

THE THIRTY-FIRST WINTER SESSION
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



HELD IN THE DAKOTADOME ON THE
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, VERMILLION

SATURDAY, **D**ECEMBER **S**IXTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND **S**IX
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 Sharlow
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.....Governor M. Michael Rounds

I Can Tell The World, by Moses Hogan.....USD Chamber Singers
directed by Dr. David Sharlow

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

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

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*.....USD Chamber Singers
directed by Dr. David Sharlow
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
Royce C. Engstrom, Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs
Tonnis H. Venhuizen, Board of Regents Representative
Governor M. Michael Rounds, Speaker
Jennifer Garelik Jones, Alumni Association Representative
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
Ronald Lindahl, Executive Dean, Sanford School of Medicine
John Williams, Dean, Division of Health Sciences, Sanford School of Medicine
Barry R. Vickrey, Dean, School of Law
Thomas L. Sorensen, Associate Dean, School of Law
Matthew C. Moen, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Michael J. Keller, Dean, 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
Terisa C. Remelius, Assistant Vice President, Student Services & Dean of Students
Laura J. Jenski, Vice President, Research
Carmen J. Howard, University Registrar
Ceason Hunter, Interpreter

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Randall K. Morris
Carole Pagonos
Tonnis H. Venhuizen

Honorary Marshals

Emeritus Professor Charles Roegiers
Emeritus Professor Robert Wood

Lead Marshals

Professor Leon Korte
Professor Barbara A. Yutrzenka

Marshals

Professor David Carr	Professor Doug Peterson
Professor Kurt Hackemer	Professor Terry Robertson
Professor Greg Huckabee	Professor Roberta Rude
Professor Cory Knedler	Professor Timothy Schorn
Professor Solveig Korte	Professor Gerald Yutrzenka
Professor Dave Moen	

Faculty in Attendance

Professor Angela Anderson
Professor Meja Bola Avoseh
Professor Mark Baron
Professor Teri Bellis
Professor Larry Bright
Professor Karen Card
Professor Michael Card
Professor Jon Elhai
Professor Mary Engstrom
Professor Michael Gillispie
Professor Emily Haddad
Professor Elizabeth Hanson
Professor Lisa Hazlett
Professor Christina Jackson
Professor Marlene Jacobson
Professor Christina Keller
Professor Dona Kennealley
Professor Ranjit Koodali

Professor Clayton Lehmann
Professor Margaret Miller
Professor Marcia Morrison
Professor Bridget Nichols
Professor Carolyn Prentice
Professor Randy Quevillon
Professor Mary Ring
Professor Lee Ann Roripaugh
Professor Charles Schwartz
Professor Diane Sevening
Professor Stacy Smallfield
Professor Barbara Stolle
Professor Robert Tosterud
Professor Dan Van Peursem
Professor Robert Wharton
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
Richard D. Van Den Hul, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Cecil O. Foster, Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Services

Interpreter

Ceason Hunter

Candidates for Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

- Daniel Wayne Bird, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota
Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation: Role of Membrane Lipoproteins
Maa1 and Maa2 in Mycoplasma Arthritis
Adherence
- Kimberly Ann Douchis, Baltimore, MD
B.A., University of Maryland Baltimore County
M.A., Loyola College in Maryland
Psychology
Dissertation: Psychological Reactions and
Coping Strategies of American Red Cross
Personnel 1-Year Following the Terrorist
Attacks of September 11th
- Jin Song, Suzhou, Jiangsu, China
Bachelor of Medicine, Nanjing Medical
University, China
Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation: The Effect of Androgens on
Angiotensin II-Induced Renal Responses in
Hypertension
- Xiaosun Zhou, Changzhou, Jiangsu, China
B.S., Suzhou Medical College, Suzhou, China
Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation: Evaluation of Interaction between
Nitric Oxide and Aldosterone in the
Cardiovascular and Renal System
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Doctor of Education

