

THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH SUMMER SESSION
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



THURSDAY, AUGUST THIRD
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX
AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

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Commencement Exercises

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

The Star-Spangled Banner, arr. by Lloyd Pfautsch Nanette Hofer
The audience is invited to sing. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

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

Commencement Address Dr. Gerard A. Jacobs
Director, Disaster Mental Health Institute
Professor, Clinical Psychology
"Respect"

Conferring of Degrees Regent Tonnis H. Venhuizen
President James W. Abbott

Honorary Degree President James W. Abbott
Thomas E. Aman, Doctor of Humane Letters

Alumni Welcome..... Jennifer Garelik Jones
Alumni Association Representative

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*..... Nanette Hofer
The audience is invited to sing. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

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

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.

Stage Party

James W. Abbott, President
Tonnis H. Venhuizen, Board of Regents Representative
Gerard A. Jacobs, Speaker
Jennifer Garalik Jones, Alumni Association Representative
Thomas E. Aman, Honorary Degree Recipient
Heidi Nickisch Duggan, Chair, USD Faculty Senate
Karen L. Olmstead, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs & Dean, Graduate School
Rodney R. Parry, Vice President, Health Affairs & Dean, Sanford School of Medicine
Thomas L. Sorensen, Associate Dean, School of Law
Kurt H. Hackemer, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Michael J. Keller, Dean, School of Business
Linda J. Reetz, Associate Dean, School of Education
Daniel G. Guyette, Dean, College of Fine Arts
Laurie J. Becvar, Dean, Division of Continuing Education
Terisa C. Remelius, Assistant Vice President, Student Services & Dean of Students
Laura J. Jencki, Vice President, Research
Carmen J. Howard, University Registrar

Board of Regents

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Richard G. Belatti
James O. Hansen
Harvey C. Jewett, IV
Kathryn Johnson
Dean Krogman
Randall K. Morris
Carole Pagonis
Tonnis H. Venhuizen

Honorary Marshals

Emeritus Professor Norma Wilson
Emeritus Professor Robert Wood

Lead Marshals

Professor Leon Korte
Professor Barbara A. Yutzenka

Marshals

Professor Emily A. Haddad
Professor Joy R. Karges
Professor Solveig Korte
Professor David H. Moen
Emeritus Professor John E. Powell
Professor Lana R. Svien
Professor Gerald Yutzenka

Faculty in Attendance

Professor William D. Anderson	Professor Thomas Prinsen
Professor Mark Baron	Professor Randy Quevillon
Emeritus Professor Floyd Boschee	Professor Kristine Reed
Emeritus Professor Marlys Ann Boschee	Professor Marcy Reisetter
Professor Larry K. Bright	Professor William D. Richardson
Professor Mary E. Engstrom	Professor Lee Ann Roripaugh
Professor John Hagemann	Professor Charles Schwartz
Professor Patrick Hauer	Professor Amy Schweinle
Professor Christina M. Jackson	Professor Gemma Dolorosa Skillman
Professor Gera Jacobs	Professor Elizabeth Theiss Smith
Professor Dona Kennealley	Emeritus Professor Dean Spader
Professor James S. Korcuska	Professor Marie Steckelberg
Professor Yuhlong Lio	Professor William J. Sweeney
Professor Frank Main	Professor Dan Van Peurseem
Professor Michael Myers	Professor Dwight Vick
Professor Margaret B. Miller	Professor Randall E. Waldron
Professor Leslie Moller	Professor Joanne Wounded Head
Professor Roy Osborn	Professor Rosanne Yost
	Professor Garreth Zalud

Administration in Attendance

Roberta S. Ambur, Vice President, Information Technology
Richard D. Van Den Hul, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Cecil O. Foster, Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Services
Bruce A. King, Assistant Vice President, Academic Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer
Diane S. Zak, Director, Human Resources

Ushers

Diane Orr, Lead Usher
Laurie Miller, Lead Usher
Deb Coaker
Teresa Hays
Dominique Lyon
Abby Nelson
Jennifer Shaheen
Clarence Shoemaker
Susan Wasley

