DECEMBER 2013
 Commencement
 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH WINTER SESSION
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
DAKOTA DOME, VERMILLION, SD
DECEMBER 14, 2013
Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement

Dakota Dome
December 14, 2013 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Welcome
   Professor Dan Van Peursem, Chair, University Senate
   James W. Abbott, President

Commencement Address
   South Dakota State Senator Corey Brown

USD Chamber Singers
   O Day Full of Grace, arr. by F. Melius Christiansen
   Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Hooding and Conferring of Doctoral Candidates and Presentation of Diplomas
   Doctor of Philosophy
   Doctor of Education
   Doctor of Audiology
   Doctor of Medicine
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

Alumni Welcome
Kersten Johnson, Executive Director, Alumni Association

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

Closing Remarks
James W. Abbott, President
Professor Dan Van Peursem, Chair, University Senate

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. Only official photographers are permitted on the DakotaDome floor with the graduating class. Professional photographs by Lifetouch Photography will be available a week after the ceremony at www.usd.edu/registrar/commencement.cfm.

The program lists all persons who were candidates for degrees as of August, 2013. The commencement program is a list of candidates for degree. It is not an official listing of degrees conferred.
Corey was born and raised in Gettysburg, SD. After graduating from high school, he attended the University of Notre Dame on a Navy ROTC scholarship where he studied Government and International Relations. After graduating, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy where he began training to become a Naval Aviator.

Corey flew both the S-3B Viking and the E-6B Mercury during his military career. He completed three deployments to the Middle East, two of which were in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has logged over 2,500 hours of Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot time. He was awarded 2 Air Medals and 2 Navy / Marine Corp Commendation Medals for his service. During his two deployments aboard the USS Constellation, he accumulated 318 carrier landings and was recognized three times as one of the top pilots for landing performance aboard the carrier. He also completed his Master of Arts in International Relations at the University of San Diego.

After nearly 11 years of service, Corey moved back home to Gettysburg with his wife Karen. He took on the role of Executive Director of the Gettysburg/Whitlock Bay Development Corporation where he assists new and expanding businesses in the region. Corey is now an agent for the family’s insurance business.

In November of 2008, he was elected to the SD State Senate where he is now serving his third term as the President Pro Tempore representing Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, McPherson, Potter, Spink & Walworth counties. In the Senate, Corey has also served as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and Assistant Majority Leader.

Corey and Karen have four children, Reagan, Harrison, and identical twin girls, Madison and Kennedy.
**Stage Party**

James W. Abbott  
President  
Terry Baloun,  
Board of Regents Representative  
South Dakota Senator Corey Brown  
Speaker  
Kersten Johnson  
Executive Director, Alumni Association  
Dan Van Peursem  
Chair, University Senate  
Charles Staben  
Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Laura J. Jenski  
Acting Dean, Graduate School &  
Vice President, Research  
Mary D. Nettleman  
Vice President, Health Affairs &  
Dean, Sanford School of Medicine  
Thomas Geu,  
Dean, School of Law  
Matthew Moen  
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences  
Michael J. Keller  
Dean, Beacom School of Business  
Hee-sook Choi  
Acting Dean, School of Education  
Larry Schou  
Dean, College of Fine Arts  
Michael Lawler  
Dean, School of Health Sciences  
Thomas L. Sorensen  
Associate Dean, School of Law  
Jennifer Thompson  
Registrar  

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Aberdeen  
Kathryn Johnson  
Hill City  
Joseph Schartz  
Humboldt  
Kevin Schieffer  
Sioux Falls  
Bob Sutton  
Pierre

**University Marshal Corps**

**Head Marshals**

Barbara Yutrzenka  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Leon Korte,  
Beacom School of Business  

**Honorary Marshals**

Emeritus Professor Bill Rickord  
Emeritus Professor M. Robert Stoner  

**Marshals**

Sherrie Bosse  
School of Education  
Scott Breuninger  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Steven Bucklin  
College of Arts & Sciences  
David Carr  
Beacom School of Business  
Kurt Hackemer  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Emily Haddad  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Brandon Hendrickson  
College of Fine Arts  
Beverly Kennedy  
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  
Michelle Van Maanen  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Gerald Yutrzenka  
Sanford School of Medicine
Faculty in Attendance

