

THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL  
**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



HELD IN THE DAKOTA DOME ON THE  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, VERMILLION

**SATURDAY, MAY TENTH**

TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT

AT NINE-THIRTY 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

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching.....Dr. Matthew Moen  
Acting Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Professor Christine Hutton, School of Law  
Professor Amy Schweinle, School of Education

Commencement Address.....Michael Gartner  
Principal owner of the Iowa Cubs and winner of the 1997 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing  
“Eggs and Rutabagas”

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

Conferring of Degrees.....Regent Dean Krogman  
President James W. Abbott

Posthumous Degree.....President James W. Abbott  
Cole K. Juhnke, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance

Honorary Degree.....President James W. Abbott  
Senator George McGovern, Doctor of Public Service

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

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*.....USD Chamber Singers  
directed by Dr. David Holdhusen  
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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,	Alma Mater, Dakota, we drink thee a health
How daring the tales oft retold	As we go from thy sheltering walls;
Of thy builders who first to thy wilderness came,	Younger feet shall come trouping to gather thy wealth,
Theirs a glory that never grows old.	Younger voices shall ring through thy halls.
O the pine crested peaks of the storied Black Hills,	Keep us true to the type of the brave pioneer,
The Missouri that ribbons thy plain.	No hardship e'er daunted his quest;
Where the slant summer sunshine so lavishly spills	Alma Mater, lead on to the untried frontier,
Over prairie and pasture and grain.	We follow the trail to the west.

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## Stage Party

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James W. Abbott, President  
Dean Krogman, Board of Regents Representative  
Michael Gartner, Speaker  
Steve Sikorski, Alumni Association Representative  
Senator George McGovern, Honorary Degree Recipient  
Kaius Helenurm, Chair, USD Faculty Senate  
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Christina Keller, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences  
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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  
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Thomas L. Sorensen, Associate Dean, School of Law  
Jenifer Jost, Acting University Registrar  
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Professor Michael Gillispie	Professor Charles Thatcher
Professor Eric Hagen	Professor Joanne Van Osdel
Professor Lisa Hazlett	Professor Dan Van Peursem
Professor David Holdhusen	Professor Robert Weber
Professor Christina Jackson	Professor Robert Wharton
Professor Gera Jacobs	Professor Mandy Williams
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# Candidates for Degrees

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Doctor of Philosophy

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English  
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Biological Sciences  
Dissertation: Genetic Structure of Northern  
Flying Squirrel and Red Squirrel Populations in  
the Black Hills

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B.S.AH., M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
Dissertation: Native Americans and College  
Success

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Counseling & Psychology in Education  
Dissertation: The Impact of University Training,  
National Training Standards, and Educational  
Legislation on the Role of School Psychologists

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B.S., University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: Social Isolation Alters Anxiety  
Behavior and Corticotropin-Releasing Factor  
Interactions with Serotonin

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B.S., Black Hills State University  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: Quantitative Organization of the  
Corticospinal Terminations to C5-T1 in the  
Rhesus Macaque

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B.S., Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Biological Sciences  
Dissertation: Shorebirds and Wetlands in the  
Mid-Continent: Migration Ecology and  
Physiology

Yongxian Zhuang, Longkou, P.R. China  
Bachelor of Medicine; Shangdon University  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: Metformin Inhibits Cell  
Proliferation and Induces Cell Death in Breast

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### Doctor of Audiology

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Audiology Capstone: The Effect of Body  
Position on Distortion-Product Otoacoustic  
Emission Response Amplitudes and Noise  
Levels when Using Multiple-tone-pair stimuli

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### Doctor of Education

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Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Impact of a First-Term Success  
Course on Student Retention and Academic  
Achievement at National American University

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Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Informal Teacher Leadership in  
K-8 Science Education Reform in South  
Dakota

Hui-Hua Chen, Changhua, Taiwan, R.O.C  
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Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Perceptions of Taiwanese  
Preservice Teachers' Professional  
Competencies in Early Childhood  
Education at a Selected Technology  
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Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Factors Motivating Long-Term  
Care Workers to Enter the "Growing Our Own"  
Two-Year Nursing Program

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 Curriculum & Instruction  
 Dissertation: Preschool and Child Care Settings  
 Attended by South Dakota Children before  
 Kindergarten

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 Dissertation: High School Principal and  
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 Education and the South Dakota Virtual High  
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 Dissertation: Preparing Teachers for Iowa  
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 Curriculum at Iowa Colleges and Universities

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 Dissertation: Beyond Boundaries: Campus-  
 Based Students' Perceptions of Online  
 Student Services at a For-Profit Institution

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 Dissertation: The Culture Change in Human  
 Resources: A Case Study of the  
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 Dissertation: Predictive Factors in Student  
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 Educational Administration  
 Dissertation: An Analysis of Teacher  
 Identified Principal Leadership Behavior and  
 Effectiveness and Other School Factors that  
 Influence Student Achievement in South  
 Dakota Secondary Schools

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 Education and Internships: Perceptions of  
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 Dissertation: Technology Use, Access, and  
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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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Thesis: The Wickedness of Doves

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Thesis: Crecy

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 Psychology  
 Thesis: Effects of Individual Differences on Self-Control Depletion in the Strength Model of Self-Regulation

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 Speech-Language Pathology

Christina J. Eliason  
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 Thesis: Psychologists' Views and Management of Nonsexual Dual Relationships in Rural Communities

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 Thesis: East Meets West: The Negotiation of Cultural Union in Salman Rushdie's Midnight's Children and Shalimar the Clown

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 Interdisciplinary Studies

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 English  
 Thesis: Restoring the Ideology of Family after Trauma in Jane Eyre, Adam Bede, and Jude the Obscure

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 Thesis: Gender, Political Communication and Campaign Debates: An Analysis of Gender Stereotypes and Voter Reactions in Male Versus Female Political Debates