- Michael Mushtaq Ahmed, Vermillion, SD
B.A., M.A., Eastern Illinois University,
Charleston
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Patient Education: Speech-
Language Pathologists' Perceptions Regarding
The Use, Effectiveness, and Barriers of Adult
Education Principles
- Tai-Heng Chen, Yun-lin, Taiwan
B.S.R., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Analysis of Leisure and Tourism
Behaviors of International and American
Graduate Recreation Majors in the Central
United States
- Giann-You Chen, Taipei City, Taiwan
B.S.B.A., Colorado State University, Pueblo
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Taipei Technical University
Student's Perceptions of Internet Security and
Their Willingness To Use Computer Resources
- Wendy Claussen-Schoolmeester, Pipestone, MN
B.S., M.S., Southwest State University, Marshall
Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Western Minnesota Public School
Elementary Principals' Perceptions Regarding
The Selection of Teachers
- Bill R. Heimann, Wakefield, NE
B.A.Ed., M.S.Ed., Ed.S., Wayne State College
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Performance Evaluation of
Nebraska's K-12 Public School
Superintendents
- Chin-Chin Kao, San Jose, CA
B.A., Chinese Culture University,
Yang-Ming-Shan, Taiwan
M.A., University of Idaho
Educational Administration
Dissertation: EFL Listening Comprehension
Strategies Used by Students at the Southern
Taiwan University of Technology
- Kai-Lee Lin
B.A., M.S., Central Missouri State University
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Computer Attitudes Among
Continuing Education Graphic Design Students in
Taiwanese Technical Colleges and Universities
- Jui-hsiang Lu, Taoyuan, Taiwan R.O.C.
B.A., M.A., Providence University, Taichung,
Taiwan
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Students' Perceptions Regarding
English Proficiency Testing at a Selected
University of Technology in Taiwan
- Barbara Jean Myers, Brookings, SD
B.S., Mississippi University for Women
M.S., Dakota State University
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Computer Anxiety: Student
Perceptions of the Relationship Among Computer
Attitude, Computer Experience, Age, Gender, and
Socioeconomic Status
- Ryan Lee Sevenson, Vermillion, SD
B.A., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Balancing Education and Experience:
An Examination of Employer Perceptions
Regarding Recent College Graduates
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Laura E. Steele, Lincoln, NE
B.A., Chadron State College
M.S., Fort Hayes State University
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Adult Students' Importance of and Satisfaction with Degree Programs and Services
At a Baccalaureate College of Liberal Arts

Michelle M. Van Maanen, Yankton, SD
B.A., University of Northern Iowa
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Employer Perceptions of the Contemporary Media and Journalism Program
At The University of South Dakota

SANFORD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Doctor of Medicine

Trevor Ryan Anderson, Spearfish, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota
William Bryce Gammeter, Rapid City, SD
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctor

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Jeremy Michael Berg, Odin, MN
B.S., South Dakota State University
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B.S.B.A., M.B.A., The University of South Dakota
Travis James Lieb, Big Stone City, SD
B.S., United States Military Academy,
West Point, NY

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Abby Jo Oftedal, Wentworth, SD
B.S.B.A., Dakota State University
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GRADUATE SCHOOL

Specialist in Education

Billy Paul Beesley, Ashland, WI
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Educational Administration
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M.S., Black Hills State University
Technology for Education and Training
Erika K. Hamilton, Dickinson, ND
B.A., Minot State University
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Jacky Fei Yang, Taipei, Taiwan
B.A., Mei-ou Christian College, Taipei, Taiwan
M.B.A., Kansas Wesleyan University
Ed.D., The University of South Dakota
Technology for Education and Training

Master of Arts

Andrea Michelle Anderson, Elk Point, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota
Speech-Language Pathology
Aaron Anthony, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Aaron Arvel Balliet, Sergeant Bluff, IA
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Chemistry
Thesis: Enolization: Synthesis and Study of Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

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B.S., The University of South Dakota
Interdisciplinary Studies
David Ryan Berg, Vermillion, SD
B.A., The University of South Dakota
Communication Studies
Thesis: The New Way and the War on Terror: A Generic Analysis of George W. Bush's War Rhetoric

