

SPRING 2016  
*Commencement*  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

*THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
DAKOTA DOME, VERMILLION, SD  
MAY 7, 2016*

# *Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement*

*Dakota Dome  
May 7, 2016 9:30 a.m.*

The Commencement Procession  
Dr. Susanne Skyrn, Professor of Music

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

Welcome  
Dr. Robin Ammon, University Senate Chair  
James W. Abbott, President

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching  
Jim Moran, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Associate Professor Cassandra McKeown, College of Arts & Sciences  
Assistant Professor Kathryn Birkeland, Beacom School of Business

Commencement Address  
Jan Neuharth, Chair & CEO, Freedom Forum

USD Chamber Singers  
*Someplace* arr. by Jocelyn Hagen  
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Honorary Degree  
Jan Neuharth, Doctor of Humane Letters

Authorization of Degree Conferral  
Randy Schaefer, South Dakota Board of Regents

## 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
- Lieutenant Colonel Michelle Bunkers, Department Chair, Military Science

### Induction into Alumni Association

- Staci Stern, Alumni Association Representative

### University Hymn, *Alma Mater*

- USD Chamber Singers
- Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

### Closing Remarks

- James W. Abbott, President
- Dr. Robin Ammon, 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



**Jan Neuharth**

Jan Neuharth, an attorney and author, is Chair and CEO of the Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan foundation that is dedicated to free expression and the five freedoms of the First Amendment. The Freedom Forum is the main funder of the operations of the Newseum, a 250,000-square-foot interactive museum of news in Washington, DC, and the Newseum Institute, whose initiatives include the First Amendment Center, the Religious Freedom Center, NewseumEd, and the AI Neuharth Media Center at USD. Jan Neuharth's father, Al Neuharth, the founder of USA Today and the former Chair and CEO of the Gannett media company, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Dakota in 1950.

A graduate of the University of Florida and Vanderbilt Law School, Jan Neuharth is the founder and President of Paper Chase Farms, Inc., an equestrian company based in Middleburg, VA, and serves on the boards of Middleburg Bank, the Library of Virginia Foundation, and the Middleburg Forum. She is the former Chair of the National Council at Vanderbilt Law School. A member of the California Bar and admitted as an attorney and counselor of the United States Supreme Court, Jan Neuharth formerly worked for Senator Howard Baker in Washington, DC and Nashville, Tennessee; for Louis Harris International in London, England; and practiced law with Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker in Los Angeles, California. She is the award-winning author of the *Hunt Country Suspense* novels.

## ***Stage Party***

James W. Abbott  
President  
Randy Schaefer  
Board of Regents Representative  
Jan Neuharth  
Speaker, Honorary Degree Recipient  
Staci Stern  
Alumni Association Representative  
Robin Ammon  
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. Bunker  
Dean, Medical Student Affairs  
Thomas Geu  
Dean, School of Law  
Matthew Moen  
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences  
Venky Venkatachalam  
Dean, Beacom School of Business  
Donald Easton-Brooks  
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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Executive Director  
Randy Schaefer  
President, Madison  
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Hill City  
Jim Morgan  
Brookings  
Pam Roberts  
Pierre  
Joseph Schartz  
Humboldt

## ***Head Marshals***

Michelle Van Maanen  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Leon Korte  
Beacom School of Business

## ***Honorary Marshals***

Emeritus Professor Barbara Yutrzenka  
Emeritus Professor Barry Vickrey

## ***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  
Kurt Hackemer  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Gregory Huckabee  
Beacom School of Business  
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  
Gerald Yutrzenka  
Sanford School of Medicine

## Faculty in Attendance

Professor Mejai Bola Avoseh  
Professor Chet Barney  
Professor Mark Baron  
Professor Teri Bellis  
Professor Kathryn Birkeland  
Professor Brooke Bhaalid  
Professor Ellie Brooks  
Professor Karen Card  
Professor Brett Comstock  
Professor Thomas Davies  
Professor David De Jong  
Professor Ying Deng  
Professor Carla Dieter  
Professor DeVee Dykstra  
Professor Matthew Fairholm  
Professor Marie-Elaine Gagnon  
Professor Marvin Gamble  
Professor Raimondo Genna  
Professor Elizabeth Hanson  
Professor Lisa Hazlett  
Professor Angela Helmer  
Professor James Hoefelmeyer  
Professor David Holdhusen  
Professor Victor Huber  
Professor Marni Johnson  
Professor Becca Jordre  
Professor Lindsey Jorgensen  
Professor Maribeth Jorgensen  
Professor Teddi Joyce  
Professor Christina Keller  
Professor Bruce Kelley  
Professor Jacob Kerby  
Professor Dmitri Kilin  
Professor Eunho Kim  
Professor Karen Kindle  
Professor Valerie Kolbinger

Professor Karen Koster  
Professor Clayton Lehmann  
Professor Angela MacCabe  
Professor Kelly McKay-Semmler  
Professor Jessica Messersmith  
Professor Diana Messick  
Professor Brandon Nutting  
Professor Seth Olson  
Professor David Pearce  
Professor Carolyn Prentice  
Professor Natanya Pulley  
Professor Randy Quevillon  
Professor Caitlin Quinn  
Professor Kathleen Rice  
Professor Soonhee Roh  
Professor Lee Ann Roripaugh  
Professor Amy Schweinle  
Professor Shane Semmler  
Professor Grigoriy Sereda  
Professor Elizabeth Smith  
Professor Carole South-Winter  
Professor Teresa Stephenson  
Professor Barbara Stolle  
Professor Thomas Tiahr  
Professor Joseph Tinguely  
Professor Dan Tracy  
Professor Dan Van Peurse  
Professor Laura Vidler  
Professor X.T. Wang  
Professor Rand Wergin  
Professor Russell Wilke  
Professor Mandy Williams  
Professor Sara Wollersheim Shervey  
Professor Garreth Zalud  
Professor Frank Zavadil

## 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 trouting 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

- Tyler Brown, Sioux City, IA  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*The Influence of Socioeconomic Status and Cognitive Ability on Educational Outcomes*
- Joseph David Coppock, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Physician Scientist  
*Understanding & Therapeutically Modulating the Immune Response & Metabolic Regulatory Pathways in HPV+ Head & Neck Squamous Cell Cancer*
- Jenny Yang Cropp, Lawton, OK  
M.F.A., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
English  
*Concordance*
- Emily Ann Dykstra, Brooklyn Park, MN  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Differences in Motivation and Prediction of Academic Success: A Study of American and International College Students*
- Lori Lynn Evenson, Yankton, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Personality, Career Indecision, and Indecisiveness: A Meta-analysis Measuring How Personality Factors Can Inform Practice*
- Jenny Lee Ferguson, Canada  
M.A., University of Windsor  
English  
*The Intersection[s]: a novel*
- Miranda Jo Floen, Ireton, IA  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Physician Scientist  
*Thioredoxin-1: Identification of Redox Substrates and Response to Hyperoxia*
- Niranjan Ghimire, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.B.M.E., Purbanchal University - Nepal  
Biomedical Engineering  
*Antimicrobial Orthopedic Implant Material: Surface Modification and Characterization*
- Sara Danielle Henning, Athens, GA  
M.F.A., George Mason University  
English  
*Surface Normal*
- Samantha Leigh Hersrud, Sturgis, SD  
M.S., Black Hills State University  
Physician Scientist  
*Investigation of Antigen Presenting Cells in the Periphery of the Cln3<sup>-/-</sup> Mouse Model of Juvenile Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis Featuring Dysregulation of alpha2-Integrin Family Adhesion Molecule CD11C/CD18*
- Elizabeth Marie Hultgren, Spencer, IA  
B.A., Augustana College  
Physician Scientist  
*Sushi Domain Containing 2 (SUSD2): A Membrane Protein Enhancing Angiogenesis and Metastasis in Breast Cancer*
- Alison Kate Irvine, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Future Health Risks: Misunderstood, Devalued, and Discounted*
- Jaciel Elizabeth Keltgen, Olivia, MN  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Political Science  
*The Impact of Generational and Gender Effects on Physician Satisfaction in the U.S.*
- Joshua Michael Klonoski, San Pedro, CA  
M.S., Colorado State University  
Physician Scientist  
*Contribution of Viral Genes, Host Immunity and Vaccination Toward Survival After Influenza Virus: Streptococcus Pyogenes Super-Infection*
- Ryan Edward Bryce Los, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*A Hierarchical Linear Model of the Interaction Between Student Motivation and the Instructional Environment on Academic Outcome*
- Jacob N. Miller, Pierre, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
Physician Scientist  
*Nonsense-Mediated Decay and Batten Disease: Utilizing Nonsense Suppression as a Therapeutic Tool to Enhance Functional Protein Activity*
- Jennifer Jo Olson, Rutland, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Establishing Evidence of Concurrent Validity for the INQ-15 within an Alternative High School Setting*
- Khaled M. Rashwan, Vermillion, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Material Functionalization for Life Science Application: Industrial, Applied, Pure, Educational & Computational Chemistry*
- Michelle Kay Skaff, Sioux City, IA  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Political Science  
*Implementing the Electronic Document Management System at the Local Law Enforcement Level by Iowa's Judicial System: An Application of the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology*
- Sem Raj Tamang, Kathmandu  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Complexation of Frustrated Lewis Pairs with Transition Metals and Reactivity*

