

DECEMBER 2014  
*Commencement*  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

*THE THIRTY-NINTH WINTER SESSION  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
DAKOTADOME, VERMILLION, SD  
DECEMBER 13, 2014*

# *Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement*

*Dakota Dome*

*December 13, 2014 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 Deb Peters

USD Chamber Singers

*Abide with Me*, arr. by Lucy Hirt

Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

## Hooding and Conferring of Doctoral Candidates and Presentation of Diplomas

Doctor of Philosophy  
Doctor of Education  
Doctor of Audiology  
Doctor of Physical Therapy  
Doctor of Medicine  
Juris Doctor

## 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

Michelle Maloney, Alumni Association

### University Hymn, *Alma Mater*

USD Chamber Singers  
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

### Closing Remarks

James W. Abbott, President  
Professor Dan Van Peurse, 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](http://www.usd.edu/registrar/commencement.cfm).

The program lists all persons who were candidates for degrees as of August, 2014. 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  
Deb Peters**

South Dakota State Sen. Deb Peters received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Major in Accounting from the University of South Dakota in 1997. Following graduation, Deb and her husband, Chris, went to work for KPMG LLP, the audit, tax and advisory firm, in Omaha. Deb and her family moved back to South Dakota in 2001.

Peters has been a CPA for over 17 years and owns a business consulting company specializing in accounting and financial services for entrepreneurial companies. She helps start-up companies in addition to advising companies on issues with the Internal Revenue Service and various state regulations. She has experience auditing highly-regulated entities including, state governments, banks and insurance companies.

Sen. Peters chairs the Legislature's Joint Appropriations Committee. She was elected to the South Dakota Senate in 2010 after serving three terms in the House. She is the incoming president for the Streamline Sales Tax Governing Board, Inc., an organization that manages a compact between 24 states aimed at making it easier to do business across state lines.

Peters is an active member of National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) and co-chair of Standing Committees. She also serves as the vice-chair of the Executive Committee's Task Force on State and Local Taxation.

Sen. Peters and her husband have been married for almost 18 years, reside in Hartford, and have two sons, Derick, 15 and Braden, 13.

## *Stage Party*

James W. Abbott  
President  
Bob Sutton  
Board of Regents Representative  
South Dakota State Senator Deb Peters  
Speaker  
Michelle Maloney  
Alumni Association Representative  
Dan Van Peursem  
Chair, University Senate  
James Moran  
Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Michael Card  
Dean, Graduate School  
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  
Venky Venkatachalam  
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  
Brandon Hendrickson  
Reader, College of Fine Arts  
Jennifer Thompson  
Registrar

## *Board of Regents*

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Sioux Falls

## *University Marshal Corps*

### *Head Marshals*

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

### *Honorary Marshals*

Emeritus Professor Jim Heisinger  
Emeritus Professor Jack Powell

### *Marshals*

Sherrie Bosse  
School of Education  
Scott Breuninger  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Steven Bucklin  
College of Arts & Sciences  
David Carr  
Beacom School of Business  
John Dudley  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Kurt Hackemer  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Gregory Huckabee  
Beacom School of Business  
Eric Jepsen  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Beverly Kennedy  
School of Health Sciences  
Peter Kindle  
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

## *Faculty in Attendance*

Professor Fred Aderhold  
Professor Mejai Bola Avoseh  
Professor Mark Baron  
Professor Mary Berry  
Professor Larry Bright  
Professor Brian Burrell  
Professor Stephen Butler  
Professor Karen Card  
Professor Shana Cerny  
Professor Brent Clark  
Professor Wenqian Dai  
Professor Janet Davison  
Professor DeVee Dykstra  
Professor Angela Ericson  
Professor Darlene Farabee  
Professor Marvin Gamble  
Professor Etienne Gnimpieba  
Professor Elizabeth Hanson  
Professor Angela Helmer  
Professor David Holdhusen  
Professor James Hoefelmeyer  
Professor Moses Ikiugu  
Professor Gerard Jacobs  
Professor Teddi Joyce  
Professor Christina Keller

Professor Karen Kindle  
Professor Ranjit Koodali  
Professor John Korkow  
Professor Lorelee LaPointe  
Professor Stanley May  
Professor Kelly McKay-Semmler  
Professor Ross Nelson  
Professor Ranelle Nissen  
Professor Brandon Nutting  
Professor Seth Olson  
Professor Carolyn Prentice  
Professor Randal Quevillon  
Professor Shane Semmler  
Professor Raluca Simons  
Professor Stacy Smallfield  
Professor Elizabeth Smith  
Professor Teresa Stephenson  
Professor Mark Sweeney  
Professor William Sweeney  
Professor Andrew Sykes  
Professor Barry Vickrey  
Professor Mandy Williams  
Professor Garreth Zalud  
Professor Frank Zavadii

