

THE ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL

Commencement Exercises
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Held in the DakotaDome on the University Campus,
Vermillion

Saturday, May Seventh
Two Thousand and Five
At Nine-Thirty A.M.

Commencement Exercises

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

Special Music - *The Star-Spangled Banner*, arr. by Lloyd Pfautsch.....USD Chamber Singers
The audience is invited to sing. Gentlemen, please remove your hats. Directed by Dr. Matthew Harden

Welcome.....Dan Van Peurse, USD Faculty Senate
President James W. Abbott

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching.....Vice President of Academic Affairs Royce C. Engstrom
Professor Susan Keith Gray, Department of Music, College of Fine Arts
Professor Elizabeth Smith, Department of Political Science, College of Arts & Sciences

Commencement Address.....United States Representative Stephanie Herseth
Public Service, Community Involvement and the Next Generation of South Dakota Leaders

Special Music - *America, The Beautiful*, Samuel A. Ward, arr. by William Himes.....USD Chamber Singers and Brass Choir
Directed by Drs. Matthew Harden and Rolf Olson

Conferring of Degrees..... Regent Terry Baloun
President James W. Abbott

Alumni Welcome.....Steve Sikorski
Alumni Association

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

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

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Honorary Marshals

Joan England
Orla Christensen
James Stewart

Lead Marshals

Leon Korte
Barb Yutzenka

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.

Marshals

Ann Brunick	Solveig Korte
Clark Callahan	June Larson
David Carr	Doug Peterson
Diane Duin	John Powell
Mary Engstrom	Srini Ragothaman
Tom Geu	Terry Robertson
Randall Gingiss	Leigh Washburn
Greg Huckabee	Gerry Yutzenka
Cory Knedler	

Candidates for Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Donald Edward Baum, Dell Rapids, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Dissertation: An Exploratory Study of Suicide Survivors Finding Meaning in Suffering Through Group and Non-Group Participation

Cecilia Ragaini, Livorno, Italy
B.A., University of Pisa
M.A., South Dakota State University
English
Dissertation: Gender Balance and Cultural Renewal in Sioux Literature

Bing Mo, Chongqing, PRC
B.S., Chongqing Teacher's College
M.S., Kunmin Institute of Zoology
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Biological Sciences
Dissertation: Plant Integrin-like Proteins in Pea Embryonic Axes
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Doctor of Education

Jill Marie Abbott, Perham, MN
B.S., Southwest Minnesota State University
M.S., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Women Administrators' Perceptions of Career Progression in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities: Person and Structural Factors

Sandra Altena, Sioux Center, IA
B.A., Dordt College
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Connection in the College Classroom: A Phenomenological Study of Female College Students and the Relational Cultural Theory

Lisa Ann Bye, Vermillion, SD
B.A., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Student Achievement and Retention in Relation to Supplemental Instruction in a Public Midwestern University

Hsiu Chin, Taiwan
B.S., Chung Shan Medical University
M.S., Kaohsiung Medical University
Educational Administration
Dissertation: The Influence of Nursing Directors' Leadership Styles on Taiwanese Nursing Faculty Job Satisfaction

Thomas Edward Hall, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Winona State College
M.A., College of St. Thomas
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Critical Thinking, Self-Direction, and Online Learning: A Practical Inquiry Perspective in Higher Education

Barbara Lynn Hoekstra, Sioux Center, IA
B.S., Trinity Christian College
M.A., Western Michigan University
Educational Administration

Dissertation: Defining the Phenomenon of Teaching Christianly at a Christian College: A Study Conducted at Dordt College

Michelle R. Hovland, Rapid City, SD
B.S., M.S., Black Hills State University
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: Inquiry into Problem Solving in Reading Recovery

Edwin Gerald Madison, Sioux City, IA
B.A., Briar Cliff University
M.S.E., Wayne State University
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Barriers that Male Students 45 Years of Age and Older Encounter While Pursuing Doctoral Degrees

Michael W. Marek, Vermillion, SD
B.S., M.A., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Portrayal of the Mission of Higher Education in the Media: A National Baseline

Lila May Morris, Aberdeen, SD
B.S., M.S., M.S., Northern State University
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: A Comparative and Descriptive Study of Public School Library Media Centers in South Dakota

Bernadette Louise Olson, Volga, SD
B.S., University of Delaware
M.Ed., University of Virginia
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Program Assessment Practices Utilized by Program Directors of CAAHEP Accredited Athletic Training Education

Babette Jean Patton, Fargo, ND
B.S., Valley City State University
M.S., Minnesota State University - Mankato
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Leading Program Planning Theory Into Practice

Susan E. Roth, Rapid City, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University
M.Ed., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Principal Leadership to Support Professional Development Based on the National Staff Development Council's Context Standards

Karen D. Saunders, Lincoln, NE
B.S., Sioux Falls College
M.A., Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation: A Comparison of Efficacy of Three Direct, Systematic, Synthetic Phonics Programs in First Grade

Yann-Tzy Sheen, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC
B.S.N., National Taiwan University
M.S.N., George Mason University
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Dissertation: An Organizational Culture Comparison Between a Junior College's and Medical Center's Department in Taiwan

