DECEMBER 2016

Commencement

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

THE FORTY-FIRST WINTER SESSION
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Dakota Dome, Vermillion, SD
DECEMBER 10, 2016
Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement

Dakota Dome
December 10, 2016 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
Dr. Robin Ammon, Chair, University Senate
James W. Abbott, President

Commencement Address
G. Mark Mickelson

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

Authorization of Degree Conferral
Kevin Schieffer, 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
Doctor of Medicine
Juris Doctor

Conferring of Specialist and Master Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas
Specialist in Education
Master of Arts
Master of Business Administration
Master of Fine Arts
Master of Music
Master of Natural Science
Master of Professional Accountancy
Executive Master of Public Administration
Master of Public Administration
Master of Science
Master of Social Work

Conferring of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas

ROTC Oath of Office
Jim Moran, Provost & Vice President
Lieutenant Colonel Michelle Bunkers, Department Chair, Military Science

Induction into Alumni Association
Michelle Maloney, Alumni Association

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

Closing Remarks
James W. Abbott, President
Dr. Robin Ammon, 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, 2016. The commencement program is a list of candidates for degree. It is not an official listing of degrees conferred.
In 2012 Mark was elected to his first term to represent District 13 as a Republican in the South Dakota House of Representatives and was re-elected in 2014 and 2016. He currently serves as Speaker Pro-Tempore.

Mark is the president and owner of Mickelson & Company, a consulting business concentrated in the short-line railroad industry. Mickelson is also active in a real estate development partnership.

Mark has been active in state and community civic organizations, including serving on the board of directors for the South Dakota Board of Economic Development and the South Dakota Community Foundation. Mark is also active in Rotary, the YMCA, Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited.

Mark’s hometown is Brookings, South Dakota. He and his wife Cynthia (Hart) have three active boys at home: George (17), David (15) and Charlie (13). The boys attend public schools in Sioux Falls.

Mark graduated from Harvard Law School (1993) and the University of South Dakota (1988) with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and an Accounting Degree.

Mark and his two siblings learned the importance of public service from their parents. Mark’s father, the late George S. Mickelson, served as South Dakota’s Governor from 1987 to 1993.
Stage Party
James W. Abbott
President
Kevin Schieffer
Board of Regents Representative
G. Mark Mickelson
Speaker
Michelle Maloney
Alumni Association Representative
Robin Ammon
Chair, University Senate
Jim Moran
Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs
Ranjit Koodali
Dean, Graduate School
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
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
Shane Semmler
Reader, College of Arts & Sciences
Jennifer Thompson
Registrar

University Marshal Corps

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

Honorary Marshal
Emeritus Professor Linda Reetz

Marshals
Sherrie Bosse
School of Education
Scott Breuninger
College of Arts & Sciences
Kathryn Birkeland
Beacom School of Business
David Carr
Beacom School of Business
John Dudley
College of Arts & Sciences
Gregory Huckabee
Beacom School of Business
Eric Jepsen
College of Arts & Sciences
Beverly Kennedy
School of Health Sciences
Peter Kindle
School of Health Sciences
Solveig Korte
College of Arts & Sciences
Jay Memmott
School of Health Sciences
Kelly McKay-Semmler
College of Arts & Sciences
Timothy Schom
College of Arts & Sciences
Rand Wergin
Beacom School of Business
Robin Wiebers
School of Education
Gerald Yutrzenka
Sanford School of Medicine

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Adam Conrad
Pierre
Harvey C. Jewett
Aberdeen
Kathryn Johnson
Hill City
Jim Morgan
Brookings
Pam Roberts
Pierre
Faculty in Attendance

