

# Commencement Exercises

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

*The Star-Spangled Banner*.....USD Chamber Singers  
The audience is asked to stand. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

Introduction & Welcome.....Heidi Nickisch Duggan, USD Senate Chair  
President James W. Abbott

Commencement Address.....Dr. Kathryn Johnson  
*South Dakota Board of Regents*

*Exsultate Justi In Domino*, by Viadana.....USD Chamber Singers

Conferring of Degrees..... Regent Kathryn Johnson  
President James W. Abbott

Alumni Welcome.....Robert Padmore  
*Alumni Association*

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*.....USD Chamber Singers  
The audience is invited to sing. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

Recessional - *Sinfonia*, by Mouret.....Dr. Larry B. Schou  
*Professor of Music*

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## Honorary Marshals

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Jack Noble  
Chuck Roegiers

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## Lead Marshals

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Leon Korte  
Barbara Yutzenka

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## Alma Mater

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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 tramping 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.

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## Marshals

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# Candidates for Degrees

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Doctor of Philosophy

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Patricia Lynn Croftwell, Spring, TX  
B.S., M.S., Texas A&M University  
Biological Science  
Dissertation: Molecular mechanisms underlying skeletal segmentation in the zebrafish, *Danio rerio*

Chad Allen Lewing, Florien, LA  
B.A., Northeast Louisiana University  
M.S., University of Louisiana at Monroe  
Psychology  
Dissertation: Psychological Reactance as a Predictor of Sexual Offending Among Males

Eric Todd Liknes, Langford, SD  
B.S., Northern State University  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Biological Science  
Dissertation: Seasonal Acclimatization Patterns and Mechanisms in Small Temperate Resident Passerines: Phenotypic Flexibility of Complex Traits

Goichiro Tamura  
B.S., University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan  
Basic Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: Mammalian Tolloid-like 1 is Negatively Regulated by Stress and Glucocorticoids

### Doctor of Education

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Pai-Tsang Danniel Chen, Tianan, Tiawan, ROC  
B.S., Urbana University  
M.S., Central Michigan University  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Taiwanese University Health Care Student Perceptions of Factors Affecting Motivation to Study English as a Second Language

Marie A. Cundy-Lohsandt, Madison, SD  
B.B.A., Dakota State University  
M.S., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Online or Inline: Perceptions of Online Learners Regarding Student Services in South Dakota

Sharon Kay Garvin, Wayne, NE  
B.S., Wayne State College  
M.P.A., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Accounting Curriculum Revision: Stakeholder Perceptions Regarding Prioritization of AICPA Care Competencies in Nebraska

Gwo-Yunn Jaw, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC  
B.S., Tamkang University, China  
M.S., DePaul University

Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Online Course Receptivity Related to Perceptions of Fluency in Use of Computers, Email, and Web

Amy Louise Jones  
Parkston, SD & Benson MN  
B.S., M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Faculty Members' Comfort Level in Utilizing High-Fidelity Simulation in an Undergraduate Nursing Program

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B.S., The University of Mary  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Communication Apprehension in an Online Public Speaking Course

Alexis Michel Larson  
B.S., M.A., Augustana College  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: Traditional and Authentic Assessments in Mathematics Instruction with First Grade Students: Three Case Studies

Lana Mae Loken, Mitchell, SD  
B.S., St. Cloud State University  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Critical Thinking Abilities of Undergraduate Entry-Level Athletic Training

Margaret Redenbaugh, Storm Lake, IA  
B.S., M.A. Northwestern Missouri State University  
Educational Administration  
Melissa S. Wheelock, Kearney, NE  
B.A., Doane College  
M.S., Northern State University  
E.D.S., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Teacher Assessment of School Climate and Its Relationship to Years of Working with An Elementary School Administrator

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## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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### Doctor of Medicine

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Christopher Lee Jones, Tulsa, OK  
B.S., M.A., Oklahoma State University

Jonathan Henry Schafer, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., Evangel College  
J.D., The University of South Dakota

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## SCHOOL OF LAW

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### Juris Doctor

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James Christopher Cerney, Mobridge, SD  
B.G.S., University of Nebraska-Omaha

