

SPRING 2018
Commencement
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

*THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
SANFORD COYOTE SPORTS CENTER
VERMILLION, SD
MAY 5, 2018*

Undergraduate Commencement

*Sanford Coyote Sports Center
May 5, 2018 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

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 Chaya Gordon-Bland, College of Fine Arts
Assistant Professor Paul Lombardi, College of Fine Arts

Commencement Address

U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady

USD Chamber Singers

O Day Full of Grace arr. by F. Melius Christiansen
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Honorary Degree

Harvey Jewett, Doctor of Public Service

Honorary Degree

James W. Abbott, Doctor of Public Service

Authorization of Degree Conferral

Bob Sutton, South Dakota Board of Regents

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

Michelle Maloney, Alumni Association Representative

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*

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.

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

Commencement Speaker



U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady

U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady serves as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, whose jurisdiction includes taxes, international trade, health care, Medicare, Social Security, and welfare. As Chairman, Brady led the historic effort in 2017 to deliver the first comprehensive overhaul of America's tax system in more than 30 years. Brady previously chaired the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee and served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the bicameral Joint Economic Committee. Until 2013, he chaired the Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee where he played a key role in passing new sales agreements with Panama, South Korea, and Colombia, as well as the Dominican Republic–Central American Free Trade Agreement. Prior to his election to Congress, Brady worked as a chamber of commerce executive for 18 years and served six years in the Texas House of Representatives. He is a Distinguished Alumni of the University of South Dakota, and lives in Montgomery County, Texas, with his wife and two sons.

Honorary Degree Recipient



Harvey C. Jewett

Harvey C. Jewett, born October 7th, 1948, is the President and Chief Operating Officer of The Rivett Group, L.L.C., of Aberdeen, South Dakota. Prior to the sale of the Super 8 Motels franchise company to HFS in 1993, Mr. Jewett was the President and Chief Operating Officer of Super 8 Enterprises, Inc., the parent company of Super 8 Motels, Inc. Through his association in various partnerships, he has been actively involved in the development, construction, and operation of numerous motels. He currently is a member of the Super 8 Motels, Inc., Franchisee Advisory Board. Mr. Jewett is a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of Jewett Drug Co., Inc., also of Aberdeen, and also a member of the Board of Directors of D & K Healthcare Resources, Inc, Student Loan Finance Corporation and Education Assistance Corporation. He is also a past member of the Board of Directors of Norwest Bank, S.D. and the Children's Home Society.

Mr. Jewett, a former partner in the Aberdeen, South Dakota, law firm of Siegel, Barnett & Schutz from 1974 to 1986 and served as general counsel for Super 8 Motels, Inc., and its subsidiary companies from 1975 to 1993. He received his law degree from the University of South Dakota in 1973 and was the editor-in-chief of the [South Dakota Law Review](#). He then clerked for U.S. District Judge Andrew Bogue. He was an Infantry Captain in the United States Army in 1974.

Mr. Jewett was a member of the South Dakota Board of Regents from 1997 to 2017, serving as President from 1999 to 2009. He served as Chairman of Governor Janklow's Commission on K-12 Education in South Dakota. He also serves as the Chairman of the Great Plains Education Foundation, Inc., Dakota Corp. Scholarship Program and member and past chair of the Catholic Foundation for Eastern South Dakota. He was a Trustee of the College of St. Benedict for 20 years and as chair of the Joint Audit Committee for St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict. He was a member of the Boards of the University of South Dakota Foundation, University of South Dakota Law School Foundation, Hatterscheidt Foundation and various other entities. He was inducted to the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 2005.

Harvey and his wife, Cynthia, live in Aberdeen, South Dakota and have four adult children.

Honorary Degree Recipient



James W. Abbott

James W. Abbott was born June 12, 1948, in Sioux City, Iowa. He attended Yankton public schools and received his bachelor's degree in 1970 from the University of South Dakota, followed by a law degree in 1974. He married Colette Pugh of Pierre in 1987. The couple raised three daughters; Sara, Lyndsey and Nancy. Colette died in 2016 while awaiting surgery for cancer.

Abbott served in the South Dakota State House from 1991-1992. He was the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor in 1994, and ran for governor in 2002, but neither campaign was successful.

In 1997 Abbott was named president of the University of South Dakota, the first alumnus to hold the office. He is the second-longest serving president in USD's history and is currently has the most tenure in the Board of Regents system. Abbott has supervised three successful fund-raising campaigns, leading to a \$300 million renewal of the campus. He took USD into NCAA Division I athletics, increased enrollment to more than 10,000 and grew USD's endowment to \$218 million, the largest university endowment in South Dakota.

Last year work began on the USD Discovery District in Sioux Falls, a corporate and academic research park being developed with city and state partners. The \$314 million park eventually will employ 2,800 people with an emphasis biomedical innovation.

In 2017, Abbott was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame. He is a trustee of the Freedom Forum, a Washington, D.C., organization devoted to the First Amendment, and chairs the Newseum Institute, both founded by USD alumnus Al Neuharth.

Stage Party

James W. Abbott
President
Bob Sutton
Board of Regents Representative
U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady
Speaker
Harvey C. Jewett
Honorary Degree Recipient
Michelle Maloney
Alumni Association Representative
Jim Moran
Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs
Mary Nettleman
Vice President, Health Affairs &
Dean, Sanford School of Medicine
Thomas Geu
Dean, School of Law
Ranjit Koodali
Dean, Graduate Education
Michael Kruger
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
Kim Grieve
Vice President, Student Services &
Dean of Students
Robin Ammon
University Senate Chair
Timothy Pyles
Reader, College of Fine Arts
Jennifer Thompson
Registrar

Honorary Marshals

Emeritus Professor Barb Yutrzenka
Emeritus Professor Mark Baron

Head Marshals

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

Marshals

Daniel Bird
Sanford School of Medicine
Sherrie Bosse
School of Education
Scott Breuninger
College of Arts & Sciences
Ann Brunick
School of Health Sciences
David Carr
Beacom School of Business
John Dudley
College of Arts & Sciences
Chaya Gordon-Bland
College of Fine Arts
Tiffany Graham
School of Law
Gregory Huckabee
Beacom School of Business
Kurt Hackemer
College of Arts & Sciences
Christine Hutton
School of Law
Moses Ikiugu
School of Health Sciences
Monica Iverson
School of Education
Eric Jepsen
College of Arts & Sciences
Joy Karges
School of Health Sciences
Peter Kindle
School of Health Sciences
Solveig Korte
College of Arts & Sciences
Kelly McKay-Semmler
College of Arts & Sciences
Timothy Schorn
College of Arts & Sciences
Lana Svien
School of Health Sciences
Rand Wergin
Beacom School of Business
Jerry Yutrzenka
Sanford School of Medicine

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Pierre

Professor David Holdhusen
Professor Meghann Jarchow
Professor Lindsey Jorgensen
Professor Maribeth Jorgensen
Professor Teddi Joyce
Professor Bruce Kelley
Professor Jacob Kerby
Professor Karen Kindle
Professor John Korkow
Professor Karen Koster
Professor Yi-Fan Li
Professor Talin Louder
Professor Sandy McKeown
Professor Jessica Messersmith
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Professor Allison Naber
Professor Brandon Ness
Professor Ranelle Nissen
Professor Shane Nordyke
Professor Drew Pickett
Professor Anne Pithan
Professor Dyanis Popova
Professor Kari Potter
Professor Randy Quevillon
Professor Kathleen Rice
Professor Derrick Robinson
Professor Soonhee Roh
Professor Amy Schweinle
Professor Shane Semmler
Professor Carole South-Winter
Professor Cliff Summers
Professor Andrew Sykes
Professor Thomas Tiahart
Professor Quoc-Nam Tran
Professor Dan Van Peurseem
Professor Laura Vidler
Professor Gabriela Walker
Professor XT Wang
Professor Heidi Waters
Professor Michael Watt
Professor Robin Wiebers
Professor Suzanne Williams
Professor Jing Williams
Professor Bernie Wone
Professor Frank Zavadil

Faculty in Attendance

Professor Mejai Bola Avoseh
Professor John Banasiak
Professor Chet Barney
Professor Teri Bellis
Professor Patti Berg-Poppe
Professor Barbara Brockevelt
Professor Kathleen Brown-Rice
Professor Karen Card
Professor Susan Curtin
Professor Janet Davison
Professor David De Jong
Professor Bridget Diamon-Welch
Professor Patti DiMond
Professor De Vee Dykstra
Professor David Earnest
Professor Daniel Engebretson
Professor Matthew Fairholm
Professor Darlene Farabee
Professor Diana Feldhacker
Professor Jose Flores
Professor Paul Formisano
Professor Gina Forster
Professor Harry Freeman
Professor Susan Gapp
Professor Raimondo Genna
Professor Elizabeth Hanson
Professor Bart Hanus
Professor Helene Hegge
Professor Angela Helmer

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.

Presented by James W. Abbott

University Scholar

Jessica Melissa Allen, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Political Science & Sociology

Who's Your Perfect Person? A Study about Dating and Dating Factors

Cash Eric Anderson, Pierre, SD
Bachelor of Science, Political Science & History

Cultural Imagery's Consistently Changing Place in Athletics

Kaitlyn Erin Ashley, Rapid City, SD
Bachelor of Science, Biology & Anthropology
Effects of Climate Change on the Wintering Behaviors of the Hines Emerald Dragonfly

Theresa Faith Barnes, Yankton, SD
Bachelor of Science, Biology
The Effects of Geographic Origin on Seed Longevity of Arabidopsis Thaliana

Alicia Bellefeuille, Lakeville, MN
Bachelor of Science, Biology
Effect of Diabetes Mellitus on Range of Motion and Strength of the Upper Extremities in High Functioning Senior Athletes

Raven Lynn Blahnik, Stewartville, MN
Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice & Psychology
The Emergence of Black Lives Matter and the Effect on Television Programming

Caitlin Nicole Bolte, Pierre, SD
Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences
Effects of Creative Therapies in Women Experiencing Symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

Lara Marie Boman, Edina, MN
Bachelor of Science, Physics
Association between Neuromuscular Characteristics of Agility in Jumping Tasks

* Deanna Bradshaw, Vermillion, SD
Bachelor of Arts, English
The Shape of Suicide

+ candidate for degree summer 2017

* candidate for degree fall 2017

Cami Brenner, Omaha, NE
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Effect of Relative Humidity on Respiration and Metabolism in the Moss Physcomitrella Patens

Abbey Morgan Cerny, Watertown, SD
Bachelor of Science, Psychology & Criminal Justice
Examination of Juvenile Delinquency and Recidivism

Nicole M. Clemen, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Women Physicians in South Dakota: Achieving Work-Life Balance

Brice Everett Cowman, Yankton, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Factors Affecting Care Quality in South Dakota Nursing Homes

Michaela Elizabeth Crouch, Aberdeen, SD
Bachelor of Science, Mathematics & Philosophy
Parametric Analysis on a Mathematical Model for the Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus

Alex Anthony Dangler, Yankton, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Laboratory Science
Enterococcus Faecalis Gene-Expression Analysis by Quantitative RT-PCR

Catherine Elizabeth Dougherty, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
On The Right Track: Importance of U.S. Investment in Transportation Infrastructure & Technology

Jena Lillian Dreyer, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Early Colonization of the Gut Microbiome and Obesity: A Focus on Infant Feeding Practices and Method of Birth

Aaron William Fleischer, Comfrey, MN
Bachelor of Science, Biology & Chemistry
The Effects of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury on Limbic System Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor

Ashley N. Flood, De Smet, SD
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice
Victims of Their Own Reluctance: A Legal Analysis of the United State and the Mine Ban Treaty