## Doctor of Education

- Darron Michael Arlt, Plainview, NE  
Ed.S., Wayne State College  
Educational Administration  
*The Relationship Between Superintendent Tenure and Student Achievement in Nebraska as Measured by 2015 NeSA-Reading Scores*
- Lynn Eichler, Panama City, FL  
M.B.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Experience of Career Changing Adults to Higher Education*
- Evan David Gough, Blue Earth, MN  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Southwest and South Central Minnesota K-12 Teachers' Perceptions Regarding the Flipped Classroom*
- Carol M. Grode, Mitchell, SD  
M.Ed., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
*Job Satisfaction of Online Faculty at a Midwestern Technical Institute*
- Steven V. Helgeland, Box Elder, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Job Satisfaction and Perceived Self-Efficacy of South Dakota Special Education Administrators*
- June Peterson Larson, Beresford/Centerville, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
*Professional Identity: A Comparison of Professional Values of Nursing Students and Nurse Educators*
- Katherine A. Logan  
M.S.N., Thomas A. Edison State College  
Educational Administration  
*Meta-ethnography of Caring with Nursing Education*
- Aaron Jeffrey Plas, McCook, NE  
Ed.S., Wayne State College  
Educational Administration  
*High School Student Perceptions of Online Classes Compared to Traditional Face-to-Face Classes*
- Kay Marie Rasmussen, Vermillion, SD  
M.S., University of North Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Interprofessional Education: A Phenomenological Analysis*
- Steven Matthew Webner, Le Mars, IA  
M.Ed., Iowa State University  
Educational Administration  
*Iowa School Board Presidents' and Superintendents' Perceptions of the Characteristics of Effective Superintendents*
- Shawn W. Yates, Roscoe, SD  
M.Ed., Covenant College  
Educational Administration  
*Factors Influencing Rural Superintendent Tenure in South Dakota*

## Doctor of Audiology

- Katherine Lynn Awoyinka, Chanhassen, MN  
B.A., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
*The Effect of Judges' Age and Gender on Stigmatization of Preschool Children Wearing Various Hearing Assistive Technologies*
- Leah M. Campbell, Le Mars, IA  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
*Effect of Ear and Stimulus Repetitions on the Speech-Evoked Auditory Brainstem Response*
- Jessica Ann Hagg, Albert Lea, MN  
B.A., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
*Parent Knowledge of Newborn Hearing Screenings and the Impact of Hearing Loss on Development*
- Eva Margaret Hecht, Omaha, NE  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*Usefulness of Classroom Accommodations and Modifications for Teenagers Who Have Hearing Loss*
- Carly Anne Hemmingson, Watertown, SD  
B.S., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
*Investigation of Current Nationwide Cochlear Implant Clinical Practice Patterns*
- Angela M. Seuser, Mellette, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
*Clinician Self-Perceptions of Readiness for Clinical Practice*

## Doctor of Physical Therapy

- Laura Rose Barber, Enning, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University
- Brock Leron Bills, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College
- Paul Brian Bindert, De Smet, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University
- Matthew Alvin Bosma, Armour, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University
- Eric Byrnes, Minneapolis, MN  
B.S., University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
- Emily Rose Divine, Raymond, NE  
B.S., University of South Dakota
- Whitney Brooke Ebke, Daykin, NE  
B.S., University of Nebraska - Lincoln
- Kristina M. Goldstine, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.S., Argosy University - Phoenix
- Jessica Lynn Hill, Napa, CA  
B.S., Sonoma State University
- Lori Agnes Hixson, Jefferson, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota
- Andrea Joy, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., Minnesota State University - Mankato
- Cade Edward Kling, Belle Fourche, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University
- Nicole Jacqueline Koskovich, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College
- Ally Maria Lund, Everett, WA  
B.S., Washington State University



Andrew Richard Menigoz, Centerville, SD  
 B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
 Alissa Ann Minnaert, Chester, SD  
 B.S., South Dakota State University  
 Kevin A. O'Neil  
 B.S., Metropolitan State University  
 Alexandra Kay Peterson, Wheaton, MN  
 B.A., Minnesota State University -  
 Moorhead  
 Emily Theresa Rausch, Rapid City, SD  
 B.A., Mount Marty College  
 Jillissa Eileen Richey, Hawarden, IA  
 B.B.A., University of South Dakota  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Zachary Sousek, Evanston, WY  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Nicole Marie Streleck, Rapid City, SD  
 B.S., South Dakota School of  
 Mines and Technology  
 Jenna Alaine Stroup, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Tyler Scott Turbak, Watertown, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Caitlin Elysse Vance, Papillion, NE  
 B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
 Adam John Way, North Platte, NE  
 B.S.Ed., University of Nebraska - Omaha

## Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy

Michael Bono, Seattle, WA  
 M.S., University of Rhode Island  
 M.S., University of Rhode Island  
 Enid Elize Halewyn, Beaverton, OR  
 M.A.T., George Fox University  
 Marci Marie Heine, Spearfish, SD  
 M.S., University of South Dakota  
 Jeffrey Leonard Kallberg, Bloomington, MN  
 B.S., University of Minnesota - Twin Cities  
 David Gerard Kleinmeyer, Brookfield, IL  
 B.S., University of Health Sciences - Chicago  
 Medical School  
 B.A., University of Northern Iowa  
 Lisa Redlin Westlake, Rapid City, SD  
 B.S.P.T., University of North Dakota

# Professional Degrees

## Sanford School of Medicine

Presented by Dean Mary Nettleman

### Doctor of Medicine

Allison Lesley Abitz, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., St. Catherine University- Minneapolis  
*Scholarship Pathway Scholar*  
 Joseph Michael Anderson, Sgt. Bluff, IA  
 B.S., South Dakota State University  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Rebecka Bogue, Beresford, SD  
 B.A., Augustana College  
*Scholarship Pathway Scholar*  
 George Allen Ceremuga, Rapid City, SD  
 B.A., South Dakota State University  
*Summa Cum Laude,*  
*Scholarship Pathway Scholar*  
 Eric Christianson, Pierre, SD  
 B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University  
 Aaron Mathew Clem, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Joseph David Coppock, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., Augustana College  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Joshua M. Doorn, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
*Cum Laude, Scholarship Pathway Scholar*  
 Jared Drenkow, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., Augustana College  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Miranda Jo Floen, Ireton, IA  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Michael Joseph Freitag, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Emily Elizabeth Gaster, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., Augustana College  
*Summa Cum Laude,*  
*Scholarship Pathway Scholar*  
 Eammon P. Grosek  
 B.A., St. John's College  
 Kari Lea Halvorson, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., Luther College  
*Scholarship Pathway Scholar*  
 Elizabeth Anne Helsper, Brookings, SD  
 B.A., Augustana College  
 Samantha Leigh Hersrud, Sturgis, SD  
 B.A., American University  
 M.S., Black Hills State University  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Ann Palmer Hibbs, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., Concordia College- Moorhead  
*Cum Laude*

Alexandra Shea Higgins, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*Magna Cum Laude*,  
*Scholarship Pathway Scholar*

Elizabeth Lee Hoffman, Eureka, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*SSM Alumni Student Scholar*

Martha Marie Holstein, Fairfax, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Josh Hughes  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Elizabeth Marie Hultgren, Spencer, IA  
B.A., Augustana College

