

SPRING 2015  
*Commencement*  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

*THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
DAKOTA DOME, VERMILLION, SD  
MAY 9, 2015*

# *Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement*

*Dakota Dome  
May 9, 2015 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  
University Senate Chair  
James W. Abbott, President

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching  
Jim Moran, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Associate Professor Tracelyn Gesteland, College of Fine Arts  
Assistant Professor Sarah Sik, College of Fine Arts

Commencement Address  
Mr. Thomas D. Gallagher

USD Chamber Singers  
*I Don't Feel No Ways Tired* arr. by Stacey Gibbs  
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Honorary Degree  
Mr. Thomas D. Gallagher, Doctor of Humane Letters

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

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Doctor of Education
- Doctor of Audiology
- Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Transitional 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

### ROTC Oath of Office

- Jim Moran, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Captain Jerry Zevecke, Acting Professor, Military Science

### Alumni Welcome

- Dr. Cindi Pochop, M.D., Alumni Association Representative

### University Hymn, *Alma Mater*

- USD Chamber Singers
- Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

### Closing Remarks

- James W. Abbott, President
- University Senate Chair

### 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



**Thomas D. Gallagher**

A Principal of The Scowcroft Group, Thomas D. Gallagher provides strategic and financial advisory services to clients, specializing in U.S. monetary, fiscal, and currency policies. He also analyzes G20 economic policies and global trends. Prior to joining The Scowcroft Group, Mr. Gallagher was a Senior Managing Director of the International Strategy and Investment Group, Inc. (ISI), a Wall Street research firm. Before he began at ISI in 1999, he was a Managing Director at Lehman Brothers, where he worked as a political economist for thirteen years.

Mr. Gallagher was the top vote-getter in the Washington Research category on the Institutional Investor's All-Star Team from 2001-2010. He also sits on the Global Investment Committee of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, the largest private wealth manager in the world, and serves as the Vice Chairman for CEB Monitor Group Ltd., a Shanghai-based Chinese economic research firm. He is also on the faculty of the Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute as an assistant adjunct professor. Mr. Gallagher serves on the Board of the Africa Parks Foundation of America and on the Editorial Advisory Board of Mental Floss magazine. He was a regular panelist on "Louis Rukeyser's Wall Street" and served on the Community First Bankshares Board of Directors until it was sold in October 2004.

Prior to his employment on Wall Street, Mr. Gallagher worked in the federal government as a senior staff member at the U.S. International Trade Commission, Legislative Assistant to Senator George Mitchell, Economist for the Senate Budget Committee, and as an Analyst in Public Finance for the Congressional Research Service.

Mr. Gallagher earned a BS in Economics and Political Science from the University of South Dakota (1976) and a Masters of Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (1978). He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst.

## *Stage Party*

James W. Abbott  
President  
Bob Sutton  
Board of Regents Representative  
Thomas D. Gallagher  
Speaker, Honorary Degree Recipient  
Dr. Cindi Pochop  
Alumni Association Representative  
University Senate Chair  
Jim Moran  
Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Michael Card  
Dean, Graduate Education  
Mary Nettleman  
Vice President, Health Affairs &  
Dean, Sanford School of Medicine  
Paul C. Bungler  
Dean, Medical Student Affairs  
Thomas Geu  
Dean, School of Law  
Matthew Moen  
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences  
Venky Venkatachalam  
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  
Brandon Hendrickson  
Reader, College of Fine Arts  
Jennifer Thompson  
Registrar

## *Board of Regents*

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Humboldt  
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Sioux Falls

## *University Marshal Corps*

### *Head Marshals*

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

### *Honorary Marshals*

Emeritus Professor Norma Wilson  
Emeritus Professor Jack Powell

### *Marshals*

Sherrie Bosse  
School of Education  
Scott Breuninger  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Ann Brunick  
School of Health Sciences  
Steven Bucklin  
College of Arts & Sciences  
David Carr  
Beacom School of Business  
John Dudley  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Katherine Haberling  
Beacom School of Business  
Kurt Hackemer  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Christine Hutton  
School of Law  
Moses Ikiugu  
Sanford School of Medicine  
Stuart Inglis  
Sanford School of Medicine  
Eric Jepsen  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Joy Karges  
School of Health Sciences  
Beverly Kennedy  
School of Health Sciences  
Peter Kindle  
School of Health Sciences  
Solveig 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  
School of Health Sciences  
Michelle Van Maanen  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Gerald Yutrzenka  
Sanford School of Medicine

## *Faculty in Attendance*

Professor Fred Aderhold  
Professor David Alexander  
Professor Mejai Bola Avoseh  
Professor Chet Barney  
Professor Mark Baron  
Professor Nicholas Benson  
Professor Mary Berry  
Professor Kathryn Birkeland  
Professor Beth Boyd  
Professor Larry Bright  
Professor Hugh Britten  
Professor Jean Caraway  
Professor Karen Card  
Professor Gary Cheeseman  
Professor Wenqian Dai  
Professor Carla Dieter  
Professor Carol Dreke  
Professor Kelly Duncan  
Professor Cathy Ezrailson  
Professor Darlene Farabee  
Professor Harry Freeman  
Professor Marie-Elaine Gagnon  
Professor Marvin Gamble  
Professor Susan Gapp  
Professor Chaya Gordon-Bland  
Professor Angela Helmer  
Professor David Holdhusen  
Professor Victor Huber  
Professor Gregory Huckabee  
Professor Gerard Jacobs  
Professor Lindsey Jorgensen  
Professor Teddi Joyce  
Professor Christina Keller  
Professor Bruce Kelley  
Professor Jacob Kerby

Professor Valerie Kolbinger  
Professor Ranjit Koodali  
Professor June Larson  
Professor Kathy Magorian  
Professor Stanley May  
Professor Kelly McKay-Semmler  
Professor Jessica Messersmith  
Professor Leroy Meyer  
Professor Lisa Moore  
Professor Matthew Nesmith  
Professor Seth Olson  
Professor Doug Peterson  
Professor Jason Porter  
Professor Carolyn Prentice  
Professor Randal Quevillon  
Professor Kevin Reins  
Professor Lee Ann Roripaugh  
Professor Molly Rozum  
Professor Amy Schweinle  
Professor Shane Semmler  
Professor Elizabeth Smith  
Professor Carole South-Winter  
Professor Teresa Stephenson  
Professor Haoran Sun  
Professor David Swanson  
Professor Mark Sweeney  
Professor William Sweeney  
Professor Andrew Sykes  
Professor Joseph Tinguely  
Professor Barry Vickrey  
Professor Zhenqiang Wang  
Professor Mick Watt  
Professor Garreth Zalud  
Professor Frank Zavadil  
Professor Kory Zimney

## *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.

# Doctoral Degrees Graduate School

Presented by Dean Michael Card

## Doctor of Philosophy

- Rachael Anderson, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Personal Characteristics, School Setting, and Burnout Effects on School Counselors Self-Advocacy*
- Musheera Anis Abdellatif, Mansoura, Egypt  
M.D., Mansoura Faculty of Medicine  
M.A., Ain Shams Faculty of Medicine  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*A Study of Attachment Networks: A Cross-Cultural Study of Egyptian and American Young Adults*
- Holly Teresa Baker, Vermillion, SD  
M.A., Ohio University  
English  
*Steal Them Away: A Novel*
- Aravind Baride, Hyderabad, India  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Manipulation of Spectral and Surface Characteristics of Upconversion Nanoparticles for Security Printing and Drug Delivery Applications*
- Eliann Renee Carr, Beresford, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Healing Bridge: Exploring the Relationship Between Parental Apologies and Child Well-Being*
- Denise M. Casillas  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Listening to the Peoples Voices: The Effects of Research in a Northern Plains Tribal Community*
- Kelene A. Fercho  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Fatigue and Efficiency: A Study of the Role of Effort on Task Strategy and Performance*
- Daniel Kheng Joo Fung, Klang  
M.P.A., University of South Dakota  
M.A., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
Psychology  
*Factors Affecting Primary Care Providers' Referrals for Behavioral Health Services*
- Kimberlie Ann Goodfellow, Bruce, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Health Implications for School Psychologists Experiencing Burnout and the Mitigating Factors of Service Delivery Model and Number of Schools Served*
- Sandra Hoover Kinsinger, Orange City, IA  
M.A., University of Illinois at Chicago  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Predictors of Academic Hope: A Preliminary Biopsychosocial Model*
- Laurel Krokstrom, Vermillion, SD  
M.M., University of Southern California  
M.A., California State University - Los Angeles  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*What Makes Music Majors Unique? Motivation to go to College and Learn in Major and General Coursework*
- Andrea Lin Lucas, Mission, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Basic Biomedical Sciences  
*Examination of trans-Golgi SNARE syntaxin 10 interactions at the chlamydial inclusion*
- Luther J. Mahoney  
M.S., Kansas State University  
Materials Chemistry  
*Solar Hydrogen and Solar Electricity using Mesoporous Materials*
- Kara Leah McCormick, Salem, SD  
B.S., Dakota State University  
Basic Biomedical Sciences  
*Swine Influenza: Pathogenesis and Prevention*
- Erica Lyn Mize, Sterling Heights, MI  
M.S., Michigan State University  
Biological Sciences  
*Tracking the Spread of Emerging Sylvatic Plague in Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Metapopulations Using a Landscape Genetics Approach*
- Andrew Michael Novick, Lower Gwynedd, PA  
B.S., University of the Sciences- Philadelphia  
Physician Scientist  
*Long-Term Effects of Adolescent Social Defeat on Cognition and Prefrontal Cortex Dopamine Function*
- Joshua Alan Rye, Adrian, MN  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Adolescent Suicide-Related Behaviors: Exploring Protection Afforded Through Physical Activity, Physical Education, and Healthy Diet*
- Andrea Danielle Stripling, Palm City, FL  
M.S., Mississippi State University  
Psychology  
*Betrayal Trauma and Risky Sexual Behavior: An Analysis of Affect Dysregulation Among Female Emerging Adults*
- Karla Leslie Tait, Moricetown, BC  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Tribal Participatory Research in Action: Cross-Culturally Adapting and Evaluating a Psychological First Aid Training Program for Native Direct Care Staff*
- Nathan Yockey Weltman, Charlottesville, VA  
M.Ed., University of Virginia  
B.S.E.D., University of Virginia  
Physician Scientist  
*Thyroid Hormone Dysfunction in Cardiovascular Disease*