## *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 Dean Michael Card

### Doctor of Philosophy

- \* Kate R. Andal  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Profile Analysis of a Fixed Flexible Neuropsychological Battery in a VA Setting*
- \* Choumini Balasanthiran, Jaffna, Sri Lanka  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Post Synthesis Addition of Transition Metal Ions and Lanthanides Ions to the Surface of Titanium Dioxide Nano Crystals*
- \* Vinothini Balasubramanian, Thanjavur  
M.S., Bharathidasan University  
Materials Chemistry  
*Novel Aza-Crown Ethers as Sensors for the Detection of Metal Ions*
- \* Didimalang Sekoko Biorn, Francistown, Botswana  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Training Needs of Para-Professionals Working with Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in Botswana*
- Beth M. Saxvik Boyens, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee  
English  
*"The Walking Woman": Re-Imagining Nineteenth Century Female Agency, Mobility, and Space*
- Ann Marie Cross, Oglala, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Characterization and Luminescence Studies of Europium Doped Lanthanum Fluoride Core-Lanthanum Fluoride Shell Nanoparticles*
- \* Nicole Hofman, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., Minnesota State University - Mankato  
Psychology  
*Emotion Regulation Deficits as Mediators of the Relationship between Trauma, Emotional Intelligence, and Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms, Antisocial Behaviors, and Alcohol Use and Related Problems*
- Valerie R. Kolbinger, Ankeny, IA  
M.A., Iowa State University  
English  
*Witnessing, Investigating, and Interpreting: Secrecy and Domestic Power in Victorian Sensation Novels*
- Deborah Ann Larson-Stoa, Oakdale, MN  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Perceived Usefulness of Psychological First Aid Training for Oncology Medical Staff*
- \* Rickie Ann Legleitner, Fenton, MI  
M.A., DePaul University  
English  
*The Artist Embodied: Female Creativity and Development in American Literature from 1850-1932.*
- Nate Netzer  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Modification of Nanoscale Building Blocks for Tunable Structures and Spectroscopic Applications*
- \* Hanako Shishido, Kawasaki, Japan  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
M.A., George Washington University  
Psychology  
*Predicting Alcohol Use and Problems from Developmental and Interpersonal Factors of Emotion Dysregulation: A Structural Equation Model*
- Torrie Lee Summers, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., Emerson College  
Basic Biomedical Sciences  
*TRP Channels and Endovanilloids: Implications for Nociception in the Leech*
- John David Suter, Canton, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Real-Time Spectroscopic Monitoring of the Synthesis of Core and Core/Shell Upconversion Nanocrystals and Finite-Difference Time Domain Modeling of the Interaction Between Light and Spherical Microwell Arrays*
- Egappanath Thiruppathi, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Biomedical Engineering  
*Surface Modification of CoCr Alloy using Polymer-free and Polymer-based Drug Delivery Platforms for Cardiovascular Stent Applications*
- Chia-Ming Wu  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Composite Porous Materials for Applications Towards Solar Energy Conversion and Hydrogen Storage*
- Ge Yao Shanghai  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Materials Chemistry  
*Semi-Emprical and AB Initio Study of Lanthanide and Transition Metal Ions Doped in Hexagonal NaYF<sub>4</sub>*

\*candidate for degree summer 2014

## *Doctor of Education*

- Terri Bissonette, Rapid City, SD  
M.Ed., Lesley University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*K-5 Teachers' Perceptions Regarding Literacy Coaching and Its Impact on Instructional Practice*
- James Michael Block, Webster, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Emotional Intelligence and Principal Efficacy: A Comparison of South Dakota Secondary Principals' Scores and Teachers' Perceptions*
- Candice Kay Mize Climer, Hartington, NE  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*Behavioral Interventions to Improve the Performance of Collegiate Volleyball*
- Charlene Kay Crosswait, Spearfish, SD  
M.Ed., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
*Students' Academic Growth in Half-Day and Full-Day Kindergarten Programs in the Rapid City School District*
- Julie Ann Finnern, Spencer, IA  
M.A., University of Minnesota  
Educational Administration  
*Perspectives of Adjunct Faculty at a Selected Midwestern Four-Year Liberal Arts University Regarding Professional Development that Influences Effective Teaching*
- Sara Christine Hansen, Menno, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*Teachers' Perceptions and Experiences of Inclusion With Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students*
- \* Charles Michael Hanson II, Hill City, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Superintendent Perceptions of Professional Development Quality in South Dakota School Districts Implementing a Four-Day School Calendar*
- Danielle DeLora Hemingson, Waverly, IA  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Exercise Science Student's Perceptions of Exercise Science Faculty's Credibility, Based on the Faculty's Body Type*
- Mark Allen Iverson, Le Mars, IA  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Relationships of the Iowa Assessment Results to Traditional and Standards-Based English and Math End-of-Course Grades*
- Heidi Kae Johnson-Anderson, Whitewood, SD  
M.S.N., University of Wyoming  
Educational Administration  
*The Integration of Role Modeling into Simulation: Undergraduate Nurse Educators' Perceptions and Practices*
- Ann E. Lebo, Grundy Center, IA  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*The Impact of 1:1 Laptop Utilization on Student Commitment to Learning in Iowa's Public High Schools*
- \* Gwen Renae Marra, Sioux Center, IA  
M.Ed., Dordt College  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*Vocabulary Growth Using Non-fiction Literature and Dialogic Discussions in Preschool Classrooms*
- \* Spencer Friel Mathews, Council Bluffs, IA  
M.A., University of Northern Iowa  
Educational Administration  
*Does Restorative Justice Repair Damage? The Experience of Harmed Parties at Two American Public Universities*
- Susan Tripp McAdaragh, Sioux Falls, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*The Impact of the Frequency and Duration of Small Group Reading Instruction Intervention on Reading Achievement*
- Gerald Marvin McGraw, Rozet, WY  
M.B.A., Webster University  
M.P.A.S., University of Nebraska  
Medical Center  
Educational Administration  
*Multimodal Integration of Anatomy and Physiology Classes: How Instructors Utilize Multimodal Teaching in Their Classroom*
- \* Sundaram Nataraja Gelugor, Penang, Malaysia  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Perceptions of Business School Leaders and Faculty Members on Strategic Planning Implications at a Selected Business School*
- Craig W. Pease, Wayne, NE  
M.S., University of Nebraska - Omaha  
Educational Administration  
*The Relationship Between Student Achievement and Spending in Nebraska Public School Districts*
- Andrew James Pflipsen, Wadena, MN  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*The Changing Racial and Ethnic Demographics of the Upper-Midwestern American College Student and the Impact on Policies and Practices within Higher Education*
- \* Illa Haugen Reeve, Aberdeen, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
*Predictors of First-Time Success on the NCLEX-RN for Graduates of a Baccalaureate Nursing Program*
- Summer M. Schultz  
M.S.Ed., Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
*Crisis Planning in South Dakota Public Schools*

