

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH SUMMER SESSION

*Commencement Exercises*  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Thursday, July 29th  
Two Thousand and Four  
At Seven O'Clock P.M.

# Commencement Exercises

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

*The Star-Spangled Banner* ..... Doug Dodson  
The audience is asked to stand. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

Introduction ..... Dan D. Van Peurse, USD Senate Vice Chair

Commencement Address ..... Dr. Joseph M. McFadden  
*Former President, The University of South Dakota*

Conferring of Degrees ..... Regent Terry Baloun  
President James W. Abbott

Alumni Welcome ..... Steve Sikorski  
Alumni Association

University Hymn, *Alma Mater* ..... Doug Dodson  
The audience is invited to sing. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

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

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## Honorary Marshals

Jerry Johnson  
Benno Wymar

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## Lead Marshals

Leon Korte  
Solveig Korte

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## 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.

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## Marshals

Marlyss Boschee  
Steve Bucklin  
Diane Duin  
Gregory Hucakbee  
Rhonda Hulkonen  
Mary Mock  
Patrick Wempe

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# Candidates for Degrees

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Doctor of Philosophy

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Justin Lee Blessinger, Wolf Point, MT

B.A., Tabor College  
M.A., Emporia State University  
English

Dissertation: *DogPatch*

Deborah Miller Bonds, Wayne, NE

B.A., University of Idaho  
M.S.E., Wayne State College  
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Dissertation: *The Reconstruction of Meaning: The Midlife Daughter and the Death of Her Mother*

Michael Stephens Christopher, Seaford, NY

B.A., M.A., Loyola College  
Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: *The Ability of Self-Constructuals to Predict Psychological Distress, Satisfaction with Life, Help-Seeking in Ethnically Diverse American College Students*

Erika K. Johnson-Jimenez, Des Moines, IA

B.A., Grinnell College  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: *Utilization of Disaster Mental Health Services by Workers Following a Terrorist Attack*

Ivana Momcilovic

Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro  
B.S., M.S., University of Belgrade  
Biological Sciences

Dissertation: *Maize Chloroplast Protein Synthesis Elongation Factor (EF-Tu): Subcellular Distribution, Effect on Thermal Stability of Chloroplast Proteins, and Accumulation in Field-Grown Plants Under Heat Stress Conditions*

John S. Nelson, Madison, SD

B.S., Black Hills State University  
M.A., University of Wyoming

English

Dissertation: *Winter in Paradise*

Manish V. Sheth, Baroda, Gujarat, India

M.B.B.S., Government Medical College, India  
Physiology & Pharmacology

Dissertation: *Hormonal Regulation of Type Protein Phosphatase in Rat Corpus Luteum*

Joseph D. Wehrman, Billings, MT

B.S., Montana State University – Billings  
M.S., St. Cloud State University

Dissertation: *A Survey of CACREP Liaison's Attitudes Regarding the Ethics, Training, and*

*Practice of Internet Counselor Education Programs*

Charles K. Welke, Warner, SD

B.S., M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: *Farm/Ranch Stressors and the Distress and Job Satisfaction of Farm Family Members: The Buffering Effects of Perceived Social Support*

Melinda J. Yexley, Bradley, SD

B.A., Mount Marty College  
M.S.W., University of Minnesota – Twin Cities  
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Dissertation: *The Conceptual Change Process in Counseling Students from the Perspective of Counselor Educators*

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### Doctor of Education

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Joni Lynn Baldwin, Detroit Lakes, MN

B.A., University of Kentucky  
M.A., St. Joseph College  
Educational Administration

Dissertation: *Teacher Candidates with Learning Disabilities: Effective and Ethical Accommodations*

Susan Rae Bowers, Sioux City, IA

B.S.N., Morningside College  
M.S., Clarkson College

Educational Administration

Dissertation: *The Effect of Problem-Based Learning on Nursing Students' Clinical Decision Making and Learning Satisfaction*

Lisa A. Bye, Vermillion, SD

B.A., M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration

Dissertation: *The Relationship between Supplemental Instruction and Final Course Grades*

Chih-Yin Chen, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC

B.A., Fu-Jen Catholic University  
M.A., University of Scranton

Educational Administration

Dissertation: *Technical College Non-Traditional Students' Perceptions Regarding the Current Status of English Instruction in Taiwan*