## *Doctor of Education*

Jennifer Louise Aranda, Eau Claire, WI  
M.S., University of Wisconsin - Stout  
Educational Administration  
*Civility and Bullying in Higher Education, Secrets in Academia: Culture of Incivility*

Teresa Boysen, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.Ed., University of Sioux Falls  
Educational Administration  
*Comparative Case Study of Beginning Elementary Teachers: Year-Long and Semester-Long Student Teaching*

Summer Christensen, St. Joseph, MO  
M.A.T., Webster University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*The Relationship Between Induction Services Provided by District Leaders and Principals and New-Teacher Retention in South Dakota*

Kirsten J. Doebele  
M.S., Southwest Minnesota State University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*A Study of the Effect of Instruction on Student's Implicit Theory of Intelligence in a Project-Based Learning Environment*

Cynthia Ann Hanson, Sioux City, IA  
M.S., Drake University  
Educational Administration  
*Methods of Senior Administrator Leadership Development in Succession Planning at Iowa Community Colleges*

Matthew David Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., Augustana College  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*An Evaluation of the Good Behavior Game in a High School Special Education Setting*

Kimberly S. Kludt  
Ed.S., University of Sioux Falls  
Educational Administration  
*Incentives and Disincentives for South Dakota High School Seniors When Considering a Career in Teaching*

Michael Lodmel, Huron, SD  
Ed.S., University of Sioux Falls  
Educational Administration  
*The Relationship Between School District Expenditures and ACT Scores in South Dakota Public Schools*

Jerry W. Rasmussen  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Comparing Perceptions of Dual-role Administrators and Their Teachers Regarding the Effectiveness of Dual-role Administrators in Their Buildings*

Erin E. Riibe  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Recreation Management and Exercise Wellness Professional Awareness of Emerging Needs of Aging Adults*

James Anthony Smith, Omaha, NE  
M.A., Bellevue University  
Educational Administration  
*Accelerated and Traditional Degree Programs: A Comparison of Student Academic Outcomes*

Melanie Ann Stanton, Alexandria, VA  
M.A., Central Michigan University  
Educational Administration  
*Preceptors Perception of Evidence-based Practice in Teaching Athletic Training Students*

Christopher L. Stockdale, Vienna, IL  
M.A., Sonoma State University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*The Reflection of Social Values in Public School Reading Textbooks in the United States: A Historical Inquiry*

Valorie Lynn Zonnefeld, Sioux Center, IA  
M.Ed., Dordt College  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*Mindsets, Attitudes, and Achievement in Undergraduate Statistics Courses*

## *Doctor of Audiology*

David Ian Alexander, Vineland, NJ  
B.A., Loyola University Maryland  
*The Effect of Sound Location on Verification Measures*

Elizabeth C. Falk, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*Patient Perception and the Effects of Debris on Hearing Aid Directional Microphone Performance*

Shana Nicole Bauer Vaith, Pierre, SD  
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines and Technology  
*Effects of Aging, Hormonal Fluctuation, and Cardiovascular Health on Peripheral Hearing Ability*

## *Doctor of Physical Therapy*

Tessa Linn Aiken, Spearfish, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Nicolas Ross Albers, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Becky Berentschot, Inwood, IA  
B.A., Augustana College

Joshua Lee Carlson, Alcester, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Matthew Carmody, Pipestone, MN  
B.S., Southwest Minnesota State University

Ali Clevenger, Gibbon, NE  
B.S., University of Sioux Falls

David A. DeWitt  
B.A., Mount Marty College

Tyler Charles Flammond, Clark, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota



Susan Jillayne Gilkerson, Brookings, SD  
 B.A., Minnesota State University - Moorhead  
 Lindsay Elizabeth Goodwin, Brooten, MN  
 B.A., Concordia College  
 Adam Lee Hoffmann, Minneota, MN  
 B.S., Southwest Minnesota State University  
 Caitlyn Mariah Ingle, Harrold, SD  
 B.S., Northern State University  
 Amanda Johnson, Watertown, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Ian T. Kopriva, Rapid City, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Emma Octavia Ladwig, Gayville, SD  
 M.A., University of South Dakota  
 Nathan Russell LeMaster, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Kristin Elizabeth Marshall, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., South Dakota State University  
 Melissa Frances Plaetz Mathiowetz,  
 Wabasso, MN  
 B.S., South Dakota State University  
 Megan Marie McMahon, Ladysmith, WI  
 B.S., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee  
 Michelle Lynn Seibring, St. Cloud, MN  
 B.S., Southwest Minnesota State University  
 Sarah Lynn Stagner, Lead, SD  
 B.S., Black Hills State University  
 William Torrence Thompson, North Platte, NE  
 B.S., University of Wyoming  
 Jacquelyn Trego, Watertown, SD  
 B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
 Kendra Marie Webster, Rapid City, SD  
 B.S., Chadron State College  
 Erica Sue Witte, Rock Valley, IA  
 B.A., University of Northern Iowa

### *Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy*

Maria Christina DeJesus, Las Vegas, NV  
 M.S., University of St. Francis  
 Sandra Dufty, Jefferson, GA  
 B.S., Florida International University  
 Amy Joleen Elbert, Grand Forks, ND  
 M.S., University of North Dakota  
 Erica L. Heiman, Lynch, NE  
 M.P.T., University of Nebraska Medical Center  
 M.S.A., Central Michigan University  
 Deborah Sadie Howell, Las Vegas, NV  
 B.S., State University of New York - Health  
 Science Center at Brooklyn  
 Lisa Ida-Marie Inglis, Vermillion, SD  
 M.S., University of Toronto  
 Julie Ann Obear, Lincoln, NE  
 M.P.T., University of Nebraska Medical Center

# *Professional Degrees*

## *Sanford School of Medicine*

Presented by Dean Mary Nettleman

### *Doctor of Medicine*

Leslie Adajar Addengast, Valley Springs, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
*SSOM Alumni Student Scholar*  
 Courtney J. Backer, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Jeremy Dean Berg, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., University of Minnesota-Morris  
 Adam Eugene Binneboese, Hinton, IA  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 David Nelson Brennan, Colstrip, MT  
 B.S., North Central University  
 Sabrina Carola Burn, San Diego, CA  
 B.S., University of Wisconsin Madison  
 Kayla Jeanne Cagle, Claremore, OK  
 B.A., University of North Dakota  
 Joseph Carda, Rapid City, SD  
 B.S., University of Nevada- Reno  
 Corbin Joseph Cleary, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., College of Saint Benedict  
 Laura Marie Danielson, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.G.S., University of Minnesota- Twin Cities  
 Aaron David Dewald, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., Mount Marty College  
 James Dean Dreessen, Freeman, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Thomas Aaron Fischer, Sturgis, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Nicholas Gerard Gau, Marshall, MN  
 B.S., South Dakota State University  
 Anne Marie Grady, Le Mars, IA  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Luke Edward Hofkamp, Rapid City, SD  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Ph.D., University of South Dakota  
 Kelsey Ann Holkesvik, Aberdeen, SD  
 B.A., Grinnell College  
 Keary Lee Johnson, Clear Lake, SD  
 B.S., South Dakota State University  
 Brian Alan Juber, Worthington, MN  
 B.A., Augustana College  
 Marcella Knauf, Madison, WI  
 B.S., Black Hills State University  
 Deanna Lee Lassegard, Rapid City, SD  
 B.S., South Dakota State University  
 Abigail Mary Lichter, Yankton, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota

Anthony Henry Loewen, Huron, SD  
B.A., Tabor College  
Teresa M. Maas, Corsica, SD  
B.A., Dordt College  
Kathryn Mary Martinez, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Drew Messerschmidt, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College  
Robert Ogden Nedved, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of Chicago  
M.S., Georgetown University  
Andrew Michael Novick, Lower Gwynedd, PA  
B.S., University of the Sciences - Philadelphia  
Seth Parker Parsons, Pierre, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*SSOM Alumni Student Scholar*  
Wade Paulson, Valley Springs, SD  
B.S.B.A., University of South Dakota  
Jeremy Patrick Pepin, Hot Springs, SD  
B.S., University of Wyoming  
Sara Lynn Pepper, Geddes, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Luke Hunter Rasmussen, Mitchell, SD  
B.S., Indian Wesleyan University  
Emily Danielle Reinbold, Timber Lake, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*SSOM Alumni Student Scholar*  
Michael Edward Reopelle, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
MacKenzie Ray Reynolds, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Nichole M. Schafer, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
Spencer David Schilling, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Phillip Richard Schneider, Hayti, SD  
B.S., University of Notre Dame  
Margaret Jayne Schuneman, Milbank, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*SSOM Alumni Student Scholar*  
William Warren Sheaffer, St. Paul, MN  
B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College  
Deanne Lyn Tamang, Vale, SD  
B.S., University of Great Falls  
Daniel Christian Terveen, Spearfish, SD  
B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
Emily Catherine Thornton, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Miranda Catherine Tracy, Pierre, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Austin Maurice Vande Berg, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Jared Lee Velgersdyk, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Nathan Yockey Weltman, Charlottesville, VA  
M.Ed., University of Virginia  
B.S.E.D., University of Virginia  
Christopher James Wenger, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Heidi Racquel Werner, Aberdeen, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Brian Thomas Westerhuis, Platte, SD  
B.A., Augustana College

Vanessa Banek Wookey, Kimball, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

## *School of Law*

Presented by Dean Thomas Geu

### *Juris Doctor*

Vanessa Lauren Arzberger, Plymouth, IA  
B.A., University of Iowa  
George Max Biddlecome, Goshen, IN  
B.A., Purdue University - West Lafayette  
Chad Michael Boelhower, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Benjamin Douglas Borgmann, Creighton, NE  
B.S., University of Nebraska  
Brent David Brudwick, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., National American University  
Elizabeth Joan Chrisp, Amherst, NE  
B.S., University of Nebraska - Kearney  
Austin Petty Cutright, Hays, KS  
B.S., Fort Hays State University  
Joseph J. De la Rosa  
B.A., University of Arizona  
Jessica A. Dybing, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Max Eckrich, Aberdeen, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Rebecca Lynne Fey, Sioux City, IA  
B.S., Iowa State University  
Andrew Thomas Fick, Quimby, IA  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Sara J. Fitzgerald, Spearfish, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
Jamie Lea Frederick, Eufaula, OK  
B.S., Bacone College  
Blake Allen Gunderson, McCook Lake, SD  
B.B.A., University of South Dakota  
Roy William Haberstick, Huron, SD  
B.S., Minnesota State University - Moorhead  
Jennifer June Harvey, Long Prairie, MN  
B.A., University of Minnesota-Morris  
Sara Elizabeth Hento, West Point, NE  
B.B.A., University of South Dakota  
Aron Arthur Hogden, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of Wisconsin - Parkside  
Brittany Jane Kjerstad, Quinn, SD  
B.A., South Dakota State University  
Quincy Ray Kjerstad, Wall, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Melissa Ann Knight, Sioux City, IA  
B.S., Iowa State University  
Andrew Patrick Kockler, Clear Lake, IA  
B.A., University of Northern Iowa  
Chase Allan Koskovich, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
Mathew Thomas Terrance Laidlaw, Lead, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
Wanette Marie Lenling, Claremont, SD  
B.A., Northern State University

Emily Lessin, Rapid City, SD  
 B.S., Black Hills State University  
 Logan Ross Magnusson, Heber City, UT  
 B.S., Brigham Young University  
 KyLee Rose Manthei, Sanborn, MN  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Alex Mason  
 B.A., Northern State University  
 Ryan Michael McKnight, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., South Dakota State University  
 Jerald Michael McNeary, Jr., Aberdeen, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Cullen Parker McNeece, West Burlington, IA  
 B.S., Iowa State University  
 Danielle Dayle Moeller, Fairmont, MN  
 B.S., Minnesota State University- Mankato  
 Nick Moser  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Chauncey Tyler Moulding, Fairfield, IA  
 B.A., University of Iowa  
 Audie J. Murphy, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., Augustana College  
 Kelsey Megan Murray, Lake Crystal, MN  
 B.S., Minnesota State University- Mankato  
 Haleigh E. Nevill  
 B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
 Megan Elizabeth Olson, Sebeka, MN  
 B.A., Jamestown College  
 Levi Taylor Parker, Lennox, SD  
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Sarah Maria Peters, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S.W., Valparaiso University

Aimee Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of Sioux Falls

Rika L. Peterson  
B.A., Augustana College

Laci Jane Quinn, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University

Mathia Rall, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota

Nicole Maria Robideau, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S. University of South Dakota

Ashley Alyssa Ruppert, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., University of North Dakota  
 Jaclyn J. Schaap, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
 Lauren Louise Sieff, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
 Melanie Lavonne Smith, Owanka, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Kristina Jean Spade, Brandon, SD  
 B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
 Teresa M. Thomas, Yankton, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Jenna Marie Visser, Ireton, IA  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Kelli E. Wagner  
 B.S., Presentation College  
 Megan Regina Wexler, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
 Stephanie Lee Utech Wiksen, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota

# University Honors Program

*The designation of University Scholar is a unique and significant honor granted to an undergraduate student by The University. In addition to high level scholarship, it requires participation in the University Honors Program culminating in successful completion of a substantial senior project.*

## University Scholar

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Alayna Ann Ackerman, Rapid City, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice & Political Science  
*Incarceration and Mobility: A Federal and South Dakota Study*  
 Jordyn Lynn Bangasser, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Bachelor of Music, Music Performance  
*Jenny Lind: A Historical, Dramatic, and Musical Representation*  
 Morgan Mainwaring Barnes, Cedar Rapids, IA  
 Bachelor of Science, Mathematics  
*Peril Heat Map Generator: Applied Smoothing*  
 Janice Lynn Baumberger, Indianapolis, IN  
 Bachelor of Arts, Spanish  
 Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
*A Qualitative Study of Hutterites' Perspectives and Attitudes Toward Healthcare Providers*  
 Kathryn Bojan, Papillion, NE  
 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
*Using Network Theory to Attract Millennials to the Republican Party*

Haley Brees, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
 Bachelor of Arts, History  
*A History of Egypt in Objects*  
 Matthew Joshua Buhr, Albert Lea, MN  
 Bachelor of Science, Mathematics  
*Dynamics of Ateles Hybridus Populations in Fragmented Landscapes: A Discrete Mathematical Model*  
 Erik Burnison, Huron, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Credit Assignment in a Bimanual Object Lifting Task*  
 Megan Ives Card, Des Moines, IA  
 Bachelor of Arts, Media & Journalism & Political Science  
*One Journalist's Terrorist is Another Reporter's Freedom Fighter: A Critical Analysis of American Media Coverage between Hamas and the Irish Republican Army*  
 Matthew Lee Carey, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance  
*The Spectrum Shortage: Outlook for the Wireless Telecommunications Industry*  
 Gary Christiansen, Vermillion, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Computer Science  
*Implementing a Go AI Using the Monte Carlo Tree Search Algorithm*  
 Braley Rae Dodson, Kaysville, UT  
 Bachelor of Arts, Media & Journalism  
*Transparency: Ghost Stories and Hauntings*  
 Katia Duszenko, Aberdeen, SD  
 Bachelor of Arts, Media & Journalism, International Studies & French & Francophone Studies  
*Women of the Periphery: Muslims and Roma in Western Europe*  
 Jennifer Eggebraaten, Hartford, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, English  
*Perspectives on the Importance of the Resident Assistant Voice in Housing Departments: Solving the Housing Problem*  
 Colby James Felts, Le Mars, IA  
 Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Coaching and Concussions: Prevention, Education and Perspective*  
 Matt J. Gerlach  
 Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Linking Adolescent Stress-Induced Disruptions to Cortical Dopamine Activity*  
 Breanna Margaret Helland, Frederick, SD  
 Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice & Political Science  
*Human Trafficking: A Policy For The State of South Dakota*  
 Andrea Marie Kelly, Le Mars, IA  
 Bachelor of Science, Economics  
*Is Targeting Customer Loyalty a Profitable Marketing Technique? An Analysis of Customer Loyalty Programs*  
 Kasey Marie Klatt, Watertown, SD  
 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology  
*The Impact of an Emotionally Intelligent Leader on Academic and Employee Engagement*

