THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WINTER SESSION

Commencement Exercises
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Saturday, December Thirteenth
Two Thousand and Three
At Ten O’Clock A.M.
Commencement Exercises

Special Music - The Star Spangled Banner .......................................................... USD Chamber Singers
  Directed by Dr. Matthew Harden

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

Welcome.........................................................................................................................Dr. David J. Schieffer, USD Senate Chair
  President James W. Abbott

Commencement Address............................................................................................. Linda Hasselstrom
  President James W. Abbott

Alumni Achievement Award......................................................................................President James W. Abbott
  Linda Hasselstrom

Special Music - Come My Light by Dr. Stephen Yarbrough.................................. USD Chamber Singers

Conferring of Degrees............................................................................................. Regent James O. Hansen
  President James W. Abbott

Alumni Welcome........................................................................................................Gail Eberlein

University Hymn, Alma Mater..................................................................................USD Chamber Singers
  The audience is invited to sing.

Recessional - Sinfonia by Mouret............................................................................Dr. Larry B. Schou
  The audience is requested to remain seated.

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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 eíer daunted his quest;
Alma Mater, lead on to the untried frontier,
We follow the trail to the west.

Marshals

Steven Bucklin
Marlys Boschee
Kurt Hackemer
Mary Mock

Karen Olmstead
Doug Peterson
Timothy Schorn
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Candidates for Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Patricia A. Hill, Rapid City, SD
B.A., Mount Marty College
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Psychology
Dissertation: Seeking, Understanding and Healing for the Lakota Nation through Our Elders: A Qualitative Study

Carrie L. Nassif, Vermillion, SD
B.A., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Psychology
Dissertation: Investigating Creativity with the MMPI-2: A Preliminary Creativity Scale

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G. Lewis Archambault, Madison, SD
B.A., The University of Sioux Falls
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Evaluating Communication within the E-learning Experience

Katherine A. Bauer-Sanders, North Sioux City, SD
B.S.Ed., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: Student Perceptions of Bullying Phenomena in a Native American Elementary School

Timothy John Duggan, Lincoln, NE
B.A., The University of California - Santa Barbara
M.A., Nebraska Wesleyan University
M.A., The University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: Uses of Music in the High School English/Language Arts Classroom in South Dakota: Teacher Perceptions and Practices

Ching-Mei Hsiao, Tainan City, Taiwan, ROC
B.A., American Culture University
M.B.A., Kansas Wesleyan University
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Transnational Education Marketing Strategies for Postsecondary Program Success in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Mainland China

Yu-Wen Liao Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ROC
B.S., M.A., William Woods College
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Principals’ and Teachers’ Perceptions of Staff Development in Kaohsiung City and County, Taiwan

Ching-Hsiu Lin, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC
B.S., Hsing Wu College
M.S., Madonna College
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Perceived Presidential Leadership Styles and Faculty Job Satisfaction at Taiwanese Institutes of Technology

Mary Jo Elizabeth Nesmith, Brookings, SD
B.S., M.S., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Communication Chairs’ Perspectives of Standards and Staffing Trends in the Interpersonal Course

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B.S., South Dakota State University
M.S., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Registrar’s Perception of Their Role in Institutional Change

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M.S., Fairleigh Dickenson University
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Dissertation: Adult Cyber Learning Receptivity Factors

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Technology for Education and Training

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Dissertation: Allies Against Hate: A Comprehensive School-Based Diversity/Sensitivity Training: A Goal-Program Evaluation
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Communication Studies
Thesis: Gender and Politics: Messages by Female Candidates in Political Ads in the 1998 Senatorial and Gubernatorial Elections

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Thesis: Stumbling Toward Paradise

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# Bachelor of Science

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Accounting

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   Theatre
Jerry Paul Nicholson
   Art, English
Michael Christopher Stanley, Onawa, IA
   Art
Dyale L. Sundberg, Viborg, SD / Gettysburg, SD
   Art
Elizabeth Jean Swanson, Chamberlain, SD
   Art
Cary Amanda Thrall, Lead, SD
   Art

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   Music Education, Spanish
   Summa Cum Laude
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   Music Performance
   Magna Cum Laude
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   Music Education
   Cum Laude

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Bachelor of Arts

Beckey Jo Eddie, Mission, SD
   Social Work

Bachelor of Science in Allied Health

Albert Kenneth Chiancone Jr.
   Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Associate of Science

Katherine Hill
   Nursing
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.

Arts and Sciences........................White    Law................................................Purple    Fine Arts (Art & Theatre)..........Brown

Fine Arts (Music)........................Pink    Education..............................Light Blue

Business..............................Sapphire Blue    Medicine..............................Green