Nicole Joie Gabrielson, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting
The Changing World of Accounting: How Technology is shaping Education and the Accounting Field

Alex Derek Hanson, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
The Role of Endocannabinoids during the Transfer of Habituation between Nociceptive and Non-Nociceptive Stimuli

Marley Marie Hanson, Vermillion, SD
Bachelor of Science, Media & Journalism
Pirates and Princesses: The Creation and Development of a Public Relations Fundraising Event

Kelly Howell, Milwaukee, WI
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Sex Ratio Significance and Implications in the Cooperative Breeding Chestnut Crowned Babbler

Caleb A. Johnke
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Mathematically Modeling the Influenza a Virus

Megan Mary Jorgensen, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
The Role of Endocannabinoids in Producing Injury-Induced Sensitization

Samantha Joy Jungers, Watertown, SD
Bachelor of Arts, History
Henry VII and the Princes in the Tower

Hope Riley Justesen, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Arts, English
A Tune without Words

Tomas Kamenik Prague, Czech Republic
Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting
International Diversification and Performance Prediction in Equity Investing

Keri Kamphoff, Sheldon, IA
Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences
Quality Improvement Study of Vermillion High School Food Pantry

Carter Keith Kerber, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Effects of CEPO on Learning and Anxiety in Mice

Allie MaeLynn Knofczynski, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Arts, Media & Journalism & International Studies
Finding My Happy: Musings in Mental Health and Mindful Growth

Lucas Richard Kobat, Watertown, SD
Bachelor of Business Administration, Economics
Win Shares & Rookie Contracts in the NBA

Alexa Rae Kruse, Brandon, SD
Bachelor of Science, Biology & Sustainability
*A Comparison of the Retinal Ganglion Cell Distribution across the Life Stages of the Plains Spadefoot Toad (*Spea bombifrons*)*

Payton Larsen, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance
The Feasibility of Paying Collegiate Athletes: A Closer Look at the Olympic Model

Hanna Rose Leschisin, Eden, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
End of Life Care Medication Health Literacy Pertaining to Aging Adult Populations

Tamee Eloise Livermont, Martin, SD
Bachelor of Arts, Native Studies
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
A Call for Compliance and Continued Efforts to Insure the "Best Interest" of Indian Children in South Dakota

Alexandria Marie Logan, Sioux City, IA
Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences
Experiences of Participants Receiving Nutrition Counseling in the Siouxland WIC Office

Anna Jean Madsen, Ruthton, MN
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & International Studies
The Misspent Youth of South Dakota Native American Students: An Analysis of the GEAR-UP Grant Program in South Dakota

Jenna May Mammenga, Humboldt, SD
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology & Sport Management
Sport Motivation of Senior Athletes

* Joseph Mammo, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Bachelor of Science, Physics & Computer Science
Cravis: Cross Platform Data Manipulation and Visualization System for Researchers

Olivia Mann, Beaverton, OR
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice & Sociology
(Bi)Sexuality and Victim Blame: How Observer Sexuality Affects Attributions of Blame in a Case of Acquaintance Sexual Assault with a Heterosexual Female Victim

Gabrielle Jane Metzger, Brookings, SD
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, English & German
The Development of Incitement to Violence Regarding Freedom of Speech in America with a Short Comparison to Germany's Corresponding Development

Alexandra Lynn Moberly, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
You and I: A Novella

Xuyen Kim Nguyen, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
The Midwest: The Asian American College Experience

Margaret Elaine O'Brien, Watertown, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
The Importance of Transitional Aftercare following stays in Mental Health In-Patient Programs

Tyler Austin Pahl, Milbank, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Health Risks Associated with High Sugar Sweetened Beverage Ingestion and Measures to Reduce Consumption

Danielle Rose Portz, Hospers, IA
Bachelor of Music, Music Performance
Music during the Enlightenment

Matthew Preszler, Menno, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
Weightism in Healthcare and Educational Efforts to Reduce Bias in Pre-Health Students

Bailey Elizabeth Quanbeck, Brandon, SD
Bachelor of Arts, English & Communication Studies
Identification in Sylvia Plath's The Bell Jar: Bridging Communication Studies and Literary Analysis

+ candidate for degree summer 2017

* candidate for degree fall 2017

Jessica Eralia Romero, Anchorage, AK
Bachelor of Science, Biology & Sustainability
*Fragmentation Inhibits Pathogen Control of
Outbreak Insect Lymantria Dispar*

Kristie Jo Schmidt, Canistota, SD
Bachelor of Science, Biology
*Betta Fish Agression and Responsiveness to
Varying Acoustic Environments*

Taylor Janae Schoenfelder, Iroquois, SD
Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing
*An Exploratory Study of Influential Factors in
Prospective Students' Decision to Apply to the
University of South Dakota*

Jackson Lawrence Shriver, Watertown, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology &
Psychology
*A Nanoparticle Uptake Assay to Demonstrate
the Role of Fc Receptor-Mediated
Phagocytosis in Influenza Immunity*

Lauren Danielle Stacks, Winston Salem, NC
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Theatre
Theatre beyond Words

Scott Matthew Stallmann, Sheldon, IA
Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies &
Anthropology
*Old Traditions, New Perspectives: Visualizing
Syncretism through Theoretical Worldviews*

Megan Elizabeth Street, Coldspring, TX
Bachelor of Science, Anthropology
*Great Faces, Queer Places: An LGBTQ+
History of Sioux Falls, South Dakota*

Britney Thorns, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Arts, International Studies &
History
Efficacy in Hunger Strikes

Amy Akhilesh Trivedi, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Science, Psychology
Exploring Media Use among Sexual Minorities

Jared Reagan Waltz, Brandon, SD
Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance
*An Analysis of World Reserve Currency Status
on the Value of the U.S. Dollar*

Blake Elvrum Warner, Windom, MN
Bachelor of Science, Psychology &
Communication Studies
*Exploring Parasocial Enemy Interaction with
Reality Television Show Contestants on
Facebook*

Stephan Bradley Weikert, Anchorage, AK
Bachelor of Business Administration,
Economics
*The Role of Foreign Direct Investment in the
Economic Development of Estonia*

Aimee Lyn Wieczorek, Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology & Criminal
Justice
*The Relationship between Hegemonic
Masculinity and Cognitive Thought Processes
in Predicting Aggressive Behavior*

Patrick Wilson, Lemmon, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
*Contributions of the Influenza Virus
Hemagglutinin Globular Head and Stalk
Domains to Virus Pathogenesis*

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* candidate for degree fall 2017

Nicholas A. Wood, Chelsea, SD
Bachelor of Science, Biology
*Characterization of the Clp Protease System
in the Growth and Development of
Chlamydia trachomatis*

Baccalaureate & Associate Degrees

College of Arts & Sciences

Presented by Dean Michael Kruger

Bachelor of Arts

Jessica Melissa Allen, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology, Political Science & Sociology
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Jordann Bachmann, Cody, NE
History

Emily Rose Bashus, Omaha, NE
Criminal Justice

Jared Michael Bell, Rapid City, SD
Criminal Justice

* Aidan Allen Beck, Huron, SD
Sustainability

Benjamin John Bemus, Dunlap, IA
English
Summa Cum Laude

Amanda Lynne Berberich, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

* Tennille Ann Black Feather, Winner, SD
Psychology

Raven Lynn Blahnik, Stewartville, MN
Criminal Justice & Psychology
*Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar
Graduate*

Josey Marie Blare, Winner, SD
International Studies & Native Studies
Cum Laude

* Deanna Bradshaw, Vermillion, SD
English
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar
Graduate*

Quintin Scott Brady, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice & Sociology

Cami Brenner, Omaha, NE
Spanish
University Scholar Graduate

Kara Jo Brodsky, Vermillion, SD
Communication Studies

Johnathon Brower, Sioux City, IA
Media & Journalism

Haley Bryan, Sergeant Bluff, IA
Criminal Justice & Political Science
Magna Cum Laude

Logan Christopher Bullard, St. Albans, VT
History & Anthropology

Saydae Anne Bures, Harrisburg, SD
Anthropology
Magna Cum Laude

Christina Bushinger, Forest Lake, MN
Anthropology & International Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Nicole Ann Carson, Sioux Falls, SD
Political Science

Cristian Jafet Castro, Hill City, SD
Media & Journalism

Daniel P. Cavallo
Philosophy

Charles Mark Charlson, Ponca, NE
Psychology

Madison Twila Charlson, Ponca, NE
Sociology

MarieClaire Christenson, Sioux Falls, SD
Political Science
Magna Cum Laude

Scott Michael Clabough, Adel, SD
History

Juliet M. Clark
English & German

* Erin Taylor Cole, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology
Cum Laude

Clay K. Conover
Media & Journalism & Political Science

Amanda Jean Covert, Parker, SD
Political Science & Criminal Justice
Magna Cum Laude

Jordan David Cushman, Jackson, MN
Media & Journalism

Tony Quang Danh, Sioux Falls, SD
Media & Journalism

Tessa Davis, Sioux Falls, SD
Media & Journalism

Praetoria Lee Diaz, Rapid City, SD
Psychology & Spanish
Cum Laude

MaKayla Marie Disburg, Sioux Falls, SD
Media & Journalism

* Mason Donald Dockter, Corona, SD
Media & Journalism

Blake Douglas Donnelly, Elk Point, SD
Psychology

Catherine Elizabeth Dougherty, Sioux Falls, SD
Political Science
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

* Miranda Easthouse, Britton, SD
English
Magna Cum Laude

Heather Ann Egbert, Acton, CA
Media & Journalism

* Elijah J. Ehresmann, Rapid City, SD
Criminal Justice

Noah Michael Engelbrecht, Hermiston, OR
Criminal Justice

Mark B. Engeman
English & History

Kelli Ann Ferguson, St. Louis Park, MN
Spanish

Timothy Robert Flynn, Owatonna, MN
Political Science & Criminal Justice
Magna Cum Laude

Cristobal Francisquez, Miami, FL
Communication Studies

Alison Freese, Huron, SD
Communication Sciences & Disorders

* Chesney Jo Garnos, Presho, SD
Political Science
Cum Laude

Julia Anne Gorham, Windsor, CO
French & Francophone Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Peyton Lee Green, Sac City, IA
Communication Studies

Taylor Carol Gubbrud, Belle Fourche, SD
Political Science & Economics
Magna Cum Laude

Cody Lane Gunther, Aberdeen, SD
History

* Vanessa Dawn Hamilton, Macy, NE
Psychology

+ Suenghee Han, Republic of Korea
Criminal Justice

Michael Dean Hanson, Vermillion, SD
Computer Science

* Andrea Rose Hartman, Columbus, NE
Media & Journalism

Aleah Mariana Harker, Sioux City, IA
Criminal Justice

+ Joshua Jeffrey Hayes, Sioux Falls, SD
Media & Journalism & Psychology

Haley Hayworth, Correctionville, IA
Sociology

Elana Jeanne Hicks, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice
Summa Cum Laude

McKenzie Anna Holton, Owatonna, MN
Media & Journalism

Hannah L. Horn
Anthropology & Psychology

+ Dallas William Humphries, Castle Rock, CO
Political Science

Bethany A. Hutto
English & Philosophy

Kourtney Jo Isaacson, Sioux Falls, SD
Media & Journalism

Karla Carolina Jaime, Indio, CA
Psychology

Brooke E. Johnsen
Media & Journalism

Cole James Johnson, White Lake, SD
Criminal Justice

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+ Sierra Nicole Johnson-Beadle, West Des Moines, IA
History

Sarah Elizabeth Jones, Covington, WA
English

* Ti'Esha L. Jones, Vermillion, SD
Psychology

Samantha Joy Jungers, Watertown, SD
History
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Hope Riley Justesen, Sioux Falls, SD
English
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Melissa Kay, Holstein, IA
Criminal Justice
Cum Laude

