

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH SUMMER SESSION

Commencement Exercises
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Thursday, July 31st
Two Thousand and Three
At Seven O'Clock P.M.

Commencement Exercises

Processional - *Pomp and Circumstance* by Elgar Dr. Larry B. Schou
Professor of Music

Introduction.....David J. Schieffer, USD Senate Chair
President James W. Abbott

Commencement Address.....Dr. Dennis Johnson
Professor Emeritus, The University of South Dakota

Awarding Posthumous Degrees.....Vice President of Academic Affairs Don Dahlin

Conferring of Degrees..... Regent James Hansen
President James W. Abbott

Alumni Welcome.....Jacquelyn Dice Johnson
Alumni Association

University Hymn, Alma Mater.....Nancy Ewing
The audience is invited to sing

Recessional -*Sinfonia* by Mouret.....Dr. Larry B. Schou
Professor of Music

Graduates and their guests are invited to attend a reception immediately following the Commencement Exercises

Board of Regents

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M. Robert Stoner

Lead Marshals

Leon Korte
Barbara Yutzenka

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 tramping 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.

Marshals

Steven Bucklin
Solveig Korte
Douglas Peterson
Leigh Washburn
Gerry Yutzenka

Candidates for Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Kristine Lynn Brady, Chancellor, SD
B.S.A.&S., South Dakota State University
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: Children in Residential Treatment: Factors Associated with Outcome One-Year After Discharge
Psychology

Belgin Cenkci, Nicosia, Cyprus
B.A., The University of Istanbul
M.S. Black Hills State University
Dissertation: *REXI*, A Novel Gene Required for DNA Repair in *Chlamydomonas*
Biochemistry

Kelly J. Duncan, Vermillion, SD
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: South Dakota School Counselors' Perceptions of the Importance of Clinical Supervision Counseling and Psychology in Education

Melisa L. Finch, Las Vegas, NV
B.A., University of Nevada-Las Vegas
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: Positive Outcomes of Stress in Law Enforcement
Psychology

Michael L. Harms, Allison, IA
B.A., Buena Vista University
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: Visual Saliency and the Attentional Conspicuity of Fluorescent Sign Materials
Psychology

Manjot Dhooper Leafgreen, Cleveland, OH
B.A., The University of Kentucky
M.A., The University of Dayton
Dissertation: Animal Assisted Therapy: The Effects of a Trained Therapy Dog on Group Anxiety Management Training
Psychology

Shannon Elise McCaslin, San Francisco, CA
B.A., Michigan State University
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: Life Events and Distress in American Red Cross Disaster Relief Staff
Psychology

Holly J. Nikels, Kearney, NE
B.S., The University of Nebraska - Kearney
M.S., The University of Nebraska - Kearney
Ed.S., The University of Nebraska - Kearney
Dissertation: Allies Against Hate: A Comprehensive School-Based Diversity/Sensitivity Training: A Program Evaluation

Counseling and Psychology in Education

Allegra Magil Pratt, Juneau, AK
B.A., University Northern Colorado
Dissertation: Developing a Self Reported Measure to Assess Interpersonal Aggression Using Bjorkqvist's Developmental Theory Utilizing Classical Item Analysis
Counseling and Psychology in Education

Patrick Lane Redinius, Falls, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: The Effect of a Digitized Video Schedule on Task Initiation for People with Autism
Counseling and Psychology in Education

Sean B. Stephens, Mitchell, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota
M.A., The University of South Dakota
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: Factors Related to Satisfaction with Services Provided by an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) in Trinidad
Psychology

Candrice A. Thul, Schleswig, IA
B.S.A.&S., South Dakota State University
Dissertation: English Language Learning Strategies and Learning Style Preferences of Traditional and Non-Traditional Students in Taiwan
Counseling and Psychology in Education

Doctor of Education

Daniel Yen-hui Chang, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ROC
B.S., Chinese Military Academy
M.A., Carson-Newman College
Dissertation: English Language Learning Strategies and Learning Style Preferences of Tradition and Non-Traditional Student in Taiwan
Educational Administration