Brandon Dale Rowenhorst, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Saint Cloud State University

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Specialist in Education

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M.S., Dakota State University  
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Christine A. McCoy  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Thesis: Factors that Influence Implementation of Reading Recovery

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M.B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Technology for Education & Training

Patricia Rae Ward, Sioux Falls, SD  
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M.A., Augustana College  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Thesis: Token Economies with an Imbedded Response Procedure for Decreasing Classroom Disruptions of High School Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders

Rhonda R. Zinter, Milbank, SD  
B.S.ED., Northern State University  
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## Master of Arts

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Counseling and Psychology in Education
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Secondary Education
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- Angela Rae Bradfield, Hartford, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Secondary Education
- Judy Gail Bradford, Peoria, IL  
B.S., North Central College  
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- Jennifer Brooke Cottingim, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Political Science
- Jessica R. Deinert  
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- Teresa Ann Ferris, Parker, AZ  
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- Laura Jean Gebhart, Elkton, SD  
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Thesis: Appearance and Reality in An American Tragedy and the Great Gatsby
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Psychology  
Thesis: The Relationship Between Help Seeking and Self-Concepts in Diverse Quantitative and Qualitative Approach
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English  
Thesis: An Explanation of Women and Marriage in Jane Austen's Novels
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Psychology  
Thesis: Predictors of Mental Health Service Utilization in Military Trauma Survivors Diagnosed with PTSD
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B.S., Nankai University, China  
Chemistry  
Thesis: Study of Anthraquinone-Based Compounds for Sensing of Ammonium Ion
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B.A., Zhejiang Normal University, China  
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Interdisciplinary Studies
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B.S., Osmania University, India  
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Chemistry  
Thesis: Synthesis of Polymer Light Emitting Diodes (Pled's) Precursors.
- Charles P. Voegeli  
B.S.A&S., South Dakota State University  
Counseling and Psychology in Education
- Eric T. Wienke  
B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Psychology
- Vayomi Ranmalee Wijeratne, Newala, Sri Lanka  
B.S., University of Arizona  
Computer Science  
Thesis: Automated Biological Flat File Parsing
- Nicholas M. Willan, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
Thesis: Eye-Gaze Behavior and the Conspicuity of Fluorescent Colored Highway Signs: Discriminating between Bottom-up versus Top-down Mechanisms of Attention in visual search
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B.A., Augustana College  
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## Master of Business Administration

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## Master of Fine Arts

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Thesis: Construction Instruction

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## Master of Professional Accountancy

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Thesis: Recruitment and the "Quiet Crisis" in the  
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Administrative Studies  
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Administrative Studies  
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B.A., Augustana College  
Biomedical Sciences  
Thesis: The Use of RNA Interference to Locally  
Knockdown Corticotropin Releasing Factor in  
the Central Nucleus of the Amygdala to Study  
Its Role in Anxiety-Like Behavior in the Rat  
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Technology for Education & Training

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Physician Assistant Studies  
Thesis: The Effectiveness of Tacrolimus for  
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B.S., Rocky Mountain College  
Biology  
Thesis: Sylvatic Plague in Black-Tailed Prairie  
Dog Colonies

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Physician Assistant Studies  
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Occupational Therapy  
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Biology  
Thesis: Exercise, Ethology, Neuroendocrine

Activity and Stress Responses in Mice  
Selected for Increased Voluntary Wheel-running  
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Psychology  
Thesis: Goal-Settings and Wellbeing: A  
Temporal Framework  
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Physician Assistant Studies  
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Administrative Studies  
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Administrative Studies

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Administrative Studies  
Megan Gail Vlaun, Silver Spring, MD  
B.A., Grove City College  
Administrative Studies  
Stephanie M. Walker, Sioux City, IA  
B.S., Morningside College  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Michelle M. Zepher  
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Administrative Studies  
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B.A., Mount Marty College  
Occupational Therapy  
Jared Kendall Zobel, Ida Grove, IA  
B.S., Morningside College  
Administrative Studies

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## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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