Taylor Anne Kenney, Fulda, MN
Sport Marketing & Media
Summa Cum Laude

* Meagan Elizabeth Kerns, Anthon, IA
Communication Studies

Emily Jean Klein, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

Allie MaeLynn Knofczynski, Sioux Falls, SD
Media & Journalism & International Studies
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Kristin Ruth Knutson, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice & History

Shaniah Marie Koops, Sioux Falls, SD
Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Meghan Elizabeth Kunkel, Sioux Falls, SD
Media & Journalism

Kasey R. Kurtz
Criminal Justice

+ Rhett Daniel Larsen, Custer, SD
Criminal Justice

Courtney Marie Larson, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

Kell Ruthmarie Law, Minneapolis, MN
Political Science
Summa Cum Laude

April Jan Lee, Vermillion, SD
Sociology
Magna Cum Laude

* Serenity Lee, Los Angeles, CA
English

Xavier Wright, Lennox, SD
Media & Journalism

Shanleigh R. Letexier
Political Science

Tamee Eloise Livermont, Martin, SD
Native Studies
University Scholar Graduate

* Austin Dean Lofland, Sioux City, IA
Criminal Justice

Edrick Kadee Loudor, Miami, FL
Political Science

Dragana Lunic, Sioux Falls, SD
International Studies

Anna Jean Madsen, Ruthton, MN
Political Science & International Studies
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

* Tyler Jon Mathis, Salina, KS
History & Criminal Justice

Abby Margaret Maresh, Central City, NE
Communication Studies

Pedro J. Martinez
Criminal Justice & Spanish

Alexandra Jayne Mayer, Harrisburg, SD
Media & Journalism

Breana Caitlin McHugh, Sioux Falls, SD
Media & Journalism
Cum Laude

Ashley Meiners, Winner, SD
Philosophy

Gabrielle Jane Metzger, Brookings, SD
Political Science, English & German
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Claudia Fern Miller, Mitchell, SD
Media & Journalism

Rush Thomas Milne, Madison, SD
Media & Journalism
Cum Laude

Alexandra Lynn Moberly, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Julia Nissen, Omaha, NE
Communication Sciences & Disorders
Magna Cum Laude

+ Brandon Dwain Noel, Norfolk, NE
Sport Marketing & Media

* Tony Nguyen, Sioux Falls, SD
Computer Science

Kyle Kenneth Ochsner, Hartford, SD
Psychology

* Kelly Carol O'Dea, Vermillion, SD
History & German
Magna Cum Laude

Erika Rachelle Oddy, Sioux Falls, SD
Spanish & Sustainability
Summa Cum Laude

Madison James Olafson, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

Shane Olney, Las Vegas, NV
English & Philosophy

+ Taylor Kristine Olson, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

* Brock Andrew Paesl, South Sioux City, NE
Psychology

Ingrid Peterson, Pine City, NY
Spanish

Rachel Renae Peterson, Sioux City, IA
Media & Journalism
Cum Laude

* Gage Daniel Plueger, Canton, SD
Criminal Justice

Kara Ann Polasky, Brandon, SD
Communication Sciences & Disorders
Summa Cum Laude

+ candidate for degree summer 2017

* candidate for degree fall 2017

* Dalton Russell Prince, Norfolk, NE
Sport Marketing & Media

Bailey Elizabeth Quanbeck, Brandon, SD
English & Communication Studies
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Emily Mellyn Riley, Prescott, IA
Communication Sciences & Disorders

* Piper Jade Roach, Dakota Dunes, SD
Communication Studies

Noah William Roberts, Yorkville, IL
Criminal Justice

Cole Thomas Rotert, Harrisburg, SD
Criminal Justice

Marissa Rae Sayetsitty, Culbertson, SD
Criminal Justice

Kia Marie Schmitke, Faribault, MN
Criminal Justice

* Samuel Bryan Schnell, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice
Summa Cum Laude

Sydnee Marguerite Schnell, Randolph, NE
History

Hannah Angela Sriver, Milbank, SD
Communication Studies

* Rebekah Louise Shoup, Randolph, WI
History

* Madalyn Anne Sikkink, Aberdeen, SD
Criminal Justice

+ Adam Howard Slyter, Lincoln, NE
Political Science
Magna Cum Laude

Tyler David Sobczak, Rapid City, SD
Communication Studies & History

Kristen A. Spaans
Criminal Justice & Political Science
Cum Laude

Taylor Rose Staab, Brandon, SD
Sport Marketing & Media

Rebecca D. Stading
Criminal Justice
Cum Laude

Scott Matthew Stallmann, Sheldon, IA
Communication Studies & Anthropology
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

+ Kristal Brianna Standing Cloud, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

* Taylor James Stekl, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

+ Olivia Marie Strom, Sioux Falls, SD
International Studies

* Casey Sullivan, Hill City, SD
History

Sadie Marie Swier, Hartford, SD
Communication Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Andrew James Tagstrom, Sioux City, IA
Computer Science

Aaron D. Tennyson
Communication Studies

Sidney Nicole Theis, Sioux Falls, SD
Political Science

+ Mashaya Riley Thompson, Crow Creek, SD
Sustainability

Britney Thorns, Sioux Falls, SD
International Studies & History
University Scholar Graduate

Alyssa Ann Tvedt, Brookings, SD
Communication Sciences & Disorders

* Emilee Faye Claire Ulku, Chanhassen, MN
Sociology

Madeline Vang, Saint Paul, MN
Psychology

Emily Grace Vidler, Marlboro, NY
Spanish
Summa Cum Laude

Sydney Renee Volesky, Rapid City, SD
Communication Sciences & Disorders
Summa Cum Laude

Allison Marie Vote, Worthington, MN
Media & Journalism

Hannah MaKayla Voudry, Vermillion, SD
English

* Ishayah Dawn Wainscoat, Viborg, SD
Political Science

* Bradley Peter Weeks, Portland, MI
Criminal Justice

Brianna Christine Wegner, Bancroft, NE
Communication Sciences & Disorders

+ Andrew Jacob Weidenbach, Brandon, SD
Criminal Justice

Merisa S. Weigel
Political Science & Criminal Justice

Aimee Lyn Wiczorek, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology & Criminal Justice
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Chad Duncan Wiczorek, Ft. Pierre, SD
Political Science & Criminal Justice

Taylor K. Welberg
Criminal Justice

Kallan Jo Westergaard, Rapid City, SD
Spanish

* Haley Danae Westphal, Battle Creek, IA
Media & Journalism

Aime Zongo, Vermillion, SD
International Studies
Cum Laude

Bachelor of General Studies

Emerald Jean Anderson, Mason City, IA

Alonge Charles Brooks Jr., Compton, CA

* Michaleah Valeska Lobeck Buhr, Fort Dodge, IA

* Seth T. Carlson
Jay Cooper
Cum Laude

+ Trey Dickerson
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 * Anthony Jerome Gengler, Colman, SD
 Cody P. Grassi
 * Lanette Dell Hendrickson, Brandon, SD
 + Jessica Danielle Horsley, Rapid City, SD
 + Kriss Jeanty Gorcy
 Sage Patricia Kipfer, Windom, MN
 * Paul Henry Klos Rancho, Santa Margarita, CA
 Rebecca Kooima, Rock Valley, IA
 Tammy Rae Leitru, Elk Point, SD
 * Christopher D. Lohan, Sioux Falls, SD
 + Sarah Nicole Maxe, Brownstown, MI
 Sam Robert McLeran, North Liberty, IA
 Michael Charles Meinert, St. Joseph, MO
 Jacob A. Nelson
 * Raelee Jo Oberg, South Sioux City, NE
 + Ann Rasmussen, Vermillion, SD
 Kursta Lee Rische, Lead-Deadwood, SD
 * Darcy D. Sabers, Sidney, MT
 Jessica Noel Schwader, Yankton, SD
 * Gregory Charles Smith, Sioux Falls, SD
 * Morgan Leigh Walters, Sioux City, IA
 Andrew Jerold Watkins, Fontana, CA
 * Kyle Lee Weiss, Vermillion, SD
 Sierra Mattea Windsor, Hood River, OR
 * Christopher Wollmann, Freeman, SD
 + Luke Roger Worden, Scottsbluff, NE

Bachelor of Science

+ Sedra Abdrabbo, Sioux Falls, SD
 Medical Biology
Cum Laude
 Adewunmi Aderonke Adekola, Lagos, Nigeria
 Medical Biology
 Taylor Andersen, Valley Springs, SD
 Psychology
 Cash Eric Anderson, Pierre, SD
 Political Science & History
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
 Courtney Lynne Anderson, Sturgis, SD
 Psychology
Summa Cum Laude
 Garrett Wayne Anderson, Irene, SD
 Criminal Justice
 Irene Paxton Aplan, Pierre, SD
 Chemistry & Criminal Justice
 Kaitlyn Erin Ashley, Rapid City, SD
 Biology & Anthropology
University Scholar Graduate
 Madeline Aune, Virginia Beach, VA
 Medical Biology
Cum Laude
 * Hailey Marie Axtell, Harrisburg, SD
 Psychology
Cum Laude
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 Psychology
Magna Cum Laude
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 Philosophy & Psychology

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 Biology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
 Teiya Ann Batien, Hartley, IA
 Psychology
 Michael Beals, Sioux City, IA
 Mathematics
 Alicia Bellefeuille, Lakeville, MN
 Biology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
 + Kellen James Benish, Rapid City, SD
 Communication Studies
 Troy A. Berg
 Psychology
Cum Laude
 Tyrell Lane Bertsch, Menno, SD
 Psychology & Criminal Justice
 * Paige Morgan Betts, Sioux City, IA
 Psychology
 * Danielle Birger
 Criminal Justice
 * Bradey Drew Blackwell, Watertown, SD
 Media & Journalism
 Eric J. Bland, Jefferson, SD
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 Mark Johnathon Block, Pierre, SD
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 Brandee Cheyne Bolman, Parker, SD
 Criminal Justice
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 Luke Allen Brenden, Sloan, IA
 Medical Biology & Psychology
Magna Cum Laude
 Cami Brenner, Omaha, NE
 Medical Biology & Spanish
University Scholar Graduate
 Erin Kaye Briggs, Watertown, SD
 Medical Biology
Summa Cum Laude
 + Emily Ann Brigham, Shawnee, KS
 Criminal Justice
 * Calvin Atkinson Brink, Rapid City, SD
 Sustainability
 Miranda Bernice Buckingham, Rapid City, SD
 Medical Biology
Cum Laude
 Drake Burnison, Vermillion, SD
 Medical Biology
 Hunter Burns, Russell, MN
 Political Science
Magna Cum Laude
 Brook Wesley Busselman, Sioux Falls, SD
 Medical Biology
 Shanice Cannigan Brissett
 Criminal Justice & Psychology
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 Biology

William Joseph Carr, Huron, SD
Biology

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Psychology & Criminal Justice
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Anthropology

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Media & Journalism

Brice Everett Cowman, Yankton, SD
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Michaela Elizabeth Crouch, Aberdeen, SD
Mathematics & Philosophy
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Richard Heinrich Culver, Yankton, SD
Psychology & Communication Studies

Brooke Clausen Daane, Sioux City, IA
Philosophy
Magna Cum Laude

Eoghan Dennen Daly, Sharon, MA
Communication Studies

Madison M. Dangler, Yankton, SD
Medical Biology
Cum Laude

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Psychology

Hannah Judith Davis, Slayton, MN
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Kayla Jo DeJong, Watertown, SD
Biology
Cum Laude