Ky Tan Huynh, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Bradley Eugene Iverson, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Christopher J. Jensen, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

David Michael Kapperman, Hartford, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Heather Elizabeth Kapperman, Vermillion, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota

Taylor Marie Kapsch, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College

Carrie Elizabeth Kastein, Springfield, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Josephine Victoria Kerk, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota

Joshua Michael Klonoski, San Pedro, CA  
B.A., Colorado State University

Kelsey Elyce Koch, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota School of  
Mines & Technology  
*Cum Laude*

Nicholas Adam Kohles, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., Minnesota State University- Moorhead

Bill Bingyang Liu, Deyang  
B.A., University of Pennsylvania  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Paul W. Mallory  
B.S., Augustana College

William David McClain, Miller, SD  
B.A., Dordt College  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Benjamin Dutton Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College  
*Scholarship Pathway Scholar*

Jacob N. Miller, Pierre, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Christopher Eugene Milnes, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., South Dakota  
School of Mines & Technology

Mark A. Mingo  
B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University

Heidi L. Moline  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*Scholarship Pathway Scholar*

Joy Anna Mueller, Keystone, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Lukas James Mueller, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Robert George Nicholas, Huron, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
*Cum Laude*, *SSM Alumni Student Scholar*

Ryan A. Nimick  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Kevin Oliver, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Adrian James Ptacek, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Veronica Elizabeth Radigan, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Timothy Alan Reid, Brookings, SD  
B.S., US Air Force Academy

Meredith Abbie Reynolds, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College

Mark Patrick Ridder, Osmond, SD  
B.A., Creighton University

Robert Riggio  
B.S., University of Michigan-Ann Arbor  
*Scholarship Pathway Scholar*

Karsten Jon Rohlf, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., Northern State University

María Javiera Carolina Skorey, Yankton, SD  
B.A., Benedictine College  
*Cum Laude*

Taylor John Slingsby, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., University of Southern California  
*Cum Laude*

Na Lu Smith, Longkou, Shandong, China  
B.S.M., Shandong University  
PhD., University of South Dakota  
*Summa Cum Laude*,  
*Scholarship Pathway Scholar*

Molly Soholt, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., Colorado State University  
*Summa Cum Laude*,  
*Scholarship Pathway Scholar*

Scott A. Stevens, Fort Collins, CO  
B.A., University of Alaska-Anchorage  
M.S., Northern State University

Rachel Elizabeth Thies, Dakota Dunes, SD  
B.S., Mount Marty College

Erika Toyoda, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., South Dakota  
School of Mines & Technology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Mark Turner, Yankton, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Ann Marie VanDeWalle Jones, Aberdeen, SD  
B.A., University of Minnesota- Twin Cities

# School of Law

Presented by Dean Thomas Geu

## Juris Doctor

Jacob A. Acers, LaVista, NE  
B.A., Peru State College

Holly Elizabeth Behrens, Akron, IA  
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

Ashley G. Blake  
B.A., Harvard University

Shane William Bryant, Mahomet, IL  
B.S., National American University

Pat Burns  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Kyle Edward Chase, Mobridge, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Brittany Laike Cook, Draper, VA  
B.A., College of William and Mary

Allyson Marie Crespo, Bronx, NY  
B.A., Iona College  
M.A., Iona College

Jarell Adam Dillman, Eagle Mountain, UT  
B.S., Utah Valley University

Edward Harrison Edmonds, Danville, VA  
B.A., Colorado Technical University

Kristian Danae Ellendorf, Hurley, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Cody Michael Fink, Plattsmouth, NE  
B.S., University of Nebraska-Kearney

Terra M. Fisher, Miles City, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Brooke Marie Goodale, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., South Dakota State University

Tyler Haigh, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of Minnesota-Minneapolis

Jonathon Duane Hansen, Dell Rapids, SD  
B.A., University of Sioux Falls

Amber Hardy, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College

Austin Boettcher Hoffman, Eureka, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Tsyoslake G. House, Oneida, WI  
B.S., Northeastern State University

Stuart J. Hughes  
B.A., South Dakota State University

Bethany Joy Huhta, Brooklyn Center, MN  
B.S., Saint Cloud State University

Travis D. Iversen  
B.A., University of South Dakota

Katie M. Jorgensen  
B.A., University of South Dakota

Cassandra Beverly Ann Krumm, Elkton, SD  
B.A., Southwest Minnesota State University

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Sarah Jalyn Plemmons, Casper, WY  
B.A., University of Wyoming  
Mollie Jayne Sanchez, Atlantic, IA  
B.A., University of Iowa  
Larissa Faline Sands, Sioux City, IA  
B.A., Briar Cliff University  
Mandy Sieck, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Amy Ann Small, Akron, IA  
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Colleen D. Stegenga, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Melissa Elaine Steltz, Brandon, SD  
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Laura Lorraine Triplett, Sioux City, IA  
B.S.W., Briar Cliff University  
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B.S., Colorado Technical University  
Kortney Lea Wessman, Schleswig, IA  
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Ashley Elizabeth Whipkey, Pipestone, MN  
B.S., Southwest Minnesota State University  
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## Master of Social Work

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Stacia Ann Barker, Sioux City, IA  
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Samantha Lee Bonn, Groton, SD  
B.S., Presentation College  
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B.A., Augustana College  
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Celeste Megan Centra, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
Alexander James Christensen, Canton, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Melissa N. Daugherty, Albuquerque, NM  
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Scena Marie Dethlefs, Pipestone, MN  
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B.S., Colorado Technical University  
Danielle Rae Enderle, Worcester, MA  
B.A., Becker College  
Ashley M. Frankfurth, Huron, SD  
B.S., National American University  
Jessica Lee Grueneich, Aitkin, MN  
B.S.W., Minnesota State University-  
Moorhead  
Jean Marie Harter Shutt, Witten, SD  
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Amelia Heier, Yankton, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
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B.S.W., Minnesota State  
University - Moorhead  
Katie Lynn Huber, Viborg, SD  
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Nolan Marie Hunt, Marshalltown, IA  
B.S., Iowa State University

# 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.

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## University Scholar

- Jennifer Clarissa Allen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology & Chemistry  
*Effect of UCHL1 on Glucose Uptake in Skeletal Muscle*
- William Joseph Belch Jr., Rochester, MN  
Bachelor of Science, Mathematics & Economics  
*The Gambler's Fallacy: Individual Investment Behavior*
- Elizabeth Ann Berg, Owatonna, MN  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*Amphibian Defenses Against the Emerging Fungal Pathogen, Batrachochytrium Dendrobatichs*
- Thomas Buckley Binder, Yankton, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Physics  
*A Study of Propagation and Quantification of Noise within the SuperCDMS Detector*
- Jennifer Lea Calvert, Galena, IL  
Bachelor of Science, Addiction Studies  
*Reasoning Behind LGBTQ Methamphetamine Use*
- Lauren Elizabeth Cass, Loretto, MN  
Bachelor of Science, Chemistry  
*Effects of Hypothyroidism on D1 Receptor Expression and D1 Receptor Mediated Stimulation of cFos Protein Expression in Specific Brain Regions of Young Female Hamsters*
- Elizabeth Jo Dailey, Jefferson, SD  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Economics  
*The Effect of Income on National Park Visitation*
- Mary Karen Dick, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Evaluation of a Novel Antibiotic (KKL35) Targeting the Trans-Translation System on Chlamydial Growth and Development*
- Michael Alan Doering, Good Thunder, MN  
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*The Spanish-English Language Barrier in the United States Healthcare System: How Rural Healthcare Facilities can Adapt to Changing Demographics*
- Daniel Ryan Duncan, Lindenhurst, IL  
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish  
Bachelor of Science, Physics  
*Cosmic Ray Muon Detection*
- Sydney Leigh Duncan, Lincoln, NE  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & Criminal Justice  
*United States' Intervention and Democratization in the Middle East*
- Austin John Eggers, Rosholt, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*When and When not to use Artificial Reproductive Technologies*
- Lauren Elizabeth Fanta, Yankton, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Crisis At the End of Life: Understanding the Importance of Physician-Patient Communication*
- Alli Sue Haines, White Lake, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Communication Studies  
*Development and Retention of Health Habits in Preteen Females*
- Cylie Hanson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology & Criminal Justice  
*An Examination of Predictors of Prejudice against Transgender Individuals*
- Kaitlyn Rose Hastings, New Berlin, WI  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*Inforce 3: A Survey of Respiratory Diseases Morbidity and Mortality Rates in Cattle*
- Alex Heglin, Yankton, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Comparative Transcriptome Analysis and Functional Studies of Mouse Models of Metastatic Medullablastoma*
- Jordan Reuben Hins, Vermillion, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Chemistry & Philosophy  
*On the Concept of Faith with Continual Reference to Kierkegaard*
- Shelby Joanne Huber, Menno, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Media & Journalism  
*Big Data & Digital Advertsing: Millennial Awareness, Habits and Opinion*
- Lillian Mary Kallestad, Vadnais Heights, MN  
Bachelor of Arts, French & Francophone Studies  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
*Facebook Use by College Students*
- Kelsey E. Kirby  
Bachelor of Arts, German  
*The Distorted Response to the 2014 Ebola Epidemic: The Consequence of Mass Miscommunication*
- Joseph Paul Knofczynski, Pierre, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & Economics  
*Determinants of Finishing Position in the Nascar Sprint Cup Series*
- Andrew J. Kost  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Probing the Binding Capability of Supercontainers with Acetylcholine Analogues via Spectroscopic Techniques*

