

SPRING 2014  
*Commencement*  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

*THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
DAKOTADOME, VERMILLION, SD  
MAY 10, 2014*

# *Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement*

*Dakota Dome  
May 10, 2014 9:30 a.m.*

The Commencement Procession  
Dr. Susan Keith Gray, Professor of Music

The National Anthem  
USD Chamber Singers  
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Welcome  
Professor Dan Van Peurse, Chair, University Senate  
James W. Abbott, President

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching  
Kurt Hackemer, Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Associate Professor David Holdhusen, College of Fine Arts  
Assistant Professor Jacob Kerby, College of Arts & Sciences

Commencement Address  
U.S. Attorney Brendan V. Johnson

USD Chamber Singers  
*Do Not Fear*, arr. by Jonny Priano  
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Honorary Degree  
Mr. John Seigenthaler, Doctor of Humane Letters

## Hooding and Conferring of Doctoral Candidates and Presentation of Diplomas

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Doctor of Education
- Doctor of Audiology
- Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Doctor of Medicine
- Juris Doctor

## Conferring of Specialist and Master Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas

- Specialist in Education
- Master of Arts
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Fine Arts
- Master of Music
- Master of Natural Science
- Master of Professional Accountancy
- Executive Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science
- Master of Social Work

## Conferring of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas

### Alumni Welcome

Kersten Johnson, Executive Director, Alumni Association

### University Hymn, *Alma Mater*

USD Chamber Singers  
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

### Closing Remarks

James W. Abbott, President  
Professor Dan Van Peursem, Chair, University Senate

### Recessional

#### **Note to Guests:**

The audience will remain seated for both the Processional and Recessional and will rise for the National Anthem and Alma Mater. Professional photographs by Lifetouch Photography will be available a week after the ceremony at [www.usd.edu/registrar/commencement.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/registrar/commencement.cfm).

The commencement program is a list of candidates for degree. It is not an official listing of degrees conferred.

# Commencement Speaker



**U.S. Attorney  
Brendan V. Johnson**

Brendan Johnson was nominated by the President as the 40<sup>th</sup> United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota and was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on October 15, 2009. Johnson serves as South Dakota's chief federal law enforcement officer and supervises the prosecution of all federal crimes and the litigation of civil matters in which the United States government has an interest.

At the request of Attorney General Eric Holder, Johnson chaired the Native American Issues Subcommittee from 2009-2013. The Native American Issues Subcommittee is the longest-standing subcommittee of United States Attorneys within the Department of Justice and is focused on improving the law enforcement efforts in tribal communities. Attorney General Holder also selected Johnson to serve on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee. This committee consists of 17 United States Attorneys from across the country and is tasked with the responsibility of advising the Attorney General of the United States. Johnson also co-chairs the South Dakota Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee, is a member of the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Executive Board, and serves on the Department of Justice's Terrorism and National Security Subcommittee.

Prior to becoming the United States Attorney, Johnson was a federal law clerk in Rapid City for Chief Judge Karen Schreier and later worked as a Deputy State's Attorney in Minnehaha County where he prosecuted cases ranging from attempted murder to narcotics and domestic violence. In addition to his public service, Johnson practiced criminal and civil law as a partner in the law firm now known as Johnson, Heidepriem and Abdallah LLP.

Brendan Johnson is a fifth-generation South Dakota native and a graduate of the University of South Dakota (B.S.) and the University of Virginia School of Law (J.D.). Brendan and his wife, Jana, are the parents of four children.

## *Stage Party*

James W. Abbott  
President  
Terry Baloun  
Board of Regents Representative  
U.S. Attorney Brendan V. Johnson  
Speaker  
Mr. John Seigenthaler  
Honorary Degree Recipient  
Kersten Johnson  
Executive Director, Alumni Association  
Dan Van Peursem  
Chair, University Senate  
Kurt Hackemer  
Interim Provost & Vice President,  
Academic Affairs  
Michael Card  
Dean, Graduate School  
Ronald Lindahl  
Executive Dean, Sanford School of Medicine  
Paul C. Burger  
Dean, Medical Student Affairs  
Thomas Geu  
Dean, School of Law  
Matthew Moen  
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences  
Michael J. Keller  
Dean, Beacom School of Business  
Hee-sook Choi  
Acting Dean, School of Education  
Larry Schou  
Dean, College of Fine Arts  
Michael Lawler  
Dean, School of Health Sciences  
Laura J. Jencki  
Vice President, Research  
Thomas L. Sorensen  
Reader  
Jennifer Thompson  
Registrar

## *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.

## *Board of Regents*

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Sioux Falls  
Randall K. Morris  
Spearfish

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.

## *University Marshal Corps*

### *Head Marshals*

Barbara Yutrzenka  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Leon Korte  
Beacom School of Business

### *Honorary Marshals*

Emeritus Professor Don Dahlin  
Emeritus Professor Jack Marsh

### *Marshals*

Sherrie Bosse  
School of Education  
Scott Breuninger  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Ann Brunick  
College of Health Sciences  
Steven Bucklin  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Angela Ericson  
School of Law  
Katherine Haberling  
Beacom School of Business  
Emily Haddad  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Brandon Hendrickson  
College of Fine Arts  
Christine Hutton  
School of Law  
Stuart Inglis  
Sanford School of Medicine  
Eric Jepsen  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Joy Karges  
College of Health Sciences  
Beverly Kennedy  
School of Health Sciences  
Peter Kindle  
College of Health Sciences  
Solweig Korte  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Jay Memmott  
School of Health Sciences  
Dave Moen  
Beacom School of Business  
Timothy Schorn  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Lana Svien  
College of Health Sciences  
Michelle Van Maanen  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Gerald Yutrzenka  
Sanford School of Medicine

## *Faculty in Attendance*

Professor Fred Aderhold  
Professor Anna Allen  
Professor Mark Baron  
Professor Terri Bellis  
Professor Kathryn Birkeland  
Professor Larry Bright  
Professor Ellie Brooks  
Professor Kyle Brouwer  
Professor Karen Card  
Professor Wenqian Dai  
Professor Janet Davison  
Professor Carla Dieter  
Professor Mark Dixon  
Professor John Dudley  
Professor Kelly Duncan  
Professor Cathy Ezrailson  
Professor Marvin Gamble  
Professor Susan Gapp  
Professor Chaya Gordon-Bland  
Professor Lisa Hazlett  
Professor Angela Helmer  
Professor David Holdhusen  
Professor Chaoyang Jiang  
Professor Becca Jorde  
Professor Teddi Joyce  
Professor Christina Keller  
Professor Bruce Kelley  
Professor Donna Kennealley  
Professor Jacob Kerby  
Professor Eunho Kim  
Professor Karen Kindle  
Professor Ranjit Koodali  
Professor Karen Koster  
Professor Lorelee LaPointe  
Professor Doug Martin  
Professor Stanley May  
Professor Kelly McKay-Semmler  
Professor Jessica Messersmith  
Professor Ross Nelson  
Professor Trudi Nelson  
Professor Lisa Newland  
Professor Brandon Nutting  
Professor Seth Olson  
Professor Linda Reetz  
Professor Kathleen Rice  
Professor Molly Rozum  
Professor Amy Schweinle  
Professor Shane Semmler  
Professor Elizabeth Smith  
Professor Carole South-Winter  
Professor Barbara Stolle  
Professor Cliff Summers  
Professor Haoran Sun  
Professor Mark Sweeney  
Professor William Sweeney  
Professor Andrew Sykes  
Professor Sarah Townsend  
Professor Barry Vickrey  
Professor Jae Yom  
Professor Frank Zavadil

