

THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



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SATURDAY, MAY NINTH
TWO THOUSAND AND NINE
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. Charles Staben
Acting Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs
Professor Thomas Davies, Beacom School of Business
Professor David Carr, Beacom School of Business

Commencement Address.....Mary Lynn and Stephen R. Myers
"It's All About You!"

Ye Shall Have a Song, arr. by Randall Thompson.....USD Chamber Singers
directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

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

Posthumous Degree.....President James W. Abbott
Denae Marie Zerr, Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Honorary Degrees.....President James W. Abbott
Mary Lynn Myers, Doctor of Public Service
Stephen R. Myers, Doctor of Public Service

Alumni Welcome.....Jen A. Porter
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..... Dr. Larry B. Schou

Alma Mater

Words by Mabel Kingsley Richardson
Music by Winfred R. Colton

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

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

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.

Stage Party

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Clarence Shoemaker
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Candidates for Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

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| Ryan Allen, Louisville, KY B.A., Western Kentucky University; M.A., The University of South Dakota English Dissertation: We've Got the Sky to Talk About | Eric G. Kurtz, Sioux Falls, SD B.S., Northern State University; Ed.S., The University of South Dakota Counseling & Psychology in Education Dissertation: Concurrent Evidence for Validity of the MMPI-A Substance abuse Scales in a School Setting |
| Leigh Ann Christain B.A., Truman State University; M.A., The University of South Dakota English Dissertation: Tall As You Are Tall Between Them | Yan Li, ChangZhi City, ShanXi Province, P.R. China B.S., M.S., Beijing Normal University Biomedical Sciences Dissertation: The Inhibition of Atm and Akt by Ku-55933 Induces Cell Cycle Arrest and Apoptosis in Cancer Cells with Over-Activated Akt |
| Kyle Vincent Kappeler, Aurora, CO B.S., Mesa State College Biomedical Sciences Dissertation: Characterization of the Naturally Encoded Rgg Variant in <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> Strain MGAS315 (M3) | Yingheng Liu, Nanjing, China Bachelor of Chinese Medicine; Hong Kong Baptist University Biomedical Sciences Dissertation: Thyroid Hormone Regulation of Adult Coronary Vasculature |

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Dissertation: Factors Impacting Teacher
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Initiative

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Acquisition in Rural Adolescent Males

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Dissertation: Going Green: A Comparison
Case Study of How Three Higher Education
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Dietetics Education: Program Directors'
Perceptions Regarding the Utilization of
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 Educational Administration
 Ryan Mullaly
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 Biology
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 Special Education
 Amanda Nielsen, Pierre, SD
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 Political Science
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 Mathematics
 Sandra A. Passick, Canton, SD
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 Secondary Education
 Kelli M Petersen, Montrose, SD
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 Speech & Language Pathology
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 Special Education
 Peter Joseph Rizzo, Portage, MI
 B.S., Ferris State University
 Communication Studies
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 B.A., The University of South Dakota
 Political Science
 Thesis: Punitive Leaders and Unquestioning
 Followers: An Experimental Survey Assessing
 the Precursors to Harsh Interrogation
 Ryan P. Rollinger, Harrisburg, SD
 B.A., University of Sioux Falls
 Educational Administration
 Melissa Russell, Rapid City, SD
 B.S., Minnesota State University-Moorhead
 Health, Physical Education & Recreation

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Letitia Maria Stover, Ts'ah Bii Kin, AZ
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 Political Science
 Thesis: Avoiding the Frying Pan and the Fire:
 Searching for Optimal Jurisdictional
 Arrangement in Indian Country Governance

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 B.A., University of Wyoming
 Educational Administration

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 Educational Administration

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 Educational Administration

John Gregory VerHeul, Viborg, SD
 B.S., The University of South Dakota
 History
 Thesis: Changing Faces: A Study of the
 Communities and Ethnic Neighborhoods of
 Turner County, South Dakota

Christopher G. Vondracek, Wells, MN
 B.A., The University of South Dakota
 English
 Thesis: Dances with Welk: A Rural Rock
 Odyssey

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 B.A., University of Sioux Falls
 Elementary Education

Tyson Whitehill, Sioux City, IA
 B.A., Flagler College
 Communication Studies
 Thesis: Group Formation and Structure in an
 Online Environment

Christen M. Whittington, Downers Grove
 B.A., Saint Mary's College
 English
 Thesis: Cliques

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 Communication Studies

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Thesis: Maurice Ravel and *Les Apaches*

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John W. Neth, Menno, SD
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Laura Jean Anderson
Bullying and Cyberbullying: Extent and Gender Roles

Halley Backes
Comparative analysis of organ transplant systems in the United States, Iran and Spain with a policy recommendation for the United States

Felicia Hope Barnes
Application of Policy to Protect Groundwater-Dependent Endangered Species

Laura L. Beall
Pioneer Potters: Potteries in Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota

Jill S. Brink
The Effect of Occupational Stereotype Primers on Task Performance

Zachary Crago
Analyzing the Effects of Agricultural Subsidies on Farm Land Values in South Dakota

Dan Cwach
Sinewave Voltammetry of Sulfur oxoanions

Megan Renee Determan
Expression Patterns of Cadherin-6B in Chick Limb Development

Anne Doshier
The Cost European Union Consumers Bear to Support Rural Dairy Farmers

Mandy Jo Ellefson
A Functional Analysis of 2008 Presidential E-mail Communication