Colin R. R. Krysl, Omaha, NE  
 Bachelor of Arts, Spanish  
 Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Language of the Bohst: An Adventure in Language Creation and Development*

Sarah Anne Kuegle, Rapid City, SD  
 Bachelor of Arts, German  
 Bachelor of Science, Chemistry  
*The Great Pacific Garbage Patch: An Examination of Global Tragedies of the Commons*

Rachel Naomi Laufmann, Emery, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*Effect of LKE Treatment and Phenotyping of the Mouse Model of Variant Late Infantile NCL*

Sarah Irene Mackeben, Plymouth, MN  
 Bachelor of Science, English  
*Modern Interpretations of the Arthurian Legend*

Ashley Nicole McKeown, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Bachelor of Arts, Spanish & International Studies  
*Moments/Momentos*

Caitlin LeeAnn Mink, Somerset, KY  
 Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*An Examination of Animal Models Used to Study Infections caused by Cholamylia*

Hayley Newsom Naasz, Brandon, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Chemistry  
*Ru-Bipyridyl Dye-sensitized Titania-loaded Mesoporous Materials for Visible Light Induced Photocatalytic Splitting of Water*

Riley Terrill Paulsen, Yankton, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Biology, Chemistry & Physics  
*Cashing in Spent Nuclear Fuel: A Scientific Analysis on the Future of Reactor Technology and Waste Forms*

Laura Michelle Rezac, Renner, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Exploring How the YGRL Signal Sequence Targets Syntaxin 6 to the Chlamytil Inclusion*

Emily Kristin Riedemann, Paullina, IA  
 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology  
*Infidelity, Attachment Styles, and College Students*

Eric Allen Roach, Brandon, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Physics  
*A Cross-Platform Graphical User Interface to Control Instruments for Nuclear and Particle Physics Experiments*

Emily Ann Roberson, Tyndall, SD  
 Bachelor of Arts, Sustainability & Anthropology  
*Seed Libraries and Food Insecurity: An Emerging Solution to an Enduring Problem*

Rachael Ruba, Worthing, SD  
 Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting  
*Corporate Tax Inversion: The Whys and Hows*

Rachel Ann Saltness, Rochester, MN  
 Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Aging in America: The Early Twentieth Century and Social Security*

Sarah Schmidt, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Bachelor of Music, Music Education  
*Special Needs Students in the Music Classroom*

Zachary Michael Schulte, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Chemistry  
*Controlling the Morphology of  $\beta$ -NaYF<sub>4</sub>:Yb/Tm Upconversion Nanoparticles and Emission Enhancement Using Plasmonic Surfaces*

Abby Lynne Simon, Watertown, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*The Role of Viral and GAS Genotypes on Lung Pathology in Mice*

Erin Lynn Sternhagen, Groton, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*The Placebo Effect in Geriatric Medicine: A Comprehensive Analysis of Placebo Use Within Elderly Populations*

Tyler Jay Sternhagen, Yankton, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Biology  
 Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Aging in Moss: Lipid Peroxidation by ROS does not Limit Longevity in Dry Storage*

Elena Rose Tsakakis, Edina, MN  
 Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*Understanding of Hand Sanitizers, Parabens, and Azodyes: A Survey of Student's Knowledge Based in Scientific Research*

Marah Jo Van Diest, Groton, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Characterization of Putative Murein Hydrolase Murl.2 in Streptococcus Pyogenes: An Analysis of Function, Regulation and Diversity Among Isolates*

Jessica R. Vlcek, Tabor, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*The Development of a Synthetic DNA Standard and Triplex assay for qPCR Testing of Amphibian Diseases*

Terese Marie Vogel, Omaha, NE  
 Bachelor of Science in Education, Spanish Education  
*ABC May Not Be As Easy As 123: An Action Research Study On Alphabet Instruction To English Language Learners*

Tucker James Volesky, Huron, SD  
 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
*Early Voting and its Implications for Native Voting Rights: The Case of Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota.*

Bridget Christina Wilds, Rapid City, SD  
 Bachelor of Arts, History & Anthropology  
*Historic Preservation and Downtown Revitalization in Vermillion, South Dakota*

Arianne Adoreé Wunder, Howard, SD  
 Bachelor of Arts, Media & Journalism  
*Transparent Emotionality: A Resonating Conversation from Advertiser to Consumer*

Krissy Zalud, Vermillion, SD  
 Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
*Exploring Stress and Support During Cancer Treatment*

# *Baccalaureate & Associate Degrees*

## College of Arts & Sciences

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### Bachelor of Arts

Nadiah Musa Abuswai, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism  
Katherine Carolyn Adam, Pierre, SD  
Media & Journalism  
Jessica Ann Arnold, Le Mars, IA  
Communication Studies  
Erika Gabrielle Arpan, Wagner, SD  
Media & Journalism  
Avery Christine Askew, Pierre, SD  
Communication Studies & English  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Byron Benjamin Banasiak, Vermillion, SD  
Media & Journalism  
Shannon Julia Billie, Omaha, NE  
Communication Studies  
Kelsey Raye Biltoft, Nelson, NE  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
Kristianna Marie Blackler, Rapid City, SD  
Political Science & International Studies  
Molly Ann Boell, Carroll, IA  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*  
Michael Burke, Pierre, SD  
Criminal Justice  
Colin P. Buscarini  
Anthropology  
Janelle Marie Carlson, Eau Claire, WI  
International Studies  
Peter Eugene Chapman, Murrieta, CA  
Media & Journalism  
Emily Ann Chrestiansen, Estherville, IA  
Political Science  
Joslynn Anne Clauson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Economics  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Noah C. Clem  
Economics  
Caitlyn Nicole Deignan, Sioux City, IA  
English  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Katy A. Denison  
Communication Studies  
Michael Alan Doering, Good Thunder, MN  
Spanish  
*Summa Cum Laude,  
University Scholar Graduate*  
Kayla Jo Dorhout, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism

Daniel Ryan Duncan, Lindenhurst, IL  
Spanish  
*University Scholar Graduate*  
Sydney Leigh Duncan, Lincoln, NE  
Political Science & Criminal Justice  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar  
Graduate*  
Aliya Alexandra Elshami, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Mark B. Engeman  
English & History  
Taylor Nicole Fauth, Aberdeen, SD  
Media & Journalism  
Nancy Rebecca Fregoso, Sioux City, IA  
Psychology  
Cesar E. Garcia, Woonsocket, SD  
International Studies  
*Cum Laude*  
Samantha Faye Goff, Sioux Falls, SD  
International Studies & French Studies  
Nicole Anne Griffith, Rapid City, SD  
Media & Journalism  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Vanessa Dawn Hamilton, Macy, NE  
Psychology  
Stephanie Ann Hatfield, Vermillion, SD  
Criminal Justice & Sociology  
Amelia R. Heiden  
Psychology  
Rayna Lynn Hernandez, Gayville, SD  
English  
Carly Ann Holmstrom, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism & Sustainability  
Mason Andrew Horacek, Yankton, SD  
Media & Journalism  
Abby Renee Hunt, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
Communication Studies  
Michelle Louise Jaeger, Rapid City, SD  
Political Science  
*Cum Laude*  
Bailey Nicole Johnson, Ankeny, IA  
Spanish  
Jenna Sarah Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism  
Jennifer Ann Johnson, Rock Rapids, IA  
Criminal Justice  
Sharolyn Kayla Johnson, Bellevue, NE  
Communication Studies  
Lillian Mary Kallestad, Vadnais Heights, MN  
French & Francophone Studies & Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar  
Graduate*  
Lucy Frances Keith, Rapid City, SD  
Criminal Justice & Sociology  
*Cum Laude*  
Kelsey E. Kirby  
German  
*University Scholar Graduate*  
Joseph Paul Knofczynski, Pierre, SD  
Political Science & Economics  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar  
Graduate*

