

THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH SUMMER SESSION  
**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



**THURSDAY, AUGUST THIRD**  
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX  
AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

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# Commencement Exercises

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

*The Star-Spangled Banner*, arr. by Lloyd Pfautsch ..... Nanette Hofer  
The audience is invited to sing. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

Welcome..... Professor Heidi Nickisch Duggan  
Chair, USD Faculty Senate  
President James W. Abbott

Commencement Address ..... Dr. Gerard A. Jacobs  
Director, Disaster Mental Health Institute  
Professor, Clinical Psychology  
"Respect"

Conferring of Degrees ..... Regent Tonnis H. Venhuizen  
President James W. Abbott

Honorary Degree ..... President James W. Abbott  
Thomas E. Aman, Doctor of Humane Letters

Alumni Welcome..... Jennifer Garelik Jones  
Alumni Association Representative

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

Recessional - *Grand Choeur*, by Salome ..... Dr. Larry B. Schou

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## Alma Mater

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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.

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## Stage Party

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James W. Abbott, President  
Tonnis H. Venhuizen, Board of Regents Representative  
Gerard A. Jacobs, Speaker  
Jennifer Garalik Jones, Alumni Association Representative  
Thomas E. Aman, Honorary Degree Recipient  
Heidi Nickisch Duggan, Chair, USD Faculty Senate  
Karen L. Olmstead, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs & Dean, Graduate School  
Rodney R. Parry, Vice President, Health Affairs & Dean, Sanford School of Medicine  
Thomas L. Sorensen, Associate Dean, School of Law  
Kurt H. Hackemer, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences  
Michael J. Keller, Dean, School of Business  
Linda J. Reetz, Associate Dean, School of Education  
Daniel G. Guyette, Dean, College of Fine Arts  
Laurie J. Becvar, Dean, Division of Continuing Education  
Terisa C. Remelius, Assistant Vice President, Student Services & Dean of Students  
Laura J. Jencki, Vice President, Research  
Carmen J. Howard, University Registrar

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## Board of Regents

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## Honorary Marshals

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Emeritus Professor Norma Wilson  
Emeritus Professor Robert Wood

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## Lead Marshals

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Professor Leon Korte  
Professor Barbara A. Yutrzenka

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## Marshals

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Professor Joy R. Karges  
Professor Solveig Korte  
Professor David H. Moen  
Emeritus Professor John E. Powell  
Professor Lana R. Svien  
Professor Gerald Yutrzenka

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## Faculty in Attendance

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Emeritus Professor Marlys Ann Boschee  
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Professor Yuhlong Lio  
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Professor Marie Steckelberg  
Professor William J. Sweeney  
Professor Dan Van Peursem  
Professor Dwight Vick  
Professor Randall E. Waldron  
Professor Joanne Wounded Head  
Professor Rosanne Yost  
Professor Garreth Zalud

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## Administration in Attendance

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Roberta S. Ambur, Vice President, Information Technology  
Richard D. Van Den Hul, Vice President, Finance and Administration  
Cecil O. Foster, Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Services  
Bruce A. King, Assistant Vice President, Academic Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer  
Diane S. Zak, Director, Human Resources

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## Ushers

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Diane Orr, Lead Usher  
Laurie Miller, Lead Usher  
Deb Coaker  
Teresa Hays  
Dominique Lyon  
Abby Nelson  
Jennifer Shaheen  
Clarence Shoemaker  
Susan Wasley

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## Interpreter

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Ceason Hunter



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# Candidates for Degrees

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Doctor of Philosophy

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Jimmie Joe Butcher, Jr., Edmond, OK  
B.A., University of Oklahoma  
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Psychology  
Dissertation: Malingering Strategies  
Used to Feign Posttraumatic Stress  
Disorder on the Trauma Symptom  
Inventory

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B.A., Hunter College, CUNY  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
Dissertation: Female Adolescent  
Friendship Processes: Relations to  
Social Experience and Efficacy

Martin Michael Cutler, Fort Washakie, WY  
B.S., M.S.Ed., Northern State University  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
Dissertation: Self-Efficacy and Resilience  
Among American Indian Adult Survivors  
of Trauma

Asangi Rashmi Kumari Kumarapelli,  
Colombo, Sri Lanka  
B.Med., B.Sug., University of Colombo,  
Sri Lanka  
Basic Biomedical Science  
Dissertation: Alpha B-Crystallin Modulates  
Cardiac Hypertrophic Response to Pressure  
Overload in Mice

Loralee Ann LaPointe, Vermillion, SD  
B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed., University of North Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
Dissertation: The Relationships Between  
Teacher Need Satisfaction and  
Perceptions of School and Classroom  
Environments