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 Thesis: The Fallen Angel, The Prevalence of PCP or Angel Dust Abuse Among Drug Users

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 Thesis: Presidential Performance: A Paleoliberal Perspective

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 Thesis: Factors Involved in the Ethical Decision Making of Psychologists: The Roles of Emotions and Social Context

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 Thesis: Iraq: Partition or Unity

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 Communication Studies  
 Thesis: A Pool of All-Americans: The  
 Assimilation of International Student-Athletes  
 into DII Collegiate Swim Teams

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 Thesis: American's with Disabilities Act  
 Influence at University Athletic Facilities

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 Interdisciplinary Studies

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 English  
 Thesis: Journeys on the Road of Life

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 History

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 Educational Administration

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 Thesis: On the Group of Divisibility of PVDs

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 History  
 Thesis: America's Vietnam War, On Screen

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 Interdisciplinary Studies

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 History  
 Thesis: The National Organization for Women in  
 Vermillion, South Dakota, 1972-2006

Debra L. Wilburn-Kerstiens, Piedmont, SD  
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 Psychology  
 Thesis: Self-Reported Adult Dissociation and  
 Associated Middle Childhood and Adolescent  
 Physical Abuse Experiences

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 Mathematics

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## Master of Fine Arts

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## Master of Science

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Biology  
Thesis: Quantification of the Activity Patterns  
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*Larvae, Somatochlora hineana*, and the  
Estimation of Population Densities Utilizing  
Remote Habitat Monitoring Systems  
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Biology  
Thesis: Seasonal Status and Distribution of  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog in South Dakota  
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Biology  
Thesis: Using Stable Isotopes of Carbon and  
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Bachelor of Engineering, Beijing Institute of  
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Thesis: Thyroid Hormone Induced Angiogenesis  
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Biology  
Thesis: Evolutionary Dynamics of a *Schiedea*  
Hybrid Zone in Hawaii

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B.S., Cornell University  
Biology  
Thesis: A Study of Biotic and Abiotic Factors  
that Influence Habitat Suitability of the Hine's  
Emerald Dragonfly (*Somatochlora hineana*)  
Larvae  
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Midwives and Medicine Women: An Oral  
History Exploration of Women Healers on the  
Prairie  
Jennifer Kathryn Bordewyk  
Understanding the Gap: Factors Affecting the  
Grade Point Average of Women in the Greek  
Community  
Tanya Renee Brettmann  
Children with Speech Disorders: What Data  
from the ECLS-K Tell Us About Their Social  
Skills  
Steven Carl Buechler  
Earth Speak  
Katie Ruth Cerling  
Historic Preservation: The Influence of  
Incentive Programs on Affordable Housing and  
Property Rights  
Thomas Michael Cota  
The True Story: How Sioux Falls Became a  
Major Financial Services Hub  
Ryan David Cwach  
The Causes of Cigarette Bootlegging  
Dacia Marie Dick  
Changing Perspectives: Directing a Social  
Issue Play  
Amy Jo Dummer  
Marital Satisfaction of College Students as  
Related to Sources of Income  
Alison Renae Egge  
Mutual Versus Self-Assessment In Stalk-Eyed  
Flies

Rhea Kay Ehresmann  
Dissecting the Nazi Medical Experiments: An  
Investigation of Pseudoscientific Research  
Conducted in Concentration Camps  
Sean Joseph Flynn, Jr.  
The Determinants of Migration on the Rural  
Great Plains: A County-Level Analysis  
Katie Lynn Freeman  
Photodegradation of Phenol and Identification  
of Degradation Products by HPLC and  
HPLC-MS  
Christopher Scott Freet  
A Study of Normative Influence on Personal  
Response  
Elizabeth Anne Gebhart  
Marketing for Small Nonprofits:  
Recommendations for Effective Use in South  
Dakota  
Jennifer L. Goforth  
The "Mythic" Proportions of Stories: A  
Comparative Narrative Analysis of Creation  
Myths and Their Relationship to Culture  
Garett Nicholas Howardson  
Social Networking Websites and Employer  
Selection Practices  
Donita Sue Jolkowski  
Exploring Scientific Inquiry Through an  
Interactive Stalk-Eyed Fly Website  
Mandi Kae Jung  
STOP KISS by Diana Son: A Study of Love  
and Friendship in the New Millennium  
Scott Ryan Kelderman  
Impact of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002:  
Observations and Perceptions  
Krystal Scarlett Kirwan  
A Defense of Fantasy: The Genre of Mythic  
Proportions  
Kayla Marie Kolander  
Hearing Services in South Dakota  
Frank Albert Leibfarth  
New Molecular Architectures Toward More  
Efficient Platinum Doped Titanium Dioxide  
Photocatalysts

Jesse Lee McMahon From the Noose to the Needle: The Legacy of Lynching and its Influence on Modern Capital Punishment	J. Robert Schlimgen The Legislation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
Laura A. Meyer Music Marketing and the Product Life Cycle of an Artist	Amber Lea Skoglund There is a Good Woman at the Beginning of All Great Things: Elizabeth I and Catherine the Great
Alyssa D. Mittleider Relationship of Volunteering, Volunteer Motivations and Perceived Self-Efficacy	Jill Elizabeth Smolczyk The Effects of Attitude on Performance and Performance Satisfaction
Meghan Ann Mordhorst Everything I feared and hated: Interracial Friendships in Sherley Anne Williams's <i>Dessa Rose</i> and Alice Walker's <i>Meridian</i>	Jason R. Tentinger An Original Translation of <i>Trece Fábulas Y Media Y Fábula Decimocuarta</i> (Thirteen and a Half Fables and Fable Fourteen) by Juan Benet
Elizabeth Grace Nettleton MCM-48 Mesoporous Materials: Synthesis, Characterization, and Catalytic Application	Andrea Christine Tjelmeland Northern Plains Health Literacy In Primary Care
Ronovan L. Ottenbacher The Calomel Catalyst: Medical Advancements and Professionalization during the Civil War	Joshua Lee Tonsager Counteractive Lobbying: Case Study of the National Farmers Union
Abby Christine Richards Effects of long term losartan treatment on D2 receptor modulation of breathing in the dystrophic hamster in air and following intermittent hypoxic bouts	Callie Anne Wallenberg Hard Evidence: Making A Case For Forensic Accounting
Shaina Lynn Riggs Prevalence of Headache in a College Population	Jonathon David Walz Yemen, Qat, and the Water Supply: A Strategy for the Efficient Allocation of Water Resources
	Todd Jeffrey Wheeler Trust in the Patient-Physician Relationship Among College Students