Elizabeth Eleanor Elder DeTample, Pierre, SD
Psychology

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Media & Journalism

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Mathematics
Summa Cum Laude

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Medical Biology

Alexandra Dee Dolezal, Pierre, SD
Medical Biology
Cum Laude

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Media & Journalism
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Medical Biology

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Magna Cum Laude

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Sport Marketing & Media

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Psychology

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Psychology & Philosophy

Haley Ann Glasoe, Sioux Falls, SD
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Shanel Marie Goranowski, Hutchinson, MN
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Julia Anne Gorham, Windsor, CO
Chemistry
Summa Cum Laude

Brandon Michael Groenhagen, Sioux Falls, SD
Medical Biology

Cole Edward Hager, Aberdeen, SD
Psychology
Cum Laude

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 Political Science
Cum Laude

Marley Marie Hanson, Vermillion, SD
 Media & Journalism
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Benjamin Lane Hawkins, Renner, SD
 Medical Biology

Holly Marie Hayden, Canby, MN
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Magna Cum Laude

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 Medical Biology

Hannah Marie Helms, Le Mars, IA
 English & Psychology

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Cum Laude

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 Communication Sciences & Disorders &
 Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

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 Biology

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 Media & Journalism

* Edward Bennett Kennedy, Fort Collins, CO
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Carter Keith Kerber, Sioux Falls, SD
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Cum Laude

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 Medical Biology

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 Biology & Sustainability
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

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 History

Amber Grace Landsman, Elkton, SD
 Communication Sciences & Disorders
Cum Laude

Alexis Marie Layne, Yankton, SD
 Computer Science
Cum Laude

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 Columbia, Canada
 Biology
Cum Laude

Kalie Mae Leonard, Kearney, NE
 Biology & English
Summa Cum Laude

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+ Haoyu Lin, Macau S.A.R. China
 Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

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 Sociology

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Computer Science & Physics

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Psychology

Joshua Dean Lundgren, Yankton, SD
Psychology
Cum Laude

James Dean Lusk III, Milbank, SD
Medical Biology

Kriston Lynn, Sioux Falls, SD
Sustainability

Shamly Mackey, Vermillion, SD
Computer Science

* Joseph Mammo, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Physics & Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar

Olivia Mann, Beaverton, OR
Criminal Justice & Sociology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Anissa L. Martin, Pine Ridge, SD
Psychology

* Connor Martinson, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

Lucas John Mauer, Mitchell, SD
Biology

Kacie Elizabeth McCauley, Highmore, SD
Criminal Justice

Schuyler Thomas-Reed McKibben, Earlham, IA
Anthropology

+ Kevin McLaughlin, Des Moines, IA
Economics & History
Cum Laude

Joshua Michael McWhirt, Norco, CA
Biology

Parker Robert Messerli, Watertown, SD
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

* Jacob Edward Mihalko, Chaska, MN
English

* Matthew Miller, Sioux Falls, SD
English
Magna Cum Laude

Alexis Breanne Miranda, Linden, CA
Psychology

Gregory Jay Munneke, Rapid City, SD
Criminal Justice

Savannah Rose Murray, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

* Atalyssa Ann Myron, Vermillion, SD
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

* Kang Namkoong, Seoul
Mathematics

+ Ethan Lewis Netz, Manson, IA
Media & Journalism

Sidney Neugebauer, Mitchell, SD
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Jacob W. Newton, Wakefield, NE
Media & Journalism

Xuyen Kim Nguyen, Sioux Falls, SD
Medical Biology
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Kouadio Marc-Antoine Audoin B. Niamba, Vermillion, SD
Psychology

Samantha Grace Norlin, Houston, TX
History

* William Warren Nuss, Iowa Falls, IA
Criminal Justice & Psychology

Margaret Elaine O'Brien, Watertown, SD
Medical Biology
University Scholar Graduate, SSM Alumni Student Scholar

Erin Elise O'Connor, Rockford, IL
Psychology & Political Science

Kanon Olson, Sturgis, SD
Medical Biology
Magna Cum Laude

* Paige Ryan Olson, Vermillion, SD
Psychology

Tyler Austin Pahl, Milbank, SD
Medical Biology
University Scholar Graduate

* Kang-il Park, Kearney, NE
Computer Science

Tasha Renae Paulson, Mitchell, SD
Psychology & Criminal Justice

* Katelyn Marie Paulson, Sioux City, IA
Mathematics
Cum Laude

Kami Pearson, Mitchell, SD
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

+ Sarah Marie Pearson, Yankton, SD
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Trevor D. Pease
Biology

* Brandon Col Pennock, Hartford, SD
Medical Biology

+ Poni Muzamil Peter, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology

Taylor Ann Petersen, Cresbard, SD
Sociology

Landon Lawrence Peterson, Harrisburg, SD
Medical Biology

* Elizabeth Grace Pirrung, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology
Cum Laude

Matthew Preszler, Menno, SD
Medical Biology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate, SSM Alumni Student Scholar

Filip Borisovich Radev, Vermillion, SD
Medical Biology
Summa Cum Laude

Christen Ramsey, Sioux Falls, SD
Philosophy

* Celest Erin Reed, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice & Psychology
Cum Laude

* Devin Joeseeph Reiners, Harrisburg, SD
Media & Journalism

Tatum LeAnn Richards, Pierre, SD
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+ Michael John Richter, Detroit Lakes, MN
Psychology
Cum Laude

Samantha J. Ridley, McLaughlin, SD
Biology

* Vanessa T. Rise, Sioux Falls, SD
Medical Biology

Rebecca Lorraine Rolfson, Vermillion, SD
Biology

Jessica Eralia Romero, Anchorage, AK
Biology & Sustainability
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

* Nicholas Rosenboom, Boyden, IA
Criminal Justice

Jessica Ann Roth, Yankton, SD
Psychology

M. Raisul Rubel, Vermillion, SD
Medical Biology

Jessie Patricia Sadlon, Sioux Falls, SD
Medical Biology

Samantha T. Santa Maria, Patchogue, NY
Biology & Political Science

Kristie Jo Schmidt, Canistota, SD
Biology
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Madeline Nicole Schmitt, Tea, SD
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

* Elizabeth Dawn Schneider, Pipestone, MN
Communication Sciences & Disorders
Summa Cum Laude

Krystal Lynn Schoenbauer, New Prague, MN
Media & Journalism

Tyler Cullen Seidel, Pierre, SD
Biology

Jackson Lawrence Shriver, Watertown, SD
Medical Biology & Psychology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Ashley Marie Slama, Pierre, SD
Mathematics
Cum Laude

Reed Riley Solberg, Boyden, IA
Criminal Justice

* Marguerite Sahr Squyer, Sioux Falls, SD
Sustainability
Summa Cum Laude

Jena Marice Stewart, Park Rapids, MN
Medical Biology

Megan Elizabeth Street, Coldspring, TX
Anthropology
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

* Shannyn Leah Tate, Tea, SD
Psychology

Kali Victoria Teasley, Custer, SD
Communication Sciences & Disorders

David Richard Tenglin, Denver, CO
Biology & Psychology

Whitney Thies, Tea, SD
Psychology
Cum Laude

Alexander Powell Thompson, Sioux Falls, SD
Computer Science

* Brittany Marie Thompson, Lennox, SD
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Kenan Thomas Tiaht, Vermillion, SD
Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude

Kaylie Jane Timm, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

+ Rebecca Nicole Torres, San Diego, CA
Sustainability

* Tien Thuy Tran, Vietnam
Economics

Amy Akhilesh Trivedi, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology
University Scholar Graduate

+ Dana Elizabeth Turgeon, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology

* Ethan Leo Van Dam, Remsen, IA
Criminal Justice

Audra Jane Van Ekeren, Rapid City, SD
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Katlynn Vanderwerf, Sioux Falls, SD
Medical Biology

Denis Viktorovich Verbovskiy, Harrisburg, SD
Criminal Justice

Austin Chandler Walker, Vermillion, SD
Media & Journalism

* Haidong Wang, Vermillion, SD
Computer Science

Blake Elvrum Warner, Windom, MN
Psychology & Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Steve Michael Wascom, Houston, TX
Psychology

* Kolton Mikkil Wederquist, Emerson, IA
Psychology & Criminal Justice

Erin Margaret Wetzstein, Hudson, WI
Biology & Sustainability
Summa Cum Laude

Hannah Wich, Hainstadt
Economics & Mathematics
Cum Laude

Patrick Wilson, Lemmon, SD
Medical Biology
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Man Ting Wong, Hong Kong
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas A. Wood, Chelsea, SD
Biology
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Grant James Wunder, Sioux Falls, SD
Economics
Magna Cum Laude

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Associate of Arts

* Johanna Maria Baker, Harrisburg, SD
Melanie A. Barrows, Sturgis, SD
Tristan C. Chasing Hawk
Kayla Alta Clayton, Faxon, OK
Kevin Conley
Stephanie May Harris, Pierre, SD
* Amanda Lynn Heavlin, Sioux Falls, SD
Jordan T. Kvernevig
* David Dean Moerman
With High Honor
Kassie R. Peters
Tobiah N. Powell
* Rachel Lee Quandt, Austin, MN
Christopher D. Ringelberg
Isaac Immanuel Smith, Marshall, MN

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Management
Conrad Thomas Adam, Pierre, SD
Finance
Summa Cum Laude
Jared Lee Ageson, Alford, IA
Finance
Cole Albertson
Business Administration
Daniel Anderson, Rapid City, SD
Human Resource Management
Kyle Jens Anderson, Yankton, SD
Accounting
Tayler John Anderson, Madison, SD
Accounting
+ Tanner John Anthony, Le Mars, IA
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Economics
Summa Cum Laude
* Miranda Kay Barse, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Kerry Berg, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Collin Lee Bertram, Vermillion, SD
Management
* Jessica Block, Menno, SD
Business Administration
Iveston Mathis Bolden, Sioux Falls, SD
Finance
* Joseph R. Bolger, Watertown, SD
Accounting
Sean Bomkamp, Woodstock, IL
Human Resource Management
* Taylor Rose Bormann, Parkston, SD
Health Services Administration
Aaron Breyer, Minnetrista, MN
Finance
* Cayla Marie Buckman, Sioux Falls, SD
Finance
Magna Cum Laude
Elysia Christine Buehner, Elk Point, SD
Operational Analytics
Corbin Vincent Bundy, Akron, IA
Accounting
Hyun Woong Chang, Seoul, South Korea
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
Emily Ann Chapa, Ellsworth, MN
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Summa Cum Laude
Jace Donald Connor, Ethan, SD
Finance
Jeremy Bernard Coss, Miller, SD
Health Services Administration
Casey June Elizabeth Crandall, Rapid City, SD
Human Resource Management
Andrew James Crawford, Beaver Creek, MN
Business Administration
Cum Laude
+ Lane Culey, Vermillion, SD
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Justina Marie Cvach, Midland, SD
Marketing
* Stetson Drake Dagel, Cherokee, IA
Management
Kiah Damme, Sioux Falls, SD
Business Administration
* Cody Davis, Carroll, IA
Finance
Shaina Lee Dean, Pierre, SD
Management
* Tyler David Decker, Canistota, SD
Accounting
+ Zach Dickerson, Argyle, TX
Marketing
Kory Thomas Diefendorf, Beresford, SD
Marketing

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Sydney Jo Dodd, Alexandria, SD
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* Brandon John Driesen, Boyden, IA
Finance

* Nathan Paul Ellinger, Lesterville, SD
Management

* Erin Lynn Engelkes, Clear Lake, SD
Accounting

Hope Jade Erickson, Elk Point, SD
Accounting
Cum Laude

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+ Angela Rose Farrier, Owatonna, MN
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Cum Laude

