

THE THIRTY-SECOND WINTER SESSION
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



HELD IN THE DAKOTADOME ON THE
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, VERMILLION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER FIFTEENTH

TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

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 Holdhusen
The audience is invited to sing. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

Welcome.....Professor Kaius Helenurm
Chair, USD Faculty Senate
President James W. Abbott

Commencement Address.....Lt. Governor Dennis Daugaard

Oh Day Full of Grace, arr. by F. Melius Christiansen.....USD Chamber Singers
directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

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

Alumni Welcome.....Steve Sikorski
Alumni Association Representative

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*.....USD Chamber Singers
directed by Dr. David Holdhusen
The audience is invited to sing. Gentlemen, please remove your hats.

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

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 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.

Stage Party

James W. Abbott, President
Tonnis H. Venhuizen, Board of Regents Representative
Lt. Governor Dennis Daugaard, Speaker
Steve Sikorski, Alumni Association Representative
Kaius Helenurm, Chair, USD Faculty Senate
Matthew C. Moen, Acting Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs
Karen L. Olmstead, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs & Dean, Graduate School
Rodney R. Parry, Vice President, Health Affairs and Dean, Sanford School of Medicine
Barry R. Vickrey, Dean, School of Law
Christina Keller, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Michael J. Keller, Dean, Beacom 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
Kirsten Compary, Acting Dean of Students
Laura J. Janski, Vice President, Research
Thomas Sorensen, Associate Dean, School of Law
Jenifer Jost, Acting University Registrar
Ceason Hunter, Interpreter

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Honorary Marshals

Emeritus Professor Dennis A. Johnson
Emeritus Professor Jerry W. Johnson

Lead Marshals

Professor Leon Korte
Professor Barbara A. Yutzenka

Marshals

Professor David Carr	Professor Doug Peterson
Professor Emily Haddad	Professor Johntimothy Pizzuto
Professor Greg Huckabee	Professor James Richardson
Professor Beverly Kennedy	Professor Terry Robertson
Professor Solveig Korte	Professor Roberta Rude
Professor June Larson	Professor Timothy Schorn

Faculty in Attendance

Professor Meja Bola Avoseh	Professor Clayton Lehmann
Professor Mark Baron	Professor Marcia Morrison
Professor Floyd Boschee	Professor Richard Muller
Professor Marlys Boschee	Professor Bridget Nichols
Professor Sherrie Bosse	Professor Wade Nilson
Professor Teri Bellis	Professor Seth Olson
Professor Larry Bradley	Professor Carolyn Prentice
Professor Larry Bright	Professor Randy Quevillon
Professor Steven Bucklin	Professor Srin Ragothaman
Professor Clark Callahan	Professor Kristine Reed
Professor Jean Caraway	Professor Raymond Ring
Professor Karen Card	Professor Lee Ann Roripaugh
Professor Julie Dangel	Professor Charles Schwartz
Professor Tom Davies	Professor Stacy Smallfield
Professor Jon Elhai	Professor Cliff H. Summers
Professor Cathy Ezrailson	Professor Charles Thatcher
Professor Marvin Gamble	Professor Dan Tracy
Professor Michael Gillispie	Professor Michelle Van Maanen
Professor Elizabeth Hanson	Professor Dan Van Peursem
Professor David Holdhusen	Professor Robert Weber
Professor Moses Ikiugu	Professor Robert Wharton
Professor Christina Jackson	Professor Mandy Williams
Professor Marlene Jacobson	Professor Skip Willman
Professor Kathleen Kaminski	Professor Joanne Wounded Head
Professor James Korcuska	

Administration in Attendance

Roberta S. Ambur, Vice President, Information Technology
Teddi A. Joyce, Vice President, Marketing, Enrollment and Student Services

Interpreter

Ceason Hunter

Ushers

Diane Orr, Lead Usher	Dominique Lyon
Laurie Miiller, Lead Usher	Stephanie Moser
Grace Bick	Sue Nelson
Ian Blake	Joe Rainboth
Katie Feimer	Lloyd Rowland
Jennifer Fredericksen	Clarence Shoemaker
Teresa Hayes	Ann Tracy
Olivia Kastengren	Susan Wasley
Bruce King	Deb Wiemers

