

THE THIRTY-SECOND WINTER SESSION  
**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



HELD IN THE DAKOTADOME ON THE  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, VERMILLION

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER FIFTEENTH**

TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

AT TEN O'CLOCK A.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.....USD Chamber Singers  
directed by Dr. David Holdhusen  
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.....Lt. Governor Dennis Daugaard

*Oh Day Full of Grace*, arr. by F. Melius Christiansen.....USD Chamber Singers  
directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

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

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

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

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

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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 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.

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## Stage Party

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James W. Abbott, President  
Tonnis H. Venhuizen, Board of Regents Representative  
Lt. Governor Dennis Daugaard, 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 and Dean, Sanford School of Medicine  
Barry R. Vickrey, Dean, School of Law  
Christina Keller, 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 Sorensen, Associate Dean, School of Law  
Jenifer Jost, Acting University Registrar  
Ceason Hunter, Interpreter

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## Board of Regents

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Emeritus Professor Dennis A. Johnson  
Emeritus Professor Jerry W. Johnson

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## Lead Marshals

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Professor Leon Korte  
Professor Barbara A. Yutrzenka

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## Marshals

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Professor Emily Haddad	Professor Johntimothy Pizzuto
Professor Greg Huckabee	Professor James Richardson
Professor Beverly Kennedy	Professor Terry Robertson
Professor Solveig Korte	Professor Roberta Rude
Professor June Larson	Professor Timothy Schorn

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## Faculty in Attendance

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Professor Meja Bola Avoseh	Professor Clayton Lehmann
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Professor Marlys Boschee	Professor Bridget Nichols
Professor Sherrie Bosse	Professor Wade Nilson
Professor Teri Bellis	Professor Seth Olson
Professor Larry Bradley	Professor Carolyn Prentice
Professor Larry Bright	Professor Randy Quevillon
Professor Steven Bucklin	Professor Srin Ragothaman
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Professor David Holdhusen	Professor Robert Weber
Professor Moses Ikiugu	Professor Robert Wharton
Professor Christina Jackson	Professor Mandy Williams
Professor Marlene Jacobson	Professor Skip Willman
Professor Kathleen Kaminski	Professor Joanne Wounded Head
Professor James Korcuska	

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## Administration in Attendance

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Roberta S. Ambur, Vice President, Information Technology  
Teddi A. Joyce, Vice President, Marketing, Enrollment and Student Services

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## Interpreter

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Ceason Hunter

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## Ushers

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Diane Orr, Lead Usher	Dominique Lyon
Laurie Miiller, Lead Usher	Stephanie Moser
Grace Bick	Sue Nelson
Ian Blake	Joe Rainboth
Katie Feimer	Lloyd Rowland
Jennifer Fredericksen	Clarence Shoemaker
Teresa Hayes	Ann Tracy
Olivia Kastengren	Susan Wasley
Bruce King	Deb Wiemers



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# Candidates for Degree

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Doctor of Philosophy

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Shannon Nicole Baugher, Quincy, IL B.A., Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville M.A., The University of South Dakota Psychology Dissertation: Rape Myth Acceptance and Sexual Trauma History: An Analysis of Respondent Characteristics	Jennifer Evelyn Moskowitz, Vermillion, SD B.A., University of Sioux Falls M.A., The University of South Dakota English Dissertation: The Politics of Adolescent Fiction: Sites and Moments of Ideological Interpellation
Christopher L. Hansen B.A., University of North Dakota M.A., The University of South Dakota Psychology Dissertation: Development of a Methamphetamine Expectancies Scale	Andrea Nicole Reeves, San Diego, CA B.A., Sonoma State University M.A., The University of South Dakota Psychology Dissertation: Barriers To and Utilization Of Mental Health Care: A Comparison of Overweight/Obese and Healthy Weight Medical Patients
Jennifer K. Helkenn, George, IA B.A., Briar Cliff College M.A., The University of South Dakota Psychology Dissertation: Correlates of Parenting Stress: Child, Parent, and Environmental Characteristics in a Low-Income Sample of Parents of Preschool Children	Dennis Gary Russell, Sioux Falls, SD B.S., University of Nebraska, Kearney M.S., St. Cloud State University Counseling & Psychology in Education Dissertation: Adolescent Attachment: Socioemotional Relations with Peers and Parents
Tara Leigh Krog, Volga, SD B.S.A&S., South Dakota State University M.A., M.P.A., The University of South Dakota Psychology Dissertation: Consumers, Staff, and Family Members of Consumers Construal of an Assertive Community Treatment Program: A Grounded Theory Approach	Robert Parrish Waters, Charleston, SC B.A., The University of North Carolina at Asheville Biological Sciences Dissertation: Monoaminergic, Endocrine and Behavioral Response to Selection for Intrinsic Endurance Capacity in the Laboratory (NIH) Rat

