Medicine

Kathryn Birkeland  
Beacom School of Business

Darlene Bogenpohl  
School of Health Sciences

Sherrie Bosse  
School of Medicine

Scott Breuninger  
College of Arts & Sciences

Ann Brunick  
School of Health Sciences

Steven Bucklin  
College of Arts & Sciences

David Carr  
Beacom School of Business

John Dudley  
College of Arts & Sciences

Gregory Huckabee  
Beacom School of Business

Christine Hutton  
School of Law

Moses Ikiugu  
School of Health Sciences

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

Kelly McKay-Semmler  
College of Arts & Sciences

Jay Memmott  
School of Health Sciences

Lana Sviy  
School of Health Sciences

Rand Wergin  
Beacom School of Business
Board of Regents

Michael G. Rush  
Executive Director  
Bob Sutton  
President, Sioux Falls  
Kevin Schieffer  
Vice President, Sioux Falls  
John Bastian  
Secretary, Bell Fourche  
Harvey C. Jewett  
Aberdeen

Jim Morgan  
Brookings  
Randy Schaefer  
Madison  
Pam Roberts  
Pierre (Hughes County)  
Joan Wink  
Howes (Mead)  
Conrad Adam  
Pierre

Faculty in Attendance

Professor Mejai Bola Avoseh  
Professor John Banasiak  
Professor Chet Barney  
Professor Mark Baron  
Professor Kathleen Brown-Rice  
Professor Ayana Campoli  
Professor Jean Caraway  
Professor Karen Card  
Professor Michael Card  
Professor Susan Curtin  
Professor Thomas Davies  
Professor David De Jong  
Professor De Vee Dykstra  
Professor Dan Engebretson  
Professor Matthew Fairholm  
Professor Diana Feldthacker  
Professor Lisa Feller  
Professor Raimondo Genna  
Professor Lisa Hazlett  
Professor Helene Hegge  
Professor Angela Helmer  
Professor David Holdhusen  
Professor Gerard Jacobs  
Professor Marni Johnson Martin  
Professor Lindsey Jorgensen  
Professor Maribeth Jorgensen  
Professor Teddi Joyce  
Professor Christina Keller  
Professor Bruce Kelley  
Professor Jacob Kerby  
Professor Karen Kindle  
Professor Yi-Fan Li  
Professor Whitney Lucas Molitor  
Professor Dongming Mei  
Professor Jessica Messersmith  
Professor Diana Messick  
Professor Ranelle Nissen  
Professor Doug Peterson  
Professor Kari Potter  
Professor Kristine Reed  
Professor Kevin Reins  
Professor Randy Quevillon  
Professor Soonhee Roh  
Professor Kyle Roux  
Professor Alexei Savinov  
Professor Shane Semmler  
Professor Daniel Soluk  
Professor Carole South-Winter  
Professor Teresa Stephenson  
Professor Gabrielle Strouse  
Professor Andrew Sykes  
Professor Charles Thatcher  
Professor Thomas Tiahrt  
Professor Jill Tyler  
Professor Dan Van Peursem  
Professor Barry Vickrey  
Professor Laura Vidler  
Professor Hongmin Wang  
Professor Mandy Williams  
Professor Sara Woltersheim Shervey  
Professor Garreth Zalud  
Professor Frank Zavadil
Doctoral Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy

Madhubabu Alaparthi, Vermillion, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
Dansylamide Derivatives of 1,8-Anthraquinone-19-Crown-5: Synthesis, Characterization and Emission Behavior with Metal Ions

Christina Amatya, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., St. Cloud State University  
Basic Biomedical Sciences  
Testing Alternative Protein Engineering Strategies for Induction of Functional T Regulatory Cells as a Potential Therapeutic Approach for Type 1 Diabetes

Hitomi Gunsolley, Funabashi  
M.S., California State University - Los Angeles  
Psychology  
Japanese People's Reactions to the Great East Japan Earthquake and Development of Theory of Secondary Contro

Adam Hardy, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect among Substance Abuse Counselors

Sigurd Edward Hartnett, Redwood City, CA  
B.A., University of California - Berkeley  
Physician Scientist  
Potential Mechanisms Underlying the Reduced Parasympathetic Control of the Heart: The Roles of UCHL1 & BCHE

Stephanie J. Jensen, Elk Point, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
Cobalt Doped Anatase for Use in Photo-electrochemical Water Splitting Applications: A Density Functional Theory Study on Non-radiative Relaxation Dynamics

Benjamin S. Kohls  
M.S., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
The Experience of Fatherhood with an Ill or Preterm Infant

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

Philip Neil MacKenzie, Mankato, MN  
M.F.A., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
English  
The Dead Don't Mind: A Novel

Briana Chalese Nelson Kraayenbrink, Platte, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
Training Effectiveness and Mental Model Change

Sarah Anne Novickis  
B.A., Briar Cliff University  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
Teachers' Conceptions of Evidence-Based Practices & School Mental Health in Rural Versus Urban Cluster Settings

Jordan Nathan Sheets, Dixon, CA  
M.S., Black Hills State University  
Basic Biomedical Sciences  
Identifying the Role of SUSD2 in the Progression of High-grade Serous Ovarian Cancer

Stacy Marie Solsaa, Castlewood, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
School Counselor Perceptions of State-Level Resources and Supports for School Counselors Implementing CSCPs

Doctor of Education

Matthew Allen Hoyer, Rapid City, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
Attachment and Retention Amongst First-Year College Students

Tanja N. Pederson  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
Implementing a Five-Week Summer Program as an Intervention to Kindergarten Readiness

Paul Edward Von Fischer, Brookings, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
The Relationship Between Teacher Perception of Principal Servant Leadership Behavior and Teacher Job Satisfaction in South Dakota

Heather Anne Bleecker, Fountain Valley, CA  
M.A., California State University - Long Beach  
Curriculum & Instruction  
South Dakota Middle School Mathematics Teachers' Perceptions of Teaching Competencies

Krystal Dawn Kooler, Sheldon, IA  
M.S., Southwest Minnesota State University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Response to Intervention in Middle School: Teacher Perceptions of Learner Characteristics
Doctor of Audiology

Holly Marie Bonnichsen, Blunt, SD 
B.S., University of South Dakota 
How Adults with Acquired Hearing Loss Remember Normal Hearing