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B.A., Eternal Life Christ College
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Educational Administration
Dissertation: International Students' Perceptions Toward On-Line Learning in American Higher Education

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Educational Administration
Dissertation: Effects of a Career Course Outcomes: Differences in Student Persistence Rates, Course Drops, and Credit Hours Taken to Graduate

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Doctor of Medicine

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Psychology
Thesis: The Relationship Among Self-reports of
Animal Cruelty Committed During Childhood,
Physical Parental Punishment, and Adult
Aggression
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Biology
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Thesis: Utopia of Kahlil Gibran's English-
Language Writings
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Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*, Thomas Pynchon's
Gravity's Rainbow and Chris Ware's *Jimmy
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Thesis: Balancing the Equation: An Analysis of
Videostyle of Female versus Female U.S. Senate,
Congressional, and Gubernatorial Races from
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Thesis: Three Major Innovators Who Changed
the Performance and Popularity of the Guitar
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Thesis: Habitat and Life History Characteristics
of *Astragalus barrii* (Fabaceae) in the South
Dakota Badlands
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Biology
Thesis: Divorce and Extra-Pair Paternity as
Alternative Mating Strategies in
Monogamous Sandhill Cranes
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Characterization of a Putative Peptidoglycan Hydrolase Mur1.1 in *Streptococcus Pyogenes*

Danielle Lee Buechler

Reversing the Current Trends: South Dakota Women and Tobacco Cessation

Martha Anne Crouse

Campfire Tales

Nicholas William Cunningham

Psychological Effects of a Sports Injury: Currently Injured versus Recovered Athletes

Justin Jeffrey Elhoff

From Screams and Sepsis to Stupor and Sterile: The Surgical Revolution and Evolution of American Military Surgery from the Civil War through the Great War

Carolyn Jeanne Fischbach

Bioterrorism and the Responsibilities of the Healthcare Professional

Jennifer Lynn George

The Effects of a Strength-training Program on a Child with Down Syndrome

Sara Jo Gerber

Choice Theory in Action

Edwin Carter Gerrish

The Youth Vote: Finding Solutions from Three Perspectives

Ashley Honey Gilchrist

Visual Images of Community and Place Attachment

Cassy Lynn Hansen

The Taphonomy of Pleistocene *Marmota Caligata* from On Your Knees Cave, Prince of Wales Island, Southeast Alaska

Roland Dean Emmanuel Holcomb

Desiccation Tolerance of Plasma Membranes

Annie M. Horner

The Impact of Soil Nutrients on Tallgrass Prairie Restoration: A Case Study from Spirit Mound Historic Prairie

Stacy Ann Hussong

Disiccation Effects on Lipid Membranes of Protoplasts

Bridget Clare Jacobs

Phylogenetic Utility of a Nitrate Reductase (NIA) Intron in Hawaiian *Schiedea* (Caryophyllaceae)

Katrina Maureen Jacobs

Finding the Double Bass in Early American Chamber Music

Elizabeth Anne Kary

Portrait of an American Family

Rose Ann Kelly

Simple Truths: A Play in Two Acts

Sarah Marie Keupp

The Colon in Normal and Infected States: Adrenergic Stimulation of Rat Colonic Mucosae and Bacterial Adherence in the Porcine Distal Colon

Maureen Erin Koenig

Raw, Red Roots: Mass Culture and the Search for Tradition in Appalachian Music

Jennifer Lynn Lamb-Keating

Woodbury County Community Drug Court and Its Juvenile Clients

Tara Nikole Lammers

The Effects of Toxic Mold on Clay County Residents' Health

Elise Noelle Lowe

Assisting Music Education with Technology

Keith Bruce McCollister

Ionic Liquids: Synthesis, Characterization, and Applications

Katherine Marie McDonald

In vitro Cellular Reprogramming of Somatic Cells for the Treatment of Type I Diabetes

Meghan Ruth McGillivray

Women's Satisfaction with Physician Care Provided Following Perinatal Loss

Kelly Louise Meyer

Voices from the Legendary West

Siri Dawn Mielke

Pro-Choice Parenthood: Expanding Options for Today's Parents

Audrey Ann Muellenberg

Over-Scheduling Children: University Faculty Members and Their Children

Patricia Irene Murrell

DNA Evidence: Tainted Silver Bullet?

Adam A. Nelson

Writing Music for Large Ensembles: Getting My Feet Wet

Akinwunmi Oluwaseun Odeniyi

Laser Power Meter

Jolyn J. Parsons

Rural Health Care Coverage and Accessibility: A Study Using the National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs

Lindsey Deborah Rieck

Regulation of Toxin Synthesis in *Streptococcus Pyogenes*

Aaron W. Roseland

Disparities Between Public Defenders and Private Council in South Dakota Criminal Cases

Aaron Kenneth Schulte

The Temptation for College Students to Social Loaf in Group Projects

Robbie James Stapleton

The Effects of Integrating Tablet PC Technology into the Teaching Methods Classroom

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The Effect of International Exposure on University of South Dakota Freshmen