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## Thesis Scholar

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Alex K. Baldwin The Primary/Secondary Earner Division: A New Approach Towards Explaining Male / Female Labor Supply Differences	Heidi L. Moline American Indian Young Adults: Beliefs and Perceptions of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)
Christopher A. Berry The Fundamental Harm Axiom: A Universal Ethical Principle for Animal Research	Katie Elizabeth O'Leary Poetically Correct: Margaret Oliphant's Criteria for Poetic Merit
Luke C. Gaeckle Fauxtojournalism: The ethics and practice of digital news photography	Leah Marie Seurer The Heartbeat of Heritage: An Oral History of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Hoven, South Dakota
	Joe Svec CIA and Congress: Oversight and Accountability
	Jacob A. Tielke Origin and evolution of Tertiary lavas of the Hangay Mountains, Central Mongolia

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Arts

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Tove Catherine Aldrich, Harrisburg, SD Contemporary Media and Journalism <i>Cum Laude</i>	Adam Lee Barkl, Utica, SD Anthropology, French, International Studies <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Adam Thomas Baczwaski, Whiting, IA Contemporary Media and Journalism	

Amy Christina Barrick, Armour, SD  
English  
*Cum Laude*

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Communication Studies

Laura Jo Blackburn, Miller, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Megan Ann Borchert, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Jennifer Kathryn Bordewyk, Madison, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism  
*University Scholar, Summa Cum Laude*

Alana Beth Bowden, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism, English

Tyler S. Brearley, Rockford, IL  
Criminal Justice

Nicholas Clarence Brown, Watertown, SD  
History  
*Cum Laude*

Brandy Joy Budden  
Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Nicole Katrina Bylander, Yankton, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice

Robert B. Christenson, Sioux Falls, SD  
International Studies  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Justin Alan Clem, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Victoria Edith Collins, Vermillion, SD  
Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Ashley Ann Countryman, Yankton, SD  
Psychology, Spanish  
*Cum Laude*

Erin Audrey Crawford, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology

Ryan David Cwach, Yankton, SD  
Political Science, Economics  
*University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude*

Evan Joseph Davis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Derek John De Jager, Rapid City, SD  
Computer Science

Matthew Tyler Denke, Armour, SD  
Criminal Justice

Philip Pascualin De Paula, Sioux Falls, SD  
Economics, English

Amy Jo Dummer, Lesterville, SD  
Psychology  
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History, Anthropology

Nicholas W. Estes  
History

April Dawn Fisher, Yankton, SD  
Economics  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Sean Joseph Flynn, Jr., Mitchell, SD  
Political Science, Economics  
*University Scholar, Summa Cum Laude*

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Political Science, Philosophy  
*Thesis Scholar, Cum Laude*

Georgie A. Gibbs  
English

Jennifer L. Goforth, Grand Island, NE  
Sociology  
*University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude*

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Political Science, Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*

Erin Beth Hill, Rock Rapids, SD  
Psychology

Nathaniel Ryan Hurley, Ponca, NE  
Political Science, English

James Patrick Jager, Hurley, SD  
Criminal Justice

Jessica Leigh Johnson, Norfolk, NE  
Psychology

Carson James Kennedy, Vermillion, SD  
History, Political Science

Michele Renae King  
Spanish

Amy Marie Klinger, Viborg, SD  
Psychology

Emilie June Kluth, Columbus, NE  
English  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Daniel Troy Kofoed, Sioux Falls, SD  
English, History  
*Cum Laude*

Kayla Marie Kolander, Lakefield, MN  
Psychology, Communication Disorders  
*University Scholar, Summa Cum Laude*

Dustin Joe Konda, Marion, SD  
Political Science, German

Kathryn Lilla Layman, Bayport, MN  
English

Frank Albert Leibfarth, Yankton, SD  
Chemistry, Physics  
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Amanda Lynn Lightfield, Watertown, SD  
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Elizabeth Mary Lubbers, Watertown, SD  
Anthropology, History  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Sherman James Marshall, II, Gregory, SD  
Political Science, Psychology,  
American Indian Studies  
*Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Ann McDonald, Sioux Falls, SD  
Spanish, French Education  
*Cum Laude*

Jesse Lee McMahon, Colman, SD  
Criminal Justice, Psychology  
*University Scholar, Cum Laude*

Kimberly Anne Meekins, Huron, SD  
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Laura A. Meyer, Sturgis, SD  
International Studies  
*University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude*

Meghan Ann Mordhorst, Rapid City, SD  
English  
*University Scholar, Cum Laude*

Sabina Mustic, Sioux Falls, SD  
English, German  
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Katie Elizabeth O'Leary, Sioux Falls, SD  
English  
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Tiffany A. Oster, Avon, SD  
Communication Disorders  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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Micky J. Rasmussen, Kimball, SD  
History

