

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WINTER SESSION

*Commencement Exercises*  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Saturday, December Thirteenth  
Two Thousand and Three  
At Ten O'Clock A.M.



# Commencement Exercises

Special Music - *The Star Spangled Banner* ..... USD Chamber Singers  
Directed by Dr. Matthew Harden

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

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

Commencement Address..... Linda Hasselstrom

Alumni Achievement Award.....President James W. Abbott  
Linda Hasselstrom

Special Music - *Come My Light* by Dr. Stephen Yarbrough..... USD Chamber Singers

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

Alumni Welcome.....Gail Eberlein

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*.....USD Chamber Singers  
The audience is invited to sing.

Recessional - *Sinfonia* by Mouret.....Dr. Larry B. Schou  
The audience is requested to remain seated.

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## Honorary Marshals

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## Lead Marshals

Solveig Korte  
Barbara Yutzenka

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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

Steven Bucklin	Karen Olmstead
Marlys Boschee	Doug Peterson
Kurt Hackemer	Timothy Schorn
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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Patricia A. Hill, Rapid City, SD

B.A., Mount Marty College

M.A., The University of South Dakota

Psychology

Dissertation: Seeking, Understanding and

Healing for the Lakota Nation through Our

Elders: A Qualitative Study

Carrie L. Nassif, Vermillion, SD

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

Psychology

Dissertation: Investigating Creativity with

the MMPI-2: A Preliminary Creativity Scale

Holly J. Nikels, Kearney, NE

B.S., M.S., Ed.S., The University of

Nebraska - Kearney

Counseling & Psychology in Education

Dissertation: Allies Against Hate: A

Comprehensive School-Based Diversity/

Sensitivity Training: A Goal-Program

Evaluation

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### Doctor of Education

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G. Lewis Archambault, Madison, SD

B.A., The University of Sioux Falls

M.A., The University of South Dakota

Educational Administration

Dissertation: Evaluating Communication

within the E-learning Experience

Katherine A. Bauer-Sanders,

North Sioux City, SD

B.S.Ed., M.A., The University of South

Dakota

Curriculum & Instruction

Dissertation: Student Perceptions of Bullying

Phenomena in a Native American Elementary

School

Timothy John Duggan, Lincoln, NE

B.A., The University of California - Santa

Barbara

M.A., Nebraska Wesleyan University

M.A., The University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Curriculum & Instruction

Dissertation: Uses of Music in the High

School English/Language Arts Classroom in

South Dakota: Teacher Perceptions and

Practices

Ching-Mei Hsiao, Tainan City, Taiwan, ROC

B.A., American Culture University

M.B.A., Kansas Wesleyan University

Educational Administration

Dissertation: Transnational Education

Marketing Strategies for Postsecondary

Program Success in Singapore, Hong Kong,

and Mainland China

Yu-Wen Liao Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ROC

B.S., M.A., William Woods College

Educational Administration

Dissertation: Principals' and Teachers'

Perceptions of Staff Development in

Kaohsiung City and County, Taiwan

Ching-Hsiu Lin, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC

B.S., Hsing Wu College

M.S., Madonna College

Educational Administration

Dissertation: Perceived Presidential

Leadership Styles and Faculty Job

Satisfaction at Taiwanese Institutes of

Technology

Mary Jo Elizabeth Nesmith, Brookings, SD

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

Educational Administration

Dissertation: Communication Chairs'

Perspectives of Standards and Staffing Trends

in the Interpersonal Course

Rosaline King Reinhart, Mitchell, SD

B.S., South Dakota State University

M.S., The University of South Dakota

Educational Administration

Dissertation: Registrar's Perception of Their

Role in Institutional Change

Tzong-Song Wang, Pingtung, Taiwan, ROC

B.A., Chinese Culture University

M.S., Fairleigh Dickenson University

Educational Administration

Dissertation: Adult Cyber Learning

Receptivity Factors

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### Juris Doctor

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Mary Ann Margaret Guiney, Oahu, Hawaii

B.S.B.A., Woodbury University

Christopher John Niles, Sioux City, IA

B.S., Morningside College

Cory J. Rooney, Sioux City, IA

B.S., Newman University

Janet Dixson Schroeder, Marcus, IA

B.A., The University of Northern Iowa

Aaron Michael Weiland, Dell Rapids, SD

B.A., Augustana College

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### Specialist in Education

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Kimberly J. Cournoyer, Pierre, SD