Nathan Scott Peterson

Campaign Scheduling Strategy

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Matthew Paul Bixler, Yankton, SD
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Joshua Salvatore Carr, Miller, SD
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Psychology
Kama Dodge, Britt, IA
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Lea C. Harris, Sioux Falls, SD
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Psychology
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English

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Biology
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Lindsey Deborah Rieck, Warner, SD
Mathematics, Biology

Joel Richard Rische, Wessington Springs, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Jeremiah James Risinger, Sturgis, SD
Computer Science, German
Magna Cum Laude

Jeremy Clayton Rogers, Spearfish, SD
Psychology

Nathaniel Marcus Rohlf, Sioux City, IA
Psychology

Amanda DeAnne Rohwer, Columbus, NE
Criminal Justice

Aaron W. Roseland, Seneca, SD
Political Science

Joseph Patrick Ryan, Sioux Falls, SD
Political Science

Brandie L. Salverson, Rapid City, SD
Biology

Liza Marcia Sampson, Vermillion, SD
Psychology, Criminal Justice

Jill Anita Sandbakken, Wilmot, SD
Biology
Cum Laude

Aaron Kenneth Schulte, Sioux Falls, SD
Mathematics
Cum Laude

Diana Marie Scott, Norfolk, NE
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Jason Lee Seykora, Sioux Falls, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Nicolette Ann Sheppard, Flandreau, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Shelly Sue Skogstad, Clear Lake, SD
Psychology

James Andrew Slattery, Vermillion, SD
History

Michael John Smith, Mitchell, SD
Chemistry

Jennifer Starr Snook, Woodland Park, CO
Criminal Justice

Elizabeth Laura Snyder, Watertown, SD
Psychology

Robbie James Stapleton, South Sioux City, NE
History

Scott Ryan Steckelberg, Chamberlain, SD
Computer Science, Accounting

Tanya Dawn Stepanek, Rapid City, SD
Mathematics

Johann Charles Stokkes, Edgemont, SD /
Menno, SD
Criminal Justice, Sociology

Daniel R. Strong
Economics

Joshua Alan Stroschein, Crooks, SD
Computer Science, Criminal Justice

Amy Sudbeck, Yankton, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Shawnet Whilhelmina Thomas, Vermillion, SD
Psychology

Rachel Ann Thunker, Crofton, NE
Biology

Angela Nicole Tiedt, Box Elder, SD
Biology

Jenna Ann Tolliver, Lennox, SD
Communication Studies, Psychology

Emily Ann Truman, Harrisburg, SD
Psychology

Paul Anthony Tschetter, Sioux Falls, SD
Biology

Lyle J. Vogel, Meckling, SD
Criminal Justice

Anne Renee Voorhes, Pierre, SD
Biology

Dean Roger Warrington
Anthropology

Jamie Lynn Weber, Hinton, IA
Criminal Justice, Political Science
Magna Cum Laude

Ryan Mitchell Weber, Hinton, IA
Criminal Justice

Joseph Dean West, Hudson, SD
Computer Science

Kiesha Jamelle Williams, Rapid City, SD
Chemistry, Spanish

Roger Alan Wilson, Tyndall, SD
Biology

Joni Ann Wipf, Howard, SD
Biology

Mollie Mae Witherbee, Omaha, NE
Communication Disorders

Andrea Jae Wittrock, Brandon, SD
Biology

Beth Nicole Wottreng, Rochester, MN
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Shaun Lee Zemlicka, Milbank, SD
Psychology

Associate of Arts

Sydney Astrid Baken, Gillette, WY
Gregory Dennis Hinders, Rapid City, SD
Brianna Louise Madsen, Redwood Falls, MN

