

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



THURSDAY, AUGUST SECOND

TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN
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.....Kjersten Ohrlund
The audience is invited to sing. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

Welcome.....Professor Kaius Helenurm
Chair, USD Faculty Senate
President James W. Abbott

Commencement Address.....Dr. Nancy McCahren
“3 R’s”

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

Alumni Welcome.....Steve Sikorski
Alumni Association Representative

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*.....Kjersten Ohrlund
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
Dr. Nancy McCahren, Speaker
Steve Sikorski, Alumni Association Representative
Kaius Helenurm, Chair, USD Faculty Senate
Matthew C. Moen, Acting Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs
Karen L. Olmstead, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs & Dean, Graduate School
Rodney R. Parry, Vice President, Health Affairs & Dean, Sanford School of Medicine
Barry R. Vickrey, Dean, School of Law
Kurt Hackemer, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Michael J. Keller, Dean, Beacom School of Business
Linda J. Reetz, Interim Dean, School of Education
Daniel G. Guyette, Dean, College of Fine Arts
Laurie J. Becvar, Dean, Division of Continuing Education
Kirsten Compary, Acting Dean of Students
Laura J. Janski, Vice President, Research
Thomas L. Sorensen, Associate Dean, School of Law
Carmen J. Howard, University Registrar
Darcy Rokusek, Interpreter

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Kathryn Johnson
Dean Krogman
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Carole Pagonos
Tonnis H. Venhuizen

Honorary Marshals

Emeritus Professor Wayne S. Knutson
Emeritus Professor Allen Johnson

Lead Marshals

Professor Leon Korte
Professor Barbara A. Yutrzenka

Marshals

Professor David Carr	Professor Dave Moen
Professor Emily Haddad	Professor Jim Richardson
Professor Marlene Jacobson	Professor Lana Svien
Professor June Larson	Professor Gerald Yutrzenka
Professor Richard Muller	

Faculty in Attendance

Professor Mark Baron
Professor Teri Bellis
Professor Larry Bright
Professor Paula Burns
Professor Karen Card
Professor Michael Card
Professor Hee-sook Choi
Professor Tom Davies
Professor Kelly Duncan
Professor Joe Edelen
Professor Doreen Gosmire
Professor Elizabeth Hanson
Professor Christina Jackson
Professor Jerry Jacobs
Professor James Korcuska
Professor Carolyn Prentice
Professor Randy Quevillon
Professor Lee Ann Roripaugh
Professor Charles Schwartz
Professor Cliff Summers
Professor William Sweeny
Professor Michelle Van Maanen
Professor Dan Van Peursem
Professor Joanne Wounded Head
Professor Garreth Zalud

Administration in Attendance

Roberta S. Ambur, Vice President, Information Technology
Teddi A. Joyce, Vice President, Marketing, Enrollment and Student Services
Diane S. Zak, Director, Human Resources

Ushers

Diane Orr, Lead Usher
Laurie Miiller, Lead Usher
Jennifer Fredricksen
Teresa Hays
Carly Heard
Olivia Kastengren
Dominique Lyon
Jessica Schulte
Clarence Shoemaker
Ann Tracy
Jill Ward
Susan Wasley

Interpreter

Darcy Rokusek

Candidates for Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

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| Christopher Randall Bloss
B.A., M.A., University of Missouri-Columbia
M.A., Southwest Missouri State University
English
Dissertation: The Dogwood Waltz and Other Stories | Sharon L. Nelson, Riverside, CA
B.A., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education |
| Raluca M. Gaher, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S.A&S., M.S., South Dakota State University
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Psychology
Dissertation: Expectancies and Evaluations of Alcohol Problems | Renae D. Reljic
B.S., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Dissertation: The Correlates of the MMPI-2 Clinical Scales for a Selected Non-clinical Population Using the Adjective Check List |
| David L. Meyer, Chicago, IL
B.S., University of the Ozarks
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Psychology
Dissertation: Exploration of Trait Anxiety, Depression, and Anger as Moderators of Reported Traumatic Stress Symptomatology in Red Cross Disaster Responders | Christopher Lee Smith, Aberdeen, SD
B.S., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Psychology
Dissertation: The Impact of Educational Advertising on Attitudes Toward Help-Seeking, Stigma, and Utilization of Mental Health Services |
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Doctor of Education