Joel Thomas Brewer, Lennox, SD 
B.S., University of South Dakota 
Preference and Performance: Manufacturer “Proprietary Fit” Algorithm Hearing Aid Fitting Versus Probe-Microphone Verified Prescription

Hillary Ann Donnelly, Elk Point, SD 
B.S., University of South Dakota 
The Effect of Device Reliability and the Provision of Loaner and Personal Spare Devices on Self Reported Patient Stress

Samantha J. Ewing, Redwood Falls, MN 
B.S., St. Cloud State University 
The Use of Amplification, Masking, and Counseling for Patients with Tinnitus and Normal Hearing Sensitivity

Brittney Ann Van Gent, Luverne, MN 
B.S., University of South Dakota 
Effect of Video Model on Measures of Perceived Stress/Anxiety, Usefulness, Ease of Use, and Self-Efficacy for Adults with Post-Lingual Hearing Loss Being Treated with Cochlear Implants

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Megan Marie Aesoph, Sioux Falls, SD 
B.S., University of St. Thomas 
Cali Lynn Bellar, Norfolk, NE 
B.A., Doane College

Matthew Douglas Buescher, Lincoln, NE 
B.S., University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Kelsey Frances Croghan, Norfolk, NE 
B.S., Wayne State College 
Rebecca Jo Fischer, Ashton, IA 
B.S., South Dakota State University

Nicolet Rene Green, Columbus, NE 
B.S., University of Nebraska - Kearney

Bethany Lynn Hansmeier, Bristol, SD 
B.S., South Dakota State University

Jessica Anne Hicks, Rapid City, SD 
M.S., University of South Dakota

Rebecca Jo Lynn Johnson, Rapid City, SD 
B.S., University of South Dakota

Tanae Joy Kartak, Winner, SD 
B.S., South Dakota State University

Tessa Leigh Kleinwolterink, Sibley, IA 
B.A., Augustana College

Clare Theresa Koozly, Ham Lake, MN 
B.A., Benedictine College

Nicole Renee Kraft, Omaha, NE 
B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University

Jenna Louise LaMee, Andover, SD 
B.S., University of South Dakota

Alyssa Victoria Leisinger, Sioux Falls, SD 
B.S., Southwest Minnesota State University

Alexya Hope Maassen, Brandon, SD 
B.A., Northwestern College

Amy Lynn Marie Nelson, Yankton, SD 
M.S., University of South Dakota

Tyler Lee Ommen, Sheldon, IA 
B.A., Morningside College

Morgan Lee Stover, Columbus, NE 
B.S., Concordia University - Seward

Katie Jo Van Peursem, Rushmore, MN 
B.S., South Dakota State University

Timothy Austin Wallick, Columbus, NE 
B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University
Doctor of Physical Therapy

Kristin Ann Arens, Crofton, NE  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Marisa Sue Blackwell, Miller, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Steven Michael Blom, Corsica, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Jacy Rae Brown, Buffalo, SD  
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology  
Renee Lynn Burnham, Winner, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Jena Rae Haigh, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Jennifer Renee Hall, Columbus, NE  
B.A., College of Saint Benedict  
Shelbi Leigh Hatfield, Papillion, NE  
B.S., College of Saint Mary  
Matthew David Hodgen, Holloway, MN  
B.A., Southwest Minnesota State University  
Rhanna Nicole Hoffman, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology  
Spencer John Laufmann, Brookings, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Clay Matthew Lovro, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Chelsey Nicole Michel, Dell Rapids, SD  
B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
Sarah Joy Moen, Anoka, MN  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Melissa Lynn Muehler, Mitchell, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Sarah Peterson Baker, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., Northern State University  
Alyssa Shay Pfeifle, Brandon, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Tyler James Sarringar, Pierre, SD  
B.S., Dakota Wesleyan University  
Jenna Elizabeth Sieve, New Ulm, MN  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Boni Slagerman, Woodbury, MN  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Kelsey Rae Tobin, Sioux City, IA  
B.A., Morningside College  
Britt Matthew Wickett, Brandon, SD  
B.S., Southwest Minnesota State University  
Mark Robert Wilcox, Yankton, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
Dawn Teresa Williams, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., College of Saint Benedict  
Christa Renae Wolf, Pierre, SD  
B.S., Chadron State College