Professor Mark Baron
Professor Larry Bright
Professor Stephen Butler
Professor Jean Caraway
Professor Karen Card
Professor Wenqian Dai
Professor Gareth Davies
Professor Thomas Davies
Professor Carla Dieter
Professor John Dudley
Professor Kelly Duncan
Professor DeVee Dykstra
Professor Kathleen Eyster
Professor Marvin Gamble
Professor David Holdhusen
Professor Gregory Huckabee
Professor Moses Ikiugu
Professor Gerard Jacobs
Professor Chaoyang Jiang
Professor Christina Keller
Professor Bruce Kelley
Professor Karen Kindle
Professor Peter Kindle
Professor Kelly McKay-Semmler
Professor Marcia Morrison
Professor Trudie Nelson
Professor Wade Nilson
Professor Ranelle Nissen
Professor Brandon Nutting
Professor Seth Olson
Professor Carolyn Prentice
Professor Randal Quevillon
Professor Linda Reetz
Professor Amy Schweinle
Professor Shane Semmler
Professor Stacy Smallfield
Professor Carole South-Winter
Professor Haoran Sun
Professor Barry Vickrey
Professor Jae Yom
Professor Teddi Joyce
Professor Angela Helmer
Professor Nancy Trimble

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 troupning 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 daunting 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, Mabel 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 Acting Dean Laura J. Jenski

Doctor of Philosophy

*Ying Bao, Zhejiang, China
  B.E., Zhejiang Chinese Medical University
  M.S., University of South Dakota
  Materials Chemistry
  Assembly of Functional Nanocomposites for Surface Enhanced Spectroscopy

Michelle Lynn Booze, Salem, NH
  B.S., University of New Hampshire
  Biomedical Sciences
  Do Atherosclerosis-Associate Corepressors Interfere with Estrogen Signaling?

Jeremy M. Christensen
  M.A., University of South Dakota
  English
  A Poetic Dissertation on Nostalgia: An Examination of Nostalgia in Late Twentieth Century Narratives

Nicholas David Cottrell, Sandpoint, ID
  B.A., Boise State University
  M.S., University of Idaho
  Psychology
  The Effect of Experiential Disfluency on Social Responses to Computers

*Laura Anne Davis, Sioux Falls, SD
  M.A., University of South Dakota
  Psychology
  Parenting Stress and Use of Online Support Among Mothers of Children with Autism

*Alme Nicolle Deliriamich, Gillette, WY
  M.A., University of Hawaii, Hilo
  Psychology
  Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic First Responders' Preparedness in Working with Individuals with Disabilities

Erik Alan Ehl, Sioux Falls, SD
  M.S., University of South Dakota
  Biomedical Sciences
  A Candidate Gene and Copy Number Variation Study to Identify the Genetic Determinants of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Joseph Ryan Engler, Ferndale, WA
  B.A., Minot State University
  Counseling, Psychology & Education
  The Effects of a Parent Component as Part of an IEP on Parental Involvement

Dustin D. Greelis-Vanlaningham
  B.S., University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
  Psychology
  Prospective Memory and Internal Choice: Effects of Survival Context and Depletion

*Elizabeth Ann Hunziker, Omaha, NE
  M.A., University of South Dakota
  Psychology
  Child Maltreatment and Eating Disorders: An Investigation of Shame-Proneness, Guilt-Proneness, and Self-Objectification as Mediating Variables

*Wonjun Kang, South Korea
  M.S., University of South Dakota
  Materials Chemistry

Harrison Stanley Kibombo, Kampala, Uganda
  M.S., University of South Dakota
  P.S.M., University of Northern Iowa
  Materials Chemistry
  The Role of Silica in Precious Metal Supported Titania Hybrid Mesoporous Materials for Remediation and Energy Production

Anjaneyulu Putta, Hyderabad, India
  M.S., University of South Dakota
  M.Ph., Banaras Hindu University
  Materials Chemistry Design and Synthesis of Air-stable N-type Organic Semiconductor Materials Via Aromatic Perfluoroalkylation

Kendra Cassandra Ractliffe, Sioux Falls, SD
  M.A., University of South Dakota
  Psychology
  The Association Between Rumination and PTSD Symptom Clusters and Emerging Models of PTSD Factor Structure

Justin Pederson Smith, Trapper Creek, AK
  B.S., Montana State University
  M.S., Linnaeus University
  Biological Sciences
  The roles of Neuropeptide S and Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor in Stress and Decision Making

*Micah Robert Thomas, Vermillion, SD
  M.A., University of South Dakota
  Psychology
  Psychometric Validation of the Farm Ranch Stress Inventory

*Tyler Blake Wray, Wichita, KS
  M.S., Emporia State University
  Psychology
  Delay Discounting and Risky Sexual Intentions: A Test of the Direct and Indirect Effects of Alcohol Intoxication and Physiological Arousal

