

DECEMBER 2015
Commencement
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

*THE FORTIETH WINTER SESSION
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
DAKOTADOME, VERMILLION, SD
DECEMBER 12, 2015*

Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement

Dakota Dome

December 12, 2015 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

Dr. Robin Ammon, Chair, University Senate

James W. Abbott, President

Commencement Address

Jeffrey R. Holcomb, President, Southeast Technical Institute

USD Chamber Singers

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

Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Authorization of Degree Conferral

Harvey Jewett, South Dakota Board of Regents

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

Kersten Johnson, Alumni Association

University Hymn, *Alma Mater*

USD Chamber Singers
Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Closing Remarks

James W. Abbott, President
Dr. Robin Ammon, 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, 2015. The commencement program is a list of candidates for degree. It is not an official listing of degrees conferred.

Commencement Speaker



Jeffrey R. Holcomb
President, Southeast Technical Institute

A South Dakota native, Jeff is from Long Valley, South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Jeff received his baccalaureate degree in German and Political Science and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of South Dakota.

He began his career in education in 1985 as a legislative assistant to the Secretary of Education and Cultural Affairs continuing in a variety of program positions within the department until 1993. From 1993 until the summer of 1999, he served the state of South Dakota as the Chief Purchasing Administrator. He moved to Sioux Falls accepting an appointment as the Purchasing Coordinator for the City of Sioux Falls. In August of 2004, Jeff accepted the position of President/CEO of Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls.

Jeff is married to his lovely wife Robyn, head vocal director for Roosevelt High School for the Sioux Falls School District. They have three daughters Laurel, Elise, and Lily ages 18, 16, and 13.

Stage Party

James W. Abbott
President
Harvey Jewett
Board of Regents Representative
Jeffrey R. Holcomb
Speaker
Kersten Johnson
Executive Director, Alumni Association
Robin Ammon
Chair, University Senate
Jim 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
Donald Easton-Brooks
Dean, School of Education
Larry Schou
Dean, College of Fine Arts
Michael Lawler
Dean, School of Health Sciences
Brandon Nutting
Reader, College of Arts & Sciences
Jennifer Thompson
Registrar

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Harvey Jewett
Aberdeen
Kathryn Johnson
Hill City
Jim Morgan
Brookings
Joseph Schartz
Humboldt
Kevin Schieffer
Sioux Falls

University Marshal Corps

Head Marshals

Michelle Van Maanen
College of Arts & Sciences
Leon Korte
Beacom School of Business

Honorary Marshals

Emeritus Professor Constance Hoag
Emeritus Professor Donald Potter

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
Gerald Yutrzenka
Sanford School of Medicine

Faculty in Attendance

Professor Mejai Bola Avoseh
Professor Mark Baron
Professor Kathryn Birkeland
Professor Larry Bright
Professor Brian Burrell
Professor Stephen Butler
Professor Karen Card
Professor Shana Cerny
Professor Janet Davison
Professor Ying Deng
Professor Carla Dieter
Professor Kathleen Eyster
Professor Cathy Ezrailson
Professor Marvin Gamble
Professor Elizabeth Hanson
Professor Angela Helmer
Professor David Holdhusen
Professor Moses Ikiugu
Professor Gera Jacobs
Professor Teddi Joyce
Professor Christina Keller
Professor Karen Kindle
Professor John Korkow
Professor Clayton Lehmann
Professor Gopinath Mani

Professor Kelly McKay-Semmler
Professor Jessica Messersmith
Professor Chad Newswander
Professor Wade Nilson
Professor Ranelle Nissen
Professor Brandon Nutting
Professor Seth Olson
Professor Jason Porter
Professor Carolyn Prentice
Professor Randal Quevillon
Professor Soonhee Roh
Professor Amy Schweinle
Professor Shane Semmler
Professor Stacy Smallfield
Professor Carole South-Winter
Professor Teresa Stephenson
Professor David Swanson
Professor Barbara Stolle
Professor William Sweeney
Professor Barry Vickrey
Professor Garreth Zalud
Professor Frank Zavadil