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration

Samantha Jo Ackerman, Selby, SD Management	Jonathan James Guenther, Stickney, SD Accounting Cum Laude	Richele Lynn Rensberger, Sioux City, IA Management
Raymond Alan Aljets, Brandon, SD Management	Tess Marie Halverson, Kennebec, SD Management	LeAnn Lynne Robbins Accounting
Melissa Ann Assman, Winner, SD Management Magna Cum Laude	Doug Irving Hanson, Meckling, SD Management	Crystal Tara Schelling, Brandon, SD Management
Christopher Jacob Berg, Tea, SD Accounting Magna Cum Laude	Jeffrey John Hay, Colman, SD Finance	Alicia Nicole Schunneman, Sioux Falls, SD Economics Magna Cum Laude
Alex J. Bernard, McCook Lake, SD Management	Malcom Tyrone Heard, Brooklyn Park, MN Management	Nathan Joseph Schwab, Aberdeen, SD Management
Todd J. Berndt, Harlan, IA Management	Ryan Allan Hehn, Clear Lake, SD Accounting Summa Cum Laude	Chad M. Serocki, Browns Valley, MN Finance Magna Cum Laude
Eric Lee Boltjes, Ellsworth, MN Finance	Scott D. Hennings, Lawton, IA Management	Amanda Kristine Sheppard, Ruthton, MN Management Cum Laude
Jennifer Ruth Bormann, Cylinder, IA Management	Christian Michael Hermansen, Aberdeen, SD Management	Charles Reid Sheppard, Flandreau, SD Management
Matthew Joseph Brand, Brandon, SD Management Cum Laude	Jesus Hernandez, Sioux City, IA Accounting	Blake Edward Simpferfer, Wall, SD Management
Kathy Jo Brower, Willow Lake, SD Management Cum Laude	Melissa Marie Hopf, Freeman, SD Management Magna Cum Laude	Robin Leigh Skrivan, Bloomfield, NE Management
Jeffrey Thomas Buckley, Sioux Falls, SD Management	Tamara Elizabeth Huber, Sioux Falls, SD Management	Adam Robert Snoozy, North Sioux City, SD Management
Robin R. Bures, Wagner, SD Finance Cum Laude	Jeff Thomas Hurley, Sioux Falls, SD Management	Katherine M. Sorensen, Rapid City, SD Accounting Cum Laude
Cody James Butler, Hastings, NE Management	Tyson J. Keller, Pierre, SD Management	Joseph George Soukup, Wagner, SD Finance Magna Cum Laude
Alison Kay Buttemeier, Howard, SD Finance	James B. Kelly, Elk Point, SD Management	Lindsey Renee Steen, Elk Horn, IA Management
Angela Leah Colford, Vermillion, SD Management	Christopher Allen Knight, Aberdeen, SD Management	Susan Marie Sternhagen, Yankton, SD Management
Nathan Gerald DeVries, Corsica, SD Accounting Cum Laude	Ryan R. Koskan, Wood, SD Accounting	Melanie Carel Swanson, Akron, IA Management
Ryan Michael Duhaime, Elk Point, SD Management Cum Laude	Bobbie Nicole Krueger, Pierce, NE Management	Jesse Lee Talcott, Sioux Falls, SD Management
Brandice Lynn Durham, Wagner, SD Management	Rebecca Ann LaCroix, Crofton, NE/Yankton, SD Management	Andrew Virgil Tesch, Watertown, SD Management
Brett Michael Durick, Pierre, SD Finance Cum Laude	Paul Andrew Larson, Alexandria, SD Management	Christa Jean Texley, Sioux Falls, SD Accounting
Lisa Jean Ellis, Spearfish, SD Management	Eugene Maynard Lebahn, Sioux Falls, SD Accounting	Misha Ann Thompson, Yankton, SD Finance
Ryan A. Elwood, Yankton, SD Finance	Melissa Mary Madsen, New Underwood, SD Management Magna Cum Laude	Kea Reon Thorstenson, Selby, SD Management
Jason Robert Engman, Watertown, SD Finance	Ntukula Mlazier, Kasane, Botswana Finance	Lucas Moe Tibbetts, Sioux Falls, SD Management
Jourdan Lee Erhart, Springfield, NE Finance	Eric Jacob Musch, Watertown, SD Accounting Cum Laude	Janelle Ann Tschetter, Huron, SD Accounting
Michael Thomas Finnegan, Sioux Falls, SD Accounting Summa Cum Laude	Brian Alan Oberlander, Watertown, SD Management	Lacey Lynne Weber, Salem, SD Accounting
Bret Aaron Fransen, Edgerton, MN Finance	Clint Robert Parsons, Brandon, SD Management	Nicholas James Welch, Sioux Falls, SD Economics
Amy Lee Fredrich, Rapid City, SD Accounting	Peggy J. Pierson, Britton, SD Finance Summa Cum Laude	Austin Michael Willuweit, Gregory, SD Accounting Magna Cum Laude
David James Gillies, Aberdeen, SD Finance	John Paul Podgornik, Sioux Falls, SD Management	Lisa Marie Wormsbecker, Tripp, SD Finance
Adam Benjamin Girard, Elk Point, SD Management	Carla Michelle Ragole, Omaha, NE Management	
Tiffany May Gorman, Douglas, WY Finance	Shelly Rae Riedel, Ramona, SD Management	

Bachelor of Science in Health Administration

Nichole Marie Ahlers, Laurens, IA
Carla Marie Bieker, Defiance, IA
Amy Renee Buttemeier, Howard, SD
Landon Lee Carda, Aberdeen, SD
Melissa Jo Castillo, Vermillion, SD
Cum Laude

Brynn Elizabeth Eitzen, Clarinda, IA
Stefanie Rose Geigle, Wall, SD
Magna Cum Laude
Jolyn J. Parsons, Hurley, SD
Magna Cum Laude

Brandi Sue Sander, Yankton, SD
Chelsea Dawn Tripp, Sioux Falls, SD

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Education

Nathan Paul Anderson, Vermillion, SD
Political Science Education
Paula Ann Beckmann, White Lake SD
Elementary Education
Justin Raymond Berg, New Richland, MN
Physical Education
Sheena Marie Bertsch, Spearfish, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Todd Alvin Bladt, Harlan, IA
Physical Education
Sarah Margaret Borgerson, Bellingham, MN
Elementary Education
Sara Marie Cain, Beresford, SD
Elementary Education
Susan Michelle Chamberlain, Earling, IA
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Matthew Warren Chambers, Treynor, IA
Elementary Education
James Allen Clendenin, Jr., Watertown, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Jill Marie Curley, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education
Kayla Jean Erickson, Sisseton, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Kathryne Ann Fitzgibbons, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education