Professor Mark Baron
Professor Jan Berkhout
Professor Beth Boyd
Professor Barbara Brockevelt
Professor Stephen Butler
Professor Karen Card
Professor Shana Cerny
Professor Tom Davies
Professor Janet Davison
Professor David De Jong
Professor DeVee Dykstra
Professor Matthew Fairholm
Professor Michael Granaas
Professor Chaya Gordon-Bland
Professor Elizabeth Hanson
Professor Lisa Hazlett
Professor David Holdhusen
Professor Moses Ikiugu
Professor Gerard Jacobs
Professor Teddi Joyce
Professor Christina Keller
Professor Karen Kindle

Professor John Korkow
Professor Carol Leibiger
Professor Diana Messick
Professor Ranelle Nissen
Professor Shane Nordsyke
Professor Seth Olson
Professor Douglas Peterson
Professor Randal Quevillon
Professor Sriniv Ragothaman
Professor Soonhee Roh
Professor Amy Schweinle
Professor Carol South-Winter
Professor Mark Sweeney
Professor Thomas Tiahrt
Professor Daniel Tracy
Professor Dan Van Pernem
Professor XJ Wang
Professor Mandy Williams
Professor Sarah Wollersheim Shervey
Professor Garreth Zalud
Professor Frank Zavadil

Alma Mater

Words by Mabel Kingsley Richardson
Music by Winfred R. Colton

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.

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.

The writer of the Alma Mater’s lyrics, Mable Kingsley Richardson, graduated from The University of South Dakota in 1902 and directed USD’s library from 1907 to 1941. A pioneer’s daughter who loved South Dakota, she voiced in the Alma Mater the views of a woman of her time.
**Doctoral Degrees**

**Graduate School**

Presented by Dean Ranjit Koodali

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Gregory G. Bertsch, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., Iowa State University
Biomedical Engineering
*Candidate for degree summer 2016

Terrance Ezra Coombs, Fruita, CO
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
A Phenomenological Exploration of Resiliency Among Collegiate Athletes with a History of Childhood Trauma

Julie Anne Eclov, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Physician Scientist
Dietary Supplementation with Eicosapentaenoic Acid, but Not Docosahexaenoic Acid, Prevents Heart Failure: Implications for Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction

Jennifer Bella Garelik Jones, Vermillion, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Political Science
Leadership Perspectives Identified Through Lakota (Titunwan) Oral Histories

* Catherine Nicole Browning Goetsouwers, Bancroft, NE
M.S., Minnesota State University-Mankato
Counseling & Psychology in EducationMiddle School Perceptions of the Student-Teacher Relationship and Their Role in Predicting Student Outcomes

Jamie Mary Hansen, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., Minnesota State University-Mankato
Psychology
Drunkorexia: Normative Behavior or Gateway to Alcohol and Eating Pathology?

Ryan Paul Hunsaker, Evanston, WY
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Facial Emotion Recognition and Borderline Personality Disorder Symptoms: Effects Of Interpersonal Stress

Kari Ann Oyen, Chancellor, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports in South Dakota: Impact of Implementation on Academic Achievement for Elementary Schools

* Amanda J. Reed, Pierre, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Community-Based Psychological First Aid for Emergency Medical Service Providers: Mental Health Stigma, Resilience, and Social Support

* Ryan Nicholas Reed, Capitola, CA
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Differential Effects of Ingestion and Taste of Glucose on Self-control and Intertemporal Decision Making

Laurie Ann Reiprich, Webster, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Physiological Detection of Flow

Ashley Rose Sorenson, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Usability in eLearning: An Instructor Perspective

Ryan F. Thornell, Mount Vernon, ME
M.S., University of Cincinnati
Political Science
Policy Analysis in Corrections: Finding an Effective, Efficient, and Comprehensive Analysis Framework

Brian J. Twenter
M.A., University of Missouri-Kansas City
English
Wolakota ogno skanpo: Lakota Language and Landscape

* Kayla A. Zeal, Crooks, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Cultural Orientation, Social Support, and the Implementation of the American Red Cross Coping in Today's World Course

* Lei Zhang, Harbin
M.S., Lanzhou University
Basic Biomedical Sciences
Targeting the Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress Associated Protein Quality Control Machinery in Ovarian Cancer Cells