Mary Kathleen Leonard Getty, Atlantic, IA

B.A., Briar Cliff University  
M.A., The University of South Dakota

Educational Administration

Dissertation: *Trends in Enrollment and Finance in Catholic Higher Education Based on Specific Characteristics Found in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System*

Curtis O. Gustafson, Brookings, SD

B.S., South Dakota State University  
M.P.A., The University of South Dakota

Educational Administration

Dissertation: *Public Accountants' Perceptions of the 150-Hour Requirements*

Timothy G. Howell, Sioux Falls, SD

B.A., Augustana College  
M.A., Western Michigan University  
Educational Administration

Dissertation: *Curriculum Study of Didactics Clinical Education Courses in Accredited Entry-Level Athletic Training Education Programs*

Monica Bartelt Jorgenson, Waubay, SD

B.S., M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration

Dissertation: *Middle School Concept and Student Achievement*

Jing-Jin Lee, Tainan, Taiwan, ROC

B.S., National Taiwan Marine University  
M.S., University of Southwestern Louisiana

Educational Administration  
Dissertation: *Taiwanese Students' Scientific Attitudes, Environmental Perceptions, Self-Efficacy, and Achievement in Microbiology Courses*

Mary R. Moeller, Brookings, SD

B.A., M.Ed., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration

Dissertation: *Changes in Student Perceptions of School Climate and Responsibility during Their High School Years*

Bishnu Prasad Paudel, Puranchaur-7, Kaski, Nepal

B.Com., Tribhuvan University  
M.S., The University of South Dakota

Educational Administration  
Dissertation: *American Perceptions of Asian Culture After Studying with Taiwanese Peers*

Ellen L. Radel, Willmar, MN

B.S., DePaul University  
M.Ed., University of Toledo

Educational Administration  
Dissertation: *Effects of Intentional Teaching Strategies on the Perception of Body Image of College Students within a Health Curriculum*

Laura L. Raeder, Sioux Falls, SD

B.A., University of Minnesota – Morris  
M.S., Kansas State University

Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: *The Relationships between Communication Apprehension, Demographic Factors, and Achievement of High School Students*

Stephen J. Schulte, Sisseton, SD

B.S., M.S., Northern State University  
Ed.S., The University of South Dakota

Educational Administration

Dissertation: *Perceptions of Parents and Teachers in Building School Partnerships*

Jeffrey J. Vostad, Volga, SD

B.A., M.Ed., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration

Dissertation: *Why Living-Learning Community Students Decide to Return for Their Second Year of College: Academic and Social Integration*

Cheng-Hsing Weng, Tainan City, Taiwan, ROC

B.A., M.A., National Cheng-Chi University  
Educational Administration

Dissertation: *Meta-Analysis of Teacher Burnout in Public Schools in the United States*

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## Specialist in Education

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Pamela K. Barry, Merville, IA  
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## Master of Arts

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Communication Disorders  
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B.S., Iowa State University  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
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B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Sociology  
Thesis: *Dissociative Identity Disorder and Zar: A Comparative Analysis*  
Ramana K. Atmakuru,  
Cuddapah District, Andhra Pradesh State, India  
B.Eng., Golden Valley Institute of Technology  
Computer Science  
Thesis: *Integration of Heterogeneous Platforms with Web Services*  
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Communication Disorders  
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B.A., Virginia Tech  
English  
Thesis: *The New Harvest: The Wind Power Policy Imperative*  
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B.A., University of Oklahoma  
Psychology  
Thesis: *The Effect of Financial Incentives on Feigned Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Using the Trauma Symptom Inventory*  
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Educational Administration  
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B.S., South Dakota State University  
Communication Disorders  
Amber Elizabeth Ehrlich, Indianapolis, IN  
B.A., Arizona State University  
Psychology  
Thesis: *Child Maltreatment: Differential Maltreatment Rates Between Rural and Non-Rural Areas and Older Children with Disabilities*  
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B.A.Ed., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
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Political Science  
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Communication Disorders  
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Psychology  
Thesis: *Trait Negative Affect and Coping Motives: Testing Medial and Moderational Paths for Alcohol Use Problems Among Red Cross Disaster Workers Who Responded to the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attack*  
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Contemporary Media & Journalism  
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Counseling & Psychology in Education  
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Psychology  
Thesis: *Assessing the Criterion Validity of the SSI-AOD in an Adjudicated College Population*  
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Psychology  
Thesis: *The Impact of the September 11th Disaster Response on American Red Cross Paid and Volunteer Staff and Their Subsequent Coping Behaviors*  
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English

