

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

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Joan England  
Orla Christensen  
James Stewart

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## Lead Marshals

Leon Korte  
Barb Yutzenka

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## 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.

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## Marshals

Ann Brunick	Solveig Korte
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Randall Gingiss	Leigh Washburn
Greg Huckabee	Gerry Yutzenka
Cory Knedler	

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# Candidates for Degrees

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Doctor of Philosophy

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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  
\*Graduated December 21, 2004

### Doctor of Education

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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  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: An Organizational Culture Comparison Between a Junior College's and Medical Center's Department in Taiwan

Yuh-Shiow Sheu, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC  
B.A., Eternal Life Christ College  
M.A., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: International Students' Perceptions Toward On-Line Learning in American Higher Education

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B.A., Iowa State University  
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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

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Specialist in Education

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### Master of Arts

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B.A., Western Kentucky University  
English  
Thesis: Catch the Wind  
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B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
Special Education  
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Political Science  
Thesis: Nationalism, Nation State Building, and  
Pan-Africanism  
Billy Paul Beesley, Ashland, WI  
B.S., University of Wisconsin - Superior  
Educational Administration  
Christopher Michael Beiswanger, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Communication Studies  
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Secondary Education  
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B.A., Mount Marty College  
Mathematics  
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Animal Cruelty Committed During Childhood,  
Physical Parental Punishment, and Adult  
Aggression  
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Thesis: Utopia of Kahlil Gibran's English-  
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Thesis: Technological Mandalas: Spatialization in  
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Psychology  
Thesis: The Influence of Trauma Type on  
Trauma Symptom Inventory Profiles: Military  
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Biology

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History  
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Thesis: Balancing the Equation: An Analysis of  
Videostyle of Female versus Female U.S. Senate,  
Congressional, and Gubernatorial Races from  
1986 through 2002.  
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B.F.A., Washington University of St. Louis  
Art  
Laura Anne Melancon  
B.F.A., University of Louisiana - Lafayette  
Art

Michael Brandon Sanderson, Clifton, KS  
B.S., Colorado State University - Pueblo  
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B.M., South Dakota State University  
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Music Performance

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Music History  
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the Performance and Popularity of the Guitar  
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of *Astragalus barrii* (Fabaceae) in the South  
Dakota Badlands  
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B.S., Central Michigan University  
Administrative Studies  
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B.S., Eastern Illinois University  
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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Jason Briggs, Mitchell, SD

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Bryana Jo Fossen, Whitewood, SD

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Brian James Anderson, Brandon, SD  
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Melody Rae Anderson, Rapid City, SD  
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Steven Craig Anderson, Rapid City, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
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Chemistry  
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Werner James Christensen, Freeman, SD  
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Shelley Lynn Clark, Gayville, SD  
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Psychology, Music  
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Dustin D. Degen, Hartford, SD  
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Summa Cum Laude  
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Psychology  
Matthew Lee Dewald, Yankton, SD  
Psychology  
Cum Laude  
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Jennifer Lynn George, Huron, SD  
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Orrin William Hall, Murdo, SD  
Biology, Psychology  
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Psychology  
Patrick Michael Hamiel, Britton, SD  
Psychology  
Cum Laude  
Brad Allen Hamilton, Groton, SD  
Sociology  
Rhonda Marie Hammerquist, Rapid City, SD  
Psychology  
Cassy Lynn Hansen, Rapid City, SD  
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Lea C. Harris, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
Drew Paul Hatch, Hibbing, MN  
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Computer Science  
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Nicci Sue Hein, Vermillion, SD  
English  
Jessica Eve Hight, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Cum Laude  
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Chemistry, Biology  
Magna Cum Laude

Cindy Marie Jackson, Newport, WA  
Biology

Bridget Clare Jacobs, Vermillion, SD  
Biology  
Cum Laude

Katrina Maureen Jacobs, Vermillion, SD  
Physics  
Magna Cum Laude

Lee G. Jarvis, London, England  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Mark Steven Jastram, Sioux Falls, SD  
History

Angela Blane Jensen, Bloomfield, NE  
Biology  
Magna Cum Laude

Ashley Ann Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology  
Summa Cum Laude

Meredith Jones, Pierre, SD  
Criminal Justice

Austin George Kaus, Wessington Springs, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism, English