M.A., The University of South Dakota

Counseling & Psychology in Education

Stephen Oliver Jones, Tracy, MN

B.S., Southwest Minnesota State University

M.A., The University of South Dakota

Educational Administration

Sandra M. Jungers, Watertown, SD

B.S.Ed., Northern State University

M.A., The University of South Dakota

Educational Administration

Kevin G. Nelson, Beresford, SD

B.S.Ed., M.S., Northern State University

Educational Administration

Wendy K. Stubbs, Alcester, SD

B.A., Wayne State College

M.A., The University of South Dakota

Technology for Education and Training

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## Master of Arts

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- Michael C. Anderson, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Communication Studies  
Thesis: Gender and Politics: Messages by Female Candidates in Political Ads in the 1998 Senatorial and Gubernatorial Elections
- Susan P. Berry, Marietta, OH  
B.A., Marietta College  
M.B.A., Ohio University  
Educational Administration
- Jordan Patrick Clark V, Mitchell, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Contemporary Media & Journalism
- Morgan D. Douthit, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Health, Physical Education and Recreation  
Thesis: Prevalence of Body Image Disturbance among Men and Women in a University Setting
- Donna J. Duncan, Vermillion, SD  
B.A., Sinte Gleska University  
Interdisciplinary Studies
- Kitty Byrd Dyer, Belle Fourche, SD  
B.A., Saint Mary Plains College  
English  
Thesis: Stumbling Toward Paradise
- Jennifer K. Dykstra, George, IA  
B.A., Briar Cliff College  
Psychology  
Thesis: Anxiety in Preschool Children: The Influences of Parental Stress and Anxiety and the Child's Social Competence
- Jonna Colleen Ebel, Hartley, IA  
B.S., Augustana Colllege  
Counseling & Psychology in Education
- Jonathan E. Granstrom, Sioux City, IA  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Biology
- Krislyn Jo Hansen, Alton, IA  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Communication Disorders
- Angela Christie Hanson, Milford, IA  
B.A., Mount Marty College  
English
- Laura Sue Huedepohl-Veal, Williamsburg, IA  
B.A., The University of Northern Iowa  
Communication Disorders
- Barbara Joan Iacino, Vermillion, SD  
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota  
Interdisciplinary Studies
- Daniel Isaac  
B.A., Coventry University  
Computer Science
- Monica L. Iverson, Vermillion, SD  
B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Secondary Education
- Douglas M. Jennewein, Yankton, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Mathematics
- Lindsey Marie Jennewein, Onida, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Computer Science  
Thesis: A Usability Study of the Affordances of the Objects in TechTown: A Career Exploration Tool for Grades Three Through Five
- Paul Gregory Johnson, Vermillion, SD  
B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Political Science
- Joseph John Kafka, Wagner, SD  
B.S.Ed., The University of South Dakota  
History  
Thesis: History of Crow Creek High School
- Ilknur Keskin, Ankara, Turkey  
B.A., Hacettepe University  
Computer Science
- Yi-Chen Lu, Kansiung City, Tainan ROC  
B.S., M.A., William Woods College  
English
- Lesego K. Makunga, Gaborone, Botswana  
B.A., The University of Maryland  
Communication Disorders
- Graig J. McElmuray, Iowa Falls, IA  
B.A., Simpson College  
Health, Physical Education and Recreation
- Ann Marie McTaggart, Sioux City, IA  
B.S., Morningside College  
B.F.A., The University of South Dakota  
Interdisciplinary Studies
- David L. Meyer, Chicago, IL  
B.S., University of the Ozarks  
Psychology  
Thesis: The Effects of Past Disaster Experience on Red Cross Workers Following the September 11 Terrorist Attacks
- Anna Marie Michaelson, Dakota Dunes, SD  
B.A., The University of Minnesota - Duluth  
Secondary Education
- Rachael E. Miller, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Contemporary Media & Journalism
- Bing Mo, Chongqing, PRC  
B.S., ChongQing Teachers College  
M.S., Kunming Institute of Zoology, The Chinese Academy of Sciences  
Computer Science
- Brenda Lueth Paulsen, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., The University of Sioux Falls  
English  
Thesis: Is There "Elbow Room" for a Palm PDA in the Composition Classroom?: Not Without a Keyboard
- Mary L. Payer  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education
- Jessica Erin Unterbrunner, Pierre, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Communication Disorders
- Erik M. Raml, Mitchell, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Communication Disorders
- Terra J. Riediger, Wakonda, SD  
B.S.R., The University of South Dakota  
Health, Physical Education and Recreation
- Dana Mathew Saeger, Osseo, MN  
B.A., Saint Cloud State University  
Political Science
- Sabrina Joylynn Shotwell, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Secondary Education
- Joshua W. Smith, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Computer Science
- Lisa Marie Tilkens, Green Bay, WI  
B.S., Saint Norbert College  
Chemistry  
Thesis: A Comparative Study of Calculated and Experimental Energy Transfer Processes within Isolated Ln<sup>3+</sup> Pairs in Cesium Metal Halides (CsMX<sub>3</sub>)
- Christine M. Tomlinson, Hinton, IA  
B.S., Iowa State University  
Secondary Education
- Natalie M. Tschetter, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Contemporary Media & Journalism
- Clay C. Turner, West Chicago, IL  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education
- Sandra Renae Van Ormer, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Contemporary Media & Journalism
- Prasad Reddy Vemala Venkata Siva, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, India  
B.S., Bangalore University  
Computer Science  
Thesis: Integrating Trust into Online Websites
- Kris K. Waltner, Freeman, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
History  
Thesis: The Dominican Sisters in South Dakota: 1905 to Present
- Molly A. Weisgram, Pierre, SD  
B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Communication Studies
- Eric T. Wienke, Berlin, Germany  
B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
Thesis: Combining Beat Frequency and Carrier Frequency Manipulations in a Single Acoustic Signal for Greater Salience and Information Content
- Johnna Leigh Wingate, Boonville, MO  
B.S., Central Missouri State University  
Communication Disorders
- Katherine A. Wollmann, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education
- Rhonda R. Zinter, Milbank, SD  
B.S.E.D., Northern State University  
Educational Administration