Samantha Jean McCurry, Brookings, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*In The Service of a Crooked God*

Bailey Marie Meyer, Aberdeen, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*The Use of Benzodiazepines and Their Alternatives Within Long Term Care Facilities*

Amos Joe Meyer, Williams, SD  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting  
*The American Tax System; Who's Paying the Bill*

Donald J. Moore, Rock Valley, IA  
Bachelor of Science, Computer Science  
*Physics Behind Monkey D. Luffy*

Jonathan Moore, Rock Valley, IA  
Bachelor of Science, Computer Science  
*Two-Axis Choice Game: Text Adventure*

Marissa Amber Morris, Rapid City, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice & Psychology  
*Origins of the Evil Mind*

Tanya Marie Ochsner, Hartford, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology  
*The Role of Alcohol Associated With Acknowledgement or Unacknowledgement of Rape In College Age Women*

Brent John Olinger, Vermillion, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Political Science & Speech Communication  
*Fraternal Friendship: Exploring Gender Communication of Brotherhood and Sisterhood*

Nicholas John Pekas, Brookings, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Chemistry  
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish  
*Synthesis and Properties of NaYF<sub>4</sub>: 17%Yb<sup>3+</sup>, 3%Er<sup>3+</sup> Upconversion Nanoparticles*

Adrian Marie Peters, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Speech-Evoked Auditory Brainstem Response in Adults with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities*

Kayla Jean Pochop, Pierre, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Communication Studies  
*Physician Use of Persuasion to Gain Treatment Compliance*

Samuel Reuland, White Lake, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, History & Political Science  
*America's Modern Culture War: The Breakup of the Traditional Family and Entitlement Programs*

Joshua Thomas Rogers, Fort Pierre, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Effects of Organic Cation Transporter 3 Antagonists in the Dorsomedial Hypothalamus on Female Sexual Behavior And Anxiety*

Amber Marie Schnitzler, Omaha, NE  
Bachelor of Science, Social Work  
*Understanding and Challenging the Stigma of Child Welfare*

Kory Ross Scroggin, Sioux City, IA  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Ethical Argument For Voluntary Active Euthanasia and Its Implications In The United States*

Paige Amelia Stavely, Hemlock, MI  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
*Happiness and Well-Being in College Students*

Mason Andrew Bentley Stillman, Gillette, WY  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*The Relationship Between Awareness of the Body Mass Index and Immediate Mood Status Among College Male Students*

Jessica Rose Sundleaf, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
*Crusading Catholics: Sowing The Seeds of Movement Culture in Fertile Fields*

Rebeka Lee Tobias, Pilger, NE  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
*The Evolution of Website Usability Guidelines*

Nathan James Vinzant, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Using Iron Oxide Nanoparticles To Deliver Anxiolytic Neuropeptides To The Brain: Distribution and Behavioral Effects*

Rachel Kara Weinandt, Yankton, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Relationships Between Emotional Intelligence and Relationship Quality In Athlete-Athlete Dyads*

Josephine Frances Whelan, Milbank, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, English  
*A Novella Adaption of Christina Rossetti's "Goblin Market"*

Susan Katherine Wik, Faulkton, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*South Dakota Family Medicine Physicians' Familiarity With and Use of Exercise in the Treatment of Parkinson's Disease Among Older Adults*

Ian Burchill Williams, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Economics  
*An Analysis of the Effect of the Minimum Wage on Youth Employment Levels: A Cross Country Panel Data Analysis*

Nathan David Wunder, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Economics  
*Maximizing Income Tax Revenues Using a Larger Curve*

Samuel Lewis Young, Conde, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Escape As a Stress Coping Mechanism Independent of Aggressive Stimuli*

Alexander Doug Zalneraitis, Winter Garden, FL  
Bachelor of Musical Arts  
*History of the Piccolo and its Literature from the Boroque to Contemporary*

# Baccalaureate & Associate Degrees

## College of Arts & Sciences

Presented by Dean Matthew Moen

### Bachelor of Arts

Sandi Lynn Ahrlin, Aberdeen, SD  
Psychology

Rhianne Roche' Ammann, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice

Austin Riley Ashlock, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism, Political Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Cassandra Lynn Backes, Milwaukee, WI  
History

Nina Barudzic, Kragujevac  
Media & Journalism

Marysa Basham, Rapid City, SD  
Media & Journalism  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Sadie Elizabeth Bauck, Carroll, IA  
Media & Journalism

Janice Lynn Baumberger, Indianapolis, IN  
Spanish  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Lauren Rhea Bennett, Walton, KY  
Spanish, International Studies  
*Cum Laude*

Chelsea Bezanson  
Anthropology, Psychology

Elizabeth Kay Blackmer, Ankeny, IA  
English  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Joseph Bliss, Sioux Falls, SD  
Political Science, Criminal Justice  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kathryn Bojan, Papillion, NE  
Political Science  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Haley Brees, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
History  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Allison Renee Buss, Sioux Falls, SD  
Spanish

Kamille Jade Cameron, Wakpala, SD  
Criminal Justice, Native Studies

Megan Ives Card, Des Moines, IA  
Media & Journalism, Political Science  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Michelle L. Corio, Elk Point, SD  
Sustainability, Political Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Alaina Marie Cuka, Wagner, SD  
English  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Liz J. Cynkar  
Criminal Justice

Emily Darveaux, Pipestone, MN  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Matthew James Davis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice

Jackson Wade Dienert, Pollock, SD  
Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*

Braley Rae Dodson, Kaysville, UT  
Media & Journalism  
*University Scholar Graduate, Cum Laude*

Jenna Maria Christian D'Ottavio, Westminster, CO  
History, English

Cristina Barbara Drey, Herrick, SD  
Media & Journalism, English  
*Cum Laude*

Katia Duszenko, Aberdeen, SD  
Media & Journalism, International Studies &  
French & Francophone Studies  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Brittany Nicole Eide, Hawthorne, CA  
English, Sociology & History

Tiffany Michelle Eide, Hawthorne, CA  
Media & Journalism, History & English  
*Cum Laude*

David Charles Estes, Lower Brule, SD  
Criminal Justice, Native Studies

Erryn Noel Finck, Rapid City, SD  
English  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Nick D. Fodness  
Criminal Justice

Elizabeth Anne Frisbie, Elk Point, SD  
Criminal Justice

Janelle Luz Galpin, Vermillion, SD  
International Studies, Media & Journalism

Dylan Paul Geuther, Pierre, SD  
Media & Journalism

James Lee Gulbranson, Stuart, IA  
History, Political Science

Ji Soo Han, Seoul, South Korea  
Psychology

Victoria H. Harmony  
Media & Journalism

Amelia Ruth Hartman, Okabena, MN  
Criminal Justice

Samantha Ann Harvey, Grand Island, NE  
Media & Journalism

Breanna Margaret Helland, Frederick, SD  
Criminal Justice, Political Science  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Jessica Medina Hernandez, Douglas, AZ  
Anthropology

Clay William Hoffman, Winner, SD  
Political Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

McKenzie Marie Huska, Vermillion, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Lindsey Kaye Janklow, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice

Stephanie Marie Jarrett, Madison, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Cum Laude*

Sophie Melady Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Political Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Tyler William Jones, Marshalltown, IA  
Computer Science

Amanda M. Kahler, Dell Rapids, SD  
Psychology

Emily Margaret Kallsen, Hinton, IA  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Brian James King, Centerville, SD  
History

Monica C. King, Jeannette, PA  
History

Kylie Nicole Kintigh, Madison, SD  
Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*

Kasey Marie Klatt, Watertown, SD  
Psychology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Stacia Cecelia Knuth, Hartford, SD  
Communication Studies

Tyler C. Larson  
Communication Studies

Danielle Lee, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology

Kay Elaine Luther, Pierre, SD  
Criminal Justice  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Miranda Rose McIlroy, Lusby, MD  
Criminal Justice

Deborah Mika, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Tina Martha Nelson, Rapid City, SD  
Spanish  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Traci M. Neustrom  
English  
*Cum Laude*