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- \* Doris Stiles, Pierre, SD  
M.S., Northern State University  
Educational Administration  
*Exploring the Reading First Program as Implemented in South Dakota*
- \* Keri Ann Tisher, Watertown, SD  
M.S.Ed., Dakota State University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*A Longitudinal Study of the Relationship Between Kindergarten Entrance Age and Reading Achievement in the Third and Sixth Grades*
- \* Esther Anne Tschetter, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
Educational Administration  
*Student Satisfaction with Online Learning in Higher Education in the Decade 2002-2012: A Meta-Analytic Review*
- Adam Paul Zellmer, Spirit Lake, IA  
M.S.Ed., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration  
*School Leaders' Perceptions of Using #IAedchat: A Subnetwork of Twitter for Professional Development and Lifelong Learning*

### *Doctor of Physical Therapy*

Sarah B. Oetjen  
B.A., Augustana College

## *Professional Degrees*

### *School of Law*

Presented by Dean Thomas Geu

### *Juris Doctor*

Kevin Michael Grant  
B.A., California State University- Fullerton  
Jennifer Rose Stoddard  
B.A., Northern State University  
Alexander Lynn Sumner  
B.B.A., Georgia State University  
Cole Lee Uecker  
B.S., Black Hills State University

## *Specialist & Master Degrees*

### *Graduate School*

Presented by Dean Michael Card

### *Specialist in Education*

- Bruce Daniel Bailey, Yankton, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- Darcey Marie Bast, Kansas City, KS  
M.A.E., University of Northern Iowa  
Educational Administration
- \* Misty Dawn Becker, Omaha, NE  
M.S.Ed., University of Nebraska - Kearney  
Counseling & Psychology in Education
- Jaclyn Marie Buttermore, South Sioux City, NE  
B.A., Morningside College  
Counseling & Psychology in Education
- \* Heather Danielle Creger, Cadet, MO  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- \* Crystal Elliott, Concord, CA  
B.A., University of Washington  
Counseling & Psychology in Education
- \* Lisa Christine Gayet, Matamoras, PA  
M.Ed., East Stroudsburg University  
Educational Administration
- \* Jessica Rae Kanta, Rapid City, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration
- \* Steven Paul McHugh, Sioux City, IA  
M.A., Morningside College  
Educational Administration
- \* Larry J. Nebelsick, Canistota, SD  
M.A., Dakota Wesleyan University  
Educational Administration
- \* Theresa Skinner, Hartford, SD  
M.S., Kansas State University  
Curriculum & Instruction
- \* Vernon Daniel Tillman  
M.I.A., Columbia University  
Educational Administration
- \* James Richard Vanderloo, Sioux City, IA  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- \* Amy Jo Westrum, Yankton, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- \* Julie Maureen Wynja, Dell Rapids, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- \* Ryan Palmer Young, Spearfish, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration

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## Master of Arts

- \* Bryan L. Anderson, Rochester, MN  
M.A., Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
Political Science
- \* Lisa Ann Bauer, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., Northern State University  
Speech - Language Pathology
- \* Heidi Elisabeth Beck, Crooks, SD  
B.A., South Dakota State University  
Interdisciplinary Studies
- Tanya Bethard  
B.A., Concordia University  
Speech - Language Pathology
- \* Jenna Marie Biedenfeld, Peterson, IA  
B.A., Briar Cliff University  
Kinesiology & Sport Science
- \* Molly Elizabeth Boland, Great Falls, MT  
B.A., University of Montana  
Speech - Language Pathology
- \* Jessica Arlene Bordeaux-Rank, White River, SD  
M.A., Sinte Gleska University  
Psychology  
*Tribal Participatory Research with Community-Based Psychological First Aid Training for Native Direct Care Staff: A Continuation Study*
- Chelsea Ellan Josephine Brooks, Yankton, SD  
B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota  
Special Education
- Sharon Brouwer  
B.A., Dordt College  
Speech - Language Pathology
- \* Kimberly Anne Buffington, Mound, MN  
B.A., University of Minnesota - Morris  
Speech - Language Pathology
- Martin Buhendwa  
B.A., United States International University  
Political Science  
*Chronological Clientele Politics, Analysis of the Gap in Mineral Rent Distribution - Evidence of Poverty and Conflict Reversion Risks in the DRC*
- \* Nancy H. Bulow, Mills River, NC  
B.A., California State University - Monterey Bay  
Educational Administration
- Alicia Marie Burchill, Pierre, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Speech - Language Pathology
- Jordan Lea Bursell, Akron, IA  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Speech - Language Pathology
- \* Nicole Marie Canale, Southampton, NJ  
B.S.Ed., Western Carolina University  
Speech - Language Pathology
- Phillip M. Carmody, Sacramento, CA  
B.S., Dakota State University  
Kinesiology & Sport Science
- \* Rachel Mae Carsrud, Colton, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Speech - Language Pathology
- Haley L. Caughron, Woodbury, MN  
B.S., Kansas State University  
Speech - Language Pathology
- Rebecca May Chamberlin, Homer, NE  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Speech - Language Pathology
- Tim Chesnut  
B.A., Upper Iowa University  
Educational Administration
- Mandy M. Christiansen  
B.S., Brigham Young University  
Special Education
- Nicole Kathleen Ciulla, Plover, WI  
B.A., Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
English  
*Competing Nationalisms and Violent Contest in the Nineteenth-Century California Novel: John Rollin Ridge's Joaquin Murieta and Maria Amparo Ruiz de Burton's The Squatter and the Don*
- \* Heather Jean Claussen, Carroll, NE  
B.S., Wayne State College  
Educational Administration
- Christopher M. Conley  
B.A., Briar Cliff University  
Kinesiology & Sport Science
- \* Gabriel Thomas Cooper, Sioux City, IA  
B.A., University of Northern Iowa  
Educational Administration
- Andrea Kay Cota, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Kinesiology & Sport Science
- \* Casey James Crawford, Merville, IA  
B.A., Simpson College  
Educational Administration
- \* Jayson Crawford, Riverside, IA  
B.A., Simpson College  
Kinesiology & Sport Science
- Kathleen Mary Croymans, Wilmot, SD  
B.S., Northern State University  
Addiction Studies
- \* Kelli De Waard, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Speech - Language Pathology
- \* Londa Michelle DeRouchey, Sturgis, SD  
B.S., Black Hills State University  
B.S., Northern State University  
Speech Language Pathology
- Melissa Lynn Dittberner, Gayville, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Addiction Studies
- Jami L. Dubs, Freeman, SD  
B.A., Mount Marty College  
Special Education
- Josie Duraso  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education
- \* Autumn Alissa Eastman, Brandt, SD  
B.S.Ed., Dakota State University  
Speech - Language Pathology

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Noah N. Emery  
 B.S., Arizona State University  
 Psychology  
*The Moderating Effects of Drinking Motives on Mood Induced Attentional Bias Toward Alcohol-Related Stimuli*

\* Natalie Kay Erling, Huron, SD  
 B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University  
 Speech - Language Pathology

\* Kristin Kay Fechner, Sergeant Bluff, IA  
 B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota  
 Educational Administration

\* Joni Nell Foster-McFee, Sioux City, IA  
 B.S., University of Nebraska - Omaha  
 Speech - Language Pathology

\* Erica Lee Frenz, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Speech - Language Pathology

Steven Mark Garelik, Vermillion, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Psychology  
*Cues and Choices: Combined Effects of Verbal Framing, Facial Expression and Voice on Decision Making under Risk*

Lydia M. Graslie  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Political Science  
*Prosecuting Genocide: Case studies in Iraq, Syria, and Israel/Palestine*

Emily Green, Creighton, NE  
 B.S., University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
 Speech - Language Pathology

\* Tally Joyce Gunderson, Angora, MN  
 B.A.S., University of Minnesota- Duluth  
 Speech - Language Pathology

Tara L. Gunderson, LeMars, IA  
 B.A., Buena Vista University  
 Counseling, Psychology in Education

Kassandra Jo Hall, Hartford, SD  
 B.S., South Dakota State University  
 Counseling & Psychology in Education

Nancy Hamilton  
 B.T.M., Vancouver Island University  
 Educational Administration

Timothy J. Hansen  
 B.A., Mount Marty College  
 Educational Administration

Thomas John Harrison, Rochester, NY  
 B.S., State University of New York - Geneseo  
 Speech - Language Pathology

\* Diane C. Hoffman, Leola, SD  
 B.S., Northern State University  
 Speech - Language Pathology

\* Emily Carlene Hoffmann, Ghent, MN  
 B.S., Minnesota State University - Moorhead  
 Special Education

