

DECEMBER 2013
Commencement
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

*THE THIRTY-EIGHTH WINTER SESSION
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
DAKOTADOME, VERMILLION, SD
DECEMBER 14, 2013*

Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement

Dakota Dome

December 14, 2013 10:00 a.m.

The Commencement Procession

Dr. Susan Keith Gray, Professor of Music

The National Anthem

USD Chamber Singers

Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Welcome

Professor Dan Van Peurse, Chair, University Senate

James W. Abbott, President

Commencement Address

South Dakota State Senator Corey Brown

USD Chamber Singers

O Day Full of Grace, arr. by F. Melius Christiansen

Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Hooping and Conferring of Doctoral Candidates and
Presentation of Diplomas

Doctor of Philosophy

Doctor of Education

Doctor of Audiology

Doctor of Medicine

Conferring of Specialist and Master Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas

- Specialist in Education
- Master of Arts
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Fine Arts
- Master of Music
- Master of Natural Science
- Master of Professional Accountancy
- Executive Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science
- Master of Social Work

Conferring of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas

Alumni Welcome

Kersten Johnson, Executive Director, Alumni Association

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*

USD Chamber Singers
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Closing Remarks

James W. Abbott, President
Professor Dan Van Peurseem, Chair, University Senate

Recessional

Note to Guests:

The audience will remain seated for both the Processional and Recessional and will rise for the National Anthem and Alma Mater. Only official photographers are permitted on the DakotaDome floor with the graduating class. Professional photographs by Lifetouch Photography will be available a week after the ceremony at www.usd.edu/registrar/commencement.cfm.

The program lists all persons who were candidates for degrees as of August, 2013. The commencement program is a list of candidates for degree. It is not an official listing of degrees conferred.

Commencement Speaker



**South Dakota State Senator
Corey Brown**

Corey was born and raised in Gettysburg, SD. After graduating from high school, he attended the University of Notre Dame on a Navy ROTC scholarship where he studied Government and International Relations. After graduating, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy where he began training to become a Naval Aviator.

Corey flew both the S-3B Viking and the E-6B Mercury during his military career. He completed three deployments to the Middle East, two of which were in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has logged over 2,500 hours of Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot time. He was awarded 2 Air Medals and 2 Navy / Marine Corp Commendation Medals for his service. During his two deployments aboard the USS Constellation, he accumulated 318 carrier landings and was recognized three times as one of the top pilots for landing performance aboard the carrier. He also completed his Master of Arts in International Relations at the University of San Diego.

After nearly 11 years of service, Corey moved back home to Gettysburg with his wife Karen. He took on the role of Executive Director of the Gettysburg/Whitlock Bay Development Corporation where he assists new and expanding businesses in the region. Corey is now an agent for the family's insurance business.

In November of 2008, he was elected to the SD State Senate where he is now serving his third term as the President Pro Tempore representing Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, McPherson, Potter, Spink & Walworth counties. In the Senate, Corey has also served as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and Assistant Majority Leader.

Corey and Karen have four children, Reagan, Harrison, and identical twin girls, Madison and Kennedy.

Stage Party

James W. Abbott
President
Terry Baloun,
Board of Regents Representative
South Dakota Senator Corey Brown
Speaker
Kersten Johnson
Executive Director, Alumni Association
Dan Van Peurse
Chair, University Senate
Charles Staben
Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs
Laura J. Janski
Acting Dean, Graduate School &
Vice President, Research
Mary D. Nettleman
Vice President, Health Affairs &
Dean, Sanford School of Medicine
Thomas Geu,
Dean, School of Law
Matthew Moen
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Michael J. Keller
Dean, Beacom School of Business
Hee-sook Choi
Acting Dean, School of Education
Larry Schou
Dean, College of Fine Arts
Michael Lawler
Dean, School of Health Sciences
Thomas L. Sorensen
Associate Dean, School of Law
Jennifer Thompson
Registrar

