

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



HELD IN THE DAKOTADOME ON THE  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, VERMILLION

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH**

TWO THOUSAND AND TEN

AT TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

# Commencement Exercises

Processional - *Pomp and Circumstance*, by Elgar.....Dr. Susan Keith Gray  
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 Becky Wolff  
Vice President, University Senate  
President James W. Abbott

Commencement Address.....Dr. Jack R. Warner  
Executive Director & CEO of the South Dakota Board of Regents  
“Doing Well by Doing Good”

*Abide With Me*, arr. by Lucy Hirt.....USD Chamber Singers  
directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Conferring of Degrees.....Regent Dean Krogman  
President James W. Abbott

Alumni Welcome.....Patty Crowley  
Alumni Association Representative

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*.....USD Chamber Singers  
directed by Dr. David Holdhusen  
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Recessional - *Grand Choeur*, by Salome.....Dr. Susan Keith Gray

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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.

The writer of the Alma Mater's lyrics, Mable Kingsley Richardson, graduated from The University of South Dakota in 1902 and directed USD's library from 1907 to 1941. A pioneer's daughter who loved South Dakota, she voiced in the Alma Mater the views of a woman of her time.

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## Stage Party

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James W. Abbott, President  
Dean Krogman, Board of Regents Representative  
Jack R. Warner, Executive Director & CEO South Dakota Board of Regents, Speaker  
Patty Crowley, Alumni Association Representative  
Becky Wolff, Vice President, University Senate  
Charles Staben, Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Laurie J. Becvar, Dean, Graduate School & Division of Continuing & Distance Education  
Rodney R. Parry, Vice President, Health Affairs and Dean, Sanford School of Medicine  
Barry R. Vickrey, Dean, School of Law  
Matthew Moen, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences  
Michael J. Keller, Dean, Beacom School of Business  
Rick Melmer, Dean, School of Education  
Larry Schou, Dean, College of Fine Arts  
Brian Kaatz, Dean, School of Health Sciences  
Laura J. Jensi, Vice President, Research  
Thomas Sorensen, Associate Dean, School of Law  
Jennifer Jost, Registrar

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## Board of Regents

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James O. Hansen  
Harvey C. Jewett, IV  
Kathryn Johnson  
Dean Krogman  
Randall K. Morris  
Carole Pagonis  
Randy Schaefer  
Jack R. Warner  
Patrick Weber

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## Lead Marshals

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Professor Leon Korte  
Professor Barbara Yutzenka

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## Marshals

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Professor Solveig Korte	Professor Dave Moen
Professor Kurt Hackemer	Professor Kristine Reed
Professor Gregory Huckabee	Professor Lee Ann Roripaugh
Professor Emily Haddad	Professor Tim Schorn
Professor Beverly Kennedy	Professor Michelle Van Maanen
Professor Christopher Meyer	Professor Gerald Yutzenka

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## Faculty in Attendance

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Professor Mark Baron  
Professor Brian Bedard  
Professor Teri James Bellis  
Professor Sherrie Bosse  
Professor Larry Bradley  
Professor Larry Bright  
Professor David Burrow  
Professor Jean Caraway  
Professor Teresa Chasing Hawk  
Professor Hee-sook Choi  
Professor Audrey Cross  
Professor Lucy Dai  
Professor Tom Davies  
Professor Marvin Gamble  
Professor Ronald Ganze  
Professor Chaya Gordon-Bland  
Professor Katherine Haberling  
Professor Angela Helmer  
Professor Betty Hulse  
Professor Gerard Jacobs  
Professor Geralyn Jacobs  
Professor Ric Jensen  
Professor Brennan Jordan  
Professor Christina Keller  
Professor Dona Kennealley

Professor James Korcuska  
Professor Clayton Lehmann  
Professor Robin Miskimins  
Professor Marcia Morrison  
Professor Bridget Nichols  
Professor Wade Nilson  
Professor Carolyn Prentice  
Professor Randy Quevillon  
Professor Raymond Ring  
Professor William Schweinle  
Professor Andrew Shim  
Professor Gemma Skillman  
Professor Stacy Smallfield  
Professor Miglena Sternadori  
Professor Mark Sweeney  
Professor Nancy Trimble  
Professor Dan Van Peurseem  
Professor Xiao-Tian Wang