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Doctor of Education

Mitchell Bartholomew, York, NE
Ed.S., Wayne State College
Educational Administration
High School Principals' Knowledge and Implementation of Response to Intervention (RtI) in the High School Setting

Lacey Bodensteiner, Rapid City, SD
M.L.S., University of Denver
Curriculum & Instruction
The Relationship between Recreational Reading Habits, Knowledge of Contemporary Young Adult Literature and Anticipated Instructional Practices in Secondary Education Majors

Rachel Noel Diemer, Sioux City, IA
M.A., University of Colorado at Denver
Curriculum & Instruction
Reading Achievement in a Dual Language Setting: An Examination of the Characteristics Representative of Proficient English Language Learners

Katrina Anne Fox, Oxford, NE
M.S.Ed., Wayne State College
Curriculum & Instruction
Teachers’ Perceptions of Web-Based Content With The Use Of Electronic Device In A Small Rural School District

Robin Lynn Gillespie, Rapid City, SD
M.S.Ed., Chadron State College
Educational Administration
Elementary Level Implementation and Perceived Effectiveness

* Jarod Matthew Larson, Brandon, SD
Ed.S., Wayne State College
Educational Administration
The Relationship Between South Dakota Public School Superintendents’ Perceptions of Professional Development Principles and Student Achievement

Heather Lynne Olson, Yankton, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
M.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Effective Practices to Support Year-Long Student Teachers by Cooperative Teachers and the School District

Brenda L. Paulsen, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Faculty Faith Development at CCCU Institutions

Doctor of Physical Therapy

* Kevin Andrew O'Neil, Beresford, SD
B.S., Metropolitan State University

* Zachary Robert Sousek, Evanston, WY
B.S., University of South Dakota

Professional Degrees

Sanford School of Medicine

Presented by Dean Mary Nettleman

Doctor of Medicine

Julie Anne Eclov, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Rebekka K. Sneed
B.S., Valparaiso University

School of Law

Presented by Dean Thomas Geu

Juris Doctor

Pradeep Jayaraman, Sioux Falls, SD
M.B.A., University of South Dakota

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Specialist & Master Degrees
Graduate School
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Specialist in Education

* Michael Steven Bullis, Tea, SD
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  Educational Administration

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  Educational Administration

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* Amanda Kay Kruse, Lennox, SD
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  Educational Administration

* Kristi Lynn Maloney, Sioux City, IA
  M.S., Black Hills State University
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  M.A., University of South Dakota
  Curriculum & Instruction
  English Language Arts Teachers Navigating the South Dakota State Common Core Standards: An ELA Representative’s Perspective and Evaluation

* Rebecca Jael Miller, West Des Moines, IA
  M.S., University of South Dakota
  Educational Administration

* Erin Renee Olson, Mitchell, SD
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  M.S., South Dakota State University
  Counseling & Psychology in Education

Master of Arts

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  English

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The Acquired Preparedness Model: Differential Predictors of Proximal Versus Distal Alcohol Expectancies
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B.S., Portland State University  
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B.A., Briar Cliff University  
Heath Allen Elenbaas, Rochester, MN  
B.S., Michigan State University  
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* Seth Andrew Hulst, Orange City, IA  
M.S., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Master of Natural Science

Rebecca Corlew  
B.A., Northwestern College

Rebecca Jeanne Bailey, Russell, SD  
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Theatre

Master of Fine Arts

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B.S., South Dakota State University  
Theatre