Yung-Sheng Chang, Taichung, Taiwan, ROC
B.S. National Kaohsiung Teacher University
M.S., National Changhua University of Education
Dissertation: Learner Intentions to Adopt Web-Based Instruction in a Selected Public Technological Institution of Higher Education in Taiwan
Educational Administration

Bruce B. Dickinson, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., The University of Northern Colorado
M.B.A., The University of Sioux Falls
Dissertation: Marketing and the Student Decision Making Process in Selecting a Technical Institute
Educational Administration

Cheryl Ann Eastman-Johnson, Sisseton, SD
B.S., Sinte Gleska University
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: Perceptions of Factors that Contribute to the Success of American Indian Children
Curriculum and Instruction

Thomas Mathew Green, Hornick, IA
B.S., The University of Nebraska of Omaha
M.S., The University Nebraska of Omaha
Dissertation: The Least Restrictive Environment Longitudinal Trends
Educational Administration

Mark Austin Halling, Clark, SD
B.S., Northern State University
M.S., Northern State University
Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: Stress and Stress Management Strategies among Elementary School Principals
Educational Administration

Shirlee M. Handel Hanson, Brandon, SD
B.A., Mount Marty College
B.S., South Dakota State University
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: Tenure Faculty Members' Perceptions

Regarding Academic Freedom: A Phenomenological Study
Educational Administration

Thomas B. Hokanson, Tuscaloosa, AL
B.S., Minnesota State University - Mankato
M.S., Minnesota State University - Mankato
Dissertation: Latino Student Leader Perspectives of Social Integration, Academic Success, and Persistence on College Campuses
Educational Administration

E. Janet Johnson, Brookings, SD
B.A., Augustana College
M.A., Virginia Tech
M.A., The University of Iowa
Dissertation: The Role of Online Immediacy Behaviors in Student Writing Improvement and Satisfaction in a Web-Based Undergraduate Course
Educational Administration

Din Jong, Tainan, Taiwan, ROC
B.S., Jones College
M.B.A., The University Texas Arlington
Dissertation: Assessing Information Technology-Facilitated Learning in Adult and Higher Education
Educational Administration

Ju-I Kao, Kuei Jen, Taiwan, ROC
B.S., National Cheng Kung University
M.S., Long Island University
Dissertation: Student Satisfaction in Public, Private, and Technical Colleges in Southern Taiwan
Educational Administration

Ming-Feng Kao, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan, ROC
B.S.Ed., National Taiwan Normal University
M.S., National College of Physical Education & Sports
Dissertation: Relationship Between Perceived Coach Leadership Behaviors and Team Cohesiveness Among Taiwanese Team and Individual Interscholastic Sports Participants
Educational Administration

Joy Renae Kargas, Oriska, ND
B.S., The University of North Dakota
M.S., The University of Indianapolis
Dissertation: Patient Education: Physical Therapists' Perceptions Regarding the Use, Effectiveness, and Barriers to Adult Education Principles
Educational Administration

Pi-Ching Lee Chen, Tainan, Taiwan, ROC
B.A., National Cheng Kung University
M.A., Oklahoma City University
Dissertation: EFL Student Learning Style Preferences and Attitudes Toward Technology-Integrated Instruction
Educational Administration

Chao-Ming Lin, Taichung, Taiwan, ROC
B.S., Chinese Culture University
M.S., National Central University
Dissertation: Adversity Response Profile of Eastern and Western University Leaders
Educational Administration

Kip Benjamin McKee, Clear Lake, SD
B.S.A.&S., South Dakota State University
M.A., South Dakota State University
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: The Relationship Between Debate and Critical Thinking with Advanced Placement Teachers' Perceptions of that Relationship
Curriculum and Instruction

Jackie Evenson McNamara, Harrisburg, SD
B.S.E., Dakota State University
M.A., The University of Sioux Falls
Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: Selected Attitudinal Factors Related to South Dakota Elementary School Looping
Educational Administration

June Carole Nichols, Marshall, MN
B.A., Southwest Minnesota State University
M.A., Hamline University
Awarded Posthumously

Lynda Kae Oldenkamp, Murdo, SD
B.A., South Dakota State University
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Ed.S., The University of South Dakota
Dissertation: The Relationship of Grade Point Average at Admission to Teacher Education to Subsequent Pedagogical Measures
Curriculum and Instruction