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## Administration in Attendance

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Anne Cooper Moore, Dean of Libraries  
James L. Parker, Dean of Students

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## Ushers

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Dominique Lyon, Lead Usher  
Grace Bick  
Dawn Brown  
Ashley Eden  
Teresa Hays  
Amy Pohlson  
Scott Pohlson  
Lloyd Rowland  
Clarence Shoemaker  
Deb Wiemers  
Diane Zak

Student Ambassadors;  
Kyle Schoenfelder  
Amanda Barton



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# Candidates for Degree

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Doctor of Philosophy

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- \* Sarah Ruth Banka Barron, Brady, MT  
B.A., Montana State University, Bozeman  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
Dissertation: Perceptions of Sexual Coercion: Understanding the Role of Gender, Intimacy, and Alcohol Use
- \* Ariel Lynn Del Gaizo, Montvale, NJ  
M.A., City University of New York, John Jay College  
B.A., University of South Florida  
Psychology  
Dissertation: An Analysis of the Relationships among Trauma, Posttraumatic Stress, Health Risk Behaviors and Physical Health Using the National Comorbidity Survey Replication Data
- Lili Guo, Xuecheng  
M.S., Fudan University  
B.S., Taishan Medical School  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: The Involvement of sp. In Myelin Basic Protein Gene Transcription
- Jessica Jo Klopper, Yankton, SD  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
B.A., The University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
Dissertation: Predictors of Mental Healthcare Use Among Domestic Violence Survivors in Shelters
- Carly LaCroix  
B.A., Augustana College  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: The Parasympathetic Nervous System Protection and Control of the Heart
- \* Qin Li, China  
M.D., Nanjing Medical College  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: Cellular Mechanism Mediating Synaptic in the Leech T-to-S Neuronal Circuit
- \* Wei Li, Ruian  
M.S., Zhejiang University  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: Coordinate Pre-and Postsynaptic Function of Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF) in In Vitro Classical Conditioning
- David A. Mitchell, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Psychology  
Dissertation: Differential Effects of Sustained Attention on the Association Between Rumination, Depression, and Anxiety
- \* Ruth Monteith  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
B.A., University of Missouri at St. Louis  
Psychology  
Dissertation: Interpreters in Frontier Mental Health Settings: A Multi-Site Case Study
- \* Jacob Paul Pickard, San Antonio, TX  
B.A., Goucher College  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
Dissertation: Southern Sudanese Concepts of Cieng/Ciang in America: The Transcultural Experience of Well-being and Adaptive Functioning
- Vikul B. Rajpara, Bharuch  
M.S., South Gujarat University  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
B.S.; South Gujarat University  
Dissertation: Materials Chemistry Design of New Carbonaceous Catalysts and Photocatalysts for Organic Synthesis
- \* Michelle Nicole Roy, Omaha, NE  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
B.S., Drake University  
Psychology  
Dissertation: The Process of Coping in Parents of Children Diagnosed with Cancer
- \* Sandra Suzanne Schatz, Aberdeen, SD  
M.A., Stony Brook University  
B.S., Northern State University  
Psychology  
Dissertation: Investigating the Appropriateness of Fitting an Item Response Model to Clinical Mental Health Functioning Data
- \* Na Lu Smith, Lounkou, Shandong, China  
B.M., Shandong University  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: NF90 and PKR Regulate P27KIP1 Cap-Independent Translation
- Qingwen Zheng, Iowa City, IA  
M.M., Guangzhou Medical College  
B.M., Tongji Medical University  
Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation: Autophagy in Cardiac Proteinopathy
- Gesine Elisabeth Ziebarth, Munich, Germany  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
B.A., Catholic University  
Psychology  
Dissertation: Information Search and Selection of Heuristics in Multi-Attribute Choice Tasks