Jennifer Kay Rogers, Farmington, MN  
German  
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Micayla Marie Roth, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Tricia Ann Sands, Owatonna, MN  
Communication Studies  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Ashley Lynn Schleusener, Royal, NE  
Criminal Justice

Krista Lenae Schram, Rock Rapids, IA  
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Jaclyn Suzanne Settje, Corona, SD  
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*Cum Laude*

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International Studies, Spanish,  
Political Science  
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*Magna Cum Laude*

Karen Ellen Wall, LeMars, IA  
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*Summa Cum Laude*

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Megan Anne Wellner, Pierre, SD  
Political Science

Roshan Elizabeth Wencil, Sioux Falls, SD  
Communication Disorders

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Spanish

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Criminal Justice

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Matthew James Ballard, Sioux Falls, SD  
Political Science, History  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Christopher R. Barondeau, Selby, SD  
Political Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Adam Justin Barse, Watertown, SD  
Psychology

Andrea Rose Barth, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology

Jason Daniel Beckler, Gettysburg, SD  
Biology

Sara Kathleen Beckman, Watertown, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kristyn E. Berg  
Criminal Justice

Christopher A. Berry, Vermillion, SD  
Political Science  
*Thesis Scholar, Cum Laude*

Derek James Bertsch, Spearfish, SD  
Criminal Justice, Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Owen Matthew Beutler, Lisbon, ND  
History

Monica Lynette Bickett, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology

Katie Elizabeth Blaaid, Yankton, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Janelle Ruth Bludorn, Watertown, SD  
Psychology  
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Joshua E. Blue, Council Bluffs, IA  
Biology

Allyson L. Boeckman, Lake View, IA  
Communication Disorders

Brenton Philip Bouzek, Sturgis, SD  
Biology

Annette Rose Bramstedt, Harrisburg, SD  
History, English  
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Amber Lee Brandner, Sioux Falls, SD  
Chemistry

Cora Elizabeth Brandon, Elk Point, SD  
Criminal Justice

Michelle Marie Brandsrud, Watertown, SD  
Biology  
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Amanda Jean Braun, Pierre, SD  
Chemistry

Tanya Renee Brettman, Hickman, NE  
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Nichole Dawn Carter, Gregory, SD  
Criminal Justice

Preston Boyd Cazer, Plankinton, SD  
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Katie Ruth Cerling, Plymouth, MN  
History  
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Diana Kristin Clark, Vermillion, SD  
Psychology, Political Science

Michael Timothy Clarke, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Amber Clayborne, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology

Brent Arthur Clennon, Austin, MN  
Computer Science

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Communication Disorders, Psychology

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Psychology  
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Andrew Mark Dykstra, Alcester, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism  
*Cum Laude*

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Biology

Alison Renae Egge, Yankton, SD  
Psychology  
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Psychology

Katie Lynn Freeman, Urbandale, IA  
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Psychology  
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Psychology  
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Biology  
*Cum Laude*

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Psychology  
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History

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Criminal Justice

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English

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Psychology  
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Biology  
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Criminal Justice

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English  
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Computer Science  
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Biology  
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Psychology  
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Biology  
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Shaina Lynn Riggs, Barnard, SD  
Psychology  
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Psychology

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Biology  
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Biology

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Biology  
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Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

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Economics, Political Science

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Criminal Justice

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Political Science  
*Cum Laude*

Michael T. Schramm  
Psychology

Kristopher Lee Schroeder, Humboldt, SD  
Biology

Leah Marie Seurer, Hoven, SD  
Communication Studies  
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Keith J. Sexe  
Biology

Luke Matthew Sharpe, Sioux Falls, SD  
Chemistry, Political Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Kyle E. Simmons, Norfolk, NE  
Mathematics

Allison Clara Sinning, Lennox, SD  
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Jill Elizabeth Smolczyk, Omaha, NE  
Psychology  
*University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude*

Jason Dean Spaans, Larchwood, IA  
Physics

Kimberly Sue Spaans, Grand Rapids, MI/  
Beresford, SD  
Psychology

Nicolle M. Sparagon, Rapid City, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Erica Jo Stanley, Groton, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Dana Paul Stockland  
History, Psychology

Joe Svec  
Political Science, History  
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Jennifer Marie Thomas, Whiting, IA  
Psychology

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Earth Science  
*Thesis Scholar, Cum Laude*

Jason Tyler Tjeerdsma, Springfield, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

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Jessica Lynn Utech-Schneider, LeMars, IA  
Communication Disorders

Brittany Ann VanHove, Marion, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice  
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Philosophy, Psychology

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Todd Jeffrey Wheeler, Huron, SD Biology <i>University Scholar</i>	Jennifer Lynn Young, Black Hawk, SD Psychology
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## BEACOM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Accounting  
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Eric Dean Eckhardt, Hastings, NE  
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Kelli Ann Else, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

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Finance

Melissa Sue Fick, Cherokee, IA  
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Nathan L. Fischer, Olivet, SD  
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Ryan Michael Fleming, Lincoln, NE  
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Abigail Suzanne Fliehs, Groton, SD  
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Dakota Dunes, SD  
Health Services Administration

Kristin Rae Friese, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Janell Dawn Gause, Yankton, SD  
Management

Megan Elizabeth Gjernes, Aberdeen, SD  
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Finance  
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Marketing  
*Cum Laude*

Diane Marie Hansum, Platte, SD  
Marketing  
*Cum Laude*

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Management

Samantha Lynn Hestdalen, Pierre, SD  
Finance

Stephanie Marie Hirsch, Jackson, NE  
Finance

Jennifer Lee Horn, Tripp, SD  
Management

Lee Dominic Huber  
Management

Matthew G. Janes, Rapid City, SD  
Management

Ann Marie Johnson, Akron, IA  
Management

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Accounting

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Accounting  
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Bridget Erin Kelley  
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Marketing