Interpreter

Ceason Hunter

Candidates for Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Jimmie Joe Butcher, Jr., Edmond, OK
B.A., University of Oklahoma
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Psychology
Dissertation: Malingering Strategies
Used to Feign Posttraumatic Stress
Disorder on the Trauma Symptom
Inventory

Daniela Cambetas, New York, NY
B.A., Hunter College, CUNY
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Dissertation: Female Adolescent
Friendship Processes: Relations to
Social Experience and Efficacy

Martin Michael Cutler, Fort Washakie, WY
B.S., M.S.Ed., Northern State University
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Dissertation: Self-Efficacy and Resilience
Among American Indian Adult Survivors
of Trauma

Asangi Rashmi Kumari Kumarapelli,
Colombo, Sri Lanka
B.Med., B.Sug., University of Colombo,
Sri Lanka
Basic Biomedical Science
Dissertation: Alpha B-Crystallin Modulates
Cardiac Hypertrophic Response to Pressure
Overload in Mice

Loralee Ann LaPointe, Vermillion, SD
B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed., University of North Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Dissertation: The Relationships Between
Teacher Need Satisfaction and
Perceptions of School and Classroom
Environments

Trisha Terrean Miller, Waubay, SD
B.S., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Psychology
Dissertation: An Examination of Factors that
Influence Maternal Caregivers' Decisions to
Intervene in School Bullying Situations

V. Blanchard Singingeagle, Vermillion, SD
A.A., College of the Siskiyous
B.A., B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara
M.F.A., Eastern Washington University
English
Dissertation: *Coyote's Second Cousins*

Christina Jo Wesley, Palm Coast, FL
B.A., California State University, Fresno
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Psychology
Dissertation: Depression-Proneness,
Perfectionism, and Career Path Among
Upper-Division Undergraduate Psychology
Students

Doctor of Education

Bonni Fay Boschee, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., Dickinson State University
M.S., Chadron State College
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: A Profile of Home
Schooling in South Dakota

Mary Teresa Bowne, Brookings, SD
B.S.F.C.S., M.S., South Dakota State
University
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: Comparisons of Literacy and
Mathematical Knowledge in Kindergarten
Curriculums Offering a Reggio-Emilia Inspired,
Project Approach and Didactic Approach

Craig P. Coenen, Harlan, IA
B.A., Iowa State University
M.A., Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Substance Abuse Counseling
Students and Relapse Patients Beliefs about
Relapse Prevention and the Readiness for
Change

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B.A., Augustana College
M.F.A., Washington State University
M.B.A., The University of South Dakota
M.S., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
Dissertation: An Assessment of Formal Training
in the Durable Goods Sector of South Dakota's
Manufacturing Industry

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B.S.Ed., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: An Examination of End of
Treatment Reading Recovery Decisions
and Later Achievement

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B.S.Ed., Northern State University
M.S., Black Hills State University
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: Braille Literacy: Insights from
Parents and Teachers

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 M.A., University of Northern Iowa
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 Educational Administration
 Dissertation: Parent and Teacher Perceptions
 of Open Enrollment in Central South Dakota

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 Curriculum & Instruction
 Dissertation: The Use of Phrase-Cued Text
 as an Intervention to Facilitate Oral Reading
 Fluency for Struggling Third Graders

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 Curriculum & Instruction
 Dissertation: Factors Affecting Enrollment
 of At-Risk Students in Alternative High Schools

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 B.S.Ed., University of Kansas
 M.A., The University of South Dakota
 Curriculum & Instruction
 Dissertation: The Use, Training, and
 Importance of Cost-Effectiveness Analysis
 by South Dakota Principals

Mahmood Ali Syed, New York, NY
 B.A., Hunter College, CUNY
 Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
 Educational Administration
 Dissertation: Autism Spectrum Disorder's
 Identification with Age, Race, Intellectual Ability,
 and Methods of Assessment in Western Iowa

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 M.A., The University of South Dakota
 Curriculum & Instruction
 Dissertation: Relationship Between the
 Range of ACT Assessment Scores and
 Student Persistence

Wen-Chi Wu, Tai-Chung, Taiwan
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 M.S., Emporia State University
 Educational Administration
 Dissertation: EFL Optimum Learning
 Environment: Perceptions of Faculty and
 Students at a Selected Taiwanese
 Technical University