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| John P. Anderson
B.A., South Dakota State University
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Cultural Attitudes and Learning Perceptions of Taiwanese Graduates from a Midwestern Educational Administration Doctoral Program | Jon Patrick Ellerbusch, Aberdeen, SD
B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed., Northern State University
Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: A Study of Minnesota Teachers' Perceptions of Alternative Compensation Plans |
| Linda J. Boullion, Norfolk, NE
B.M.E., Westmar College
M.M., Drake University
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: The Effect of Diction Instruction on the Intelligibility of College Age Singers | Randall B. Harkless
B.S.B.A., M.B.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Selected South Dakota Native American Students' Perceptions of Financial Support for Post-Secondary Education at a Tribal College |
| John Buckner Bridewell, Grand Forks, ND
B.S., Louisiana Tech University
M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Aviation Graduates' Competencies 2000-2006: Perceptions of Aviation Educators and Industry Representatives in the United States | Marice A. Highstreet, Hurley, SD
B.A., Augustana College
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: Curriculum Mapping: A Phenomenological Study |
| Brian Robert Dzwonek, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., The University of North Carolina at Wilmington
M.Ed., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
Dissertation: South Dakota High School Principals' Perceptions of the Quality of Distance Education Courses | Tamra Lynn Hummel, Jefferson, SD
B.S.Ed., M.A., Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: The Study of Professional Development Practices of South Dakota Public Elementary Schools |
| | Linda G. Johnson
B.A., Augustana College
M.A., University of Kentucky
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Faculty Involvement in Scholarly Assessment: A Phenomenological Study of Faculty who Embrace Assessment |

Thomas Mark Johnson, Carrollton, TX
 B.S., Iowa State University
 M.S., University of Nebraska-Omaha
 M.S., University of North Texas
 Educational Administration
 Dissertation: Dallas Region 10 School Instructional Technologists' Perceptions of the Evaluation Process used to Assess Their Job Performance

Sharlen A. Krause, Freeman, SD
 B.A., Mount Marty College
 M.A., The University of South Dakota
 Educational Administration
 Dissertation: A Case Study of the Qualities of Federal TRIO Programs for Nontraditional Students as Experienced by Directors, Administrators, and Faculty

Hsin-Mei Li
 B.A., Chinese Culture University, Taiwan
 M.A., The University of South Dakota
 Educational Administration
 Dissertation: Taiwanese Students' Perceived Levels of General Self-Efficacy, Computer Self-Efficacy, and Satisfaction with E-Learning Courses

Ronald A. Olsen, South Sioux City, NE
 B.A., B.S.Ed., Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
 Curriculum & Instruction
 Dissertation: Comparison of Two Forms of Body Composition Measurement and Blood Pressure of Sixth Grade and Ninth Grade Male Physical Education Students

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 Educational Administration
 Dissertation: Professional Development Needs of Minnesota First-Year Technical College Instructors

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 B.S., South Dakota State University
 M.A., The University of South Dakota
 Curriculum & Instruction
 Dissertation: An Investigation of Actions, Training and Use of Training in Renewal Plans by Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders

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 Educational Administration
 Dissertation: Service-learning: Application and Assessment in Communication

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 Curriculum & Instruction
 Dissertation: Perceptions of Reading Recovery Teachers Regarding Teacher Change and Professional Development

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 Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
 Educational Administration
 Dissertation: Analysis of Block Scheduling in South Dakota High Schools

Heidi Tomek
 B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed., Northern State University
 Curriculum & Instruction
 Dissertation: The Effects of Learning Writing Assessment Methodology on Pre-Service Elementary Teachers' Writing Ability and Perceptions

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 Dissertation: Decreasing Classroom Disruptions and Increasing Assignment Completion of High School Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders

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Master of Arts

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Interdisciplinary Studies
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B.S.A&S., South Dakota State University
History
Thesis: South Dakota During the Administration of Governor Richard F. Kneip, 1971-1978
- Sarah Ruth Banka, Brady, MT
B.S., Montana State University-Bozeman
Psychology
Thesis: Men's and Women's Perceptions of Sexual Coercion: Understanding the Role of Intimacy and Verbal Manipulation
- Amy M. Beckius
B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University
Political Science
Thesis: Why Here, Why Now: Historical Underpinnings of Suffrage and Abortion in South Dakota
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Thesis: Parent-Teacher Collaboration as a Predictor of Maternal Caregivers' Likelihood to Intervene in School Bullying Situations
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Communication Studies
Thesis: An Inquiry into the Relationship Between Job Embeddedness and Communication

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 Interdisciplinary Studies
 Thesis: Chinese Mortuary Rituals in Deadwood, SD: An Archaeological Perspective

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 English
 Thesis: Hybridity in the Novels of Salman Rushdie

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 English
 Thesis: Charlotte Perkins Gilman's Use of Romantic and Realist Literary Forms in Resolving Questions of Community Roles and Relationships

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 Thesis: Reckonings

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 Chemistry
 Thesis: Synthesis, Characterization and Photocatalytic Properties of Titania Aerogels

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 Thesis: The Selective Analysis of Secondary Amino Acids Using LC-EC

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 Thesis: A Distant Rumor

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 Psychology
 Thesis: Users' Preference of Decision Heuristics Examined in Social and Consumer Choice Domains

Master of Natural Science

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Master of Business Administration

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Master of Fine Arts

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Master of Music

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Emily J. Feekes B.A., Northwestern College, Orange City M.M., The University of South Dakota Music	Timothy David Miller, Kensington, MD B.M., University of Delaware Music Thesis: The Origins and Development of the Pedal Steel Guitar

Master of Professional Accountancy

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Biology

Thesis: Social Rank Influences
Neuroendocrine Reactions to Different
Stressors

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Administrative Studies

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Administrative Studies

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Biomedical Sciences
Thesis: Characterizing CAPC and *HER-2* for
Use as Breast Cancer Tumor Markers in
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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.