Tristan Tariq Fasheh, Beverly, MA
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Summa Cum Laude

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Management

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Management

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Business Administration

Zachary A. Geerdes
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Marketing

+ Yulian Golodnykh, Sioux Falls, SD
Business Administration

+ Nickolas Mark Gottsleben, Watertown, SD
Accounting

* Aaron Robert Grewe, Sioux Falls, SD
Business Administration

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Cum Laude

* Anthony Michael Hall, Sioux Falls, SD
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Cum Laude

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Human Resource Management

* Kory Michael Hanlon, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting

Mitchell John Hanson, Pierre, SD
Accounting

Wesley J. Hanson, Brandon, SD
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Tyler John Hatherly, Dripping Springs, TX
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Clark Daniel Haugen, Crooks, SD
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Summa Cum Laude

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Accounting

Greyson P. Heckman
Finance

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Marketing

Noah Francis Helmers, Estherville, AZ
Business Administration

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Accounting

* Megan Lee Hiltunen, Yankton, SD
Management

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Finance
Cum Laude

Ji Young Hur, Seoul, KR
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Summa Cum Laude

Philip Michael Ireland, Victoria, MN
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Marketing

* Ashley Ann Janish, Humboldt, SD
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* Joel Anthony Jochim, Pierre, SD
Business Administration

Nicholas Ryan Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Services Administration

* Tyler William Johnson, Yankton, SD
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Darrion Jones, Brandon, SD
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Kacie Ann Jones, Cottonwood, MN
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Management

Madelin Ann Klamm, Valley Springs, SD
Marketing
Summa Cum Laude

Shayla LeeAnn Klein, Lemmon, SD
Accounting

Lucas Richard Kobat, Watertown, SD
Economics
University Scholar Graduate

Elizabeth Marie Koch, Sioux Falls, SD
Business Administration

Matthew Timothy Koch, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Services Administration

* Madison Leigh Koehler, Rock Valley, IA
Accounting

Barbora Kollarova, Vermillion, SD
Finance
Magna Cum Laude

Zach L. Konz
Accounting

+ Zachary Kraning, Viborg, SD
Accounting

+ Bryce Jacob Krieger, Sioux Falls, SD
Finance

* Karlie Marie Kudrna, Leigh, NE
Marketing

* Taylor D. Ladenburger, Sioux Falls, SD
Economics

Allison Lake, Gettysburg, SD
Accounting
Cum Laude

Payton Larsen, Sioux Falls, SD
Finance
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Connor Keith Larson, Mitchell, SD
Health Services Administration

Chunghwan Lee, Sioux Falls, SD
Marketing

Riley Cole Leighton, Madison, SD
Accounting

Rhye Jibben Leonard, Rapid City, SD
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Jinxin Li
Business Administration

* Justin Lillie, Yankton, SD
Accounting
Cum Laude

Kate Ryane Liveringhouse, Bellevue, NE
Health Services Administration
Cum Laude

* Samantha Luttrell, Clark, SD
Accounting

* Jonathon Maag, Scottsbluff, NE
Business Administration

Levi Travis Mahrt, Kingsley, IA
Management

Cody A. Majeres, Canton, SD
Marketing

Emma Christine McCarty, Brookings, SD
Health Services Administration

Kyle John McNeal, Cedar Rapids, IA
Accounting

+ Alexander John McNeill, Yankton, SD
Finance

Ashley Meiners, Winner, SD
Marketing

Mitchell James Merkwon, Tyndall, SD
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

+ Blake Alan Meyer, Aberdeen, SD
Accounting

Jordan Meyer, Vermillion, SD
Management

Morgan Haley Meyer, Mitchell, SD
Accounting

Sean Michael Meyer, Mitchell, SD
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

* Matthew Robert Mickle, Rapid City, SD
Accounting

* Dakota Ray Miller, Ida Grove, IA
Management

Lauren Marie Miller, Salem, SD
Accounting

Mikayla Marie Miller, Onawa, IA
Business Administration

Petar Mirkovic, Vermillion, SD
Health Services Administration

Jacob Evan Moir, Sioux Falls, SD
Marketing

Alex Joseph Montoya, Rapid City, SD
Health Services Administration
Cum Laude

Matthew M. Mooney, Wauconda, IL
Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Joshua Ray Moore, Rapid City, SD
Finance
Summa Cum Laude

Rachelle Rae Moore, Artesian, SD
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Alex David Morris, St. Paul, MN
Marketing

* Armin Mujic, Sioux Falls, SD
Management

+ candidate for degree summer 2017

* candidate for degree fall 2017

Michelle Andrea Muttach, Colonia Tovar,
Venezuela
Marketing
Courtney Kathleen Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD
Marketing
Kevin Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD
Economics
* Kylin Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD
Business Administration
Brendan Michael Norris, Merville, IA
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude
Brittany Schermann Norris, Merville, IA
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude
Alexandra Olson, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude
Travis Onken, Sanborn, IA
Economics
Kyle Owens, Redfield, SD
Accounting
John Curtis Oynes, Sioux City, IA
Health Services Administration
Brett Loren Page, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Cum Laude
* Yiming Pan, China
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
* Miranda Leigh Panzer, Pierre, SD
Management
Zachary Parish, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Alex T. Parsons, Tea, SD
Business Administration
+ Joshua Drew Partridge, Rapid City, SD
Operational Analytics
+ Thomas James Pauley, Denison, IA
Management
Cum Laude
* Neal Petersen, Cozad, NE
Finance
Summa Cum Laude
April Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Brock David Peterson, Brookings, SD
Economics
Drew Eric Peterson, Salem, SD
Finance
Quinn Marie Pieper, Norfolk, NE
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
Jacob Walter Plath, Hutchinson, MN
Management
Summa Cum Laude
Katlin Ptacek, Owatonna, MN
Economics
+ Cameron Lee Putman, Browns Valley, CA
Accounting
+ Aaron Joseph Ramsey, Stilwell, KS
Management

Jason Matthew Rasmussen, Sioux City, IA
Finance
Daniel Rausch, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
Amanda Lynn Rausch-Soesbe, Watertown, SD
Health Services Administration
Summa Cum Laude
* Madison Marie Reimer, Emmetsburg, IA
Health Services Administration
Cum Laude
* Taylor Susanna Reimer, Emmetsburg, IA
Marketing
Cum Laude
Kade Joseph Rexwinkel, Corsica, SD
Marketing
* Eli Ripley, Canton, SD
Health Services Administration
Alec Donald Riswold, Dell Rapids, SD
Marketing
Austyn Jordan Ruback, Buffalo Grove, IL
Marketing
Magna Cum Laude
Thomas Saccente
Accounting
Austin John Schelhaas, Pipestone, MN
Business Administration
* Cole Vincent Schleusner, Rock Rapids, IA
Finance
Cum Laude
Taylor Janae Schoenfelder, Iroquois, SD
Marketing
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
* Colton Rex Schroeder, Brownlee, NE
Marketing
Zane Bennett Schumacher, Dell Rapids, SD
Finance
Cum Laude
* Jackson Shaw Schuver, Sioux Falls, SD
Business Administration
* Hunter Alan Serfoss, Aberdeen, SD
Accounting
* Kaitlyn Marie Severyn, Pierre, SD
Health Services Administration
Ivy Marie Sherard, Hurley, SD
Economics
Magna Cum Laude
+ Adam Smith, Sioux Falls, SD
Finance
* Clare Anna Snyder, Omaha, NE
Accounting
Cum Laude
Martha Maria Sorensen, Utica, SD
Business Administration
Taylor John Sperlich, Rapid City, SD
Finance
* Cody Deon James Stansbury, Sioux Falls, SD
Marketing
Derek J. Steele
Management
Amanda Kimberly Steiner, Yankton, SD
Accounting

+ candidate for degree summer 2017

* candidate for degree fall 2017

Nathan M. Stockfleth, Sergeant Bluff, IA
Finance

Danny Curtis Stolp II, Mitchell, SD
Human Resource Management

+ Nikole Stotesbery, Ortonville, MN
Accounting

Kelsey Sullivan
Business Administration

Lindsey Ann Terpstra, Alcester, SD
Management
Magna Cum Laude

* Paige Thieman, Yankton, SD
Accounting

Megan Rose Thomas, Milbank, SD
Accounting

Paige Marjorie Tracey, Le Mars, IA
Business Administration

Tommy N. Tran, Sioux Falls, SD
Marketing

Tristan James Tupy, Parker, SD
Business Administration

Danielle Tycz, Tyndall, SD
Business Administration

Nathan Jon Unzen, Brandon, SD
Finance

+ Melissa Ann Van De Berg, Hills, MN
Accounting

Samuel Van Voorst, Dell Rapids, SD
Health Services Administration

Kassie Van Wyk, Alcester, SD
Human Resource Management

Parker Scott Van Zee, Parkston, SD
Accounting
Cum Laude

Amy Ann Vertullo, Orange, CA
Finance

Kyle Jacob Viereck, Larchwood, IA
Operational Analytics

* Samuel James Viereck, Jefferson, SD
Health Services Administration

Samantha Allison Villwock, Lake Villa, IL
Management
Summa Cum Laude

* Kole George Vogt, Tyler, MN
Accounting
Cum Laude

* Riley Kale Von Behren, Madison, SD
Finance

* Brennan Vote, Sheldon, IA
Finance
Magna Cum Laude

* Kevin Charles Wagner, Whitewood, SD
Management

Shelbie Lynn Walker, Sioux Falls, SD
Marketing

Jared Reagan Waltz, Brandon, SD
Finance
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Karli Mikayla Ward, Omaha, NE
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Christy Ellen Warnock, Omaha, NE
Human Resource Management
Magna Cum Laude

Alec Thomas Wegner, Sioux Falls, SD
Finance

Stephan Bradley Weikert, Anchorage, AK
Economics
Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Douglas John Wessel III, Sioux Falls, SD
Finance
Cum Laude

Kallan Jo Westergaard, Rapid City, SD
Business Administration

* Megan Elizabeth White, Sioux Falls, SD
Business Administration

Derek Michael Wiebers, Beresford, SD
Marketing

Gawain Javon Williams, Hopewell, Hanover, Jamaica
Business Administration

* James Willison, Sioux Falls, SD
Business Administration

Tyler Wilson, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude

Man Ting Wong, Hong Kong
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

* Stanton Everett Zaczek, Lemont, IL
Finance
Magna Cum Laude

* Brock Andrew Zeller, Vermillion, SD
Human Resource Management

* Yiman Zhang, Guangzhou, China
Accounting

* Lufei Zheng, China
Finance

+ Jialiang Zhong, Yantai City, Shandong Province, China
Accounting

Adam Jon Zwanziger, Huron, SD
Accounting

School of Education

Presented by Dean Donald Easton-Brooks

Bachelor of Science

+ Christian Omar Aguilar, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Jonathan Ryne Albright, Pierre, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magna Cum Laude

Tanner Cordell Anderson, Derby, KS
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Courtney Ruth Arney, Canton, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magna Cum Laude

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* candidate for degree fall 2017

+ Michael Frank Bartos, Webster, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Fred Beaugard, Chicago, IL
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Mitchell John Fischer Bigge, Armour, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Kaitlyn Marie Blinde, Akron, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

Shay Scott Bratland, Watertown, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

Jessica Rose Brave Heart, Kyle, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Tyler Scott Clarkson, Norfolk, NE
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Rachel Sara Cue, Stockton, CA
Kinesiology & Sport Management

* Jeanna Cutler, Mellette, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Chad M. Davison, Omaha, NE
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Riley Daniel Donovan, Kasson, MN
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Abby Elizabeth Dufrane, Marinette, WI
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magna Cum Laude

+ Sara Nicole Ellefson, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Austin James Felts, Le Mars, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Summa Cum Laude