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 M.A., University of Oklahoma
 Educational Administration
 Dissertation: Faculty Perceptions of
 Higher-Order Thinking at Technical
 Universities in Central Taiwan

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 B.A., LiaoNing University, P.R. China
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 Curriculum & Instruction
 Dissertation: Teacher Perceptions of Inclusion
 and Their Implementation of Accommodations
 for Students with Disabilities in General
 Education Classrooms

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Master of Arts

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 Psychology
 Thesis: A Validation of a Conflict
 Avoidance/Aversion Scale and Its
 Implications on Conflict Management

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 Secondary Education

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 Psychology
 Thesis: Heterosexual Masculinity and
 Anti-Homosexual Prejudice: Predicting
 Negative Attitudes Toward Gay Men

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An American Tragedy and *The Great Gatsby*

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Thesis: Perceptions of Level of Intoxication
and Risk Related to Drinking and Driving

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Thesis: *Shore Lines*

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Chemistry
Thesis: The Mechanism of Amino Acid
Analysis on Diamond Thin-Film Electrodes

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Psychology
Thesis: The Role of Disaster Response
Location on Traumatic Stress Reaction of
American Red Cross Disaster Workers
Following September 11, 2001

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Educational Administration

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Chemistry
Thesis: X-Ray Crystallography of New
Chelating, Anthraquinone Ligands

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Psychology
Thesis: Training Effectiveness and
Mental Model Change

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History

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Psychology
Thesis: Understanding the Relationship Among
Help Seeking Ethnic Identity and Alternative
Sources of Help in Multicultural Populations

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Psychology
Thesis: Parental Stress and Anxiety in
Relation to Children's Depression: A
Community Sample of Preschool-Aged
Children in the Rural Midwest

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Psychology
Thesis: Age-Related Variations in Driver
Mental Workload During Mid-Block and
Intersection Travel

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Educational Administration

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Psychology
Thesis: Distress Tolerance and Experiential
Avoidance: Associations with Coping
Strategies, Affect Intensity, and Symptoms
of Depression and Borderline Personality
Disorder

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Thesis: Rural Females and Males Interviewed:
A Qualitative View of Marital Satisfaction

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English
Thesis: No Room for "Preening and
Prettifying": Professional Writing in the
Novels of William Dean Howells

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English
Thesis: *Sink or Swim*

Master of Natural Science

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Master of Music

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Music

Master of Professional Accountancy

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Physical Therapy
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Thesis: Genetic Diversity in *Lithophragma maximum*, An Endangered, Endemic Plant of San Clemente Island, California
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Kristi Kay Sporrer, Alcester, SD
B.S.A&S., South Dakota State University
Physical Therapy
Mingxin Tang, Liaoning, P.R. China
B.S., M.S., China Medical University, P.R. China
Basic Biomedical Science
Thesis: Activation of the Calcineurin/NFAT
Pathway in Desminopathy Mouse Hearts:
The Role of Proteasomal Malfuncion

Jeffery Earl Tveit, Chamberlain, SD
B.S.Ed., Northern State University
Technology for Education & Training
Troy E. Van Essen, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Dordt College
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Physical Therapy
Katie Marie Walter, Aberdeen, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Physical Therapy
Sarah Ann Waring, Yankton, SD
B.S.Ed., University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Physical Therapy

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

University Scholar

The designation of University Scholar is a unique and significant honor granted to an undergraduate student by The University. In addition to high level scholarship, it requires participation in the University Honors Program culminating in successful completion of a substantial senior project.