Professional Degrees

Sanford School of Medicine

Presented by Dean Mary Nettleman

Doctor of Medicine

Jed H. Assam, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.S., Creighton University  
B.A., Bethel University  
B.S., Bethel University  
Kelsey Lea Bean, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., St. Olaf College  
Paul David Bernott, Mankato, MN  
B.A., Augustana College  
Daniel Boadwine, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
Dominique Boudreau Boadwine, Yankton, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Scholarship Pathway Scholar  
Kassidy Randell Boyd, Mitchell, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Cum Laude  
Kaitlin Ann Branick, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Ryan Buse, Brandon, SD  
B.A., South Dakota State University  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Cum Laude  
Peter S. Chang, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., Arizona State  
Summa Cum Laude, Scholarship Pathway Scholar  
Daniel R. Davies, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Summa Cum Laude, SSM Alumni Student Scholar  
Samuel Alan Evenson, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Scholarship Pathway Scholar  
Brendan Patrick Feehan, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
Brooke Autumn Fischer, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Mount Marty College  
Summa Cum Laude  
Margaret Elizabeth Free, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., College of Saint Benedict  
Michael Paul Frost, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., Montana State  
Magna Cum Laude, Scholarship Pathway Scholar
Tyler Gilliland, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Magna Cum Laude
JaMicah Rudo Harris, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Sigurd Edward Hartnett, Redwood City, CA
B.A., University of California - Berkeley
James Benjamin Hellekson, Faith, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University
Kirstin Ashley Hockhausen, Rapid City, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Magna Cum Laude
Amber Kay Holmes, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Cum Laude
Matthew Lee Hustrulid, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Brooke Jensen, Humboldt, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Eric William Jones, Escondido, CA
B.S., Brigham Young
Cum Laude, Scholarship Pathway Scholar
Trevor Olson Kindle, Yankton, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Summa Cum Laude
Keely Marie Krolkowksi, Winner, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University
Summa Cum Laude
Benjamin Lee Lancaster, Crofton, NE
B.S., Buena Vista University
Cum Laude
Jens Jacob Lillevold, Yankton, SD
B.S., University of Minnesota - Minneapolis
Benjamin Dean Meyerink, Platte, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Collin Thomas Michels, Yankton, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Magna Cum Laude, SSM Alumni
Student Scholar, Scholarship Pathway Scholar
Emily Ann Nachtigal, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Summa Cum Laude
Michael Eric Neillson, Yankton, SD
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Charis Elizabeth Noteboom, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Bethel University
B.S., Bethel University
Magna Cum Laude
Karrah Dawn Odegaard, Rapid City, SD
B.S., University of Sioux Falls
Ashley Michelle Osenga, Dell Rapids, SD
B.S., University of Sioux Falls
Daniel Parrott, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of Minnesota - Minneapolis
Cum Laude, Scholarship Pathway Scholar
John Alexander Person, Hartford, SD
A.S., Community College of the Air Force - Maxwell AFB
Magna Cum Laude
Joshua Rezkalla, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of North Dakota
Magna Cum Laude
Paul Dean Rozeboom, Sergeant Bluff, IA
B.S., University of California - Riverside
Magna Cum Laude
Mason Ray Rutherford, Rapid City, SD
B.S., University of Iowa
Jordan Thomas Schild, Yankton, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Meredith Shama, Fishers, IN
B.S., South Dakota State University
Andrea Sherman, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., Augustana College
Magna Cum Laude
Hannah Grace Statz, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., Creighton University
Magna Cum Laude
Danielle Anne Thornburg, Hayti, SD
B.S., Creighton University
Scholarship Pathway Scholar
Randall James Waldner, Redfield, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Summa Cum Laude
Trevor James Watson, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Scholarship Pathway Scholar
Lucinda Jean Weaver, Rapid City, SD
B.S., Augustana College
Kristin Ann Wempe, Mitchell, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
SSM Alumni Student Scholar
Kelly Elizabeth Wong, Custer, SD
B.S., Augustana College
Scholarship Pathway Scholar
Ethan Michael Young, Harrisburg, SD
B.S., University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Summa Cum Laude
School of Law
Presented by Dean Thomas Geu
Juris Doctor
Kiira Marie Anderson, Dell Rapids, SD
B.A., University of Iowa
Abigail Marie Baatz, Lester, IA
B.A., National American University
Joseph Ole Bjornstad, Spirit Lake, IA
B.A., Saint John's University
Elliott J. Bloom, Scenic, SD
B.A., Augustana College
Nicole Mary Brandt, Yankton, SD
B.A., Mount Marty College
Ashley R. Brost, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Augustana College
Shad Eugene Christman, Lemmon, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Specialist & Master Degrees
Graduate School

Presented by Dean Ranjit Koodali

Specialist in Education

Joshua Edward Bowar, Sioux Center, IA
M.A., Dordt College
Educational Administration

Brian M. Burnight
M.A., Azusa Pacific
Educational Administration

Lynette Sheri Busch, Alcester, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration

Deborah Ann Caskey, Rapid City, SD
M.S., Black Hills State University
Educational Administration

Lori Lee Enright, Rapid City, SD
M.S., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration

Nicole Rae Freeman, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration

Jessica Jo Hunziker, Lake View, IA
M.Ed., Morningside College
Educational Administration

Anne E. Kallsen
B.A., Briar Cliff University
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Brenda L. Leader
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration

Rhonda K. Lindseth, Page, ND
M.S., University of North Dakota
Educational Administration

Marya Rebekah Marcum-Jones, Lakeland, FL
M.A., Southeastern University
Educational Administration

Alyssa Marquardt, Canistota, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Michelle L. McIntyre, Sioux Falls, SD
M.Ed., University of Sioux Falls
Educational Administration

Angela Jean Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., Dakota State University
Educational Administration

Hilary M. Newby
B.A., Augustana College
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Jennifer Laura Olafson, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., Black Hills State University
Educational Administration

Carly Anne Retterath, Mandan, ND
M.Ed., University of Mary
Educational Administration

Ann Bernadette Shuda, Bethel, AK
M.S., University of Wisconsin - Stout
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Justin Siemsen, Mitchell, SD
M.A., Dakota Wesleyan University
Educational Administration

Brock Smith, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Mallory Leigh Smith, Langdon, ND
B.A., Mayville State University
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Sheila M. Strobel, Hurley, SD
M.S., Minnesota State University - Mankato
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Michelle Vande Weerd, Bruce, SD
M.Ed., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration

Shauna Walter, Nelso, MN
B.A., Bethel University
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Samantha Lyne Weaver, Hot Springs, SD
M.S., Black Hills State University
Educational Administration

Rachelle Dawn Wiersma, Sioux City, IA
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration

Master of Arts

Jerry Fil Fi Amos-Clement, Moorhead, MN
B.B.A., Minnesota State University - Moorhead
Political Science

What Role Should and Can the ECOWAS Play in Combating Trans-National Political

Nina Barudzic, Kragujevac
B.A., University of South Dakota
Communication

An Emoticon is Worth a Thousand Words

Christopher David Becher, Everett, WA
B.A., Biola University
Educational Administration

Tyler Allen Bradley, Rapid City, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Biology

Laura Ann Brudvig, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., University of Sioux Falls
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Kristi Beth Clark, Sioux City, IA
B.S., Morningside College
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Benjamin James Connors, Jackson, MN
B.S., University of South Dakota
Communication

Exploration of Communication Patterns
Surrounding Substance Use and Young Adult Friendships
Neeia Janay Cooperwood, Omaha, NE  
B.A., Morningside College  
Mathematics  
David T. Crail, Maple, WI  
B.S., University of Wisconsin - Superior  
Education Administration  
Renae Lynn Dahl, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., Mount Marty College  
Educational Administration  
Charlie Abayan Dalldorf, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Communication  
Allison Marie Daly, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Kristy Damrau, Shenandoah, IA  
M.S., Southwest Minnesota State University  
Educational Administration  
Sheila Rae Davis, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., Colorado Technical University - Sioux Falls  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
Courtney Jo Deinert, Mitchell, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Shonette Marie Devitt, Canton, SD  
B.F.A., Texas Tech  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Sheila Jude Grogan Diercks, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Educational Administration  
Amanda DiMaria, Rapid City, SD  
B.S.Ed., Black Hills State University  
Educational Administration  
Mathew Doud, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., University of Southern Maine  
History  
Karol L. Eggers, Sheldon, IA  
B.A., Central College  
Communication  
Stephanie Marie Eisenmenger, Fairless Hills, SD  
B.A., Ursinus College  
Educational Administration  
Hannah Marie Erickson, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University  
Special Education  
Sara Elizabeth Erickson, Dell Rapids, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
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Bachelor of Music, Music Performance
Symphonie Mathématique