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 Spanish  
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Sarah Anne Kuegle, Rapid City, SD  
 German  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Traci Marie Kulesa, Aberdeen, SD  
 Communication Studies  
*Cum Laude*

Brendtly M. Lauck  
 Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*

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 Computer Science

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 Psychology

Katrinia Marie McGuire, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Media & Journalism  
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Ashley Nicole McKeown, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Spanish & International Studies  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

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 French Studies

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 International Studies

Alexa Breann Moeller, Yankton, SD  
 Political Science  
*Cum Laude*

Mubarik Hayani Musa, Worthington, MN  
 Criminal Justice

Zach William Harvey Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Anthropology & Spanish

Laurie Nordahl, Westbrook, MN  
 Communication Studies

Steve Villa Nunez, San Jose, CA  
 Media & Journalism

Adam Christopher Oliver, Aberdeen, SD  
 Computer Science

Trent Lee Opstedahl, Piedmont, SD  
 Media & Journalism  
*Cum Laude*

Jackie Ann Ortmeier, Mitchell, SD  
 International Studies & English  
*Cum Laude*

Constance C. Packard, Vermillion, SD  
 English

Milica Pavlovic, Vermillion, SD  
 Criminal Justice

Karely Perez-Arredondo, Atascadero, CA  
 Media & Journalism  
*Cum Laude*

Meredith Kay Powers, Vermillion, SD  
 Political Science & Spanish

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 Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

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 History

Emily Kristin Riedemann, Paullina, IA  
 Psychology  
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 Psychology

Emily Ann Roberson, Tyndall, SD  
 Sustainability & Anthropology  
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 Media & Journalism

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 Media & Journalism

Jacob Richard Schneider, Le Mars, IA  
 Criminal Justice  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Gabs Semansky  
 English

Kathleen Susan Serie, Mitchell, SD  
 Media & Journalism  
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 Psychology

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 Political Science & Criminal Justice

Gage James Small, Huron, SD  
 History

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 History

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 English  
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 English  
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 Political Science  
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 Native American Studies

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 Psychology

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 History

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 History & Anthropology  
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 Criminal Justice & Political Science

Arianne Adoreé Wunder, Howard, SD  
 Media & Journalism  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

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 English

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 Political Science & Psychology

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Micheal R. Lilly  
Duol Mayot, Omaha, NE  
Trey Norris  
Amy Osborne, Sioux Falls, SD  
Matthew K. Porisch  
Katherine Anne Rangel, Alamo, TX  
Courtney Rickett, Sioux Falls, SD  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jill Staeffler, Harrisburg, SD  
Sarah Ann Thury, Sioux Falls, SD  
Sarah VanOverbeke, Sioux Falls, SD  
Timothy Lawrence White, Ardmore, OK  
Shane Allen Wichtendahl, Lincoln, NE

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Psychology  
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Medical Biology & Chemistry  
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Ashley Susan Alvey, Scotland, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
Katelyn Marie Anderson, Ponca, NE  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Zachary William Anderson, Merrill, IA  
Chemistry  
Brent Alan Archer, Sisseton, SD  
Criminal Justice  
Jordyn Bacon, Prior Lake, MN  
Media & Journalism  
Taber Robert Baldwin, Sturgis, SD  
Political Science  
Kelle Rae Beckman, Brandon, SD  
Economics  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
William Joseph Belch Jr., Rochester, MN  
Mathematics & Economics  
*University Scholar Graduate*  
Kyle Lane Benne, Rapid City, SD  
Biology  
Emily Adrienne Benson, Lemmon, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders &  
Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Heather Berdahl, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology

Elizabeth Ann Berg, Owatonna, MN  
Biology  
*Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*  
Zachary Paul Bergman, Sturgis, SD  
Biology  
*Cum Laude*  
Korry Ann Beyer, Rapid City, SD  
Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Thomas Buckley Binder, Yankton, SD  
Physics  
*University Scholar Graduate*  
Cole Ronald John Bockelmann, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
History & Political Science  
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Michael J. Bosch, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology & Mathematics  
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Media & Journalism  
Tyler Allen Bradley, Rapid City, SD  
Medical Biology  
Kelsey Rae Brand, Springfield, MN  
Psychology  
Nicholas Roy Bratvold, Vermillion, SD  
History  
Cody James Breen, Baltic, SD  
History  
Haley Jean Brewer, Sioux City, IA  
Biology  
Lindsey Christine Brown, Mapleton, IA  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Nicholas Burke, Pierre, SD  
Economics  
Shelby Ann Carlson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism  
Lauren Elizabeth Cass, Loretto, MN  
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Psychology  
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Jon W. Davis  
Psychology  
Miles Patrick Death, Plymouth, MN  
Mathematics  
Daniel Carl DeBoer, Aberdeen, SD  
Biology  
Autumn Nicole Decker, Dripping Springs, TX  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
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Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Cum Laude*  
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Medical Biology  
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*Magna Cum Laude*

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*Magna Cum Laude*

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Economics

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Medical Biology  
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Sara Elizabeth Ellington, Sioux Falls, SD  
Medical Biology

John Mogboluwaga Eri, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology & Psychology

Alexandra Cae Eriksen, Grand Island, NE  
Psychology

Matthew Alex Falk, Aberdeen, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Cum Laude*

Lauren Elizabeth Fanta, Yankton, SD  
Medical Biology  
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Melanie Rae Fetherhuff, Aberdeen, SD  
English

Lanian Michelle Florke, Jefferson, SD  
Psychology

Abigail M. Fogg  
Medical Biology

Jarrett James Fowler, Sturgis, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Taylor Ray Freeman, Fairmont, MN  
Medical Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Hannah Rae Fullenkamp, Broomfield, CO  
Criminal Justice & Political Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Ryan Thomas Gaskins, Ida Grove, IA  
History & Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*

Mary Elizabeth Geraets, Canton, SD  
English  
*Cum Laude*

Leah Jean Gleason, Vermillion, SD  
Criminal Justice & Political Science

Dylan Roger Goehner, Whitewood, SD  
Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Victoria Lindsay Graham, Sioux Falls, SD  
Medical Biology & Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Rachel C. Green, Omaha, NE  
Media & Journalism

Tory Nicole Gross, Yankton, SD  
Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Shayla Marie Gustafson, Fargo, ND  
Computer Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Brian Daniel Haiar, Sioux Falls, SD  
Computer Science

Ali Sue Haines, White Lake, SD  
Communication Studies  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate, SSM Alumni Student Scholar*

Tyler Hall  
Criminal Justice

Krystal Lynn Halter, Brandon, SD  
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Computer Science

Sydney R. Hancock  
Sustainability  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Alica Hannum, Omaha, NE  
Criminal Justice

Cylie Hanson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology & Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Kaitlyn Rose Hastings, New Berlin, WI  
Biology  
*Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Alex Heglin, Yankton, SD  
Medical Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate*

Andrew Thomas Helland, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism  
*Cum Laude*

Jordan Reuben Hins, Vermillion, SD  
Chemistry & Philosophy  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Kimberly Kay Hitzemann, Rapid City, SD  
Psychology

Jade Alexandria Hofer, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Ashley Diane Holec, Tabor, SD  
Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Jessica Lynn Howard, Elk Point, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders & Psychology

Shelby Joanne Huber, Menno, SD  
Media & Journalism  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Olivia Kay Hughes, Spearfish, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Tyler Keith Jackson, Vermillion, SD  
Criminal Justice & Sustainability

Dustin James Javers, Lennox, SD  
Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*



Morgen K. Javers  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Danielle Kathleen Jensen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology

Cassandra Ann Jerrett, Minneapolis, MN  
Psychology & Criminal Justice

Auston Paul Johnson, Chino Hills, CA  
Sustainability

Bailey Nicole Johnson, Ankeny, IA  
Chemistry

Dustin Arthur Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice

Zachary Edward Johnson, Yankton, SD  
Criminal Justice

Joshua Michael Jorgensen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism & Political Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Lisa Marie Jorgenson, Webster, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Lillian Mary Kallestad, Vadnais Heights, MN  
Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Abraham Kanz, Ft. Pierre, SD  
Biology  
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Kelly Gentry Kaufman, Milford, IA  
Medical Biology

Elana Rae Kaup, Stuart, NE  
Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Katherine Suzanne Keitges, Sun City West, AZ  
Psychology

Elizabeth Nash Kendall, Eden Prairie, MN  
Media & Journalism

Zachery Logan Kieffer, Brandon, SD  
Criminal Justice & Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Jennifer Teira Kolb, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice

Erin Marlo Kommes, Le Mars, IA  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Andrew Kost  
Medical Biology  
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Sarah Anne Kuegle, Rapid City, SD  
Chemistry  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Kayli Raye Kuhl, Worthington, MN  
Medical Biology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Marie Landy, West Palm Beach, FL  
Media & Journalism

Jevon T. Larson  
History

Rachel Naomi Laufmann, Emery, SD  
Biology  
*University Scholar Graduate*

Trevor Laughlin, Canton, SD  
Chemistry  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Luke Reginald LeBrun, Milbank, SD  
Psychology

Derek Lee, Elk Point, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Sara Marie Lemmer, Redfield, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Teivaskie Sebastian Lewin, Montego Bay  
Communication Studies

William L. Lewis  
Media & Journalism

Jessica Lewno, Milbank, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Megan T. Lewno, Yankton, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Zesheng Li  
Physics & Computer Science

Brittani Brieann Liston, Alcester, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kirsty Robyn Longley, Sioux Falls, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Zachary Andrew Lukes, Garretson, SD  
Biology

Sarah Irene Mackeben, Plymouth, MN  
English  
*University Scholar Graduate*

Michelle Kay Masselink, Sioux Falls, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Spencer Margaret Mathers, Williston, ND  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Koty Kristyne Matthiesen, Jasper, MN  
Psychology

Michelle Ann McClellan, Mobridge, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Margaret Joan McCloud, Rapid City, SD  
Criminal Justice & Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Calvin M. McCrea, Correctionville, IA  
Biology

Zach J. McDonald  
Computer Science

Theodore Michael McGee, Bloomington, MN  
Criminal Justice & Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Gretchen Christine McLaughlin, Tea, SD  
Psychology

Janae Alice Mehlhaff, Mitchell, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Nicholas James Meyer, Elk Grove Village, IL  
Economics & Political Science

Brandon Lee Meyerink, Platte, SD  
Medical Biology

Austin Lawrence Meyers, Huron, SD  
Criminal Justice

Keegan O'Shea Miles, Sioux Falls, SD  
Media & Journalism

Caitlin LeeAnn Mink, Somerset, KY  
Medical Biology  
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Mariah J. Mogck, Parkston, SD  
Psychology

Samantha Lea Moran, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice

Abby Elizabeth Moschell, Brandon, SD  
Medical Biology

Danielle M. Murphy, Crofton, NE  
Psychology

Hayley Newsom Naasz, Brandon, SD  
Chemistry  
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Matt J. Nagel  
Criminal Justice

Dylan Robert Nelsen, Colman, SD  
Criminal Justice

Ellen Victoria Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology & Political Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Jeffrey T. Nelson, Sturgis, SD  
Medical Biology

Nicholas A. Niehus  
Mathematics & Chemistry

Janelle Ann Noga, Bend, OR  
Medical Biology

Matthew Thomas Oehlerts, Luverne, MN  
Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Alexis Whitney Olson, Mitchell, SD  
English  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Austin James Oxner, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice & Political Science

Charlie T. Pap  
Biology

John Tyler Paul, Sturgis, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Riley Terrill Paulsen, Yankton, SD  
Biology, Chemistry & Physics  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Synnora Lynn Peterson, Lawton, OK  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Lexy Marie Pillatzki, Milbank, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Alexander Alan Plendl, Kingsley, IA  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Kaitlyn C. Rangel, San Diego, CA  
Sustainability

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Medical Biology  
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Eric Allen Roach, Brandon, SD  
Physics  
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Aspen Elizabeth Robinson, Hartington, NE  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Matthew Rohner, South Sioux City, NE  
Psychology & Communication Studies  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Jason Roskens, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology

Rachel Ann Saltness, Rochester, MN  
Medical Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Heather Lynn Sandt, Oto, IA  
Psychology

Connor Timothy Schilling, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology

Matthew Dick Schlingen, Vermillion, SD  
Psychology

Tosha Lee Schmiedt, Oacoma, SD  
Criminal Justice

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Anthropology & Earth Science

Zachary Michael Schulte, Sioux Falls, SD  
Chemistry  
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Schaunna Schwabe  
Chemistry

Alexandra Lee Scriver, Milbank, SD  
Political Science  
*Cum Laude*

Jeremy Dean Shirey, Tripp, SD  
Psychology

Matthew Gordon Shore, Brooklyn, WI  
Criminal Justice

Abby Lynne Simon, Watertown, SD  
Medical Biology  
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Justin Phillip Slinger, Sioux City, IA  
Criminal Justice

Brooklynn Ray Smith, South Sioux City, NE  
Psychology

Emmy Jean Smith, Mitchell, SD  
Political Science & Criminal Justice

Harrison Park Smith, Willmar, MN  
Psychology

Cyrus J. Sorenson  
Biology

Brandon Taylor Stanley, Groton, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Kristen Taylor Steffen, White Lake, SD  
Communication Studies  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Connor James Stephens, Lenexa, KS  
Psychology

Erin Lynn Sternhagen, Groton, SD  
Medical Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Tyler Jay Sternhagen, Yankton, SD  
 Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Melissa Rae Stevens, Shakopee, MN  
 Psychology

Michael Stokke, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Biology

Tyler J. Stolsmark  
 Biology

Taylor A. Strasburg, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Psychology

Theresa Marie Taylor, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Psychology

Sopida Trageser, Hawarden, IA  
 Medical Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Katelyn Marie Troastle, Rapid City, SD  
 Sociology

Elena Rose Tsakakis, Edina, MN  
 Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Derrick William Umstott, Cleveland, OH  
 Criminal Justice

Owens Uwangu, Gothenburg  
 Medical Biology

Kathryn Jean Van Balen, Custer, SD  
 Psychology & Medical Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Marah Jo Van Diest, Groton, SD  
 Medical Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate, SSM Alumni Student Scholar*

Lucas Paul Van Ermen, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Biology & Chemistry  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kurtis Peter Van Gent, Vermillion, SD  
 Computer Science

Emily E. VanLaecken, Watertown, SD  
 Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Tanner James Virchow, Arlington, SD  
 Computer Science

Curstie Ranae Visser, Hayti, SD  
 Criminal Justice & Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Jessica R. Vlcek, Tabor, SD  
 Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Max J. Walter  
 Criminal Justice

Eli Watson, Lawrence, IN  
 Chemistry

Nichole Elizabeth Waugh, Dakota Dunes, SD  
 English

Kiley Ann Weier, Ankeny, IA  
 Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Kaitlyn Anne Wetzstein, Hudson, WI  
 Medical Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

William J. Whitlock, Watertown, SD  
 Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kristen Miranda Wilen, Rapid City, SD  
 Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Cum Laude*

Alyssa Beth Williams, Yankton, SD  
 Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Brianna Kay Williamson, Hot Springs, SD  
 Anthropology & Psychology

Carly Jo Wilson, Vermillion, SD  
 Computer Science & Physics

Tanner James Wilson, Sioux City, IA  
 Chemistry

Jeffrey William Wright, Omaha, NE  
 History

Krissy Zalud, Vermillion, SD  
 Medical Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Hayden Richard Zeigler, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Criminal Justice

Lauren Elaine Zickrick, Pierre, SD  
 Psychology

Christopher Scott Zimmer, Rapid City, SD  
 Political Science & History  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Gavin P. Zimmerman  
 Economics  
 Cum Laude