Bryan Charles Krajeski, Omaha, NE  
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Accounting

Muzayan Hebo Kubsu, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance

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Accounting  
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Brooks Lee Little, Castlewood, SD  
Management

Melinda Sue Lysne, Luverne, MN  
Management

Daniel Spencer Mackoy, De Smet, SD  
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Jessica Rose Maras, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Ashley Nicole Mathis, Wagner, SD  
Management  
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Management

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Accounting

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Finance

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Finance  
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Finance

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 Elementary Education  
 Stephanie Suzanne Cournoyer, Lake Andes, SD  
 Elementary Education  
 Matthew Lee Coy, Hill City, SD  
 Political Science Education  
 Marshall Lanier Crawford, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Elementary Education  
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 Political Science Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
 John D. Eldridge, Graettinger, IA  
 English Education  
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 Lisa Renae Gloede, North Sioux City, SD  
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 Jeffrey Joe Haenfler, Avon, SD  
 Elementary Education  
 Megan Marie Harskamp, Yankton, SD  
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 Krysta Marie Kooi, Sioux Center, IA  
 Elementary Education, Special Education  
 James Joseph Leonard, Cherokee, IA  
 Physical Education  
*Cum Laude*  
 Jacob McDonald, Coppell, TX  
 Physical Education  
 Dustin LeRoy Mees, Huron, SD  
 Elementary Education  
 Abby Claire Meier, Carroll, IA  
 Spanish Education  
 Carla Jean Nepl  
 Physical Education  
 Joseph William Pray, Flandreau, SD  
 History Education  
 Jennifer Marie Rider, South Sioux City, NE  
 Elementary Education, Special Education  
 Katie Lynn Robinson, Cherokee, IA  
 Elementary Education, Special Education  
 Jennifer Ann Ruud, Harrisburg, SD  
 Elementary Education  
 Rebekka Ruth Schroeder, Sioux City, IA  
 Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Brent Andrew Seagren, Wausa, NE  
 Physical Education  
 Leisa L. Sexton, McCook Lake, SD  
 Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
 Emily Ann Shelton, Huron, SD  
 Spanish Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Megan Lea Shubeck, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Math Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Erik James Sommervold, Alcester, SD  
 History Education  
 Mary Jo Swanson  
 Math Education  
*Cum Laude*  
 Jennifer Lynn Thiessen, Clearwater, NE  
 Elementary Education  
 Jessica Yasuko Tietz, Williston, ND/Huron, SD  
 Elementary Education, Special Education  
 Jessica Lynn Tondreau, South Sioux City, NE  
 Elementary Education, Special Education  
 Tiffany Anne Trentz  
 Elementary Education  
 Turner Ray Trofholz, Schuyler, NE  
 Physical Education  
*Cum Laude*  
 Anna R. Vaughn, Box Elder, SD  
 English Education  
 Andrea Cathryn Venteicher, Anthon, IA  
 Political Science Education  
 Amanda Kay Vietor, Lennox, SD  
 Elementary Education  
 Heather Marie Waddell, Yankton, SD  
 Elementary Education, Special Education  
 Molly Sue Wuestewald, Manilla, IA  
 Spanish Education  
 Nicholas Paul Wulf, Pierre, SD  
 Math Education  
*Cum Laude*

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## Bachelor of Science in Recreation

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Martin J. Haslam, Bass Harbor, ME  
Joshua D. Jeffery, Spearfish, SD

David Brandon Robinson, Desoto, TX  
Jeffrey Seagren, Wausa, NE

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## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

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### Bachelor of Fine Arts

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Steven Carl Buechler, Centerville, SD  
Art  
*University Scholar, Cum Laude*  
Jesse Charles Clifford, Martin, SD  
Art  
Dacia Marie Dick, Philip, SD  
Theatre  
*University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Marie Dorn, Mitchell, SD  
Art Education  
Anita M. Erickson, Pierce, NE  
Art  
Robert James Garness, Belle Fourche, SD  
Theatre  
Jessica Lea Grage, Marcus, IA  
Art Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Andrew Charles Heller, Armour, SD  
Theatre  
Alyssa Lanea Holler, Roslyn, SD  
Theatre  
*Cum Laude*  
Michael David Husby, Sioux Falls, SD  
Theatre  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Mattie Marie Karel, Seward, NE  
Art  
Cristina A. Kauffman  
Art  
Lacey Ann Lee, Wessington Springs, SD  
Art  
Katrina Johanna Martin, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art  
Michelle Anne Morris, Rapid City, SD  
Art Education  
Randy G. Niles, Aberdeen, SD  
Theatre  
Maegen Sue Persing, Hudson, SD  
Art  
Mary B. Schleich, Mitchell, SD  
Art  
Emily Elizabeth Staloch, Albert Lea, MN  
Theatre  
Jonathan Kelly Stapleton, South Sioux City, NE  
Theatre  
Steven Ray Workman, West Jordan, UT  
Theatre  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Cole Mikel Zdenek, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art

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### Bachelor of Music

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Karen Marie De Jabet, Pierre, SD  
Music Performance  
Kara Ann Engstrom, Webster City, IA  
Music Education  
Elizabeth Leigh Hoarty, Wessington Springs, SD  
Music Performance  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Conor Jensen, Beresford, SD  
Music Performance  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Evelyn Marie Johnson, Watertown, SD  
Music Performance

Christopher A. Larson  
Music Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jonathan Michael Morin, Sioux City, IA  
Music Performance  
Meghan Powell, Yankton, SD  
Music Education  
Michael LeRoy Rathke, Rapid City, SD  
Music Performance  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Joel Allen Shotwell, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Education

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### Bachelor of Musical Arts

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Christine Dorothy Blunck, Creighton, NE  
*Cum Laude*  
Joshua James Cope, Yankton, SD  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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## SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Science