Timothy Richard Peterson, Charter Oaks, IA
B.M., Iowa State University
M.S., Drake University
Ed.S., The University of Iowa
Dissertation: Superintendents' and Principals' Perceived Stress in the Workplace
Educational Administration

Daniel Phillip Petra, Pierre, SD
B.S. North Dakota State University
M.S., Temple University
Dissertation: Retention and Migration of Students
Through a Rural State System of Public Higher
Education
Educational Administration
Cheng-Chuan Shen, Taipei Hsien, Taiwan, ROC
B.A., National Taiwan University

M.B.A., The University of Central Oklahoma
Dissertation: College Choice: Factors and
Consumption Value Used by Students at a Selected
Taiwanese University
Educational Administration
Jack Fei Yang, Teipei, Taiwan, ROC
B.A., Mei-Ou Christian College

M.B.A., Kansas Wesleyan University
M.B.A., Concordia University Wisconsin
Dissertation: Distance Education Delivery Modes
and Learning Objectives: Experiences of South
Dakota Public University System Faculty
Educational Administration

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B.A., The University of South Dakota
Thesis: Native American News in South Dakota
Newspapers: A, Content Analysis of The Rapid
City Journal and The Argus Leader's Native
American Coverage from 6/00 to 6/02
Contemporary Media & Journalism
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Special Education
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Thesis: GI Jane in a Cage: The Combat Exclusion
of Women, a Fantasy-theme analysis of the
Congressional Record of the 1948 Laws to the
Repeal of 1991
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Thesis: Building Oral Reading Fluency in High
School Students with Emotional and Behavior
Disorders Using Repeated Readings and Precision
Teaching Measurement Approaches
Special Education
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Thesis: Piracy in the Middle Kingdom: A Look at the
Rise of the American Film Industry through Piracy,
Bootlegging, Illegal Downloads and the Black Market
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Health, Physical Education and Recreation

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Thesis: Percentage of Football Players at The
University of South Dakota who Graduate within Six
Years and their Personal Characteristics
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Secondary Education
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Thesis: Gasping for Air
English
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Educational Administration
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Thesis: A Usability Study of the Affordances of the
Object in TechTown: A Career Exploration Tool for
Grades Three Through Five
Computer Science
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English

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Thesis: France, Russia, and the Struggle for the
Mediterranean, 1769, 1815
History

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Thesis: Honors Students Experiences and
Perceptions of Bullying: Relationship to Well Being
Psychology

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Thesis: Advertising Media Usage Perceived
Effectiveness and Attitudes Among Psychologists
Independent Practice
Psychology

Cindy S. Smith-Hernandez, Sioux City, IA
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Thesis: A Comparative Study of Calculated and
Experimental Energy Transfer Processes withing
Isolated Ln3+ Pairs in, CsMX3
Chemistry

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Justin Lee Stricker, Watertown, SD
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Eric J. Te Slaa, Sioux Falls, SD
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Master of Music

