

THE THIRTY-FIRST WINTER SESSION  
**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



HELD IN THE DAKOTADOME ON THE  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, VERMILLION

**S**ATURDAY, **D**ECEMBER **S**IXTEENTH  
TWO THOUSAND AND **S**IX  
AT TEN O'CLOCK A.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.....USD Chamber Singers  
directed by Dr. David Sharlow  
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.....Governor M. Michael Rounds

*I Can Tell The World*, by Moses Hogan.....USD Chamber Singers  
directed by Dr. David Sharlow

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

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

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*.....USD Chamber Singers  
directed by Dr. David Sharlow  
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  
Royce C. Engstrom, Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Tonnis H. Venhuizen, Board of Regents Representative  
Governor M. Michael Rounds, Speaker  
Jennifer Garelik Jones, Alumni Association Representative  
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  
Ronald Lindahl, Executive Dean, Sanford School of Medicine  
John Williams, Dean, Division of Health Sciences, Sanford School of Medicine  
Barry R. Vickrey, Dean, School of Law  
Thomas L. Sorensen, Associate Dean, School of Law  
Matthew C. Moen, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences  
Michael J. Keller, Dean, School of Business  
Linda J. Reetz, Interim 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. Jenski, Vice President, Research  
Carmen J. Howard, University Registrar  
Ceason Hunter, Interpreter

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Professor Leon Korte  
Professor Barbara A. Yutrzenka

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## Faculty in Attendance

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Professor Angela Anderson  
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Professor Mark Baron  
Professor Teri Bellis  
Professor Larry Bright  
Professor Karen Card  
Professor Michael Card  
Professor Jon Elhai  
Professor Mary Engstrom  
Professor Michael Gillispie  
Professor Emily Haddad  
Professor Elizabeth Hanson  
Professor Lisa Hazlett  
Professor Christina Jackson  
Professor Marlene Jacobson  
Professor Christina Keller  
Professor Dona Kennealley  
Professor Ranjit Koodali

Professor Clayton Lehmann  
Professor Margaret Miller  
Professor Marcia Morrison  
Professor Bridget Nichols  
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Professor Mary Ring  
Professor Lee Ann Roripaugh  
Professor Charles Schwartz  
Professor Diane Sevening  
Professor Stacy Smallfield  
Professor Barbara Stolle  
Professor Robert Tosterud  
Professor Dan Van Peursem  
Professor Robert Wharton  
Professor Joanne Wounded Head  
Professor Garreth Zalud

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## Administration in Attendance

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Roberta S. Ambur, Vice President, Information Technology  
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Richard D. Van Den Hul, Vice President, Finance and Administration  
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## Interpreter

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# Candidates for Degrees

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Doctor of Philosophy

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- Daniel Wayne Bird, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: Role of Membrane Lipoproteins Maa1 and Maa2 in Mycoplasma Arthritis Adherence
- Kimberly Ann Douchis, Baltimore, MD  
B.A., University of Maryland Baltimore County  
M.A., Loyola College in Maryland  
Psychology  
Dissertation: Psychological Reactions and Coping Strategies of American Red Cross Personnel 1-Year Following the Terrorist Attacks of September 11th
- Jin Song, Suzhou, Jiangsu, China  
Bachelor of Medicine, Nanjing Medical University, China  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: The Effect of Androgens on Angiotensin II-Induced Renal Responses in Hypertension
- Xiaosun Zhou, Changzhou, Jiangsu, China  
B.S., Suzhou Medical College, Suzhou, China  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: Evaluation of Interaction between Nitric Oxide and Aldosterone in the Cardiovascular and Renal System
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### Doctor of Education