Heather Sue Hoff-Wolff, Eureka, SD  
Biology, Chemistry  
*The Birds of Spirit Mound: An Inventory, Density Survey, and Breeding Bird Atlas Utilizing Various Electronic Field Guides*  
Timothy Ted Schellhammer, Chatfield, MN  
Mathematics Education  
*Measuring the Impact of Curriculum on*

*Attitude Towards Mathematics at the OCETI Sakowin Education Consortium Honors Program*  
Elijah J. Stines, Holstein, IA  
Psychology, Mathematics  
*Characterizations of HFD's With Boundary Positive Rank 1 DVR Overings in Terms of Their Groups of Divisibility*

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Arts

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Leesa Joy Bendt, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Timothy Christopher Binder, Spearfish, SD  
Political Science  
Kimberly Anne Carriveau, Chicago, IL  
Criminal Justice  
David Keith Cooper, Sioux City, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Cachelle Renee Cronin, Yankton, SD  
International Studies, Spanish  
Jennifer Lee Csongradi, Centerville, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Eric Christopher Duhachek, Mission Hill, SD  
Philosophy  
Katrina A. Dunham, Lennox, SD  
Biology  
Dona Jo Entrekin, Houston, TX  
American Indian Studies

Dustin Robert Garber, Pierre, SD  
Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*  
Rachel Elizabeth Jacques, Winona, MN  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Leah Nan Keating, Madison, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Scott Krivohlavek, Norfolk, NE  
Criminal Justice, English  
Steven Philip Krueger, Rapid City, SD  
History  
Daniel James McGrane, Madison, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Katie Michelle McKenzie, Pierre, SD  
Psychology  
Grant Robert Merrill, Sioux Falls, SD  
Political Science  
Gregory A. Pasco, Jr., Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice

Teresa M. Rathbun, Rapid City, SD  
Music, Political Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Elisabeth M. Robinson  
Criminal Justice, Spanish  
*Cum Laude*  
Jessica June Smith, Dell Rapids, SD  
Criminal Justice  
Samantha Irene Stobbe, Plainview, NE  
Criminal Justice, Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kelly Beth Van Beek, Sheldon, IA  
Communication Disorders  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Lisha Ann VonEhwegen, Vermillion, SD  
English  
Julia Kaye Weisgram, Pierre, SD  
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### Bachelor of Science

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Chemistry  
Laura Elizabeth Arend, Aberdeen, SD  
Psychology  
Brooke Rai Bagenstos, Holstein, IA  
Communication Disorders  
Kyle C. Bartz  
Biology  
Jessica M. Beeson, Dante, SD  
Criminal Justice  
Wesley Patrick Beschorner, Lohrville, IA  
History  
Beau Jordan Blouin, Sioux Falls, SD  
History, Sociology

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Psychology  
Deana M. Brown, Wathena, KS  
Criminal Justice  
Elizabeth May Buckman, Lennox, SD  
Political Science  
Emily K. Buckmiller, Canistota, SD  
Communication Disorders  
Sharleen Renee Bush, Britton, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*  
Tina Marie Bye, Gayville, SD  
Criminal Justice  
Jacci Jahnel Carey, Highmore, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Emily Christine Case, Sioux City, IA  
Psychology

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Criminal Justice  
Gena Lee Christofferson, Ponca, NE  
Sociology  
Hui Long Chun  
Computer Science  
Terri A. Coughlin  
Criminal Justice  
Chris S. Econ  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Rick L. Evans  
Biology  
*Cum Laude*  
Ann Terese Frisbie, Sioux City, IA  
English  
Jonathan Gill George, Meriden, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Susan Elizabeth Grace,  
Sioux Falls, SD & Mobridge, SD  
Criminal Justice, Political Science  
*Cum Laude*  
Sara M. Hansen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
Kari Lynn Harrigfeld, South Sioux City, NE  
Biology  
Robert Paul Hastings, Sparks, NV  
Psychology  
Heather Sue Hoff-Wolff, Eureka, SD  
Biology, Chemistry  
*University Scholar*  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Karina Dawn Holtzman, Neodesha, KS  
Contemporary Media & Journalism, Psychology  
Tara Ann Hulm, Bison, SD  
Criminal Justice, Psychology  
Katie Jean Irwin, Marcus, IA  
Communication Disorders  
*Cum Laude*  
Sarah Dee Jager, Alcester, SD  
History  
Jennifer Lynn Kappel, Yankton, SD  
Biology  
Todd William Kennedy, Vermillion, SD  
History  
Genean Marie Kiefer, Aberdeen, SD  
Criminal Justice  
Melanie Sue Kline, Yankton, SD  
Biology  
Kirsten Leigh Korte, Vermillion, SD  
History  
Molly A. Kuxhaus, Martin, SD  
English  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Dustin Adam Larson, Vermillion, SD  
Communication Disorders  
Daniel Martin Letsche, Marcus, IA  
Computer Science  
Addie Mae K. Light  
Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*  
Dawna Rae Loneman, Sioux Falls, SD  
History  
Traci Jean Lueth, Wakefield, NE  
Sociology