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Harvey Jewett
Aberdeen
Kathryn Johnson
Hill City
Joseph Schartz
Humboldt
Kevin Schieffer
Sioux Falls
Bob Sutton
Pierre

University Marshal Corps

Head Marshals

Barbara Yutrzenka
College of Arts & Sciences
Leon Korte,
Beacom School of Business

Honorary Marshals

Emeritus Professor Bill Rickord
Emeritus Professor M. Robert Stoner

Marshals

Sherrie Bosse
School of Education
Scott Breuninger
College of Arts & Sciences
Steven Bucklin
College of Arts & Sciences
David Carr
Beacom School of Business
Kurt Hackemer
College of Arts & Sciences
Emily Haddad
College of Arts & Sciences
Brandon Hendrickson
College of Fine Arts
Beverly Kennedy
School of Health Sciences
Solveig Korte
College of Arts & Sciences
Jay Memmott
School of Health Sciences
Dave Moen
Beacom School of Business
Timothy Schorn
College of Arts & Sciences
Michelle Van Maanen
College of Arts & Sciences
Gerald Yutrzenka
Sanford School of Medicine

Faculty in Attendance

Professor Mark Baron
Professor Larry Bright
Professor Stephen Butler
Professor Jean Caraway
Professor Karen Card
Professor Wenqian Dai
Professor Gareth Davies
Professor Thomas Davies
Professor Carla Dieter
Professor John Dudley
Professor Kelly Duncan
Professor DeVee Dykstra
Professor Kathleen Eyster
Professor Marvin Gamble
Professor David Holdhusen
Professor Gregory Huckabee
Professor Moses Ikiugu
Professor Gerard Jacobs
Professor Chaoyang Jiang
Professor Christina Keller
Professor Bruce Kelley
Professor Karen Kindle

Professor Peter Kindle
Professor Kelly McKay-Semmler
Professor Marcia Morrison
Professor Trudie Nelson
Professor Wade Nilson
Professor Ranelle Nissen
Professor Brandon Nutting
Professor Seth Olson
Professor Carolyn Prentice
Professor Randal Quevillon
Professor Linda Reetz
Professor Amy Schweinle
Professor Shane Semmler
Professor Stacy Smallfield
Professor Carole South-Winter
Professor Haoran Sun
Professor Barry Vickrey
Professor Jae Yom
Professor Teddi Joyce
Professor Angela Helmer
Professor Nancy Trimble

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.

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.