Jamie L. Flanigan, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education
Cheryl R. Geraets, Parker, SD
English Education
Elizabeth Therese Gordon, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Carmen Jeri Graber, Sioux Falls, SD
English Education
Garrett K. Hartwig, Pinedale, WY
English Education
Kimberly Dianne Herrboldt, Menno, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Kerrie N. Herren, Lincoln, NE
Mathematics Education
Rebecca Helen Hoppe, Watertown, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Renee Lindsay James, Lakewood, CA
Elementary Education
Jessie Lynn Jeffery, Adrian, MN
Spanish Education
Laura Elizabeth Kahlandt, Tekamah, NE
Mathematics Education
Julie A. Kelly, Vermillion, SD
English Education,
Communication Studies Education
Cum Laude
Justin Lee Larson, Hurley, SD
Physical Education
Francisca Maria León, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education, Special Education

Melissa Joy Makings, Yankton, SD
Elementary Education
Katie Diane Merrigan, Watertown SD
Elementary Education
Kristin Beth Milander, Coleridge, NE
Elementary Education, Special Education
Cum Laude
Kelly Andrea Murphy, Sioux Falls, SD
English Education
Melissa Renee Parker, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Natasha Marie Phillips, Yankton, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Cum Laude
Cassandra Jean Pietz, Tyndall, SD
Communication Studies Education
Cum Laude
Carrie Elizabeth Roerig, Brookings SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Robin R. Stainbrook, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Cum Laude
Amanda Joan Washinowski, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education
Luke Christopher Youmans, Madison, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Jackie Lyn Zuiderhof, Arlington, SD
Mathematics Education

Bachelor of Science in Recreation

Derrick D. Brown, Vermillion, SD
Stacy L. Dahlmann, Papillion, NE
Theresa Ann Eustice, Waseca, MN
Matthew Restlin Haake, Winona, MN

Lacey Joy Liebmann, Crystal Lake, IL
Jodi Lynn Martinson, Inwood, IA
Lacey Marie Ross, Omaha, NE
Cum Laude

Lindsey Leigh Soukup, Lincoln, NE
Cum Laude
Heather Kay Stone, South Lyon, MI
Shannon Louise Villalobos, Vermillion, SD
Jeremy Scott Weed, Verona, WI

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Catherine Theresea Andela, Hawarden, IA
Theatre
Gerald Michael Bollig, Yankton, SD
Art
Marcie E. Brenden, Sioux Falls, SD
Theatre
Cum Laude
Martha Anne Crouse, Morris, MN
Theatre
Summa Cum Laude

Darrin Golden, Council Bluffs, IA
Theatre
Cum Laude
Wyatt Wayne Holiway, Sioux Falls, SD
Art
Sarah Tyndal Loeber, Long Neck, DE
Theatre
Zonnie MaryJo Oakie, Vermillion, SD
Art

Michelle Lynn Peters, Columbus, NE
Theatre
Sara Jo Rohde, Yankton, SD
Art
Colleen Marie Weavill, Burbank, SD
Art Education
Laura Sue Wehde, Crooks, SD
Art
Emily Marie Wiese, Sioux Falls, SD
Art Education

Bachelor of Music

Thomas J. Cronin, Marcus, IA
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

Andrea Kay Grimm, Sergeant Bluff, IA/Hornick, IA
Music Performance
Cum Laude

Miriam Joy Hedges, Aberdeen, SD
Music Education
Summa Cum Laude

Katrina Maureen Jacobs, Vermillion, SD
Music Performance
Magna Cum Laude

Michael James Javorsky, Creighton, NE
Music Performance
Magna Cum Laude

Katie Sue Lorenzen, Holstein, IA
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

Adam A. Nelson, Vermillion, SD
Music Performance
Magna Cum Laude

Adam Blaine Perry, Aurelia, IA
Music Education

Maggie Bean Knudsen Sampson, Felton, CA
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Robert Symes, Sioux Falls, SD
Music Education
Cum Laude

Jenny J. Tchida, Aberdeen, SD
Music Performance

Deirdre Joy Whitman, Clark, SD
Music Performance
Magna Cum Laude

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Bachelor of Arts

Sara Jo Gerber, Lester, IA
Social Work
Magna Cum Laude

Katie Marie Plavec, Yankton, SD
Social Work

Jade Rhiannon Zimmerman, Sioux City, IA
Social Work

Bachelor of Science

Danene Marie Anderson, Huron, SD
Social Work

Rebecca Jo Carter, Platte, SD
Social Work
Cum Laude

Elizabeth Gale De Stigter, Aurelia, IA
Dental Hygiene

Mary Patricia Dodds, Sioux City, IA
Dental Hygiene

Dawn Marie Dracy, Yankton, SD
Social Work

Jerry John Grower, Wasilla, AK
Social Work

Katie Jo Kayl, Elk Point, SD
Dental Hygiene

Trela Dawn Knverren, LeMars, IA
Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude

Amanda Joy Lee, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

Jennifer Anne Lewis, Kirkland, WA
Dental Hygiene

Alissa Marie McCarty, Peterson, IA
Dental Hygiene

Paula Jean Meseck, Charter Oak, IA
Social Work
Cum Laude

Melissa Rae Russell, Watertown, SD
Dental Hygiene

Valerie Renae Schettler, LeMars, IA
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Laura Marie Schmitz, Jefferson, SD
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Rachel Louise Smit, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