Andrea Nicole Reeves, San Diego, CA  
B.A., Sonoma State University  
Psychology  
Thesis: *Effects of Simulating Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Comorbid with Major Depressive Disorder on the Trauma Symptom Inventory*

W. Rusty Reynolds, Sheridan, WY  
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Psychology

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## Master of Natural Science

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Julie M. Koch, Yankton, SD  
B.A., Mount Marty College  
Natural Science

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## Master of Business Administration

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B.S., Excelsior College

Jason Lee Bietz, McCook Lake, SD  
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B.A., Briar Cliff College

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B.S., South Dakota State University

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B.S., Arizona State University

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B.S.H.A., The University of South Dakota

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Dip., University of Applied Sciences Wildou

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Glen W. Herrick, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., U.S. Military Academy

Todd L. Herseth, Mitchell, SD  
B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University

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## Master of Fine Arts

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Robert J. Fitzsimmons, Lexington, KY  
B.F.A., Western Kentucky University

Thesis: *Native American Cultural Values Scale: A Pilot Study of a Mental Health Assessment Instrument for Native Americans*

Alison A. Rice, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S.Ed., Northern State University  
Special Education

Sarah M. Richarz, Larchwood, IA  
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Educational Administration

Robert C. Spangler, Ogallala, NE  
B.S., Dana College  
Special Education

Steven Troy Rops, Pipestone, MN  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Special Education

Carrie Renee Rydstrom, Lake Andes, SD  
B.S., B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota  
Special Education

Darla D. Schieffer, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota  
Special Education

Shellaine J. Shaw, Freeman, SD  
B.S.Ed., Dakota State University  
Special Education

Matthew D. Smart, Pierre, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Computer Science

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B.A., St. Olaf College  
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Alizah E. Solomon, New York City, NY  
B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Secondary Education, English  
Thesis: *The Beowulf Poem as a Cultural Artifact: An Alternative Reading*

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B.S., The University of South Dakota  
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Kerry L. Svatos, Yankton, SD  
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota  
Special Education

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B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota

Christopher G. Karr, Tabor, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Sherry L.ynn Keenan, Storm Lake, IA  
B.A., Buena Vista University

Nathan J. Kraayenbrink, Platte, SD  
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Trevor C. Kroll, Galva, IA  
B.A., Briar Cliff University

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B.S., South Dakota State University

Jeffrey James Maresh, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of Evansville

Matthew Jon Mayer, Canistota, SD  
B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota

William B. McCormack, Marshall, MN  
B.A., Augustana College

Justin Lee Miller, Rapid City, SD  
B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota

Jaclyn K. Mount, Meckling, SD  
B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota

Brandon John Noble, Rapid City, SD  
B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota

Amanda Marie Petersen, Wakonda, SD  
B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota

Kent Steven Peterson, Salem, SD  
B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota

Mario Savio Kiran, Bangalore, India  
Dip., Ken School of Art

Robert Martin Usselman, Gales Ferry, CT  
B.A., Drake University

B.S., Winona State University  
Health, Physical Education and Recreation  
Thesis: *A Study of the Academic-Support Services for Student-Athletes at Institutions in the North Central Conference and the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference*

Sherri Lynn Vander Vorst, Bryant, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Communication Disorders

Prasad Reddy Vemala Venkata Siva, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, India  
B.E., S.J.C. Institute of Technology  
Computer Science  
Thesis: *Integrating Trust into Online Websites*

Carla J. Winquist, Alcester, SD  
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota  
Elementary Education

Lei Yao, Sichuan, PRC  
B.S., East China University of Science & Technology  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Synthesis and Studies of the Enolization/Hydrolysis of the Cyclic Carboxylic Acid Derivatives*