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

- * Rosalie N. Ball, Woonsocket, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Validation of the Nonsexual Multiple Relationship Scale (NSMRS)
- Mohammad O. Bani Khaled
M.S., University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Materials Chemistry
Molecular Design of Air-Stable n-type Organic Semiconductor Materials Based on Perfluoroalkylated Transition Metal Complexes and η -Conjugated Molecules
- Jacob Christian Bobby, Bowdle, SD
M.Div., Concordia Seminary
Political Science
Voting for Friends: A Study of Parasocial Interaction in the 2012 Presidential Campaign
- Michael P. Flaherty
M.A., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
A Phenomenological Study of the Experience of Job Related Stressors for Professional Counselors in Rural Community Mental Health Settings
- Berit Linnehan Foss, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Biomedical Engineering
Chitosan Immobilized Titanium in a Co-Culture System: A Race for the Surface
- * Yulun Han, Nei Mongol
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
The Photofragmentation Mechanisms of Gas-Phase Rare Earth Complexes for Laser-Assisted Metal-Organic Chemical Vapor Deposition: Isopropylcyclopentadienyl and Trimethylsilylamido Ligand Examples
- * Jennifer Fang Hsia, San Marino, CA
M.A., University of South Dakota
M.S., University of Notre Dame
Psychology
Interactive Effects of Cultural Values and Family Satisfaction on Perceived Stress and Depressive Symptoms in College Students
- Sujan Lamichhane, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S.B.E., College of Biomedical Engineering & Applied Sciences - Nepal
Biomedical Engineering
Preparation, Characterization, In Vitro Drug Release, and Cellular Interactions of Novel Coatings and Biomaterials for Cardiovascular Medical Devices
- * Ming Liu, Bozhou, An Hui, China
B.S., Anhui Technical Teachers College
Biological Sciences
Physiological and Ecological Measures of Stopover Habitat Quality For Migrant Birds in Natural Riparian Corridor Woodlands and Anthropogenic Woodlots in Southeastern South Dakota
- * Wei Lv, China
M.S., University of South Dakota
Biomedical Engineering
Multifunctional Injectable Scaffold for Tissue Engineering Applications
- * Erick C. Messler, Yankton, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
The Moderating Role of Parental Monitoring in the Relationship Between Perceived Parental Approval of Drinking and Alcohol Outcomes Among College Students
- Katherine Marie Murphy, Sioux City, IA
M.A., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
View From The Witness Stand: Mental Health Counselors Perception Of Preparedness For Providing Court Testimony A Phenomenological Study
- * Uma Sambasivam
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Modulating Guest-Binding and Chemical Reactivity in a New Class of Synthetic Containers
- Sanam Sane, Vermillion, SD
M.S., Baylor College of Medicine
Basic Biomedical Sciences
Ubiquitin-like Protein, UBXLN2A, a Potential Anticancer Drug Target in Colon Cancer
- * Denise Ann Schwery, Omaha, NE
B.A., Morningside College
Counseling & Psychology in Education
How do Mathematics Self-Efficacy and Gender Interact to Predict Mathematics Achievement in Fifth Through Eighth Graders?
- Yanqing Wang, Shanghai, China
M.S., Hong Kong Baptist University
Basic Biomedical Sciences
The Interaction Between Endocannabinoid and GABA Signaling in the Control of Pain: Mechanisms to Functional Implications
- Qiang Wei
M.S., University of South Dakota
Chemistry
Synthesis of Perfluoroalkylated fused-thiophene N-type Organic Semiconductor and The Study of The Crystallite Structure Materials
- * Yufeng Zhang, Shijiazhuang
B.S., University of Electronic Science & Technology of China
Biological Sciences
Patterns and Mechanisms of Phenotypic Flexibility Associated with Flight Exercise and Shivering in Small Birds

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Jianqiu Zou, China
B.S., Zhejiang University
Basic Biomedical Sciences
*DNA Damage Response Proteins Regulate
the Centrosome*

Doctor of Education

Deborah Ann Bumpous, Bath, SD
M.S., Northern State University
Educational Administration
*The Relationship Between Advanced
Placement® Participation and College
Graduation Rates*