Bogdan Anton, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Public Perception of the Berkeley Soda Excise Tax As Portrayed by Print Media

Joshua Thomas Arens, Yankton, SD
Bachelor of Science, Chemistry
Scaling Up Multistep Organic Synthesis to Produce Novel Fluorinated Materials with Applications in Energy Conversion

Kennedy Bonnimae Asche, Scotland, SD
Bachelor of Science, Psychology & Criminal Justice
Racial Perception in the Contexts of Economic Risk and Personal Security

Stephen Jeffrey Bakke, Brandon, SD
Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing
The Effect of Price On Sustainable Products Purchasing

Katherine Marie Barnett, Wagner, SD
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Prediction of Select Sector Exchange Traded Funds’ Returns Using a Multi-Factor Model

Olivia Haeker Brown, Dakota Dunes, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
A Critically Appraised Topic of Pragmatic Language Interventions and Their Effectiveness in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Michael William Buchanan, Aberdeen, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology & Psychology
Monoaminergic Responses to Acute Stress Exposure in Sexually Dimorphic Species: Stalk-Eyed Fly, Teleopsis Dalmanni

Tanner Colombe, Mission, SD
Bachelor of Business Administration, Business Administration
Business Plan for Wellness Center to Target Diabetes on the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Reservation
Thorn Dramstad, Huron, SD
Bachelor of Science, Chemistry
Solar Hydrogen Production Using Metal-Free Die-Sensitized Mesoporous Materials

Joshua Alan Dudley, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
The Microbiome and Insulin Metabolism

Nathan James Ellenbecker, Pierre, SD
Bachelor of Science, Political Science
Collective Bargaining in Professional Sports: A Rigged Game?

John William Fanta, Yankton, SD
Bachelor of Science, Chemistry
The Role of Endovanilloids in Mediating Stress-Induced Modulation of Nociception

Jessica Rose Feldman, Panama, IA
Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance
Farm Analysis

Adam Rolph Fenton, Temecula, CA
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish
A Case for Grey Wolf Reintroduction to South Dakota’s Black Hills

Breanna M. Fischer, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Science, Biology
Hine’s Emerald Terrestrial Activity

Jade Irene Fostvedt, Vermillion, SD
Bachelor of Science, Chemistry
Dehydrodechlorination of Methylene Chloride, Chloroform, and Chlorodiphenylmethane in the Presence of Ga/N Frustrated Lewis Pairs

Zane Hunter Frederick, Pierre, SD
Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting
Cartel Cash: Attacking the Financial Operations of the Mexican Drug Cartels

Schae Eunice Hanson, Burke, SD
Bachelor of Science, Biology
Native American Healthcare Perspectives

Emily Ann Hattouni, Apple Valley, MN
Bachelor of Science, Psychology
Cognitive Flexibility of Mindfulness and Ruminaton

Cole William Hensley, Brandon, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Treating America: An Analysis of Pharmacological Economics

Mackenzie Mikale Huber, Vermillion, SD
Bachelor of Science, Political Science
A Comparative Study in Young Women’s Political Ambition

Rachel Elizabeth Johannsen, Milbank, SD
Bachelor of Science, Biology
Updating the Distributions of South Dakota Amphibian and Reptile Species

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Shedding a Light: Economic Inequality in the Midwest

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Serotoninergic Modulation of Stomatopod Aggressive Behavior

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Preschoolers and Social Interactions: How Young Minds are Molded

Nicco Amadeo La Mattina, Madera, CA
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Speaking on Pantelleria

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Bachelor of Science, Biology & Psychology
The Old, the Young, and the Dehydrated: Comparing Ecotypic Dehydration Tolerance of Physcomitrella Patens

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EMS Responses to Medical Alert Tattoos

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Bachelor of Science, Biology
Capsaicin Preference

Nicole Jordan Pfeifer, Huron, SD
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Food Security Status of WIC Households in Clay County, SD: Causes, Consequences, and Policy Suggestions

Tanner Ray Hajek, Tyndall, SD
Bachelor of Science, Computer Science
Data Breaches: Preventions and a Change in How They Are Approached

Emily Elizabeth Haase, Omaha, NE
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Characterization of Interactions Between Inclusion Membrane Proteins of Chlamydia Trachomatis Using a Bacterial Two Hybrid System

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Between Kings and Caliphs: Monetary Legitimation of Power
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Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & International Studies
Civil Wars and Quality of Democracy (1946-2013): The Effects of Negotiated Settlements and War Intensity on Post-War Voter Turnout

Courtney Margaret Neeson, Omaha, NE  
Bachelor of Arts, Media & Journalism
First Amendment V. Censorship: A Look Into Children’s Literature

Brandon Michael Ness, Waubay, SD  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance
Analyzing the Relationship Between Alcohol Consumption and Collegiate Academic Achievement

Jenna Ann Neugebauer, Mitchell, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish
Bachelor of Science, Psychology
Comparison of Prosthetic Materials Being Used Across the United States

Sara Olivia Niederbaumer, Aberdeen, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Eye Tracking Used to Diagnose Cognitive Diseases

Geralyn Marie Palmer, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
The Influence of Sex and Estrous Cycle on Contextual Fear Conditioning

Emily Pauli, Milbank, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology
Addressing Healthcare Needs of Hispanic/Latino Population with Limited English Proficiency in the Rural Midwest

Elizabeth Pekas, Brookings, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology & Sport Science
Bachelor of Music, Music Performance
The Development of the Classical Clarinet and Robert Macelus’s Interpretation of the Mozart Clarinet Concerto, K. 622

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Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance
Prediction of Select Sector Exchange Traded Funds' Returns Using a Multi-Factor Model

Rachel Schmidt, Excelsior, MN  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology & Criminal Justice
Deviant Careers and the Lifetime Criminal