*Sharleen Yuan, Rapid City, SD
  M.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice
  Biomedical Sciences
  Endocannabinoid-Dependent Long-Term Depression in a Nociceptive Synapse: Mechanisms and Functional Role

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Doctor of Education
Molly Anne Curnyn, Wakefield, NE
M.S.E., Wayne State College
Educational Administration
Technology Leadership Conditions: A study of Nebraska School Principals
Kevin T. Doyle
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Internationalization of the Faculty: Experiences, Attitudes, and Involvement of Faculty at Public Universities in South Dakota
Joni L. Irlmeier
M.S.E., Wayne State College
Curriculum & Instruction
Perceptions of Mentor Teachers in Professional Development Schools
*Calvin W. Krogman, White River, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Native American High School Seniors’ Perceptions of Higher Education: Motivating and Demotivating Factors
*Andrew Michael Lenzen, Sidney, NE
Ed.S., Wayne State College
Educational Administration
Effectiveness of Online and Classroom-Based
Julie Marie Nikolais, Aberdeen, SD
M.S., Northern State University
Educational Administration
The Relationship Between Principals’ and Teachers’ Self-Efficacy Beliefs
Mary L. O’Connor-Merrigan, Vermillion, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Faculty Attitudes Toward Addressing Mental Health Conditions and Substance Abuse Among College Students
Diane M. Olson
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Teacher’s Perceptions of the Effectiveness of Professional Development for the Implementation of the Charlotte Danielson Framework in South Dakota
Penny Lee Veit-Hettvedt, Bismarck, ND
M.Ed., University of North Dakota
Educational Administration
Program Evaluation for Evidence-Based Practices in Correctional Education
Dorothy A. Wheeler
M.A., University of Northern Colorado
Curriculum & Instruction
Parental Involvement of Latino Immigrants: Bridging the Gaps of Acculturation and Achievement
*Karen Annette Whitney, Mitchell, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Curriculum & Instruction
Perceptions of Effective Practice in Closing the Achievement Gap with Native American Students

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Doctor of Audiology
*Lydia M. Malloy, Vermillion, SD
M.S., Medical University of South Carolina

Professional Degrees
Sanford School of Medicine
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Doctor of Medicine
Adam Jeffrey Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Augustana College

Specialist & Master Degrees
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Specialist in Education
*Joshua Hugo Centra, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
*Brittany Renee Coon, Alexandria, LA
M.Ed., Northwestern State University of Louisiana
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Tyler Matthew Hartl, Casper, WY
M.Ed., South Dakota State University, Educational Administration
*Michael Lloyd Jacobson, Swan Valley, ID
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Cody W. Lukkes
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*Dustin L. Mees
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*Kelly Kay Northrup, Aberdeen, SD
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M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Stacy J. Tubbs  
M.A., Dakota Wesleyan University  
Educational Administration  
*Shana Marie Wagers, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration