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## Doctor of Education

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- David Wagner Baukol, Montevideo, MN  
M.S., St. Cloud State University  
B.A., The University of Minnesota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Impact of Multiage Education on Academic Performance in Mathematics and Reading
- \* Kassandra Cline, Sioux City, IA  
M.S., The University of South Dakota  
B.S., College of St. Mary  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Adult Learner Perceptions of the American Psychological Association's 14 Learner-Centered Psychological Principles in Three Contexts
- Carol J. Den Otter  
B.S., Augustana College  
Educational Administration
- Paige Fenton Hughes, Lander, WY  
M.Ed, Montana State University at Billings  
B.A., Rocky Mountain College  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: The Instructional Leadership Practices of Female Superintendents in Wyoming and South Dakota
- \* Denise Kay Finstad, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., Northern State University  
M.S., Northern State University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: A Comparison of Worksheets and Instructional Games as a Review Method for A College Remedial Reading Course
- Shari Marie Hansen, Correctionville, IA  
M.A., Morningside College  
B.A., University of Northern Iowa  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: Screening and Preschool Options Available Through South Dakota Public School Districts
- \* Diana K. Koch, Madison, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Implementation of a Replication Model in the Development of Walton Career Academy: A Case Study
- Faye M. LaDuke-Pelster  
M.E., West Texas A&M  
B.S., University of Wyoming  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: An Investigation of Preservice Teachers' Ability to Recognize Effective Reading Comprehension Instruction
- \* Pam Lange  
B.A., Black Hills State University  
M.S., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Teacher Perceptions and Student Achievement Related to Inquiry-Based Mathematics
- Christine Ann McCoy, Cleveland, MN  
Ed.S, The University of South Dakota  
M.A., The University of South Dakota  
B.A., Southwest State University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: A Survey of Instruments and Practices Associated with Teacher Education Follow-up Studies
- Robert Sidney Meyer, Garretson, SD  
M.S., The University of South Dakota  
B.L.S., The University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Army Reserve Instructors' Perceptions Regarding the Effectiveness of the Experiential Learning Model in Teaching Mid-Level Army Reserve Officers
- \* Jeremiah Olson  
M.E., University of North Dakota  
B.A., Jamestown College  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: North Dakota Public School Administrators' Perceptions of Effective Teaching Attributes
- \* Janeen Juletta Outka, Aberdeen, SD  
B.S., Northern State University  
M.E., South Dakota State University  
Ed.S., The University of Sioux Falls  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Superintendents' Knowledge of Special Education and its Implications to Their Practice
- \* Jesse Vincent Sealey, Colome, SD  
Ed.S., The University of South Dakota  
M.A., Dakota Wesleyan University  
B.A., Mount Marty College  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Perceptions of South Dakota Administrators on Hiring Male Teachers in Elementary Schools
- Andrew Joehl Thompson, Rapid City, SD  
M.B.A., Anderson Graduate School of Management  
B.A., University of New Mexico  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Effect of 1994 Land-Grant Act on Tribal College Agricultural and Native-knowledge based Curricula
- Alisha Jean Vincent, Chamberlain, SD  
M.S., Walden University  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
Educational Administration  
Dissertation: Factors that Affect the Institutionalization of Service-Learning

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## SANFORD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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### Doctor of Medicine

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Sherri Lynn Bostwick, Salem, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
\* Jennifer Ann Hagggar, Hartford, SD  
B.S., Northern State University

Robert Floyd Nuss, Brandon, SD  
B.S., Creighton University  
Jennifer Jean Tinguely, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., College of Saint Benedict  
M.P.H., Boston University

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## SCHOOL OF LAW

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### Juris Doctor

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Alissia Rashida Canady, Kansas City, MO  
B.S., Park University

Craig Dennis Evenson, Clear Lake, SD  
B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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### Specialist in Education

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M.E., The University of Southern Mississippi  
B.S., Northern State University  
Educational Administration

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\* Cheryl D. Thaler, Wagner, SD  
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Educational Administration

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## Master of Arts

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- Vanessa Lynn Anderson, Canton, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Speech Language Pathology
- \* Joy S. Anderson, Mitchell, SD  
B.A., Northwestern College  
Counseling & Psychology in Education
- \* Jasmine Desirae Atteberry, Gregory, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Interdisciplinary Studies
- \* Patricia J. Bailey, Yankton, SD  
B.S., The University of South Dakota  
Secondary Education
- Gina Mae Baldwin, Mitchell, SD  
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Health, Physical Education & Recreation
- \* Megan René Becker, Vermillion, SD  
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Elementary Education
- \* Patrick Michael Beeman, Yankton, SD  
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- \* Abbey Marie Berens, Lennox, SD  
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- Breanna Violet Bishop, Rapid City, SD  
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- \* Nicole Cleveland, Montrose, SD  
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- Erin Nicole Corner, Hope Mills, NC  
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Speech Language Pathology
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Thesis: Freud, Lacan, and Harry Potter: Two  
Readings of Trauma
- \* Kathleen Crowley, Vermillion, SD  
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Elementary Education
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 Curriculum & Instruction