Li-Hua Chen, New Taipei City
M.S., Emporia State University - Kansas
Curriculum & Instruction
*Taiwan High School Biology Teachers'
Acceptance and Understanding of Evolution
and the Nature of Science*

* Mary Alice Christensen, Brookings, SD
M.S., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
*Growth in Leader Efficacy Based on
Participation in a College Student Leadership
Development Program*

* Peggy Ann Diekhoff, Wessington, SD
M.S.Ed., Northern State University
Educational Administration
*A Case Study of Organizational Change at One
Midwestern Middle School*

Marilyn Lange Eastman, Dakota Dunes, SD
M.B.A., Washington University - St. Louis
Educational Administration
*Does Twitter Fly or Fail in a Marketing
Classroom? The Effect of Twitter on Student
Learning Outcomes, Attitudes and Instructor
Effectiveness Ratings*

Todd M. Ecklund, Peosta, IA
M.B.A., Minnesota School of Business
M.Ed., University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Educational Administration
*Effective Practices of Faculty Evaluations in
Iowa Community Colleges*

Jacqueline Herrboldt, Scotland, SD
M.Ed., University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Curriculum & Instruction
*Teacher and Parent Perceptions of Common
Core Standards in a Rural School in South
Dakota*

Todd L. Herseth
M.B.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
*Business Ethics Education and Mezirow's
Transformative Learning Theory*

Michael A. Keegan, Rapid City, SD
M.Ed., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
*Driving Change Initiatives in Student Affairs:
Approaches Directors Use to Implement
Change*

Charles Leslie Knauer, Rapid City, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
*Department Chair Leadership in Higher
Education: A Comparison of Transformational
Leadership of Reserve Officer Training Corp
Chairs Compared With Social Science Chairs
in Leadership Programs*

Daniel Robert Koopman, Baker City, OR
Ed.S., University of Idaho
Educational Administration
*Transformative Learning Experiences of
Mentors and Ex-Offenders in an Oregon
Faith-Based Community Corrections Program*

Erin Elizabeth Lehmann, Rapid City, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
*Student-Centered Math Achievement:
Standards-based vs. Traditional Assessment*

Linda Marie Love, Omaha, NE
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
*Leader Efficacy: Examining Readiness of
Health Science Educators Following
Interprofessional Leadership Development*

Valentina R. Merdanian, Blacktail Deer
Creek, SD
M.A., Oglala Lakota College
Educational Administration
*Tribal College Accreditation: Woiwyanke
Wounspe - A Case Study of Oglala Lakota
College*

* Thomas James Merriman, Beresford, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Curriculum & Instruction
*A Phenomenological Approach to
Understanding Pro-C Level Teachers'
Perceptions of Creativity*

Toni Renae Palmer, Grand Island, NE
M.A., University of Northern Iowa
M.A., University of Nebraska - Kearney
Educational Administration
*Examining the Differences in Student
Achievement Among Seventh-Grade
Mathematics Students in Traditional and Co-
Taught Classrooms in a Midwestern Urban
District*

Pandi Pittman
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
*Teacher Retention in Sparsely Populated
South Dakota Rural School Districts*

* Mary Kathleen Risacher, Slayton, MN
M.S., Southwest Minnesota State University
Curriculum & Instruction
*Self-Efficacy of Preservice Early Childhood
Teachers Participating in an Online
Environment Vs. Traditional College Setting*

Anna Marie Schwan, Groton, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
*Student Motivation and Amotivation: Teacher
and Student Perceptions*

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* Kaye Sorensen, Kearney, NE
M.S., University of Nebraska – Kearney
Educational Administration
*Lecture Capture Accessibility on University
Student Learning Outcomes and Student
Perceptions in College Level Mathematics
Courses*

Erin Faith Stabnow, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Curriculum & Instruction
*Increasing Pizza Box Assembly Using Task
Analysis and a Least-to-Most Prompting
Hierarchy*

* Michael G. White
M.S.Ed., Wayne State College
Educational Administration
*A Case Study of a Shared Value Multi-
Stakeholder American College Testing (ACT)
Preparation Program*