Amber Jane Spartz, Brewster, MN
Dental Hygiene

Theresa Ann Underberg, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

Tara Jean VanBeek, Marion, SD
Dental Hygiene

Molly Jo Wakeman, Hawarden, IA
Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude

Britney Elizabeth Weber, Parkston, SD
Dental Hygiene

Bachelor of Science in Allied Health

Gregory James Bennett, Powell, WY
Erin Lyn Gerry, Sioux Falls, SD
Laura Kathryn Peel, Rapid City, SD
Jacquelyn J. Schneider, Tabor, SD

Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

Associate of Science

Melanie M. Acosta, Philip, SD
Nursing

Jamie Leigh Alexander, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

LeAnn K. Allstot, Pierre, SD
Nursing

Amber Dawn Anderson, Rapid City, SD
Nursing
With High Honor

Samantha Jo Anderson, Volin, SD
Nursing

Stephanie A. Asheim, Rapid City, SD
Dental Hygiene

Charlotte A. Bain, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Scott Michael Ball, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Iantha Jeen Bamlet, Wallace, SD
Nursing

Francoise Kapinga Bansenga
Nursing

Nicole Renae Bartel, Wessington Springs, SD
Nursing

Karlee M. Bathke, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Jacquelyn Sue Bierman, Brookings, SD
Nursing