Carin Nichole Madlock, Tiffin, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Diane E. Manas, Utica, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*  
Krista Marie Mastel, Forest Lake, MN  
Anthropology  
Kristen Jeanne Maxon  
Rapid City, SD & Chamberlain, SD  
Mathematics  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
James F. McFarlane  
Contemporary Media & Journalism, History  
Peggy Ann Medema, Valentine, NE  
History  
Karyn Elaine Miller, Beresford, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Jason Todd Monroe, Vermillion, SD  
History  
Landon Patrick Morse, Vermillion, SD  
History  
Nicholas Jon Mouw, Sioux Center, IA  
Biology  
Cress Jay Murdock, Lakewood, CA  
Criminal Justice  
Jonathan James Olson, Aberdeen, SD  
Mathematics  
Maria Magdalena Olson, Centerville, SD  
Political Science  
Bryon Laurence Pedersen  
Mathematics  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Derek Christian Petersen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
Charles Seth Phillips, Vermillion, SD  
Computer Science  
Ryan William Pickel  
Criminal Justice  
Jessica Noel Poppe, Yankton, SD  
Psychology  
Nickolas Chris Rallis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Chemistry, History  
Nicole Marie Rausch, Hoven, SD  
Communication Disorders, Psychology  
Monica Angela Reed, St. Paul, MN  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Aleacia Marie Rix, Clearwater, NE  
Criminal Justice

Amber Lynn Schnabel, Mitchell, SD  
Communication Disorders  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Brandon Michael Silver, Rapid City, SD  
Earth Science  
Jenny Marie Simonett, Mankato, MN  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Ryan L. Slaba, Wagner, SD  
Biology  
Tara Lynn Smith, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology  
*Cum Laude*  
Rachel Joy Solbach, Vermillion, SD  
Psychology  
Kathleen Rae Steil, North Sioux City, SD  
Communication Studies  
Elijah J. Stines, Holstein, IA  
Mathematics, Psychology  
*University Scholar*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Bradley J. Tauchen, Huntsville, AL  
History  
Marcie Jeanette Townsend, Laurel, MT  
Biology  
Jinny K. Tran, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*  
Timothy James Triplett, Iowa City, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Terri L. Upward  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Joseph B. VanLeur, Brandon, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Jessica Ann Walters, Waubay, SD  
History, Political Science  
John P. Warner  
History, Psychology  
Kelsey April Lyn Wentler, Zimmerman, MN  
Criminal Justice, Psychology  
Jesse C. Wilkens, Watertown, SD  
Biology  
Brian Jeffrey Wirth, Hurley, SD  
Political Science  
*Cum Laude*  
Michelle Jean Zimiga, Vermillion, SD  
Communication Disorders  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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## Associate of Arts

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Janet Leona Andersen, Valley Springs, SD  
*With Highest Honor*

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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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### Bachelor of Business Administration