Master of Music

* Russell Todd Garry, Webster, SD  
B.M., University of South Dakota  
Nell F. Holland  
B.M., University of South Dakota  
* Angela Kay Larson, Salem, SD  
B.M., University of South Dakota  
Esteban Marín, Mexico City  
B.A., National School of Conservation-Restoration  
* John Paul Patton, Durango, CO  
B.A., University of Alaska Southeast  
* Denise Perry, Brookings, SD  
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  Timothy David Cook, Hickory, NC
  B.S., Cotawba College
Vonda Cotton, Watertown, SD
  B.B.A., University of South Dakota
Natalie Rose Gubbels, Yankton, SD
  Shelby Mae Hogue, White, SD
B.A., South Dakota State University
Marilyn Ann Hughes, Milford, MI
  B.A., Hillsdale College
Jennifer Jeitz, Belle Fourche, SD
  B.S., South Dakota State University
Billy Joel Jons, Bonesteel, SD
  B.B.A., University of South Dakota
Karlie Labeth McCoy, Hinton, IA
* Thane Thomas McFarland, Huron, SD
  B.S., South Dakota State University
Erin McNannay, Pullman, WA
  B.B.A., Washington State University
Jeremy Ray Miller, Mitchell, SD
  B.B.A., University of South Dakota
Nicholas Monahan, Wayne, NE
* Jonathan Daniel Moore, Mississauga, Canada
  B.S., South Dakota State University
Emily Morris, Sioux Falls, SD
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  Sarah K. Pieper, Norfolk, NE
  Sarah Joy Ridley, Sioux Falls, SD
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Jamie Svanda, Sioux Falls, SD
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Michelle K. Thompson, Houston, TX
  B.B.A., University of Houston-Downtown
* Lissett Torres, Cutler Bay, FL
  B.A., Florida Intern University
  Abigail X. Trieb, Gary, SD
* David Jonathan, Vander Grift, Sioux Falls, SD
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Nicolette Mitsuko Warns, Okinawa, Japan
  B.B.A., University of South Dakota
  Xianchen Zhao, Denver, CO
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Executive Master of Public Administration

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Master of Public Administration

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Master of Public Health

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Master of Science

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  Computer Science
  Change Detection in Satellite Images Using Linear Algebra and Data Mining Techniques
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  Technology for Education & Training
Bradley James Alm, Two Harbors, MN
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  Administration
* Katie Sue Aukland, Fargo, ND
  B.S., Minnesota State University-Moorhead
  Administration
* John Wesley Barber, Lexington, NC
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  Physician Assistant Studies
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  B.S., Adventist University
  Physician Assistant Studies
* Mallory Ann Holz, Wessington Springs, SD
  B.S., University of Mary
  Physician Assistant Studies
Parvathi Jampani, Vermillion, SD
  M.S., South Dakota State University
  Chemistry
  Host-Guest Binding Studies of Metal–Organic
  Super Containers with Biomedical Relevance
* Rebekah Marie Jessen, Bloomfield, NE
  B.S., Wayne State University
  Biology
  Understory Vegetation Patterns in Riparian
  Forest Stands along the 59-Mile Segment of
  the Missouri National Recreational River
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  M.A., Webster University
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  Administration
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  Chemistry
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Occupational Therapy

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Administration

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Administration

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Neon Silhouettes: A Novella

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D.P.T., Simmons College-Boston
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Biomedical Engineering

Development of a Novel Injectable and Multifunctional Porous Microsphere for Bone Tissue Engineering

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Administration

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Chemistry

Properties and Processes in Porous Materials

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Physician Assistant Studies

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Administration

* Cheryl Ann Stansbury, Sioux Falls, SD
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Administration

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Basic Biomedical Sciences

Expression of Genomic and Non-Genomic Estrogen Receptors in Multiple Tissues

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Administrative Studies

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B.S., Black Hills State University
Administration

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Physician Assistant Studies

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Administration

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  Bachelor of Science, Biology
  Case Study: Past and Current Research with Chemical and Biological Fundamentals Regarding Ethanol Production from Lignocellulosic Biomass

* Adison Ann Kleinsasser, Huron, SD
  Bachelor of Science, Medical Laboratory Science
  Selective Cytotoxic Effect of Veratridine On Various Human Cancer Cell Lines

Marguerite Anne Lambert, Redfield, SD
  Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences & Disorders
  Misdiagnosis of Speech Disorders on South Dakota Reservations