# Doctoral Degrees

## Graduate School

Presented by Dean Michael Card

### Doctor of Philosophy

- Patti Jo Berg-Poppe, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.P.T., University of Iowa  
M.A., University of Kentucky  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*An Examination of Goal Contents, Motivation, Basic Need Satisfaction and Well-Being among Practicing Health Professionals*
- Daniel Koon Chan, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Physician Scientist  
*Metabolic and Mitochondrial Targets in Ovarian Cancer*
- Tomas Lawrence Holtberg, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Adolescent Gender Differences in Residential Versus Outpatient Mental Health Treatment: A Meta-Analysis*
- Darren M. Jilek  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Counseling and Psychology in Education  
*When Perfect Reliability Is Not Enough: Improving the Stability of Single Digit Multiplication MCBM Probes*
- Shuai Li, China  
M.D., China Medical University  
Biomedical Sciences  
*Effects of a proteasome inhibitor, bortezomib, in hypertension*
- Quoc Anh Nguyen Luu, Sioux City, IA  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Surface plasmon enhanced upconversion luminescence of Yb<sup>3+</sup>/ Tm<sup>3+</sup> and Yb<sup>3+</sup>/ Er<sup>3+</sup> systems doped in NaYF<sub>4</sub> on Au nanopillar arrays*
- Stephanie Ann Marcellus, Wayne, NE  
M.A., University of Nebraska-Kearney  
M.F.A., Colorado State University  
English  
*Making the Rural Home in Nineteenth-Century British Literature*
- Jeffery Dale Mottishaw, Chubbuck, ID  
M.S., Idaho State University  
Materials Chemistry  
*The Influence of Weak Interactions on Charge Transport in Model Organic Semiconductor Systems*

- Lori Newcomb, Norfolk, NE  
M.S., Wayne State College  
English  
*"A Little Universe For Themselves:" Metanarrative and Community in Postmodern American Fiction*
- Rui Peng  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Visible Light Enabled Photocatalytic Splitting of Water over Spatially Isolated Semiconductors Supported Mesoporous Materials*
- Chao Qiu, China  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering on Cuprous Oxide Nanomaterials*
- Allison Paige Watson, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Physician Scientist  
*Multiple Functions of Sushi Domain Containing 2 (SUSD2) In Breast Tumorigenesis*

### Doctor of Education

- Amer F. Ahmed  
M.A., Indiana University  
Educational Administration  
*From the Griot to Hip Hop - The Oral Tradition as Critical Liberatory Praxis in Islamic Black America*
- Michael Wayne Amolins, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.S., University of Kansas  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Laboratory-Based Professional Development Program for Science Educators*
- Krislyn Jo Carlson, Beresford, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*Incorporating iPad@ Mobile Digital Devices within Repeated Reading Interventions for Students with Learning Disabilities*
- Timothy James Chevalier, Highlands Ranch, CO  
M.S., McDaniel College  
Educational Administration  
*Examining the Perceptions of Successful College Graduates Who Are Deaf to Determine What Respondents Deemed Important for Their Attainment of Postsecondary Goals*
- Aimee Marie Copas, Bismarck, ND  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Credentialing of Dual-Enrollment Faculty in North Dakota: An Evaluation and Model of Instructor Qualifications*
- Kyley Weinberger Cumbow, Pierre, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Motivation and Resiliency Among Native American Students: Factors Impacting Successful Native American High School Students*

- Dijon DeLaPorte, Jacksonville, IL  
M.S., Illinois State University  
Educational Administration  
*Factors that Influence Retention in College Students who Serve as Resident Assistants*
- Lisa Marie Feller, Pierre, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
*Development of Professional Nursing Values: Nursing Students' Values Based on Program Type and Delivery Method*
- Michelle Renee Gierach, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.S.N., University of Phoenix  
Educational Administration  
*Nursing Program Leaders' Perceptions of Interprofessional Education and Curriculum Practices within Pre-Licensure Baccalaureate Nursing Education*
- Kym Michele Johnston, Flandreau, SD  
Ed.S., University of Sioux Falls  
Educational Administration  
*Rethinking Mathematics Curriculum in a K-5 Setting: Comparing An Inquiry-Based Mathematics Curriculum to Traditional Mathematics Curriculum on Value-Added Measures*
- Tamela Jean Kisner, Rapid City, SD  
M.S., University of Wyoming  
Educational Administration  
*Nursing Faculty and Students Perception of Classroom Incivility at a Select Public University and Methods to Manage It*
- Nicholas C. Klemisch, Williston, ND  
M.S., University of North Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Perceptions of Special Education Administrators in the Development of Career Skills Necessary in a K-12 Setting*
- Jennifer Nebelsick Lowery, Tea, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*The Relationship Between Early Childhood Education and Third Grade Reading Proficiency*
- Lindsay McLaughlin, Lincoln, NE  
M.S., Wayne State College  
Educational Administration  
*Student Athlete Academic Success/Retention and Athletic Scholarships in Women's Collegiate Athletics*
- Martha Kay Muellenberg, Vermillion, SD  
M.A., Northern Arizona University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*The Effectiveness of Parental Involvement at the Middle School Level in a Multicultural Visual Arts Program*
- Rebekah Lorraine Neary-DeLaPorte, Storm Lake, IA  
M.S., Illinois State University  
Educational Administration  
*Factors that Motivate Faculty Members to Serve as College Student Organization Advisers*
- Catherine Michelle Schulte, Norway, IA  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Athletic Training Directors' Perceptions of Satisfaction with the Appropriateness of Graduate Entry-Level Education Competency Content Areas*
- Sarah Anne Sherlock, Burbank, CA  
M.Ed., National University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*A Case Study of the Design, Implementation, and Evaluation of a University-Sponsored Web-Based Support Site*
- Julie Marie Anderson Symes, Lyons, SD  
M.N., University of Washington  
Educational Administration  
*Teaching Nursing Students with Disabilities in the Clinical Setting: Practices and Accommodation*
- Robert Jason Uttermark, Aberdeen, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Academic Intensive Care Units For Incompleted Assignments in the High School Setting: The Impact on Student Success and Achievement*
- Lillian Jo Van Vlack Bruckner, Rapid City, SD  
M.Ed., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
*Using Student Development Theory to Enhance the Educational Experience in Student Conduct: Perspectives of Student Conduct Practitioners at Four Year Institutions*
- Dawn Renee Warren, Rapid City, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
*Nursing Students Who Work: The Relationship Between Hours Worked, Type of Employment, and Nursing Students' Academic Success*
- Robin Wiebers, Beresford, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*Measuring Effectiveness in Teacher Candidates*

## *Doctor of Audiology*

- Jennifer Diane Bellis, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*The Relationship Between Emotional Intelligence and Risk of Burnout in Communication Sciences and Disorders Graduate Students*
- Jill Mary Lockie, Saskatchewan, Canada  
B.S., Minot State University  
*Evaluation of Streamlined Programming Measures in Children with Cochlear Implants*
- Kristen Rae Stott, Radisson, Saskatchewan  
B.S., Saint Cloud State University  
*The Effect of Input Mode on Music Perception, Appreciation, and Naturalness for Individuals with Cochlear Implants*