Doctoral Degrees

Graduate School

Presented by Acting Dean Laura J. Jenksi

Doctor of Philosophy

- *Ying Bao, Zhejiang, China
B.E., Zhejiang Chinese Medical University
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Assembly of Functional Nanocomposites for Surface Enhanced Spectroscopy
- Michelle Lynn Booze, Salem, NH
B.S., University of New Hampshire
Biomedical Sciences
Do Atherosclerosis-Associate Corepressors Interfere with Estrogen Signaling?
- Jeremy M. Christensen
M.A., University of South Dakota
English
A Poetic Dissertation on Nostalgia: An Examination of Nostalgia in Late Twentieth Century Narratives
- Nicholas David Cottrell, Sandpoint, ID
B.A., Boise State University
M.S., University of Idaho
Psychology
The Effect of Experiential Disfluency on Social Responses to Computers
- *Laura Anne Davis, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Parenting Stress and Use of Online Support Among Mothers of Children with Autism
- *Aimee Nicole Deliramich, Gillette, WY
M.A., University of Hawaii, Hilo
Psychology
Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic First Responders' Preparedness in Working with Individuals with Disabilities
- Erik Alan Ehli, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Biomedical Sciences
A Candidate Gene and Copy Number Variation Study to Identify the Genetic Determinants of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Joseph Ryan Engler, Ferndale, WA
B.A., Minot State University
Counseling, Psychology & Education
The Effects of a Parent Component as Part of an IEP on Parental Involvement
- Dustin D. Greelis-Vanlaningham
B.S., University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
Psychology
Prospective Memory and Internal Choice: Effects of Survival Context and Depletion
- Elizabeth Ann Hunziker, Omaha, NE
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Child Maltreatment and Eating Disorders: An Investigation of Shame-Proneness, Guilt-Proneness, and Self-Objectification as Mediating Variables
- *Wonjun Kang, South Korea
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Synthesis, Characterization, and Photocatalytic Activities of Co(II)-TiO₂ Nanorods, and Electrophoretic Deposition of TiO₂ Nanoparticle/Nanorod Composite Films for Self-Cleaning Applications
- Harrison Stanley Kibombo, Kampala, Uganda
M.S., University of South Dakota
P.S.M., University of Northern Iowa
Materials Chemistry
The Role of Silica in Precious Metal Supported Titania Hybrid Mesoporous Materials for Remediation and Energy Production
- Anjaneyulu Putta, Hyderabad, India
M.S., University of South Dakota
M.Ph., Banaras Hindu University
Materials Chemistry Design and Synthesis of Air-stable N-type Organic Semiconductor Materials Via Aromatic Perfluoroalkylation
- Kendra Cassandra Racliff, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
The Association Between Rumination and PTSD Symptom Clusters and Emerging Models of PTSD Factor Structure
- Justin Pederson Smith, Trapper Creek, AK
B.S., Montana State University
M.S., Linnaeus University
Biological Sciences
The roles of Neuropeptide S and Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor in Stress and Decision Making
- *Michael Robert Thomas, Vermillion, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Psychometric Validation of the Farm Ranch Stress Inventory
- *Tyler Blake Wray, Wichita, KS
M.S., Emporia State University
Psychology
Delay Discounting and Risky Sexual Intentions: A Test of the Direct and Indirect Effects of Alcohol Intoxication and Physiological Arousal
- *Sharleen Yuan, Rapid City, SD
M.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Biomedical Sciences
Endocannabinoid-Dependent Long-Term Depression in a Nociceptive Synapse: Mechanisms and Functional Role

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Doctor of Education

Molly Anne Curnyn, Wakefield, NE
M.S.E., Wayne State College
Educational Administration
*Technology Leadership Conditions: A study of
Nebraska School Principals*

Kevin T. Doyle
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
*Internationalization of the Faculty: Experiences,
Attitudes, and Involvement of Faculty at Public
Universities in South Dakota*

Joni L. Irlmeier
M.S.E., Wayne State College
Curriculum & Instruction
*Perceptions of Mentor Teachers in Professional
Development Schools*

*Calvin W. Krogman, White River, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
*Native American High School Seniors'
Perceptions of Higher Education: Motivating
and Demotivating Factors*

*Andrew Michael Lenzen, Sidney, NE
Ed.S., Wayne State College
Educational Administration
Effectiveness of Online and Classroom-Based

Julie Marie Nikolas, Aberdeen, SD
M.S., Northern State University
Educational Administration
*The Relationship Between Principals' and
Teachers' Self-Efficacy Beliefs*

Mary L. O'Connor- Merrigan, Vermillion, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
*Faculty Attitudes Toward Addressing Mental
Health Conditions and Substance Abuse Among
College Students*

Diane M. Olson
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
*Teacher's Perceptions of the Effectiveness of
Professional Development for the
Implementation of the Charlotte Danielson
Framework in South Dakota*

Penny Lee Veit-Hetletved, Bismarck, ND
M.Ed., University of North Dakota
Educational Administration
*Program Evaluation for Evidence-Based
Practices in Correctional Education*

Dorothy A. Wheeler
M.A., University of Northern Colorado
Curriculum & Instruction
*Parental Involvement of Latino Immigrants:
Bridging the Gaps of Acculturation and
Achievement*

*Karen Annette Whitney, Mitchell, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Curriculum & Instruction
*Perceptions of Effective Practice in Closing
the Achievement Gap with Native American
Students*