Joey Inez Younie, Hawarden, IA  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education

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Rama Sreedharan, Tiruchirapalli, India  
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## Master of Music

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Susana Henriques Rodrigues Caldeira  
Alcanena, Portugal  
B.A., School for Conservation & Restoration of Arts  
History of Musical Instruments  
Thesis: *An Italian Harpsichord Built about 1700: History, Design, and Conservation*

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## Master of Professional Accountancy

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B.B.A., The University of South Dakota

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## Master of Public Administration

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B.S., The University of South Dakota

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## Master of Science

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M.B.B.S., University of Calcutta  
M.P.H., School of Public Health, New York  
Medical College  
Biomedical Science  
Thesis: *Molecular Characterization of MAV1  
Integration Sites and Identification of MAA2  
Lipoprotein Gene Family in Mycoplasma  
Arthritis*  
Christy S. Nelson, Ponca, NE  
B.S., University of Nebraska – Kearney  
Physical Therapy  
Nathan Wade Olson, Kearney, NE  
B.S., University of Nebraska – Lincoln  
Physical Therapy  
Brian Patrick O'Tool, Ida Grove, IA  
B.S., Iowa State University  
Physical Therapy  
M. Francis Peterson, Wessington Springs, SD  
B.A., Huron College  
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B.S., M.P.A., Madras University

B.A., University of Arizona  
Administrative Studies  
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B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Biomedical Science  
Thesis: *Inhibitor-1 and Inhibitor-2 of Protein  
Phosphatase 2A: New Regulators of Protein  
Phosphatase 2A in the Rat Ovary*  
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Erika J. Simonsen, Yankton, SD  
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota  
Technology for Education & Training  
Ryan K. Swenson, Brandon, SD  
B.S., Dakota State University  
Physical Therapy  
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B.S.Ed., Black Hills State University  
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Bernice C. White Eagle, Red Scaffold, SD  
B.S., Northern State University  
Administrative Studies  
Stephanie Jenkins Williams, Gulfport, MS  
B.S., Wayland Baptist University  
Administrative Studies  
Aaron L. Wimmer, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Administrative Studies  
Daniel Roy Wiseman, Torrington, WY  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Physical Therapy  
Nicole Lynn Zacher, Brandon, SD  
B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
Physical Therapy  
Melvin Wayne Zimmer, Jr., Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Administrative Studies

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## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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Tiffany Angela Jaspers, Watertown, SD  
Political Science  
*From Muffins to Microwaves: The Evolution of Domestic Roles in America*

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Arts

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Christina Elizabeth Heaton, Vermillion, SD  
Anthropology, Spanish  
Tiffany Angela Jaspers, Watertown, SD  
Political Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kevin J. Kennedy, Vermillion, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Travis Krueger  
Economics, Criminal Justice  
Thomas R. Munson, Sioux City, IA  
History  
Kristin Kay Murphy, Sioux Falls, SD  
Political Science

Rachel Rebecca Sorensen\*, Vermillion, SD  
German  
*\*Graduated May 2004*  
Adam A. St Pierre, Alcester, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

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### Bachelor of Liberal Studies

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Steve DeRaad  
Carmen Florence Johnson, International Falls, MN

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### Bachelor of Science

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Tyler Baker, Rapid City, SD  
Psychology  
Harvey Wayne Coble, Jr., Council Bluffs, IA  
Psychology, Social Work  
Patrick Daniel Dicks, Sioux Falls, SD  
English  
Stein Edward Larsgaard, Canton, SD  
Political Science  
Jessica Lynn Morgan, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Rebecca Marie Ockenga, Chester, SD  
Psychology  
Holli J. Perrine, Brandon, SD  
Communication Disorders  
Ashley Rayna Raymer-Schaper, Warroad, MN  
Criminal Justice  
Lindsey Gayle Raymond, Reliance, SD  
Psychology  
Amber Lynn Schouwenburg, Hills, MN  
Political Science

Anthony Patrick Smith, Aberdeen, SD  
Mathematics  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jeremiah Joshua Strong, McCook Lake, SD  
Biology  
Gavin James Woltjer  
English

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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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### Bachelor of Business Administration