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Lacey Jean Andrews, Iroquois, SD  
Accounting  
David Timothy Avery, McCook Lake, SD  
Finance  
Michael B. Bankowski, Sioux Falls, SD  
Economics  
Richard Allen Bitterman, Delmont, SD  
Economics  
Matthew Steven Buenzow, Waseca, MN  
Accounting, Arts Management  
Justin Wayne Bylander, Yankton, SD  
Management  
*Cum Laude*  
Zachary Robert Clark  
Management  
Lynne Marie Connors, Jefferson, SD  
Management, Mathematics  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Darren Michael Cook, Luverne, MN  
Finance  
Jeffrey Robert Cott, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Colleen Marie Dean, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*  
Paul Robert Denton, Pierre, SD  
Finance  
Christopher Eugene Douglas, Sioux City, IA  
Management  
Dana Dianne Fisher, Winner, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Tyson Lee Goehring, Delmont, SD  
Management  
James Fredrick Gordon, Scotland, SD  
Management  
Tamera Renee Gran, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Samantha Jane Grogan, Burke, SD  
Management  
Joseph Olin Harris, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Erwin D. Heber, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Christina L. Heinrichs, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting  
Andy James Hill, Canton, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*  
Amanda Christine Jackson, Yankton, SD  
Accounting  
Noelle Joy Jacobs, Correctionville, IA  
Accounting  
Robert Thomas Konrad, Tripp, SD  
Economics  
Tanner Terrence Krantz, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Sara Lynn Kuhl, Worthington, MN  
Accounting  
Mandy Marie Lammers, Yankton, SD  
Management  
Ryan J. Lenhoff, Yankton, SD  
Finance  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Mitchell Roger Locken, Bath, SD  
Management

Donna J. Mau, Elk Point, SD  
Accounting  
Amanda Lynne Nelson, Elk Point, SD  
Management  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Khoang Hoang-Dang Pham, Sioux City, IA  
Finance  
John P. Prickett  
Management  
Madra Sue Rensberger, Brandon, SD  
Accounting

Stephen G. Schermerhorn  
Accounting  
Sarah Ann Schmitt, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Adam Daniel Schwab, Montorville, MN  
Finance  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Joshua Axel Swanstrom, Beresford, SD  
Economics  
Robert John Tieg, Custer, SD  
History, Management

Jason Matthew Van Sloten, Hawarden, IA  
Accounting  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Adam Royal Weischedel, Brandon, SD  
Management  
Laurielle L. Williams, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Brittany Lynne Wilson, Yankton, SD  
Management  
Teresa Ann Young, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

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## Bachelor of Science in Health Administration

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Nicole Ashley Evenson, Yankton, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
Andrea Kathryn Gengler, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Brook A. Gengler, Yankton, SD

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science in Education

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Larry John Aaker, Bison, SD  
Elementary Education  
Abigail Anna Alesch, Marcus, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Chelsea Marie Armbruster, Webster, SD  
English Education  
Leah Lynnette Bakke, Volga, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Greta Ann Binder, Yankton, SD  
Spanish Education  
Kassidi Marie Bridge  
Physical Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Adam D. Fischer, Parkston, SD  
English Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Camilla Jo Fitzgerald, Dell Rapids, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Rachel Sue Frazee, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education

April Lynn Graham, Coleridge, NE  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Laura Kay Heeney, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Trevor Don Hightree, Homer, NE  
Elementary Education  
Ginny Rae Kannenberg, Dell Rapids, SD  
Elementary Education  
Maria Jean Klein, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology Education  
Susan K. Koertner  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Keri Colleen Krehbiel, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Summer Rae Kuecker, McCook Lake, SD  
Elementary Education  
Cade Meriin Lang, Brandon, SD  
Elementary Education

Megan Michelle Nearman, Elk Point, SD  
English Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Shawn Robert Packard, Lawton, IA  
Elementary Education  
Kristin Lynne Pfeiff, Colfax, ND  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Timothy Ted Schellhammer, Chatfield, MN  
Mathematics Education  
*University Scholar*  
*Cum Laude*  
Diana J. Schierholz, Salem, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Robert Joseph Sullivan, Mitchell, SD  
Physical Education  
Douglas Matthew Vickery, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
Elementary Education  
Ryan Kenneth Vondrak, Merrill, IA  
Elementary Education  
Kylee Lynn Waldron, Murdo, SD  
Elementary Education

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### Bachelor of Science in Recreation

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Mandy Jo Censky, Jackson, MN  
Michael S. Girard, Wakonda, SD  
Jason Gary Madsen, Vermillion, SD