Master of Arts

Jean-Paul Akuma  
B.S., Keystone College  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
*Bruce J. Anderson  
B.A., Iowa Wesleyan College  
Educational Administration  
*Julie Mae Anderson, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Speech & Language Pathology  
*Stefanie Kathleen Anderson, Rockwell, IA  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Speech & Language Pathology  
*Stephanie Arndt, Portsmouth, IA  
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Francis Arpan, Chamberlain, SD  
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Educational Administration  
Stephanie Mary Attema, Meckling, SD  
B.S., Wayne State College  
Special Education  
*Andrew Nicholas Baker, Broomfield, CO  
B.S., Johnson & Wales University  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Joseph Allen Barth, Hazlet, NJ  
B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota  
Special Education  
*Ashley Marie Baumann, Brandon, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Speech & Language Pathology  
*BryAnn K. Becker, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
English  
Writing, Racial Identification, and Mental Illness in A Question of Power and Wide Sargasso Sea  
Jonathan D. Boer, Redfield, SD  
B.S.Ed., Northern State University  
Educational Administration  
Michelle Boone, Boyden, IA  
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Educational Administration  
Roy Frederick Bourne, Whitewood, SD  
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*Kayla Rae Bowers, Randolph, NE  
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Speech & Language Pathology  
Jeffrey J. Brennan  
B.S., Buena Vista University  
Educational Administration  
*Lara Christine Carlson, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
English  
*I will be mistress of myself": Women’s Privacy and Community in Novels by Jane Austen and Sir Walter Scott  
*Jeanne Janel Chamness, Hartford, SD  
B.A., Georgia State University  
Counseling, Psychology & Education  
Kathleen Elizabeth Cook, Montrose, SD  
M.Ed., University of Sioux Falls  
History  
RN: A Study of Nixon’s Relationship with the Press  
*Ronette Renae Costain, Webster, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
Adam Cross, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., University of Tennessee - Knoxville  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*James Arthur Davis III, Daytona Beach, FL  
B.S., Florida State University  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
*Ashley Nicole DeMent, Harrisburg, SD  
B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
Elementary Education  
*Jessica Grant DiVenuti, Virginia Beach, VA  
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Educational Administration  
Mathew J. Doud  
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History  
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B.A., University of the Humanities  
B.A., The National University of Mongolia  
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Martha Luciana Draayer, Sioux Center, IA  
B.A., Northwestern College  
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*Michael Thomas Draubaugh, Allen, SD  
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Elementary Education  
*James W. Drewes, Napoleon, OH  
B.S., Defiance College  
Educational Administration  
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B.A., Northwestern College  
Counseling, Psychology & Education  
Mother, Father, and Child Perceptions of Discipline: A Mixed-Methods Study  
*Sandra L. Fire Lightning, Rapid City, SD  
M.S.S., University of Colorado - Denver  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
*Deneen M. Ganje  
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Elementary Education  
Amber Susanna Gregg, Sioux City, IA  
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*Emily Kaye Gunderson, Dakota Dunes, SD  
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Kelsey Rae Hansen, Elm Springs, SD  
B.A., Chadron State College  
Addiction Studies  
Kelly Renae Hansen, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Speech-Language Pathology  
Kendra Mae Hansen, Le Mars, IA  
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Counseling, Psychology & Education  
*Timothy James Harder, Dakota Dunes, SD  
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Danielle Kristen Hauge, Dell Rapids, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Special Education  
*Kendall Marie Hill, Madison, SD  
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Counseling, Psychology & Education  
*Heather Kristine Hiltunen, Custer, SD  
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Educational Administration  
*Justin Alan Hinks, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Katie Jean Hodges, Wheeling, WV  
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English  
*Sara Hoelllein, Papillion, SD  
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Elementary Education  
Stacy R. Holzbauer, Wagner, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Special Education  
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Speech & Language Pathology  
Jonelle Marie Hook, Tipton, IA  
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Psychology  
The Acceptable Use of Search Engines and Social Networking Websites by Clients and Clinicians: The Client Perspective  
Laura Ellen Kamarainen, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., Western Carolina University  
Educational Administration  
*Amy Jo Koch, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
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*Emily LaRae Koester, Laurel, NE  
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*Jacki Lynn Kooistra, Sioux Falls, SD  
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*Heather Lynne Kvorak, Watertown, SD  
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Kinesiology & Sport Science  
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Speech & Language Pathology  
*Stephanie Marie Logue, Rapid City, SD  
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Educational Administration  
Ryan Los, Winnipeg  
B.A., University of Winnipeg  
Counseling, Psychology & Education  
How Self-Regulation and Self-Efficacy May Impact Academic Outcome  
Amanda Kaye Loucks, Aurelia, IA  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Secondary Education  
Emily Ann Maas, Denver, CO  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Special Education  
Linda D. Mallory  
B.S., Chadron State College  
Educational Administration  
*Stephanie Jean Max, Ogallala, NE  
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Speech & Language Pathology  
*Kaylani Rae Mercado, Brandon, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Elementary Education  
James J. Myers  
B.S., Bradley University  
Psychology  
Rachel J. Nelson  
B.A., Augustana College  
Psychology  
Residential Treatment for Children: Predictive Characteristics of Restraint Use  
Erin Nielsen, Sheldon, IA  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Speech-Language Pathology  
Chad W. Nielsen  
B.L.S., University of South Dakota  
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Elementary Education

*Michelle Lynne Ortmeier, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration

*Nicole Rae Osterman, Andover, SD  
B.S., Northern State University  
Special Education

*Tane Anthony Owens, Pierre, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

*Savannah Joy Peters, Wolf Point, MT  
B.A., University of Minnesota  
Psychology

Differences Between Contraception Use in  
Rural and Urban Teens

Zane Anders Peterson, Ashton, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Counseling, Psychology & Education

*Rogers Darnell Pitts, Sioux City, IA  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Communication

Evan John Plotz, Hutchinson, MN  
B.A., St. Olaf College  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

*Jessica Susanne Quam, Watertown, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Addiction Studies

Amanda J. Reed  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Psychology

Community-Based Psychological First Aid for  
Emergency Medical Service Providers

