

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



HELD IN THE DAKOTADOME ON THE  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, VERMILLION

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER NINETEENTH**  
TWO THOUSAND AND NINE  
AT TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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# Commencement Exercises

Processional - *Pomp and Circumstance*, by Elgar..... Michael Rathke

*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 Mark Yockey  
Chair, University Senate  
President James W. Abbott

Commencement Address.....The Honorable Larry Long  
Circuit Court Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit  
"Thoughts About Your Future"

*Earth Song*, arr. by Frank Ticheli.....USD Chamber Singers  
directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

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

Alumni Welcome.....Kim Cleaver Kletschke  
Alumni Association Representative

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

Recessional - *Grand Choeur*, by Salome.....Michael Rathke

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## Alma Mater

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Words by Mabel Kingsley Richardson  
Music by Winfred R. Colton

South Dakota! How dear to thy children  
thy name,  
How daring the tales oft retold  
Of thy builders who first to thy  
wilderness came,  
Theirs a glory that never grows old.  
O the pine crested peaks of the storied  
Black Hills,  
The Missouri that ribbons thy plain.  
Where the slant summer sunshine so  
lavishly spills  
Over prairie and pasture and grain.

Alma Mater, Dakota, we drink thee a health  
As we go from thy sheltering walls;  
Younger feet shall come trouping to gather  
thy wealth,  
Younger voices shall ring through thy halls.  
Keep us true to the type of the brave pioneer,  
No hardship e'er daunted his quest;  
Alma Mater, lead on to the untried frontier,  
We follow the trail to the west.

The writer of the Alma Mater's lyrics, Mable Kingsley Richardson, graduated from The University of South Dakota in 1902 and directed USD's library from 1907 to 1941. A pioneer's daughter who loved South Dakota, she voiced in the Alma Mater the views of a woman of her time.

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## Stage Party

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James W. Abbott, President  
Kathryn Johnson, Board of Regents Representative  
The Honorable Larry Long, Circuit Court Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Speaker  
Kim Cleaver Kletschke, Alumni Association Representative  
Mark Yockey, Chair, University Senate  
Charles Staben, Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Laurie J. Becvar, Dean, Graduate School & Division of Continuing & Distance Education  
Rodney R. Parry, Vice President, Health Affairs and Dean, Sanford School of Medicine  
Barry R. Vickrey, Dean, School of Law  
Matthew Moen, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences  
Michael J. Keller, Dean, Beacom School of Business  
Rick Melmer, Dean, School of Education  
Larry Schou, Acting Dean, College of Fine Arts  
Brian Kaatz, Dean, School of Health Sciences  
Laura J. Jensi, Vice President, Research  
Thomas Sorensen, Associate Dean, School of Law  
Jenifer Jost, Registrar  
Joeleen Osborn, Interpreter  
Lia Nester, Interpreter

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Emeritus Professor Don Dahlin  
Emeritus Professor Werner Kitzler

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## Lead Marshals

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Professor Leon Korte  
Professor Barb Yutzenka

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## Marshals

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| Professor David Carr        | Professor Doug Peterson       |
| Professor Solveig Korte     | Professor James Richardson    |
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| Professor Beverly Kennedy   | Professor Michelle Van Maanen |
| Professor Clayton Lehmann   | Professor Gerald Yutzenka     |
| Professor Christopher Meyer |                               |

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## Faculty in Attendance

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Professor Mejai Bola Avoseh  
Professor Mark Baron  
Professor Teri Bellis  
Professor Larry Bradley  
Professor Larry Bright  
Professor Karen Card  
Professor Michael Card  
Professor Jean Caraway  
Professor Audrey Cross  
Professor Lucy Dai  
Professor Marvin Gamble  
Professor Elizabeth Hanson  
Professor Gregory Huckabee  
Professor Betty Hulse  
Professor Gera Jacobs  
Professor Brennan Jordan  
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Professor Kristine Reed  
Professor Kenneth Renner  
Professor Mary Ring  
Professor William Schweinle  
Professor Stacy Smallfield  
Professor Miglena Sternadori  
Professor Nancy Trimble  
Professor Dan Van Peurseem  
Professor Violeta Vasilevska