Melanie Lea Bolkema, Parker, SD
Nursing

Lee G. Bollock, Mt. Vernon, SD
Nursing

Jennifer Dawn Bornitz, Harrisburg, SD
Nursing

Jayni Kay Boschee, Woodsocket, SD
Dental Hygiene

Lori Marie Bourassa, Sioux City, IA
Nursing

Kasey Elain Parkhurst Brandenburger, Rosholt, SD
Nursing

Stefanie Gene Brink, Watertown, SD
Nursing

Angie B. Buckley, Custer, SD
 Nursing
 Lori Ann Buhler, Webster, SD
 Nursing
 Gretchen Marie Burke, Rapid City, SD
 Nursing
 Susan Lee Burroughs, Pierre, SD
 Nursing
 Stephanie Lynne Bye, Gayville, SD
 Nursing
 Amy Irene Carleton, Lake Norden, SD
 Nursing
 Jennifer Elizabeth Carter, Watertown, SD
 Nursing
 RosemaryAnn Christianson, Hendricks, MN
 Nursing
 Diane Elizabeth Ciancio, Madison, SD
 Nursing
 ElizabethAnne Cimpl, Tabor, SD
 Nursing
 Heidi Kristina Clark, Eugene, OR
 Nursing
 With Honor
 Rebecca L. Clarke, Rapid City, SD
 Nursing
 Vickie Joy Cox, Powell, WY
 Nursing
 LouAnn Marie Creekmore, Hartington, NE
 Nursing
 With High Honor
 Melissa Jean Dahood, Butte, MT
 Nursing
 Jennifer Lynn Degen, Mitchell, SD
 Nursing
 Tonia Lynn DeJong, Yankton, SD
 Nursing
 Elizabeth Gale DeStigter, Aurelia, IA
 Dental Hygiene
 ElizabethAnn Dickes, Fordyce, NE
 Nursing
 Melanie Kay Dobier, Aberdeen, SD
 Nursing
 Mary Patricia Dodds, Sioux City, IA
 Dental Hygiene
 With Honor
 Mellissa Marie Dowdy, Pierre, SD
 Nursing
 Rhonda K. Drader, Arthur, ND
 Nursing
 Agatha Kay Drobny, Martin, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Christine A. Duerksen, Bridgewater, SD
 Nursing
 Mindy Nicole Durant, South Sioux City, NE
 Dental Hygiene
 Bridget Joy Dykema, Edgerton, MN
 Nursing
 Crystal June Edwards, Rapid City, SD
 Nursing
 Gregory Scott Edwards, Gillette, WY
 Nursing
 Michaela Ann Edwards, Gillette, WY
 Nursing
 Sheri D. Erickson, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 Lorraine M. Estes, Pierre, SD
 Nursing
 Ashley Marie Falline, Everly, IA
 Nursing
 Brenda Ronell Ferguson, Clear Lake, SD
 Nursing
 RachelA. Fiebelkorn, Miller, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Karen Fay Fieber, Goodwin, SD
 Nursing
 Kari Lee Fiedler, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 With High Honor
 Meghan Marie Finley, Spearfish, SD
 Nursing
 Jessica Lynn Fischer, Rapid City, SD
 Nursing
 Renee Joy Fossum, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 Lisa Marie Frasier, Oral, SD
 Nursing
 Jessica Jean Frost, Watertown, SD
 Nursing
 Jennifer Lynn Gallop, Watertown, SD
 Nursing
 Melissa Flor Geiger, Houston, TX
 Nursing
 Kimberly E. Giltner, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 With High Honor
 Ruth E. Goergen, Ortonville, MN
 Nursing
 Tammy Jo Greenman, Canby, MN
 Nursing
 Susan Marie Grejda, Pierre, SD
 Nursing
 Barbara L. Grotting, Bemidji, MN
 Nursing
 Cassandra Lynn Hack, Yankton, SD
 Nursing
 Amy Jo Hafner, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 Jamie Sue Hagemeyer, Brandon, SD
 Nursing
 Andrea Lynn Hahn, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 Wendy Jill Hancock, Madison, MN
 Nursing
 Kelli J. Hanks, Rapid City, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Kristina Louise Hansen, Watertown, SD
 Nursing
 Jared Casper Hanson, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 Kristen Naomi Hanzlik
 Nursing
 Alicia Ann Harms, LeMars, IA
 Nursing
 Christina Jo Harvey, Auburn, NE
 Nursing
 Hondi Sue Hatzenbuhler, Sturgis, SD
 Nursing
 J'Nai Lynn Hawk, Quinn, SD
 Nursing
 Maria K. Hay Kollbaum, Canton, SD
 Nursing
 With High Honor
 Tammy Lynne Heibult, Chancellor, SD
 Nursing
 Emily Jo Hellman, Rapid City, SD
 Nursing
 Laurel A. Hellman, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 With High Honor
 Alicia Marie Henderson, Wayne, NE
 Dental Hygiene
 Jessica Lee Henkel, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 With Honor
 Heidi Jean Heth, Aiea, HI
 Nursing
 Allissa Rae Hoffman, Burke, SD
 Nursing
 Michaela Ruth Holmes, Burke, SD
 Nursing
 Rebecca Susan Holmes, Rapid City, SD
 Nursing
 Rick William Homola, Watertown, SD
 Nursing
 Joni Augusta Hoss, Westbrook, MN
 Nursing
 With Honor
 Jennifer M. Huber, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 BethAnn Hunt, Rapid City, SD
 Nursing
 Pamela Sue Irvine-Pearson, Elk Point, SD
 Nursing
 With High Honor
 BarbaraAnn Irwin, Custer, SD
 Nursing
 Megan Marie Jacobs, Correctionville, IA
 Nursing
 James Forest Jeffery, Spearfish, SD
 Nursing
 Jaclyn Rose Jensen, South Shore, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Stacy Lynn Johansen, Canby, MN
 Nursing
 Marsha Lynn Johnson, Lake Andes, SD
 Nursing
 Rebecca Lee Johnson, Pierre, SD
 Nursing
 Roxanne Inez Johnson, Sturgis, SD
 Nursing
 Stacia Marie Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Junell Jean Johnston, Irene, SD
 Nursing
 Katie Jo Kayl, Elk Point, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Kimberly Alwina Ketterling, Oakes, ND
 Nursing
 Sandra Jean Knobloch, Larchwood, IA
 Nursing
 Chandra Joy Knock, Davis, SD
 Nursing
 Laura Jean Koch, Milbank, SD
 Nursing
 Alex Clinton Kohls, New London, MN
 Nursing
 Terra Marie Koistinen, Watertown, SD
 Nursing
 Michelle Diane Kralicek, Yankton, SD
 Nursing
 Lisa Michelle Kreutzmann, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 With High Honor
 Melissa Rae Kronberg, Sioux Falls, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Brandi Lee Kuhle, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 JoAnn D. LaBelle, Sisseton, SD
 Nursing
 Cynthia Rae Landis, Rapid City, SD
 Nursing
 David Stuart Larson, Rapid City, SD
 Nursing
 Amanda Joy Lee, Sioux Falls, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Dedra Ann Leffring, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 Kari Alice Lewis, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 Julie H. Lundquist, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 Salena Rae Lundquist, Watertown, SD
 Nursing
 Laura L. Marquardt, Lennox, SD
 Nursing
 Amy Kay McCallon, Graettinger, IA
 Nursing
 Kevin James McCormick, Salem, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Nikki Jean McDaniel, Philip, SD
 Nursing
 Alicia R. McDonald, Irene, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Sabrina Medeck, Rapid City, SD
 Nursing
 Melisa Lynn Meier, Whitewood, SD
 Nursing
 Lynette L. Melby, Vermillion, SD
 Nursing
 With High Honor
 Kristy Marie Mogler, Lake Preston, SD
 Nursing
 Angela Marie Moritz, Clear Lake, SD
 Nursing
 Jennifer Lynn Nelson, Rapid City, SD
 Nursing
 Theresa M. Newcomb, Cambridge, SD
 Nursing
 Stephanie Lynn Niemann, Castlewood, SD
 Nursing
 Kimberly Jo Nincehelter, Pierre, SD
 Nursing
 Rebecca Ann Ninke, Webster, SD
 Nursing
 Angelyn Mari Norton, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nursing
 Tracy L. Oakland, Corsica, SD
 Nursing

Cadi Jo O'Farrell, Wilmot, SD
Nursing

Conrad William Olson, Canton, SD
Nursing

Roberta Jane Olson, Lank, ND
Nursing

Natalie Fern Olson, Clark, SD
Nursing

Kara Lynn Opheim, Spirit Lake, IA
Dental Hygiene

Misty Anne Petersen, Vermillion, SD
Nursing

Alecia A. Peterson, White, SD
Nursing

Jennifer Lee Phillips, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Thomas E. Pier, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Delana K. Pierce, Belle Fourche, SD
Nursing
With High Honor