Emily Kay Niebrugge, Yankton, SD  
Media & Journalism, Communication Studies

Carlos Ochoa, North Sioux City, SD  
Criminal Justice, Philosophy

Tanya Marie Ochsner, Hartford, SD  
Psychology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Rachel Cameron Osterberg, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism

Samuel Denney Parkinson, Rapid City, SD  
Political Science

Nicholas John Pekas, Brookings, SD  
Spanish  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Jessica Marie Peterson, Brookings, SD  
Political Science, Communication Studies

Erin Meyer Poppe, Ayr, NE  
English

Rachel Katherine Poston, Rapid City, SD  
Communication Studies  
*Cum Laude*

Samuel Reuland, White Lake, SD  
History, Political Science  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Mallory E. Ridgway, Omaha, NE  
Media & Journalism

Nicoll Banza Saboukoulou, Brazzaville, Rep. of Congo  
Political Science

Amanda K. Schackow  
Political Science, International Studies

Mackenze Lorraine Schauf-Benter, Burke, SD  
Media & Journalism

Delaney Nicole Schenk, San Diego, CA  
Media & Journalism

Tiffany Schlotterbeck, Castlewood, SD  
Criminal Justice

Brooke Nicole Schmidt, Aberdeen, SD  
Criminal Justice, English  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Christina R. Schroeder  
Spanish  
*Cum Laude*

Bodhi Grey Schultz, Aberdeen, SD  
Political Science  
*Cum Laude*

Brent R. Seehafer  
Political Science, Psychology

Nicole Anne Seekamp, Renmark, Australia  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Trever William Serr, Burke, SD  
Media & Journalism

Samuel Marienau Sharpe, Franklin, TN  
English

Amber Nicole Smith, Hazel, SD  
History, Anthropology

Katelyn Kristine Steffel, Alexandria, MN  
Criminal Justice, Philosophy

Kortny Jean Sterrett, Huron, SD  
Media & Journalism

Connie Stockdale, Fresno, CA  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Diana Stephanie Valenzuela, Sioux City, IA  
Criminal Justice

Jesse Van Maanen, Yankton, SD  
Anthropology, Spanish & International Studies

Hilary Wells, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism

Josephine Frances Whelan, Milbank, SD  
English  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Isaiah Mark Wonnemberg, Dallas, SD  
Political Science  
*Cum Laude*

### *Bachelor of General Studies*

Stephanie Ann Cain, Viborg, SD  
Stephanie M. Carter, Rapid City, SD  
Raeshel Contreras, San Francisco, CA  
Kenneth R. Greer, Jr.  
Jason Keith Harnisch, Yankton, SD  
Sung Il Hong, Jeonju  
Lianna Marie Johnston, Bentonville, AR  
Andrew Jorgenson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Robert Kauffman, Sioux Falls, SD  
Amber Lynn Loucks, Aurelia, IA  
Erica Rose Moe, Vermillion, SD  
Jennifer Jo Muilenburg, Rapid City, SD  
Rachel Leigh Rayburn, Yankton, SD  
Tara Rohan, Newcastle, NE  
Devin Ross Taverna, Oceanside, CA  
Kimberly Diane White, Niobrara, NE

### *Bachelor of Science*

Alicia Jo Abbott, Clear Lake, IA  
Biology

Alayna Ann Ackerman, Rapid City, SD  
Criminal Justice, Political Science  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Chelsea Renee Albus, Le Mars, IA  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Mallory Elizabeth Anglin, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology

Kaylee Anna Bahr, Aberdeen, SD  
Communication Studies  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Dawson Bradley Baker, Wasilla, AK  
Criminal Justice, Psychology

Morgan Mainwaring Barnes, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Mathematics  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Casey James Barnett, Wagner, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice

Kristen Elizabeth Basham, Rapid City, SD  
Criminal Justice  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Janice Lynn Baumberger, Indianapolis, IN  
Psychology  
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Mitchell J. Baye  
Computer Science

David Karl Beattie, Blue Earth, MN  
Earth Science  
*Cum Laude*

Nathan James Bedoya, Santa Ana, CA  
Sustainability

Shelby Lynn Beer, Lemmon, SD  
Chemistry  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Luke A. Bendlin, Le Mars, IA  
Biology

Alexandra Kate Beynon, Sydney, Australia  
Criminal Justice, Psychology

Elysa Ashley Binger, Huron, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Mariah Celeste Bloom, Aberdeen, SD  
English, Criminal Justice  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Ryan Arthur Boyd, Mitchell, SD  
Psychology

Erik Allan Brakke, Fort Collins, CO  
Chemistry

Jordan Dean Bremer, Holstein, IA  
Criminal Justice, Psychology

Mitchell Duane Bruening, Saint Helena, NE  
Criminal Justice

Ashley Elizabeth Brunick, Vermillion, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Shelby Brunick, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology, Medical Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Wendy Kristine Bucklin, Vermillion, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Matthew Joshua Buhr, Albert Lea, MN  
Mathematics  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Erik Burnison, Huron, SD  
Medical Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Derek Preston Chancellor, McCook, NE  
Political Science, History

Thanh D. Chau  
Biology

Kassie Jo Chedester, Marion, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Gary Christiansen, Vermillion, SD  
Computer Science  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

John Andrew Christopherson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology, Psychology

Scott Joseph Cichos, Pierre, SD  
Biology, Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Mitchell Close, Pierre, SD  
English, Political Science

Alex Currier  
Criminal Justice

Charlie Abayan Dalldorf, Milbank, SD  
Media & Journalism  
*Cum Laude*

Allison Marie Daly, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Jennifer Lee De Jager, Rapid City, SD  
Anthropology  
Chandler U. Edwards  
English

Jennifer Eggebraaten, Hartford, SD  
English  
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Justin Michael Eisma, Le Mars, IA  
Media & Journalism

Lydia Rae Engberg, Bismarck, ND  
Psychology

Christopher David Eral, Le Mars, IA  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Brianna Marie Erickson, North Mankato, MN  
Psychology

Joseph Owen Erickson, Slayton, MN  
Criminal Justice, Psychology

Molly Amberlie Ervin, Sioux Falls, SD  
Economics  
*Cum Laude*

Colby James Felts, Le Mars, IA  
Medical Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Stephanie Elizabeth Fischer, Wall, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Jonathon Fodness, Hardwick, MN  
Sociology

Lindsi Darrell Frahm, Wayne, NE  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Charles Gageby, Pierre, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Mackenzi Kay Rogers Gatzke, Deadwood, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kylie Lynn Gaughenbaugh, Canton, SD  
Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Mattew James Gerlach, Plankinton, SD  
Medical Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, SSOM Alumni Student Scholar, Magna Cum Laude*

Nicole Ann Gibson, Elgin, IA  
Media & Journalism

Kyle Thomas Glazier, Sioux Falls, SD  
English, Psychology

Megan Marie Glisar, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Cum Laude*

Mickel Catherine Goepferich, Cottonwood, MN  
Communication Studies

Justin R. Grosdidier  
Biology

Dane Alan Hackett, Rapid City, SD  
Criminal Justice

Riley David Hagel, Rapid City, SD  
Criminal Justice, Political Science

Jaclyn Kae Haiar, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Sarah Kiley Haisch, Alcester, SD  
Biology

Morgan R. Halverson  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Cum Laude*

Alex Hammerstrom, Sioux Falls, SD  
Earth Science

Morgan Faye Hancock, Wahoo, NE  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

John Peter Hausauer, Lemmon, SD  
Political Science

Adam Thomas Haverkamp, Burnsville, MN  
English

Kelsea Ann Hecht, Yankton, SD  
Sustainability, Criminal Justice

Haylee Elizabeth Heckert, Salix, IA  
Psychology

Sarah Jo Hedges, Aberdeen, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Natasha Louise Herman, Mission, SD  
Psychology

Melissa Marie Hessman, Wakonda, SD  
Criminal Justice, Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Cory Robert Hewitt, Belle Fourche, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Erik James Hill, Tea, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Danci Lynn Hoff, Lemmon, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Andrew Joseph Holmstrom, Aberdeen, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Zachariah Clarence Holtquist, Rapid City, SD  
Biology

Mackenzie Marie-Louise Hongslo, Lakeville, MN  
History, Political Science

Blake W. Huelsnitz  
Criminal Justice

Blake Franklin Hult, Watertown, SD  
Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Katey Isburg, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology

Michael Alan Jensen, Beresford, SD  
Communication Studies

Rachael Marie Johnson, Yankton, SD  
Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*

Shaymous Juhnke, Hartford, SD  
Biology

Dakota Jordan Junkman, Neola, IA  
Chemistry  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Ryan Christopher Kautzman, Rapid City, SD  
Psychology