Didimalang Sekoko Biorn, Francistown,
 Botswana
 B.A., The University of South Dakota
 M.A., University of Botswana, Africa
 Psychology
 Thesis: People Living with HIV/AIDS:
 Perspectives on Mental Health Counseling
 Needs & Barriers to Mental Health Counseling
 Services in South Dakota

Samuel Clay Bjornestad, Sioux Falls, SD
 B.S., The University of South Dakota
 Computer Science

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 B.S.A&S., South Dakota State University
 Secondary Education

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 Colombo, Sri-Lanka
 Communication Studies

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 B.S.Ed., Dakota State University
 English
 Thesis: Heroes Get Remembered, but Legends
 Never Die: The Untold Story of Jesse Latimer

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 B.A., Northwestern College, Orange City
 Secondary Education

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 B.S., Wayne State College
 M.S., South Dakota State University
 Biology

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 Psychology
 Thesis: Effects of Geographic Familiarity, Map
 Complexity, and Rotation Angle on Localization
 Performance

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 Speech-Language Pathology

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 Communication Studies
 Thesis: Women in Coaching: Title IV in Effect,
 But Their Presence Still Not Felt

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 Psychology
 Thesis: Training Effectiveness and Mental
 Model Change

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 Thesis: Ambient and Focal Processing of
 Scenes of Different Sizes

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 Thesis: Sioux City - Chicago's Only Rival:
 The Conquest of the Northwest and the
 Building of a Metropolis

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B.A., University of Colorado, Denver

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Art

Master of Music

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Music

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Music

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Occupational Therapy

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Biomedical Sciences

Thesis: Differential Gene Expression in
Endometrial Tissue and Cultured Cells

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B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University
Administrative Studies

Fan Zhou, Chengdu, China
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Administrative Studies

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.

Nikola Litchev Datzov
From Avaricious to Altruistic and Back: The Evolution of Open Source Software

Catherine Laura Deatherage
Spectroscopic Determination of Water Coordination Number in Aqueous Europium

Christopher C. Fisher
The Open Theist's Manifesto

Carrie Dawn Lingscheit
Only Human...Nature of the Beast

Matthew Robert Nipe
Fiction From a Biology Major

Thesis Scholar

The designation of Thesis Scholar is an honor granted to undergraduate students by The University. As well as the successful completion of general education core and discipline requirements, it entails that the student complete three honors seminars and a substantial senior project.

Marcus Jon Merritt
Blinking Wildly: Poems and Things 2006

Erica Ann Schroeder
Jury Nullification: The Perspectives of Federal Judges

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Andrea Elizabeth Albrecht, Emerson, NE Contemporary Media & Journalism, Spanish	Mark McLaughlin English
Zack Ball, North Sioux City, SD History	Sean D. McLaughlin German
Theresa Ann Besch, Emmetsburg, IA Spanish	Marcus Jon Merritt, Brookings, SD English
Bryan Lee Bonhorst, Pierre, SD English	Elise Danielle Mund, Watertown, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
Nick Charles Cerny, Columbus, NE Psychology	Courtney Jill Mydland, Sioux Falls, SD Communication Disorders
J. Evelyn Clercx, Elko, NV English	Erin Michele Reed, Lincoln, NE Psychology
Jamie Lynn Decker, Algona, IA Spanish	Carrie Jo Rounds, Pierre, SD Psychology
Kimberly M. DeNeui, Sioux Falls, SD Political Science	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Rachael Lynn Friesen, Stuart, NE History	Joshua Dane Sanger, Redfield, SD English
Jennifer Graham Contemporary Media & Journalism, Spanish	Kimberly Marie Smith, Omaha, NE Communication Studies, Spanish
Kyle Richard Greene, Dakota City, NE English	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Heather RexAnne Haley, Colome, SD Criminal Justice	Paul Schomburg Tacke, Minnetonka, MN Criminal Justice
Joshua Michael Hilpert, Sioux Falls, SD History	Laura Beth Tschetter, Sioux Falls, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Joseph Stephen Williams, Rosholt, SD American Indian Studies
Franco Roy Hudson, Madison, SD English	Karly Catherine Winter, Aberdeen, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
Matthew Ryan James, Rapid City, SD Criminal Justice	Jennifer Louise Wollman, Bridgewater, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
Cacela L. Kalwat, Yankton, SD Spanish	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Meghan Kathleen Woster, Sioux Falls, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
Sara Larayne Kniffen, Vermillion, SD English	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Richard Roger Wright, San Bernardino, CA Psychology
Lesley MacLean Psychology	Terah Quiana Yaroch, Dell Rapids, SD International Studies, History
Candice Renee Martinez, Aurora, CO Psychology	