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- Michael Mushtaq Ahmed, Vermillion, SD  
B.A., M.A., Eastern Illinois University, Charleston  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Patient Education: Speech-Language Pathologists' Perceptions Regarding The Use, Effectiveness, and Barriers of Adult Education Principles
- Tai-Heng Chen, Yun-lin, Taiwan  
B.S.R., M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Analysis of Leisure and Tourism Behaviors of International and American Graduate Recreation Majors in the Central United States
- Giann-You Chen, Taipei City, Taiwan  
B.S.B.A., Colorado State University, Pueblo  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Taipei Technical University Student's Perceptions of Internet Security and Their Willingness To Use Computer Resources
- Wendy Claussen-Schoolmeester, Pipestone, MN  
B.S., M.S., Southwest State University, Marshall  
Ed.S., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Western Minnesota Public School Elementary Principals' Perceptions Regarding The Selection of Teachers
- Bill R. Heimann, Wakefield, NE  
B.A.Ed., M.S.Ed., Ed.S., Wayne State College  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Performance Evaluation of Nebraska's K-12 Public School Superintendents
- Chin-Chin Kao, San Jose, CA  
B.A., Chinese Culture University, Yang-Ming-Shan, Taiwan  
M.A., University of Idaho  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: EFL Listening Comprehension Strategies Used by Students at the Southern Taiwan University of Technology
- Kai-Lee Lin  
B.A., M.S., Central Missouri State University  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Computer Attitudes Among Continuing Education Graphic Design Students in Taiwanese Technical Colleges and Universities
- Jui-hsiang Lu, Taoyuan, Taiwan R.O.C.  
B.A., M.A., Providence University, Taichung, Taiwan  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Students' Perceptions Regarding English Proficiency Testing at a Selected University of Technology in Taiwan
- Barbara Jean Myers, Brookings, SD  
B.S., Mississippi University for Women  
M.S., Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Computer Anxiety: Student Perceptions of the Relationship Among Computer Attitude, Computer Experience, Age, Gender, and Socioeconomic Status
- Ryan Lee Sevenson, Vermillion, SD  
B.A., M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Balancing Education and Experience: An Examination of Employer Perceptions Regarding Recent College Graduates
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Laura E. Steele, Lincoln, NE  
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M.S., Fort Hayes State University  
Educational Administration  
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At a Baccalaureate College of Liberal Arts

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Dissertation: Employer Perceptions of the Contemporary Media and Journalism Program  
At The University of South Dakota

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## SCHOOL OF LAW

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 Needs & Barriers to Mental Health Counseling  
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 Complexity, and Rotation Angle on Localization  
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## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

### University Scholar

**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.**

Nikola Litchev Datzov  
From Avaricious to Altruistic and Back: The Evolution of Open Source Software

Catherine Laura Deatherage  
Spectroscopic Determination of Water Coordination Number in Aqueous Europium

Christopher C. Fisher  
The Open Theist's Manifesto

Carrie Dawn Lingscheit  
Only Human...Nature of the Beast

Matthew Robert Nipe  
Fiction From a Biology Major

### Thesis Scholar

**The designation of Thesis Scholar is an honor granted to undergraduate students by The University. As well as the successful completion of general education core and discipline requirements, it entails that the student complete three honors seminars and a substantial senior project.**

Marcus Jon Merritt  
Blinking Wildly: Poems and Things 2006

Erica Ann Schroeder  
Jury Nullification: The Perspectives of Federal Judges

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# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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## Bachelor of Arts

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Andrea Elizabeth Albrecht, Emerson, NE Contemporary Media & Journalism, Spanish	Mark McLaughlin English
Zack Ball, North Sioux City, SD History	Sean D. McLaughlin German
Theresa Ann Besch, Emmetsburg, IA Spanish	Marcus Jon Merritt, Brookings, SD English
Bryan Lee Bonhorst, Pierre, SD English	Elise Danielle Mund, Watertown, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
Nick Charles Cerny, Columbus, NE Psychology	Courtney Jill Mydland, Sioux Falls, SD Communication Disorders
J. Evelyn Clercx, Elko, NV English	Erin Michele Reed, Lincoln, NE Psychology
Jamie Lynn Decker, Algona, IA Spanish	Carrie Jo Rounds, Pierre, SD Psychology
Kimberly M. DeNeui, Sioux Falls, SD Political Science	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Rachael Lynn Friesen, Stuart, NE History	Joshua Dane Sanger, Redfield, SD English
Jennifer Graham Contemporary Media & Journalism, Spanish	Kimberly Marie Smith, Omaha, NE Communication Studies, Spanish
Kyle Richard Greene, Dakota City, NE English	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Heather RexAnne Haley, Colome, SD Criminal Justice	Paul Schomburg Tacke, Minnetonka, MN Criminal Justice
Joshua Michael Hilpert, Sioux Falls, SD History	Laura Beth Tschetter, Sioux Falls, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Joseph Stephen Williams, Rosholt, SD American Indian Studies
Franko Roy Hudson, Madison, SD English	Karly Catherine Winter, Aberdeen, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
Matthew Ryan James, Rapid City, SD Criminal Justice	Jennifer Louise Wollman, Bridgewater, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
Cacela L. Kalwat, Yankton, SD Spanish	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Meghan Kathleen Woster, Sioux Falls, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
Sara Larayne Kniffen, Vermillion, SD English	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Richard Roger Wright, San Bernardino, CA Psychology
Lesley MacLean Psychology	Terah Quiana Yaroch, Dell Rapids, SD International Studies, History
Candice Renee Martinez, Aurora, CO Psychology	