Takashi Hojo  
 B.A., Kyoto University of Foreign Studies  
 Communication

\* Brandy Hoos, Rushville, NE  
 B.S.Ed, Chadron State College  
 Speech - Language Pathology

\* Xue Jiang Guiyang, Guizhou, China  
 B.A., Zhejiang Normal University  
 Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Attachment Hierarchy of Young Adults: A Cultural Comparison Between China and the United States*

\* Chelsey Johnk, Ida Grove, IA  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Addiction Studies

\* Tara Lee Johnson, Rapid City, SD  
 B.S., University of Wyoming  
 Speech - Language Pathology

Adam Kellenberger, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
 Educational Administration

\* Richard Keroack, Missoula, MT  
 B.S., Northern State University  
 Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Brittany Noelle Kielhold, Sioux City, IA  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Speech - Language Pathology

\* Kyle Todd Kirby, Salem, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Biology

Sherry Kjos  
 B.S., Bellevue University  
 Educational Administration

Ashton Rae Koehlmoos, Primghar, IA  
 B.S., Dakota State University  
 Kinesiology & Sport Science

Brian Daniel Koelewyn, Rock Valley, IA  
 B.A., Dordt College  
 Counseling & Psychology in Education

\* Andrew James Kuker, Tripoli, IA  
 B.A., University of Northern Iowa  
 Educational Administration

\* Amy Lynn Larson, Hartford, SD  
 B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota  
 Educational Administration

\* Stacy Elaine Larson, Canton, SD  
 B.S.Ed., Dakota State University  
 Elementary Education

Briggett R. Lathrop, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., Augustana College  
 Special Education

\* Rebecca Christine Linder, Rapid City, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Addiction Studies

\* Luke Joseph Mack, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
 Counseling & Psychology in Education

\* Emily Marsh, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., Augustana College  
 Speech - Language Pathology

\* Jenna Mae McAfee, Pender, NE  
 M.A., University of South Dakota  
 Speech - Language Pathology

Sara Marie McBride, Vermillion, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Secondary Education

\* Lindsey McMahan, Colman, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
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Rachel Kay Mellem, Irene, SD  
 B.A., Mount Marty College  
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\* Kaycee Rae Michael, Yankton, SD  
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 Speech - Language Pathology

\* Molly Marie Mitchell, Norfolk, NE  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Speech - Language Pathology

\* Jenna Lee Napierala-Simonsen, Edgar, WI  
 B.S., University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire  
 Speech - Language Pathology

Sheri L. Nelson  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
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Criminal Justice  
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Criminal Justice  
Ryan Kappel, Yankton, SD  
Anthropology, History  
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Economics  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Bailey Catherine Kilpatrick, Rapid City, SD  
International Studies  
French & Francophone Studies  
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Political Science  
Kelsey Lee Kroger, Mt. Horeb, WI  
Media & Journalism  
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Anthropology  
\* Miki Kunishige, Yokohama  
International Studies  
Alyssa Lynn LaFramboise, Brookings, SD  
Media & Journalism  
Amanda Lynn Lentz, Huron, SD  
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Political Science  
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 Spanish  
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 Media & Journalism  
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 \* Matthew Thompson, Brandon, SD  
 English  
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 \* Emily Ann Weiss, San Diego, CA  
 Political Science  
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 \* Michael Jon Harberts  
 \* Lisa Marie Hawkins, Sioux Falls, SD  
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 \* Kourtney Naomi Lippert, Lennox, SD  
 Ashley Lynn Matzke, Menno, SD  
 \* Molly Kay McCloud, Sioux City, IA  
 Amanda Sheral Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD  
 \* Michael Allen O'Neal, Sioux Falls, SD  
 \* Tamaris Arlene Purvines, Las Vegas, NV  
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### *Bachelor of Science*

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 Psychology  
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 Criminal Justice  
 Kristofer James Basham, Rapid City, SD  
 History  
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 Psychology  
 Melissa Bendixen, Brandon, SD  
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 \* Steven Anthony Berg, Aurelia, IA  
 Psychology  
 Matthew Daniel Biver, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Psychology, History  
 Stephen S. Bollinger, Pierre, SD  
 Chemistry, Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate*  
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 Criminal Justice, Psychology  
 Paige Marissa Breuer, Sioux City, IA  
 Criminal Justice  
 Lucas Paul Chabela, Le Mars, IA  
 Earth Science  
 William James Conn, Irene, SD  
 Computer Science  
 \* Tiffany Rose Cordell, Gettysburg, SD  
 Communication Sciences & Disorders  
 Krista Elizabeth Crook, Rose Hill, KS  
 Psychology  
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 Criminal Justice  
 Jessica Lynn Davis, Dow City, IA  
 Criminal Justice  
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 Brian L. DeTavernier, Sheridan, WY  
 Criminal Justice  
 Jared James Donnelly, Elk Point, SD  
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 Psychology  
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 Psychology  
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Psychology

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Communication Sciences & Disorders

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Criminal Justice

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\* Taylor Susanne Hoffman, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Kyle Jorgensen, Weiser, ID  
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Communication Studies