Jonathon Paul Keller, Norfolk, NE  
Biology

Natalie Ann Keller, Sioux Falls, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Andrea Marie Kelly, Le Mars, IA  
Economics  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Cassandra J. Kimmes  
Criminal Justice, Psychology

Kylie Mariah Knight, Rapid City, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Sage K. Knudsen  
Psychology

Samantha Jo Kohnen, Dell Rapids, SD  
Psychology

Paige Jacqueline Korn, Vermillion, SD  
Psychology

Jordan Houston Kramer, Gresham, NE  
Chemistry  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Christopher Dean Kruse, Lennox, SD  
Biology

Brett Robert Kuca, Dante, SD  
Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Melissa Ann Kutil, Hartford, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Anna Katherine Kuznik, Vermillion, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Madison Lee Landeen, Beresford, SD  
Economics

Tyler Lynn Larsen, Yankton, SD  
Criminal Justice

Alettie Jane Lewis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Tasha Lyn Lewis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice

Christopher Allan Locke, Rapid City, SD  
History

Shelton Conrad Long, Saint Louis, MO  
Psychology, Philosophy

Brett James Lorenz, Aberdeen, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Eric Maassen, Spencer, IA  
Criminal Justice, Political Science

Lexie Justine Madsen, Arlington, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Katherine Susanne Manson, Mitchell, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Grace Martinson, Mitchell, SD  
Psychology

Megan Kay McCann, Sioux City, IA  
Psychology

Samantha Jean McCurry, Brookings, SD  
Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Kathryn Lee McNeal, Aberdeen, SD  
Media & Journalism, English

Gabriel Messler, Yankton, SD  
Biology

Bailey Marie Meyer, Aberdeen, SD  
Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate*

Chelsea Lyn Mielke, Mankato, MN  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Cum Laude*

Rachel Anne Mihulka, Omaha, NE  
Media & Journalism  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kalin Miller, Harrold, SD  
Economics

Lindsey Monica Montileaux, Tea, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Donald J. Moore, Rock Valley, IA  
Computer Science  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Jonathan Moore, Rock Valley, IA  
Computer Science  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Marissa Amber Morris, Rapid City, SD  
Criminal Justice, Psychology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Daniel Todd Mullin, Hartford, SD  
Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Jessa Lynn Nath, Sioux Falls, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Spencer Travis Neuharth, Menno, SD  
Biology

Rachelle Marie Norberg, Burke, SD  
Economics, Political Science  
*Cum Laude*

Brent John Olinger, Vermillion, SD  
Political Science, Speech Communication  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Hillary Ann Olson, Turin, IA  
Criminal Justice

Summer Marie Olson, Stillwater, MN  
Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Tiffany Jo Ortman, Canistota, SD  
Psychology

Alexandra Dennery Parkinson, Rapid City, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Sunny H. Patel, Worthington, MN  
Psychology

Tasha Renae Paulson, Mitchell, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice



Rayna Marie Pearson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Ashlin Elizabeth Peitzmeier, Omaha, NE  
Media & Journalism

Nicholas John Pekas, Brookings, SD  
Chemistry  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Adrian Marie Peters, Sioux Falls, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Ashley Marie Peters, Creston, IA  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Brandon Scott Petersen, Rapid City, SD  
Criminal Justice

Judson George Petersen, Harrisburg, SD  
History, Psychology

Kiersten Rowe Peterson, Canton, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Kayla Jean Pochop, Pierre, SD  
Communication Studies  
*University Scholar Graduate, SSOM Alumni Student Scholar, Summa Cum Laude*

Don Eugene Poeckes, Remsen, IA  
Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Jeremy Joseph Polreis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology, Chemistry

Jonathan Ray Popowski, Ivanhoe, MN  
Economics

Heather Marie Porath, Sioux City, IA  
Psychology

Mike T. Posch  
Medical Biology

Kelsey Lea Potter, Bridgewater, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Stephanie Marie Qualm, Hill City, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Cecilia Inez Quintero, Centennial, CO  
Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Lance Michael Ranek, Tyndall, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Yamini Reddy, Bangalore  
Media & Journalism  
*Cum Laude*

Joshua Thomas Rogers, Fort Pierre, SD  
Medical Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Dan Scott Rogotzke, Martin, SD  
History

Emily Rose Ruoff, Olathe, KS  
Anthropology, History

Tatum Schaefer, Omaha, NE  
Criminal Justice, Psychology

Christina R. Schroeder  
Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Travis K. Schultz  
Computer Science

Andrew Schultze, Burnsville, MN  
Media & Journalism

Tad Aaron Schuurmans, Tyndall, SD  
Economics  
*Cum Laude*

Kory Ross Scroggin, Sioux City, IA  
Medical Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Cum Laude*

Carissa Ann Selken, Brandon, SD  
Media & Journalism

Komal Shah, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology

Ben Shreves  
Psychology

Karli Siemonsma, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Kelsey Slowey, Yankton, SD  
English

Cody Michael Snyder, Lake Andes, SD  
Biology

Courtney Ellen Solma, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Criminal Justice  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Amanda Marie Speckles, Chamberlain, SD  
Biology

Amanda Janell Spiering, Webster, SD  
Criminal Justice

Nicholas Spilger, North Sioux City, SD  
Biology

Paige Amelia Stavely, Hemlock, MI  
Psychology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Cum Laude*

Catherine Elizabeth Steier, Inver Grove Heights, MN  
Psychology

Mason Andrew Bentley Stillman, Gillette, WY  
Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Cum Laude*

Jessica Rose Sundleaf, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
*University Scholar Graduate, SSOM Alumni Student Scholar, Cum Laude*

Dakotah Jeanne Taylor, Platte, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Jennifer Renae Teslow, Sioux Falls, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Carrie Theis, Cold Spring, MN  
Criminal Justice

Rebeka Lee Tobias, Pilger, NE  
Psychology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Nathaniel Tonner  
Media & Journalism

Tyler Lee Tordsen, Rapid City, SD  
Political Science, Economics

Tyler Jeffrey Triplett, Hill City, SD  
Criminal Justice, Psychology

Wenyu Tu, China  
Medical Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Katey Ann Ulrich, Watertown, SD  
Psychology

Kaitlyn Marie Umphlett, Belgrade, MT  
Criminal Justice

Taylor Barbara Van Gerpen, Tyndall, SD  
 Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Dylan Michael VanMeveren, Brookings, SD  
 Philosophy, Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Mackenzie Viktor, Fort Collins, CO  
 Political Science, Criminal Justice  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Nathan James Vinzant, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Medical Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Miranda Kelsey Vlach-Buller, Grand Island, NE  
 Psychology

Heather Ann Wardle, Gayville, SD  
 Biology

Megan Marie Weber, Columbus, NE  
 Media & Journalism

Matthew Robert Whyte, Avoca, IA  
 History

Susan Katherine Wik, Faulkton, SD  
 Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, SSOM Alumni Student Scholar, Magna Cum Laude*

Sadie Kay Winckler, Vermillion, SD  
 Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Brad Wood  
 Mathematics

Nathan David Wunder, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Economics  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Samuel Lewis Young, Conde, SD  
 Medical Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Tyler Dean Young, Custer, SD  
 Psychology

Kristen Leigh Yount, Hartford, SD  
 Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Elliott Lynn Zadow, Aurelia, SD  
 Biology

Aaron Zyzda, Sioux City, IA  
 Biology

### *Associate of Arts*

Christine Ann Fisher, Vermillion, SD  
 Michael D. Haugaard  
 Austin James Knoble, Beloit, WI  
 Ashley Lynn Lund, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Alyssa Marie Voeltz, Sioux Falls, SD

## *Beacom School of Business*

Presented by Dean Venky Venkatachalam

### *Bachelor of Business Administration*

Mitchell James Alcorn, Grand Island, NE  
 Finance

Kyle Jens Anderson, Yankton, SD  
 Accounting

Patrick Ryan Baird, Vermillion, SD  
 Finance  
*Cum Laude*

Spenser E. Birney  
 Economics  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Corbett James Bonicelli, Nemo, SD  
 Management

Delana Brook Bovero, Yankton, SD  
 Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Jamie Lee Bowen, Colman, SD  
 Accounting

Javier Bravo Garcia, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Management

Brittnie Breanne Bunkers, Dell Rapids, SD  
 Management

Brooke Burgeson, Apple Valley, MN  
 Marketing

Allison Renee Buss, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Human Resource Management

Sarah Marie Callies, Brandon, SD  
 Management

Casson Robert Campbell, Frederick, SD  
 Finance

Bryan S. Campos, West Des Moines, IA  
 Marketing

Matthew Lee Carey, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Finance  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Kaitlynn Elizabeth Cline, Glencoe, MN  
 Marketing  
*Cum Laude*

Monica Faith Crockett, Gretna, NE  
 Marketing

Lenora Dawn Decker, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Accounting  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Alice Pamela DeCook, Byron, MN  
 Accounting