Elizabeth Ann Pokorney, Menno, SD
Nursing

Stacey Powers
Nursing

Wendy Ann Qualm, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

Gregg Radtke, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Sara Jane Redepenning, Bellingham, MN
Nursing

Lola Frances Reed, Highmore, SD
Nursing

Sheryl Lyn Remme, Luverne, MN
Nursing

Kerry Ann Renken, Yankton, SD
Nursing

Amile Josephine Rieber, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Linda S. Roadcap, Fort Pierre, SD
Nursing

Bailey Kay Rock, Long Valley, SD
Nursing

Renee Lynn Rosheim, Brookings, SD
Nursing

Leslie Ann Rowland, Porcupine, SD
Nursing

Judith Ann Rustman, St. Peter, MN
Nursing

Brenna Dee Said, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Terri Lynn Sarutzki, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Lisa Dawn Sayler
Nursing

Valerie Renae Schettler, LeMars, IA
Dental Hygiene
With Honor

Tara Dawn Schleusner, Watertown, SD
Nursing

Stacy Lynn Schmidt, Tripp, SD
Nursing

Kamille June Schmit, Howard, SD
Dental Hygiene

Laura Marie Schmitz, Jefferson, SD
Dental Hygiene
With Honor

Serra K. Schrempp, Piedmont, SD
Nursing

Amy Marie Schroeder, Vermillion, SD
Nursing
With Honor

Shelly Marie Seibert, Stockton, KS
Nursing

Sarah Ann Seiner
Nursing

Nicole Marie Shane, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing
With Honor

Danielle Nichol Skluzacek, Madison, SD
Nursing

Amy Jo Smallfield, Watertown, SD
Nursing

Erin A. Smith, Spearfish, SD
Nursing

Jodi M. Smith, Vivian, SD
Nursing

Joyce Ann Smith, Redwood Falls, MN
Nursing

Luke Tyler Smith, Piedmont, SD
Nursing

Jessica Marie Snyder, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Tiffany Lynn Solum, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Jon James Sorensen, Beresford, SD
Nursing

Amber Jane Spartz, Brewster, MN
Dental Hygiene

Jeena R. Stanford, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Jennifer Stewart, Lead, SD
Nursing

Sarah Elizabeth Stokke, Appleton, MN
Nursing

Corey Lee Strub
Nursing

Janice Elaine Tabbert, Gibbon, MN
Nursing

Morgan Brooke Tagler, Spearfish, SD
Nursing

Rhonda Lynn Thompson, New Underwood, SD
Nursing

Shanna Marie Tilstra, Hills, MN
Nursing

Christine Marie Trainor, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Zabrina Leigh Treeby, Hecla, SD
Dental Hygiene

Jillian Jae Tschetter, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Theresa Underberg, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

John E. Unterseher, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Tara Jean VanBeek, Marion, SD
Dental Hygiene

Connie Rose VanKekerix, Hartford, SD
Nursing

Christine Marie Van Osdol, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Jane Kathleen Veerman, Yankton, SD
Nursing

Deborah Jo Venable, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Jessica Lea Vlieger, Mitchell, SD
Nursing
With Honor

Meredith Ann Vos, Sheldon, IA
Dental Hygiene
With High Honor

Leslie Anne Wagner, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Molly Jo Wakeman, Hawarden, IA
Dental Hygiene
With High Honor

Lindsey Ann Walker, Armstrong, IA
Dental Hygiene

Anita Marie Walsh-Sunde, Chamberlain, SD
Nursing

Lisa Ann Washburn, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Britney Elizabeth Weber, Parkston, SD
Dental Hygiene

Kayla Dawn Weis, Rockham, SD
Nursing

Deborah Wendt, Madison, SD
Nursing

Toni Marie Wengert, Chester, SD
Nursing

Wanda Lea West, Rapid City, SD
Nursing
With Highest Honor

Tamara K. Whalen, Alvord, IA
Nursing

Kelly Renee Wiebelhaus, Crofton, NE
Dental Hygiene

Kelli L. Willging, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Jodi L. Williams, Watertown, SD
Nursing

Sara Rachelle Wilson, Philip, SD
Nursing

Cindy Michelle Winkler, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Amy Jean Winrow, Madison, SD
Nursing

Nicole Louise Wojahn, Big Stone City, SD
Nursing

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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 the wealth and rank of the individual, and were governed by royal decree. Gradually there developed distinctive gowns for the various professions, trades and guilds. They survive today in the gowns of religious orders, the judiciary and the academic regalia.

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

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

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

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

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

University Honors Program	Golden Stole
Mortar Board Honor Society.....	Medallion on white ribbon
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society....	White, black & blue twisted cords
Order of Omega Honor Society	Ivory & golden cords
Phi Betta Kappa	Light blue & light pink twined cord
Golden Key Honor Society	Golden stole with Golden Key emblem

To earn an Honors Designation at graduation, the baccalaureate-level graduate must meet the following 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 meet the following 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