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## Master of Business Administration

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Diana Marie Bannister, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
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B.A., Dordt College  
Gregg O. Fodness, Canton, SD  
B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota  
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B.S., South Dakota School of Mines &  
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B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota  
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B.S., Black Hills State University  
Kerry K. Hope, Sioux City, IA  
B.S., Morningside College  
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B.S., Morningside College  
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## Master of Music

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## Master of Professional Accountancy

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B.S., South Dakota State University

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## Master of Public Administration

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B.A., Briar Cliff College  
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B.S., The University of Southern Mississippi  
M.S., US Army Cmnd & Gen Staff Coll

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## Master of Science

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B.S.Ed., Northeastern State University  
M.S., Oklahoma State University  
Ed.D., The University of South Dakota  
Technology for Education and Training  
Heidi Marie Bartlett, Lincoln, NE  
B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Occupational Therapy  
Julie A. Barto, Sioux City, IA  
B.S., Bellevue College  
Administrative Studies  
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B.A., Isabella Thoburn College  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
M.A., Lucknow University  
Technology for Education and Training  
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B.S., Briar Cliff College  
Administrative Studies  
Jennifer Jo Coad, Dell Rapids, SD  
B.S.R., The University of South Dakota  
Occupational Therapy  
Kristi Sue Crowser, Sturgis, SD  
B.S.B.A., The University of South Dakota  
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Gina M. Eich, Epiphany, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Occupational Therapy  
Lindsey Ann Hoffman, Huron, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Occupational Therapy  
Nicol Lynn Huyvaert, Watertown, SD  
B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Occupational Therapy  
Deepa Jain, Bangalore, India  
B.A., Bangalore University  
M.B.A., Siddaganga Institute of Technology  
Administrative Studies  
Lori Beth Laughlin, Spearfish, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Administrative Studies  
Anna M. Melendez, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., The University of Wyoming  
Technology for Education and Training  
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B.S., South Dakota State University  
Administrative Studies  
Rachel L. Rasmussen, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., University Wisconsin Superior  
Technology for Education and Training  
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Marcy Ann Shea, Primgar, IA  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Administrative Studies  
Jennifer Lynn Stanwick-Klimek, Yankton, SD  
B.A., Mount Marty College  
Technology for Education and Training  
Steven G. Stern, Clark, SD  
B.S.M.T., The University of South Dakota  
Administrative Studies  
Shannon Elizabeth Thomas, Miller, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Occupational Therapy  
Kerri A. Vaughan, Sioux City, IA  
B.A., The University of Northern Iowa  
Administrative Studies  
Sarah I. Wetzler, Redfield, SD  
B.S.E.D., Black Hills State University  
Technology for Education and Training