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Leah Brooke Branaugh, Yankton, SD  
Management  
Brandon S. Fravel, Sioux City, IA  
Management  
Eric Gilbertson, Yankton, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Abigail Leigh Harte, Brandon, SD  
Management

Aaron Lee Hybertson, Centerville, SD  
Economics  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Laura Hybertson, Viborg, SD  
Accounting  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Nathan Pitz, Fargo, ND  
Accounting

Travis H. Riedel, Huron, SD  
Management, German  
Melissa Ann Spaans, Beresford, SD  
Management  
Michael Alan Walters, Spearfish, SD  
Management

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### Bachelor of Science in Health Administration

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Cory James Fitzpatrick, Yankton, SD

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science in Recreation

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Mark A. Blackburn  
Lisa Dooley, Yankton, SD

Scott A. Isaak, Aberdeen, SD  
Jami Renee Peterson, Ponca, NE  
*Cum Laude*

Chris A. Sandvig, Crofton, NE  
Lori Lynn Williams, Clarinda, IA

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## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

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### Bachelor of Fine Arts

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Jesse Ryan Jensen, Aberdeen, SD  
Theatre

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### Bachelor of Music

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Kent Andrew Graber, Marion, SD  
Music Education  
*Cum Laude*

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## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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### Bachelor of Arts

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Jeanne M. Wipf, Arlington, SD  
Social Work, German

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### Bachelor of Science

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Holly Joy Anderson, Worthington, MN  
Physician Assistant Studies  
*Cum Laude*  
BillieJo Baxa, Canistota, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Bobbi Lyn Burditt, Sturgis, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Torey Anne Claye, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
*Cum Laude*  
Kelli Ann Corkins, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dental Hygiene  
Becky J. Emerson  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Katherine Anne Ferraro  
Social Work  
Teresa Hamiel, Britton, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Eric Lee Harry  
Physician Assistant Studies

Jodee Ann Hohn, Parkston, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Michael Huela, Sioux Falls, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Erin Cathleen Hurley, Ponca, NE  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Quinn M. Kneiff, Newcastle, NE / Wynot, NE  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Lesli Thiesse Kramer, Adrian, MN  
Physician Assistant Studies  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kellie Jean Laumb, Bismarck, ND  
Physician Assistant Studies  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jason Patrick Lizakowski, Staples, MN  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Laura Jean McNaughton, Presho, SD  
Social Work  
Amy B. Moller  
Physician Assistant Studies

Demetria Lynn Raad, Spearfish, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Lyndsi M. Reed, Gillette, WY / Chadron, NE  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Kari Ann Reep Sandberg, Standley, ND  
Social Work  
Marnie Herman Schieffer, Crofton, NE  
Social Work  
Douglas L. Schuller, Orange City, IA  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Erika Corrine Steil, Yankton, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies  
Jerry L. Webber  
Social Work  
*Cum Laude*  
Amber Jean Mollman Wiseman, McIntosh, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies

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### Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

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Heather Catherine Bender, Watertown, SD  
DeAnna Benson-Fiveland, Austin, MN

Christine Marie Gibb, South Sioux City, NE  
Kay Marie Krogman, White River, SD

Tracy Mellegard, Viborg, SD

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### Associate of Science

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Cheryl Lynn Achbach, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
Dawn Marie Buisker, Milbank, SD  
Nursing

Elizabeth Marie Lindbo Soholt, Minot, ND  
Nursing

Jean F. Thiewes, Clear Lake, SD  
Nursing

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## Academic Dress

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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	Business.....	Sapphire Blue	Medicine.....	Green
Fine Arts (Music).....	Pink	Law.....	Purple	Doctoral.....	Gold
Fine Arts (Art, Theatre).....	Brown	Education.....	Light Blue		

Honors societies wear specially designated stoles, cords or medallions. The designations are listed below.

University Honors Program.....	Golden Stole
Mortar Board Honor Society.....	Medallion on white ribbon
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society....	White, black & blue twisted cords
Order of Omega Honor Society.....	Ivory & golden cords
Phi Beta Kappa .....	Light blue & light pink twinned cord
Golden Key Honor Society .....	Golden stole with Golden Key emblem