Elizabeth Marie Fan, Sugar Land, TX
Searching for Home: Memoirs of Place, Home and Displacement

Bethanna Feist
Teen Courts: An Effective Form of Relief for the Juvenile Justice System—The Need for Implementation Nationwide

Merrick C. Fisher
Self-Determination and Secession in Contemporary Europe

Patrick J. Geary
A Folly and a Crime? The Causes and Effects of the British Defeat in the First Anglo-Afghan War

Andrea Gorden
O-Protonated Amide Macrocycles: Solid Acid Mechanical Sensors and Potential Polymers

Mckenzy M. Harrington
Economic, Familial, and Extra-Familial Factors Correlated to Teenage Childbearing Occurrences

John M. Hines
Using Terrorism: What Insurgent Groups Can Gain From Terrorism and When They Should Abandon Its Use

Renae Beth Hyronimus
A Comparison of User Perceptions in Real and Imagined Architectural Space

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| Christopher J. Jensen | Megan Leigh Peters |
| Mapping the Corticopontine Projection from Motor Cortex in the Non-Human Primate and Some Observations of Corticopontin Plasticity Following Brain Injury | Career Choice: Influential Factors and Pre-Medicine Students |
| Brandon William Kastein | Megan Nicole Rieck |
| Characterization of the Functional Link Between ATM and Akt in Insulin Signaling Using Pharmacological Agents Targeting ATM Kinase Activity | Correlation of Emotion and Food Choice in College Students |
| Laura Kathleen Keupp | Anne Elizabeth Rosenbaum |
| Children's Mental Health in South Dakota and Bordering States | The methodology of Researching Sensitive Issues with Rural American Women |
| Grant E. Lacey | Laura Schmitz |
| Wood Firing: Out of the Woods | Crossing Cultures: An analysis of J.H. Kwabena Nketia's piano works |
| Jessica Sue Mathison | Mikala Semerad |
| An Introduction to the Fortepiano | Effect of pH on the Oscillating Electrochemical Reaction of Iodide |
| Danielle Leigh Meyer | Theresa Jean Stevenson |
| The Mechanism Underlying High-glucose-induced Collagen Reduction in Primary Cardiac Cells | Determinants of Brand Loyalty Between Genders Among an Adult Population |
| Alex Douglas Morley | Keenan J. Thomas |
| Experiments in Asymmetric Mixed Strategy Games: Variations on Matching Pennies | Measured External Sources of Background at Homestake Mine |
| Jennifer Sue Muhmel | Miranda Jo Vanden Brink |
| Research-Based Strategies for More Accurate Eyewitness Identification Procedures | Synthesis and Characterization of Ruthenium Nanocrystals |
| Melissa Brianna Noland | Amanda Sue Weber |
| Images of Apollo: Interpretations of Greek Religious Art | Photocatalytic Studies of Europium Doped TiO ₂ Aerogels and Xerogels |
| | Matthew Brian Whitmore |
| | The Validity of Emotional Intelligence |

Thesis Scholar

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| Matthew R. Adamson | Experiments in Bertrand Competition with Factor Markets |
| Jo Dee Allen | HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Medication Compliance for Children age 2 to 5 Years Old |
| Matthew Peter Hittle | The Growth of the Christian Right's Influence on Republican Party Platform Rhetoric |
| Andrea L. Hoff | Blueprints: A Brief Family History |
| April Ida Jungwirth | The Role of Hypothalamic Progesterone Receptors in the Control of Female Sexual Behavior |

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| William Brian Ney | Two Wrongs Do Not Make It Right: Introducing Post-Conviction DNA Access Legislation to South Dakota |
| Lindsay Jean Reuer | Bible Literacy |
| Amanda K. Sedlacek | The Role of Matrix Metallo Proteases in End Organ Renal Damage |
| Mandie Rose Weinandt | The Decision of South Dakota School Districts to Opt-Out of Property Tax Limits |

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Jesse R. Bethke, Pierre, SD
Computer Science
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Morgan Flint Brekke, Sioux Falls, SD
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Cum Laude

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Contemporary Media & Journalism

Jamie Lee Bulian, Yankton, SD
Communication Studies
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Leah Campbell, Le Mars, IA
Communication Disorders
Cum Laude

Ayris Cheval
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Cum Laude

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Regina Dutcher, Wakefield, NE
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Ricky Elliott, Sturgis, SD
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Brittany Ellis, Sioux Falls, SD
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Grant Timothy Ellis, Norfolk, NE
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University Scholar

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Melisa M. Forest, Pierre, SD
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Matt J. Fuhrer
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Justin J. Gartland, Rapid City, SD
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Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Political Science
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Summa Cum Laude

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Emily Kay Hawkins, Le Mars, IA
Psychology

Catherine Leigh Herrick, Ripley, WV
Anthropology

John M. Hines
Political Science
University Scholar, Cum Laude

Robin Lois Hinesh, Pierre, SD
English, International Studies
Magna Cum Laude

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Thesis Scholar

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Summa Cum Laude

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Spanish

Charlene Irwin, Vermillion, SD
English

Allison F. Johnson, Yankton, SD
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Bonnie Jost, Wessington Springs, SD
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Anthropology

Laura Kathleen Keupp, Colman, SD
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Lawrence J. Klipfel, Aberdeen, SD
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Cody Allan Kofoid, Billings, MT
Spanish
Summa Cum Laude