Samantha Renee Zoss, Beresford, SD  
 Criminal Justice

Rachel Kristine Zuhlke, Foster, NE  
 Communication Sciences & Disorders

Brad Camden Zwart, Dell Rapids, SD  
 Medical Biology

## Associate of Arts

Miranda Renea Oswald, Greenville, AL  
 Jesse Pease, Saint Francis, SD  
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# Beacom School of Business

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## Bachelor of Business Administration

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Marketing

Isaac Allen, Lincoln, NE  
Accounting

Sarah Kay Barthel, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Mitchell Brian Benson, Madison, SD  
Management

Sarah Lynn Berg, Gary, SD  
Health Services Administration  
*Cum Laude*

Paul M. Bernard  
Marketing

Reanna Lynn Bertram, Vermillion, SD  
Accounting  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Kyle John Brunick, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Courtney Rae Buchholz, Parker, SD  
Health Services Administration  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Amanda Sue Bueltel, Estherville, IA  
Business Administration

Callen Rae Campagna, Omaha, NE  
Human Resource Management

Bailey Monique Carlson, Vermillion, SD  
Health Services Administration

Anshuman Chandra, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Alexa Cimpl, Dante, SD  
Finance

Kimberly Jean Cleveland, Lake Preston, SD  
Health Services Administration

Cody Joe Conover, Anthon, IA  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Jo Dailey, Jefferson, SD  
Economics  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Daniel Harlan Damgaard, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Kristen Marie De Jong, Spring, TX  
Management

Spencer James Determan, Holton, KS  
Finance

Carissa DeVries, Sioux Falls, SD  
Human Resource Management  
*Cum Laude*

Carolyn Josephine Dickey, Worthington, MN  
Management

Erinn Danielle Drew, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Nathan Douglas Dubbelde, Pipestone, MN  
Management

Randal Robert Dyk, Platte, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Morgan Kay Ellefson, Garretson, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Ryan Ellefson, Mitchell, SD  
Management

Jami Nicole Faddoul, Pierre, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Justin John Whalen Fundermann,  
Battle Creek, IA  
Finance  
*Cum Laude*

Anthony Thomas Fusco, Sheffield Lake, OH  
Marketing

Joshua John Gaikowski, Webster, SD  
Management

Mariah Lynn Gehle, Sioux Falls, SD  
Economics

Elizabeth P. Grosvenor, Sioux City, IA  
Accounting

Colin Ray Gunderson, North Sioux City, SD  
Management

Emily Nicole Haak, Dell Rapids, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Alicia Danielle Hamann, Milbank, SD  
Management

Diane Sheryl Hanisch, Montrose, SD  
Management

Kristopher J. Hanson  
Accounting

Kelsey Kay Harnisch, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Jonathan Peter Hasselquist, Center City, MN  
Management

Brittany Marie Herbener, Moorhead, MN  
Accounting

Amy B. Herman  
Health Services Administration

Jordan Hermanson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Economics

Kristoffer Allen Hewlett, Pierre, SD  
Marketing

Colin Hirsch, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Bennett Charles Hoelker, Lawton, IA  
Business Administration

Cole Edward Hollinger, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Samuel Lynn Hummel, Utica, SD  
Management

Eric Michael Hurley, Aberdeen, SD  
Management

Analisa Marie Huschle, Bagley, MN  
Marketing

Nathan V. Iversen, Chamberlain, SD  
Marketing

Jordan Louie Janousek, Fairfax, SD  
Marketing

Kelsey Rae Johnson, Spicer, MN  
Management

Haley Nicole Jorgensen, Hurley, SD  
Health Services Administration

Benjamin James Kahler, Dell Rapids, SD  
Management

Benjamin Daniel Kaufmann, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Amanda Michelle Kellen, Cherokee, IA  
Finance  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Austin A. Kirsch  
Management

Kelly Ann Kociuba, Minnetrista, MN  
Management

Matthew William Korus, Yankton, SD  
Management

Benjamin Joseph Kramer, Ottumwa, IA  
Finance  
*Cum Laude*

William Krause, Watertown, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Kaylor Nicole Lang, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

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Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Sean W. Leapley  
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Jeffrey Adam Letcher, Mitchell, SD  
Accounting

Megan T. Lewno, Yankton, SD  
Management  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Lindsey Marie Lien, Yankton, SD  
Marketing

Andrew Limoges, Sioux City, IA  
Finance

Diego Rodrigo Lopez Polo, Vermillion, SD  
Accounting

Joshua Noel Maher, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Lucas Adam Martin, Mobridge, SD  
Economics

Marissa Leigh McCoy, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Services Administration  
*Cum Laude*

Nicholas James Meyer, Elk Grove Village, IL  
Finance

Madison Rae Mills, Reno, NV  
Marketing

Morgan Moe, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Mary Kay Moller, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Theresa Mercedes Mounbua, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Katherine Marie Nelson, Shoreview, MN  
Accounting

Kody Lee Nelson, Sutherland, IA  
Health Services Administration

Mitchell Christopher Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance

Ryan Wayne Nepodal, Platte, SD  
Accounting

Jeffrey Steven Nickolas, Aberdeen, SD  
Management  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Kaylien Marie Ogstad, Tomahawk, WI  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Nicole M. Olney, Sioux City, IA  
Human Resource Management

Aaron Francis Peterson, Sisseton, SD  
Management

Lucas William Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Linay K. Pogge  
Marketing

Hollie Pommier, Florence, SD  
Accounting

Braden S. Pottratz  
Marketing

Katie Elizabeth Redden, Faulkton, SD  
Accounting

Eric A. Robertson, Wayzata, MN  
Marketing

Dylan Rock, Sioux City, IA  
Finance

Brant Daniel Rose, Flandreau, SD  
Economics

Rachael Ruba, Worthing, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*

Joseph Donald Runge, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Brody Patrick Ryan, Minnetrista, MN  
Business Administration

Ryan Nelson Saeger, Hartland, WI  
Health Services Administration

John Anthony Schoppert, Sioux Falls, SD  
Economics  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Cale D. Scofield  
Finance

Jared Lee Smith, Huron, SD  
Management

Marguerite Carol Smith, Dellwood, MN  
Marketing

Reid W. Smith  
Management

Adam Paul Spady, Crofton, NE  
Management

Roman John Spaid, Vermillion, SD  
Accounting

Samuel Loren Stanforth, Platte, SD  
Economics

Eric Teune, Steen, MN  
Accounting

Andrew Joseph Thares, Aberdeen, SD  
Economics

Samantha Kate Thuringer, Worthington, MN  
Accounting

Austin L. Underwood, Omaha, NE  
Marketing

Shane Nicholas VanDeBerg, Garretson, SD  
Accounting  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Karissa Jo Marie Vander Waerd, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Hannah Victoria Veselik, Darien, IL  
Marketing

Carrie L. Vitek, Yankton, SD  
Management

Zachary Tolbert Waletich, Milbank, SD  
Management  
*Cum Laude*

Scott Allan Ward, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
*Cum Laude*

Jared David Weber, Parkston, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Matthew George Wester, Pierre, SD  
Management

Brandon Winter, Hamill, SD  
Management

Hannah Marie Wollmann, Menno, SD  
Human Resource Management

Raelle Lyn Wright, Cody, WY  
Accounting

Connor Daniel Fitzsimmons, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Laken Frericks, Northville, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Tessa Marie Goehring, Menno, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Jenifer Lynn Hall, Sturgis, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Macie Jae Harris, Mitchell, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Joshua Allan Johnson, Vermillion, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Lindsay Renee Jones, Spearfish, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Brian Charles Juran, Burke, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Shayla Lynn Kayl, McCook Lake, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

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*University Scholar Graduate*

Collin Neal Kunzman, Shelby, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Margaret Mae Loudenslager, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Katie Anne Ludemann, Pierre, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Abbey Pharis, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Stephanie Rohe, Le Mars, IA  
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*Summa Cum Laude*

Eric Duchay Shufford Jr., Rialto, CA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Rebecca Lynn Sparkman, Eden Prairie, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Tyler Jay Sternhagen, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
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Rachel Marie Svendson, East Grand Forks, MN  
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*Magna Cum Laude*

Hans Kristov Tvedt, Volga, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Nina Ann Weidert, Lismore, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Shane Anthony Wernke, Gregory, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