Julia Louise Baye, Rapid City, SD
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Nancy Ann Ewing, LeMars, IA
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B.A., Sinte Gleska University
Physical Therapy
- Julie A. Benz, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota
Administrative Studies
- Jobi John Colwell, Luverne, MN
B.S., South Dakota State University
Physical Therapy
- Maria Anne Cornelius, Canton, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Thesis: Variances in Cardiovascular Function in Young Adults Over the Birthweight Range
Biomedical Sciences
- Kristi Sue Crowser, Sturgis, SD
B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota
Administrative Studies
- Raymond H. Decker, Vermillion, SD
B.S., George Washington University
Technology for Training and Development
- Craig Bryan Faeth, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Westmont College
M.A., Ohio State
Physical Therapy
- Dale James Gentry, Twin Falls, ID
B.S., Idaho State University
Thesis: Species Richness and Nesting Success of Migrant Songbirds in Natural River Corridors and Anthropogenic Woodlots in Southeastern South Dakota
Biology
- Kelly Ranae Graber, Freeman, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota
Thesis: Alternative Resistance Markers for *Mycoplasma Arthritis* Gene Delivery Systems
Biomedical Sciences
- Rocky Duane Hand, Winner, SD
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Physical Therapy
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- Duane L. Plaatje, Avon, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota - Springfield
Administrative Studies
- Veronica R. Plescia, Sioux City, IA
B.S., Bellevue University
Administrative Studies
- Cheryl L. Prunty, Hartford, SD
B.S.Ed., Dakota State University
Technology for Education and Training
- Jessica Ries, Bad Neustadt, Germany
B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota
Administrative Studies
- Molly Jo Schaufenbuel, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota
Physical Therapy
- Pu Shan, Jinan, Shandong Province, PRC
B.A., Beijing Institute of Foreign Language
M.A., Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
M.A., The University of South Dakota
Technology for Education and Training
- Marci Ann Shea, Primgar, IA
B.S., The University of South Dakota
Administrative Studies
- Jack Eric Steiner, Kansas City, MO
B.S., Rockhurst College
Administrative Studies
- Steven G. Stern, Clark, SD
B.S.M.T., The University of South Dakota
Administrative Studies
- Keith A. Sternhagen, Tabor, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota
Physical Therapy
- Denise M. Stiles, Rapid City, SD
B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University
Technology for Education and Training
- Christina Jo Straub, Mitchell, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Physical Therapy
- Cheryl D. Thaler, Wagner, SD
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota
Technology for Education and Training
- LaChelle Renae Thiesse, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., The University of South Dakota
Administrative Studies
- Erik J. Van Laecken, Parkston, SD
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota
Technology for Education and Training
- Jacqueline Renee Waldie, Rapid City, SD
B.S.Ed., Chadron State College
Technology for Education and Training
- Christopher Eric Wangness, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., The University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Thesis: Characterization of a Putative Murein Hydrolase Mur1.2 in *Streptococcus Pyogenes*
Biomedical Sciences
- Matthew Scott Weigel, Aberdeen, SD
B.A., Augustana College
Physical Therapy
- Susan E. Whisler-Wendt, Hot Springs, SD
B.S.Ed., Black Hills State University
Technology for Education and Training
- Steven William Wolf, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., Dakota State University
Physical Therapy
- Steven William Young, Rapid City, SD
B.S., The University of South Dakota
Physical Therapy

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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

- Tabitha Leann Lurz, Verdigre, NE
Computer Science, Mathematics
- Erin Teresa Strohbehn, Huron, SD / Algona, IA
Criminal Justice, Social Work

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

- Mark Andrew Eekhoff, Sioux Falls, SD
Philosophy
- Kara Joyce Leslie, Sioux Falls, SD
Political Science, Psychology
- Catherine Cordelia Napier, Sioux Falls, SD
English
- Jennifer Ann Nauman, Watertown, SD
History, English
- Sumit Sen, Calcutta, India
English, Philosophy
- Anna Joy Thiewes, Rapid City, SD
Psychology, Social Work
- Amber Dawn Slaughter Wilde, Lake Preston, SD
English

Bachelor of Science

- Regina Elaine Barrows, Centerville, SD
Social Work
- Brett Gordon Benson, Sioux Falls, SD
Political Science
- Rena Darlene Bruch, Sturgis, SD
Psychology
- Sarah Michelle Hamilton, Yankton, SD
Psychology
- Paula A. Hendrickson
Social Work
- Dawn Marie Jaycox, Isabel, SD
Biology, Social Work

Tabitha Leann Lurz, Verdigre, NE
Computer Science, Mathematics
University Scholar
Magna Cum Laude
Ember Lynn Rohde, Rosholt, SD
Social Work, Psychology

Tiffany Daniel Semmler, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice
Terra Marie Solseth, Rapid City, SD
Social Work
Aimee Anne Sorensen, Beresford, SD
Communication Studies

Erin Teresa Strohbehn, Huron, SD / Algona, IA
Criminal Justice, Social Work
University Scholar
Yun Siao Tran, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work
Jess Thomas Wright, Pierre, SD
English