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## Administration in Attendance

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Roberta S. Ambur, Vice President, Information Technology  
Anne Cooper Moore, Dean of Libraries  
James L. Parker, Dean of Students

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Laurie Miiller, Lead Usher  
Grace Bick  
Teresa Hays  
Dominique Lyon  
Frank Marnell  
Doreen Ronning  
Lloyd Rowland  
Clarence Shoemaker  
Deb Wiemers



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# Candidates for Degree

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Doctor of Philosophy

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| Russ Edward Carpenter, Bieber, CA<br>B.S., Humboldt State University<br>M.S., Uppsala University<br>Biological Sciences<br>Dissertation: Neuromodulatory Effects of Corticotropin Releasing Factor on Anxiety, Social Dominance, Stress Coping and Learning Strategies | Emily J. Stanage-Becker, Yankton, SD<br>B.S., The University of South Dakota<br>M.A., The University of South Dakota<br>Psychology<br>Dissertation: Computerized Experience Sampling Method in Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder: Distress Tolerance As A Moderator of Response to Daily Stressors, Psychotic, and Negative Mood Symptoms |
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### Doctor of Education

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| Joyce A. Anderson<br>B.S., Northern State University<br>M.S., Northern State University<br>PsyS., Minnesota State University-Moorhead<br>Educational Administration<br>Dissertation: Parent-Delivered Instruction of Phonemic Awareness and Letter Identification Skills for Four- and Five-Year-Old Children in South Dakota | Michael A. Leiker<br>B.S., Fort Hays State University<br>M.S., Fort Hays State University<br>Educational Administration<br>Dissertation: The Adherence of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Faculty from Division II Schools in Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska to a Wellness Lifestyle |
| April Ann Anderson, Spearfish, SD<br>B.A., University of Iowa<br>M.A. The University of South Dakota<br>Educational Administration<br>Dissertation: Relationship Between a University's Alcohol Prevention Program and Seven Health Principles: Optimism, Values, Self-Care, Relationships, Community, Nature and Service     | Michael G. Moore, Brookings, SD<br>B.S., South Dakota State University<br>M.E., South Dakota State University<br>EdS, The University of South Dakota<br>Educational Administration<br>Dissertation: Student and Staff Perceptions of the Transition from Middle to High School                  |
| Wendy Jansen-Simmerman<br>B.S., Northern State University<br>M.B.A., University of Sioux Falls<br>Educational Administration<br>Dissertation: A Study of a Two-Year College and How it Fosters Lifelong Learning and Empowerment  | Kevin Lee Rogers, Sioux Falls, SD<br>B.S., South Dakota State University<br>M.B.A., The University of South Dakota<br>Educational Administration<br>Dissertation: Educational Doctoral Student Attitudes Toward and Understanding Economics   |
| Cotton S. Koch<br>B.S., Black Hills State College<br>M.S., South Dakota State University<br>Educational Administration<br>Dissertation: The Function of Electronic Communication Devices in Assisting Parental Involvement in Middle Schools  | Roger William Schieferecke, Norton, KS<br>B.A., Fort Hays State University<br>M.S., Fort Hays State University<br>Educational Administration<br>Dissertation: Male College Students' Perceptions of Mattering and Marginalization at a Selected Great Plains University                         |
|   | Fan Zhou, Chengdu, Sichuan, China<br>B.S., Chengdu University<br>M.S., The University of South Dakota<br>Educational Administration<br>Dissertation: The Trends of Highly Skilled Immigrants in the U.S. between 1997 and 2006  |

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## SANFORD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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### Doctor of Medicine

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## SCHOOL OF LAW

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### Juris Doctor

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Master of Arts

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Thesis: Child Maltreatment and Deliberate  
Self-Harm Among College Students: Testing  
Mediational AND Moderational Models for  
Impulsivity  
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## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Arts