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 Psychology  
 Thesis: Effect of Therapy on Depression,  
 Anxiety, Somatization, and Functioning in  
 Indonesian Torture Survivors

Amanda Lynn Lightfield, Watertown, SD  
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 English

Kristin Maria Linke, Watertown, SD  
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 Counseling & Psychology in Education

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 Special Education

Jodie M. McGough, Miller, SD  
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 Speech Language Pathology

Elizabeth B. Mergenthal  
 B.S., Black Hills State University  
 Communication Studies

\* Eric James Mifflin, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., Augustana College  
 Political Science  
 Thesis: The Law of Armed Conflict in the  
 21st Century: A Critical Examination of the  
 Legal Relationship between State and  
 Non-state Entities

\* Rebecca Miller  
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 Elementary Education

Megan Marie Moffitt, Emmetsburg, IA  
 B.A., The University of South Dakota  
 English  
 Thesis: Missing Pieces

Gordon S. Morrison, Meeker, CO  
 B.A., Mount Marty College  
 Curriculum & Instruction

Kira Leigh Mueller, Hartford, SD  
 B.S., The University of South Dakota  
 Speech Language Pathology

\* Lindsay Kay Mundil, Schuyler, NE  
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 Educational Administration

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 Elementary Education

Kiki Jean Nelsen, Sioux Falls, SD  
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 Educational Administration

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 B.S., Minnesota State University-Moorhead  
 Speech Language Pathology

\* Carlie Newby, Sioux Falls, SD  
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 History  
 Thesis: Nixon's Acrimonious Attitude Towards  
 the Media and its Lasting Effects

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 Interdisciplinary Studies

\* Rebecca Ann Porter, Spearfish, SD  
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 Behavioral Inhibition and Activation on PTSD  
 Symptom Severity

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 Secondary Education

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 Special Education

\* Jessica Lynn Schneider, LeMars, IA  
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 Educational Administration

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 Speech Language Pathology

\* Mieke Marie Slaba, Hartington, NE  
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 Elementary Education

\* Akinpelu Smith  
 B.S., Martin Luther College  
 Political Science

\* Emelyne Dengler Smith, Horseheads, NY  
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 B.A., Kenyon College  
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 Speech Language Pathology

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 Psychology  
 Thesis: Psychometric Validation of the Farm  
 Ranch Stress Inventory

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 Special Education

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 Speech Language Pathology

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Mesoporous Materials and their  
Application towards Catalytic Hydrogenation  
Reactions  
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B.E., Zhejiang Chinese Medical University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: Surface Modification and  
layer-by-layer Assembly of Upconversion  
Nanocrystals  
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Chemistry  
Thesis: Luminescence and Quenching  
Kinetics of  $\text{Ln}(\text{Tf}_2\text{N})_3$  Salts in the Ionic Liquid  
bmpyr  $\text{Tf}_2\text{N}$   
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 Thesis: Design and Synthesis of Calixarene-  
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 Thesis: Historic Changes and Water Quality  
 Characteristics of Off-Channel Habitats on the  
 59-Mile Segment of the Missouri National  
 Recreational River

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Alyssa Jo Block  
 A Comparative Look at Developmental  
 Timing and the Development of the  
 Pharyngeal Gill Arch Structures in *Puntius  
 semifasciolatus*

Angela Marie Helseth  
 The Nature of Evil

\* Isabelle Anna Lankhorst  
 Missing: An Academic Memoir

Abigail Mary Lichter  
 Mental Health Training and Experiences Among  
 Medical and Physician Assistant Students

Ronda Jean Mayrose  
 Using Repeated Practice Procedures  
 Combined with Precision Teaching  
 Measurement Approaches to Improve Music  
 Notation Recognition Fluency of Early  
 Elementary Students