Candidates for Degree

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Shannon Nicole Baugher, Quincy, IL B.A., Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville M.A., The University of South Dakota Psychology Dissertation: Rape Myth Acceptance and Sexual Trauma History: An Analysis of Respondent Characteristics	Jennifer Evelyn Moskowitz, Vermillion, SD B.A., University of Sioux Falls M.A., The University of South Dakota English Dissertation: The Politics of Adolescent Fiction: Sites and Moments of Ideological Interpellation
Christopher L. Hansen B.A., University of North Dakota M.A., The University of South Dakota Psychology Dissertation: Development of a Methamphetamine Expectancies Scale	Andrea Nicole Reeves, San Diego, CA B.A., Sonoma State University M.A., The University of South Dakota Psychology Dissertation: Barriers To and Utilization Of Mental Health Care: A Comparison of Overweight/Obese and Healthy Weight Medical Patients
Jennifer K. Helkenn, George, IA B.A., Briar Cliff College M.A., The University of South Dakota Psychology Dissertation: Correlates of Parenting Stress: Child, Parent, and Environmental Characteristics in a Low-Income Sample of Parents of Preschool Children	Dennis Gary Russell, Sioux Falls, SD B.S., University of Nebraska, Kearney M.S., St. Cloud State University Counseling & Psychology in Education Dissertation: Adolescent Attachment: Socioemotional Relations with Peers and Parents
Tara Leigh Krog, Volga, SD B.S.A&S., South Dakota State University M.A., M.P.A., The University of South Dakota Psychology Dissertation: Consumers, Staff, and Family Members of Consumers Construal of an Assertive Community Treatment Program: A Grounded Theory Approach	Robert Parrish Waters, Charleston, SC B.A., The University of North Carolina at Asheville Biological Sciences Dissertation: Monoaminergic, Endocrine and Behavioral Response to Selection for Intrinsic Endurance Capacity in the Laboratory (NIH) Rat

Doctor of Education

Christopher W. Budden, Rapid City, SD B.A., Saint Martin's College M.B.A., M.P.A., City University of Seattle Educational Administration Dissertation: Personal and Educational Factors of Mathematics Success: An Ex Post Facto Study at a Two-Year Postsecondary Institution	Heather Waring Johnson, Rapid City, SD B.A., M.A., The University of South Dakota Educational Administration Dissertation: Factors Affecting Student Retention at a Select Two-Year Technical College
Diane Lynn Grahek, Rapid City, SD B.S., Black Hills State University M.Ed., South Dakota State University Educational Administration Dissertation: Analysis of a Professional Development Model for Faculty at a Selected Two-Year Technical Institute	Kathy Jean Knipper, Sioux City, IA B.A., Clarke College, Dubuque M.A., University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Curriculum & Instruction Dissertation: Influences of Elementary Education Teacher Candidates' Current Reading Attitudes and Personal Reading Practices
Patricia A. Hallman, Pittsburgh, PA B.S.A&S., M.S., South Dakota State University Educational Administration Dissertation: Accelerated and Traditional Baccalaureate Nursing Programs: A Comparison of Academic Student Outcomes	Christopher Allen Todden, Alta, IA B.A., Buena Vista University M.S., Western Illinois University Educational Administration Dissertation: Faculty with Clinical Responsibilities Perception of Their Career Success, Promotion and Tenure, and Commitment to Athletic Training Education

Joanne Lynn White Thunder, Kyle, SD
B.S.B.A., Oglala Lakota College
M.S., The University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Success Factors Single Mothers
Attribute to their Program Completion at a
Selected Rural University

SANFORD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Doctor of Medicine

Samuel Thomas Camp, Watertown, SD
Ken H. Masters, Jay, OK
B.A., Rice University

SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctor

Anna Marie Kerner, Burke, SD
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GRADUATE SCHOOL

Specialist in Education

Craig P. Coenen, Springfield, SD
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Technology for Education and Training
Lisbeth A. Fayer
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Educational Administration

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Technology for Education and Training