Trisha Terrean Miller, Waubay, SD  
B.S., M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
Dissertation: An Examination of Factors that  
Influence Maternal Caregivers' Decisions to  
Intervene in School Bullying Situations

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A.A., College of the Siskiyous  
B.A., B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara  
M.F.A., Eastern Washington University  
English  
Dissertation: *Coyote's Second Cousins*

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B.A., California State University, Fresno  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
Dissertation: Depression-Proneness,  
Perfectionism, and Career Path Among  
Upper-Division Undergraduate Psychology  
Students

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### Doctor of Education

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Bonni Fay Boschee, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., Dickinson State University  
M.S., Chadron State College  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: A Profile of Home  
Schooling in South Dakota

Mary Teresa Bowne, Brookings, SD  
B.S.F.C.S., M.S., South Dakota State  
University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: Comparisons of Literacy and  
Mathematical Knowledge in Kindergarten  
Curriculums Offering a Reggio-Emilia Inspired,  
Project Approach and Didactic Approach

Craig P. Coenen, Harlan, IA  
B.A., Iowa State University  
M.A., Ed.S., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Substance Abuse Counseling  
Students and Relapse Patients Beliefs about  
Relapse Prevention and the Readiness for  
Change

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B.A., Augustana College  
M.F.A., Washington State University  
M.B.A., The University of South Dakota  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: An Assessment of Formal Training  
in the Durable Goods Sector of South Dakota's  
Manufacturing Industry

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Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: An Examination of End of  
Treatment Reading Recovery Decisions  
and Later Achievement

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B.S.Ed., Northern State University  
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Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: Braille Literacy: Insights from  
Parents and Teachers

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M.A., University of Northern Iowa  
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Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Parent and Teacher Perceptions  
of Open Enrollment in Central South Dakota

Joni Lynn Johnson, Rapid City, SD  
A.A., B.A., University of South Carolina  
M.Ed., South Dakota State University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: The Use of Phrase-Cued Text  
as an Intervention to Facilitate Oral Reading  
Fluency for Struggling Third Graders

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Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: Factors Affecting Enrollment  
of At-Risk Students in Alternative High Schools

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Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: The Use, Training, and  
Importance of Cost-Effectiveness Analysis  
by South Dakota Principals

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B.A., Hunter College, CUNY  
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Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Autism Spectrum Disorder's  
Identification with Age, Race, Intellectual Ability,  
and Methods of Assessment in Western Iowa

Wayne Alan Westenberg, Orange City, IA  
B.A., Northwestern College  
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Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: Relationship Between the  
Range of ACT Assessment Scores and  
Student Persistence

Wen-Chi Wu, Tai-Chung, Taiwan  
B.B.A., Chung Yuan Christian  
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Educational Administration  
Dissertation: EFL Optimum Learning  
Environment: Perceptions of Faculty and  
Students at a Selected Taiwanese  
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Dissertation: Faculty Perceptions of  
Higher-Order Thinking at Technical  
Universities in Central Taiwan

Guijing Zhang, Shen Yang, P.R. China  
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Dissertation: Teacher Perceptions of Inclusion  
and Their Implementation of Accommodations  
for Students with Disabilities in General  
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## Specialist in Education

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## Master of Arts

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Psychology  
Thesis: A Validation of a Conflict  
Avoidance/Aversion Scale and Its  
Implications on Conflict Management

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Thesis: Heterosexual Masculinity and  
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Negative Attitudes Toward Gay Men

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Thesis: The Impact of Consumerism in  
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Thesis: Perceptions of Level of Intoxication  
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Thesis: *Shore Lines*

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Chemistry  
Thesis: The Mechanism of Amino Acid  
Analysis on Diamond Thin-Film Electrodes

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Elementary Education

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Psychology  
Thesis: The Role of Disaster Response  
Location on Traumatic Stress Reaction of  
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Chemistry  
Thesis: X-Ray Crystallography of New  
Chelating, Anthraquinone Ligands

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Psychology  
Thesis: Training Effectiveness and  
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Thesis: Understanding the Relationship Among  
Help Seeking Ethnic Identity and Alternative  
Sources of Help in Multicultural Populations

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Psychology  
Thesis: Parental Stress and Anxiety in  
Relation to Children's Depression: A  
Community Sample of Preschool-Aged  
Children in the Rural Midwest

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Psychology  
Thesis: Age-Related Variations in Driver  
Mental Workload During Mid-Block and  
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Thesis: Distress Tolerance and Experiential  
Avoidance: Associations with Coping  
Strategies, Affect Intensity, and Symptoms  
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Thesis: Rural Females and Males Interviewed:  
A Qualitative View of Marital Satisfaction

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English  
Thesis: No Room for "Preening and  
Prettifying": Professional Writing in the  
Novels of William Dean Howells