Jill Anne Schievelbein  
 Textures: A Collection of Poetical Thoughts



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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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Amy Lynn Cantral, Rapid City, SD Psychology	* Anthony James Graham, Vermillion, SD Political Science
Jesse J. Cardinal, Waverly, MN Biology	* Laura Violet Grayson, Tea, SD Psychology
Kody Allen Clark, Pierre, SD Political Science, History <i>Cum Laude</i>	Daniel Thomas Gregg, Elk Point, SD Psychology
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Joshua Ferrel Cunningham, San Diego, CA Biology	Brandi Jo Hansen, Marcus, IA Political Science
Natasia Mariee Eastman, Akron, IA Communication Sciences & Disorders	Eric Robert Hansen, Irene, SD Psychology
Matthew John Eekhoff, Sioux Falls, SD History	Christopher Harden, Vermillion, SD Computer Science
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Alexander Bruce Christophel, Sioux Falls, SD Management	Nathan Leon Hall, Sioux Falls, SD Accounting <i>Cum Laude</i>
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Michael Eugene Diemand, Plymouth, MN Marketing	Spencer Kathol Marketing <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
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Matthew Duane Edlund, Rapid City, SD Marketing	Joshua Ryan Kohn-Lindquist, McCook Lake, SD Management
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Adrielle Grace Edwards, Brookings, SD Marketing	John Michael Kreklow, Blaine, MN Management
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Adam Paul Limmer, Wentworth, SD Management	Timothy P. Rutjes, Mankato, MN Finance
* Amanda J. Lindner Management	Paige Marie Salacinski, Laurel, MT Health Services Administration
* Joe Linneweber Management	Rebecca Lynn Scheier, Salem, SD Health Services Administration <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
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Ashley Suzanne Mentele, Sioux Falls, SD Accounting	Jesse Smith, Hot Springs, SD Marketing
Bradley Steven Miles, Montrose, SD Accounting	* Mitchell D. Staples, Sioux Falls, SD Accounting
Matthew Robert Miranda, Alton, IA Finance	* TJ Tedrow Management
Jamie Lynn Modicue, Sergeant Bluff, IA Marketing	Joel Randall Twedt, Brandon, SD Management
Leah Kay Parsons, Flandreau, SD Management	Preston Douglas Van Zee, Canton, SD Finance
Ashley Marie Petersen, Sioux Falls, SD Management	* Matt Vogel Accounting <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Erika Lynn Peterson, Watertown, SD Finance	James Walsh, Sioux Falls, SD Finance
Evan Oswald Poland, Sioux City, IA Human Resource Management	Lynsay Marie Wek, Yankton, SD Health Services Administration
Kyle Jeffrey Pravecek, Yankton, SD Marketing	* Timothy Bernard Yeaton, Chamberlain, SD Health Services Administration
Jessica Lynn Pribil, Elk Point, SD Marketing	Edwin Paul Zobel, Mitchell, SD Management
Alex J. Pronk, Edgerton, MN Management	
Rory Thayne Reid, Huron, SD Management	

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science in Education

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Bryan S. Aberle Elementary Education	Claire Marie Graff, Sioux Falls, SD Physical Education
Ashley Noelle Buhr, Sioux Falls, SD Elementary Education	Anthony William Hauger, Irene, SD Elementary Education
Nicholas L. Ernst, Pocahontas, IA Mathematics Education	David Hedges, Colorado Springs, CO Physical Education
Jake Eveland, Kasilof, AK Elementary Education	Jessica L. Gieselman, Springfield, SD Elementary Education, Special Education <i>Cum Laude</i>
Jasey Jill Goedeken-Reinhart, Columbus, NE Elementary Education	Tucker Lee Hight, Scotland, SD Elementary Education, Special Education <i>Cum Laude</i>