Jacob Adam Dibbert, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Accounting

Krista Lee Dittus, Spearfish, SD  
 Health Services Administration  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Jack Douglas Duren, Omaha, NE Marketing	Katherine Anne Johnston, Montrose, SD Management
Anthony Joe Edwards, Scotland, SD Accounting	Amanda Jean Jones, Madison, SD Management
Katy Marie Eilers, Swisher, IA Health Services Administration	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Tiffany Amber Elkins, Mankato, MN Management	Billy Joel Jons, Bonesteel, SD Accounting
Erica Jean Ertz, Sioux Falls, SD Human Resource Management	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Hwan-Ug Jung Accounting
Samuel James Fernandez, Sioux Falls, SD Marketing	Kelsy Jade Koerlin, Rapid City, SD Marketing
Emily Ann Feyereisen, Chanhassen, MN Accounting	Ashley Marie Kolbeck, Yankton, SD Marketing
Kara Ann Fischbach, Mellette, SD Finance	Jordan Allen Konkol, Custer, SD Accounting
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Shyla Fodness, Brandon, SD Accounting	Ryan Patrick Lammers, Yankton, SD Marketing
Kelly Ann Frederick, Mitchell, SD Finance	Madison Lee Landeen, Beresford, SD Management
Daniel Patrick Gile, Brandon, SD Economics	Shawn Paul LeGree, Sioux City, IA Management
Sharee Rachele Goldammer, Tea, SD Accounting	Lucas John Leitheiser, Sioux Falls, SD Health Services Administration
Ryan James Gunderson, Aberdeen, SD Finance	Yang Liu, Dalian, China Finance
Kyle Joseph Guziec, Lake Forest, IL Finance	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Alyssa Hanisch, Sioux Falls, SD Finance	Kelly Mace, Whiting, IA Marketing
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Joshua James Mahaney, Akron, IA Marketing
Alexander Jon Haverly, Sioux Falls, SD Finance	Marcus Evan Mahlen, Webster, SD Marketing
Tyler Jon Hegge, Watertown, SD Finance	Sam James Matthew, Roseville, MN Finance
Michael Paul Helgerson, Yankton, SD Finance	Inna Michaylovna Mazan, Sioux Falls, SD Accounting
Roland James Henry, Hinton, IA Finance	Paige McMains, Woodbine, IA Health Services Administration
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Amos Joe Meyer, Williams, SD Accounting
Michael Thomas Heuertz, Remsen, IA Management	<i>University Scholar Graduate</i>
Cayla Marie Hilbrands, Elk Point, SD Management	Jeremy R. Miiller Accounting
Nick Hoeltzner Accounting	Kalin T. Miller Management
Christy Margaret Hofer, Freeman, SD Accounting	Jay Michael Eric Nelson, Omaha, NE Finance
Lucas Kane Holden, Parkston, SD Accounting	Joshua Ryan Newman, Rapid City, SD Accounting
Corey Douglas Hunhoff, Smithville, MO Finance	Stephen Dean Nielson, Pierre, SD Health Services Administration
Jeremy Herard Jacques, Lumberton, NJ Management	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Andrew Craig Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD Accounting	Kirby Otto Nitzschke, Lawton, IA Marketing
Darren James Johnson, Aberdeen, SD Finance	Connor David O'Hara, Dell Rapids, SD Marketing
Kathryn Elizabeth Johnson, Pierre, SD Management	Shelby M. Oliver, Milbank, SD Finance
	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
	Kaleb R. Paulsen, Sioux Falls, SD Economics

Steven Mark Payne, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Services Administration  
*Cum Laude*

Benjamin Peyton, Edina, MN  
Marketing

Tyler Matthew Reddington, Andover, MN  
Management  
*Cum Laude*

James Edward Reeser, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Joshua Dale Rentschler, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Parker Bradley-Kane Rew, Yutan, NE  
Management

Aaron Spencer Riswold, Dell Rapids, SD  
Finance  
*Cum Laude*

Alisha Lynn Roesler, Viborg, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Mariah Rae Rogers, Aberdeen, SD  
Health Services Administration  
*Cum Laude*

Wesley Thomas Ruden, Remsen, IA  
Marketing  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Ryan Michael Schloss, Yankton, SD  
Management

Alexis Lou Ann Shenk, Grand Island, NE  
Accounting

Yuta Shibazaki Sapporo  
Management

Elizabeth Jane Shmel, Bentonville, AR  
Marketing

Hailey Louise Srstka, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Maxwell F. Swanson  
Accounting

Erika Swenson, Brandon, SD  
Management

Dillon Alan Temple, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Matthew Trammel, Apple Valley, MN  
Health Services Administration

Sean C. Turgeon, Sioux Falls, SD  
Economics  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Leighann Marie Van Wormer, Western Springs, IL  
Accounting

Zachary John VanRoekel, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Taylor Marie Vavra, Yankton, SD  
Marketing

Kami Sue Vogt, Worthington, MN  
Health Services Administration  
*Cum Laude*

Scott A. Westhoff  
Accounting

Alex Joseph Wheeler, Huron, SD  
Finance

Ian Burchill Williams, Sioux Falls, SD  
Economics  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

Robby Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Tyler A. Zahn, Aberdeen, SD  
Management

## *School of Education*

Presented by Acting Dean Hee-sook Choi

### *Bachelor of Science*

Jared Michael Bartling, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Ashley Nicole Bazata, Howells, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Andrew James Brown, Akron, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Torie L. Buberl, Stillwater, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Ivana Katherine Burns, Papillion, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Tanner Dane Dowling, Le Mars, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Jacob A. Flanigan  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Jordan Daniel Geiman, Garretson, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Joshua Jon Haaland, Miller, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Alli Jo Harbaugh, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Brittany Ann Homan, Harrisburg, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Taylor Ryan Huseman, Manson, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Rachael Marie Johnson, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Shannon Elizabeth Keller, Rapid City, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Tarkenton Lee Kingsbury, Letcher, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Megan Anna Kroeger, Hartford, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Mary Lenards, Milbank, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Thomas Daniel Manning, Casper, WY  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Kaitlyn McCoy, Beresford, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Machaela Mehlbrech, Hartford, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Nealy Jane Pesicka, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Joshua Thomas Petersen, Rapid City, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Haley T. Peterson, Sisseton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*  
Whitney Redler, Vermillion, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jasper Sanders  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Joseph Robert Slieter, Luverne, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Austin Stroeh, Magnolia, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Steven Tellefsen  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Rachel Kara Weinandt, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*  
Erica Kristy Westhoff, Le Mars, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
Nicole Lee Wiese, Pipestone, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

### *Bachelor of Science in Education*

Christopher Berneil Aslesen, Florence, SD  
English Education  
Brittanie Elizabeth Blaseg, Pierre, SD  
Mathematics Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Nicole Kathleen Bohnenkamp, Remsen, IA  
Elementary Education  
Adam James Brand, North Sioux City, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Laura Ann Buckman, Yankton, SD  
Elementary Education  
Minji Cho, Daegu, South Korea  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Alex De Vries  
Mathematics Education  
Jonas Paul Cooper, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Micaela Rose Duch, Aberdeen, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Alyssa Mae Erickson, Valley Springs, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Haley Shantelle Evans, Salix, IA  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Josie DeAnn Fairbanks, Gettysburg, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Lauren Farmer, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Lindsey Amelia Fiegen, Garretson, SD  
English Education

Halie Christine Foss, Lennox, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Skyler Frederick, Mobridge, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Timothy Bruce Gergel, Bowie, MD  
History Education  
Kaitlyn Lee Glover, Burke, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Sara Jane Gohman, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Josie Mary Gum, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Jennie Lynn Haubrich, Rock Valley, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Megan Emily Hertz, Laurens, IA  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Nicole Mary Janssen, Worthington, MN  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Kasaundra Jensen, Rock Valley, IA  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Taylor JoAnna Jones, Harrisburg, SD  
Biology Education  
Stacie Helene Kjelden, Vermillion, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Katelyn Nicole Koch, Tyndall, SD  
Elementary Education  
Ashley L. Kranda  
Elementary Education  
William James Larsen, Gayville, SD  
History Education  
Mary Lenards, Milbank, SD  
Elementary Education  
Megan Marie Martin, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Lindsey Matzen, Tea, SD  
Elementary Education  
Stephanie Rose McClure, Merrill, IA  
Elementary Education  
Riley Jo Meier, Dakota Dunes, SD  
English Education  
Sarah Merrigan, Vermillion, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
David C. Miller  
Elementary Education  
Marissa Paige Miller, Hartford, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Olivia Moede, Burnsville, MN  
Elementary Education  
Jeffrey Craig O'Connell, Philip, SD  
Physical Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jason Keith Olson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Physical Education