Kayli R. Kronstedt, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
 French Studies
 Adam Mychal Krumwiede, Watertown, SD
 Contemporary Media & Journalism
 Brooke Joy Kuchta, Sioux Falls, SD
 Spanish
Cum Laude
 Kelli J. Kuecker, Webster, SD
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 Shawn D. Littrel
 Communication Studies
 Sarah F. Lohafer
 Anthropology
 Brianna Loneman, Sioux Falls, SD
 Criminal Justice
Magna Cum Laude
 Jessica Lynn Lundgren, Fairmont, SD
 Psychology
 Abby Lyle, Beresford, SD
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 Rebecca Ann Magee, Watertown, SD
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 Jennifer Ellyn McIntyre, Harrisburg, SD
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 Vanessa Monico, Sioux Falls, SD
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Cum Laude
 Ryan Moore, South Sioux City, NE
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Cum Laude
 Susan M. Moore, Sioux City, IA
 American Indian Studies
 Kathleen T. Morin, Lombard, IL
 History
 Alex Douglas Morley, Fort Madison, IA
 Economics
University Scholar, Cum Laude
 Tamra Lynn Mossey, Rockford, IL
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 Jennifer Sue Muhmel, Yankton, SD
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 Political Science
University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude
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 Psychology
 William Brian Ney, Gahanna, OH
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Thesis Scholar, Cum Laude
 Jennifer T. Nickerson
 English, Psychology
 Melissa Brienne Noland, Sioux Falls, SD
 History, Psychology
University Scholar, Summa Cum Laude
 Molly O'Connor, Vermillion, SD
 English
Magna Cum Laude
 Ashley Nicole O'Hara, Sioux Falls, SD
 International Studies, Spanish &
 Political Science
 Abbie Peterson, Aberdeen, SD
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 Lindsay Jean Reuer
 Anthropology, International Studies
Thesis Scholar, Cum Laude
 Sandra Reyes Nuñez, South Sioux City, NE
 Criminal Justice
 Anne Elizabeth Rosenbaum, Elk Point, SD
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Cum Laude
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 Dawn Amber Seefeldt, Sioux City, IA
 Criminal Justice, Psychology
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 Mikala Semerad, Rapid City, SD
 Spanish
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 Ashley Sieh, Leola, SD
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Cum Laude
 Ashley K. Sorenson, Yankton, SD
 Psychology
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 Melinda S. Stange, Huron, SD
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 Leah Tetzlaff, Aberdeen, SD
 Contemporary Media & Journalism
 Byron Thomas, Palmdale, CA
 Sociology
 Nicolás Flint Torres, Sioux Falls, SD
 Psychology, Spanish
 Kory Veenis, Canton, SD
 Contemporary Media & Journalism
 Kelly Elizabeth Vine, Sioux Falls, SD
 Psychology
 Mandie Rose Weinandt, Dakota Dunes, SD
 Economics
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 Contemporary Media & Journalism, Theatre
Cum Laude
 Jessica L. Yearous, Miller, SD
 Political Science
Magna Cum Laude
 Mary Kathryn Zoss
 History

Bachelor of Science

Jeremy David Ackerman, Canton, SD
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Cum Laude

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Chemistry

Jeremy Lemcke, Onida, SD
History, Anthropology

Amy Theresa Loftesness, Sioux Falls, SD
Biology
Cum Laude

Christopher Markley, Pierre, SD
Earth Science

Jessica Sue Mathison, Yankton, SD
Biology
*University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude,
SSM Alumni Student Scholar*

Tara Mathison, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology

Sarah Lynn McCord, Brookings, SD
Psychology

Ashley Ann Mellem, Volin, SD
Communication Disorders

Lacey M. Mentele
Criminal Justice

Brandi L. Mews, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

Danielle Leigh Meyer, Ringsted, IA
Psychology
University Scholar

Whitney Jo Meyer, Canton, SD
Psychology

Ashley Miles, Harrisburg, SD
Criminal Justice
Cum Laude

Phil Millard, Sioux City, IA
Biology Education
Cum Laude

John Mohrhauser, Mapleton, IA
History

Brittany Moore, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology

Alan Nedved, Wagner, SD
History Criminal Justice

Karl D. Neilson
Biology

Ashley Kate Neugebauer, Ethan, SD
Anthropology, History

Kendra A. Neugebauer, Parkston, SD
Communication Disorders
Cum Laude

Michael K. Nussbaum, Sioux Falls, SD
Biology

Kristin Leigh Olson, Vermillion, SD
Psychology, English
Cum Laude

Amber R. Onken, Cherokee, IA
Chemistry, Physics

Katy Parrott, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology
Cum Laude

Megan Leigh Peters, Delmont, SD
Biology
University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Michael Peyton, Le Mars, IA
Biology

Rachel Marie Plews, Missouri Valley, IA
Sociology

Kenneth Pospischil, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology, Sociology

Drew Daniel Price
Political Science
Cum Laude

Calvin Alfred Ranns
Economics

Kristopher Alan Reed
Criminal Justice

Austin Thomas Reinsch, Omaha, NE
Biology

Megan Nicole Rieck, Warner, SD
Biology
University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude

Bryce Riediger, Lawton, IA
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Shalee Rist, Centerville, SD
Psychology
Cum Laude

Andrew Thomas Robertson, Sioux Falls, SD
Political Science

Justin Rollins, Piedmont, SD
Psychology

Brittany Ronning, Groton, SD
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Jared R. Sage, Niobrara, NE
English