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Speech-Language Pathology

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English  
Thesis: *Sink or Swim*

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## Master of Natural Science

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B.S.Ed., Northern State University

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## Master of Business Administration

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B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
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Stefanie Rose Geigle, Wall, SD  
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## Master of Music

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## Master of Professional Accountancy

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## Master of Science

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- Marta Marie Belfrage, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Technology for Education & Training
- Nicole J. Carlson, Belle Fourche, SD  
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Administrative Studies
- Cheryl Lynn Carruthers, Chamberlain, SD  
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- Marie May Christopherson, Spearfish, SD  
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Physical Therapy
- Thomas John Clausen, Brewster, MN  
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- Dustin Dennis Degen, Hartford, SD  
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Technology for Education & Training
- Frank Allen Doerksen, Chicago, IL  
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Physical Therapy
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Physical Therapy
- Sara Beth Groher, Storm Lake, IA  
B.A., Augustana College  
Physical Therapy
- Sheila Caroline Haack Peterson, Rosemount, MN  
B.S.Ed., Dakota State University  
Technology for Education & Training
- Lindsay Leigh Hagg, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Southwest State University  
Physical Therapy
- Peggy J. Murphy Hanzlik, Chamberlain, SD  
B.S.Ed., Northern State University  
Technology for Education & Training
- Garrett Kenneth Hartwig, Pinedale, WY  
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota  
Technology for Education & Training
- Shashikanth Venkatachalasetty Honaganahalu, Bangalore, India  
B.Pharm., Bangalore University, India  
Administrative Studies
- Angela Kae Jackson, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., Capella University  
Technology for Education & Training
- Becky Jo Jensen, Chamberlain, SD  
B.S.Ed., Northern State University  
Technology for Education & Training
- Christopher Gordon Koletzky, Yankton, SD  
B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
Technology for Education & Training
- Patti Jo Larson, Willow Lake, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Physical Therapy
- Sheryl E. Larson, Chamberlain, SD  
B.S.Ed., Peru State College  
Technology for Education & Training
- David Charles Moeller, Bryant, SD  
B.S.Ed., Dakota State University  
Technology for Education & Training
- Pradnya Vinod Naik, Vermillion, SD  
B.H.M.S., University of Pune, India  
Physical Therapy
- Katie Lynn Norman, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology  
Physical Therapy
- Barbara Anne Nyreen, Sioux City, IA  
B.A., Briar Cliff University  
Administrative Studies
- Gloria One Feather, Pine Ridge, SD  
B.A., B.S., Minot State University  
Administrative Studies
- Lavynne Louise Rada, Milbank, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Technology for Education & Training
- Patricia Mae Reiners, Humboldt, SD  
B.S.Ed., Dakota State University  
Technology for Education & Training
- Kärin Anne Renner, Crooks, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Technology for Education & Training
- Christen Lynn Rennich, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., University of North Dakota  
Administrative Studies
- Catherine M. Reuer, Chamberlain, SD  
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota  
Technology for Education & Training
- Trisha Kae Rieffenberger, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Physical Therapy
- Lisa Marie Schlafman, Sisseton, SD  
B.S.Ed., Northern State University  
Technology for Education & Training

Jill Marie Schreiber, Oacoma, SD  
B.S.Ed., Dakota State University  
Technology for Education & Training  
Tamela Kay Shepherd Schwartz, Chamberlain, SD  
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota  
Technology for Education & Training  
Kristi Kay Sporrer, Alcester, SD  
B.S.A&S., South Dakota State University  
Physical Therapy  
Mingxin Tang, Liaoning, P.R. China  
B.S., M.S., China Medical University, P.R. China  
Basic Biomedical Science  
Thesis: Activation of the Calcineurin/NFAT  
Pathway in Desminopathy Mouse Hearts:  
The Role of Proteasomal Malfuncion

Jeffery Earl Tveit, Chamberlain, SD  
B.S.Ed., Northern State University  
Technology for Education & Training  
Troy E. Van Essen, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Dordt College  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Physical Therapy  
Katie Marie Walter, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Physical Therapy  
Sarah Ann Waring, Yankton, SD  
B.S.Ed., University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Physical Therapy

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## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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### University Scholar

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**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.**

Jathan Arthur Chicoine, Gilbert, IA  
Bachelor of Arts, College of Arts & Sciences  
Thesis: Extraordinary Experiences in the  
Context of Maya Creation Myth  
Aubrey Jay Milton, Astoria, SD  
Bachelor of Science, College of Arts & Sciences  
Thesis: Racial Disparity in Juvenile Justice:  
A Literature Review