Bachelor of Science

Katherine Rose Anderson, Rapid City, SD Communication Studies	Sarah Brown Psychology
Page Elizabeth Anderson, Benson, MN Psychology	Jonas Lee Bulman, Rapid City, SD History
David Harold Arendt, Pierre, SD Biology	Carisa Christian, Rapid City, SD Criminal Justice
Ashley Marie Arens, Pierce, NE Psychology	Shannon Marie Christiansen, McCook Lake, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Nikola Litchev Datzov, Yankton, SD Computer Science
Sarah Lynne Bartels, Akron, IA Criminal Justice	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Erin Maureen Behling, Des Moines, IA Biology	Catherine Laura Deatherage, Gaitherburg, MD Chemistry
Katherine Leslie Bennett, Hill City, SD Earth Science	Adam Peter de Hueck, Pierre, SD Political Science
Eric James Brintnall, Aberdeen, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism	Timothy Eric Ferber, Rapid City, SD Communication Disorders

Mark Jerome Fischer, Rapid City, SD
 Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Christopher Craig Fisher, Watertown, SD
 Computer Science, Political Science
Cum Laude

Andrea Susan Fishman, Omaha, NE
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Caroline Vance Foasberg, Roseville, CA
 Economics, History

Beth Ann Fuhrman, Mobridge, SD
 Communication Disorders
Cum Laude

David L. Gleiser, Sioux City, IA
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Allen Goodroad
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Stuart Griffith, Brandon, SD
 Criminal Justice

Karume Taliaferro Hickman, Waterloo, IA
 Philosophy

Matthew L. Hogan, Sioux City, IA
 History

Danielle Mae Jacobson, Sioux Falls, SD
 Psychology
Cum Laude

John C. Jacobson
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Laura Beth Jenks, Yankton, SD
 Psychology, Criminal Justice

Darin Wayne Jarke, Sioux Falls, SD
 Criminal Justice, English

Aarika Lynn Johnson, Hawarden, IA
 Psychology

Ashley Nichole Johnson, Royal, IA
 Chemistry

Robert Roy Johnson, Montrose, CO
 Earth Science

Starr Alexandra Jones, Sheldon, IA
 Criminal Justice, Political Science

Betsy Lynn Kasuske, Milbank, SD
 Biology

Matthew Lee Kaul, Avon, SD
 Anthropology, History

Mike Keitges
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

David Kezar
 Criminal Justice

Stephanie Marie Lang, Sioux Falls, SD
 Biology

Matthew Sidney Larson, Custer, SD
 Criminal Justice

Daniel William Lehmann, Sioux Falls, SD
 Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Douglas Benjamin Lowther, Vermillion, SD
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

James Copley Margadant, Rapid City, SD
 History

Monica Jeanne McFarland, Sioux Falls, SD
 Criminal Justice

Tony Benjamin McKillip, Sioux Falls, SD
 Criminal Justice
Cum Laude

Emily Ann McNamara, Hartford, SD
 Communication Studies

Lucas John Mikkelsen, Gregory, SD
 Contemporary Media & Journalism
Cum Laude

Morgan Marjorie Moravec, Rapid City, SD
 Biology

Lance Jacob Muellenberg, Madison, SD
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Andrea Joy Nagel, Gettysburg, SD
 Biology, Chemistry
Magna Cum Laude