Joseph Sandness, Woonsocket, SD
Criminal Justice

Samantha Sue Saylor, Tea, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Amber Marie Schmidt, Hartford, SD
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Jason Schroeder
Criminal Justice

Preston Kenneth Scott, Parker, SD
Computer Science
Cum Laude

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| Amanda K. Sedlacek, Scotland, SD Biology, Psychology <i>Thesis Scholar, Cum Laude</i> | Miranda Jo Vanden Brink, Ireton, IA Chemistry <i>University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| Lita Lorraine Sigler Psychology, English | Jamie Ellice VerMeer, Brandon, SD Biology |
| Galen Matthew Slagle, Yankton, SD Political Science <i>Cum Laude</i> | Amber K. Volk, Norfolk, NE Contemporary Media & Journalism, English |
| Tyler Spease, Rapid City, SD Psychology | Dirk C. Waite, Warner, SD Criminal Justice, Political Science |
| Christian William Stai, Sioux Falls, SD Earth Science | Benjamin Birch Walters, Lennox, SD Biology |
| Kayla Steckelberg, Yankton, SD Psychology, Spanish | Stephanie C. Webber, Brentwood, CA Psychology |
| Amber Stern, Freeman, SD Political Science | Amanda Sue Weber, Mitchell, SD Chemistry <i>University Scholar, Cum Laude</i> |
| Theresa Jean Stevenson, Blencoe, IA Psychology <i>University Scholar, Summa Cum Laude</i> | Landon Michael Weber, Aberdeen, SD Biology <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Sarah G. Strunk Psychology, English <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | David M. Whitesock, Thompson, ND History |
| Dyon Tang, Omaha, NE Psychology | Chad M. Wilczynski, Spearfish, SD Anthropology |
| Keenan J. Thomas, Rapid City, SD Physics, Mathematics <i>University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude</i> | Kari Lavonne Wolff, Leola, SD Biology <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Neysa Thomas, Pittsburgh, PA Psychology | Clark D. Young, Omaha, NE Contemporary Media & Journalism |
| Benjamin James Thoreson, Brandon, SD Computer Science | Kayla A. Zeal, Mitchell, SD Psychology <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| Vanessa A. Tisher, Faulkton, SD Math Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | Eden Asrat Zeleke, Sioux Falls, SD Chemistry <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| Jeffrey Tobey Anthropology, History | Xiao Xi Zhang, Yankton, SD Chemistry, History <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Josh Tribble, Watertown, SD Psychology | Michaela Lynn Zimmerman, Crofton, NE Psychology |

Bachelor of Liberal Studies

Mason Benjamin Griffith, Sioux Falls, SD
Jamie Manning

Associate of Arts

Crystal Anderson, Brandon, SD
Christy Green
Jay T. Slaba

BEACOM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration

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| Jeremy David Ackerman, Canton, SD Finance <i>Cum Laude</i> | Mary E. Anderson, Rapid City, SD Management |
| Matthew R. Adamson, Sioux Falls, SD Economics <i>Thesis Scholar</i> | Laura Elizabeth Arnett, Tea, SD Marketing |
| Brittany Lucille Aker, Dell Rapids, SD Management | Halley Backes, Rapid City, SD Economics <i>University Scholar</i> |

Ryan Craig Bak, Beresford, SD
 Management
 Gina Mae Baldwin, Mitchell, SD
 Accounting
 Tyler A. Barondeau, Selby, SD
 Management
Magna Cum Laude
 Jesse Becker, Maple Grove, MN
 Economics
 Jeffrey D. Beckmann, Bloomfield, NE
 Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
 Jesse R. Bethke, Pierre, SD
 Management
Cum Laude
 Stacy Gwen Bjorlie, Austin, MN
 Management
 Nick Bochman, Yankton, SD
 Management
 Daniel Bork, Midland, SD
 Finance
Summa Cum Laude
 Mark Daniel Broders, Yankton, SD
 Accounting
Cum Laude
 Paul A. Brown, Le Mars, IA
 Accounting
Cum Laude
 Keeley J. Bunkers, Sioux Falls, SD
 Management
 Jessica L Burchill, Pierre, SD
 Finance
Magna Cum Laude
 Neil William Carlson, Spring Lake Park, MN
 Accounting
 Tara L. Carlson
 Accounting
 Chad Jeremy Carman, Madison, SD
 Finance
 Tami Christine Chapman, Manilla, IA
 Management
 Kayla Marie Chaussee, Brandon, SD
 Health Services Administration
 Pamela Chrystal, Wakonda, SD
 Accounting
 Emily Chvatal, Malmo, NE
 Management
 Samuel R. Clikeman, Gillette, WY
 Management
 Brittany Leigh Dettler, Langdon, ND
 Management
 Danielle Lynn Dettler, Sioux Falls, SD
 Health Services Administration
 Michael David Dieren, Brandon, SD
 Marketing
 Travis R. Dilling, Rochester, IL
 Marketing
 Karissa A. Dorcey, Wayne, NE
 Management
 Alexia Leigh Dunlop, Woodbine, IA
 Finance
 Rebecca M. Eisenhauer, Sioux Falls, SD
 Management
 Jenna M. Fejfar
 Finance
 Matthew Robert Finnegan, Sioux Falls, SD
 Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
 James A. Fischer
 Management
 Joshua John Fleming, Lincoln, NE
 Management
 Alan Flyger, Hurley, SD
 Management
 Kelly Rae Foreman, Sioux Center, IA
 Accounting
 Chelsea L. Fortney
 Management
 Elizabeth Ann Freitag, Sioux Falls, SD
 Accounting
Summa Cum Laude
 Austin D. Full, Royal, IA
 Finance
 Kelsey Jo Garry, Sioux Falls, SD
 Management
 Courtney Elizabeth Gilchrist, Columbia, SD
 Economics
Magna Cum Laude
 Beth Marie Glorvigen
 Accounting
 Megan M. Gough, Kimball, SD
 Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
 Nicole Rae Gruebele, Eureka, SD
 Health Services Administration
 Sarah R. Halbach, Minneapolis, MN
 Marketing
 Aaron Hansen, Brandon, SD
 Management
 Andrew Hartman, Brandon, SD
 Marketing
 Ryan Hawkins, Sioux Falls, SD
 Management
 Sara M. Hochstein
 Accounting
 Dustin E. Hoellein, Athol, SD
 Management
Cum Laude
 Joshua Alan Hofmeyer, Sioux City, IA
 Health Services Administration
 Craig Michael Hohn, Parkston, SD
 Health Services Administration
 Amanda L. Holdaway, Rapid City, SD
 Finance
 Heather Hult, Davis, SD
 Health Services Administration
 Paul T. Hutchins, Sioux Falls, SD
 Finance
 Jenna S. Isaacson
 Management
Cum Laude
 Chad Brian Jager, Sioux Falls, SD
 Health Services Administration
 Alex P. Jensen, Sioux Falls, SD
 Management
 Lindsey L. Jeratowski, Dakota Dunes, SD
 Marketing