Meagan L. Reynolds  
B.S., Texas Tech University  
Addiction Studies

*Gil F. Ridenour, Allen, NE  
M.A., Creighton University  
History

Kindred Spirits: Augustinian Thought in the Life  
and Works of Martin Luther

*Natalie Meghan Robertson, Box Elder, SD  
B.S.Ed, University of South Dakota  
Elementary Education

*Angela Dina Rodighiero, Reno, NV  
B.S., University of Nevada-Reno  
Speech & Language Pathology

*Lindsey Jo Rogers, Fort Pierre, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Interdisciplinary Studies

Jenna Charlotte Rothschadl, Tyndall, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Speech-Language Pathology

Shawn Richard Ruml, Mitchell, SD  
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Educational Administration

Amanda Dayle Sandau, Swift Current  
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Speech-Language Pathology

*Brittney Ann Scherrer, Limon, CO  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Elementary Education

*Brandi Rae Schlosser, Ipswich, SD  
B.S.Ed., Northern State University  
Educational Administration

Jared Randall Schrupp, Milbank, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Secondary Education

Peyton Jerald Smith, Alexandria, SD  
B.B.A., University of South Dakota  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

*Erik James Sommervold, Alcester, SD  
B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration

*Cassidy L. Stephens  
B.A., Evergreen State College  
Addiction Studies

*Erin A. Strande, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
Speech-Language Pathology

Martin Chauncy Stubbs, Kula, HI  
B.A., Humboldt State University  
History

Memorable Matrons: How Germanic Queens  
Contributed to the Spread of Catholicism  
within Western Europe During the Early Middle  
Ages

Elizabeth Thomas, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Addiction Studies

William Robert Thomas, Lancaster, CA  
B.S., Humboldt State University  
Interdisciplinary Sciences

*Janelle Thornton, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
English

Eros and Psyche

Kimberlee R. Tschetter  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Interdisciplinary Studies

Lacy Lynn Vannorsadel, Viborg, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Speech-Language Pathology

*Joyce E. Vermeer  
B.A., Dordt College  
Elementary Education

*Adriane Tanae Voisin, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Speech-Language Pathology

Bobby W. Wallis  
B.A., Mount Marty College  
Interdisciplinary Sciences

Jeana Nicole Wegner, Yankton, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Secondary Education

Sally Rose Wilson, San Diego, CA  
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Disorders of Sex Development, a New Classification System  
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Administrative Studies  
Sem Raj Tamang, Kathmandu  
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Chemistry  
Synthesis of New Heavy Metal Frustrated Lewis Pairs via Transmetallation  
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Computer Science  
Investigation of Background Acoustical Effect on Online Surveys: A Case Study of Farmer Market Customer Survey  
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Biology  
Effects of Aquatic Contaminants on the Endangered Hine’s Emerald Dragonfly  
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Chemistry  
Computational Chemistry Meet  
Semiconductor: Electronic Properties of Wet TiO2 (001) AnataseSurface Functionalized by Transition Metal Doping

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  Fulfilling the Great Commission: An Overview of the New Evangelization in the Catholic Church in Comparison with Other Evangelical Movements
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  Bachelor of Science, Biology & Chemistry
  Chlamydial CT147 Interactions With Eukaryotic Proteins
Amanda Rose Janssen, Crofton, SD
  Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice
  Prosecuting Alleged Terrorists: Article III Courts, Military Tribunals, and Constitutional Checks and Balances
Jennifer Lynn Kelly, Papillion, NE
  Bachelor of Science, Political Science
  Incentivizing International Negotiations: A Case Study of the Camp David Talks
Samson A. Placek
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  Inward and Onward: The Writing and Recording of an Original Music Album
Nolan Dean Schmidt, Avoca, IA
  Bachelor of Science, Political Science
  Medium Theory and Presidential Rhetoric

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Bachelor of Arts
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  Communication Sciences & Disorders
Breanna Lee Bietz, Rapid City, SD
  English
Anna Marie Burleson, Watertown, SD
  Psychology
Kaitlin Christenson, Sioux Falls, SD
  Contemporary Media & Journalism
Leslie JoAyn Clausen, Marshalltown, IA
  English
  Magna Cum Laude
Vincent J. Coyle
  History
Luke Anthony De Jong, Orange City, IA
  Criminal Justice
Katherine Elizabeth Douglas, Pierre, SD
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Contemporary Media & Journalism

Bachelor of Science

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Ross Elliot Loeds, Britton, SD  
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Cum Laude

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Brandy Underberg, Harrisburg, SD
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Carri Ann Reilly, Hartford, SD Nursing
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- 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

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**Academic Honors**

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 or 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 Beta Kappa Society..........................................................Light Blue & Light Pink 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

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

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