Commencement Exercises
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Thursday, July Twenty-Eighth
Two Thousand and Five
At Seven O’Clock P.M.
Commencement Exercises

Processional - *Pomp and Circumstance*, by Elgar.............................................................. Dr. Larry B. Schou
Professor of Music

Special Music - *The Star-Spangled Banner*........................................................................Christopher Mitchell
Professor of Music

Welcome...........................................................................................................................Heidi Nickisch Duggan, USD Senate Chair
President James W. Abbott

Commencement Address..................................................................................................Dr. Robert C. Talley
Former Dean of the School of Medicine and Vice President for Health Affairs
The University of South Dakota

Conferring of Degrees...................................................................................................Regent Kathryn Johnson
President James W. Abbott

Alumni Welcome...........................................................................................................James R. Clement
Alumni Association

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*......................................................................................Christopher Mitchell
Professor of Music

Recessional - *Grand Choeur*, by Salome...................................................................... Dr. Larry B. Schou
Professor of Music

You are invited to join us for the ice cream social immediately following the commencement ceremony.

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**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,
Theirs 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.

**Marshals**

Joy Karges
Cory Knedler
Solveig Korte
Mary Mock
John Powell
Jim Richardson
Candidates for Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Donald Edward Baum, Dell Rapids, SD
B.S.A.S., South Dakota State University
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Dissertation: An Exploratory Study of Suicide Survivors Finding Meaning in Suffering through Group and Non-Group Participation

Lina Maria Carlier, Vermillion, SD
B.A., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Psychology
Dissertation: The Effect of Therapist Race and Accent on Client Impressions of the Therapist Qualities: An Analogue Study

Jay Dudley Carlisle, Essex, CT/Redding, CT
B.S., The Evergreen State College
Biological Science
Dissertation: Habitat Use and Stopover Ecology of Autumn Landbird Migrants in the Boise Foothills of Southwestern Idaho

Jennifer Kaye Coleman, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of Delaware
Basic Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation: Sequence, Structure, and Function of the P27KIP1 5' Untranslated Region

Marcia Seivert Entwistle, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Augustana College
M.B.A., The University of South Dakota
Psychology
Dissertation: Training Methods and Enrollment Techniques to Improve the Performance of Automated Speech Recognition Systems Under Conditions of Human Exertion

James A. Kuzman, Parkston, SD
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Basic Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation: Cardiac Effects of Thyroid Hormone and DITPA in Normal and Cardiomyopathic Animals

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Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: Preliminary Validation of an Integrated Cognitive Apprenticeship/Transfer Model for Instructional Design

Gail Marie Bickel, Firesteel, SD
B.A., B.F.A., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Native American Strategies for Success in Postsecondary Education

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B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed., Northern State University
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: The Effects of Non-Fiction Interactive Read-Alouds on Expressive and Receptive Vocabulary of Preschool Children

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Educational Administration
Dissertation: Online or Inline: Perceptions of Online Learners Regarding Student Services in South Dakota

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M.A., The University of South Dakota
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: Examining the Skills, Attitudes, and Perceptions of Developmental Writing Students at a Midwest Private College

Sangeeta Gullati, Lucknow, India
B.S., Lucknow Christian College, India
B.Ed., University of Lucknow, India
M.A., Northern State University
Curriculum & Administration
Dissertation: A Comparison of Inquiry-Based Teaching Through Concepts, Maps, and Traditional Teaching in Biology

Victoria Renee Hammer, Starbuck, MN
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M.N., University of Washington
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Experiences of Nurses Successfully Returned to Nursing After Completing a Refresher Course

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M.S., New York Institute of Technology
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Taiwanese Technical University Faculty Members’ Use of Digital and Perceptions Regarding Instructional Impact

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Dissertation: Perceptions of Dance Instructors Regarding General Dance Education Curricula in Taiwan

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Dissertation: Emotional Intelligence Relationships with Leadership Styles among Taiwanese University Administrators

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Educational Administration
Dissertation: A Comparison of Praxis PLT Scores and Administrator Ratings of First-Year Teachers

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Psychology
Dissertation: A Reliability Analysis of the Mental Health Values Questionnaire

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Dissertation: Information System Utilization Among Community Mental Health Centers

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English
Dissertation: The Virtual Activism of Intersex Persons: Countering Online the Established Norms of Medical and Gender Discourses

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Dissertation: Transcriptional Regulation of Myelin Basic Protein Gene Expression in Oligodendrocytes

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Dissertation: Incorporating a Multi-sensory, See/Write/Concept Intervention Procedure to Improve the Spelling Performance of Students who are Deaf and Exhibit Characteristics Consistent with Learning Disabilities

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Educational Administration
Dissertation: The Results of Goal Setting, Academic Coaching, and Visualization on an Eighth-Grade Student’s Grades Through the Implementation of The Easy A Program: A Case Study

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Dissertation: Students’ Beliefs and Anxiety About Teaching Mathematics: A Case Study of a Constructivist Elementary Mathematics Course

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Dissertation: Perceptions Regarding Foreign English Teachers’ Teaching English in Taiwanese English Language School
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Thesis: Interdisciplinary Studies