* Nicholas Wayne Fey, White Lake, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

* Kayla Jane Fields, Roseville, CA
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Dylan John Folkens, Rock Rapids, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Tanner James Fritz, Winner, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

* Jessica Lea Gabbert, Vermillion, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

* Taylor Marie Glasoe, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Summa Cum Laude

Brandon Michael Godsey, Raymore, MO
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Tyson Graham Jr., Pompano Beach, FL
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Isaac Richard Grode, Pierre, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Christian Hagen, Sisseton, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

* Ryan James Haiar, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

* Jerrel Harris, Queens, NY
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Kristina B. Hartley, Rapid City, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Jessica Hope Harvey, Ethan, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Sidney Paige Heisler, Elkhorn, NE
Kinesiology & Sport Management

* Hanna Lynn Henson, Cherokee, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Jenny Bryanna Hofer, Canistota, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magna Cum Laude

Brooke Rose Ireland, Sturgis, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Summa Cum Laude

* Kass William Ischen, Mitchell, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Matthew James Iverson, Hudson, WI
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Dalton Wayne Kats, Rock Valley, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

Emma Elizabeth Kays, Watertown, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

Benjamin Michael Kielhold, Sioux City, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

Konner William Kielman, Vermillion, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Khorey Edward Kilgore, Blue Springs, MO
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Patrick Michael Konda, Lennox, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

+ Ravan L. Kott, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

+ Taylor John Lambert, North Sioux City, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

* Shilo Anne Lemmon, Sioux City, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Jake Robert Leohr, Iowa City, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Emily Ann Lundstrom, Northfield, MN
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

Jenna May Mammenga, Humboldt, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

+ Alyssa Marie Matson, Marshall, MN
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magna Cum Laude

+ Ryan McClennen, Gayville, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Caleb David Miller, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

* Megan Annlee Olson, Vermillion, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Jaylynn Marie Peters, Lake View, IA
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Summa Cum Laude

+ Ian Christian Peterson, Canton, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Seth Barnett Pierce, Sioux Falls, SD
Kinesiology & Sport Management

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* candidate for degree fall 2017

Emily Jean Runge, Sioux Falls, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management
Summa Cum Laude

+ Richard Wolfgang Martin Sauer, Ratingen
 Kinesiology & Sport Management

Ethan William Schmidt, Dell Rapids, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

+ Nicole Marie Schmidt, Menomonie, WI
 Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magna Cum Laude

Riley Kay Schneekloth, Jackson, MN
 Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

Katelyn Melodie Schultz, Corona, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

Turner David Serr, Burke, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magna Cum Laude

* Tyler Jason Smith, Le Mars, IA
 Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

+ Tyler Joseph Stoll, Yankton, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management

Lindsay Marie Stroman, Centerville, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management

Nathan Robert Svendsen, Vermillion, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magna Cum Laude

Robel Tewelde, Sioux Falls, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude

+ Jasmine Lori Trimboli, Adelaide, Australia
 Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Phillip Ramone Wells, Maywood, IL
 Kinesiology & Sport Management

Raquel Suny West, Wimberley, TX
 Kinesiology & Sport Management

Christian Whitesell, Rapid City, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management

* Jason Todd Williams, Madison, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management

Tyler Wilson, Sioux Falls, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management
Summa Cum Laude

Ricki Lynn Yasgar, Sioux Falls, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management

Janine Marie Zimbeck, Sioux Falls, SD
 Kinesiology & Sport Management

Bachelor of Science in Education

Bryce Aman, Mobridge, SD
 History Education

Emily Kay Backer, Brandon, SD
 Elementary Education
Cum Laude

+ candidate for degree summer 2017
 * candidate for degree fall 2017

Cody Jared Beacom, Sioux Falls, SD
 Elementary Education & Special Education

Rachel Diane Berreth, Aberdeen, SD
 History Education
Magna Cum Laude

Blake Allen Berry, Box Elder, SD
 History Education
Magna Cum Laude

* Gabrielle Rosanna Boudreau, Sioux Falls, SD
 Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

* Jessica Jean Brownell, Pukwana, SD
 Elementary Education & Special Education

Natalie Christine Buelte, Cedar City, UT
 Elementary Education

Adam Calhoon, White River, SD
 History Education

Mason Philip Calhoun, Sioux Falls, SD
 History Education

Abigail Mae Carroll, Vermillion, SD
 History Education

Madison Ann Clausen, Sioux City, IA
 Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Brandon Thomas Colpitts, Crescent, IA
 Physical Education
Cum Laude

Alexander James Connor, Rapid City, SD
 Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Courtney Ruth Cowan, Beresford, SD
 Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Katelyn Ann Coyle, Hawarden, IA
 Elementary Education & Special Education

* Conner Marie DeBoer, Brandon, SD
 Elementary Education & Special Education

Katherine DeRoos, Sioux Falls, SD
 Elementary Education & Special Education

Paige Marie Edwards, Worthing, SD
 Elementary Education & Special Education

* Kelli Breanne Fink, Tripp, SD
 Elementary Education & Special Education

* Devon Chandler Foresman, Rapid City, SD
 Physical Education

* Brittany Rae Gebhart, Mitchell, SD
 Elementary Education

Lauren Elizabeth Gilliland, Wayne, NE
 Mathematics Education
Magna Cum Laude

Ericka Gregerson, Sioux Falls, SD
 Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Kassandra June Haag, Yankton, SD
 Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude

Morgan Judith Hartenstein, Belleville, IL
 English Education
Cum Laude

Christopher Joel Hartmann, St. James, MN
 Elementary Education

Matthew Christopher Hilson, Yankton, SD
 History Education

* Taryn Michelle Hogarth
Elementary Education
Nicole Hovdestad, Sioux Falls, SD
Physical Education
Kyler Howard, Jewell, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education
* Nathan Douglas Irwin, Le Mars, IA
History Education & Special Education
Taylor Jansen, Lawton, IA
Elementary Education
Hailey Lynn Jenner, Tea, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Jennifer Lyn Jensen, Yankton, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Brittany Ruth Jessen, Mendota Heights, MN
English Education
Summa Cum Laude
* Courtney Lynn Johnson, Vermillion, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
* Kaitlyn Marie Kanaly, Yankton, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Alycia Marie Kayser, Marion, SD
History Education
Cum Laude
* Carter Kemnitz, Platte, SD
Physical Education
* Shannon Jo Klooster, Adrian, MN
Elementary Education
Baylee Grace Knippling, South Shore, SD
History Education
* David Jacob Koch, Sioux Falls, SD
History Education
Magna Cum Laude
Katey Lee Krager, Ida Grove, IA
Mathematics Education
* Christopher Dean Kruse, Lennox, SD
Biology Education
Alex A. Kuyper
Elementary Education
Breanna Kay Lende-Hanson, Keystone, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Rebecca Marie Lien, Brandon, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Levi Jacob Ludens, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Cassandra Kay Luetje, Westside, IA
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Tamera Michelle Luetke, Yankton, SD
Elementary Education
Stephanie Marie Mackey, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education
* William J. Mart, Vermillion, SD
Elementary Education
* Elizabeth Grace Martin, Chamberlain, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Michaela Joy Mayer, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Taylor Christine McCall, Mapleton, IA
Elementary Education
* John David McCloud, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education
Molly Elizabeth McManamy, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
* Amelia Grace Miller, Brookings, SD
History Education
Ashley Elizabeth Miller, Algona, IA
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
* Lauren Kristine Moeller, Estherville, IA
Elementary Education
Kevin Michael Neagbour, International Falls, MN
Biology Education
Tyleen Audra Nelson, Alcester, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
* Rachel Nurse, Cedar Falls, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education
Jordan Rebekah Osterberg, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Melanie Elise Picklesimer, Vermillion, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
* Katelynn Marie Poss, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
* Shawna Ann Rezac, Tabor, SD
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude
Brenna Michelle Richter, Storm Lake, IA
Physical Education
Cum Laude
* Taylor Patience Richter, Akron, IA
History Education & Special Education
Zoe Robinson, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude
* Alycia Rose, Flandreau, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Brenna Colleen Rucker, Yankton, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Summa Cum Laude
Katherine Grace Schaa, Yankton, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Brylee Ann Schindel, Merrill, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
* Merrissa Mae Schlichte, Le Mars, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Alanna Mae Schmeichel, Humboldt, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Kelsey Ann Schultz, Dell Rapids, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Margaret Elizabeth Sivik, Mitchell, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

+ candidate for degree summer 2017

* candidate for degree fall 2017

Alexis Ann Soldatke, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude

* Kayla Jo Solinger, Alcester, SD
Elementary Education

* Ashley Emma Soukup, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education

Gina Jo Soukup, Lake Andes, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Linzee Leigh Steever, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude

Taylor Elaine Steinfeldt, Ankeny, IA
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

* Julia Mae Thompson, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education

* Audrey Anna Truhe, Elk Point, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude

Emily Ann Turner, Watertown, MN
Elementary Education & Special Education

Megan Van Meeteren, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education

Mackenzie Ann Vander Woude, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

* Mary Katherine Wakeman, Akron, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education

* Nicole Rae Wardrip, Westfield, IA
Elementary Education

* Hayley Marie Warren, Sioux Falls, SD
English Education & Special Education
Cum Laude

* Morgan Leigh Wieman, Harrisburg, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

* Allen Jerome Wieneke, Edgerton, MN
Physical Education

Monae Williams, Blue Island, IL
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

* Shelby Marie Winter, Canton, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Maddison Victoria Woodall, Cherokee, IA
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Paige Marie Wright, Brandon, SD
History Education
Magna Cum Laude

College of Fine Arts

Presented by Dean Larry Schou

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Nick Akins, South Sioux City, NE
Theatre

Shelby K. Arment, Aberdeen, SD
Art

* Paige Baltz, Omaha, NE
Art

Tabitha Lucille Bass, Mebane, NC
Theatre

* Chelsi Marie Berry, Lakeville, MN
Art

* Shane Anthony Boulton, Sacramento, CA
Art

Andrew L. Cooper
Art

Courtney Amber Dahlberg, Newell, SD
Theatre

Elizabeth Eleanor Elder DeTample, Pierre, SD
Theatre

Briana Nicole Earl, Yankton, SD
Art

* Braeden Alexander Garrett, Olympia, WA
Theatre

Riley Austin Hoben, Sioux Falls, SD
Art

* Joel Anthony Jochim, Pierre, SD
Art

Emma Lea Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD
Art

Lydia Joy Kanz, Pierre, SD
Theatre

Brooke Jacqueline Larsen, Marshall, MN
Art

* Brooke Ashley Maag, Omaha, NE
Art

Emily Ann Miller, Akron, IA
Art

* Tanner Mason Phelps, Tea, SD
Art

Cameron C. Renkly, Harlan, IA
Art
Magna Cum Laude

* Madison Shea-McCunn Rew, Burleson, TX
Art
Cum Laude

Carly Kathleen Ribstein, Harrisburg, SD
Art
Summa Cum Laude

* Cody James Robinson, Sergeant Bluff, IA
Art

David Saldana-Rico, Sioux Falls, SD
Art

+ candidate for degree summer 2017

* candidate for degree fall 2017

Madeline Nicole Schmitt, Tea, SD
Theatre
Summa Cum Laude

Rebecca Therese Schuster, Reno, NV
Theatre

Yuliya Sidenko, Kharkiv, Ukraine
Art

* William Beckett Smith, Aurelia, IA
Art

Lauren Danielle Stacks, Winston Salem, NC
Theatre
University Scholar Graduate

Andrea Tostado, South Sioux City, NE
Theatre

Mikayla Johannah Tuttle, Spirit Lake, IA
Art
Magna Cum Laude

* Taylor Marie VanWyhe, Canton, SD
Art

Austin Richard Vetter, Aberdeen, SD
Theatre
Magna Cum Laude

Sarah Menning Wadsworth, Sioux Falls, SD
Art

* Austin Jeffrey Weisenbach, Sioux Falls, SD
Art

Bachelor of Music

Zachary Krogman Behrens
Music Performance

* Katelyn S. Biggs, Carson, IA
Music Education
Cum Laude

* Kaela Marie DeJong, Madison, SD
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