## *Doctor of Physical Therapy*

Meredyth Arnott, Ketchikan, AK  
B.S., Georgia State University  
Morris Casano Beato, Orlando, FL  
B.S., University of Perpetual Help System  
Betsy Jane Becker, Omaha, NE  
MPT, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Michelle Lee Bergst, Logan, IA  
B.A., Northwestern College  
Kayla Lynn Block, Ocheyedan, IA  
B.S., Winona State University  
Miranda Renee Braun, Ponca, NE  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Tamara Lynn Brinlee, Oklahoma City, OK  
B.S., Indiana University-Purdue  
University Indianapolis  
B.B.A., Texas Women's University  
Kara Lynn Donlin, Sioux Center, IA  
B.A., Northwestern College  
Joseph Drake, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
McKenzie Marie Dvoracek, Springfield, SD  
B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University  
Nichole Renae Dybsetter, Milbank, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Sarah J. Fosheim  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Bryce Matthew Gades, Mitchell, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Justin Stanley Hanson, Spicer, MN  
B.A., Concordia College  
Nancy E. M. Henry, Overland Park, KS  
B.S., Rockhurst University  
Makayla Rae Hillman, Hartford, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Lindsey Kay Hunhoff, Smithville, MO  
B.S., University of Kansas  
Jenny L. James, Vermillion, SD  
M.Div., The Southern Baptist  
Theological Seminary  
M.Th., The Southern Baptist  
Theological Seminary  
Andrea Kuipers, Platte, SD  
B.A., Northwestern College  
Tyler Eugene Lutz, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Angela MacCabe, Reno, NV  
B.S., University of Health Sciences-The  
Chicago Medical School  
Cody John McMahon, Hartford, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Alyssa Caitlin Mertens, North Platte, NE  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Terry Fredrick Nelson, West Point, NE  
B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Christine Elizabeth Olson, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Jena C. O'Neal  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Emily Mary Rohmiller, Yankton, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
B.A., South Dakota State University

Kylie Rowe, Concord, CA  
B.A.Sc., The University of Sydney  
Heather Marie Rush, Ponca, NE  
B.S., Briar Cliff University  
April Joy Schreurs, Lennox, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
Kim Marie Schroeder, Yankton, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Nicole M. Sobotka, Columbus, NE  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Krista J. Tonn, Moorhead, MN  
B.S., North Dakota State University  
Kalisha Angela Wachira, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.S., California University of Pennsylvania  
Evan Michael Wiersma, Rock Valley, IA  
B.A., Dordt College  
Terrie Wilborn-Halverson, Urbana, OH  
B.S., University of Illinois at Chicago

## *Professional Degrees*

### *Sanford School of Medicine*

Presented by Executive Dean  
Ronald Lindahl

### *Doctor of Medicine*

Megan Elizabeth Albertson, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Brandy Rose Aman, Watertown, SD  
B.S., University of Minnesota-Duluth  
Chaltu Blaine Ayano, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Concordia College  
Jonathon Adam Bannwarth, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Creighton University  
Adam Christopher Bledsoe, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*SSOM Alumni Student Scholar*  
Katherine Darlene Bonnichsen, Onida, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*SSOM Alumni Student Scholar*  
Colin Elliot Brown, Pierre, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Blake Allen Campbell, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines  
Daniel Koon Chan, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Jon M. Christensen, Mitchell, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Kelly Lynn Delaney, North Sioux City, SD  
B.S., University of St. Thomas

Adam W. Dell  
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines  
Cara Ann Drew, Sioux City, IA  
B.S., Morningside College  
Stephn Drywater, Hulbert, OK  
B.S., Northeastern State University  
Matthew Richard Frank, Yankton, SD  
B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
M.S., Colorado State University  
Derek John Gearman, Lennox, SD  
B.A., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
Tyler Christopher Gillen, Bridgewater, SD  
B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
Elizabeth Ann Hahn, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*SSOM Alumni Student Scholar*  
Kayla Marie Haines, Mitchell, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
Laura Ann Hill, Madison, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Daniel Victor Irwin, Jefferson, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Benjamin James Jensen, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Sarah Nicole Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of Missouri  
Brad Ryan Julius, Fargo, ND  
B.S., Iowa State University  
M.S., University of Wisconsin  
Nicholas F. Kaufman, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
David Michael Martin Krause, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
Jeb Thomas List, Yankton, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Michael Samuel Lucin, Jackson, MN  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Jordan Peter Makela, Ipswich, SD  
B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College  
Chelsea Mann, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College  
Aron Bradley Merchen, Crofton, NE  
B.A., Augustana College  
Meredith Leigh Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., New York University  
Ryan Jacob Miller, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., Valparaiso University  
Catherine Mitchel, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
J.D., University of South Dakota  
Heather Ruth Moline, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., University of Minnesota-Duluth  
Kayla Michelle Norenberg, Hurley, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Aaron Daniel Olson, Brookings, SD  
B.A., South Dakota State University  
Nathaniel A. Paulson, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., Bethel University  
Brianna Jean Rick, Baltic, SD  
B.A., University of Minnesota-Morris  
Joshua Leighton Ryan, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Concordia College

Alan James Sazama, Harrisburg, SD  
B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
Matthew C. Schafer, Worthington, MN  
B.A., Augustana College  
Jessica Lynne Scheibe, Fort Pierre, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
John Austin Simonson, Burnsville, SD  
B.A., University of Colorado-Colorado  
Springs  
David Harold Somsen, Yankton, SD  
B.S., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
Adam Orville Strand, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College  
Michael James Sullivan, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Brian Joel Tjarks, Mitchell, SD  
B.S., Brigham Young University  
Maria Susan Tracy, Pierre, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Timothy Lynn Vanadurongvan, Milbank, SD  
B.S., St. Olaf College  
Allison Paige Watson, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Erin Elizabeth Williams, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of Notre Dame  
Tessa L. Winterton, Storm Lake, IA  
B.A., Luther College

## *School of Law*

Presented by Dean Thomas Geu

### *Juris Doctor*

Shane Andrews  
B.A., Lewis-Clark State College  
Trenton Lee Arlint, St. Ignatius, MT  
B.S.B.A., University of Nevada-Reno  
Brian Scott Baczwaski, Whiting, IA  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Beau Charles Thomas Barrett, Owensboro, KY  
B.A., University of Montana  
Molly Kaye Beck, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.B.A., Belmont University  
Megan Ann Borchert, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
David Adam Bradsky, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
Jon C. Christenson  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
John Robert Christiansen, Bountiful, UT  
B.S., University of Utah  
William Edward Conway, Springfield, MO  
B.S.B.A., University of Missouri  
Paul William Coppock, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Cory B. Cottam, Price, UT  
B.S., Southern Utah University  
Christopher Aron Dabney, Yankton, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Zachary R. Davelaar, Ireton, IA  
B.A., Dordt College