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Megan Elizabeth Kahler, Dakota Dunes, SD Elementary Education	Aaron Wade Nielsen, Sioux City, IA History Education
Ryan Wayne Kenyon, Sioux Falls, SD History Education	Matthew Herbert Preheim, Armour, SD Elementary Education
Cassius Joseph Kocer, Dante, SD History Education	Cody Runyon Physical Education
Kayla C. Konkol, Custer, SD Chemistry Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Emily Rose Sanford, Alcester, SD Elementary Education
Ashlee Marie Lynde, Carroll, IA Elementary Education, Special Education <i>Cum Laude</i>	Philip Walter Schonebaum, Bonesteel, SD Mathematics Education <i>Cum Laude</i>
Sara Jean MacClure, Whiting, IA English Education	Josh Shorley Physical Education
Brian Paul Mann, Sioux Falls, SD Political Science Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Aranda Rae Stai, Akron, IA Elementary Education <i>Cum Laude</i>
Kyle P. McFarland Elementary Education	Matthew Gavin Storo, Lennox, SD Physical Education
Trenton Carl Mendelson, Sioux Falls, SD English Education	Adam Suing, Sioux City, IA Physical Education
	Erin Jo Wibben, Rock Rapids, IA Elementary Education, Special Education <i>Cum Laude</i>

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## Bachelor of Science in Recreation

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Cassie E. Blue, Montrose, SD	Tyler James Madison, Yankton, SD
Laurie Brinkman, Vermillion, SD	* Andrene Alexia Miller, Olathe, KS
* Dan'ae Cheri Hill, Lancaster, CA	* Heeson Park
* Patrick Richard Klotzbach, Sioux Falls, SD	* Bryan Supik, Sioux Falls, SD
* Amber M. Kobus, Columbus, NE	Bridget Marie Yoerger, Hinton, IA <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

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## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

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### Bachelor of Fine Arts

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* John R. Brooks, Douglas, WY Art	Angelica R. Elwell Theatre
* Samantha Michelle Caughron, Las Vegas, NV Theatre	Natalie Ruth Friesen, Freeman, SD Theatre
Bethanie June Collins, Crofton, NE Art	* Aimee Margaret Kontz, Chamberlain, SD Art
Andrea Aileen DeJong, Inver Grove Heights, MN Art <i>Cum Laude</i>	Emily Rachel Letsche, Marcus, IA Art
Mary E. Elston Theatre	Samone Marie Runia, Lake Norden, SD Art
	Justin Tobin, Winner, SD Art

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### Bachelor of Music

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Christine Dorothy Blunck, Creighton, NE Music Education <i>Cum Laude</i>	Ronda Jean Mayrose, Hartington, NE Music Education <i>University Scholar, Magna Cum Laude</i>
	Jessica Nicole Nielsen, Tyndall, SD Music Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

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## Bachelor of Musical Arts

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Karina Nicole Weiss, Rapid City, SD

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## SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Science

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* Kara Ann Avery, Sioux Falls, SD Alcohol & Drug Studies	Laura Beth Leitru, McCook Lake, SD Alcohol & Drug Studies
Amy Lynn Cantral, Rapid City, SD Alcohol & Drug Studies	Nicole M. Leslie, Garretson, SD Alcohol & Drug Studies
* Andrea Kaye Carroll, Sioux City, IA Social Work	* Hillarie E. Maddox, Rapid City, SD Social Work
* Karlie Jo Clauson, Dell Rapids, SD Social Work <i>Cum Laude</i>	Betty Grace Marshall, White River, SD Alcohol & Drug Studies
* Jenna Marie Daley, Pierre, SD Social Work	* April Marie Miles, Montrose, SD Alcohol & Drug Studies
Keshia Kaye Densberger, Elk Point, SD Social Work	* Ashley Kristine Miles, Montrose, SD Alcohol & Drug Studies <i>Cum laude</i>
Elisabeth Franzik Giles, S. Norwalk, CT Social Work	Lucas Lawrence Rasmussen, Yankton, SD Social Work
Myles David Gosmire, Mitchell, SD Social Work	Anna Joy Schoenleber, Bolingbrook, IL Social Work <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Rachel Kaye Hettinger, Sioux Falls, SD Social Work	Jacob Ryan Severe, Sioux City, IA Alcohol & Drug Studies <i>Cum Laude</i>
* April A. Homolka Alcohol & Drug Studies	Jolene Kathryn Slagter, Roseville, MN Social Work
* Sara Jo Keglner, Athol, SD Social Work, Alcohol & Drug Studies	* Paula Lain Smykle, Akron, IA Social Work
Kristin R. Koehler, Spearfish, SD Social Work	Kristi Renee VanDeRostyne, Crooks, SD Alcohol & Drug Studies
* Leigh Ann LaFollette, Sioux Falls, SD Social Work <i>Cum Laude</i>	Shauna Marie Van Dusseldorp, Watertown, SD Social Work
Lindsey Leatherberry, Spearfish, SD Social Work	Paige Kaylene Wichman, McCook Lake, SD Social Work