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| Darcie Johnson, Henry, SD Health Services Administration | Felix Dario Nyangamoi, Harrisburg, SD Management |
| Kimberly J. Jones, Volga, SD Finance | Jason Orr, Yankton, SD Management |
| Cara Ann Juffer, Ireton, IA Accounting <i>Cum Laude</i> | Bryan D. Parker, Sioux Falls, SD Management |
| Jason M. Justice Finance | Jillian Peterson, Tea, SD Health Services Administration |
| Kyle A. Kadinger, Hartford, SD Marketing | Kelsey J. Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD Finance |
| Tim Karels, Milbank, SD Management | Matland Scott Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD Finance |
| Mary Katherine Klima, Leavenworth, KS Health Services Administration | Nathaniel Price, Milpitas, CA Finance |
| Megan Ann Klingbale, Lennox, SD Marketing | Taylor A. Ptacek, O'Neill, NE Health Services Administration <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Kyle Kenneth Koch, Salem, SD Management | Matthew Rantapaa, Lead, SD Economics <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Cody Allan Kofoid, Billings, MT Accounting <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | Erica L. Richardt, Rapid City, SD Finance |
| Daniel John Korthals, George, IA Accounting <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | Chelsea Marie Roesler, Irene, SD Marketing |
| Cynthia Ann Kranz, Watertown, SD Accounting <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | Brock R. Rohl Management |
| Kevin Alan Kruse, Harlan, IA Management | Kerry E. Roling, Salem, SD Finance |
| Kelli Renee Kunzweiler, Marcus, IA Accounting | Matthew K. Rueter, Orange City, IA Management |
| Justin Richard Lancaster, Pierre, SD Management | Robert W. Schuneman, Milbank, SD Management |
| Robert Larsen, Marion, SD Accounting | Alex W. Smith, Gettysburg, SD Management |
| Cody James Lensink, Sioux City, IA Marketing | Allison Smith, Wahpeton, ND Management |
| Rachel M. Linneman, Bruce, SD Management | Amy J. Smith Accounting |
| Justin M. Lipp, Mobridge, SD Management | Matt Soehl Management |
| Dustin Little, Castlewood, SD Management | Donna J. Stueve Management |
| Kristine Marie Livermont, Pierre, SD Health Services Administration | Stephanie Lynn Suhrbier, Lehigh, IA Accounting <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| Melissa Machacek Accounting | Brandon Ryan Telkamp, Tea, SD Accounting |
| Kelsey Madson, Sioux Falls, SD Marketing | Kaitlin B. Thomas, Pierre, SD Health Services Administration |
| Cameron A. Martin Economics | Kelsey L. Thomas, Kimball, SD Management <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Jessica Mehlberg, Raymond, SD Finance | Carolyn Thompson, Brookings, SD Accounting |
| Matthew Jay Mortenson, Selby, SD Management | Bonnie Jean Thurow, Ramona, SD Accounting <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Lisa Marie Nesheim, Ethan, SD Health Services Administration | Justin Tommeraasen, Brandon, SD Management |
| John W. Neth, Menno, SD Accounting | Christopher VanHout, Milbank, SD Management |
| Courtney Nordquist, Sioux Falls, SD Management | Marc Anthony Venekamp, Lake Benton, MN Management |
| Clay Tyler Noteboom, Corsica, SD Accounting | |

Brandyn J. Vetos, North Sioux City, SD
Marketing
Summa Cum Laude
Matt Vogel
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
Danielle L. Ward, Jackson, MN
Accounting
Randall F. Waterbury, Akron, IA
Management

Mandie Rose Weinandt, Dakota Dunes, SD
Management
Thesis Scholar, Summa Cum Laude
Chelsey Jo Wentz, Grand Forks, ND
Management
Matthew Brian Whitmore, Huron, SD
Management
University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Education