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Mary Elizabeth Anderson, Sioux Falls, SD Dental Hygiene	Kory Kay Ninceheler, Pierre, SD Dental Hygiene <i>Cum Laude</i>
Necol Marie Arens, Yankton, SD Social Work	Jessica Leigh Olson, Sioux Falls, SD Dental Hygiene <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Jessie Lynn Baier, Storm Lake, IA Social Work, Criminal Justice	Lindsay Leigh Pape, Freeman, SD Social Work
Chelsa Elizabeth Bohlmann, Wakonda, SD Dental Hygiene	Laura Leigh Rau, Selby, SD Dental Hygiene
Joseph Ernest Bures, Tyndall, SD Social Work <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Lindsay May Reinesch, Sioux Falls, SD Dental Hygiene
Jessica Dawn Drevo, Crete, NE Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies	Hallie Ann Reumann, Presho, SD Dental Hygiene <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Jessica Lynn Fennel, Elk Point, SD Dental Hygiene <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Karla Jean Roggenbuck, Revillo, SD Dental Hygiene
Scott R. Gilbert, Shenandoah, IA Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies	Ashley Rae Schneider, Alton, IA Dental Hygiene <i>Cum Laude</i>
Heather Jane Heine, Vermillion, SD Dental Hygiene <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Jaclyn Suzanne Settje, Corona, SD Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies <i>Cum Laude</i>
Kimberly Kay Henriksen, Wakonda, SD Dental Hygiene <i>Cum Laude</i>	Rochelle Jean Sievert, Pipestone, MN Dental Hygiene
Elly Claire Keller, Milbank, SD Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies, Psychology <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Sara Ann Tillman, Pierre, SD Dental Hygiene
Desirae Jean Klein, Chamberlain, SD Social Work	Meghan F. Torbert, Rapid City, SD Social Work
Lacy Marie Larson, Sioux Falls, SD Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies	Amanda Lee Trudeau, Centerville, SD Dental Hygiene
Ashley Michele Lilleholm, Sioux Falls, SD Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies	Kristin Kay Tschakert, Florence, SD Dental Hygiene <i>Cum Laude</i>
Miranda Kay Martin, Madison, SD Dental Hygiene	Amanda Mary Wahl, Huron, SD Dental Hygiene <i>Cum Laude</i>
Sarah Jo McGill, Lawton, IA Dental Hygiene	Jamie Marie Young, Sioux City, IA Dental Hygiene <i>Cum Laude</i>
Elizabeth Moreno, Anaheim, CA Social Work	

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### Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

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Kedir E. Wake, Minneapolis, MN  
Michael John Woolheater

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### Associate of Science

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Jennifer M. Adkison, Canby, MN Nursing	Todd C. Anderson, Rapid City, SD Nursing <i>With High Honor</i>
Cheryl Lynn Allen, Rapid City, SD Nursing <i>With Honor</i>	Lesley Margaret Andringa, Sheldon, IA Dental Hygiene <i>With Highest Honor</i>
Jana Ruth Anderson, Deadwood, SD Nursing	Jamie Leigh Appleman, Johnstown, NE Nursing
Kayla Marie Anderson, Peever, SD Nursing	John S. Bazemore II Nursing
Mary Elizabeth Anderson, Sioux Falls, SD Dental Hygiene	

Brittany Renae Bean, Belle Fourche, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*With High Honor*

Douglas James Bruce Belton, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Casey Lee Bertolotto, Lemmon, SD  
Nursing

Ashley R. Bettmann  
Nursing

Annette Marie Block, Unadilla, NE  
Nursing

Cathy Blumenauer  
Nursing

Heidi Christine Boehrns, Vermillion, SD  
Nursing

Chelsa Elizabeth Bohlmann, Wakonda, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Amber Lee Brenner, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Julianna Brooks, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Patricia Lynn Brown Smith, Center, KS  
Nursing  
*With Highest Honor*

Heather Marie Buckley, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Cynthia D. Bulich, Box Elder, SD  
Nursing

Conan Dubh Burke, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Michelle Lee Burkett, Pipestone, MN  
Nursing

Susan Renee Burnison, Watertown, MN  
Nursing

Janna Raye Carnell, Ponca, NE  
Dental Hygiene  
*With High Honor*

Amber Michelle Carroll, Highmore, SD  
Nursing

Michael John Catrett, Marion, SD  
Nursing

LeAnn Renee Chavez, Spearfish, SD  
Nursing  
*With Honor*

Denise Lea Christensen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Jenni Ann Christensen, Rapid City, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*With Honor*

Stefanie Mary Colgrove, Hill City, SD  
Nursing

Laurie Denise Cragun, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Kelli Ann Craven, Philip, SD  
Nursing

Iverene D. Crow Eagle, Rosebud, SD  
Nursing

Teresa Lynn Dame, Mobridge, SD  
Nursing

Allie Dawn De Cramer, Edgerton, MN  
Nursing

Jessica Marie Deiser, Ellsworth, KS  
Nursing

Kelsey J. Delbridge, Union Center, SD  
Nursing

Larscina Jeannette DeWeerd, Doon, IA  
Nursing

Amy Ann Dickes, Hartington, NE  
Nursing

Megan Kay Dickes, Fordyce, NE  
Dental Hygiene

Ann Margaret Dittus, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Brenda Marie Doerr, Onida, SD  
Nursing

Lindsey Carolyn Dougherty, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Kristie L. Escott, Faith, SD  
Nursing

Nicole Jean Etrheim, Garretson, SD  
Nursing

Diane L. Evans, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Chelsey Lee Ewald, Spearfish, SD  
Nursing

Kelly L. Faulk, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Jessica Lynn Fennel, Elk Point, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*With High Honor*