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### Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

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\* Andrea K. Grimm, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
\* Kaila C. Hughes, Elk Point, SD  
\* Ryan Maas, Huron, SD  
\* Lauren Elizabeth Turner, McCook Lake, SD  
*Cum Laude*

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### Associate of Science

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Tiffany Marie Alexander, Rapid City, SD Nursing	Brooke Lee Ekstrom, Gillette, WY Nursing
Amanda Lee Bennett, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing	Jodi Enright, Brookings, SD Nursing
Angie Elizabeth DeNeire, Rapid City, SD Nursing	Jeff Fiferlick Nursing

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Catharine Ann Fransen, Freeman, SD Nursing	Amy Ramos, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing
Jeremy D. Gaudino Nursing	Rebecca Alice Rankin, Rapid City, SD Nursing
Stephanie K. Hamilton Nursing	Alison Roe, Alamo, CA Nursing
Katelyn Rae Heydon, Coon Rapids, IA Nursing	Rebecca Raye Roskup, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing
Debra KayJones, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing <i>With High Honor</i>	Dawn Ryan, San Antonio, TX Nursing
Shayne Kennedy Nursing	Shaina Maran Schelhaas, Edgerton, MN Nursing
Janilyn Louise Klein, Dell Rapids, SD Nursing	Jody Schlim, Carthage, SD Nursing
Sarah Kaye Klein, Burlington, ND Nursing	Lenora A. Shearer, Rapid City, SD Nursing
Kristen Therese Kracht, Belle Fourche, SD Nursing	Ashley Jane Siemonsma, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing
Elizabeth A. Kruger, Tea, SD Nursing	Maritta Lynn Smidt, Pipestone, MN Nursing
Joanna Rae Kruse, Colton, SD Nursing	Laura Susan Sparby, Sturgis, SD Nursing
Susette Marie LaHaise Gjovik, Rapid City, SD Nursing	Jill Renee Speck, Rapid City, SD Nursing
Missy Marie Lauck, Salem, SD Nursing	Kimberly Staebell, Jasper, MN Nursing
Jennifer Brooke Lovro, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing	Courtney Kae Stephenson, Newcastle, WY Nursing
Carisa Lynn Marshall, Fort Pierre, SD Nursing	Stephanie Richelle Stiles, Inwood, IA Nursing
Melissa Ann Marie O'Connor, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing	Jeremy William Tamisiea, Yankton, SD Nursing
Tara Lynn Olson, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing	Brandy Lee Underberg, Harrisburg, SD Nursing
Lori Lynn Pelton , Sioux Falls, SD Nursing	Amanda June Vidinha, Rapid City, SD Nursing
Brad Phair, Puyallup, WA Nursing	KarLee Maureen Voeller, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing
Jennifer Renee Powell, Rapid City, SD Nursing <i>With High Honor</i>	<i>With Honor</i> Audrey Kay Weber, Martin, SD Nursing
	JoAnn Dorothy Widrig, Brandon, SD Nursing

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## ACADEMIC DRESS

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The tradition of academic costume has a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townsmen wore long flowing robes or gowns. The materials and colors varied greatly, according to 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
Health Sciences.....	Green
Law.....	Purple
Medicine.....	Green

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## ACADEMIC HONORS

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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	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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## HONOR SOCIETIES

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

Beta Gamma Sigma.....	Blue ribbon with medallion
Chi Sigma Iota.....	Blue & white honor cords
Golden Key International Honour Society.....	Blue & gold honor cords
Mortar Board.....	Gold & silver interlaced honor cords
Omicron Delta Epsilon.....	Blue & gold 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
Scholarship Pathways Program.....	Gold medallion with red ribbon
Sigman Delta Pi.....	Red & Gold honor cords
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.

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