Sarah Marie Keupp, Colman, SD  
Biology  
Summa Cum Laude

Pamela Kay Klemp, Pueblo, CO  
Criminal Justice

Justin Craig Koch, Salem, SD  
Computer Science, Political Science

Shandra Renae Kolterman, Crofton, NE  
Criminal Justice, Psychology

Jenilee Rae Kontz, Brandon, SD  
Psychology

Jason Michael Kurtz, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice  
Cum Laude

Jesse Christopher Kurtz, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice, Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude

Tara Nikole Lammers, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology  
Summa Cum Laude

Erik Allen Lange, Inwood, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Lacey Ann Leheska, Chamberlain, SD  
Biology  
Cum Laude

Joe M. Leon, Aberdeen, SD  
English

Eric Brian Lorenzen, Iowa Falls, IA  
English

Elise Noelle Lowe, Ponca, NE  
Mathematics, Computer Science  
Cum Laude

Marissa Ann Marx, Sioux City, IA  
Criminal Justice  
Cum Laude

Keith Bruce McCollister, Sioux Falls, SD  
Chemistry  
Summa Cum Laude  
USDSM Alumni Student Scholar

Katherine Marie McDonald, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology  
Magna Cum Laude

Meghan Ruth McGillivray, Sturgis, SD  
Biology  
Summa Cum Laude  
USDSM Alumni Student Scholar

Sherri Lynn McGregor, Salem, SD  
Biology  
Summa Cum Laude

Kristin Lee McKee, Custer, SD  
Communication Disorders  
Magna Cum Laude

Michael Earl Meekins, Superior, NE  
Chemistry

Naomi Leigh Mentele, Epiphany, SD  
Biology

Christopher Noel Mikkelsen, Gregory, SD  
Biology

Jenny Lee Miller, Pierre, SD  
Communication Disorders  
Magna Cum Laude

Marci A. Miller, Rapid City, SD  
Communication Disorders, Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude

Tara Jaclyn Moore, Yankton, SD  
Philosophy

Dean William Mormann, Crofton, NE  
Biology  
Magna Cum Laude

Joshua Ryan Mueller, Hartford, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Patricia Irene Murrell, Eugene, OR  
Biology  
Magna Cum Laude

Muharema Mustic, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology

Kelly Ann Neuharth, Menno, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Prisca Sibongile Ngondo, Harare, Zimbabwe  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Daniel K. Nilles, Rapid City, SD  
Biology

April Marie Norton, Miller, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice

Akinwunmi Oluwaseun Odeniyi  
Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics  
Cum Laude

Brent Patrick O'Hara, Spencer, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

MaryJane Olsen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology

Jonovan Gustav Ottenbacher, Selby, SD  
Biology  
Cum Laude

Mathew Neal Overby, Tracy, CA  
History

Faith A. Pautz  
Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude

Kari Ann Pederson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice

Lee Michael Pekoske, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice

Derek J. Pelc  
Psychology

Danielle Andrea Peterson, Spearfish, SD  
Psychology  
Cum Laude

Jennifer Anne Phillippe, Custer, SD  
Communication Disorders

Kelly Briana Piacentino, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology

Robert Joel Plucker, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice

Jason M. Polreis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Chemistry  
Cum Laude

Matthew Joseph Pruner, Parkston, SD  
Criminal Justice

Jon Radermacher, Ortonville, MN  
Criminal Justice, Political Science

Cassie Marie Rapp, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Cum Laude

Paul J. Reed, Champlin, MN  
Computer Science

Derrick Lee Reifenrath, Sioux City, IA  
Criminal Justice

Alicia Nicole Reiners, Mankato, MN  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Joleen Varie Reule, Rapid City, SD  
Biology  
Magna Cum Laude

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

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## Associate of Arts

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

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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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### Bachelor of Business Administration

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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	

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## Bachelor of Science in Health Administration

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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

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science in Education

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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

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### Bachelor of Science in Recreation

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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

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## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

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### Bachelor of Fine Arts

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Catherine Therese 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

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## Bachelor of Music

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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

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## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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### Bachelor of Arts

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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

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### Bachelor of Science

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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

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### Bachelor of Science in Allied Health

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

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### Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

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### Associate of Science

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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  
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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

Rondae L. Woodle, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Ann K. Wright, Onida, SD  
Nursing

Erin Lee Wright, Sioux City, IA  
Dental Hygiene

Jennifer J. Wyman, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Eskedar Kumlachew Yimer, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Carisa Elaine Zarr, Bismarck, ND  
Nursing

Arianne M. Zieske, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Peggy Ann Zimmer, Harrisburg, SD  
Nursing  
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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 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