Jennifer Lynn Pechous, Tabor, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education

Brandon Louis Pogge, Minden, IA  
Elementary Education

Bailey Marie Ronning, Groton, SD  
Elementary Education

Kayla Nicole Rye, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Marissa Ann Schlup, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Andrew David Schofield, Orland Park, IL  
Physical Education

Paige Cassandra Seim, Watertown, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Benjamin Robert Short, Canton, SD  
Elementary Education

Kayla Leigh Sorensen, Brandon, SD  
Elementary Education

Craig Thomas Swensen, Yankton, SD  
History Education  
*Cum Laude*

Terrance Terry, Barrington, IL  
English Education

Nicholas Chandler Tift, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education

Tiffany Suzanne Tusha Wehmeyer, Bridgewater, SD  
Elementary Education

Emma Jo Vrtiska, LaVista, NE  
English Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Jessica Marie Ward, Remsen, IA  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*

Jordan Ashley Weeldreyer, Lennox, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*

Kathryn Jean Whisler, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Brooke Mackenzie Zhorne, Chanhassen, MN  
Elementary Education

Matthew Phillip Caffee, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art

Casey Patrick Coates, Rapid City, SD  
Theatre  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Alisa Louise Dubbelde, Omaha, NE  
Art Education  
*Cum Laude*

Antonio Jose Garcia, Sioux City, IA  
Theatre

Abigail Marie Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art  
*Cum Laude*

Zachary Michael Lacey, Trent, SD  
Art

David Wayne Langner, Madison, SD  
Art

Charissa Hope Livingston, Yankton, SD  
Art

Jason David Logan, Vermillion, SD  
Art

Debra Ann McCarty, Sioux Center, IA  
Art

Angela Marie Meyer, Melvin, IA  
Art  
*Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Anne Nehlich, Aberdeen, SD  
Art

Christine J. Pietz  
Theatre  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Lukas David Ptacek, Vermillion, SD  
Theatre  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Cecilia Inez Quintero, Centennial, CO  
Theatre  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Ashlee Jean Reck, Sibley, IA  
Theatre

Chelsea Rose Studenski, Foley, MN  
Art  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Emily Anna Vortherms, Yankton, SD  
Theatre  
*Cum Laude*

Sophia Christine Wermers, Centennial, CO  
Art

## *College of Fine Arts*

Presented by Dean Larry Schou

### *Bachelor of Fine Arts*

Emily Marlene Alitz, Hastings, MN  
Art

Zachary Tyler Baltz, Omaha, NE  
Theatre

Cynthia Kim Bendt, Centerville, SD  
Art

Brianna Eileen Bernard, Mitchell, SD  
Theatre  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Elise Danielle Buchmann, Martin, SD  
Art  
*Magna Cum Laude*

### *Bachelor of Music*

Jordyn Lynn Bangasser, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Performance  
*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Ethan James Conrad, Jasper, MN  
Music Education

Jordan Daniel Hoffman, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Performance

Kayla Jean Josephson, Albert City, IA  
Music Performance  
*Cum Laude*

Terrence Michael Kenny, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Education

Becca Renae Lunstrum, Redfield, SD  
Music Performance  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Blake V. G. Proehl, Parkston, SD  
Music Performance  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Abigail Constance Sandberg, Hutchinson, MN  
Music Performance  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Katelyn Irene Warnock, South Sioux City, NE  
Music Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Michael Eugene Wilbur, Ruthven, IA  
Music Education

### *Bachelor of Musical Arts*

Alexander Doug Zalneraitis, Winter Garden, FL  
*University Scholar Graduate, Magna Cum Laude*

## *School of Health Sciences*

Presented by Dean Michael Lawler

### *Bachelor of Science*

Stephanie Marie Allison, Sioux Falls, SD  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Ashley Kay Anderson, Aurelia, IA  
Health Sciences  
Megan Nichole Anderson, Rapid City, SD  
Health Sciences  
Emmylu James Antonsen, Kadoka, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Emily Sue Beckmann, White Lake, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Cum Laude*  
Miranda Lynn Borstad, Yankton, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Alexander Leo Brech, Philip, SD  
Health Sciences  
Jenaye Rose-Marie Brenner, Groton, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Cum Laude*  
Marin Ellen Brua, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Ashley Elizabeth Brunick, Vermillion, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Amanda Lee Bumsted, Cushing, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Kiana Lin Case, Lake City, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Jordan Kimsey Catlett, Rapid City, SD  
Health Sciences  
Hailey Starr Chipman, Miller, SD  
Health Sciences  
Jennifer Lee De Jager, Rapid City, SD  
Social Work  
Jaclyn Marie Dehner, Hinton, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
*Cum Laude*

Tobias David Deutsch, Geneva, OH  
Health Sciences  
Nelly Joelle Dikosso, Sioux Falls, SD  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Karen Kay Drenth, Albert Lea, MN  
Addiction Studies  
Derek Allan Duerst, Norfolk, NE  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
Allyson Rae Dumke, Omaha, NE  
Dental Hygiene  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Jean Eggers, Wagner, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Shannan Rae Ellefson, Garretson, SD  
Health Sciences  
Shelby Marie Ellefson, Garretson, SD  
Health Sciences  
Tara Marie Filler, Baltic, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Jordan David Fuglestad, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
Jordyn James Goebel, Hill City, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Erika Ann Gravning, Sioux Falls, SD  
Addiction Studies  
Brant Riley Haase, Lemmon, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Jordan Haeckel, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
Camille Lynn Hajek, Tyndall, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Kelsey L. Hanson  
Dental Hygiene  
Mallory Jo Harris, Newcastle, WY  
Addiction Studies  
Hannah Elizabeth Hawkins, Milford, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Haley Lea Hefner, Coleridge, NE  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
Madison Brooke Heinz, Jacksonville, FL  
Health Sciences  
Katherine Nicole Helderbrand, Freeman, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Natasha Louise Herman, Mission, SD  
Addiction Studies  
Ashley Lynn Herringer, Juniata, NE  
Dental Hygiene  
Brenda Marie Higman, Orange, CA  
Health Sciences  
Katey Isburg, Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work  
Jasmine Jackan, Watertown, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
Amalia Anna Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
Tess Johnson, Clark, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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

Kristen Jay Kinsella, Rapid City, SD  
 Health Sciences

Jordan Lardy Konda, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Addiction Studies

Kelly E. Krause  
 Medical Laboratory Science

Megan Anna Kroeger, Hartford, SD  
 Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kayla Lea Krohnke, Schleswig, IA  
 Dental Hygiene  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Leon Robert Leader Charge, Parmelee, SD  
 Addiction Studies

Allyson Lee, Cresbard, SD  
 Social Work

Taylor Dawn Liechti, Rapid City, SD  
 Addiction Studies  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Katie Lea Lindner, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Dental Hygiene

Celina Bianca Lohre, Sisseton, SD  
 Health Sciences

Sofia Lynn Lopez, Rapid City, SD  
 Addiction Studies

Susan Marie Lowin, Blunt, SD  
 Health Sciences

Jason Dean Lulf, Sterling, SD  
 Addiction Studies

Cody James Lupkes, Rock Rapids, IA  
 Health Sciences

Tammy Irene Machmiller, Renner, SD  
 Dental Hygiene

Jenna Margaret McDermaid, Watertown, SD  
 Dental Hygiene

Arthur Daniel McNeill, Chicago, IL  
 Health Sciences

Adam James Mikkelsen, Gregory, SD  
 Health Sciences

Emma Lea Miller, Vermillion, SD  
 Medical Laboratory Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Rebecca Jo Molsberry, Algona, IA  
 Health Sciences  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Amanda Kay Nelson, Centerville, SD  
 Health Sciences

Kayla Pauline Neugebauer, Mitchell, SD  
 Dental Hygiene, Health Sciences

Aminata Nicholas, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Health Sciences

Miranda A. Nygaard, Watertown, SD  
 Health Sciences

Carissa Jean Origer, Lakefield, MN  
 Health Sciences

Sheila Jenny Ortiz-Castillo, Norfolk, NE  
 Dental Hygiene

Hillary Ann Palsma, Dakota City, NE  
 Dental Hygiene

Jessica Pendegraft, Rapid City, SD  
 Health Sciences

Jessica Kay Peterson, Northfield, SD  
 Dental Hygiene

Molly Mae Pingrey, Centerville, SD  
 Addiction Studies

Blake William Prochnow, Prescott, WI  
 Addiction Studies

Britney Anne Pulliam, Somerville, TN  
 Health Sciences

Morgan Rauch, Storm Lake, IA  
 Dental Hygiene

Daniel Reichelt, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Health Sciences

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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 cords
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
Pi Alpha Theta.....	Red & Blue honor cords
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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