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## Bachelor of Science

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Katherine Rose Anderson, Rapid City, SD Communication Studies	Sarah Brown Psychology
Page Elizabeth Anderson, Benson, MN Psychology	Jonas Lee Bulman, Rapid City, SD History
David Harold Arendt, Pierre, SD Biology	Carisa Christian, Rapid City, SD Criminal Justice
Ashley Marie Arens, Pierce, NE Psychology	Shannon Marie Christiansen, McCook Lake, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Nikola Litchev Datzov, Yankton, SD Computer Science
Sarah Lynne Bartels, Akron, IA Criminal Justice	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Erin Maureen Behling, Des Moines, IA Biology	Catherine Laura Deatherage, Gaitherburg, MD Chemistry
Katherine Leslie Bennett, Hill City, SD Earth Science	Adam Peter de Hueck, Pierre, SD Political Science
Eric James Brintnall, Aberdeen, SD Contemporary Media & Journalism	Timothy Eric Ferber, Rapid City, SD Communication Disorders

Mark Jerome Fischer, Rapid City, SD  
 Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Christopher Craig Fisher, Watertown, SD  
 Computer Science, Political Science  
*Cum Laude*

Andrea Susan Fishman, Omaha, NE  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Caroline Vance Foasberg, Roseville, CA  
 Economics, History

Beth Ann Fuhrman, Mobridge, SD  
 Communication Disorders  
*Cum Laude*

David L. Gleiser, Sioux City, IA  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Allen Goodroad  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Stuart Griffith, Brandon, SD  
 Criminal Justice

Karume Taliaferro Hickman, Waterloo, IA  
 Philosophy

Matthew L. Hogan, Sioux City, IA  
 History

Danielle Mae Jacobson, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

John C. Jacobson  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Laura Beth Jenks, Yankton, SD  
 Psychology, Criminal Justice

Darin Wayne Jarke, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Criminal Justice, English

Aarika Lynn Johnson, Hawarden, IA  
 Psychology

Ashley Nichole Johnson, Royal, IA  
 Chemistry

Robert Roy Johnson, Montrose, CO  
 Earth Science

Starr Alexandra Jones, Sheldon, IA  
 Criminal Justice, Political Science

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 Biology

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 Anthropology, History

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 Computer Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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 Contemporary Media & Journalism

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 History

Monica Jeanne McFarland, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Criminal Justice

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 Criminal Justice  
*Cum Laude*

Emily Ann McNamara, Hartford, SD  
 Communication Studies

Lucas John Mikkelsen, Gregory, SD  
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 Biology

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 Biology, Chemistry  
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Samuel James Nelson, Yankton, SD  
 Criminal Justice

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 History

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 Criminal Justice

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 Psychology

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 Biology  
*Cum Laude*

Jennifer Inez Palsma, Norfolk, NE  
 Psychology

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 Criminal Justice

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 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Matthew Lee Pecoske, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Criminal Justice

Sally Ann Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

Melany Katherine Pravecek, Vermillion, SD  
 Political Science

Amy Jane Rademacher, Winside, NE  
 Sociology

Devin P. Reints, Langford, SD  
 Contemporary Media & Journalism

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 Political Science

Cindy G. Ryan  
 Psychology

Erica Ann Schroeder, Miller, SD  
 Psychology, Criminal Justice  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kosta A. Sengos, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Psychology