Shae Lea Anderson, Parkston, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Brooke A. Bonte
Elementary Education, Special Education
Danielle Lea Carda, Wagner, SD
Elementary Education
Erika Mae Carlson, Brookings, SD
Elementary Education
Rachel B. Christianson, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Jennifer L. Dobney, Akron, IA
Elementary Education, Special Education
Tess Eliza Fieldsend, Des Moines, IA
Elementary Education, Special Education
Christina M. Flora, Clark, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Brooke Elizabeth Flynn, South Sioux City, NE
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Kristin Marie Francisco, Estelline, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Cum Laude
Megan K. Freeman, Council Bluffs, IA
Elementary Education
Kelli A. Galbraith, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Catherine Ganschow, Wakonda, SD
Elementary Education
Angela Marie Geesman, Jackson, MN
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude
Michael Greco, Brandon, SD
Physical Education
Nicholas Herman, Nisland, SD
Physical Education
Charles Hosford Jr, Winner, SD
Physical Education
Magna Cum Laude
Louree A. Houston, Omaha, NE
Elementary Education
Karla Ann Jelsma, Springfield, SD
Math Education
Audrey O. Job, Vermillion, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Rebecca E. Kjellsen, Watertown, SD
Elementary Education, Special Education
Cum Laude

Tessa Nicole Kjose De Wit, Akron, IA
Elementary Education
Brianna Lynne Murad, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education
Andrea Maddox, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Elly Manning, Hays, KS
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Casie McFarlane
Elementary Education, Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Brittany Ann Mehlhaff, Pierre, SD
Math Education
Magna Cum Laude
Greg Meister, Le Mars, IA
Physical Education
Rebecca Miller, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Ryan Murfield, Brookings, SD
English Education
Jessica Leigh Murphy, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education
Adam J. Mutschelknaus
History Education
Kevin G. Myrmoe
History Education
Ruth Adell Need, Sidney, IA
Elementary Education, Special Education
Brittany Neiles, Sioux Falls, SD
History Education, English Education
Cum Laude
Tiffany A. Perry, Bruce, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Megan Elizabeth Peterson, Tekamah, NE
Biology Education
Whitney A. Podzimek, Avon, SD
Elementary Education
Kami I. Roberts, Wakefield, NE
Elementary Education, Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Wesley Robertson, Rapid City, SD
Physical Education
Sara R. Rodgers, Papillion NE
Elementary Education

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| Daniel Sanow, Yankton, SD Math Education | Shauna R. Tjepkes, Sibley, IA Elementary Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| Johanna Marie Sawyer-Clausen, Springfield, OH History Education | Katie Trometer, Elk Point, SD Elementary Education <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Nathan Selken, Sioux Falls, SD Elementary Education | Brandon Wagner, Utica, SD Elementary Education <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Martin P. Skroch History Education <i>Cum Laude</i> | Everett Troy Wall, Sergeant Bluff, IA English Education <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Nichole Steiner, Parker, SD Elementary Education, Special Education | Felicia Jean Westerlund Elementary Education |
| Natalie Stout, Crofton, NE Elementary Education <i>Cum Laude</i> | Brandon A. White, Chester, SD Math Education |
| Grant Sunne, Brandon, SD Math Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | Courtney J. Zander, Pierre, SD Elementary Education, Special Education <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Kayice Tjeerdsma, Avon, SD Physical Education | |

Bachelor of Science in Recreation

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| Allison A. Aasen, Sioux Falls, SD <i>Cum Laude</i> | Heather Nicole Kuhlmann, Nebraska City, NE |
| Justin Ryan Harper, Chandler, AZ | Derrick E. Spader |
| Taryn M. Ketter | Gina Elizabeth Spanton, Milbank, SD |

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Fine Arts

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| Emily J. Bonnema Theatre Education <i>Cum Laude</i> | Collin KH Hover, Blacksburg, VA Art |
| Marcie Elizabeth Brenden, Sioux Falls, SD Theatre | Tyler Hudson, South Sioux City, NE Theatre |
| Megan L. Dirks, Akron, IA Art <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | Leah N. Keating Art |
| Julie Esmay, Rapid City, SD Art Education <i>Cum Laude</i> | Patrick Kern, Rapid City, SD Art |
| Emily Ann Elizabeth Feauto, Akron, IA Art Education | Grant E. Lacey Art <i>University Scholar, Cum Laude</i> |
| Amanda Kay Gebhart, Elkton, SD Art | Jena Nichole Mulder, Freeman, SD Art |
| Sara Marie Gotch, South Sioux City, NE Art | Paul Thomas Osborne Petersen, Cheyenne, WY Theatre <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Elliot David Graber, Freeman, SD Theatre | Shane S. Sather Theatre |
| Kari Hamilton, Sioux Falls, SD Art | Alena Kristin Saunders, Omaha, NE Art |
| Matthew Michael Heller, Armour, SD Art | Lexy St. Pierre, Yankton, SD Art |
| Kathryn S. Henrichsen Theatre | |
| Andrea L. Hoff, Norfolk, NE Art <i>Thesis Scholar</i> | |

Bachelor of Music

David M. Earll, Sibley, IA
Music Performance
Summa Cum Laude

Amy Elizabeth Goble, Indianola, IA
Music Education
Summa Cum Laude

Gina Kay Mees, Huron, SD
Music Education
Cum Laude

Ryan Swedean, Sioux Falls, SD
Music Performance

Andrew Wulf, Pierre, SD
Music Performance
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Musical Arts