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Thor LeRoy Anderson, Challis, ID  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
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Brytten Joyce Cook, Milbank, SD  
Psychology, Spanish  
Lindsey Lee Dorneman, Watertown, SD  
Political Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Scott Steven Erickson, Douglas, WY  
Sociology, Anthropology  
*Cum Laude*  
Joshua Evan Fleckenstein, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*  
Anna Claire Fuchtmann, Creighton, NE  
Political Science, International Studies  
Amanda Elizabeth Giese, Aberdeen, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
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Psychology  
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International Studies, Anthropology  
*Cum Laude*  
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Communication Sciences & Disorders  
Andrea Michelle Lias, Vermillion, SD  
Psychology

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Rachel Marie Miller, Sioux City, IA  
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Lucas Grant Nordquist, Lake City, SD  
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Rebecca Ann Schademann, Columbus, NE  
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Political Science  
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Meghan Marie Peterson, Burke, SD  
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Kenneth Gene Puepke, Alexandria, SD  
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Nicholas Lawrence Rebnord, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice  
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Jordan Thomas Wendell, Burke, SD  
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## BEACOM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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### Bachelor of Business Administration

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Accounting  
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Management  
Katie Amanda Bjorum, Brandon, SD  
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Management  
Brock Burr  
Finance  
Bethany Teresa Christenson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing  
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Accounting  
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Finance  
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Andrea Jean Gustad, Irene, SD  
Management  
Janna Hanson, Fargo, ND/ Brandon, SD  
Finance  
Matthew Scott Hardy, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Jeana Michele Hoffman, Mitchell, SD  
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Management  
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Management  
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Finance  
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Health Services Administration  
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Lisa Christine Skaff, Harrisburg, SD  
Marketing  
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Management  
Travis J. Snyder, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing  
Jessica Jean Spaniol, Canton, SD  
Accounting  
Jennifer Lynn Sutton, Watertown, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*  
Matthew Lloyd Tillma, Castlewood, SD  
Finance  
Christina JeAnn Ulvestad, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

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Management  
Ryan S. Wandersee  
Management  
Elizabeth Ann Wattier, Dell Rapids, SD  
Management  
Joshua Cole Westhoff, LeMars, IA  
Management  
Bryan Widen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Katie Jill Wilkins, DeSmet, SD  
Management  
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Management

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science in Education

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History Education  
Amanda Grace Barton, Aberdeen, SD  
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*Summa Cum Laude*  
Katie A. Bartunek, Wagner, SD  
Elementary Education  
Jacquelin Marie Boyle, Avon, SD  
Math Education  
Allison Kaylei Burkhardt, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Aaron Glenn Carroll, Brandon, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Mallory Jean Cox, Watertown, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Karan Domina, Lingle, WY  
English Education  
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Elementary Education, Special Education  
Carrie Lynn Dunn, Sioux City, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Jordan Sandy Esmay, Murdo, SD  
Elementary Education  
Valerie Jean Fischer, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Kirk Edward Fredericksen, Iowa City, IA  
Elementary Education  
Britany Lynne Gonsor, Pierre, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Kristina Nadine Hixson, Jefferson, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Adam Jastram, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Tagney Shey Jones, Lincoln, NE  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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Elementary Education  
Kelli M. Leander  
Elementary Education  
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Elementary Education  
Jenna Jean Noteboom, Corsica, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Alexander James Perkowski, Hinsdale, IL  
Physical Education  
Amy Caroline Schaffner, Maple Grove, MN  
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Adam Lloyd Schneider, Valentine, NE  
History Education  
Kurt A. Seibel, Vermillion, SD  
Physical Education  
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Elementary Education, Special Education  
Melissa Sue Simpson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Daniel Ryan Slade, Yankton, SD  
History Education  
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*Cum Laude*  
Mackenzie Hagger Tuschen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Ryan Christian Ulvick-Oetken, Rapid City, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
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Elementary Education  
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Physical Education  
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Physical Education  
*Cum Laude*  
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English Education

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## Bachelor of Science in Recreation

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Stefanie Justine Jellis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Christine Louise Johnson