Andrew D. Schulte, Orange City, IA  
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An Exploration of Wind Instrument Performers' Dental Health and Performance Quality: Opinions of Professional Wind Instrument Performers and Dental Practitioners

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A Novel Indirect Pathway of Crf Innervation to Perifornical Orexin Neurons Is Relayed Through the Lateral Septum

John Leslie Slonecka, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology & Chemistry
Veratridine, A Natural Plant Alkaloid, Induces Apoptosis and Necrosis in Colon Cancer Cells

Hannah Steinley, Rapid City, SD  
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Effect of the Neonicotinoid Imidacloprid on Larvae of the Endangered Hine’s Emerald Dragonfly (Somatochlora Hineana)

Nathaniel Steinlicht, Milbank, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & History
Simplifying Student Aid: The Disconnect Between Legislative Action and Public Policy Research

Sydney Strait, Watertown, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology
Central Administration of Cyclosporine-A Decreases Ethanol Intake in a Rodent Model of Binge-Like Ethanol Drinking

Dana Lynn Vandenberg, David City, NE  
Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences
Holes in the Holistic: Filling in the Spiritual Care Gaps in OT

Thayme Hardi Watson, Brookings, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, History & Political Science
Locating the Influence of Populism in the Initiative Process in South Dakota

Shannon Kathaleena Ann Weber, Mitchell, SD  
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Antibiotic Resistance: An Evaluation of the Disposal of Unused Antibiotics and the Potential Consequences

Logan Edward Welker, Hamill, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology & Spanish
Narcissistic Traits and Alcohol-Related Problems Among College Students

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Aging and Quality of Life
Carrie Wintle, Iroquois, SD  
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Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting  
Mathematics in Cheerleading: Modeling Basket Tosses

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The Effects of Anthropomorphic Brand Mascots on Logos

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Shannon Marie Brasil, Yankton, SD  
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Kaitlyn Ann Brown, Dakota Dunes, SD  
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Lucas Bryant, Red Wing, MN  
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Courtney Clark, Yankton, SD  
Accounting

Shelby Lynn Claypool, Fort Dodge, IA  
Accounting

Tanner Colombe, Mission, SD  
Business Administration

Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Tanner Comp, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Magna Cum Laude

Derek Russell Conover, Ida Grove, IA  
Management

Brady Charles Daly, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Mara Davidson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance

Brier Joseph Derby, Watertown, SD  
Finance

Chelsea Makayla Dubbelde, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Jarren Duffy, Huron, SD  
Marketing

Brent Dutenhoff, Watertown, SD  
Business Administration

Michael Dvoracek, Sioux Falls, SD  
Business Administration

Associate of Arts

Charoline Contino Ladu, Sioux Falls, SD  
Alexis Marie MaComb, Pierre, SD  
Ayaka Ogino, Japan  
Robert L Pfund  
Andrea ileene Shawda, Rapid City, SD  
With Honor

Kristen Nicole Snyder, Morgantown, WV

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Bachelor of Business Administration

Hussam Almekhlafi, Vermillion, SD  
Accounting

Stephen Jeffrey Bakke, Brandon, SD  
Marketing

University Scholar Graduate

Shane W. Barrows  
Business Administration

Bruce B. Biegler, Timber Lake, SD  
Finance

Summa Cum Laude

Maria C. Binder, Yankton, SD  
Marketing

Thomas James Bork, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Aaron Whitnee Breen, Rapid City, SD  
Business Administration

David Glenn Bruce, Sioux Falls, SD  
Economics

Jennifer Lynn Brunick, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Services Administration

Nicole Rita Bussmus, Mitchell, SD  
Human Resource Management

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Marketing

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Business Administration

Associate of Arts
Haley Kay Eberhart, Garden City, MN
Human Resource Management
Youssef Mostafa Elnowairy, Alexandria, Egypt
Finance
Ashely Dawn Erfman, Sioux Falls, SD
Finance
Jessica Rose Feldman, Panama, IA
Finance
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Jared Fodness, Lennox, SD
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
Tyler Frank, Wayne, NE
Accounting
Zane Hunter Frederick, Pierre, SD
Accounting
University Scholar Graduate
Zachary Thomas Garrett, Omaha, NE
Marketing
Jordan Gooding, Mina, SD
Management
Rachel M. Green, Sioux Falls, SD
Finance
Christian Leslie Gustafson, Omaha, NE
Economics
Magna Cum Laude
Johnathan Guy, Volin, SD
Management
Nathan Thomas Hauck, Sioux Falls, SD
Economics
Magna Cum Laude
Laura Beth Heeringa, Canton, SD
Accounting
Alex Heglin, Yankton, SD
Finance
Cum Laude
Rebecca Lynn Herman, Parkston, SD
Marketing
Elijah Shane Houchens, Rapid City, SD
Accounting
Cum Laude
Andrew Sumner Hurd, Vermillion, SD
Marketing
Magna Cum Laude
Christopher Ray Husby, Marshall, SD
Management
Allison Kathleen Ireland, Watertown, SD
Accounting
Tyler Isackson, Huron, SD
Accounting
Cum Laude
Austen Layne Iverson, Mitchell, SD
Business Administration
Ashley Marie Jansa, Worthington, MN
Accounting
Alex Jones
Economics
Natasha Shianne Kaltenbach, Martin, SD
Accounting
Kiefer Ketelhut, Plainfield, IL
Marketing
Trenton James Klimper, Fort Morgan, CO
Accounting
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Health Services Administration
Mitchell Lee Koehn, Watertown, SD
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude
Kyle John Koerner, Freeman, SD
Management
Summa Cum Laude
Eric Vaughn Konakowitz, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Logan James Koopman, Hartford, SD
Business Administration
Alex Kopfmann, Huron, SD
Management
Magna Cum Laude
Daniel Kositzke, Omaha, NE
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
Morgan Lea Krier, Harrisburg, SD
Accounting
Keyen Walton Lage, Sioux Falls, SD
Business Administration
Marih Elizabeth Larson, Vermillion, SD
Marketing
Mitchell Laue, Fenton, IA
Management
Hannah Mary Lentsch, Clare, IA
Health Services Administration
John Hank Lentsch, Clare, IA
Management
Jackson Bo Lounsbery, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Cum Laude
Abby Lee Lubeck, Cherokee, IA
Human Resource Management
Cameron James Luken, Yankton, SD
Marketing
Scott Michael Manley, South Sioux City, NE
Management
Taylor Martin, Sioux Falls, SD
Finance
Kenneth Michael Mattson, Brandon, SD
Finance
Summa Cum Laude
Shelby Marie McCabe, Omaha, NE
Marketing
Cum Laude
Colin James Mertlik, Blair, NE
Management
Jason Michael Mertz, South Sioux City, NE
Business Administration
Skyler Dean Mickelson, Mitchell, SD
Finance
Christina Marie Moody, Aurora, CO
Business Administration
Justus Henry Moreland, Wichita, KS
Management
Sheldon D. Moysis, Freeman, SD
Management
Brandon Michael Ness, Waubay, SD
Finance
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Thuy Loan Thi Nguyen, Sioux City, IA  
Accounting