\* Luke Henry Lacey, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology

\* Myles Andrew Lammers, Hartington, NE  
Biology

Nichollette Kay Luhmann, Jackson, MN  
History, Anthropology

Hei Tung Luk, Hong Kong  
Psychology, Media & Journalism  
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Ashley Ann Lukkes, Bradley, SD  
Psychology

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Psychology

\* Zachary Russell Meier, Chandler, AZ  
Economics

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Psychology

\* Caleb Merrick, Westbrook, MN  
Biology

\* Michael Gerome Merrill, Pipestone, MN  
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Psychology  
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\* Ian Michael Schroeder  
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Earth Science

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Media & Journalism, History

Todd Earl Stephens, Vermillion, SD  
Media & Journalism

\* Kelly Elizabeth Stewart, Amery, WI  
Media & Journalism  
*Cum Laude*

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Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Summa Cum Laude*

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Anthropology, English

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Communication Studies

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English

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Biology, Psychology  
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Management  
Blake Alan Carda, Yankton, SD  
Management  
\* Eric Lee Comes, Hartford, SD  
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Jacob Todd Conover, Ida Grove, IA  
Management  
Ryan P. Cook  
Management  
Jordan Keith Cuvelier, Collins, IA  
Marketing  
Dawson Joseph Deming, Sioux City, IA  
Management  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
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Health Services Administration  
*Cum Laude*  
Alex Douglas Dysthe, Parker, SD  
Health Services Administration  
\* Seth Thomas Eldridge, Fort Dodge, IA  
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\* Michael David Foltz, Rock Rapids, IA  
Health Services Administration

Douglas Greenfield, Huron, SD  
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Jeff Grossenburg  
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Health Services Administration  
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Health Services Administration  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Polly Tanae Harrington, Kansas City, MO  
Accounting  
\* Emmy L. Heltzel, Fort Pierre, SD  
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Caitlin Heyl, Akron, IA  
Management  
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Matthew Hicks, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Stephanie Marie Holm, Pierre, SD  
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Davis Odell Huffman, Sioux City, IA  
Accounting  
Josie Lynne Johnson, Canton, SD  
Finance  
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Arun Jasvinder Kapoor, Essex, VT  
Marketing  
Gregory Robert Kerkman, Vermillion, SD  
Management  
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Health Services Administration  
\* Kris Robert Knutson, Tea, SD  
Health Services Administration  
Colton Lange, Yankton, SD  
Health Services Administration  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Joan Marie Larson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management  
Jessica Cherrie Leegaard, Gillette, WY  
Accounting  
\* Jinjing Liu, China  
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Suzanne Livingston, Sioux City, IA  
Accounting  
\* Jeff Anthony McGrath, Bartlett, IL  
Health Services Administration  
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Human Resource Management  
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Accounting  
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*Cum Laude*

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Health Services Administration

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\* Jolene Marie Simon, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Accounting  
*Summa Cum Laude*

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*Summa Cum Laude*

Alyssa Steckelberg, Jefferson, SD  
Management

Brandi Marie Sutter, Sioux Falls, SD  
Management

Jamie Lee Svanda, Plankinton, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Mitch Johnson Van Dam, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Christopher Douglas VandeVoort, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting

Collin P. Viereck  
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Allyson Ann Wagner, Onawa, IA  
Health Services Administration

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Management

## *School of Education*

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### *Bachelor of Science*

\* Kyle David Ballew, West Hills, CA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Colton J. Bender  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Jordan John Decker, Watertown, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

Brittlyn Marie Dillow, Dixon, IL  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

\* Richard Trevor Doyle, Alexandria, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Jacob Andrew Grimes, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Trevor Lee Gruis, Ellsworth, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Zachary Taylor Helland, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Megan Elizabeth Hilson, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
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Sydney Hofer, Mitchell, SD  
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Nicole Hovdestad, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Jared Lyle Huggett, Dell Rapids, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Jenna Rae Jansen, Sioux City, IA  
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Carter Paul Kemnitz, Platte, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Jesse Taylor Kimball, Platte, SD  
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\* Travis James Klinghagen, Tea, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Brandon D. Koch  
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\* Lisa Jo Loeffler, Maplewood, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

\* Hannah Rose Nehlich-Arobba, Vermillion, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Michael Nelson, Vermillion, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Jason David Steinberg, Tea, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Josh William Vander Maten, Boyden, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

\* Benjamin Charles William Watzel, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Samuel Robert Wilkens, Madison, SD  
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### *Bachelor of Science in Education*

Amber Lynn Aschoff, Ankeny, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education

Breanna Costello  
English Education

Jacob David Evenson, Sioux Center, IA  
Elementary Education

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Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*