Danie Ray Crowley, Canton, SD
Cum Laude

Ryan Wayne Griffith, Rapid City, SD
Magna Cum Laude

Allison Marie Hauswald, Sioux Center, IA
Derick Rehurek, Yankton, SD
Laura Schmitz, Petersburg, NE
University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science

Melissa Sue Baker, Hartford, SD
Dental Hygiene

Jessica L. Barclay, South Sioux City, NE
Alcohol & Drug Studies

Phillip Lee Bassing, Crooks, SD
Social Work

Brittany Renae Bean, Belle Fourche, SD
Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude

Marissa Angelika Cahill, Huron, SD
Dental Hygiene

Danielle Lynn Carver, Huron, SD
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Shelah Economo, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

Jonni KM Felton, Yankton, SD
Alcohol & Drug Studies

Erika Ann Fransen, Edgerton, MN
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Trista Dianna Johnson, Aurelia, IA
Dental Hygiene

Jackie L. Jorgensen, Randolph, NE
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Kayla Nicole Kammerer, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

Lauren E. Krell, Hartford, SD
Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude

Amanda Joyce Kusek, Harrisburg, SD
Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude

Damon P. Leader Charge, Parmelee, SD
Alcohol & Drug Studies, American Indian Studies

Stacie Michele Meehan, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work

Sara L. Miller
Dental Hygiene

Beth R. Nemeck
Dental Hygiene

Katie Pudwill, Springfield, SD
Dental Hygiene

Angela Marie Rydell, Vermillion, SD
Dental Hygiene

Kali JoAnn Sabie, Flandreau, SD
Social Work
Cum Laude

Patricia Jean Shields, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

Nicole E. Spencer, North Sioux City, SD
Dental Hygiene

Jennifer A. Timmerman, Harrisburg, SD
Dental Hygiene

Allison Cole Tisthammer, Cherokee, IA
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Sara Van Pelt
Dental Hygiene

Kali Van Veldhuizen, Rock Valley, IA
Dental Hygiene

Summa Cum Laude
Brett VerMulm, Hudson, SD
Alcohol & Drug Studies

Tasha Ann Wait, Sioux City, IA
Dental Hygiene
Summa Cum Laude

Ashley Wiemann, Vermillion, SD
Dental Hygiene

Kelly Marie Wilts, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work Psychology

Laura J. Zwaan, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

Ashley Susan Johnson, Watertown, SD
Lindsey J. Keill, Sioux Falls, SD

Lori Kay Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD
Katerina Marie Roberts, Ballantine, MT

Associate of Science

Adesola Adenusi, Burnsville, MN
Nursing

Jessica Lynn Afa, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Tricia Ammann, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Brittany Marie Anderson, Bridgewater, SD
Nursing

Melissa L. Anderson
Nursing

Vanessa M. Anderson
Nursing

Megan Arend, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Jessica Ault, Tampa, FL
Nursing

Melissa Sue Baker, Hartford, SD
Dental Hygiene

Tiffanie Ann Barber, New Underwood, SD
Nursing

Jaymi B. Barry
Nursing

Phillip Lee Bassing, Crooks, SD
Nursing

Chrissy Bauman
Nursing

Terri Lee Behr, Winner, SD
Nursing

Kenda Beiningen, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Ashley Kay Bekaert, Gary, SD
Nursing

Lisa P. Belcher, Box Elder, SD
Nursing

Ashley Ivey Bellikka, Westport, SD
Nursing

Merissa Bendigo, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Angus Ayer Bennett, Hendersonville, NC
Nursing

With High Honor

Liza S. Berg
Nursing

Lisa Ann Bernhart, Minneapolis, MN
Nursing

Jennifer Dee Besta, Tea, SD
Nursing

Kimberly Biel, Browns Valley, MN
Nursing

Loretta J. Biel
Nursing

Amber Marie Bierman, Walhalla, ND
Nursing

Terri Birnbaum, Lead, SD
Nursing

Jessica Lea Bisson, Philip, SD
Nursing

Jessica Bornitz, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Summer L. Bowling, Springview, NE
Nursing

Adam Boyd, Sioux Falls, SD
Nursing

Kelly Braatz
Nursing

Gena L. Bradford, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Tina Brickman, Pierre, SD
Nursing

Ashleigh Brown, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Jason G. Brown
Nursing