## School of Education

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## Bachelor of Science

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Kinesiology & Sport Science

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Kinesiology & Sport Science  
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Nick Adam Bell, Blair, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Alissa Renae Binger, Tulare, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Travis J. Bolstad  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Zachary M. Bomkamp, Woodstock, IL  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Nathan Dean Christensen, Tyler, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Gina Marie Dendinger, Crofton, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Teagan Janine Eberle, Schaumburg, IL  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

## Bachelor of Science in Education

Kayli Adams, Tyndall, SD  
Elementary Education & Special Education

Sarah Elizabeth Anderson, Bellingham, MN  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Carli Nicole Arnoldi, Springfield, MN  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Danielle Joy Babcock, Galva, IA  
Elementary Education & Special Education

Josie Lynn Babin, Omaha, NE  
Elementary Education & Special Education

Katelyn Mariah Barker, Wilmington, OH  
Elementary Education

Lukas Michael Bernard, Watertown, SD  
Elementary Education

Rachel Jo Ann Berte, Livermore, IA  
History Education

Kelly Jo Binder, Montrose, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Tara Jo Bouwman, Inwood, IA  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Cum Laude*

Cassidy Ellen Breon, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
Physical Education  
*Cum Laude*

Morgan Leigh Buckendahl, Pierce, NE  
Elementary Education & Special Education

Charli Jo Cochran, Le Mars, IA  
Elementary Education

Mackenzie Alexander Curry, Casper, WY  
Elementary Education

Paxton M. Cutler, Sioux City, IA  
Elementary Education

Kelsey Lynn Dailey, Watertown, SD  
Elementary Education

Jarod Michael DeBey, Rock Rapids, IA  
Mathematics Education  
*Cum Laude*

Emily Rae DeBey, Ellsworth, MN  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Allison Duffy  
Speech Education

Sarah Anne Ekeren, Yankton, SD  
Elementary Education

Marissa Nicole Fallesen, Wayne, NE  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Jennifer Fick  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*

Melissa Firtko, Racine, WI  
Physical Education

Abigail Fong, Kearney, NE  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Adriann Lynn Frankenhoff, Summit, SD  
Biology Education

Ashley Nicole Goossen, Marion, SD  
Elementary Education

Alexa Elizabeth Harris, Merville, IA  
History Education

Mallorie Renae Heidinger, Tea, SD  
Elementary Education

Abbie Huber, North Sioux City, SD  
English Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Emily Ann Jansen, Sheldon, IA  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Austin John Johnson, Black Hawk, SD  
History Education & Special Education  
*Cum Laude*

Samantha Louise Johnson, Waterbury, NE  
Elementary Education

Erica Marie Jurgensen, Dell Rapids, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*

Beth Marie Kelderman, Canton, SD  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Morgan Jae Kleinberg, Sioux City, IA  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*

Molly Elizabeth Knowles, Lockport, IL  
Elementary Education

Dylan Kor, Holland, MN  
Elementary Education & Special Education

Danielle Jamae Kunkel, Mountain Lake, MN  
Elementary Education & Special Education

Katie Litka, Pipestone, MN  
Elementary Education

Nicholas Carl Macziewski, Gretna, NE  
Elementary Education

Brady Michael Mayer, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education

Kayla Michelle McDaniel, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education

Samantha McMahan, Fremont, NE  
English Education  
*Cum Laude*

Samantha Metke, Mundelein, IL  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Cum Laude*

Megan Reaka Moritz, Le Mars, IA  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Cum Laude*

Bailey Nicole Murphy, Le Mars, IA  
Elementary Education

Kristin Pollema, Brandon, SD  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Rachel Anne Reinert, Olivia, MN  
Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Cum Laude*

Ellysa Marie Reinke, New Prague, MN  
Elementary Education

Jenna Brooks Rembold, Yankton, SD  
Elementary Education

Brittney Lynn Rezac, Tabor, SD  
 Elementary Education & Special Education  
 Amanda Christina Salazar, Sioux Falls, SD  
 History Education  
 Ashlee Marie Schlaefli, Yankton, SD  
 Biology Education  
 Megan Schlosser, Rapid City, SD  
 Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
 Tamsin Rose Spencer, Detroit Lakes, MN  
 Elementary Education  
 Cassandra Marie Timm, Elkton, SD  
 Elementary Education & Special Education  
 April Marie Tjaden, Beresford, SD  
 Elementary Education  
 Shelby Michael Tomoson, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
 English Education  
 Erin Jade Tounsley, Pierre, SD  
 Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Joanne Lucille Trio, Mapleton, MN  
 Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Brooke VanderSluis, Le Mars, IA  
 Elementary Education & Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
 Terese Marie Vogel, Omaha, NE  
 Spanish Education  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar  
 Graduate*  
 Lucas Richard Werner, Ellsworth, SD  
 Elementary Education  
 Michelle Ann Wharton, Cedar Rapids, IA  
 Elementary Education  
 Matthew Jerome Wiederrich, Sioux Falls, SD  
 English Education & Special Education  
 Brandon Robert Witt, Rock Rapids, IA  
 Elementary Education  
 Emily Elizabeth Zondervan, Willmar, MN  
 Elementary Education & Special Education

## College of Fine Arts

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### Bachelor of Fine Arts

Brianna Evelyn Adams, Lincoln, NE  
 Theatre  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Kristian Asfeldt, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Theatre  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Jennifer Baggett, Parker, CO  
 Art

Lucy Renee Benitez, Brandon, SD  
 Art Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Samantha Kay Drapeaux, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Art  
 Kara Elizabeth Dumke, Gary, SD  
 Art Education  
 Anna Rose Glenski, Rochester, SD  
 Art  
 Samantha Jo Heard, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Art  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Rayna Lynn Hernandez, Gayville, SD  
 Art  
 Tyler R. Hoebelheinrich  
 Art  
 Emily Christine Holm, Colorado Springs, CO  
 Theatre  
*Cum Laude*  
 George Walker Iversen, Murdo, SD  
 Theatre  
 John Steven King, Thornton, CO  
 Theatre  
 Rachel Ann Klave, Sioux City, IA  
 Theatre

### Bachelor of Music

Lennea Megan Clark, Beresford, SD  
 Music Performance  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Hannah Mae Lambertz, Yankton, SD  
 Music Performance  
 Garret Matthew Olson, Vermillion, SD  
 Music Education  
 Sarah Schmidt, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Music Education  
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar  
 Graduate*  
 Anna Marie Sobotka, Inman, NE  
 Music Performance

### Bachelor of Musical Arts

Thomas Donald Clark, Mt. Vernon, IA  
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*Magna Cum Laude*



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Presented by Dean Michael Lawler

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Helena Christie Bertels, Overland Park, KS  
Brenna LaRae Bills, Sioux Falls, SD

Kassandra Block, Pierre, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
Jessica Dale Boldt, Oreint, SD  
Trevor James Bolstad, Volga, SD  
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Scott David Braun, Ponca, NE  
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Allison Creed  
Brandi Davis, Akron, IA  
Jamie Lyn DeGeest, Rapid City, SD  
Lauren Nicole Detweiler, Casper, WY  
Nicole Jeanne Doerr, Yankton, SD  
Hannah June Duis, Canby, MN  
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Lauryn Alyssa Eggen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Vanessa Rae Ehlis, Rapid City, SD  
Samantha V. Engberg  
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Taylor Fender, Yankton, SD  
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LaKenya A. Freeman, Box Elder, SD  
Audrey Jean Fuks, Yankton, SD  
Raysha DeLon Gardner, Winner, SD  
Robert J. Garness, Belle Fourche, SD  
Ellie Marie Glover, Vermillion, SD  
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Rebecca Elizabeth Goehner, Huron, SD  
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Rachel Diane Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Sujatha Muvvala, Sioux Falls, SD  
Naomi Olivia Nagler, Rapid City, SD  
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Lynn Kathryn Nelson, Pipestone, MN  
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Peyton Louise Schneider, Lennox, SD  
Luke Schroeder, Irene, SD  
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Tiffany Sehr  
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Victoria Stoll, Winthrop, MN  
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Amanda L. Karrels  
Blair Lakner, Polo, SD  
Shawna Lynn Larsh, Rapid City, SD  
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# **Commissioned As Second Lieutenant In The United States Army Through USD Army ROTC**

Presented by Provost & Vice President Jim Moran & Lieutenant Colonel Michelle Bunkers

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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
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
Sigma 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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