Emily Ann Harty, Vermillion, SD  
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Elementary Education, Special Education  
Schuyler Keith Holtrop, Sheldon, IA  
Elementary Education  
Sara Kathryn Hurt, Edmond, OK  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Tyler Gordon Johnson, Akron, IA  
History Education  
Hayli Kern, Sioux City, IA  
History Education  
Rachel M. Koopman  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
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Holly N. Larson  
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Kaitlin Marie Lofland, Sioux City, IA  
Elementary Education  
Elizabeth Lynam, Omaha, NE  
History Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Alex Kathryn Mellan, Mitchell, SD  
Elementary Education  
\* Rachel Myers  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Wendy Jo Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Jacob Henry Novosad, Marshall, MN  
History Education  
*Cum Laude*  
\* Cody Joseph O'Neill, Harvard, IL  
Physical Education  
Katherine Theresa Perillo, Merrick, NY  
Elementary Education  
Alison Taylor Petrik, Gayville, SD  
Biology Education  
Austin Lee Preheim, Sioux Falls, SD  
Physical Education  
Brendon Michael Smith, Omaha, NE  
History Education  
Kellie Joy Vande Weerd, Sioux Center, IA  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
Samantha Ann Weber, Parkston, SD  
Elementary Education

## *College of Fine Arts*

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### *Bachelor of Fine Arts*

Will Richard Cornay, Yankton, SD  
Theatre  
Amelia Marie Davis, Brandon, SD  
Theatre  
\* Reid Anthony Determan  
Theatre  
Alison Rebecca Galbraith, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art  
*Cum Laude*  
\* Ryan Lewis Huber, Yankton, SD  
Art

\* Caleb Dayton Johns, Vermillion, SD  
Art  
*Cum Laude*  
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Art  
Calvin R. LaBrie, Yankton, SD  
Art  
Brooke Nicole Richmond, Redfield, SD  
Theatre

### *Bachelor of Music*

Nicole Casey Chlipala, Woodridge, IL  
Music Education  
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Michael Edward Davis, Spirit Lake, IA  
Music Education

## *School of Health Sciences*

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### *Bachelor of Science*

Jaclyn Michelle Adrian, Mountain Lake, MN  
Social Work  
\* Armela Becic, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Sciences  
\* Anne Catherine Becker, Yankton, SD  
Medical Laboratory Science  
\* Megan Jane Bennett, Belle Fourche, SD  
Addiction Studies  
Tekla Jane Bennett, Pierre, SD  
Health Sciences  
\* Shaunae Noelle Boer, Tea, SD  
Health Sciences  
Jessica Lynn Bohling, Hooper, NE  
Health Sciences  
\* Jennifer Bye, Vermillion, SD  
Health Sciences  
\* Carla Carda, Rapid City, SD  
Addiction Studies  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
\* Krissy Cheruiyot, Farmington, MN  
Health Sciences  
Haily Marie Cline, Newport, NE  
Addiction Studies  
Krista Elizabeth Crook, Rose Hill, KS  
Health Sciences  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Haley Lynn Delvo, Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work  
\* Natausha Paige Deurmier, Bruce, SD  
Addiction Studies  
Mary Dodds, Sioux City, IA  
Dental Hygiene  
Michelle Donelson, Lennox, SD  
Social Work  
\* Olivia Fajardo, Sugar Land, FL  
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 Health Sciences  
 \* Hillaree Mae Farrell, Des Moines, IA  
 Social Work  
 \* Kelsi Foster, Huron, SD  
 Medical Laboratory Science  
 Jennifer Marie Frederick, Spearfish, SD  
 Health Sciences  
 \* Jenny M. Graves  
 Health Sciences  
 \* Chelsey Ann Gravley, Tyler, MN  
 Health Sciences  
 Shelby Anne Hans, Wynot, NE  
 Addiction Studies  
 Debra Ann Hansen, Viborg, SD  
 Social Work  
 \* Matthey Katlin Hanten, White Lake, SD  
 Health Sciences  
 Samuel John Harr, Brandon, SD  
 Health Sciences  
 Nicole Hovdestad, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Health Sciences  
 \* Samantha Joanne Hulstein, Hawarden, IA  
 Social Work  
 Onica Anne Jacobs, Hartley, IA  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
 \* Emma Jean Jankord, Redfield, SD  
 Social Work  
*Cum Laude*  
 Hannah Marie Johnson, Merrill, IA  
 Social Work  
 \* Mena Khanphongphane, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Addiction Studies  
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 Emily J. Krizan  
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*Cum Laude*  
 Victoria Rae Kroll, Germantown, WI  
 Social Work  
*Cum Laude*  
 \* Miki Kunishige, Yokohama  
 Social Work  
 Jarad William Kunzman, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Health Sciences  
 \* Mary Laderer, Vermillion, SD  
 Social Work  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 \* Benson Kipkirui Lang'at  
 Social Work  
 \* Fidelis Marie Lanowich, Norfolk, NE  
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 Victoria Min Lau, Tracy, MN  
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 Social Work  
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 Amanda Mae Madsen, Cresco, IA  
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 Sara Jean Maeyaert, Minneota, MN  
 Health Sciences  
 Lizan Maltai, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Health Sciences  
 Cindy Dee Miller, Piedmont, SD  
 Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Elliot Christian Nelson, Mitchell, SD  
 Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
 \* Kevin G. Noble, Vermillion, SD  
 Addiction Studies  
*Cum Laude*  
 \* Heather Kay Ochocki, Marshall, MN  
 Addiction Studies  
*Cum Laude*  
 \* Alycia Petrie, Minnetonka, MN  
 Addiction Studies  
 April Marliese Platt, Rio Rancho, NM  
 Health Sciences  
 Cassandra Lynn Prieksat, Le Mars, IA  
 Social Work  
 Lynsey Rae Reese, Woodstock, MN  
 Addiction Studies  
 Heather Kay Regnier, Minneota, MN  
 Social Work  
 \* Jared Thomas Ribstein, Harrisburg, SD  
 Social Work  
 Kaycee Joan Rousseau, Eagle Butte, SD  
 Health Sciences  
 Stephanie Ann Ruden, Remsen, IA  
 Health Sciences  
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 Health Sciences  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
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 Selena Jewel Singh, Orlando, FL  
 Health Sciences  
 Amy Siwula, Cadillac, MI  
 Health Sciences  
 \* Misty Mae Smith, Becker, MN  
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 Social Work  
 Rebecca Lynn Spencer, Livingston, MT  
 Addiction Studies  
 Ariel Christine Stonehocker, Sioux Falls, SD  
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 Social Work  
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Social Work  
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Addiction Studies