Doctor of Audiology

Allison Townsend Root, Reno, NV
B.A., University of Nevada - Reno
*Early Hearing Detection and Intervention:
Evaluating the Current State of Knowledge
Among Audiologists in South Dakota*

Professional Degrees

School of Law

Presented by Dean Thomas Geu

Juris Doctor

Spencer Daniel Austin
B.A., Augustana College
Chad Everett Dotson, Cedar City, UT
B.S., Southern Utah University
Toby Alexander Lutenegeger
B.A., University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
Michael Lee Pickett, Lead, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University

Specialist & Master Degrees

Graduate School

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Specialist in Education

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M.S.Ed., Wayne State College
Educational Administration
* Cynthia Rae Barwick, Sheldon, IA
M.Ed., Iowa State University
Educational Administration
Kathryn Renee Blaha, Avon, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Jennifer Ann Bollinger, Watertown, SD
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Educational Administration
Maiden Elizabeth Carnes, Carrollton, GA
M.Ed., State University of West Georgia
Counseling & Psychology in Education
* Shannon Dodson, Alfred, NY
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Educational Administration
David Allen Hansen, Viborg, SD
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Educational Administration
* Victor Shands Henson, Sardis, MS
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* Kevin Michael Kunz, Parker, SD
M.Ed., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
* May Jo May
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Educational Administration
* Robyn Rene Raszkowski, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., Springfield College
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Christopher Kenneth Schmit, Waterloo, IA
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Educational Administration
Matthew Wayne Semmler, Harrisburg, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
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Master of Arts

* Stephanie Andell, Ofallon, IL
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B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota
Special Education

* Lacey Megan Anderson, Pierre, SD
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Interdisciplinary Studies

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* Miranda Jo Arnold, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota
Special Education

* Patrick James Artz, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Kinesiology & Sport Science

* Crystal Lee Aurich, Sauk Rapids, MN
B.S., St. Cloud State University
Speech-Language Pathology

* Jerri L. Birger, Tea, SD
M.Ed., University of Sioux Falls
Special Education

* Jill Summer Bischoff, Brookings, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Speech-Language Pathology

Dustin Benten Blaha, Summerset, SD
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* Jennifer Marie Bodoh, Brandon, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Addiction Studies

* Stacia Ann Briard, Vermillion, SD
B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota
Elementary Education

* Chelsea Ellan Josephine Brooks, Yankton, SD
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Special Education

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Biology

* Euodia En Ping Chua, Singapore
B.S.Sc., Singapore Management University
Psychology
Resilience in the Context of Self-Aspects: How Individual, Communal, and Relational Self-Aspects Predict Resilience and Hardiness

* Charles Joseph Clarke, Vermillion, SD
B.A., University of California - Santa Barbara
Psychology
The Role of Goal Direction in the Expression of Urgent Behavior

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Psychology
A Quantum Approach to Word Association

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Political Science
*Grand Old Tea Party: The Tea Party's
Relevance to Republican Conservative
Attitudes*

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* Joshua Johnson, North Sioux City, SD
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Tara Lynn Jones, Dayton, MD
B.S., Texas A&M University
Educational Administration

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B.A., Northern State University
English
If it Rains

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Educational Administration

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Special Education

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Special Education

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Educational Administration

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Michael R. Nelson
B.A., University of South Dakota
B.S., University of South Dakota
Secondary Education

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* Tory C. Norby, Elk Point, SD
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* Julie Elaine Peterson, Pierre, SD
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Elizabeth Ashleigh Pitcher, Gulfport, MS
B.S., University of Southern Mississippi
Secondary Education

* Courtney Evelynne Plath, Yankton, SD
B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota
Elementary Education

Rachel A. Prodanovich
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Communication

Katherine Pudwill, Hartford, SD
B.A., University of Sioux Falls
Special Education

Steven Charles Reynolds, Phoenix, AZ
D.D.S., University of Detroit - Mercy
Educational Administration

* Jennifer Jo Rice, Gayville, SD
B.A., Augustana College
Educational Administration

Meighan Michelle Robbins, Brookings, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University
Counseling & Psychology in Education