* Maxwell J. Morris, Wayne, NE
  Bachelor of Business Administration, Management
  Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology & Sport Science
  National Collegiate Athletic Association: Monopolization of Student-Athletes and the Cost of Attendance Resolution

* Rebecca Elizabeth Sistad, Fosston, MN
  Bachelor of Science, Psychology
  The Role of Distress Tolerance in the Relationship between Cognitive Schemas and Alcohol Problems among College Students

Abigail X. Trieb, Gary, SD
  Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting
  Accounting Ethics Education

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**College of Arts & Sciences**

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**Bachelor of Arts**

* Alec Adamski, Pierre, SD
  Criminal Justice

Caitlyn Marae Bagley, Custer, SD
  Criminal Justice, Psychology
  * Cum Laude

Leah Marie Banks, Westfield, IA
  Psychology

* Liz Cynkar, Tea, SD
  Criminal Justice

Josiah Elijah Davis, Moville, IA
  Political Science, History
  * Summa Cum Laude

Elizabeth Ann Deming, Plainview, MN
  Criminal Justice, Psychology
  * Cum Laude

Joshua Etel, Maple Grove, MN
  Political Science, International Studies

Min Ji Gim, Vermillion, SD
  English

Benedict Steven Gombocz, Vermillion, SD
  History, German

Nicholas John Gunn, Arlington, VA
  Communication Studies

Kyle Camryn Hallberg, Sioux Falls, SD
  English

Daniel Joseph Herrera, Omaha, NE
  Criminal Justice

Abby DeAnn Holland, Rapid City, SD
  International Studies
  * Cum Laude

Jessica Danielle Horsley, Rapid City, SD
  History

Maddie Rosemary Husman, Yankton, SD
  Communication Sciences & Disorders
  * Magna Cum Laude

Zoe A. Kuegle
  Sustainability, German

Marguerite Anne Lambert, Redfield, SD
  Communication Sciences & Disorders

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Keith Lingle, McCook Lake, SD
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English
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History
Melinda Mae Nelson, Box Elder, SD
Anthropology
Emily Josephine Norton, Elk Point, SD
Communication Sciences & Disorders
Megan Lee Otten, Sloan, IA
English
* Jackson Wade Pasco, Yankton, SD
History
Erica Marie Rineard, Rapid City, SD
Criminal Justice
Michael C. Ronayne
Political Science
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* Abbey Edana Schieffer, Columbus, NE
Media & Journalism
Alexander Richard Sopoci, Sioux City, IA
Criminal Justice
* Taylor Lynn Stark, Wurzburg
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Political Science, Philosophy
Teagan J. Albright, Audubon, IA
English
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Cum Laude
Junhao Bao, China,
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* Kelsey Lynn Barrett, Britton, SD
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude
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Rachel Renee Blanchard, Earlham, IA
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* Natalie Rose Bottolfson, Crofton, NE
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Andrew Cowman, Vermillion, SD
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Cum Laude
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Megan W. Flynn
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Biology
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Bachelor of General Studies

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Reid Edwin Meierkort, Vermillion, SD
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* Dobby Dennis O'Donnell, Sioux Falls, SD
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* Anna Mary Schiley, Bristol, SD
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* Kyle Joseph Grafsgard, Huron, SD
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Cum Laude
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* Steven Eugene Blake, Pierre, SD
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* Cole Dallas Brende, Sioux Falls, SD
  Management
* Andy M. Buchmann
  Accounting
Mikkelle Kristine Carlson, Tea, SD
  Management
* James Daniel Alexander Clarke, Madison, SD
  Marketing
* Cody Joe Conover, Anthon, IA
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Cum Laude
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Daniel Everett Lahammer, Sioux Falls, SD
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Yunrui Liu, Xi’an, China
  Accounting
Cum Laude
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  Marketing
Derek D. McBride
  Management
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  Health Services Administration
Karlie Labeth McCoy, Hinton, IA
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School of Education
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* Sonya Marie Doll, St. James, MN
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  Magna Cum Laude
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  Cum Laude
* Spencer Samuel Fox, La Mirada, CA
  Kinesiology & Sport Science
* Danielle Lauren Gill, Yankton, SD
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  Cum Laude
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  Kinesiology & Sport Science
* Tyler James Hagen, Webster, SD
  Kinesiology & Sport Science
  Cum Laude
* Ryan Hanks, Mitchell, SD
  Kinesiology & Sport Science
* Troy Jonathan Hofer, Bridgewater, SD
  Kinesiology & Sport Science
Dillon Mauricio Jemmott, Okinawa
  Kinesiology & Sport Science
* Erik Christian Jorgensen, Bend, OR
  Kinesiology & Sport Science
* Casey Kasperbauer, Carroll, IA
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Jacob Robert Ferron, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education