Kyle Scott Mollet, Vermillion, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
Tyler Andrew Robinson, Elkhorn, NE  
Ryan R. Routh, Sioux Falls, SD

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## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

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### Bachelor of Fine Arts

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Justin Taylor Brunick, Yankton, SD  
Art Education  
Katherine Frances Case, Sioux City, IA  
Art  
Susanne Johanna Green, Gauting, Germany  
Art Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Kyra Jeanne Hansen, Stockholm, SD  
Theatre  
Amanda Kay Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Theatre  
John Jacob Kidney, Yankton, SD  
Art

David E. Miller, Sioux City, IA  
Art  
*Cum Laude*  
Kathryn Elisabeth Olwell, Sioux Falls, SD  
Theatre  
Ellie Alayne Satter, Yankton, SD  
Theatre  
Sara Lynn Schenkel, Yankton, SD  
Art  
Angee Verzani-Dorcey, Jackson, NE  
Art Education  
Madison Mae Zimmerman, Rapid City, SD  
Art

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### Bachelor of Music

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Music Education  
Kjersten Anne Rathke, LeMars, IA  
Music Education

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*Cum Laude*  
Noelle Jenna Petersen, Orange City, IA  
Music Education  
*Cum Laude*

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## SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Science

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Keshia K. Densberger  
Social Work  
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Social Work  
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Rachel Rose Kenney, Wausa, NE  
Social Work  
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Theresa Marie Knutson, Hokah, MN  
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Tamera Michelle Luetke, Yankton, SD  
Social Work  
Cami Sue Nelson, Sioux City, IA  
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*Cum Laude*

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Dental Hygiene

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Alcohol & Drug Studies  
Megan Reneé Zweber, Mission Hill, SD  
Social Work

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## Associate of Science

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Nursing  
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Nursing  
Kathryn Anne Buttolph, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Ashley Lynn Carlberg, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Joan Carlin, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Sara Dawn Christians, Rock Rapids, IA  
Nursing  
Christine Alyse Coyle, Philip, SD  
Nursing  
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Nursing  
Amy P. Crosby, Hot Springs, SD  
Nursing  
Nicole Marie DeJong, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Nicole Lyn Dunn, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Jamie Lee Gregory, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Jessi Raye Hawkes, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Lyndsey Sue Home, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Tara Ann Hulm, Bison, SD  
Nursing  
Stacy Leigh Ingle, Ellsworth AFB, SD  
Nursing  
Susan Marie Johnson, Sturgis, SD  
Nursing  
Lynn Jones, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
*With High Honor*  
Bradley David Klein, Spearfish, SD  
Nursing  
Ryan James Koerner, Belle Fourche, SD  
Nursing  
Jessica Marie Kuipers, Brandon, SD  
Nursing

Dawn L. LaFleur, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Christine Lauritzen, Dell Rapids, SD  
Nursing  
Nicole L. Lee, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Jeanne Marie Mehlhaff, Mitchell, SD  
Nursing  
*With Highest Honor*  
Kelsey Marie Miller, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Julie L. Mitchell, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Coty C. Morgan, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Thor R. Nankivel, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
*With Honor*  
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Jason Ray Nope, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Shannon O'Keefe, Aberdeen, SD  
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Nursing  
Amy K. Ratliff, Torrance, CA  
Nursing  
*With High Honor*  
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Nursing  
*With Honor*  
Rachel A. Schwab, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Kerry R. Shaw, Amboy, IL  
Nursing  
Emily J. Sieler, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Nancy B. Sleeper  
Nursing  
Scott A. Stauffenecker, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing  
Amber L. Wagner, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

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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          |
| Health Sciences.....             | Green         |
| Law.....                         | Purple        |
| Medicine.....                    | Green         |

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

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|--|---|
| Beta Gamma Sigma.....                        | Blue ribbon with medallion                |
| Chi Sigma Iota.....                          | Blue & white honor cords                  |
| Golden Key International Honour Society..... | Blue & gold honor cords                   |
| 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.