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Arts

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Charlie Elaine Anderson, Hill City, SD  
English  
Nathan Scott Anderson, Rapid City, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Chanda Mae Bonnema, Bison, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice  
Jennifer J. Carlson, Sioux City, IA  
Psychology  
Eric Thomson Davis, Spearfish, SD  
English  
Connie Marie Dittman, Rapid City, SD  
Communication Disorders  
*Cum Laude*  
Guy David Eggers, Wakonda, SD  
History  
*Cum Laude*  
Melissa Marie Elrod, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice, Psychology  
William Albert Ewing III, Sacramento, CA  
English Education  
Eric Jon Faulwell, Dell Rapids, SD  
English  
Craig Austin Halstead, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice  
Kimberly Diane Hansler, Omaha, NE  
Psychology, Spanish  
Sarah Jane Hassebroek, Inwood, IA  
Spanish  
Wendy Lee Heck, Homer, NE  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Tandy L. Hieb, Brandon, SD  
History  
Raechel Marie Horner, Greenfield, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Steven Paul Janish, Aberdeen, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Saturnino E. John, Vermillion, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Julie Ann Kramer, Sioux Falls, SD  
Communication Disorders  
Jonathan Wayne Lyon, Herrick, SD  
History  
Melissa Jo Mayhew, West Branch, IA  
History, American Indian Studies  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Michelle Erin Nassen, Blue Earth, MN  
Criminal Justice  
Ellen Isabel Norwood, Washington, DC  
Anthropology  
Beth Ellen Olson, Richfield, MN  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Emily Joy Parsons, Vermillion, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Samantha Rae Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology, Criminal Justice  
Stacey Lynn Ratkiewicz, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
*Cum Laude*  
Cara Jean Rosauer, Ponca, NE  
Psychology  
Jennifer L. Schley, Huron, SD  
Psychology, Sociology  
Carmen Nichole Seaton, Mitchell, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
*Cum Laude*  
Amy J. Spartz, Watertown, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Katie Lyn Thayer, Odebolt, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
Patrick A. Thoendel  
Anthropology  
Sarah Jeanne VanBerkum, Rapid City, SD  
Political Science  
Alison Solveig Wallace, Deep River, CT  
Contemporary Media & Journalism  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Christiane A. Nyquist Wieseler, Yankton, SD  
English  
Jennifer Renee Winter, Parkston, SD  
Anthropology, German  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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## Bachelor of Liberal Studies

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Aaron Joseph Dietrich, Emmetsburg, IA

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## Bachelor of Science

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Kristen Emelie Aaron, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology, Social Work

Brent Steven Anderson, Yankton, SD  
Computer Science

Shawn Michael Asbenson, Mitchell, SD  
Biology

Teri Lynn Atkinson, Springfield, IL  
Psychology

Drew Alan Barns, Rapid City, SD  
Chemistry

Heidi Ann Belitz, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Warren Jacob Bender  
Criminal Justice

Charles Wesley Bingen, Vermillion, SD  
Mathematics

Talia Marie Bollinger, Bowdle, SD  
Computer Science

*Cum Laude*

Michael Patrick Bowar, Parkston, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Mark Paul Brueggeman, Watertown, SD  
Criminal Justice

Audri Raschelle Bryan, Beresford, SD  
Psychology

Kristine Y. Chung, West Des Moines, IA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Joshua Jack Clason, Hill City, SD  
History

Taya M. Dockter, Pierre, SD  
History

James Henry Dunham, Rapid City, SD  
Psychology

Benjamin Lee Emmons, Boxborough, MA  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Diane Grace Frieberg, Yankton, SD  
Psychology

Katrina Rose Frisbie, Sioux City, IA  
Psychology

David Scott Froseth, Mobridge, SD  
Psychology

*Magna Cum Laude*

Ryan C. Georgoff, Aberdeen, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Tony Jonathan Graber, Parkston, SD  
Biology

Josh David Gray, Hill City, SD  
History

Leaf Evans Greene, Sioux City, IA  
Biology

Amy Lynn Haase, Kaylor, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Seung-Kuk Han  
Social Work

Elias J. Harden  
Computer Science

Lance Michael Hauser, Parkston, SD  
Biology

Jennifer L. Heibult, Viborg, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism, Biology

Josephine Ann Kirchmeyer, Spring Grove, MN  
Psychology

Amalia Marie Koehler, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Melissa Leigh Krause, Rapid City, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Sihong Lai  
Computer Science