Samuel James Nelson, Yankton, SD
 Criminal Justice

Jessie Lynn Nesseim, Tea, SD
 History

Brianne Rae Neville, Sioux City, IA
 Criminal Justice

Jenna Nielsen
 Psychology

Matthew Robert Nipe, Madison, SD
 Biology
Cum Laude

Jennifer Inez Palsma, Norfolk, NE
 Psychology

Preston Scott Patterson, Kadoka, SD
 Criminal Justice

Katherine Jo Paulson, Springfield, SD
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Matthew Lee Pecoske, Sioux Falls, SD
 Criminal Justice

Sally Ann Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Melany Katherine Pravecek, Vermillion, SD
 Political Science

Amy Jane Rademacher, Winside, NE
 Sociology

Devin P. Reints, Langford, SD
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Ryan Matthew Renfro, Sioux City, IA
 Political Science

Cindy G. Ryan
 Psychology

Erica Ann Schroeder, Miller, SD
 Psychology, Criminal Justice
Magna Cum Laude

Kosta A. Sengos, Sioux Falls, SD
 Psychology

Benjamin Michael Smith, Sioux Falls, SD
 Criminal Justice

Shane Marlow Smith, Sergeant Bluff, IA
 Criminal Justice

Heather Marie Sorheim, Bemidji, MN
 Psychology

Debra Lynn Spencer, Tuthill, SD
 Criminal Justice

Jenessa A. Steiner, Yankton, SD
 Psychology

Brittany Denyl Sutton, Aberdeen, SD
 Biology

Damon James Thielen, Pierre, SD
 Biology

Jason James Wagner, Parkston, SD
 History

Michael F. Weister, Marshfield, WI
Psychology
Carrie Ann Winterringer, Yankton, SD
Sociology
Maria Suzanne Wolle, Truman, MN
Communication Disorders, Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Melissa Kay Wright, Minneota, MN
Psychology, Criminal Justice
Justin Grant Wubben, Spencer, SD
Biology

Associate of Arts

Jesse John Christopherson, Viborg, SD
Bruce Wayne Diede, Yankton, SD
Benjamin S. Powell, Vermillion, SD

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration

Samuel Patrick Adams, Pierre, SD
Finance
Cum Laude
Kariline Chyree Anderson, Reliance, SD
Marketing, Art
Cum Laude
Mark Alan Berreth, Rapid City, SD
Economics
Heath A. Bills, Brandon, SD
Management
Justin Ray Bitz, Aberdeen, SD
Finance
Tony Carr, Belle Fourche, SD
Marketing
Angela Marie Cody, Renner, SD
Management
Eric J. Cotton, Parker, SD
Management
Andrew Scott Currie, Sioux City, IA
Management
Thomas James Curtis, Watertown, SD
Marketing
Christopher Eugene Douglas, Sioux City, IA
Management
Dustin L. Dunbar, Mobridge, SD
Marketing
Christopher Daniel Dvorak, Yankton, SD
Accounting
Eric Robert Fosheim, Huron, SD
Management
Tyler David Gill, Jackson, NE
Management
Ryan Mitchel Hedden, Fairmont, NE
Management
Jaclyn Marie Herold, Waubay, SD
Accounting
Bryan Hohenthauer, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Denise Renee Ishmael, Colome, SD
Management
Cum Laude
Anne Lorraine Jefferson, Richfield, MN
Health Services Administration
Cum Laude
Aaron Paul Jones, Harrisburg, SD
Accounting