Benjamin Michael Smith, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Criminal Justice

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 Criminal Justice

Heather Marie Sorheim, Bemidji, MN  
 Psychology

Debra Lynn Spencer, Tuthill, SD  
 Criminal Justice

Jenessa A. Steiner, Yankton, SD  
 Psychology

Brittany Denyl Sutton, Aberdeen, SD  
 Biology

Damon James Thielen, Pierre, SD  
 Biology

Jason James Wagner, Parkston, SD  
 History

Michael F. Weister, Marshfield, WI  
Psychology  
Carrie Ann Winterringer, Yankton, SD  
Sociology  
Maria Suzanne Wolle, Truman, MN  
Communication Disorders, Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Melissa Kay Wright, Minneota, MN  
Psychology, Criminal Justice  
Justin Grant Wubben, Spencer, SD  
Biology

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## Associate of Arts

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Jesse John Christopherson, Viborg, SD  
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Benjamin S. Powell, Vermillion, SD

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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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### Bachelor of Business Administration

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Samuel Patrick Adams, Pierre, SD  
Finance  
*Cum Laude*  
Kariline Chyree Anderson, Reliance, SD  
Marketing, Art  
*Cum Laude*  
Mark Alan Berreth, Rapid City, SD  
Economics  
Heath A. Bills, Brandon, SD  
Management  
Justin Ray Bitz, Aberdeen, SD  
Finance  
Tony Carr, Belle Fourche, SD  
Marketing  
Angela Marie Cody, Renner, SD  
Management  
Eric J. Cotton, Parker, SD  
Management  
Andrew Scott Currie, Sioux City, IA  
Management  
Thomas James Curtis, Watertown, SD  
Marketing  
Christopher Eugene Douglas, Sioux City, IA  
Management  
Dustin L. Dunbar, Mobridge, SD  
Marketing  
Christopher Daniel Dvorak, Yankton, SD  
Accounting  
Eric Robert Fosheim, Huron, SD  
Management  
Tyler David Gill, Jackson, NE  
Management  
Ryan Mitchel Hedden, Fairmont, NE  
Management  
Jaclyn Marie Herold, Waubay, SD  
Accounting  
Bryan Hohenthauer, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Denise Renee Ishmael, Colome, SD  
Management  
*Cum Laude*  
Anne Lorraine Jefferson, Richfield, MN  
Health Services Administration  
*Cum Laude*  
Aaron Paul Jones, Harrisburg, SD  
Accounting

Dorothy Kaye Koupal, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Terra Lynn Koupal, Mitchell, SD  
Marketing  
Christopher Michael Kresak, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
*Cum Laude*  
Brandon Kucker  
Health Services Administration  
Jason Francis LaBarge, Rapid City, SD  
Health Services Administration  
Alicia Ann Lambert, Sioux City, IA  
Accounting  
Aaron James Landegent  
Finance  
Rebecca Mae LaValliere, Sioux Falls, SD  
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*Cum Laude*  
Jonathan Mohr, Sioux Falls, SD  
Finance  
Derrick Robert Mølgard, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Jeffrey Bryan Morehead, Akron, IA  
Management  
Hope Christine Moseley, Camp Crook, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*  
Matthew Douglas Murphy, Rapid City, SD  
Management  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Chas Dean Olson, Pierre, SD  
Finance  
Heidi Jo Parrish, Ramona, SD  
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*Cum Laude*  
Shauna Marie Peterson, Sisseton, SD  
Accounting  
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Matthew L. Price, Mitchell, SD  
Health Services Administration  
Scott Virgil Radke, Galva, IA  
Marketing  
Nora Kay Schaefer, Crooks, SD  
Management, Psychology  
Christopher Matthew Schrenk, Aberdeen, SD  
Finance

Nathan C. Seier, Dubuque, IA  
Accounting  
Jacob Adam Snyders, Garretson, SD  
Finance  
Amy Marie Steckelberg, Yankton, SD  
Finance  
*Cum Laude*  
Alissa E. Stern, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Laura Marie Strecker, Primghar, IA  
Finance  
Alexander Swain, Sioux City, IA  
Management