Jathan Arthur Chicoine, Gilbert, IA
Bachelor of Arts, College of Arts & Sciences
Thesis: Extraordinary Experiences in the
Context of Maya Creation Myth
Aubrey Jay Milton, Astoria, SD
Bachelor of Science, College of Arts & Sciences
Thesis: Racial Disparity in Juvenile Justice:
A Literature Review

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Jathan Arthur Chicoine, Gilbert, IA
Anthropology, International Studies
Cum Laude
University Scholar
Dirk B. Craft, II, Wasilla, AK
Political Science
Chelsey Elizabeth Krull, Sioux Falls, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism, Spanish
Magna Cum Laude

Lesley M. MacLean, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology
Tracy Dawn Rauscher, Rock Valley, IA
Psychology
Philip David Squires, Sioux Falls, SD
English

Bachelor of Science

Jacob H. Andersen, Sioux City, IA
Psychology
Cum Laude
Katie Elizabeth Baldwin, Sioux Falls, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Benjamin Gerold-Loren Blackford, Sioux City, IA
Biology
James Nathaniel Bower, South Sioux City, NE
Chemistry
Molly Jean Daniel, Newell, IA
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Kama Deane Dodge, Britt, IA
Psychology
Cum Laude
Jessica Patrice Gunderson, Sioux Falls, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Traci Lynn Hochhalter, Mobridge, SD
Criminal Justice
Gabrielle Ann Kathleen Iverson, Sioux City, IA
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Andrew Thomas Johnson, Fort Pierre, SD
Psychology
Brandy Kay Johnson, Vermillion, SD
English
Stacy Lynn Kant, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology
Josh G. Meyer, Madison, SD
Psychology, Criminal Justice
Amanda Darlene Miller, Stanton, NE
Criminal Justice
Eric C. Miller, Yankton, SD
Psychology, Political Science

Aubrey Jay Milton, Astoria, SD
Psychology, Criminal Justice
Cum Laude
University Scholar

Mitchell James Patrick, Oakland, IA
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Mark A. Rambow, Piedmont, SD
History

Mindy K. Rumbolz, Ethan, SD
Biology, Psychology

James A. Sabata, Lincoln, NE
English

Juanita Elizabeth Saldana, Garner, IA
Criminal Justice

Svien Anthony Senne, Vermillion, SD
Biology

Yan Sun, Chongqing, P.R. China
Biology

Summa Cum Laude

Nicole Renee Whitlock, Sioux City, IA
Psychology

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration

Andrew Kenneth Ausborn, South Sioux City, NE
Management

Austin Jon Bernhard, Fort Pierre, SD
Management

Amy Lynn Jones, Martin, SD
Finance

Mark Stephen Ludens, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting

Cum Laude

Christopher John Miller, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Services Administration

Keith David Muller, Spearfish, SD
Accounting

Katie E. Peterson, Sioux City, IA
Accounting

Eric D. Russell, Marion, SD
Finance

Briley Jon Sharping, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Services Administration

Douglas L. Standley, Canton, SD
Management

Alexander A. Swain, Sioux City, IA
Management

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Education

Lee William Langbehn, Vermillion, SD
History Education

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Music

Matthew Allen Besta, Beresford, SD
Music Studies

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Bachelor of Arts

Elizabeth A. Crabtree, Lennox, SD
Social Work, American Indian Studies
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

Megan Lynn Azevedo, Rapid City, SD
Social Work, Psychology
Cum Laude

Anna Marie Bourne, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work

Danelle Marie Cass, Pierre, SD
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies, Psychology

Dana Jo Gaskins, Yankton, SD
Social Work

Sarah Anne Gitlin, Correctionville, IA
Social Work

Carla Marie Heller, Pierre, SD
Physician Assistant Studies

Summer Rose Linke, Norfolk, NE/Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work
Cum Laude

Beverly Ann Lovell, Springfield, SD
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Jill Jaminet Majeres, Remsen, IA
Social Work

Magna Cum Laude

Judy Mae Miller, Yankton, SD
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

Lisa M. Mathison, Canton, SD

Todd Allen Sangel, Milford, IA

Alicia Marie Schneckloth, Ida Grove, IA

Associate of Science

Dixie Sue Calhoun, Midland, SD
Nursing

Brian Peter Christiaansen, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Martie J. Dekam, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Lisa Sherri Slaamod, Park River, ND
Nursing

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
Magna Cum Laude
Cum Laude

equal to or greater than 3.9
equal to or greater than 3.7
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
With High Honor
With Honor

equal to or greater than 3.9
equal to or greater than 3.7
equal to or greater than 3.5

The commencement program is a list of candidates for degree.
It is not an official listing of degrees conferred.

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:

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

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