Dorothy Kaye Koupal, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Terra Lynn Koupal, Mitchell, SD
Marketing
Christopher Michael Kresak, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Cum Laude
Brandon Kucker
Health Services Administration
Jason Francis LaBarge, Rapid City, SD
Health Services Administration
Alicia Ann Lambert, Sioux City, IA
Accounting
Aaron James Landegent
Finance
Rebecca Mae LaValliere, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Services Administration
Cum Laude
Jonathan Mohr, Sioux Falls, SD
Finance
Derrick Robert Mølgard, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Jeffrey Bryan Morehead, Akron, IA
Management
Hope Christine Moseley, Camp Crook, SD
Accounting
Cum Laude
Matthew Douglas Murphy, Rapid City, SD
Management
Summa Cum Laude
Chas Dean Olson, Pierre, SD
Finance
Heidi Jo Parrish, Ramona, SD
Management
Cum Laude
Shauna Marie Peterson, Sisseton, SD
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude
Matthew L. Price, Mitchell, SD
Health Services Administration
Scott Virgil Radke, Galva, IA
Marketing
Nora Kay Schaefer, Crooks, SD
Management, Psychology
Christopher Matthew Schrenk, Aberdeen, SD
Finance

Nathan C. Seier, Dubuque, IA
Accounting
Jacob Adam Snyders, Garretson, SD
Finance
Amy Marie Steckelberg, Yankton, SD
Finance
Cum Laude
Alissa E. Stern, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Laura Marie Strecker, Primghar, IA
Finance
Alexander Swain, Sioux City, IA
Management

Eli Swanson
Finance
Magna Cum Laude
Danielle Alicia Todd, Newcastle, NE
Finance
Summa Cum Laude
Erin Kathryn Trutna, Lincoln, NE
Management
Jason Patrick Vollmer, Volin, SD
Management
Cum Laude
Megan Lyn Wells, Ireton, IA
Marketing

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Education

Tara Ann Bassett, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education
Barbara A. Beals, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education
Robert Warren Beringer, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Ashley Rae Bills, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Andrea Rae Blaha, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education
Janna Joleta Christiansen, Lake Park, IA
Elementary Education, Special Education
Chad William Conaway, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education
Casey James Crawford, Merville, IA
Physical Education
Jodi Lynn DeHaven, Lennox, SD
Elementary Education
Kathryn Margaret Dethloff, Littleton, CO
Biology Education
Katie Diane Erickson, Stromsburg, NE
Elementary Education, Special Education
Cum Laude
Jennifer Christine Frye, Vermillion, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Annette Jo Gering, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Merritt Michael Groh, Sioux City, IA
History Education
Jennifer Lynn Kahler, Dakota Dunes, SD
Elementary Education
Jessyca Ann Kennedy, Mitchell, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Ashlie Kim Krutter, Castlewood, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Mikala Jo Larsen, Council Bluffs, IA
Elementary Education, Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
John Matthew Lindberg, Sioux City, IA
Mathematics Education
Cum Laude

Ashley Ann Logue, Wakonda, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Summa Cum Laude
Cody Wayne Lukkes, Tyndall, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Angela Dawn McNeal, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education
Shelly Marie Muth, Mitchell, SD
Elementary Education
Katie Jo Nebelsick, Alexandria, SD
Elementary Education
David Nehme Nour, Armour, SD
Elementary Education
Rochelle Eileen Otto, Storm Lake, IA
History Education, Spanish
Carla L. Pierce, Grinnell, IA
Elementary Education, Special Education
Jana Marie Reed, Harrisburg, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
James William Salker, Sergeant Bluff, IA
History Education
Angela Marie Sivertsen, Parkston, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Cum Laude
Wendy J. Sports, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Cum Laude
Mollie Ann Stapelman, Laurel, NE
Elementary Education, Special Education
Cum Laude
Ashley Renee Thompson, Vermillion, SD
English Education
Magna Cum Laude
James Matthew Vahrenkamp, Rapid City, SD
History Education
Christopher Eric Visser, Harrisburg, SD
Mathematics Education
Cum Laude
Lindsey Renee Zeck, Conde, SD
Elementary Education

Bachelor of Science in Recreation

Janna Lynn Hanson, Madison, SD
Recreation

Natalie Marie Muellenberg, Madison, SD
Recreation, Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Brett James Nielsen, Wakonda, SD
Recreation

Danielle Marie Nielsen, Sloan, IA
Recreation

Christopher Jay Edward Sergeant, Monroe, IA
Recreation

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Colleen Kay Amundson, Larrabee, IA
Art
Cum Laude