* Lenette Yu Haliburton, Seoul
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

* Michael Dean Hoffman, Sioux Falls, SD
Music Education
Summa Cum Laude

* Brody Jack Krogman, Sioux Falls, SD
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

* Mataya Lynn Larsgaard, Sioux Falls, SD
Music Education

Benjamin R. O'Bryan, Sturgis, SD
Music Performance
Magna Cum Laude

* Kristopher John Ohrlund, Le Mars, IA
Music Education & Music Performance
Magna Cum Laude

Danielle Rose Portz, Hospers, IA
Music Performance
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

* MeKayla Rae Preheim, Freeman, SD
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

+ candidate for degree summer 2017
* candidate for degree fall 2017

* Alia Michelle Robison, Sioux Falls, SD
Music Education
Summa Cum Laude

Katie Joy Svendson, East Grand Forks, MN
Music Education
Summa Cum Laude

Emily Grace Vidler, Marlboro, NY
Music Performance
Summa Cum Laude

* Erica Wankum Salix, IA
Music Education
Cum Laude

School of Health Sciences

Presented by Dean Michael Lawler

Bachelor of Science

* Jacqueline Abraham, Artesian, SD
Health Sciences

Evelyn Julissa Aguilar, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

+ Melida Veronica Alfaro, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

+ Elena Nancy Alonso, South Sioux City, NE
Medical Laboratory Science

+ Aluel M. Angelo
Social Work

Abigail Albina Esther Auch, Sioux Falls, SD
Medical Laboratory Science
Magna Cum Laude

Heather Auffert, Clarinda, IA
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Andrea Grace Bankston, Aberdeen, SD
Dental Hygiene

+ Garrett Bankston
Social Work

Lindsey Ann Barritt, Slayton, MN
Health Sciences

* Michelle Lee Benck, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

+ Jasmine Blue, Freeman, SD
Social Work

+ Grace Clara-Ann Bode, New Ulm, MN
Medical Laboratory Science

Caitlin Nicole Bolte, Pierre, SD
Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Jamie Lee Bowden, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

Rainy Dawn Brewer-Nysven, Yankton, SD
Addiction Studies

Deann J. Brown
Health Sciences

Kaitlyn Mae Brummell, Farmington Hills, MI
Addiction Studies

Hodge James Bryan, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Raquel Audrey Bucklin, Harrisburg, SD
Health Sciences

+ Anna Amelia Budahl, Sioux Falls, SD
Addiction Studies

* Madeline Kay Bures, Sergeant Bluff, IA
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Collette Nikkole Burmeister, Huron, SD
Health Sciences

+ Cierra Nicole Carpenter, Anchorage, AK
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

+ Jessica Rae Chalcraft, Pierre, SD
Social Work & Addiction Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Annalea Rose Chytka, Lake Andes, SD
Social Work
Cum Laude

* Margaret Coleman, Hopkins, MN
Health Sciences

Jenna Rae Corbett, Grand Forks, ND
Health Sciences

Tamara Faye Cox, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

* Nicole Lynn Damaskos, Lolo, MT
Health Sciences

Alex Anthony Dangler, Yankton, SD
Medical Laboratory Science
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Amy Joyce Davis, Sanborn, MN
Health Sciences
Summa Cum Laude

Sarah Lindsay Dayton, Denver, IA
Health Sciences

* Sarah Renée Deming, Phoenix, AZ
Social Work

Lam H. Diep
Health Sciences

* Jaidan Alice Eide, Yankton, SD
Social Work
Cum Laude

+ Madison Taylor Elkins, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

+ Gaber Ahmed Abdelatif Elshorbagy, Basyon, Egypt
Medical Laboratory Science

* Dawn Ann Ericson, Hawarden, IA
Dental Hygiene

Brittany Evans, Pipestone, MN
Dental Hygiene

* Kelli Ann Ferguson, St. Louis Park, MN
Health Sciences

Ana Filipovic, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

Abby Mae Forner, Hamburg, MN
Dental Hygiene

Micaela Elizabeth Frank, Bonesteel, SD
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Christina Franka, Sioux Falls, SD
Addiction Studies

Blanca Galindo-Gandara, Lovington, NM
Health Sciences

Sydney Jean Giese, Dawson, MN
Health Sciences
Summa Cum Laude

+ Polly Jean Gill, Pierre, SD
Health Sciences

Lauren Elizabeth Goetsch, Hartford, SD
Social Work
Summa Cum Laude

Bryce Allen Green, Rapid City, SD
Health Sciences

Tylar Rose Greenleaf, Ponca, NE
Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude

+ Rachael L. Gretsch, Madison, WI
Health Sciences

Paityn Groos, Colman, SD
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

* Noele Lee Gross, Arlington, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Jade Ava Gunnarson, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude

Caitlyn Nicole Gustafson, Beresford, SD
Social Work
Cum Laude

Kayla Marie Haagenson, Baltic, SD
Health Sciences

+ Emily Haeder, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work

+ Makenzie Lee Haensel, Hartford, SD
Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude

Tyler Raymond Hagen, Sioux Falls, SD
Medical Laboratory Science

Madison Rae Harrington, Rapid City, SD
Health Sciences

+ Sydney Paige Harris, Wayne, NE
Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude

+ Vanessa Rose Harter, Wayland, NY
Health Sciences

Kymerlee Marie Hassebroek, Belle Fourche, SD
Health Sciences

Katherine Marie Haverly, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude

* Sarah Heinrich, Peoria, AZ
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

+ Kelsey Elizabeth Hennig, Fort Collins, CO
Addiction Studies
Cum Laude

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* candidate for degree fall 2017

Madeline Maria Hermes, Rochester, MN
Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude

Michaela Esther Holtz, Merrill, IA
Social Work

* Marissa Karen Hopkins, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

Megan Elizabeth Huether, Parkston, SD
Dental Hygiene
Summa Cum Laude

* Montana Huitema, Rapid City, SD
Addiction Studies

Brandie Jo Hulstein, Pipestone, MN
Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude

Jayne Jeffrey Huska, Vermillion, SD
Health Sciences

Morgan Ann Jarding, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work
Summa Cum Laude

* Danika Johnson, Watertown, SD
Social Work
Cum Laude

Casey Jordan Johnson, Dakota Dunes, SD
Health Sciences

Stacy Lea Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude

Nathyn M. Jordahl, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

* Paige Dawn Jorgenson, Montevideo, MN
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Keri Kamphoff, Sheldon, IA
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* Heidi Ann Haley Karlen, Minneapolis, MN
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* Jordan Ann Kent, Gillette, WY
Health Sciences

Alicia Ali Khatt, Worthington, MN
Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude

Shayli Jane Kirsch, Watertown, SD
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

* Danielle Knight, North Sioux City, SD
Addiction Studies & Social Work

* Sheri Lee Koch, Wynot, NE
Addiction Studies

Nicole Marie Koehler, Groton, SD
Dental Hygiene

McKinsey Jo Kost, Rapid City, SD
Health Sciences

+ Amber Rose Kost, Lennox, SD
Addiction Studies
Cum Laude

Noah Richard Kottke, Yankton, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Sara Kay Langel, Templeton, IA
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Luke Michael Laycock, Brandon, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Karlie Mae Leighton, Dell Rapids, SD
Dental Hygiene

Caitlyn Lint, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene
Summa Cum Laude

Alexandria Marie Logan, Sioux City, IA
Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

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Dental Hygiene

+ Jessica Anne Lowthorp, Sidney, IA
Social Work

+ Spencor John Luze, Vermillion, SD
Health Sciences

Michael Anthony Mack, Watertown, SD
Health Sciences

Jackie Lynn Marrinan, Sioux City, IA
Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude

Callan Elysia Martin, Vermillion, SD
Social Work

Madison Rebecca Martinac, Akron, IA
Social Work

Emily Renae Massey, Olivet, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

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Caitlyn Rae Mayer, Burke, SD
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

* Alexia Lynn Mendick, Omaha, NE
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Kianna Rose Menon, Lancaster, NY
Health Sciences

Brandi Ann Merritt, Gary, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Madison Lynn Michels, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Alexis Breanne Miranda, Linden, CA
Addiction Studies

* Kirsten Ann Monaghan, Yankton, SD
Social Work

Yasmine Montgomery, Yankton, SD
Social Work

Mikaela Marie Moore, Lakota, ND
Health Sciences

Hannah Catherine Mulder, Ellsworth, MN
Health Sciences

Megan L. Murray, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work

Tiahna Joy Nath, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Vanessa Marie Navratil, Tyndall, SD
Social Work

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Daniel P. Noonan
 Medical Laboratory Science
 Krysta Sophia Novak, Rapid City, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Whitney Oehlerts, Luverne, MN
 Health Sciences
 Jodie Kayleen Olsen, Luverne, MN
 Addiction Studies
 Iman Omar, Sioux Falls, SD
 Medical Laboratory Science
 * Kendra Michelle O'Neel, Sardis, MS
 Health Sciences
 * Randi Marie Orr, Northfield, MN
 Social Work
 * Joshua Dale Pete, Seagoville, TX
 Health Sciences
 Amanda Kay Peterson, Renner, SD
 Health Sciences
 + Emily Lynn Peterson, North Branch, MN
 Addiction Studies
 + Sabrina Lynn Pfannsmith, Devils Lake, ND
 Health Sciences
 Kindra Tick Phoummany, Sioux Falls, SD
 Health Sciences
 + Brandon Joseph Provo, Mankato, MN
 Health Sciences
 Hailey Anne Purves, Le Mars, IA
 Dental Hygiene
 Rouza T. Rago, Sioux Falls, SD
 Health Sciences
 + Michael John Richter, Detroit Lakes, MN
 Addiction Studies
Cum Laude
 Hudson Davis Robison, Grand Junction, CO
 Health Sciences
 Katie Rodig, Yankton, SD
 Health Sciences
Cum Laude
 * Stephanie Ros, Vermillion, SD
 Addiction Studies
 * Miranda Jo Ruitter, Sioux Falls, SD
 Health Sciences
Cum Laude
 Cora Ann Ruzicka, Randolph, MN
 Health Sciences
 * Cyndal Leroice Sathe, Yankton, SD
 Health Sciences
 Jacob Samuel Schaefers, Alexandria, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Ann Marie Schmidt, Troy, IL
 Health Sciences
 + Maggie Christine Schmidt, Renner, SD
 Health Sciences
 * Morgan Kay Schnell, Aberdeen, SD
 Health Sciences
 Maddison Rae Schubert, Holstein, IA
 Dental Hygiene
 Morgan Beth Schwartz, White, SD
 Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude
 + Nicholas Allen Severson, Vermillion, SD
 Addiction Studies