Eli Swanson  
Finance  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Danielle Alicia Todd, Newcastle, NE  
Finance  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Erin Kathryn Trutna, Lincoln, NE  
Management  
Jason Patrick Vollmer, Volin, SD  
Management  
*Cum Laude*  
Megan Lyn Wells, Ireton, IA  
Marketing

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science in Education

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Tara Ann Bassett, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
Barbara A. Beals, Sioux City, IA  
Elementary Education  
Robert Warren Beringer, Rapid City, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Ashley Rae Bills, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Andrea Rae Blaha, Rapid City, SD  
Elementary Education  
Janna Joleta Christiansen, Lake Park, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Chad William Conaway, Sioux City, IA  
Elementary Education  
Casey James Crawford, Merville, IA  
Physical Education  
Jodi Lynn DeHaven, Lennox, SD  
Elementary Education  
Kathryn Margaret Dethloff, Littleton, CO  
Biology Education  
Katie Diane Erickson, Stromsburg, NE  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Christine Frye, Vermillion, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Annette Jo Gering, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Merritt Michael Groh, Sioux City, IA  
History Education  
Jennifer Lynn Kahler, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Elementary Education  
Jessyca Ann Kennedy, Mitchell, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Ashlie Kim Krutter, Castlewood, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Mikala Jo Larsen, Council Bluffs, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
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Mathematics Education  
*Cum Laude*

Ashley Ann Logue, Wakonda, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Cody Wayne Lukkes, Tyndall, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Angela Dawn McNeal, Rapid City, SD  
Elementary Education  
Shelly Marie Muth, Mitchell, SD  
Elementary Education  
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Elementary Education  
David Nehme Nour, Armour, SD  
Elementary Education  
Rochelle Eileen Otto, Storm Lake, IA  
History Education, Spanish  
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Elementary Education, Special Education  
Jana Marie Reed, Harrisburg, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
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History Education  
Angela Marie Sivertsen, Parkston, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
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Wendy J. Sports, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Mollie Ann Stapelman, Laurel, NE  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Ashley Renee Thompson, Vermillion, SD  
English Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
James Matthew Vahrenkamp, Rapid City, SD  
History Education  
Christopher Eric Visser, Harrisburg, SD  
Mathematics Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Lindsey Renee Zeck, Conde, SD  
Elementary Education

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## Bachelor of Science in Recreation

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Janna Lynn Hanson, Madison, SD  
Recreation

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Recreation, Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Brett James Nielsen, Wakonda, SD  
Recreation

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Recreation

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Recreation

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## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

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### Bachelor of Fine Arts

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Colleen Kay Amundson, Larrabee, IA  
Art  
*Cum Laude*

Joseph Michael Bauer, Morse Bluff, NE  
Theatre  
*Cum Laude*

Todd Kober Bressler, Sioux City, IA  
Art

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Art

Brian Charles Gadeken, Hartington, NE  
Art

Sigrður Hjaltadóttir, Sioux City, IA  
Art  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Joseph Charles Jamison, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art  
*Cum Laude*

Carrie Dawn Lingscheit, Spearfish, SD  
Art

*Summa Cum Laude*

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### Bachelor of Music

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Music Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Debra Kay Book, Wakonda, SD  
Music Education  
*Cum Laude*

Ellyn Kathleen Donahoe, Hawarden, IA  
Music Studies

April Kate Ringstmeyer, Winner, SD  
Music Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Eric Glen Tompkins, Chamberlain, SD  
Music Studies

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## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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### Bachelor of Arts

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Julie Jean Beaner, Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work

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### Bachelor of Science

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Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Cristina Lee Colburn, Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work

Blair Angela Determan, Gregory, SD  
Social Work

Amber Joy Hanson, Prairie du Chien, WI  
Social Work

Zona Lyn Hornstra, Canton, SD  
Dental Hygiene

Jenna Louise Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work

Nicole Elizabeth Leaver, Arlington, NE  
Dental Hygiene

Samantha Jo Stockholm, Chamberlain, SD  
Social Work

Jeannie Ann Tew, Sioux City, IA  
Dental Hygiene

Ashley Uken, Scotland, SD  
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies

Vanessa J. Yanez, Wagner, SD  
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies



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## Associate of Science

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Jennifer Joy Ames, Valley Springs, SD  
Nursing

Janis Anderson, Sturgis, SD  
Nursing

Jodi Lynn Andretta, Scotland, SD  
Nursing

Thomas Scott Astaldi, Custer, SD  
Nursing

Christopher Alan Baartman, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Lesly Joan Bennett, Hot Springs, SD  
Nursing

Brittney Lou Bowyer, Canton, SD  
Nursing

Tera Dee Brown, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Vanessa Michelle Cheney, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Lacy LaRae Christianson, Moorcroft, WY  
Nursing

Allison Elizabeth Creed, Sturgis, SD  
Nursing

Dorothy Ann Dolney, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Robin Jean Douglass, Ft. Pierre, SD  
Nursing

Jessica Renee Evans, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Amy Ray Fuerst, Tripp, SD  
Nursing

Tabitha Lynn Hart, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Kelly Anne Hartnett, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Tonia Renee Haslip, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Megan ZoAnne Hastings, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Julie Dawn Herman, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Sheila Marie Hoiten, Salem, SD  
Nursing

Jerry Lee Holsapple, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Jamie Ann Ingalls, Hartford, SD  
Nursing

Christopher Elmer Janis, Kyle, SD  
Nursing

Susan Lesley Lefevre, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Bobbi S. Marugg, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Christopher Michael Mattern, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Andrea Lynn McDonald, Brandon, SD  
Nursing

Tracey L. Miley, Brookings, SD  
Nursing

Travis Michael MouseI, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Lisa D. Myers, Box Elder, SD  
Nursing

Stefanie Renae Njoku, Mitchell, SD  
Nursing

Kimberly K. Ochsner, Hartford, SD  
Nursing

Crystal Nicole Philpot, Minot, ND  
Nursing

Janet Marie Ray, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Rebecca Nadine Rose, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Lisa Marie Routt, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
*With High Honor*

Kyla A. Sabrosky, Hot Springs, SD  
Nursing

Chaundra L. Schone, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing  
*With Honor*

Molly M. Schuman, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Rebecca Joan Scott, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Lee Edward Shackelford, Jefferson City, MO  
Nursing

Emily Kaylene Shinn, Anaheim, CA  
Nursing

Desiree Rose Tolo, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Jacqueline F. Valdez, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Samantha VonEye  
Nursing

Kelly J. Weathers, Rapid City, SD  
Nursing

Tod Michael Wendt, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Taryn-Janae K. Wilcox-Olson, Sturgis, SD  
Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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

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

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

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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 wealth and rank of the individual, and were governed by royal decree. Gradually there developed distinctive gowns for the various professions, trades and guilds. They survive today in the gowns of religious orders, the judiciary and the academic regalia.

The gowns worn by the recipients of the various degrees vary somewhat in design. The sleeves of the gown worn by recipients of the baccalaureate degree are long and pointed, while the sleeves of the gown worn by the master's degree recipients are square at one end with a slit at the elbow. The doctor's gown has flowing sleeves with three bars of velvet and facing of velvet down the front of the gown.

Most distinctive of the academic regalia is the hood, which serves as identification of the graduate degree and the institution where the degree was awarded. The hood is lined with silk in the official colors of the institution. Thus, the hood of The University of South Dakota is lined in red. The trim is velvet, three inches wide for the master's degree and five inches wide for the doctor's degree. The color of the velvet border indicates the degree.

The academic cap was developed in the fifteenth century. Some caps were stiff, some soft, some square, some round, with a tuft in the center. The tassel used today is an elaboration of the tuft. While some institutions still use the round caps, most institutions have adopted the "mortar board" style which comes from Oxford. The tassel for graduate degrees may be black, except that a gold bullion tassel may be worn by recipients of the doctorate. The tassel's color indicates the discipline in which the degree has been earned. The tassel colors are shown below:

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

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

Chi Sigma Iota.....	Blue & white honor cords
Mortar Board.....	Gold & silver interlaced honor cords
Order of Omega.....	White & gold double cords
Phi Beta Kappa Society.....	Light blue & light pink honor cords
Psi-Chi Psychology Club.....	Double gold cord with blue & gold tassels
University Honors Program.....	Gold stole