Althea Marie Bruske, Ethan, SD
Nursing

Ashli D. Bryan
Nursing

Carrie A. Bublitz
Nursing

Kelly Burgess, Ashby, NE
Nursing

Cody Burkart, Belle Fourche, SD
Nursing

Vance Elliott Caffee, Miller, SD
Nursing

Marissa Angelika Cahill, Huron, SD
Dental Hygiene

Wynette R. Campbell
Nursing

Audra Joelle Carson, Langford, SD
Nursing

Maria Rose Carter
Nursing

With Highest Honor

Danielle Lynn Carver, Huron, SD
Dental Hygiene

With Honor

Sherrie R. Casey, Milbank, SD
Nursing

Marie Lynn Chandler
Nursing

Lori M. Collins, Sturgis, SD
Nursing

Jean Nicole Cravens, Brookings, SD
Nursing

Dan Crosse
Nursing

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| Sarah Margaret Cullison, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing | Lexi M. Frederiksen, Fort Pierre, SD Nursing |
| Julie Dally, Orient, SD Nursing | Emily Freng, Yankton, SD Nursing |
| Dawn R. Davis, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing | Deborah Fuhrmann, Rapid City, SD Nursing |
| Jessi L. Davis, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing | Tina Marie Gau, Pickstown, SD Dental Hygiene |
| Jennifer Deis Nursing | Mindy J Gerry, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing |
| Mary Louise Dohm Nursing | Lindsey Gesswein, Watertown, SD Nursing |
| Rikki S. Donner Nursing | Shawna Maroney Gibson, Gettysburg, SD Nursing |
| <i>With Honor</i> | Pennie L. Glines, Faith, SD Nursing |
| Jackson Dean Dorhout Nursing | Courtney S. Goodwin, Custer, SD Dental Hygiene |
| Katherine Doyle, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing | <i>With Honor</i> |
| Tina M. Duffy, Rapid City, SD Nursing | Barbara L. Gratzfeld, Yankton, SD Nursing |
| Michelle M. Dunham Nursing | Michelle L. Gray Nursing |
| Dustin Alan Dvoracek, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing | Stephanie Jean Griffith, Watertown, SD Nursing |
| James Dale Dvorak Nursing | Amanda A. Grohs Nursing |
| Pam Dyer Nursing | Sherry Gutsche, Hot Springs, SD Nursing |
| Shelah Economo, Sioux Falls, SD Dental Hygiene | Brittany L. Haas, Canby, MN Nursing |
| Brooke L. Egly Nursing | Jennifer Marie Haliburton, Harrisburg, SD Dental Hygiene |
| Alan Engebretson, Yankton, SD Nursing | Anne K. Hansen-Tonn Nursing |
| Travis J. Engle, Sturgis, SD Nursing | Alissa Hanson, Fort Pierre, SD Nursing |
| Adam L. Ensz Nursing | Janelle M. Harrington Nursing |
| Emily Erickson, Brandon, SD Nursing | Katie A. Harwig, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing |
| Patricia Erickson, Sturgis, SD Nursing | Heather N. Hazen, Rapid City, SD Nursing |
| Tara Faber, Rock Valley, IA Dental Hygiene | Marlene M. Heinen Nursing |
| Jemelle Ferrer Nursing | Krysta J. Hemmingson Nursing |
| Lacey Rae Feser, Chamberlain, SD Nursing | Kelli Jo Hey, Rapid City, SD Nursing |
| Emily J. Fieber Nursing | Wayne Allen Hintz Nursing |
| Deena Annette Foote Nursing | Erica M. Holmes Dental Hygiene |
| Jessica Lynne Forrette, Milbank, SD Nursing | Lacy J. Holte Nursing |
| Christine A. Francis Nursing | Christina Huber, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing |
| Carmela J. Frank Nursing | Laura Lynn Hunt, Eagle Butte, SD Nursing |
| Erika Ann Fransen, Edgerton, MN Dental Hygiene | Richelle Hyatt, Milbank, SD Nursing |
| <i>With Honor</i> | Angela R. Jager Nursing |
| Mark E. Frederick, Rapid City, SD Nursing | |

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| Kylie Lynn Jansen, Hudson, SD Nursing | Adrienne M. Lindholm, Pierre, SD Nursing |
| Rebecca R. Johnson, Summerset, SD Nursing | Jennifer Lines, Garretson, SD Nursing |
| Changsook Johnson Nursing | Olivia Livengood, Shenandoah, IA Nursing |
| Darcie D. Johnson Nursing | Linda K. Lowe Nursing |
| Trista Dianna Johnson, Peterson, IA Dental Hygiene | Barbara Ann Lucia, Brandon, SD Nursing |
| Leslie Sutra Jones, California Nursing | Amber L. Luitjens, Aberdeen, SD Nursing |
| Tyler L. Jongeling, Watertown, SD Nursing | Beth Marlene Maas, Corsica, SD Nursing |
| Jackie L. Jorgensen Dental Hygiene <i>With Honor</i> | Jamie Madsen, Brookings, SD Dental Hygiene |
| Quinn A. Jorgensen Nursing | Jacqueline L. Maki, Brandon, SD Nursing <i>With High Honor</i> |
| Shogoofa Kabiri Nursing | Megan Marie Marsh, Hartington, SD Nursing |
| Kayla Nicole Kammerer, Sioux Falls, SD Dental Hygiene | Daniel Mumo Mbola, Machakos, Kenya Nursing |
| Lisa Ann Kerfeld, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing | Ashley R. McCloud Nursing |
| Ashley Klatt, Watertown, SD Nursing | Julie L. McIntosh Nursing |
| Mitch Kleinsasser Nursing | Richard McQuistan, Vermillion, SD Nursing |
| Kathleen Lou Knight, South Sioux City, NE Nursing <i>With Honor</i> | Stephanie Meier, Doland, SD Nursing |
| Sarah B. Knight Nursing <i>With Honor</i> | Elizabeth Marie Middleton, Pierre, SD Nursing |
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| Magna Cum Laude | equal to or greater than 3.7 |
| Cum Laude | equal to or greater than 3.5 |

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| With Highest Honor | equal to or greater than 3.9 |
| With High Honor | equal to or greater than 3.7 |
| With Honor | equal to or greater than 3.5 |

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ACADEMIC DRESS

The tradition of academic costume has a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townsmen wore long flowing robes or gowns. The materials and colors varied greatly, according to wealth and rank of the individual, and were governed by royal decree. Gradually there developed distinctive gowns for the various professions, trades and guilds. They survive today in the gowns of religious orders, the judiciary and the academic regalia.

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

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

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

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| 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 |

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