Amanda Marie Feuerstein, Watertown, SD  
Nursing

Rebecca Leigh Fossen, Pierre, SD  
Nursing

Angela J. Foster, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Nathan Charles Fritsch, No. St. Paul, MN  
Nursing

April Suzanne Gambell, Forest City, IA  
Nursing

Jennifer Arlene Garro, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Shonci Marie Geranen, Canton, SD  
Nursing

Mitchell L. Gesinger, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
*With Highest Honor*

Vilma Granthon, El Paso, TX  
Nursing

Kathryn J. Graves, Hill City, SD  
Nursing

Brittany Lea Griffith, Mobridge, SD  
Nursing

Michele Ann Grizzel, Lead, SD  
Nursing

Danna Diane Groenewold, Brookings, SD  
Nursing

Cooper Buford Gross, Clear Lake, IA  
Nursing

Tucker W. Gross, Watertown, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Patricia Jean Hamiel, St. Lawrence, SD  
Nursing  
*With Honor*

Mindi Kim Hansen, Baltic, SD  
Nursing

Brooke Lee Hanson, Watertown, SD  
Nursing

Hilary Diane Harbaugh, Jackson, WY  
Dental Hygiene

Jennifer Jo Hart, Custer, SD  
Nursing

Lyndsay M. Hartley, Spearfish, SD  
Nursing

Jennifer Sue Hathorn, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Marie J. Haug, Pierre, SD  
Nursing  
*With Highest Honor*

Rose Shavonne Healy, Irene, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*With High Honor*

Katie Ann Heavlin, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Nicole Jo Heckenlaible, Menno, SD  
Nursing

Heather Jane Heine, Vermillion, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*With High Honor*

Sarah Jane Heitkamp, Worthington, MN  
Nursing

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Dental Hygiene  
*With Honor*

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Nursing

Kimberley Jo Hilzendager, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Traci J. Hinrichs, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Tammy Lynn Hippen, Milbank, SD  
Nursing  
*With High Honor*

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Nursing

Rachel LeAnn Holder, Spearfish, SD  
Nursing

Holly Georgiana Holm, Viborg, SD  
Nursing

Lindy Lenae Hotchkiss, Freeman, SD  
Nursing

Bridget Ann Hrdlicka, Pierre, SD  
Nursing

Danny L. Hughes, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Carol Elaine Hynek, Kerkhoven, MN  
Nursing

Eric James Jensen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Jennifer Lacey Jensen, Gettysburg, SD  
Nursing

Schena Lorelei Jensen, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Jennifer Lynette Jordan, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Holly Kaylene Joyce, Jackson, MN  
Nursing

Jessica Rae Karges, Milbank, SD  
Nursing

Jordan Sue Kennedy, Mitchell, SD  
Nursing  
*With Honor*

Jessica Lee King, Centerville, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Janelle Marie Kittelson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Courtney Hisae Klein, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Philip Nicholas Klemond, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Andrew Daniel Kline, Aberdeen, SD  
Nursing

Melissa Sue Konechne, White Lake, SD  
Nursing

Julie Kay Kranz, Waubay, SD  
Nursing

Amy Jo Krause, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Dexter Benjamin Krell, Vermillion, SD  
Nursing

Jordan N. Krogman, Carpenter, SD  
Nursing

Jessica Renee Kruse, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Tiffany Ann Kruse, Beresford, SD  
Nursing

Amanda Joyce Kusek, Harrisburg, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*With Honor*

Deanna Lynn Kyne, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Karen R. Lamb, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Ryan Michael Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Jessica Lynn Larsen, Milbank, SD  
Nursing

Rochelle Janae Larsen, Council Bluffs, IA  
Nursing

Trevor D Larsen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Andrew Robert Larson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Brittany Dawn Larson, Lake Preston, SD  
Nursing