Christian S. Nielsen, Madison, SD  
Accounting

Stacey Ann Nielsen, Yankton, SD  
Accounting

Nicklos Norby, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Services Administration  
Cum Laude

Jared Nygaard, Vermillion, SD  
Business Administration

Lauren Elizabeth Olson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Krysta Marie Ostlie, Truman, MN  
Accounting

Sara Elizabeth Pannell, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Hait Patel, Watertown, SD  
Finance

Lisa Ann Patterson, Omaha, NE  
Health Services Administration

Dana Elizabeth Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Cum Laude

Abby Marie Pillar, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Services Administration  
Magna Cum Laude

Tye Ramli, Watertown, SD  
Accounting

Tyler Cameron Reed, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Logan James Remmers, Melvin, IA  
Accounting

Derek Robert Reuter, Le Mars, IA  
Accounting

John Taylor Ricketts, Pierre, SD  
Finance  
University Scholar Graduate

Kyle John Ringhofer, Blaine, MN  
Finance  
Cum Laude

Seth Nelson Rombough, Miller, SD  
Accounting  
Summa Cum Laude

Hunter Charlie James Rowe, Le Mars, IA  
Finance

Ryan Rozeboom, Rock Valley, IA  
Business Administration

Matthew Peter Runia, Sibley, IA  
Accounting

Dustin Dean Santjer, Aberdeen, SD  
Finance  
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Dylan Ray Sawyer, Norfolk, NE  
Management

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Management

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Accounting

Samantha Christine Schuttinger, Columbus, OH  
Marketing

Cody Jason Seal, Victoria, MN  
Finance

Bailey Ann Sherman, Pierce, NE  
Management

Karly Ann Sifferath, Hector, MN  
Finance

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Accounting

Elizabeth Ann Smith, Columbus, NE  
Accounting  
Summa Cum Laude

Kallie Ann Smith, Springfield, MN  
Accounting

Brady Jasper Soden, Wayne, NE  
Management

Trevor Lawrence Stacey, Spearfish, SD  
Health Services Administration

Sarah Elizabeth Stewart, Vermillion, SD  
Management

Spencer Strait, Watertown, SD  
Finance

Muhammad Ali Suria  
Accounting  
Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Jon Svendsen, Pierre, SD  
Finance  
Cum Laude

Ryan Gene Thomas, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Rachel Rae Tunender, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance  
Cum Laude

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Business Administration

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Finance

Tyler Jon Vander Maten, Pierre, SD  
Economics

Krista Ann Vogt, Worthington, MN  
Finance

Aubrey Pearl Wald, Pierre, SD  
Marketing  
Cum Laude

Danielle Jade Waldner, Redfield, SD  
Finance

Tye Johnathon Wangberg, Colman, SD  
Accounting  
Summa Cum Laude

Tessa L. Wegner, Brandon, SD  
Business Administration

Sara Rose Welch, Tea, SD  
Marketing

Nolan George Welker, Hamill, SD  
Management

Keaton Ross Westover, Colman, SD  
Management

Tyler M. Wiebe, Madison, SD  
Business Administration

Alex Burchill Williams, Sioux Falls, SD  
Business Administration

Nicholas Allen Willuweit, Dell Rapids, SD  
Accounting  
Magna Cum Laude
Carrie Wintle, Iroquois, SD
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Kayla Wyffels, Marshall, MN
Marketing
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Litong Xu, China
Finance
Nicholas William Young, Conde, SD
Finance
Cum Laude
Yunda Zhang, China
Management
Taylor Marie Zueger, Bath, SD
Health Services Administration

School of Education
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Bachelor of Science

Austin Nelson Backer, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Magna Cum Laude
Jonathan Shane Batchelor, Irvine, CA
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Dylan Matthew Block, Watertown, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Trevor Bouma, Le Mars, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Christina JoAnn Burmeister, Huron, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Cum Laude
Jhett Paul Robert Cihak, Sturgis, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Cum Laude
Haley Jo Coyle, Akron, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Samantha Marie Foley, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Magna Cum Laude
Tyler Harms, Lennox, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Magna Cum Laude
Jacqueline Marie Heisterkamp, Sioux City, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Science
KC Herman, Milford, NE
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Jordan Micheile Kessler, Fort Worth, TX
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Faye Lu King, Volga, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Magna Cum Laude
Erin Michelle Kleiner, Lakeville, MN
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Cum Laude
Austin Gene Klinghagen, Katy, TX
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Jacob Dean Knowles, Lockport, IL
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Klarissa Marie Kobernusz, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Jase Arlin Likness, Yankton, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Cum Laude
Dalton Kade McCollam, Martin, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Cum Laude
Caden McDonnel, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Abigail Leigh Mitchell, Yankton, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Magna Cum Laude
Benjamin Joseph Myers, Omaha, NE
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Dakota David Navrkal, Elk Point, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Elizabeth Pekas, Brookings, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Magna Cum Laude

Allie Pfauth, Berthoud, CO
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Cheyanne Jo Porter, Cushing, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Jordan Paul Preuss, Adrian, MN
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Cum Laude
Tyler James Rosenbaum, Sioux City, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Michael James Rucker, Yankton, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Magna Cum Laude
Kristina Jean Sanderson, Mitchell, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Blake James Story, Brandon, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Cum Laude
Ashley Nicole Taylor, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Leslie Ann Terwilliger, Winfred, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Magna Cum Laude
Madelyn Rae Thein, Owatonna, MN
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Rebecca Marie Wangberg, Colman, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Cum Laude
Alexis Weier, Mitchell, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Magna Cum Laude
Dillon Robert Werkmeister, Platte, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Quinn Ray Westphal, Ida Grove, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Kennedy Winterringer, Yankton, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Taylor LeeAnn Wiskus, Northfield, MN
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Magna Cum Laude
Lucas Loren Zingmark, Vermillion, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Bachelor of Science in Education