Drew William De Groot, Doon, IA  
 B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
 Jennifer Anne De Hueck, Pierre, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Benjamin James Deck, Sioux City, IA  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Casey Jo Deibert, Spearfish, SD  
 B.A., Chadron State College  
 Dean Allen Fankhauser, Chadron, NE  
 B.A., Chadron State College  
 Brianna Jeanne Feerer-Huss, Albuquerque, NM  
 B.A., University of New Mexico  
 Koln Byron Fink, Harrisburg, SD  
 B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
 John Arnvig Flaten, Treynor, IA  
 B.B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Zachary Flood, De Smet, SD  
 B.B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Kari Johanna Foss, Vermillion, SD  
 B.A., Concordia College-Moorhead  
 Aaron A. Fox, Chamberlain, SD  
 B.B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Kevin M. Grant  
 B.A., California State University-Fullerton  
 Harrison F. Hagg  
 B.A., Creighton University  
 Mandy K. Hagseth, Canton, SD  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Brett P. Hall  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Christopher Hollis Halverson, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Erin E. Handke, Sioux City, IA  
 B.S., Iowa State University  
 Kyle Thomas Hanson, Elk Point, SD  
 B.A., South Dakota State University  
 Jonathan Heber, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Administrative Studies  
Alice Rose Millikin, Alexandria, VA  
B.S., George Mason University  
Biology  
*Assessment of Tallgrass Prairie Vegetation at  
Spirit Mound 12 Years Post-restoration*  
Lynsey Kay Moller, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Administration  
Eszter Cathlin Munes  
B.S., University of Minnesota  
Biology  
*Response of Bird Communities to the 2011  
Missouri River Flood*  
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Administration

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Technology  
Chemistry  
*Controlled Functionalization of Nanoparticles*

Matthew Dale Rieck, Mitchell, SD  
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Mathematics  
*The Sterile Insect Release Method with Allee  
Effect*

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Biology  
*Assessment and Management of Hybrid Aspen  
in the Niobrara River Valley of Northwest  
Nebraska*

Mathialakan Thavappiragasam, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., University of Jaffna  
Computer Science  
*A Web Semantic For SBML Merge*

Dasha Weatherman  
B.S., Briar Cliff University  
Chemistry  
*Spectroelectrochemistry of 1,8-Anthraquinone-  
18-Crown-5 with Selected Cations*

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B.S., Methodist College of Nursing and  
Allied Health  
Administrative Studies

Fan Zhang, China  
M.B., Anhui Medical University  
Biomedical Sciences  
*Alterations in Atrial Activities and Key  
Potassium Channels in High Fat Diet Induced  
Obese Mic*

Thomas Edward Bickett, Rapid City, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*A Nanoparticle Assay to Demonstrate Antibody  
Contributions Toward Protection Against  
Influenza Virus: Streptococcus Pyogenes  
Super-Infection*

Alex Warren Bordewyk, Madison, SD  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing  
*Never Mind: Brain Imaging Differences Underlie  
Rejection of Non-Preferred Brands*

Ashley Leah Cook, Fort Dodge, IA  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*Increasing Serotonin in the Rat Ventral  
Hippocampus Reduces Anxiety-Like Behavior  
During Amphetamine Withdrawal*

Steffani Elizabeth Nies Donahoe, Vermillion, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Chemistry  
*Mechanistic Studies of the Bodroux Reaction*

Lavin Kay Entwisle, Huron, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Communication  
Sciences & Disorders  
*A Scoping Review of Emergent Literacy  
Interventions and Their Applicability in Treating  
Children with Cochlear Implants*

Erica Lynn Geerdes, Everly, IA  
Bachelor of Science, Biology & Psychology  
*Are Daphnia Adequate Model Organisms for  
Chemical Testing?*

Renita Goetz, Selby, SD  
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*Zwana Orchard: A Feasibility Study*

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Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance  
*Effects of Macroeconomic Variables on  
Consumer Staples and Consumer Discretionary  
Sectors*

Joshua Steven Hanscom, Sioux Falls, SD  
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*Morphological Trends in Fin Reduction and Loss  
in Fishes*

Brandi Hansman, Garretson, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice & Political  
Science  
*The Impact of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy on  
Sex Offender Recidivism Rates in South  
Dakota*

Chandler Alexandra Hunt, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology & Psychology  
*A Literature Review of the Ectopic Pregnancy  
Experience*

Anna Marie Hyronimus, Valley Springs, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish & Economics  
*Demand Driven Changes in the Mexican Food  
Industry*

Rebecca Marie Jarding, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, English & Psychology  
*"The Child" and Other Collected Works*

Zachary Daniel Koenig, Chamberlain, SD  
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*The Mexican Mafia in Supermax: Comparing  
Prison Gang Structures at Pelican Bay*

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Bachelor of Arts, English  
*The Year of Secret Assignments Screenplay*

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Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
*Effectiveness of Anti-Angiogenics on Treating  
Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration*

- Kyle Thomas Kunde, Milbank, SD  
Bachelor of Business Administration,  
Finance  
*Analyzing and Managing the Effects of High  
Frequency Trading in Today's Markets*
- Maggie Kay Lubeck, Cherokee, IA  
Bachelor of Business Administration,  
Accounting  
*Walmart, A Modern Standard Oil?*
- Mackenzie Rae Mears, Milbank, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*Effects of Adolescent Social Defeat on  
Adult Fear Extinction*
- Jeffrey H. Mettler, Eureka, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology & Sport  
Science  
*The Effects of Fatigue on Lower Extremity  
Joint Kinematics and Ground Reaction  
Forces During Repeated Vertical Jumps in  
College-Aged Females*
- Paige Marie Moser, Rapid City, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
*The Dysfunction of the Mirror Neuron  
Network in Individuals with Autism: A  
Literature Review*
- Erik William Muckey, Corsica, SD  
Bachelor of Business Administration,  
Economics  
*The Effects of State and Federal Funding on  
South Dakota K-12 Small School  
Consolidation: A Quantitative Analysis and  
Qualitative Comparison*
- Morgan Elizabeth Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*Identification and Characterization of Multiple  
Distinct Proteasome Subpopulations in  
Striatal and Hippocampal Brain Regions*
- Pearl Valentien Nielsen, Tea, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology & English  
*The Psychology of Prejudice Against African  
Americans and Literary Pedagogical  
Solutions*
- Zachary Michael Nipp, Langford, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Political Science &  
Economics  
*The Impact of Need-Based Aid in Higher  
Education and the Application to the State of  
South Dakota*
- Andrea Nichole Petersen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*Health Literacy: Physician's Role in Patient  
Understanding*
- Tamara Lynne Reisch, Howard, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*A Re-Evaluation of the Lifestyles of South  
Dakota Family Physicians*
- Joseph Michael Rezac, Renner, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Mathematics &  
Economics  
*Control Charts for Burr XII Percentiles*
- Caitlin Marie Schenkel, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, History  
*An Analysis of the United States and United  
Kingdom Health Care Systems*
- Lexy Kathleen Schuman, Mitchell, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
*The Politics and Perceptions of the Patriot Act in  
24 & Homeland*
- Kristin Ann Steffen, Crofton, NE  
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*The Effect of Balance Training on Stability and  
Proprioception Scores of the Ankle in College  
Students*
- Tyler Alan Stenberg, Mobridge, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
*Case Study: Criminal Justice Reinvestment in  
South Dakota*
- Joshua Michael Svendsen, Pierre, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of University  
Students Regarding West Nile Virus*
- TiAnna Rose Vogt, Bonesteel, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*Observation of Attachment Behaviors in an  
Ecuadorian Orphanage*
- Anne Lois Walker, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies  
*Perceptions of Closeness Face-To-Face and  
Online*
- Madison Alexandra Warder, Anamosa, IA  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
*Constitutionality of a Business's Right to Contract  
and How Title IX and Affirmative Action Affect  
that Right*
- Shelby Sanya Weber, Ida Grove, IA  
Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences  
*Effects of Media Use on College Students' Eating  
Behaviors and Body Image*
- Ruth Wetzel, O'Neill, NE  
Bachelor of Science, Earth Science  
*Contributions of Suspended Load to the Missouri  
River Downstream of Gavins Point Dam,  
Yankton, South Dakota*