Doctor of Audiology

*Lydia M. Malloy, Vermillion, SD
M.S., Medical University of South Carolina

Professional Degrees

Sanford School of Medicine

Presented by Dean Mary D. Nettleman

Doctor of Medicine

Adam Jeffrey Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Augustana College

Specialist & Master Degrees

Graduate School

Presented by Acting Dean Laura J. Jenki

Specialist in Education

*Joshua Hugo Centra, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration

*Brittany Renee Coon, Alexandria, LA
M.Ed., Northwestern State University of
Louisiana
Educational Administration

Tyler Matthew Hartl, Casper, WY
M.Ed., South Dakota State University,
Educational Administration

*Michael Lloyd Jacobson, Swan Valley, ID
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration

Cody W. Lukkes
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration

*Dustin L. Mees
M.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration

*Kelly Kay Northrup, Aberdeen, SD
M.S., Chadron State College
Educational Administration

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*Cari A. Olson
M.Ed., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
Michelle A. Powers
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Krystal Mae Simons, Pierre, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
*Stacy J. Tubbs
M.A., Dakota Wesleyan University
Educational Administration
*Shana Marie Wagers, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration

Master of Arts

Jean-Paul Akuma
B.S., Keystone College
Interdisciplinary Studies
*Bruce J. Anderson
B.A., Iowa Wesleyan College
Educational Administration
*Julie Mae Anderson, Rapid City, SD
B.A., Augustana College
B.S., University of South Dakota
Speech & Language Pathology
*Stefanie Kathleen Anderson, Rockwell, IA
B.S., University of South Dakota
Speech & Language Pathology
*Stephanie Arkfeld, Portsmouth, IA
B.A., University of South Dakota
Speech & Language Pathology
Francis Arpan, Chamberlain, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University
Educational Administration
Stephanie Mary Attema, Meckling, SD
B.S., Wayne State College
Special Education
*Andrew Nicholas Baker, Broomfield, CO
B.S., Johnson & Wales University
Kinesiology & Sport Science
Joseph Allen Barth, Hazlet, NJ
B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota
Special Education
*Ashley Marie Baumann, Brandon, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Speech & Language Pathology
*BryAnn K. Becker, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Augustana College
English
Writing, Racial Identification, and Mental Illness
in A Question of Power and Wide Sargasso Sea
Jonathan D. Boer, Redfield, SD
B.S.Ed., Northern State University
Educational Administration
Michelle Boone, Boyden, IA
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Educational Administration
Roy Frederick Bourne, Whitewood, SD
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Educational Administration

*Kayla Rae Bowers, Randolph, NE
B.S., University of South Dakota
Speech & Language Pathology
Jeffrey J. Brennan
B.S., Buena Vista University
Educational Administration
*Lara Christine Carlson, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., University of South Dakota
English
"I will be mistress of myself": Women's
Privacy and Community in Novels by Jane
Austen and Sir Walter Scott
*Jeanne Janel Chamness, Hartford, SD
B.A., Georgia State University
Counseling, Psychology & Education
Kathleen Elizabeth Cook, Montrose, SD
M.Ed., University of Sioux Falls
History
*RN: A Study of Nixon's Relationship with
the Press*
*Ronette Renae Costain, Webster, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
Adam Cross, Rapid City, SD
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Kinesiology & Sport Science
*James Arthur Davis III, Daytona Beach, FL
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Interdisciplinary Studies
*Ashley Nicole DeMent, Harrisburg, SD
B.A., University of Sioux Falls
Elementary Education
*Jessica Grant DiVenuti, Virginia Beach, VA
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Mathew J. Doud
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History
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B.A., The National University of Mongolia
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Special Education
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*James W. Drewes, Napoleon, OH
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Counseling, Psychology & Education
Mother, Father, and Child Perceptions of
Discipline: A Mixed-Methods Study
*Sandra L. Fire Lightning, Rapid City, SD
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Educational Administration