### *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

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Venus Irene Anderson, Saint Cloud, MN  
Lori Kaye Arnold, Bainbridge, IN  
Susan Christine Bak, Irene, SD  
Katie Lynn Baken, Julian, CA  
Ephrem Tadesse Bejiga, Sioux Falls, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
Dawn Michelle Bonham, Jefferson, SD  
Brooke Heston Brady, Yankton, SD  
Catherine Pina Bryan, Belle Fourche, SD  
Krista Lynn Buckley, Hornick, IA  
Wynette Robin Campbell, Akron, IA  
Shannon L. Carlson  
Leigh C. Chesnut  
Jean Mia Ciazynski, Rapid City, SD  
Amanda Joy Denevan, Sioux Falls, SD  
Cindy L. Drewes  
Kyle Lee Fonder, Sioux Falls, SD  
Christopher Scott Gacke, Sioux Falls, SD  
Amanda Nicole Garcia, Salem, OR  
Stefani Gillette, Eagle River, AK  
Jaye Anne Grimm, Sioux Falls, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
Sherri Lynn Hanson, Delmont, SD  
Teresa Hartline, Akron, OH  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jody Hass, Chester, SD  
Katie Herrboldt  
Xin Hong, Flushing, NY  
Molli Rae Hotovec, Phoenix, AZ  
*Cum Laude*  
Marcus Allen Howard, Brookings, SD  
Erin R. Hudelson  
Kodi M. Ingle, Chamberlain, SD  
Allison Ruth Jaynes, Sioux City, IA  
Julie Marie Jefferis, Parker, SD  
Chris Johnson  
Tyler Kielman, Vermillion, SD  
Robyn Kay Kroeger, Rapid City, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
Justin T. Lammers  
Rachel Kay Langner, Dell Rapids, SD  
Harmony Larsen, Dell Rapids, SD  
Rochelle Janae Larsen, Denver, CO  
Christina Jenny Liane, Pine River, MN  
Lara Ligtenberg, Platte, SD  
Meghan M. Marx, Watertown, SD  
Jane L. Medicine Crow  
*Cum Laude*  
Megan Nicole Merkel, Clark, SD  
Chelsey Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD  
Lauren Anne Meyer, Rapid City, SD  
Sandra Mae Monger, Rapid City, SD

Stephanie Jeanne Murphy, Rapid City, SD  
Amanuel Okubatsion-Estifanos  
Barbara Jo Peterson, Alcester, SD  
Allie Dawn Rahn, Edgerton, MN  
Micaela Rice, Rapid City, SD  
Bonita Bea Rowe, Carter, SD  
Laura A. Ruotsalainen, Lake Norden, SD  
Sarah Christine Schuldt, Alexandria, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
Lenora A. Shearer, Rapid City, SD  
Elizabeth P. Shoemaker  
Audrey K. Smeenk  
*Cum Laude*  
Ashley Ann Steilen, Alexandria, SD  
Kendra Carville Storm, Black Hawk, SD  
Haley M. Thomas  
Amanda M. Thoms, Yankton, SD  
Jodi Lynne Tieman, Centerville, SD  
Autumn Rae Tucker, Winner, SD  
Rebecca Vanbeek  
Stephanie Christine Vasgaard, Howard, SD  
Janet Wernisch, Sioux Falls, SD  
Ali Jean Wieseler, Yankton, SD  
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Rebecca Williams, Piedmont, SD

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Brenda S. Bonnichsen, Sturgis, SD  
Rikka S. Buchtel, New Underwood, SD  
Kacie LeighAnne Craig, Kahana, HI  
Sawyer McGynnes Dowling, Fort Pierre, SD  
Ashli Dumolt, Rapid City, SD  
Judith Jennilyn Dunn, Spearfish, SD  
Ruth Furnier, Sparta, WI  
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Nastassia N. Janes  
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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 of 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 Alpha Sigma Theta.....	Yellow & Blue ribbons with gold medallion
Pi Alpha Theta.....	Red & Blue honor 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
Sigma 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

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