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### Doctor of Education

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Christopher W. Budden, Rapid City, SD B.A., Saint Martin's College M.B.A., M.P.A., City University of Seattle Educational Administration Dissertation: Personal and Educational Factors of Mathematics Success: An Ex Post Facto Study at a Two-Year Postsecondary Institution	Heather Waring Johnson, Rapid City, SD B.A., M.A., The University of South Dakota Educational Administration Dissertation: Factors Affecting Student Retention at a Select Two-Year Technical College
Diane Lynn Grahek, Rapid City, SD B.S., Black Hills State University M.Ed., South Dakota State University Educational Administration Dissertation: Analysis of a Professional Development Model for Faculty at a Selected Two-Year Technical Institute	Kathy Jean Knipper, Sioux City, IA B.A., Clarke College, Dubuque M.A., University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Curriculum & Instruction Dissertation: Influences of Elementary Education Teacher Candidates' Current Reading Attitudes and Personal Reading Practices
Patricia A. Hallman, Pittsburgh, PA B.S.A&S., M.S., South Dakota State University Educational Administration Dissertation: Accelerated and Traditional Baccalaureate Nursing Programs: A Comparison of Academic Student Outcomes	Christopher Allen Todden, Alta, IA B.A., Buena Vista University M.S., Western Illinois University Educational Administration Dissertation: Faculty with Clinical Responsibilities Perception of Their Career Success, Promotion and Tenure, and Commitment to Athletic Training Education

Joanne Lynn White Thunder, Kyle, SD  
B.S.B.A., Oglala Lakota College  
M.S., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Success Factors Single Mothers  
Attribute to their Program Completion at a  
Selected Rural University

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## SANFORD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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### Doctor of Medicine

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Samuel Thomas Camp, Watertown, SD  
Ken H. Masters, Jay, OK  
B.A., Rice University

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## SCHOOL OF LAW

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### Juris Doctor

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Specialist in Education

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### Master of Arts

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 War Impact on Policy and Electoral Politics,  
 1862-1864

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 Response Styles in Child Loss Survivors  
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 Thesis: The Beowulf Poem as a Cultural  
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 Thesis: Emotion Regulation as a Predictor of  
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## Master of Music

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Music  
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## Master of Science

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## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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### University Scholar

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Adam Ryan Benson  
Development of a Summer Park and  
Recreation Program

Jacob Andrew Mortenson  
Explaining Test Score Variation of South  
Dakota Schools: A Simultaneous Equations  
Analysis

Kay Lynn Otteman  
The Effectiveness of Nonspeech Oral Motor  
Therapy With Childhood Apraxia of Speech

Heather Marie Siebert Bachelor  
Narratives in Healthcare: The Sojourner  
Perspective

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Arts

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Chelsie Laura Aanenson, Lennox, SD  
Communication Studies

Melissa Elizabeth Adams, Collins, IA  
Anthropology, History  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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Political Science Education

Heather Alice Campbell, Elk Point, SD  
Political Science

Michelle L. Dahl, Sturgis, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Caitlin Anne Dill, Sturgis, SD  
English

Melissah Christine Dooheh, Yankton, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Catherine Lynn Edwards, Rapid City, SD  
Psychology

Tyler Steven Evans, Stewart, MN  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Luke Jordan Garry, Madison, SD  
Economics, Spanish  
*Cum Laude*

Scott Graham, Anoka, MN  
Political Science, International Studies  
*Cum Laude*

Jessica R. Harms, Lennox, SD  
Spanish, History

Halli E. Holden, Pierre, SD  
English

Ali Khokhar, Sioux City, IA  
Communication Studies

Jessica Marie Kleinschmit, Menominee, NE  
History, Anthropology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Carla Sophia Laermanns, Cologne, Germany  
History, International Studies

Jonathan Wayne Mammenga, Marion, SD  
Political Science  
*Cum Laude*

MacKenzie Cordes McDonald, Bloomfield, NE  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Tiffany McSparran, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Jacob Andrew Mortenson, Fort Pierre, SD  
Economics  
Political Science  
*University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude*

Timothy Ray Ohden, Laurens, IA  
Political Science

Nicholas Ryan Paulsen, Avoca, IA  
Anthropology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Christopher Timothy Petersen, Sioux City, IA  
International Studies  
*Cum Laude*

John T. Rapinchuk  
Political Science

Lindsey Anne Royal, Sioux Falls, SD  
English

Matthew Rawland Siebert, Sioux Falls, SD  
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David C. Stevens, Sioux Falls, SD  
Spanish

Amanda Marie Vanden Hoek, Corsica, SD  
Communication Disorders

Andrea Judith Wisdorf, Chanhassen, MN  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

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### Bachelor of Liberal Studies

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### Bachelor of Science

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English

Bryan Adam Anfinson, Holstein, IA  
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Daniel Richard Barth, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
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Dino Barth, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

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Jarrod James Brower, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Samuel Joseph Gerhardt, Vermillion, SD  
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Scott Charles Golden  
Criminal Justice

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Psychology

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Psychology

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Psychology

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Mark Daniel Smith, Montrose, SD  
Biology

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Earth Science

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*Cum Laude*

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Biology

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Psychology  
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Zachary Scott Zwieg, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