Nicole Lynne Nusz, Menno, SD  
Amanda Lynn Richter, Brandon, SD  
Austin Eugene Taylor, Vermillion, SD

Daniel Tolsma  
Stacy Ann Vesely, Lake Andes, SD  
*Cum Laude*

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## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

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### Bachelor of Fine Arts

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Jason A. Engelbrecht, Brandon, SD  
Art  
Derek James Farley, Beresford, SD  
Art  
Carl William Gorton, Garretson, SD  
Art

Kenzie Kae Kerkhoff, Manning, IA  
Theatre  
Nicholas John Lowry, Fairmont, MN  
Art, Computer Science  
Christian Erik Mortenson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art

Jo Anne Stanage, Yankton, SD  
Art  
Kade C. Wells, Clear Lake, SD  
Theatre

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### Bachelor of Music

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Meredith Peterson Allen, Ayrshire, IA  
Music Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Rebecca Lynn Assmus, White Lake, SD  
Music Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Matthew Allen Besta, Beresford, SD  
Music Studies

Julie Anne Borg, Vermillion, SD  
Music Performance  
Robert Joseph Frankl, Sioux City, IA  
Music Education  
Amy Jo Johnson, Storm Lake, IA  
Music Education  
Patrick Richard Ondrozeck, Vermillion, SD  
Music Performance

Kristin Marie Siebrands, Watertown, SD  
Music Education  
Jeanie Alisha Wiegner, Volga, SD  
Music Education

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## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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### Bachelor of Arts

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Mary M. Bricker, Spearfish, SD  
Psychology, Social Work  
*Magna Cum Laude*

### Bachelor of Science

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Jessica L. Aker, Watertown, SD  
Social Work  
Crystal Ann Andresen, Hartington, NE  
Social Work  
Jaclyn Rose Jensen, South Shore, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
James D. Johnson, Vermillion, SD  
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Shavaun Kay Kerf, Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work  
Kevin James McCormick, Salem, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Nolan Dean Peterson, Yankton, SD  
Social Work  
Amy Jo Shipman  
Social Work

Meredith Ann Vos, Sheldon, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kathryn S. Wurtz, Viborg, SD  
Social Work

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### Associate of Science

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Robin A. Aos, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Jennifer Dawn Bornitz, Hills, MN  
Nursing  
Lindsay Erin Bouman, Hot Springs, SD  
Nursing  
*With Honor*  
Stefanie Gene Brink, Watertown, SD  
Nursing  
Elizabeth Anne Cimpl, Tabor, SD  
Nursing  
Eden J. Dillon, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Katherine Christine Eixenberger, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Jennifer Lynn Gorder, Hills, MN  
Nursing  
Crissy Annete Gravely, Beresford, SD  
Nursing  
Cassandra Lynn Hack, Yankton, SD  
Nursing  
Shiloh Rebecca Hewitt, Sturgis, SD  
Nursing

Allissa Rae Hoffman, Burke, SD  
Nursing  
Megan Marie Jacobs, Correctionville, IA  
Nursing  
Christine Ida Johnson, Flandreau, SD  
Nursing  
Sandra J. Knobloch, Larchwood, IA  
Nursing  
Annette Cecilia Martens, Garretson, SD  
Nursing  
Donna Kaye Mathieson, New Underwood, SD  
Nursing  
Roberta Jean Olson, Lankin, ND  
Nursing  
Tylese Marie Pearson, Alcester, SD  
Nursing  
Alison Mae Peil, Martin, SD  
Nursing  
Jennifer Lee Phillips, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Kimberly Ann Radford  
Nursing

Summer Dawn Radke, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Kirstie Ann Rients, Canby, MN  
Nursing  
Laura Ann Rotzien, Philip, SD  
Nursing  
Ann Sarutzki, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Jesi Jo Smith, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Tina Marie Sorenson, Arlington, SD  
Nursing  
Sandra Ann Thomas, Marion, SD  
Nursing  
Haley L. Walker, Wall, SD  
Nursing  
Kevin A. Wilson, Wall, SD  
Nursing  
Melanie Ann Winter, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Angela Nell Womack, Beresford, SD  
Nursing