Debra Lynn Langstraat, Elk Point, SD  
Psychology

*Cum Laude*

Aaron Jon Lantgen, Watertown, SD  
Criminal Justice, Psychology

Sarah Marie Liberko, Sioux Falls, SD  
English

Sara J. Marsh, Onida, SD  
Criminal Justice

Colin James May, Wentworth, SD  
English

Christopher Kelly Meehan, Hartford, SD  
Biology

*Cum Laude*

Trenton James Middendorf, West Des Moines, IA  
History

Rebecca Ann Millan, Mitchell, SD  
History, Political Science

Casey Leah Miller, Plankinton, SD  
Psychology

Jennifer Megan Miller, Duluth, MN  
Psychology

Justin David Miller, Sherwood Park, Alberta,  
Canada

Criminal Justice

Karl Bernard Miller, Beresford, SD  
Psychology

Amanda Sue Muller, Schuyler, NE  
Psychology

John E. Myers, Elk Point, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Desiree Marie Neuberger, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology

Kathryn Alene Paulson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Communication Disorders

Karen Marie Peterson, Rapid City, SD  
Biology

Lindsey Christina Pingel, Sutherland, IA  
Biology

Roger B. Pogue, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Lee A. Rettig, Yankton, SD  
History

Darcy Hawkinson Rokusek, Worthington, MN  
Communication Disorders

Sonia Jane Rokusek, Mitchell, SD  
Computer Science

Joseph Patrick Ryan, Sioux Falls, SD  
Political Science

April Jayne Saarloos, Garretson, SD  
Political Science

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Eric J. Sabers, Mitchell, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Joshua J. Schaefer, Pierre, SD  
English, History

Kathryn Ann Snobeck, Sioux Falls, SD  
Contemporary Media & Journalism

Jennifer Jean Taylor  
Criminal Justice, Psychology

Takaya Watanabe, Onawa, IA  
Sociology, Psychology

Cerrisa Marie Westphal, Canby, MN  
Psychology

Kyle Nathan Whitely, Brandon, SD  
Mathematics, Physics

John Henry Zeman, McLaughlin, SD  
Psychology



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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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### Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

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Sarena Joy Beastro, Onida, SD

Accounting

*Cum Laude*

Marc Irwin Billings, Vermillion, SD

Management

Charles Daniel Bostick, Palmer, AL

Accounting

*Cum Laude*

Leanna Moana Chapman, Rapid City, SD

Accounting

*Magna Cum Laude*

Eric Scott DeZotell, Sioux Falls, SD

Management

Nichole Jean Ericson, Alcester, SD

Management

Maggie Mae Erstad, Sioux Falls, SD

Management

Daniel Curtis Frasier, Watertown, SD

Management

Timothy J. Glover, Burke, SD

Management

Mary Catherine Greaves

Accounting

Patrick George Griffith, Baker, MT

Management

Scott Michael Hatch, Mobridge, SD

Management

*Magna Cum Laude*

Misty Marie Kendrick, Bradley, SD

Accounting

Amber Marie Kindopp, Platte, SD / Pierre, SD

Accounting

Chance Tanner Knecht, Pierre, SD

Management

Mandy Marie Lammers, Yankton, SD

Management

Mikelle Lynn Mathieson, Canton, SD

Accounting

Licia Renee McClung, Hot Springs, SD

Accounting, Political Science

Matthew Michael Ortmeier, Chelsea, SD

Management

Mark Joseph Papousek, Quinn, SD

Management

*Cum Laude*

Waylon Justin Payer, Wagner, SD

Management

Betsy L. Petersen, Vermillion, SD

Accounting

Aimie Lee Phu, Vermillion, SD

Management

Jeffrey Lee Pierce

Management

Travis R. Pinkelman, Norfolk, NE

Management

Renae A. Randall, Dell Rapids, SD

Accounting

*Summa Cum Laude*

Richelle Nicole Reddick, Vermillion, SD

Management

Shane Christopher Reimers, Schaller, IA

Management

Stacy Jo Schooley, Watertown, SD

Accounting

Darren Scott Small, Upton, WY

Management

April Ann Smart, Ft. Pierre, SD

Management

Christina Kay Smith, Brandon, SD

Accounting

Philip Andrew Smith, Sioux Falls, SD

Management

Marti-RaeAnn L. Spaethe, Tea, SD

Accounting

Melissa Dawn Spalla, Chatfield, MN

Management

Janel Marie Stratman, St. Helena, NE

Management

Shane S. Stredde, Tabor, SD

Management

Kirk Adam Streeter, McCook Lake, SD

Management

Andrea Kathryn Walter, Iroquois, SD

Management

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### Bachelor of Science in Health Administration