## Baccalaureate & Associate Degrees

### College of Arts & Sciences

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#### Bachelor of Arts

- Hillary Rose Ahmed, Vermillion, SD  
English  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*
- Samantha Viola-Faye Bachelor, Vermillion, SD  
History

Matthew Bartl  
Political Science

Cassandra Leigh Bartlett, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism,  
Political Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Ryan Blake, Pierre, SD  
Criminal Justice, Political Science  
*Cum Laude*

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Contemporary Media & Journalism

Travis Brenner, Yankton, SD  
Spanish  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Justin Edward Breske, Vermillion, SD  
History

Brandi Rose Bue, Yankton, SD  
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Marcus Christianson, Pierre, SD  
Criminal Justice, History

Tansha Tamara Clarke, Deeside, Saint Catherine,  
Jamaica  
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Michael Charles Convery, Exton, PA  
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Jilanne Kay Doom, Wagner, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism,  
Political Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Charles Jordan Drapeaux, Aberdeen, SD  
Political Science  
*Cum Laude*

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Contemporary Media & Journalism

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Grace Gill, Rapid City, SD  
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Chance Thomas Hagemann, Yankton, SD  
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Psychology

Emily Lynn Lake, Le Mars, IA  
Psychology

Mattie Iola Lane, Sioux City, IA  
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Communication Studies

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Dominic Gerard Iverson, Sioux City, IA  
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Vyshnavi Kumaraswamy, Colombo, Sri Lanka  
Amy M. Oliver, Fort Collins, CO  
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Karim Timothy Rowson, New York, NY  
Skylar Wesley Tiaht, Vermillion, SD  
Morgan Leigh Wiebenga, Dell Rapids, SD

## *Bachelor of Science*

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Biology  
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Steven M. Blom  
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Grace Emily Bodewitz, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Jacob Daniel Dawson, Howard, SD  
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Austen Alan Hurlley, Sioux Falls, SD Criminal Justice	Jordan Lee Laird, Rapid City, SD Biology
Nathaniel Shepherd Hutto, Rapid City, SD Computer Science	Lacey Ann Leichtnam, Vermillion, SD Psychology <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
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	Haley Long, Mitchell, SD Communication Sciences & Disorders

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 Biology  
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 Criminal Justice

Ashley Lynch, Frankfort, SD  
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*Cum Laude*

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 Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

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 Computer Science

Matthew James Martinez, Scottsdale, AZ  
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*Cum Laude*

William Floyd Massey, Menno, SD  
 Mathematics  
*Cum Laude*

Sean Patrick McCann, Newell, SD  
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Rebecca Marie Robbins, Omaha, NE  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Ashley Frances Rock, Fenton, MO  
 Psychology, History

Laurel Rose Rub, Norfolk, SD  
 Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Chad Michael Sabers, Huron, SD  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Alexander Dunbar Sample, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Biology

Kevin I. Sarehkhani  
 Communication Studies  
*Cum Laude*

Mary Judith Schaefer, Montrose, SD  
 Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*



Caitlin Marie Schenkel, Sioux Falls, SD  
 History  
*University Scholar Graduate, Cum Laude*  
 Adam Gabriel Schimelfening, Vermillion, SD  
 Biology, Earth Science  
 Rachel Renee Schmidt, Marion, SD  
 Political Science  
 Ashley Jo Schultz, Dell Rapids, SD  
 Psychology  
*Cum Laude*  
 Curtis Edward Schulz, Huron, SD  
 Criminal Justice  
 Eric Thomas Shaske, West Bend, WI  
 Criminal Justice  
 Steven Skinner, Mitchell, SD  
 Criminal Justice  
 Dennis J. Smith  
 Political Science, English  
 Kyle D. Smith  
 Criminal Justice  
 Katrine Elise Snyders, Salem, SD  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism  
 Eva Laureen Soluk, Vermillion, SD  
 Biology  
*Cum Laude*  
 Devyn Sponder, Sioux City, IA  
 Communication Sciences & Disorders  
 Shane Russell Spurlock, Helena, MT  
 Biology  
 Benjamin Joseph Staum, Elk Point, SD  
 Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Agelia Mercedes Stout, Pipestone, MN  
 Communication Sciences & Disorders  
 Adam Ian Stratmeyer, Rapid City, SD  
 Psychology  
 Taylor Fawn Stueven, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism  
 Cassie Jean Stukenholtz, Onawa, IA  
 Psychology  
*Cum Laude*  
 Alexander Suurmeyer  
 Criminal Justice  
 Joshua Michael Svendsen, Pierre, SD  
 Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*  
 Sean Swanson, Bellevue, NE  
 Economics  
 Carley Taylor, Rapid City, SD  
 Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Thea Taylor  
 Psychology  
 Ian Matthew Thompson, Dakota Dunes, SD  
 Earth Science  
 Jay Matthew Thooft, Brookings, SD  
 Psychology  
 Eric Thury, Parkston, SD  
 Economics  
 Marcus Jay Tjeerdsma, Tyndall, SD  
 Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Dylan Lee Tramp, Yankton, SD  
 Economics  
 Nadia Anna Tronick, Parker, CO  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism  
 Jade Van Kley, Vermillion, SD  
 Biology  
 Lisa Marie VanOverschelde, Letcher, SD  
 Biology  
 Lindsay Veflin, Sisseton, SD  
 Psychology, Political Science  
 TiAnna Rose Vogt, Bonesteel, SD  
 Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, SSOM Alumni  
 Student Scholar, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Brent Stephen Walker, Plymouth, MN  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Britni Morgan Waller, Lincoln, NE  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Kerri Lynn Watchorn, Sioux City, IA  
 Psychology  
 Tricia Watson, Watertown, SD  
 Psychology  
 Tyler Frank Charles Weatherwax, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Psychology  
 Justin Kenneth Wegenke, Huron, SD  
 Criminal Justice  
 Laurel Dawn Wek, Yankton, SD  
 Psychology  
 Ruth Wetzel, O'Neill, NE  
 Earth Science  
*University Scholar Graduate*  
 Phyllicia Marie White, Castlewood, SD  
 Biology  
*Cum Laude*  
 Carissa Ann Wieseler, Yankton, SD  
 Chemistry, Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Nicholes Dean Wiest, Rapid City, SD  
 Anthropology  
 Kirsten Jean Wilcox, Fort Pierre, SD  
 Biology  
 Anthony Maurice Williams, Tampa, FL  
 Criminal Justice  
 Talia Marie Wilson, Rapid City, SD  
 Psychology  
 Lindsay Sue Wrinkle, Crescent, IA  
 Psychology  
 Tara Lee Zeinstra, Marshall, MN  
 Biology  
*Cum Laude*