Brandi Lee Simons, Howes, SD
 Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude
 Eliza Claire Smith, Huron, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Melissa Lucile Smith, Hazel, SD
 Dental Hygiene
Summa Cum Laude
 Rachel Faye Sperl, Brookings, SD
 Health Sciences
 + Emily Delores Spiering, Webster, SD
 Health Sciences
 Katina Marie Stalder, Whitewood, SD
 Social Work
 Ashley Lynn Stark, Urbandale, IA
 Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude
 Jennie Marie Steckley, Kimball, SD
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 * Brittney Dawn Steffey, Hickory, NC
 Health Sciences
 * Molly Christina Strand, Hutchinson, KS
 Health Sciences
 Rachel Marie Struve, Paullina, IA
 Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude
 Emily Anna Te Slaa, Sioux Center, IA
 Dental Hygiene
 Kelsey Lynn Theesfeld, Luverne, MN
 Social Work & Addiction Studies
Cum Laude
 Jessica Lynn Thielen, Sioux Falls, SD
 Dental Hygiene
Magna Cum Laude
 * Teodora Todorovic, Sioux Falls, SD
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 + Maria Katherine Turbak, Watertown, SD
 Social Work
 Tiffany Nicole Tysdal, Sturgis, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 + Tany Lee Van Marel, Kingsley, IA
 Dental Hygiene
 Jenna Nicole Vander Laan, Mound City, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Victoria Kathryn Varland, Glencoe, MN
 Social Work
 Anthony Joseph Vigneri, Plattsmouth, NE
 Health Sciences
 * Kyle Mathias Vorst, Roanoke, VA
 Health Sciences
 * Kimberly A. Wagner-Rechnagel, Sioux Falls, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 + Raquel Elizabeth Ann Walker, Lincoln, NE
 Health Sciences
 Amy Nicole Weichler, Rapid City, SD
 Health Sciences
Summa Cum Laude
 Taylor Ann Wentz, Lennox, SD
 Dental Hygiene
 Leah Jo Werner, Ellsworth, MN
 Social Work
 * Sarah Mindedahl Wheeler, Atlanta, GA
 Health Sciences

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Jenny L. Wohlwend, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences
* Amanda LaVera Wulf, Sioux Falls, SD
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Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Courtney Marrie Albrecht, Redfield, SD
* Alta Shaleen Allen, Alcester, SD
Wendy Marie Andre, Sioux City, IA
* David John Assid, Sioux Falls, SD
Brittany Dawn Bainbridge, Philip, SD
Sandy Katherine Baiza, Rochester, MN
Heather Elyzabeth Barrie, Hitchcock, SD
Elizabeth Barthel, Watertown, SD
Samantha Batzler, Brandon, SD
* Brooke Lynn Marie Baumgartner, Sioux Falls, SD
Bethlehem Surafel Bekele, Sioux Falls, SD
Josie Kennedy Berglund, Sturgis, SD
Magna Cum Laude
Chelsey Yvette Biegler, Rapid City, SD
Ellie Cecilia Bohan, Dakota Dunes, SD
Samuel Bonnacroy, Orange City, IA
* Jenna Broscha, Yankton, SD
Heather Marie Burull, Chamberlain, SD
Kathryn Patricia Caro, Arvada, CO
Regan Leigh Carrizales, Sioux Falls, SD
Sonya Rose Coneley, Custer, SD
Crystal Nicole Davis, Luverne, MN
* Lauren Cathrine Deason, Plano, TX
* Brant Lee DeKruif, Mitchell, SD
Ashley Nicholle Dibbert, Sioux Falls, SD
* Steffani Renee Eagle, Sioux Falls, SD
Haley Rose Enright, Timber Lake, SD
* Kelsey Nicole Erickson, Crooks, SD
Amber Nicole Eslick, Sioux Falls, SD
* Madeline Laurie Kaufman, Fest Fulda, MN
Cum Laude
* Morgan Mary Freidel, Sioux Falls, SD
Mercedes Rae Galt, Beresford, SD
Abby Rae Gibson, Sioux Falls, SD
Alexa Kristen Gies, Sioux Falls, SD
Haley Marie Hannah, Clinton Township, MI
Amber Camille Hansen, Dell Rapids, SD
Heather Nicole Hansen, Schaller, IA
* Kara Jo Hanson, Mitchell, SD
Magna Cum Laude
* Jennifer Marie Harris, Garretson, SD
Kayla B. Hatten, Spearfish, SD
Shelby Kaye Hayenga, Rock Rapids, IA
Gina Yvonne Hemmer, Sioux Falls, SD
* Carmen Hendrix, Marion, SD
Summa Cum Laude
Kristin Jeanine Hennebold, Winner, SD
* Jennifer Elizabeth Henrichs, Watertown, SD
* Ashley Leigh Herrity, Elk Point, SD
* Lauren Hill, Tea, SD
Jazmyn Reighann Hinker, White Lake, SD
* Matthew Hitchcock

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Brooklynn Louise Hodges, Madison, SD
Michael Bernard Taylor Hoffmann, Rapid City, SD
Katlyn Beth Holtrop, Sheldon, IA
Morgan Helen Huber, Clark, SD
Kylie Ann Hughes, Sioux Falls, SD
Shelly Hup, Corsica, SD
Kelsey Marie Huska, Sioux Falls, SD
* Emily R. Ihlen, Sioux Falls, SD
Madison Joy Inches, Bath, SD
Cum Laude
Heidi Rachel Isaacson, Lake Norden, SD
+ Diane Lao Janis, Rapid City, SD
+ Gubal Abdi Jillo, Sioux City, IA
Magna Cum Laude
* Carly Ann Johnson, Worthington, MN
Danelle L. Johnson
Nicole Theresa Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD
Cum Laude
Sarah Grace Johnson, Omaha, NE
Sara Lynn Juhnke, Mitchell, SD
McKenzie Ann Kleve, Ocheyedan, IA
Dylan Joseph Kratochvil, Alcester, SD
Daniel Kweon, Folsom, CA
* Erika Larios, Sherman, SD
Miranda Leigh Letze, Lennox, SD
Cum Laude
Holly C. Lindbloom
Rebekah Erin Lindbloom, Piedmont, SD
* Katelyn Marie Lineweber, Beatrice, NE
Mary MaKenna Lopour, Draper, SD
* Shelly Rae Lorang, Mount Vernon, SD
Cum Laude
Courtney Marie Loutsch, Remsen, IA
Yvette Marie Luna, McCook Lake, SD
Hunter Alexis Lundberg, Lennox, SD
* Emma D. Lunning, Sioux Falls, SD
* Jessica Lynn Maeschen, Ethan, SD
Skyler Dannielle Mammenga, Marion, SD
* Cori Ann Marx, Sioux City, IA
Coree McCabe, Rapid City, SD
* Sean M. McEnelly
* Nicole Kristen Miller, Valley Springs, SD
Madeline Taylor Molseed, Sioux Falls, SD
Cum Laude
* Lacey Moncur, Sioux Falls, SD
Tyler Rae Montgomery, Belle Fourche, SD
* Amy Jo Mundhenke, Sioux Falls, SD
* Tessa Rae Musil, Huron, SD
* Dacey Rae Neely, Draper, SD
Cum Laude
* Trisha Lynn Nelson, Newcastle, WY
Nickolas Lee Nespor, Winner, SD
* Stephanie C. Nichols, Sioux Falls, SD
* Amanda Nicole Nielsen, Rapid City, SD
* Rena Elise Nielsen, Alcester, SD
Jennifer M. Noem
Hailey Alicia Norman, Fort Pierre, SD
Chizoba Delight Obiozor, Sioux Falls, SD
Brenna O'Bryan, Sisseton, SD
Magna Cum Laude
Makayla Rose Oligmueller, Rapid City, SD
* Sara Onnen, Brandon, SD

Alycia Oster, Gettysburg, SD
Chika Tosin Osunsanmi, Vermillion, SD
Alex Panerio, Aberdeen, SD

Cum Laude

Hyunsoo Park, Seoul, Korea
Kelie Jo Perkins, Black Hawk, SD
* Alycia Pesicka, Parker, SD
* Spencer Thomas Peters, Wagner, SD
Mallory Jo Pfaff, Tea, SD

Cum Laude

* Tammy Thanh Phan, Sioux Falls, SD
Allie Poppenga, Tea, SD
Danielle Rose Portz, Hospers, IA

Cum Laude

Sarah Marie Quinlivan, Sioux Falls, SD
Claire Michael Raders, Platte, SD
Danielle Rangel, Sioux Falls, SD
Thomas John Redlin, Sioux Falls, SD
Liza Danielle Reinert, Olivia, MN
* Sue Ellen Reisch, Luverne, MN
* Mackenzie Marie Reynolds, Rapid City, SD
* Samantha Haley Reynolds, Rapid City, SD

Cum Laude

Rachel Marie Richardt, Milbank, SD
* Elissa M. Robles-Gutierrez, Sioux Falls, SD
Paige Renea Schelske, Britton, SD
Kate Ellen Schmidt, Rapid City, SD
Alexa Lynn Schrempp, Yankton, SD
Ashleigh Catherine Schroeder, Volin, SD
Kathleen Elise Schroeder, Rapid City, SD

Cum Laude

* Colette Schwartz, Tea, SD

Cum Laude

* Shannon Dee Shaffer, Lead, SD
* Amanda Diane Shaffner, Rapid City, SD
Samantha Shields, Lake City, SD
* Jessica Marie Snyder, Sioux Falls, SD
Emily Sommerfeld, Sioux Falls, SD
Emily Mae Spaid, Fort Pierre, SD
* Kayla Spencer, North Sioux City, SD
* Shelby Louise Stagner, Deadwood, SD
Emily Anne Stevens, Des Moines, IA
+ Toni Marie Strand, Chester, SD
Cindy Kay Svoboda, Brookings, SD

Cum Laude

* Kalika Rose Thompson, Ortonville, MN
April Lynn Tomes, Dell Rapids, SD
Alondra Janet Valdovinos, Sioux Falls, SD
+ Cassandra Renae Vasquez, Box Elder, SD
Dylan Waldner, Sioux Falls, SD

Cum Laude

* Haley Alexandra Walker, Lakeville, MN
Tiffany Lynn Wallace, Sioux Falls, SD
Cade Nicholas Weber, Spearfish, SD
Kelsey Marie Weber, Mitchell, SD
* Anissa Rose Weier, Freeman, SD
* Taylor Jean Weiler, Remsen, IA
* Abigail L. Weinzetl, Baltic, SD
Holly Rae Wilson, Rapid City, SD
Jennifer Wood, Galva, IA
* Macenzie Linn Wood, Cherokee, IA
* Carissa Rose Wunder, Lennox, SD
Michelle Anne Zafft, Watertown, SD
Patricia Ann Zavadil, Fordyce, NE

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Associate of Science Nursing

* Taelure Kae Allred, Eureka, SD
* Gladys Brownell, Brookings, SD
* Jenna Dockter, Milbank, SD
* Jackie Lynn Ek, Willow Lake, SD
* Heather Anne Ennis, Watertown, SD
* Hanna Marie Fredrichsen, Big Stone City, SD
* Mackenzie Guerdet, Willow Lake, SD
* Rebekah Dawn Hartmann, Florence, SD
* Ryan Homan, Beardsley, MN
* Hailey Brooke Johnson, Watertown, SD
* Jullie A. Kluckman, Clear Lake, SD
* Shayna Jacqueline Koosman, Watertown, SD
* Haley Ann Kopman, Bryant, SD
* Paige A. Olson
* Jasmine Sky Petersen, Estelline, SD
* Samantha Kay Rigge, Clarkfield, MN
* Jennifer Genene Robinson, Watertown, SD
* Melinda Russell, Watertown, SD
* Anthony Schnell, Watertown, SD
* Macy Lynn Smith, Hayti, SD
* Megan Marie Stahl, Spearfish, SD
* Jessica Wettestad, Watertown, SD

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Academic Honors

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

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

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

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

Honor Societies

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

Alpha Eta Sigma Delta.....	Hunter Green double cords
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

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.....	Sage Green
Law.....	Purple
Medicine.....	Kelly Green

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.

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, Mabel 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.

An academics and research leader in South Dakota and the region since 1862, The University of South Dakota is the state's flagship liberal arts institution.

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