Robyn R. Lee  
Nursing

Chayamorn Leeraksakiat, Aberdeen, SD  
Nursing

Maurine G. Lembke, DeSmet, SD  
Nursing

Anne Marie LeMire, Maplewood, MN  
Nursing

Letha P. Lende  
Nursing

Elizabeth Ann Linneweber, Garretson, SD  
Nursing  
*With Honor*

Alyssa LaVonne Lord, Groton, SD  
Nursing

Crystal Marie Lubben, LeMars, IA  
Dental Hygiene

Heather Ann Ludeman, Spearfish, SD Nursing	Drew Montgomery Osborne, Redwood Falls, MN Nursing
Miranda Kay Martin, Madison, SD Dental Hygiene	Brian R. Owen, Sturgis, SD Nursing
Kristi L. McCarty Nursing	Brenda Leigh Pechacek Nursing
Samantha Ashley McConnell, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing	Leslie Renee Pelster, Omaha, NE Nursing
Jaime Marie McKnight, Rapid City, SD Nursing	Brandi LeAnn Phillips, Hawarden, IA Nursing
Lindsey Joy Meier, Folda, MN Nursing	Mary Jean Pieper, Windom, MN Nursing
William C. Meisner Nursing	Melody J. Pierson, Magdalena, NM Nursing
Lisa Louise Merrigan, Yankton, SD Nursing	Tonya Marie Pitts, Chester, SD Nursing
Ashley Lynn Meyer, Parker, SD Nursing	<i>With High Honor</i>
Mary W. Mickelson-Buck, Watertown, SD Nursing	Britney Renae Prins, Clear Lake, SD Dental Hygiene
Andrea Ann Miller, Pierre, SD Nursing	<i>With Honor</i>
Misti Marie Mills, Gregory, SD Nursing	Mila S. Pugach, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing
Diane E. Mireles, Rapid City, SD Nursing	Laura Leigh Rau, Selby, SD Dental Hygiene
Samantha L. Mitchell Nursing	Nicole Jo Rechnagel, Parker, SD Nursing
Vanessa Leigh Molina, Warner, SD Nursing	Maynard Joseph Reimnitz, Stickney, SD Nursing
Tiffany Joy Morin, Ruthton, MN Nursing	Lindsay May Reinesch, Sioux Falls, SD Dental Hygiene
<i>With Honor</i>	Hallie Ann Reumann, Presho, SD Dental Hygiene
James L. Morris, Missoula, MT Nursing	<i>With High Honor</i>
Linda Marie Morris, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing	Chelsea Raye Riedy, Bismarck, ND Nursing
Jamie Marie Moser, Belle Fourche, SD Nursing	Kristina R. Roback Nursing
Kelly Rae Namken, Hayti, SD Nursing	Brandi Jo Roos, Brandon, SD Nursing
Kaia Marie Nelson, Vermillion, SD Nursing	Deardra Lee Rose, Ipswich, SD Nursing
Megan Karin Nelson, Beresford, SD Nursing	Linda Lorraine Rowles, Montreal, Canada Nursing
Kimberley Ann Nicolosi, Hot Springs, SD Nursing	Teresa Lynn Rubino, Rapid City, SD Nursing
Kory Kay Nincehelsler, Pierre, SD Dental Hygiene	Janine Renee Rubins, Rapid City, SD Nursing
<i>With Honor</i>	Katie Marie Ruhd, Clear Lake, SD Nursing
Alica M. Nordstrom Nursing	Leslie Jo Rumpza, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing
Erica Leigh Noteboom, Pierre, SD Nursing	Laura A. Ruotsalainen, Lake Norden, SD Nursing
Teresa Ann Nowak, Gayville, SD Nursing	Carrie J. Sanders Nursing
Jessica Leigh Olson, Sioux Falls, SD Dental Hygiene	Nicole Marie Schleusner, Watertown, SD Nursing
<i>With Highest Honor</i>	Jaime Lyn Schmidt, Draper, SD Nursing
Veronica Irene Olson, Jefferson, SD Nursing	Racheal Ruth Schmitz, Herrick, SD Nursing
Julia Theresa Orrock Nursing	Ashley Rae Schneider, Alton, IA Dental Hygiene
<i>With Honor</i>	<i>With Honor</i>

Linda Lorraine Schoenfelder  
Nursing

Diane Marie Schurrer, Watertown, SD  
Nursing

Kim Corrine Shaul, Valentine, NE  
Nursing

Angela Renae Shoup, Canton, SD  
Nursing

Rochelle Jean Sievert, Pipestone, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Molly J. Simpson, Galva, IA  
Nursing

Cindy Hazel Sinkey, Midland, SD  
Nursing

Jaclynn Michelle Small, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Danielle Darlene Smith, Pipestone, MN  
Nursing

Jennifer Nicole Smith, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

McKenzie Lynne Smith, Havana, ND  
Nursing

Jessica Lea Sona, Canistota, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*With Honor*

Kimberley K. Sorensen, Brandon, SD  
Nursing

Anita Sprenger, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
*With Highest Honor*

Shannon Lee Spurlin, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Sarah Lyn St. Pierre, Hayti, SD  
Nursing

Laura Ashley Staebell, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Eva Michelle Steckman, Hermosa, SD  
Nursing

Rebecca M. Steffen, Yankton, SD  
Nursing

Shandi Nicole Steffen, Mound, MN  
Nursing

Shannon Leah Stemwedel, Watertown, SD  
Nursing

Sadie Jo Stephan, Tea, SD  
Nursing

Catherine Ann Sterling, Canton, SD  
Nursing

Elizabeth Ann Stukel, Yankton, SD  
Nursing

Jennifer Jean Sullivan, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Lindsey Allyce Swanstrom, Yankton, SD  
Nursing  
*With Honor*

Cassandra Jo Teachout, Minneapolis, MN  
Nursing  
*With Honor*

Andrea Joan Thomas, Minnetonka, MN  
Dental Hygiene  
*With Honor*

Mika Joan Tibbs, Dupree, SD  
Nursing

Sara Ann Tillman, Pierre, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Rebecca Mikel Tinsley, Belle Fourche, SD  
Nursing

Diane Lynn Tounsley, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Amanda Lee Trudeau, Centerville, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Rachel Lynn Trudeau, Elk Point, SD  
Nursing

Kristin Kay Tschakert, Florence, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*With Honor*

Aimee Marie Ullom, Chancellor, SD  
Nursing

Anne Christine Van Ballegooyen, Hoffman, MN  
Nursing

Wanda Lee Van Wormer, Clear Lake, SD  
Nursing

Gordon F. Varuska, III, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Rhiannon Suzan Velazquez, Pine Ridge, SD  
Nursing

Danielle Diann Vis, Beaver Creek, MN  
Nursing

Victorria Ann Voegeli, Beresford, SD  
Nursing

Amanda Mary Wahl, Huron, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*With Honor*

Rachel Renee Walker, Belle Fourche, SD  
Nursing

Jeff Scott Weifenbach, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Rachael Leigh Weldon, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Kay Leanne Weller, Gregory, SD  
Nursing

Rachel G. Wellner, Spencer, NE  
Nursing

Amanda Nicole Welton, Salem, OR  
Nursing

Tawnya Janet Whiting, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Crystal Mae Wigdahl, Watertown, SD  
Nursing

Reena Marie Wilen, Vienna, SD  
Nursing

Danielle Elise Winge, Dawson, MN  
Nursing

Raichatou Ann Wylie, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Jaime Marie Young, Sioux City, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
*With Honor*

Joshua A. Zerfas  
Nursing

Sara Lynn Zikmund, Alma, NE  
Nursing

Julie Renee Zimmer, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Zinta Marinna Zvaners, Sioux Falls, SD  
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.

Betta Gamma Sigma.....	Blue ribbon with medallion
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.