## *Associate of Arts*

Jordyn Mae Hannibal, Arvada, CO  
Sung I. Hong  
Casie Moody

## ***Beacom School of Business***

Presented by Dean Michael Keller

## *Bachelor of Business*

### *Administration*

Bryce Vincent Abbink, Scotland, SD  
Marketing

Casey Michael Aberle, Trail City, SD  
Management

Sasha N. Arabzadeh, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Matthew Scott Barthel, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Meghan Ann Bartos, Parker, SD  
Accounting

Jared Donovan Bartscher, Alexandria, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*

John Frank Bloom, Madison, SD  
Management

Kelsey Rae Boelter, Crofton, NE  
Accounting

Morgan Boettcher, Ipswich, SD  
Management

Alex Warren Bordewyk, Madison, SD  
Marketing  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Lindsey Marie Boyd, Westminster, CO  
Management

Katelyn Jennie Marie Breen, Baltic, SD  
Marketing

Jordan Austin Carlson, Sioux Center, IA  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Amy Chu, Yankton, SD  
Management

Marshall David Clark, Grand Forks, ND  
Economics

Kayla Marie Cuperus, Rock Rapids, IA  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Derrick Robert DeBuhr, Elk Point, SD  
Health Services Administration

Jarod Deinert, Mt. Vernon, SD  
Management

Patrick Allan Daniel Draisey, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Sinzinkayo Nehemia Eli, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Jarrad Emery, Brandon, SD  
Marketing

Joseph Erickson, Dell Rapids, SD  
Marketing  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Kathryn Marie Flaten, Treynor, IA  
Accounting

Gabrielle Elizabeth Folsom, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance

Kayla Marie Foreman, Orient, SD  
Accounting

Alyssa Jane Giedd, Crooks, SD  
Accounting

Stephen Vaun Goodfellow, Randolph AFB, TX  
Finance

Nathan Alexander Gotto, Sioux Center, IA  
Human Resource Management

Renee Elizabeth Grabow, Watertown, SD  
Accounting

Kristi Lynn Grau, Lawton, IA  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Brian Griffin, Jacksonville, FL  
Finance

Brandon Gronseth, Mitchell, SD  
Accounting

Jill Marie Guericke, White Lake, SD  
Finance  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Craig Michael Gutz, Osmond, NE  
Finance  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kayla Haeder, Brandon, SD  
Management

Alex Brian Hagen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance

Austin James Hagg, Rapid City, SD  
Marketing  
*Cum Laude*

Chad Allan Hahler, Webster, SD  
Management

Connor Lee Haken, Adrian, MN  
Marketing

Jamie Lee Huber, Mitchell, SD  
Management

Tyler D. Hummel, Yankton, SD  
Management

Ellen Powers Ingebrigtsen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Andrew James Janish, Aberdeen, SD  
Accounting

Jessica Jastram  
Management

Casey Michele Kelly, Omaha, NE  
Marketing

Ryan Curtis Kost, Vermillion, SD  
Health Services Administration

Andrew Kronaizl, Vermillion, SD  
Marketing

Kyle Thomas Kunde, Milbank, SD  
Finance  
*University Scholar Graduate*

Molly Larson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Ryan M. Lauseng, Pierre, SD  
Health Services Administration  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Maggie Kay Lubeck, Cherokee, IA  
Accounting  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Matthew James Lucklum, Huron, SD  
Finance

Samantha Jean Marcellus, Norfolk, NE  
Accounting  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Michael David McQuade  
Accounting

Michaela Mae Meiers, Avon, SD  
Management

Christine Maria Anne Morgan, Rapid City, SD  
Accounting

Erik William Muckey, Corsica, SD  
Economics  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Steve Nelson, Springfield, NE  
Marketing

Logan Nord, Harrisburg, SD  
Economics

Michael John Nour, Armour, SD  
Finance  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Amanda Lynn Palli, Madison, SD  
Management

Samuel Richard Pfeiffer, Aberdeen, SD  
Accounting

Sarah Ridley, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Alexandra Jean Ries, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Chad Michael Sabers, Huron, SD  
Finance

Jordan Michael Schoenfelder, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Ashley Jo Schultz, Dell Rapids, SD  
Management  
*Cum Laude*

Jordan Alan Schumacher, Rapid City, SD  
Finance

Kristen Faye Schwasinger, Vermillion, SD  
Accounting

Seth David Shaver, LeMars, IA  
Marketing

Hailey Anne Sheldahl, Ottumwa, IA  
Accounting

Michael William Shull, Sioux City, IA  
Accounting

Kendell Margaret Smith, Mitchell, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Nathan Souvignier  
Management

Aaron Richard Steele, Vermillion, SD  
Finance  
*Cum Laude*

Sonya S. Storm  
Accounting

Cassie Jean Stukenholtz, Onawa, IA  
Management  
*Cum Laude*

Steven Yateka Tecker, Brule, SD  
Economics

Alissa Anne Thomsen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Erik Ustad, Vermillion, SD  
Finance

Cecily Kee Vair, Omaha, NE  
Accounting

Jordan Jay VanMeeteren, Boyden, IA  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Evan Michael VerWey, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Arthur William Wallace, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
*Cum Laude*

Heidi Jo Walter, Menno, SD  
Management

Matthew Todd Westra, Rock Valley, IA  
Finance  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Derrick Wiebe, Madison, SD  
Management

Tyler Wayne Wilhelm, Loxahatchee, FL  
Management

Carlye Jo Williams, Madison, SD  
Accounting  
*Summa Cum Laude*

## *School of Education*

Presented by Acting Dean Hee-sook Choi

### *Bachelor of Science*

Amanda Michelle Edwards, Spencer, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Matthew Thomas Haley, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Alex Hohenthauer, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Austin Matthew Koch, Tyndall, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Morgan Lutz, Wakefield, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Jeffrey H. Mettler, Eureka, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Matthew Sheldon O'Donnell, Sioux Center, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Kristin Ann Steffen, Crofton, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*  
Gavin Utesch, Merville, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

### *Bachelor of Science in Education*

Courtney Sue Addison, Newcastle, NE  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Ashley Lynn Anderson, Minneapolis, MN  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Gregory David Anderson, Vermillion, SD  
History Education  
Miranda Jo Arnold, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Meghan Elizabeth Bannwarth, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Justin Theron Bochman, Yankton, SD  
Elementary Education  
Brittany Bolter, Brandon, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Gavin Scott Brandt, Yankton, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Stacia Briard, Springfield, MN  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kayli Lauren Coburn, Garretson, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Jillian DiAnn Daane, Sioux City, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
William Douglas Davis, Hinton, IA  
History Education  
Cassandra Marie DeLarm, LeMars, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Kathryn Marie Ederer, Ham Lake, MN  
Elementary Education  
Samantha Renee Eliason, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Audrey Renae Graber, Freeman, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Ashley Haiar, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Shane Michael Hirt, Platte, SD  
History Education  
Kristy Marie Israelson, Sturgis, SD  
English Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Brittany Kay Johnson, Volin, SD  
History Education  
Briana Lynn Johnston, Sioux Falls, SD  
English Education