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Lana Gylumari, Sioux Falls, SD

Nicholas Joel Hluchy, Sioux Falls, SD

Jeremy N. Klinkhammer, Howard, SD

Nicole A. Spencer, LeMars, IA

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science in Education

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Patrick John Belling, Omaha, NE

Elementary Education

Angela Jean Bierman, Aberdeen, SD

Elementary Education, Special Education

*Cum Laude*

Anne Marie Bosanko, Aberdeen, SD

Elementary Education

*Cum Laude*

Andrew Nicholas Fleek, Lincoln, NE

History Education

Ashley Evans Fletcher, Vermillion, SD

Elementary Education

Dawn L. Forsyth, Vermillion, SD

Elementary Education

Gretchen Marie Gertsema, Yankton, SD

Elementary Education

Katie Marie Haas, Sioux Falls, SD

Elementary Education, Special Education

*Summa Cum Laude*

Laura Marie Halvorson, Hartford, SD

Elementary Education

Nicole Danielle Harkness, Elk Point, SD

Elementary Education

*Magna Cum Laude*

Michelle Marie Hestor, Council Bluffs, IA

Elementary Education

*Cum Laude*

Tanya Kay Hohn, Sioux Falls, SD

Elementary Education

Katie L. Kirby, Brookings, SD

Elementary Education

*Cum Laude*

Kylie Jane Knutson, Centerville, SD

Elementary Education, Special Education

*Magna Cum Laude*

Cindi Rae Koch, Pierson, IA

Elementary Education, Special Education

*Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Rose Starzl Koerner, Yankton, SD

Elementary Education

Ashley Marie Koster, Yankton, SD

Elementary Education

Valorie Marie Larsen, Sioux Falls, SD

Elementary Education, Special Education

Chad Dean Lentsch, Madison, SD

Elementary Education

*Cum Laude*

Tresa A. Mogck, Sioux Falls, SD

Elementary Education

John Charles Mulhair, Yankton, SD

Elementary Education

Bradley Jason Muller, Beresford, SD

History Education

Melissa Renee O'Conner, Vermillion, SD

Elementary Education

Brent A. Pence, Dakota Dunes, SD

History Education

Tammy Kay Rusher, Wasilla, AL

Elementary Education

Clint Jason Gogue Thome, Rapid City, SD

Physical Education

Adam L. Wiarda, Rock Rapids, IA

Physical Education

Melanie Anne Wipf, Huron, SD

Elementary Education

*Summa Cum Laude*

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## **Bachelor of Science in Recreation**

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Kaseem Malik Gaines, Trenton, NJ  
Amanda Stewart Iverson, Vermillion, SD

Jessica A. Jervik, Beresford, SD  
Tadd S. Jones, Hampton, IA

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## **COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS**

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### **Bachelor of Fine Arts**

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Shawn C. Adams, Sioux City, IA  
Art  
Kelly Kay Aden, Salem, SD  
Art  
Alissa Joy Ledebor, Fort Dodge, IA  
Theatre

Jerry Paul Nicholson  
Art, English  
Michael Christopher Stanley, Onawa, IA  
Art  
Dayle L. Sundberg, Viborg, SD / Gettysburg, SD  
Art

Elizabeth Jean Swanson, Chamberlain, SD  
Art  
Cary Amanda Thrall, Lead, SD  
Art

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### **Bachelor of Music**

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Natalie Ann Cedar, Cherokee, IA  
Music Education, Spanish  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Jean Donovan Healy, Sioux Falls, SD  
Music Performance  
Randi Lynn Kent, Mitchell, SD  
Music Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Aron Wells Nevin, Pierre, SD  
Music Education  
Samantha Gail Robilliard, Storm Lake, IA  
Music Education

Alicia Erin Schaub, Chamberlain, SD  
Music Education  
*Cum Laude*

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## **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

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### **Bachelor of Arts**

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Beckey Jo Eddie, Mission, SD  
Social Work

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### **Bachelor of Science**

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Ondrea Kae Patzlaff, Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work

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### **Bachelor of Science in Allied Health**

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Albert Kenneth Chiancone Jr.  
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

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### **Associate of Science**

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