Jessica L. Fjerstad, Madison, SD
Legal Education
Lucas James Glaesman, Eureka, SD
Converging Trends in Health Care: The United States, Canada, and United Kingdom
Maria Watkins, Newcastle, NE
Preserving the Lakhota Tradition - A Children's Series

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Gina Marie Buckley, Salix, IA
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Magna Cum Laude
Nicholas Allen Eppard, Lennox, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Jessica L. Fjerstad, Madison, SD
Political Science
Cum Laude
University Scholar
Leila Nicole Friel, Lead, SD
Psychology, Spanish

Lucas James Glaesman, Eureka, SD
Political Science
Cum Laude
University Scholar
Lauren Jean Smyrak, Sioux Falls, SD
Communication Disorders
Maria Watkins, Newcastle, NE
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Magna Cum Laude
University Scholar

Bachelor of Science

Chad Andersen
Criminal Justice
Seyna J. Antar, Box Elder, SD
Criminal Justice
Kate Maureen Chilson, Sisseton, SD
Criminal Justice, Social Work
Magna Cum Laude
Jan H. Christensen, Mitchell, SD
Political Science
Jeffrey Mark Engeman, Sioux Falls, SD
Biology
Jason Lloyd Everson, Sturgis, SD
Anthropology
Janet Marie Gehlhausen, Vermillion, SD
Psychology
Addie Mae Katherine Graham, Central City, NE
Criminal Justice
Cum Laude

Erika Marie Haas, Yankton, SD
Psychology, Criminal Justice
Ian S. Hermanson
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Naomi I. Johnson, Sioux City, IA
Communication Studies
Nicole Leemhuis
Psychology
Karla Marie MacArthur, Rapid City, SD
Criminal Justice
Robin Jo Mordhorst, Soldier, IA
Psychology
Andrew Ross Mortenson, Sioux Falls, SD
Political Science
Summa Cum Laude
Lee M. Petersen, Mapleton, IA
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Kathryn Ann Rupp
Psychology, History

Patricia Anne Sachtjen
Criminal Justice
Cum Laude
Benjamin Say, Spearfish, SD
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Jessica Lane Schroeder, Wakefield, NE
Communication Disorders
Kristin Marie Sestak, Tabor, SD
Psychology

BEACOM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration

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Ryan Michael Boen, Colton, SD Accounting	Mandy Marie Manning, Casper, WY Management
Sarah Lorraine Easterby, Sisseton, SD Health Services Administration <i>Cum Laude</i>	Joseph Alan Mohning, Marcus, IA Finance
Brenda S. Fetherhuff, Aberdeen, SD Marketing <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Amanda Lynn Paulson, Tyndall, SD Management
Ryan M. Goehner, Huron, SD Accounting <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Kimberly A. Person, Sioux Falls, SD Management
Matthew R. Gustafson Management	Robert Joseph Sohm, Sioux City, IA Marketing
Thomas Matthew Lanphier, Sioux City, IA Marketing	Tasha Noel Thompson, Yankton, SD Management <i>Cum Laude</i>
Elizabeth Ann Larkin, Watertown, SD Accounting	Christopher Dennis Wilson, Sioux City, IA Management
	Li-Ling Yen, Taipei, Taiwan Health Services Administration

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Recreation

Michael Ray Flynn

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Cody Murner
Art
Nicholas A. Ward
Art

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science

Mark Joseph Edvarado Francisco, Estelline, SD Social Work	Heidi Lynn Peterson, Sac City, IA Social Work
Erin Lee Koch, Sioux Falls, SD Social Work	Ashley Lynn Ramstad, Ada, MN Social Work
Erin Renee Lier Gard, Canton, SD Social Work	Lauren Rae Ronfeldt, Bronson, IA Social Work, Psychology
Krystal L. Mech, Yankton, SD Social Work	Jennifer M. Stahl Social Work
Joy Lynn Nervig, Hastings, NE Social Work <i>Cum Laude</i>	Sadie Lynn Stellish, Cherokee, IA Social Work
Melissa M. Patten, Storm Lake, IA Social Work, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies	

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

Summa Cum Laude	equal to or greater than 3.9
Magna Cum Laude	equal to or greater than 3.7
Cum Laude	equal to or greater than 3.5

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With High Honor	equal to or greater than 3.7
With Honor	equal to or greater than 3.5

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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
Law.....	Purple
Medicine.....	Green

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

Chi Sigma Iota.....	Blue & white honor cords
Mortar Board.....	Gold & silver interlaced 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
Psi-Chi Psychology Club.....	Double gold cord with blue & gold tassels
University Honors Program.....	Gold stole