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Garrett J. Bruening, Vermillion, SD
Management
With Honors
Dennis P. Cokeley, Yankton, SD
Management
Aaron Lee Hybertson, Centerville, SD
Economics
With Highest Honors
Kristopher David Kemmis, Sioux Falls, SD
Management

Benjamin J. Larson, Aberdeen, SD
Economics
With Highest Honors
Dee A. LeBeau, Eagle Butte, SD
Management
Amie A. Manas, Utica, SD
Management
Nicole Kay Onken, Sioux Falls, SD
Management

Lisa Marie Petheram, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Jodi Marie Price, Mitchell, SD
Management
Cody James Siewert, Yankton, SD
Management
Ann Elizabeth Wilt, Sloan, IA
Management
Izzet H. Yaratan, Nucusuam Cyprus
Accounting

Bachelor of Science in Health Administration

Michael N. Anderson, Newell, SD
Renaee Jean Farman, Lead, SD

Jeffrey Randall Johnson, Huron, SD
Ryan Peter Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD

Mike David Sohm, Lead, SD

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Recreation

Tai-Heng Chen, Yun-lin, Taiwan
Ryan Charles Finley, Omaha, NE

Lyndsey Leigh Finney, Kearney, NE

Robbin Renaee Volmer, Pierre, SD

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Jared James Wisnieski, Sioux City, IA
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Bachelor of Music

Andrew Hunt Converse, Rapid City, SD
Music Performance
Cum Laude

Brandy Jean Kitzmann, Sioux City, IA
Music Performance

Bachelor of Science

Jacoba Lyn Faber, Rock Valley, IA
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Brian Paul Humphrey, Olney, IL / Yankton, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Keith Michael Mast, South Sioux City, NE
Contemporary Media & Journalism
Sarah Letina McCormick, Mt. Vernon, SD
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Kimberly A. Rasmussen
Contemporary Media & Journalism, Art

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Bachelor of Science

Shelley Marie Bartow, Wilton, ND
Physician Assistant Studies
April Noelle Crago, Mt. Vernon, SD
Physician Assistant Studies
Cum Laude
Patrick J. Honner, Yankton, SD
Physician Assistant Studies
Michelle Lee Johnson, Perham, MN
Physician Assistant Studies
Kevin G. Kollbaum, Anthon, IA
Physician Assistant Studies
Courtney Noelle Linton, Larchwood, IA
Physician Assistant Studies
Phillip Edward Meehan, Hartford, SD
Physician Assistant Studies

Amy Louise Nelson, Hendricks, MN
Physician Assistant Studies
Todd Adrian Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD
Physician Assistant Studies
Karl Kenneth Oehlke
Physician Assistant Studies
Cum Laude
Noune Petrosian
Physician Assistant Studies
Joel W. Reynolds, Rosebud, SD
Physician Assistant Studies
Jeffrey Ray Senn, Moorhead, MN
Physician Assistant Studies

Travis John Slaba, Wagner, SD
Physician Assistant Studies
Geoffrey Jones Theobald, Sioux Falls, SD
Physician Assistant Studies
Nancy D. Trimble, Pender, NE
Physician Assistant Studies
Renee Ellen Ullom, Sioux Falls, SD
Physician Assistant Studies
Tracy Lee Vearrier, Mitchell, SD
Physician Assistant Studies
Brian Paul Wuestewald, Yankton, SD
Physician Assistant Studies

Bachelor of Science in Allied Health

Pei-Ling Liu, Taipei, Taiwan

Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

Jennifer Lynn Buck, Scotland, SD
Richard Lee England, Rapid City, SD

Holly Elizabeth Feeney, LeMars, IA

Mirya C. Gruhn Rowan, Gregory, SD

Associate of Science

Lana L. Skeen, Rapid City, SD
Nursing

Denise Arlene Timmerman, Lennox, SD
Nursing

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 the 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 doctoral degrees. The tassel's color indicates the discipline in which the degree has been earned. The tassel colors are shown below.

Arts and Sciences.....	White	Law.....	Purple	Fine Arts (Art, Mass Communication and Theatre).....	Brown
Fine Arts (Music).....	Pink	Education.....	Light Blue		
BusinessSapphire.....	Blue	Medicine.....	Green		