Kyla Marann Kemp, Brandon, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kryisia Kjerstad, De Smet, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Cassie Kleihauer, Le Mars, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Tracy M. Kopejtka, Leigh, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Natasha Luchtenburg, Estelline, SD  
Elementary Education  
Rachael Massey, Menno, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Chelsea Rae Mattson, Brandon, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Megan Susanna Marie Meyer, Tyndall, SD  
History Education, Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Ryan Andrew Monroe, Aurora, CO  
History Education  
Jason Allan Muhlbauer, Defiance, IA  
Elementary Education  
Megan Mulder, Canton, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Tiffany Joy Noteboom, Corsica, SD  
Elementary Education  
Cody Joseph O'Neill, Harvard, IL  
Physical Education  
Whitney Lyn Pahl, Mitchell, SD  
Biology Education  
Stephanie Lin Petersen, Mapleton, IA  
Elementary Education  
Matthew Allen Peterson, San Diego, CA  
Physical Education  
Courtney Evelynne Plath, Yankton, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Abby Nicole Powell, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Sarah Elizabeth Prestage, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Janessa Randby, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Molly Katherine Reimer, Huron, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Mandi Gail Robish, Huron, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Marisa Noel Rueb, Dell Rapids, SD  
Elementary Education  
Marica Rupp, Elk Point, SD  
Elementary Education  
Casey Matthew Shade, Hartford, SD  
Physical Education  
Sarah Marie Stormo, Watertown, SD  
Spanish Education  
Heidi Kristine Suter, Sioux City, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education

Jill Chrstine Swanson, Sioux Falls, SD  
English Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Stephany Lynn TenNapel, LeMars, IA  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Brittany Joy Van Den Top, Rock Valley, IA  
English Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jerrid Lee Van Sloten, Vermillion, SD  
Elementary Education  
Chandra Joy Van Zyl, Menno, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Chelsea Jo Vanderlinde, Crooks, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Ashley Elizabeth Weber, Marcus, IA  
English Education  
Rachael Anne Weber, Columbus, NE  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Christopher Allen White, Chester, SD  
Elementary Education  
Stacy Ann Wiebersch, Tea, SD  
Elementary Education  
Desirae Charly Wieseler, Faulkton, SD  
Mathematics Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Victoria Marie Zuhlsdorf, Watertown, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*

## *College of Fine Arts*

Presented by Dean Larry Schou

### *Bachelor of Fine Arts*

Molly Katherine Buum, Alcester, SD  
Art  
Kelsie Jo Carter, Elk Point, SD  
Art  
Sean Edward Daly, Jackson, MI  
Theatre  
Edward Allan Domke, Spirit Lake, IA  
Art  
Emily Grace Dorsett, Sioux City, IA  
Theatre  
Jamie Laine Fields, Bellevue, NE  
Theatre  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Tim Scott Huggenberger, Sioux City, IA  
Theatre  
Chelsea Elizabeth Kathol, Yankton, SD  
Art  
Kasen Keller, Redfield, SD  
Art  
Kaitlin Suzanne Koll, Atlantic, IA  
Theatre  
Jenna Marie Manley, Grand Island, NE  
Theatre  
*Cum Laude*

Brian Muldoon, Sioux Falls, SD  
Theatre  
Aaron C. Packard, Vermillion, SD  
Art  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Corey Rush, Sturgis, SD  
Theatre  
Reanna K. Schultz, Yankton, SD  
Art  
*Cum Laude*  
Tait Brian Simonson, Faith, SD  
Art  
Makayla Louise Stubbs, Underwood, IA  
Art  
Joseph Brinkley Vaughn, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art  
Erica Paige Wergin, Vermillion, SD  
Art  
*Cum Laude*

### *Bachelor of Music*

Kelly Ann Coslet, Sioux City, IA  
Music Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Emily Suzanne Mason, Hot Springs, SD  
Music Education  
Jared Allen Mogen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Patrick Ryan Patterson, Sioux City, IA  
Music Education  
Jennirae Marie Sullivan, South Sioux City, NE  
Music Performance  
*Cum Laude*

### *Bachelor of Musical Arts*

Michael Stephen Bruning, Sioux Falls, SD

## *School of Health Sciences*

Presented by Dean Michael Lawler

### *Bachelor of Science*

Leah Marie Akland, Beresford, SD  
Health Sciences  
Kassandra Kaylanna-Klare Anderson, Yankton, SD  
Social Work  
*Cum Laude*  
Kelly Marie Anderson, Brandon, SD  
Addiction Studies  
Rebecca K. Anderson, Viborg, SD  
Social Work  
*Cum Laude*  
Wendy J. Anderson  
Dental Hygiene

Patrick James Artz, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences

Nicholas Peter Ashley, Rapid City, SD  
Health Sciences

Ellen Patricia Marie Bates, Estelline, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Melissa Mae Blackburn, Sioux Falls, SD  
Medical Laboratory Science  
*Cum Laude*

Megan Alyssa Bly, Brandon, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Rachel Rose Bollich, Fordyce, NE  
Health Sciences

Trina Claire Borchardt, Sioux Falls, SD  
Medical Laboratory Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Taylor Lee Carlson, Huron, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Corryn Nicole Celmer, Broomfield, CO  
Health Sciences

Megan Elizabeth Chmielewski, Shakopee, MN  
Health Sciences

Alexander James Christensen, Canton, SD  
Social Work

Emily Patricia Connelly, Elk Point, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Becky Currier, De Smet, SD  
Addiction Studies

Erin Leigh DeWaard, Stickney, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Calla Marie Duncan, Flandreau, SD  
Health Sciences

Jorden Dvorak, Pickstown, SD  
Health Sciences

Kyle Scott Finken, Arvada, CO  
Health Sciences

Justin Michael Fisher, Sioux City, IA  
Health Sciences

Katie Marie Fleming, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Keyla Alexandra Flor, Arlington, VA  
Health Sciences

David Joseph Floyd, Dartmouth,  
Nova Scotia, Canada  
Social Work

Alison Marie Freidel, Dimock, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Ann Kathleen Fugate, Kadoka, SD  
Addiction Studies

Samantha Goossen, Marion, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Maria Ann Grimsrud, Garretson, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Derek Groeneweg  
Health Sciences

Trevor Lee Gruis, Ellsworth, MN  
Health Sciences

Jamie Jo Hall, Gladwin, MI  
Health Sciences

Larissa Marie Hall, Rapid City, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Emily Joelle Hamm, Rapid City, SD  
Addiction Studies

Emma Lynnee Heiman, Minneapolis, MN  
Social Work  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Brandi Lynn Heinz, Ipswich, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Ann Hennebold, Winner, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Janelle Hillrichs, Akron, IA  
Addiction Studies

Kayla Marie Hohbach, Le Mars, IA  
Dental Hygiene

Ashley Kay Huber, Beresford, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Emily Lois Ives, Rapid City, SD  
Health Sciences

Josee Mae Jansen, Sioux City, IA  
Health Sciences  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Kayla Allison Jarvi, Belle Fourche, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Colette Elizabeth Johnson, Ashton, SD  
Health Sciences