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## BEACOM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Marketing  
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Finance  
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Management  
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Marketing  
Jason John Bontje, Beresford, SD  
Management  
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Management  
Marrissa Marie Bunger, Spencer, SD  
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Finance  
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Accounting  
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Health Services Administration  
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Health Services Administration  
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Accounting  
Allison Marie Dykstra, Yankton, SD  
Management  
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Finance  
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Marketing  
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Accounting  
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Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

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Management  
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Management  
Brian T. Haber, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance  
Scott William Hansen, Milbank, SD  
Finance  
*Cum Laude*  
Melissa Sue Hight, Sioux Falls, SD  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
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Finance  
Stephanie Marie Janssen, Yankton, SD  
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Laura E. Johannes, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*  
Mohammad Karimzadeh, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Nick Kocourek, Pipestone, MN  
Management  
Jonathan Lawernce Kokesh, Yankton, SD  
Management  
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Management  
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Management  
Kyle Ray Niemann, Castlewood, SD  
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Marketing  
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Marketing  
Brett Duane Peterson, Clear Lake, IA  
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Management  
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Marketing  
*Cum Laude*  
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Marketing  
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Accounting  
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Management  
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Marketing  
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Accounting  
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Management  
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Accounting  
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Management  
Justin Michael Vinzant, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance  
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Marketing  
Derek J. Whitney, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Amanda Brynn Young, Mitchell, SD  
Management  
*Cum Laude*

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science in Education

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Elementary Education, Special Education  
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Elementary Education  
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Elementary Education  
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Chelsea Jo Cahoy, Mitchell, SD  
Elementary Education  
Michael Joseph Coady, Worthing, SD  
Elementary Education  
Marshall Lanier Crawford, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
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*Cum Laude*  
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Biology Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Samantha Lee Fitchhorn, Woodbine, IA  
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Physical Education  
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Elementary Education  
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Elementary Education  
Brenda Jene McCollough, Vail, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
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Mathematics Education  
Carmen Marie Meyer, Yankton, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
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Tanna Leah Miiller, Vermillion, SD  
Biology Education  
Rachel Ann Myers, Yankton, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
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Kristin Kay Plueger, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Traci Lynn Rosheim, Fenton, MO  
Elementary Education, Special Education

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Elementary Education

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Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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## Bachelor of Science in Recreation

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## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

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### Bachelor of Fine Arts

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Art  
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Art

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Art, English  
*Cum Laude*  
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Art  
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Art

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### Bachelor of Music

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Lucas LeRoy Burk, Ida Grove, IA  
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Christopher Mark Miller, Mitchell, SD  
Music Education  
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### Bachelor of Musical Arts

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## SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Arts

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### Bachelor of Science

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Social Work

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Dental Hygiene  
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Social Work  
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Social Work  
*Cum Laude*

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Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies  
Criminal Justice

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## Associate of Science

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Nursing  
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Nursing  
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Nursing  
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Nursing  
Kristen Marie Cline, Mesa, AZ  
Nursing  
Michelle Ann Draine, Sturgis, SD  
Nursing  
Candy Sue Dunavan, Sturgis, SD  
Nursing  
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Nursing  
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Nursing  
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Nursing  
Paula K. Hambek  
Nursing  
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Nursing  
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Nursing  
*With Honor*  
Barbara Ann Havens, Spearfish, SD  
Nursing  
Kelly Leanne Heintz, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Lindsey Michelle Hespe, Belle Fourche, SD  
Nursing  
Patty Ann Hood, Lennox, SD  
Nursing  
Maureen Kay Howard, Spearfish, SD  
Nursing  
Kayla Lee Howe, Hettinger, ND  
Nursing  
Angela M. Jackley, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Dede Ann Janzen, Box Elder, SD  
Nursing  
*With Honor*  
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Nursing

Bill James Kassube, Hill City, SD  
Nursing  
Angela Marie Kent, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Nancy Colleen Larson, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
*With High Honor*  
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Nursing  
Renee Rose Macer, Belle Fourche, SD  
Nursing  
William C. Meisner, South Sioux City, NE  
Nursing  
Nicole M. Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Melissa Ann Molskness, Rutland, SD  
Nursing  
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Nursing  
Denyse Judith Novak, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
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Nursing  
Angela Marie Peterson, Dell Rapids, SD  
Nursing  
Jamie Lynn Pokorney, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Susan Elizabeth Reitmeier, La Crosse, WI  
Nursing  
Jennifer Paula Ruppert, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Ashley Jordan Schriever, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Lucas Alan Scott, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Sadie Jo Stephan, Tea, SD  
Nursing  
Travis Vickers, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Laurie Marie Visser  
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Jennifer Ann Volk, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
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Nursing  
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Nursing  
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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	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

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	equal to or greater than 3.9
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

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

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

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

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

Arts and Sciences.....	White
Business.....	Sapphire Blue
Education.....	Light Blue
Fine Arts (Art and Theatre).....	Brown
Fine Arts(Music).....	Pink
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
Golden Key International Honour Society.....	Blue & gold honor cord
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

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.