Joseph Michael Bauer, Morse Bluff, NE
Theatre
Cum Laude

Todd Kober Bressler, Sioux City, IA
Art

Lindsey Liljenquist Clark, Bountiful, UT
Art

Brian Charles Gadeken, Hartington, NE
Art

Sigrður Hjaltadóttir, Sioux City, IA
Art
Magna Cum Laude

Joseph Charles Jamison, Sioux Falls, SD
Art
Cum Laude

Carrie Dawn Lingscheit, Spearfish, SD
Art

Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Music

Ashley Ann Boehnke, Clark, SD
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

Debra Kay Book, Wakonda, SD
Music Education
Cum Laude

Ellyn Kathleen Donahoe, Hawarden, IA
Music Studies

April Kate Ringstmeyer, Winner, SD
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

Eric Glen Tompkins, Chamberlain, SD
Music Studies

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Bachelor of Arts

Julie Jean Beaner, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work

Bachelor of Science

Angela Rae Andal, Volin, SD
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Cristina Lee Colburn, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work

Blair Angela Determan, Gregory, SD
Social Work

Amber Joy Hanson, Prairie du Chien, WI
Social Work

Zona Lyn Hornstra, Canton, SD
Dental Hygiene

Jenna Louise Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work

Nicole Elizabeth Leaver, Arlington, NE
Dental Hygiene

Samantha Jo Stockholm, Chamberlain, SD
Social Work

Jeannie Ann Tew, Sioux City, IA
Dental Hygiene

Ashley Uken, Scotland, SD
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Vanessa J. Yanez, Wagner, SD
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Associate of Science

Jennifer Joy Ames, Valley Springs, SD
Nursing

Janis Anderson, Sturgis, SD
Nursing

Jodi Lynn Andretta, Scotland, SD
Nursing

Thomas Scott Astaldi, Custer, SD
Nursing

Christopher Alan Baartman, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Lesly Joan Bennett, Hot Springs, SD
Nursing

Brittney Lou Bowyer, Canton, SD
Nursing

Tera Dee Brown, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Vanessa Michelle Cheney, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Lacy LaRae Christianson, Moorcroft, WY
Nursing

Allison Elizabeth Creed, Sturgis, SD
Nursing

Dorothy Ann Dolney, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Robin Jean Douglass, Ft. Pierre, SD
Nursing

Jessica Renee Evans, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Amy Ray Fuerst, Tripp, SD
Nursing

Tabitha Lynn Hart, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Kelly Anne Hartnett, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Tonia Renee Haslip, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Megan ZoAnne Hastings, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Julie Dawn Herman, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Sheila Marie Hoiten, Salem, SD
Nursing

Jerry Lee Holsapple, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Jamie Ann Ingalls, Hartford, SD
Nursing

Christopher Elmer Janis, Kyle, SD
Nursing

Susan Lesley Lefevre, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Bobbi S. Marugg, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Christopher Michael Mattern, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Andrea Lynn McDonald, Brandon, SD
Nursing

Tracey L. Miley, Brookings, SD
Nursing

Travis Michael MouseI, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Lisa D. Myers, Box Elder, SD
Nursing

Stefanie Renae Njoku, Mitchell, SD
Nursing

Kimberly K. Ochsner, Hartford, SD
Nursing

Crystal Nicole Philpot, Minot, ND
Nursing

Janet Marie Ray, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

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Nursing

Lisa Marie Routt, Rapid City, SD
Nursing
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Nursing

Chaundra L. Schone, Rapid City, SD
Nursing
With Honor

Molly M. Schuman, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Rebecca Joan Scott, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Lee Edward Shackelford, Jefferson City, MO
Nursing

Emily Kaylene Shinn, Anaheim, CA
Nursing

Desiree Rose Tolo, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Jacqueline F. Valdez, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Samantha VonEye
Nursing

Kelly J. Weathers, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Tod Michael Wendt, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Taryn-Janae K. Wilcox-Olson, Sturgis, SD
Nursing

Raquel Sue Williams, Ekalaka, MT
Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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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

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