Master of Arts

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Political Science

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Thesis: Shards
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Counseling & Psychology in Education
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 Thesis: The Reelection of Abraham Lincoln:
 War Impact on Policy and Electoral Politics,
 1862-1864

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 Psychology
 Thesis: Complicated Grief, Trauma, and
 Response Styles in Child Loss Survivors
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 Thesis: The Beowulf Poem as a Cultural
 Artifact
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 Thesis: Emotion Regulation as a Predictor of
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Master of Fine Arts

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Art

Master of Music

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Music
Thesis: The Spanish Falsettists and Their Art

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Music

Master of Professional Accountancy

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Bachelor in English Philology and Farsi,
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Thesis: Fiscal Decentralization in Kazakhstan

Master of Science

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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.

Adam Ryan Benson
Development of a Summer Park and
Recreation Program

Jacob Andrew Mortenson
Explaining Test Score Variation of South
Dakota Schools: A Simultaneous Equations
Analysis

Kay Lynn Otteman
The Effectiveness of Nonspeech Oral Motor
Therapy With Childhood Apraxia of Speech

Heather Marie Siebert Bachelor
Narratives in Healthcare: The Sojourner
Perspective

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Chelsie Laura Aanenson, Lennox, SD
Communication Studies

Melissa Elizabeth Adams, Collins, IA
Anthropology, History
Magna Cum Laude

Travis John Aukerman, Sioux Falls, SD
Political Science Education

Heather Alice Campbell, Elk Point, SD
Political Science

Michelle L. Dahl, Sturgis, SD
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Caitlin Anne Dill, Sturgis, SD
English

Melissah Christine Doohen, Yankton, SD
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Catherine Lynn Edwards, Rapid City, SD
Psychology

Tyler Steven Evans, Stewart, MN
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Luke Jordan Garry, Madison, SD
Economics, Spanish
Cum Laude

Scott Graham, Anoka, MN
Political Science, International Studies
Cum Laude

Jessica R. Harms, Lennox, SD
Spanish, History

Halli E. Holden, Pierre, SD
English

Ali Khokhar, Sioux City, IA
Communication Studies

Jessica Marie Kleinschmit, Menominee, NE
History, Anthropology
Magna Cum Laude

Carla Sophia Laermanns, Cologne, Germany
History, International Studies

Jonathan Wayne Mammenga, Marion, SD
Political Science
Cum Laude

MacKenzie Cordes McDonald, Bloomfield, NE
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Tiffany McSparran, Dakota Dunes, SD
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Jacob Andrew Mortenson, Fort Pierre, SD
Economics
Political Science
University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude

Timothy Ray Ohden, Laurens, IA
Political Science

Nicholas Ryan Paulsen, Avoca, IA
Anthropology
Magna Cum Laude

Christopher Timothy Petersen, Sioux City, IA
International Studies
Cum Laude

John T. Rapinchuk
Political Science

Lindsey Anne Royal, Sioux Falls, SD
English

Matthew Rawland Siebert, Sioux Falls, SD
Contemporary Media and Journalism, Spanish

David C. Stevens, Sioux Falls, SD
Spanish

Amanda Marie Vanden Hoek, Corsica, SD
Communication Disorders

Andrea Judith Wisdorf, Chanhassen, MN
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Bachelor of Liberal Studies

Sandra K. Robertson, Vermillion, SD
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

April Ann Ahlers
Sociology

Pierce M. Aman, Watertown, SD
English

Bryan Adam Anfinson, Holstein, IA
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Jessica JoAnn Bangert
Sociology, Theatre

Daniel Richard Barth, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology
Cum Laude

Dino Barth, Sioux Falls, SD
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Adam Ryan Benson, Volga, SD
Biology
University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude

Betsy Rae Bly, Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal Justice

Jarrod James Brower, Sioux Falls, SD
History

Angela Marie Buhl, Yankton, SD
Psychology
Cum Laude

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Psychology

Jonathon Steven Cain, Beresford, SD
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Kelly D. Cowherd, Rapid City, SD
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Stacie J. Cushing, Brookings, SD
Philosophy