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Psychology
The Acceptable Use of Search Engines and Social Networking Websites by Clients and Clinicians: The Client Perspective

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B.A., University of Winnipeg
Counseling, Psychology & Education
How Self-Regulation and Self-Efficacy May Impact Academic Outcome

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Residential Treatment for Children: Predictive Characteristics of Restraint Use

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 Psychology
Differences Between Contraception Use in Rural and Urban Teens

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 Counseling, Psychology & Education

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 Communication

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 Addiction Studies

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 Psychology
Community-Based Psychological First Aid for Emergency Medical Service Providers

Meagan L. Reynolds
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 Addiction Studies

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 M.A., Creighton University
 History
Kindred Spirits: Augustinian Thought in the Life and Works of Martin Luther

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 Elementary Education

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 Speech & Language Pathology

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 Interdisciplinary Studies

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 Speech-Language Pathology

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 Addiction Studies

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 Speech-Language Pathology

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 History
Memorable Matrons: How Germanic Queens Contributed to the Spread of Catholicism within Western Europe During the Early Middle Ages

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 Addiction Studies

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 Interdisciplinary Sciences

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 English
Eros and Psyche

Kimberlee R. Tschetter
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 Interdisciplinary Studies

Lacy Lynn Vannorsdel, Viborg, SD
 B.A., University of South Dakota
 Speech-Language Pathology

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 Elementary Education

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 Speech-Language Pathology

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 Interdisciplinary Sciences

Jeana Nicole Wegner, Yankton, SD
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 Secondary Education

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 B.S., University of South Dakota
 Interdisciplinary Studies

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 B.A., San Diego State University
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*David J. Zwank, Adel, IA
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Educational Administration

Master of Business Administration

*Eric Nicholas Beeler, Alcester, SD
B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University

*Lee Rachel Benton, Norfolk, NE
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

*Alexa Jo Duling, Gregory, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota

Damien Fisher, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
B.S., South Dakota State University

*Spencer Lee Freudenthal, Parkston, SD
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

Steven Tyler Grogan, Huron, SD
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

*Dallin Lee Hardy, Denver, CO
B.S., Brigham Young University

*Jordan Michael Heckenlaible, Pierre, SD
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

Stephanie Hilbert Larscheid, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., Iowa State University

*Michael Dean Manolis, Huron, SD
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

*Lance R. Miller, Oklahoma City, OK
B.B.A., University of Central Oklahoma

*Aaron James Oestmann, Rapid City, SD
B.B.A., University of South Dakota
B.S., University of South Dakota

Daniel Patrick O'Keefe, Aberdeen, SD
B.A., Augustana College

*Bryce Alan Palmer, Maple Grove, MN
D.C., Cleveland Chiropractic College
B.S.B.A., University of South Dakota

*Molly Rose Peterson, Nunda, SD
B.A., University of Minnesota

*Chad Clifford Pinkelman, Norfolk, NE
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

*Tawna Tenae Rausch, Aberdeen, SD
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

*Kayla Marie Scholten, Armour, SD
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

Matthew R. Skibinski
M.E., Iowa State University

Tyler Autry Stewart, Sioux City, IA
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

*Trevin RyLee Tetrault, St. Onge, SD
B.B.A., University of South Dakota

*Nadezhda Tsoy, Almaty, Kazakhstan
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*Effects of Aquatic Contaminants on the
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Academic Honors

To earn an honors designation at graduation, the baccalaureate-level graduate must have completed at least 60 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 30 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

Honor Societies

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 cord
Mortar Board.....	Gold & Silver Interlaced honor cords
National Society or Leadership and Success.....	Black & Platinum silk 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
Pi Alpha.....	Blue & Green honor cords
Pi Mu Epsilon.....	Purple & Gold honor cords
Psi-Chi Psychology Club.....	Double Gold cord with Blue & Gold tassel
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.

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
Health Sciences.....	Green
Law.....	Purple
Medicine.....	Green