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Political Science, American Indian Studies
Bethany Ann Jost, Wessington Springs, SD
Psychology
Cum Laude
Kerry Diane Ogden, Moville, IA
English, American Indian Studies
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science
Marcos Adan Aguilar, Albuquerque, NM
Communication Studies
Alexandra A. Albrecht, Doland, SD
English, Communication Studies
Hisham I. Amer, Sioux Falls, SD
Biology
Shawna Marie Baron, Vermillion, SD
Psychology, Theatre
Todd James Branson, Elk Point, SD
English
Brenda Kay Burge, Marion, SD
Psychology
Christy Jo Dunlop, Orange City, IA
Psychology
Damien Kirk Fisher, Sioux Falls, SD
Biology
Brian Kenneth Henjum, Sioux Falls, SD
Biology
Jennifer Nadine Knutson, Kansas City, KS
Sociology
Amy Jo Koch, Salem, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Christopher Alan Kontz, Brandon, SD
Economics, Psychology
Mickey Dean Larson, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice
Miranda Marie Larson, Geddes, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Monica Angela Reed, St. Paul, MN
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Jeff Benjamin Strong, Tracy, CA
Psychology, Criminal Justice
James Frederick Zuercher, Vermillion, SD
English

Associate of Arts
Janet L. Andersen, Valley Springs, SD
With Highest Honor
Cathy A. Dobbe-Sterling, Canton, SD

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Bachelor of Business Administration
Seth J. Artz, Rapid City, SD
Accounting
Aron D. Baloun, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Janice M. Cook-Chataignier, Courbevoie, France
Economics, French
Michael L. Frei
Management
Daniel Patrick Jones, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Christine Jepsen Kyte, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Magna Cum Laude
Kevin Elliott McIntyre, Baltic, SD
Management
Jeremy Scott Sample, Clear Lake, SD
Management
Nicholas Paul Schulte, Watertown, SD
Management
Corey R. Sestak, Tabor, SD
Management
Christopher Floyd Thompson, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Nicholas John Welter, Yankton, SD
Accounting

Bachelor of Science in Health Administration
Adam P.K. Herrmann, Mitchell, SD
Michella Joan Mathis, Kimball, SD
Cum Laude

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Recreation
Katie Jayne Carlson, Vermillion, SD
Cum Laude
Audrey Rose Donley, Golden, CO
John Clarence Kehoe, Jr., Rapid City, SD/Iowa City, IA
Garth Daniel Meacham, West Des Moines, IA
Peggy Lynn Slotsky, Sioux City, IA
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Bachelor of Arts

Ethel Cournoyer, Lake Andes, SD  
Social Work, American Indian Studies
Christine Michelle Mathis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work
Dana Laura Reinholdt, Cherokee, IA  
Social Work

Bachelor of Science

Michelle Lynn Amick, Bronson, IA  
Physician Assistant Studies
Brooke Anna Arndorfer, Ypsilanti, ND  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Magna Cum Laude
Amanda Louise Babb, Stanton, ND  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Magna Cum Laude
Shawna Kay Boke, Gettysburg, SD  
Social Work
Debra Lee Bonney, Hot Springs, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies  
*Certificate only
Sara Michele Canet, Chadron, NE  
Physician Assistant Studies
Robin Renee Carlson, Tea, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Cum Laude
Ronda Rae Corzilius, Cherokee, IA  
Dental Hygiene
Angela Dawn Diede, Breckenridge, MN  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Cum Laude
Sharon Kay Fey, Le Mars, IA  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Magna Cum Laude
Jason John Hansen, Mitchell, SD  
Social Work
Karen R. Helseth-Kleinsasser, Spearfish, SD  
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies  
Summa Cum Laude
Christine Renee Hinkel, Hartington, NE  
Social Work  
Cum Laude
Julie Lynn Johnson, Hulett, WY  
Social Work, Music Performance
Stacia Marie Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene
Melissa Anne Kitto, Niobrara, NE  
Physician Assistant Studies
Kate Luckinbill, Yankton, SD  
Social Work, Criminal Justice
Bob Machouisky, Parker, SD  
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies
Degala Lynn Madrid, Gregory, SD  
Social Work, Psychology
Marcia Elizabeth McCorkell, Salem, SD  
Social Work
Jodi Ellen Merrithew, Ashby, NE  
Physician Assistant Studies
Adrienne Therese Miller, Grand Island, NE  
Physician Assistant Studies
Rebecca Mae Murphy, Sioux City, IA  
Social Work
Kamile June Schmit, Howard, SD  
Dental Hygiene
Ashley Jo Schropp, Crescens, IA  
Social Work
Kari Kay Sylverton, Sisseton, SD  
Social Work, Criminal Justice  
Cum Laude
Susan Kay Van Dyke, Canton, SD  
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies
April Jill Van Holland, Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work
Tami Marie Wolbrink, White Lake, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies

Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

Neili Ann Fullenkamp, Hartford, SD

Associate of Science

Becki Knapp, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing
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 the 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 doctoral degrees. The tassel’s color indicates the discipline in which the degree has been earned. The tassel colors are shown below.

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

University Honors Program.................................................................Golden Stole
Mortar Board Honor Society........................................................................Medallion on white ribbon
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society......................................................White, black & blue twisted cords
Order of Omega Honor Society...............................................................Ivory & golden cords
Phi Beta Kappa ..................................................................................Light blue & light pink twined cord
Golden Key Honor Society.................................................................Golden stole with Golden Key emblem

To earn an Honors Designation at graduation, the baccalaureate-level graduate must have completed at least 64 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 32 hours of USD credit, and must meet the following USD and cumulative grade point averages:

With highest honor equal to or greater than 3.9
With high honor equal to or greater than 3.7
With honor equal to or greater than 3.5