Courtney Marie Johnson, Brooklyn Park, MN  
Health Sciences

Afton Keiser, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*

Zachary Anderson Kenyon, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences

Jenna Ann King, Sioux Falls, SD  
Addiction Studies

Jordan A. Kolb, Sioux Falls, SD  
Addiction Studies

Sydney Ervin Kroll, Madison, WI  
Medical Laboratory Science  
*Cum Laude*

Alena Diann Laber, Parkston, SD  
Health Sciences

Jenna Louise LaMee, Andover, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Andie Marie Lamis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Stacey Lynn Langley, North Sioux City, SD  
Social Work

Kelly Joseph Leyden, Yankton, SD  
Health Sciences

Kathleen Ann Lindsay, Madison, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Kassandra Kay Loe, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences

Keshab Kumar Magar, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences

Amanda Jo Maruska, New Prague, MN  
Social Work  
*Cum Laude*

Cortney Ann McClure, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
Dental Hygiene

Elizabeth Medema, Valentine, NE  
Health Sciences  
Melissa Marie Menning, Parker, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Cum Laude*  
Tia S. Meyer, Tea, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Kassi Marie Mues, Valentine, NE  
Dental Hygiene  
Melissa Mary Nash, Isabel, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Amber Jo Nearman, Jefferson, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
Megan Lynn Nedved, Milbank, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Casey Thomas Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
Philip Nordstrom  
Health Sciences  
Timothy Norling, Centerville, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
Abigail C. Olfert, Pierre, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Symone Ann Olson, Rapid City, SD  
Health Sciences  
Brooke Erin Elizabeth Pape, Freeman, SD  
Social Work  
Alyssa Pfeifle, Brandon, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Wyatt James Pickner, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
Libby Katherine Piskule, Kimball, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Denaeh Marie Plueger, Kingsley, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Brittany Lynn Pochop, North Platte, NE  
Health Sciences  
Laura Kay Portice, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Philip L. Preston  
Health Sciences  
Christina M. Rash, Garretson, SD  
Social Work  
Angela M. Reckert, Dawson, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Crystal Robinson, Hinton, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Samantha S. Robinson  
Health Sciences  
Kaitlin Kelley Roed, Paullina, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Amy Kathryn Rux, Apple Valley, MN  
Health Sciences  
Mary Judith Schaefer, Montrose, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Cody Joseph Silvernail, Yankton, SD  
Medical Laboratory Science

Boni Slagerman, Woodbury, MN  
Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Sarah Anna Marie Soles, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
Tana Maurine Sorbel, Rapid City, SD  
Health Sciences  
Katie Frances Starzl, Yankton, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Denton Glenn Stephens, Rapid City, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
Lindsey Marie Thielen, Elkton, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
Collena Uecker  
Dental Hygiene  
Megan Elizabeth Van Egdom, Brandon, SD  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Heather Nicole Wachter, Pierce, NE  
Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Joshua Wallis, Yankton, SD  
Health Sciences  
Heidi Jo Walter, Menno, SD  
Health Sciences  
Shelby Sanya Weber, Ida Grove, IA  
Health Sciences  
*University Scholar Graduate, Cum Laude*  
Nicole Olympia-Esther Whipple, Pipestone, MN  
Health Sciences  
Amber L. Wightman  
Health Sciences  
Kassandra Wilkening, Fulda, MN  
Health Sciences  
Destiny Marie Wipf, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
Haley Elizabeth Young, Windom, MN  
Health Sciences  
Chelsea E. Zaragoza  
Social Work

### *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

Denaeh Richia Anglin, Miller, SD  
Eric David Aune, Yankton, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
Brittany Boehmer, Rapid City, SD  
Holly Byrnes, Sioux Falls, SD  
Emilee Davenport, Sioux City, IA  
Amy Jo De Kok, Mount Vernon, SD  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kendra Marie Dell, Rapid City, SD  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Michelle Engelhart  
Cheryl Kay Fischer, Tyler, MN  
Ashley Ann Gisi, Aberdeen, SD  
Ashleigh Ruth Goddard, Prairie City, SD

Kendra Anne Gunderson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Tim Guy  
Timothy Joseph Healy, Yankton, SD  
Chelsea T. Hennebold  
Travis Holm  
Rachel Holub, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kari Brook Jensen, Volin, SD  
Ashley Kalda  
Liz Kallsen  
Megan Kayser, Marion, SD  
Morgan Diana Kayvan, Keokuk, IA  
Sarah Klatt, Yankton, SD  
Staci D. Krogstad, Spearfish, SD  
Erin Elizabeth Lewis, Hudson, WI  
*Cum Laude*  
Misty June Murtha, Brookings, SD  
Anne M. Myers  
Eryn Elizabeth O'Connell, Rapid City, SD  
Britney Rashel Ohrlund, Kaneohe, HI  
April Richelle Olson, Plankinton, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
Grace Marie Pankratz, Sioux Falls, SD  
Jensena-Anne Mamie Peterson, Ethan, SD  
Krysten Reed, Britton, SD  
Kelsey L. Regnier  
Bethany Sand  
Sarah Silvernail, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elizabeth Laura Snyder, Watertown, SD  
Lindsay Cecilia Songstad, Sioux Falls, SD  
Ashley M. Walz, Tea, SD  
Chelsea Jo Young, Warner, SD

### *Associate of Science*

Katelyn Anderson, Toronto, SD  
Ashley Rene' Audiss, Winner, SD  
Joshua James Baade, Sioux Falls, SD  
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## *Academic Honors*

To earn an honors designation at graduation, the baccalaureate-level graduate must have completed at least 60 hours of USD credit and must meet the following USD and cumulative grade point averages:

Summa Cum Laude	equal to or greater than 3.9
Magna Cum Laude	equal to or greater than 3.7
Cum Laude	equal to or greater than 3.5

To earn an honors designation at graduation, the associate-level graduate must have completed at least 30 hours of USD credit and must meet the following USD and cumulative grade point averages:

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

## *Honor Societies*

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

Beta Gamma Sigma.....	Blue Ribbon with medallion
Chi Sigma Iota.....	Blue & White honor cords
Golden Key International Honour Society.....	Blue & Gold honor cord
Mortar Board.....	Gold & Silver Interlaced honor cords
National Society of Leadership and Success.....	Black & Platinum silk honor cords
Omicron Delta Epsilon.....	Blue & Gold honor cords
Omicron Delta Kappa.....	White, Black & Blue twisted cords
Order of Omega.....	White & Gold double cords
Phi Alpha Sigma Theta.....	Yellow & Blue ribbons with gold medallion
Phi Beta Kappa Society.....	Light Blue & Light Pink honor cords
Pi Alpha.....	Blue & Green honor cords
Pi Mu Epsilon.....	Purple & Gold honor cords
Psi-Chi Psychology Club.....	Double Gold cord with Blue & Gold tassel
Scholarship Pathways Program.....	Gold Medallion with red ribbon
Sigman Delta Pi.....	Red & Gold honor cords
University Honors Program.....	Gold stole

Faculty wearing medals with a red ribbon are recipients of a Belbas-Larson Award, given as the university's highest honor for teaching excellence; faculty wearing a red/white ribbon are recipients of Richard and Sharon Cutler Awards, given by the College of Arts and Sciences for promoting liberal arts education through teaching and research.

# *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:

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

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