Lindsey Hoffman, Mitchell, SD
Elementary Education

Amelia Ruth Howard, Omaha, NE
Elementary Education

Shannon Elaine Janiecek, Omaha, NE
Elementary Education

Austin James Koehler, Rock Valley, IA
Mathematics Education

Destiny Fawn Leftwich, Pine Ridge, SD
Elementary Education

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Elementary Education, Special Education
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 magna cum laude

Hannah Marie Nagy, Waconia, MN
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Mikaela Ann Schnetter, Sioux Falls, SD
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 cum laude

Aubrey Maas Wagner, Omaha, NE
History Education

Kilee Watson, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education

Schad Dylan Wilson, Laramie, WY
Physical Education

MacKenzi May Zweaun, Luverne, MN
Elementary Education

College of Fine Arts
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Edelmira Magdalena Cuellar, Sioux Falls, SD
Art

Tramika LaBranch, Vermillion, SD
Art

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Theatre

Ava Maria Mowery Carlson, Sioux Falls, SD
Art

Nicholas Robert Patterson, Sioux Falls, SD
Art

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Music Education  
Cum Laude  
Jerry Altenreos Holbrook, III, Sibley, IA  
Music Education  
Magna Cum Laude  
Kayla Joyce Kaltenbach, Canton, SD  
Music Education  
Cum Laude  
Drew B. Ohlendorf  
Music Education  
Cum Laude  
Autumn Maria Brooke Simunek, Hot Springs, SD  
Music Education  
Cum Laude  
Kortney Temple, Nisland, SD  
Music Education  
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Musical Arts

* Amanda Jean Simantel, Scotland, SD

School of Health Sciences

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Bachelor of Science

Katelyn A. Achenbach  
Health Sciences  
Magna Cum Laude  
* Brittany Ann Anderson, Volin, SD  
Social Work  
* Kelsey Lynn Barrett, Britton, SD  
Addiction Studies  
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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:

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Honor Societies

Honor societies wear specially designed stoles, cords or medallions. The designations are listed below.

Beta Gamma Sigma.................................................................Blue Ribbon with medallion
Chi Sigma Iota...........................................................................Blue & White honor cords
Golden Key International Honour Society..................................Blue & Gold honor cord
Mortar Board...........................................................................Gold & Silver Interlaced honor cords
National Society of Leadership and Success............................Black & Platinum silk honor cords
Omicron Delta Epsilon..............................................................Blue & Gold honor cords
Omicron Delta Kappa..............................................................White, Black & Blue twisted cords
Order of Omega........................................................................White & Gold double cords
Phi Alpha Sigma Theta.........................................................Yellow & Blue ribbons with gold medallion
Pi Alpha Theta..........................................................................Red & Blue honor 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

Faculty wearing medals with a red ribbon are recipients of a Belbas-Larson Award, given as the university’s highest honor for teaching excellence. Faculty wearing a red/white ribbon are recipients of Richard and Sharon Cutler Awards, given by the College of Arts and Sciences for promoting liberal arts education through teaching and research.
Academic Dress

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

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

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

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

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

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