Arianne Mary Aasen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Cum Laude

Jordan James Bakke, Gregory, SD  
Elementary Education

Kristen Ball, Elkhorn, NE  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Kalie Lynn Becvar, Scotland, SD  
Elementary Education

Meagan Lea Bishop, Omaha, NE  
Elementary Education  
Cum Laude

Sean Bredl, Cedar Rapids, IA  
History Education

Savanna Bremer, Luverne, MN  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Alexa Jean Chester, Quimby, IA  
Elementary Education  
Cum Laude

Meggan Joy Christiansen, Newell, IA  
Elementary Education  
Summa Cum Laude

Sean C. Clancy, Omaha, NE  
History Education

Delaney Mae Clark, Fremont, NE  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
Cum Laude

Anne Marie Coder, Omaha, NE  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
Cum Laude

Martha Contreras, Elk Point, SD  
Elementary Education

Abigail E. Countryman, Moville, IA  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
Magna Cum Laude

James Gordon DeKay, Verdel, NE  
History Education

Donte Jamall Edmundson, Sioux Falls, SD  
English Education

Lexy Christina Foss, Huron, SD  
Elementary Education  
Summa Cum Laude

Gabriella Grace Gearke, Le Mars, IA  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Keira Nichole Goergen, Alexandria, SD  
Elementary Education & Special Education

Ellen Mary Hammel, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
English Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Shelby Lynn Harris, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Cum Laude

Ellie Anne Hart, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education

Margo Rose Hegge, Dell Rapids, SD  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Tia Rae Hemiller, Watertown, SD  
Elementary Education

Ashley Marie Holm, Pierre, SD  
Elementary Education

Allie Elizabeth Houchens, Rapid City, SD  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Benjamin Michael Hruby, Marion, SD  
Elementary Education

Tyler Farris Hull, Omaha, NE  
History Education & Special Education

Brittany Ann Johnson, Papillion, NE  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Randi Ranae Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Samantha Lauren Johnson, Las Vegas, NV  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
Summa Cum Laude

Kelsi Marie Kampshoff, Salem, SD  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Shelby Lynn Keill, Longmont, CO  
Elementary Education  
Cum Laude

Rebecca Grace Hoefgen Kimbell, Sioux Falls, SD  
Physical Education

Julie Ann Konz, Brandon, SD  
Elementary Education & Special Education

Cassandra Ann Kroger, Marshall, MN  
English Education

Devin Michelle Kurtz, Delmont, SD  
Elementary Education  
University Scholar Graduate

Mackenzie Lynne Larson, Yankton, SD  
Elementary Education  
Cum Laude

Tiffany Kae Lemos, Tulare, CA  
Elementary Education

Kylee Ann Lightenberg, Wagner, SD  
Elementary Education

Kathleen Elizabeth Martin, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Brittany Massmann, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Summa Cum Laude

Samantha Jo Mathis, Dell Rapids, SD  
English Education

Tony McCreary, Elk Point, SD  
Elementary Education  
Cum Laude

Samantha Ann Monson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Trey Michael Naasz, Sioux Falls, SD  
Physical Education

Elizabeth Emelie Neuharth, Waseca, MN  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
Cum Laude

Michelle Corrine Olson, Minnetonka, MN  
Elementary Education
Sara Whitney Owens, Chaska, MN  
History Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Alyx Leann Phillips, Sac City, IA  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Stacia Marie Rawhouser, Columbus, NE  
English Education  
Cum Laude

Alyx Leann Phillips, Sac City, IA  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Elizabeth G. Renbarger, Chamberlain, SD  
History Education

Cleon Sherrill Richards, Mobridge, SD  
Elementary Education  
Cum Laude

Isaiah Brian Richter, Rock Valley, IA  
Elementary Education

Makenzie Marie Ricke, Remsen, IA  
Elementary Education  
Cum Laude

Miranda Sue Ritts, Le Mars, IA  
Biology Education

Ryan Lee Rozeeboom, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
Biology Education

Tristen Marie Scherr, Wagner, SD  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Regan Marie Speccht, Yankton, SD  
Elementary Education  
Cum Laude

Hayley Stahl, Bruce, SD  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Katherine Chambers, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
Cum Laude

Meghan Lucille Cameron, Vermillion, SD  
Theatre  
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Theatre  
Cum Laude
Bachelor of Music 
Thad J. Alberty, Rapid City, SD  
Music Performance  
David Alexander Amussen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Performance  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*  
Rachel Biggerstaff, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Performance  
*Cum Laude*  
Hannah Elizabeth Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Performance  
*Cum Laude*  
Xiola Judith-Louise Koile-Paxton, Louisville, NE  
Music Performance  
Benjamin Locke Edseth Lunn, Forest Lake, MN  
Music Performance  
Elizabeth Pekas, Brookings, SD  
Music Performance  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*  
Joshua A. Rolling, Merrill, IA  
Music Education  
Spencer Lee Smith, Hermosa, SD  
Music Performance  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
James Stueckrath, Osmond, SD  
Music Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Kaitlynn Marie Wolfe, Sioux City, IA  
Music Education  
Shelby Jane Wollmuth, Sibley, IA  
Music Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  

Bachelor of Musical Arts  
Michael David Conway, Edwards, CA  
*Cum Laude*  
Joshua Richard Guenther, Sioux Falls, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
Andrew Dale Schulteman, Orange City, IA  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*  
John Travis Wetherington, Aurora, NE  
*Magna Cum Laude*  