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Arts

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Jathan Arthur Chicoine, Gilbert, IA  
Anthropology, International Studies  
*Cum Laude*  
*University Scholar*  
Dirk B. Craft, II, Wasilla, AK  
Political Science  
Chelsey Elizabeth Krull, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism, Spanish  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Lesley M. MacLean, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
Tracy Dawn Rauscher, Rock Valley, IA  
Psychology  
Philip David Squires, Sioux Falls, SD  
English

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### Bachelor of Science

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Jacob H. Andersen, Sioux City, IA  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*  
Katie Elizabeth Baldwin, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Benjamin Gerold-Loren Blackford, Sioux City, IA  
Biology  
James Nathaniel Bower, South Sioux City, NE  
Chemistry  
Molly Jean Daniel, Newell, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Kama Deane Dodge, Britt, IA  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*  
Jessica Patrice Gunderson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Traci Lynn Hochhalter, Mobridge, SD  
Criminal Justice  
Gabrielle Ann Kathleen Iverson, Sioux City, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Andrew Thomas Johnson, Fort Pierre, SD  
Psychology  
Brandy Kay Johnson, Vermillion, SD  
English  
Stacy Lynn Kant, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology  
Josh G. Meyer, Madison, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice  
Amanda Darlene Miller, Stanton, NE  
Criminal Justice  
Eric C. Miller, Yankton, SD  
Psychology, Political Science

Aubrey Jay Milton, Astoria, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*  
*University Scholar*

Mitchell James Patrick, Oakland, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Mark A. Rambow, Piedmont, SD  
History

Mindy K. Rumbolz, Ethan, SD  
Biology, Psychology

James A. Sabata, Lincoln, NE  
English

Juanita Elizabeth Saldana, Garner, IA  
Criminal Justice

Svien Anthony Senne, Vermillion, SD  
Biology

Yan Sun, Chongqing, P.R. China  
Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Nicole Renee Whitlock, Sioux City, IA  
Psychology

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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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### Bachelor of Business Administration

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Andrew Kenneth Ausborn, South Sioux City, NE  
Management

Austin Jon Bernhard, Fort Pierre, SD  
Management

Amy Lynn Jones, Martin, SD  
Finance

Mark Stephen Ludens, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Christopher John Miller, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Services Administration

Keith David Muller, Spearfish, SD  
Accounting

Katie E. Peterson, Sioux City, IA  
Accounting

Eric D. Russell, Marion, SD  
Finance

Briley Jon Sharping, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Services Administration

Douglas L. Standley, Canton, SD  
Management

Alexander A. Swain, Sioux City, IA  
Management

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science in Education

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Lee William Langbehn, Vermillion, SD  
History Education

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## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

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### Bachelor of Music

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Matthew Allen Besta, Beresford, SD  
Music Studies

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## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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### Bachelor of Arts

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Elizabeth A. Crabtree, Lennox, SD  
Social Work, American Indian Studies  
*Cum Laude*

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## Bachelor of Science

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Megan Lynn Azevedo, Rapid City, SD  
Social Work, Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Anna Marie Bourne, Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work

Danelle Marie Cass, Pierre, SD  
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies, Psychology

Dana Jo Gaskins, Yankton, SD  
Social Work

Sarah Anne Gitlin, Correctionville, IA  
Social Work

Carla Marie Heller, Pierre, SD  
Physician Assistant Studies

Summer Rose Linke, Norfolk, NE/Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work  
*Cum Laude*

Beverly Ann Lovell, Springfield, SD  
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Jill Jaminet Majeres, Remsen, IA  
Social Work

*Magna Cum Laude*

Judy Mae Miller, Yankton, SD  
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

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## Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

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Lisa M. Mathison, Canton, SD

Todd Allen Sangel, Milford, IA

Alicia Marie Schneckloth, Ida Grove, IA

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## Associate of Science

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Dixie Sue Calhoon, Midland, SD  
Nursing

Brian Peter Christiaansen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Martie J. Dekam, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Lisa Sherri Slaamod, Park River, ND  
Nursing

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To earn an Honors Designation at graduation, the baccalaureate-level graduate must have completed at least 64 hours of USD credit and must meet the following USD and cumulative grade point averages:

Summa Cum Laude  
Magna Cum Laude  
Cum Laude

equal to or greater than 3.9  
equal to or greater than 3.7  
equal to or greater than 3.5

To earn an Honors Designation at graduation, the associate-level graduate must have completed at least 32 hours of USD credit and must meet the following USD and cumulative grade point averages:

With Highest Honor  
With High Honor  
With Honor

equal to or greater than 3.9  
equal to or greater than 3.7  
equal to or greater than 3.5

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

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

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 twined cord
Golden Key Honor Society .....	Golden stole with Golden Key emblem