Roger R. Duke
Sociology

Shana Leigh Dunlap, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology

Sara Ann Ebsen, Madison, SD
Psychology

Kassie Marie Ehresmann, Yankton, SD
Communication Disorders

Steven M. Garelik
Psychology, Spanish

Samuel Joseph Gerhardt, Vermillion, SD
Computer Science

Scott Charles Golden
Criminal Justice

Tyler William Graber, Freeman, SD
Contemporary Media and Journalism, History

Eric J. Graves, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology

Ericka Ann Grey, Grand Rapids, MI
Biology, Psychology
Cum Laude

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Computer Science

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Tyler Visser Harms, Belle Fourche, SD
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English

Rachel Christine Knouse, Huron, SD
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Stefan J. Logan
Criminal Justice

Victoria Vivian Mayer, Kimball, SD
Psychology

Matthew M. McKenney, Sioux Falls, SD
History

Christopher Michael Mercado, Brandon, SD
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Kelsey Nicole Mertes, Sioux Falls, SD
Biology

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Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Kelly Frances Moore, Chamberlain, SD
Political Science

Adam Lee Myers, Springfield, SD
Psychology

Timothy David Myers, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology

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Anthropology, History
Cum Laude

Ojulu O. Ojang
Philosophy

Tressa Helen Olson, Vermillion, SD
Psychology

Leah Opitz, Harrisburg, SD
Criminal Justice

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Communication Disorders
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Psychology

Katie Jo Smith, Madison, SD
Psychology

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Earth Science

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Cum Laude

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Contemporary Media and Journalism
Cum Laude

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Chemistry Education

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Biology

Wenxia Xing, Jinan, China
Psychology
Timothy Earl Zeeb, Menno, SD
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Zachary Scott Zwieg, Sioux Falls, SD
Contemporary Media and Journalism

Associate of Arts

Maria Deloris Carver

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Brooke Kristen Beaver, Hinton, IA
Management
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Management
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Marketing
Jason John Bontje, Beresford, SD
Management
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Management
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Marketing
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Finance
Cum Laude
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Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
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Accounting
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Accounting
Micah Joel Gitlin, Correctionville, IA
Accounting
Cum Laude

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Management
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Finance
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Finance
Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
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Marketing
Laura E. Johannes, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Cum Laude
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Management
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Management
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Marketing
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Finance
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Cum Laude
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Management
Sarah Lee Roetman, Vermillion, SD
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Accounting

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Marketing
Maryna Smith, Sioux City, IA
Accounting
Ryan Robert Smith, Yankton, SD
Management
Joshua L. Swank, Mitchell, SD
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Accounting
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Accounting
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Finance
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Marketing
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Management
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Management
Cum Laude

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Elementary Education
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Elementary Education
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Elementary Education
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Cum Laude
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Cum Laude
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Elementary Education
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Elementary Education
Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
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Cum Laude
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Elementary Education
Heather Ann Niebuhr, Wells, MN
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Elementary Education, Special Education
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Elementary Education, Special Education

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Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude

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Cum Laude
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Art

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Cum Laude
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Art

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Music Education
Cum Laude

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Christopher Mark Miller, Mitchell, SD
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Social Work

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Social Work
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Social Work
Cum Laude

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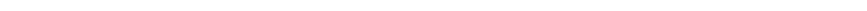
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Nursing
Travis Vickers, Rapid City, SD
Nursing
Laurie Marie Visser
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Jennifer Ann Volk, Rapid City, SD
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Summa Cum Laude	equal to or greater than 3.9
Magna Cum Laude	equal to or greater than 3.7
Cum Laude	equal to or greater than 3.5

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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

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

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

Chi Sigma Iota.....	Blue & white honor cords
Golden Key International Honour Society.....	Blue & gold honor cord
Mortar Board.....	Gold & silver interlaced honor cords
Omicron Delta Kappa.....	White, black & blue twisted 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

Faculty wearing medals with a red ribbon are recipients of a Belbas-Larson Award, given as the university's highest honor for teaching excellence; faculty wearing a red/white ribbon are recipients of Richard and Sharon Cutler Awards, given by the College of Arts and Sciences for promoting liberal arts education through teaching and research.