School of Health Sciences 
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Bachelor of Science  
Allie Jean Albrecht, Jackson, NE  
Health Sciences  
Rebecca Jean Andera, Garretson, SD  
Health Sciences  
Sarah Lynn Avery, Sioux City, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Kristyn Lee Bahr, Aberdeen, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Samantha JoAnn Baus, Mitchell, SD  
Health Sciences  
Erica Marie Beare, Aberdeen, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kylie Marie Beckman, Hartford, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Melody Rose Beloskur, Rapid City, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Katy L. Bergenske, Sioux City, IA  
Health Sciences  
Mackenzie Gail Blow, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Emily Victoria Boettcher, Rapid City, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Meredes Donet Bordeau, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Makayla Marie Braaten, Garretson, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Jazmine Katherine Brown, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Karlee Michael Buchanan, Manson, IA  
Health Sciences  
Jessica Ann Carvatt, Saint James, MN  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
Lexi Kaitlyn DeLay, Beresford, SD  
Health Sciences  
Taylor Rae Delsing, Prior Lake, MN  
Health Sciences  
Kay Lynnette Dosch, Pierre, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
Brooke M. Doty, Wagner, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Leann Cecelia Du Prey, Olympia, WA  
Health Sciences  
Aspen Marie Ducheneaux, Eagle Butte, SD  
Health Sciences  
Tessa Marguerite Ede, Mound, MN  
Health Sciences  
Sydney Rae Faessler, Bridgeport, NE  
Health Sciences
Rachel Jean Fendrich, Salem, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Magna Cum Laude
Justine Rae Fischer, Hartington, NE  
Health Sciences  
Magna Cum Laude
Allison Carol Folkema, Le Mars, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Cum Laude
Ryan Geppert, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences
Abigail Rae Gottsch, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
Social Work
Derek Granum, Sioux Falls, SD  
Addiction Studies  
Cum Laude
Alex Joseph Greger, Mobridge, SD  
Health Sciences  
Magna Cum Laude
April Ashley Hansen, Hot Springs, SD  
Dental Hygiene & Health Sciences
Paige Marie Harpenau, Remsen, IA  
Health Sciences  
Cum Laude
Hannah Sue Harrington, Columbus, NE  
Health Sciences
Brianna Jean Haugen, Aberdeen, SD  
Social Work  
Magna Cum Laude
Marsha Lynn Helgerson, Lesterville, SD  
Social Work
Stacy Ann Henderson, Gayville, SD  
Health Sciences  
Magna Cum Laude
Jenna Ann Hill, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene
Raven Mary Rae Hill, Canton, SD  
Dental Hygiene
Lisa Linnea Hinderaker, Adams, MI  
Dental Hygiene
Beatriz Hoyos-Ponce, Sioux City, IA  
Dental Hygiene
Holly Ruth Iwan, Philip, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Cum Laude
Madeline Jane Jankowski, Madison, WI  
Health Sciences
Taylor Dawn Knecht, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
Magna Cum Laude
Shawna Christina Koch, Pierson, IA  
Social Work
Lyndy Loree Krause, Mitchell, SD  
Health Sciences
Megan Candace Kress, Oakdale, MN  
Social Work
Savanna Marie Larson, Groton, SD  
Social Work  
Magna Cum Laude
Anna Alina Leische, Chaska, MN  
Health Sciences
Kristi Livermont, Pierre, SD  
Health Sciences
Morgan Lea Mahanke, Brookings, SD  
Social Work  
Magna Cum Laude
Anna Alina Leische, Chaska, MN  
Health Sciences
Cara A. Mara, Stanton, NE  
Health Sciences
Kelsey Ann Markovetz, Harvard, IL  
Health Sciences
Shaina Renae McCullough, Sioux City, IA  
Health Sciences  
Summa Cum Laude
Kristin Ann McManimon, Rochester, MN  
Health Sciences
Hallie Jean Meink, Aberdeen, SD  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Cum Laude
Courtney Marie Mollet, Jefferson, SD  
Health Sciences
Fisher James Mollet, Jefferson, SD  
Health Sciences
Jacob Wayne Munger, Larchwood, SD  
Health Sciences  
Magna Cum Laude
Mijah Murden, Windom, MN  
Health Sciences  
Cum Laude
Victoria Rae Anne Nelsen, Colman, SD  
Health Sciences  
Summa Cum Laude
Ericka Lynn Niles, Sioux City, IA  
Social Work
Michael Andrew Noga, Hutchinson, MN  
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Mary B. Peterson, Vermillion, SD  
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Jeremy Frank Pinkham, Gainesville, FL  
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Magna Cum Laude

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Shelby Ann Ripperger, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Dental Hygiene  
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Elizabeth Ann Tolzin, Slayton, MN  
Health Sciences  
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Medical Laboratory Science  
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Magna Cum Laude

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Health Sciences  
Magna Cum Laude

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Kristel Marion Jane Ymker, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Brooklyn Paige Young, Pierre, SD  
Dental Hygiene

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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

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Academic Dress

The tradition of academic costume has a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townsmen wore long flowing robes or gowns. The materials and colors varied greatly, according to wealth and rank of the individual, and were governed by royal decree. Gradually there developed distinctive gowns for the various professions, trades and guilds. They survive today in the gowns of religious orders, the judiciary and the academic regalia.

The gowns worn by the recipients of the various degrees vary somewhat in design. The sleeves of the gown worn by recipients of the baccalaureate degree are long and pointed, while the sleeves of the gown worn by the master’s degree recipients are square at one end with a slit at the elbow. The doctor’s gown has flowing sleeves with three bars of velvet and facing of velvet down the front of the gown.

Most distinctive of the academic regalia is the hood, which serves as identification of the graduate degree and the institution where the degree was awarded. The hood is lined with silk in the official colors of the institution. Thus, the hood of The University of South Dakota is lined in red. The trim is velvet, three inches wide for the master’s degree and five inches wide for the doctor’s degree. The color of the velvet border indicates the degree.

The academic cap was developed in the fifteenth century. Some caps were stiff, some soft, some square, some round, with a tuft in the center. The tassel used today is an elaboration of the tuft. While some institutions still use the round caps, most institutions have adopted the “mortar board” style which comes from Oxford. The tassel for graduate degrees may be black, except that a gold bullion tassel may be worn by recipients of the doctorate. The tassel’s color indicates the discipline in which the degree has been earned. The tassel colors are shown below:

- Arts and Sciences.................................................................White
- Business........................................................................Sapphire Blue
- Education............................................................................Light Blue
- Fine Arts (Art and Theatre)..................................................Brown
- Fine Arts (Music)...............................................................Pink
- Health Sciences.................................................................Green
- Law....................................................................................Purple
- Medicine...........................................................................Green

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.
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,
Theris 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.

An academics and research leader in South Dakota and the region since 1862, The University of South Dakota is the state’s flagship liberal arts institution.

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