Patricia Roberts-Pizzuto, Burbank, SD
B.F.A., Ringling College of Art and Design
Educational Administration

Ember Lynn Rohde, Roshold, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
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Tobias Schantz, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., University of South Dakota
Political Science

Jon Damon Schlenske, Spokane Valley, WA
B.A., Whitworth University
Addiction Studies

Julie K. Scott, Rapid City, SD
B.A., Huron College
Educational Administration

Allison Seger, Mission, SD
B.A., Carnegie Mellon University
Educational Administration

Kelli Serbin
B.S., Boston College
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Shahriaz Shaon, Vermillion, SD
B.Sc.E., Noakhali Science and
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* Taylor Sharpe, Sioux Falls, SD
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Amber Lynn Sherman, Goodwin, SD
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* Sarah Slykhuis, Tea, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Elementary Education

* Tony Charles Sneiderman, Waverly, IA
B.A., University of Northern Iowa
Educational Administration

Christine M. Summering
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* Nathan Sutton, Aberdeen, SD
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Special Education

* Daniel Richard Thompson, Mapleton, IA
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Elementary Education

Emilii Jayne Vondrak, Kingsley, IA
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Counseling & Psychology in Education

* Nathaniel James Weber, Sioux Falls, SD
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Addiction Studies

* Douglas Warren Wedel, Spencer, IA
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Special Education

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*Riparian Vegetation and Land Cover along the
Great Plains' White River*
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Physics
*Understanding Fast Neutrons Utilizing a Water
Cherenkov Detector and a Gas-filled Detector
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*Generalized Walsh Transforms, Cuntz
Algebras Representations and Applications in
Signal Processing*
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Chemistry
*Photophysical and Chemical Processes
Controlling the Fluorescence of
Anthraquinone-18-Crown-5 Derivatives*
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*Explaining the Nanoscale Effect in the
Upconversion Dynamics of b-
NaYF₄:Yb³⁺,Er³⁺ Core and Core/Shell
Nanomaterials*
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 Basic Biomedical Sciences
*Molecular Mechanisms Underlying Altered
 Stress Sensitivity During Amphetamine
 Withdrawal in Male Rats*

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 Chemistry
*Synthesis and Characterization of Hollow
 Structured Mn3O4 nanoparticles*

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 Bachelor of Science, Economics,
 Mathematics
*Murder, She Analyzed: Predicting Crime
 Television Viewership Using Content Analysis
 and Multiple Regression Analysis*

* Brandon Joseph Hanten, White Lake, SD
 Bachelor of Science, Biology
*TRP Mediated Differential Modulation of
 Nociceptive and Non-Nociceptive Behavior by
 Endovanilloids*

Jacqueline Michelle Hendry, Roscoe, IL
Bachelor of Arts, Contemporary Media &
Journalism, Native Studies
*NATV 101: Native Studies at the University of
South Dakota*

Jordyn Jean Larson, Fulda, MN
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology
*Folate Mediated One-Carbon Metabolism
(FOCM) Analysis using Integrated
Bioinformatics Tools following the Central
Dogma*

Alexander David McKee, Yankton, SD
Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences
Opinion Leadership in Ghanaian Health

Katrina Annette Vyborny, Yankton, SD
Bachelor of Arts, Media & Journalism,
Spanish
*Walmart and Target: A Content Analysis of
Television Advertising*

Mitchell D. Wagner
Bachelor of Science, Physics
*Characterization of Photomultiplier Tubes
Working at Cryogenic Temperatures*

* Amber Marie Watson, Columbus, NE
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish
Bachelor of Science, Social Work
*Social Work and Christianity: History,
Professionalization, Divergence, and
Juxtaposition of Social Work Values and
Catholic Social Teaching*

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Bachelor of Science, Biology, Psychology
*D1 Dopamine Receptor Modulation of
Breathing in Young Hypothyroid Female
Hamsters*

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Bachelor of Business Administration,
Management
*Jacquelyn Angela Photography: Business
Plan*

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Criminal Justice

* Chelsea Nicole Campbell, Sioux Falls, SD
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Hope Annette Lindstrom, Beresford, SD
Mathematics

Kyle Sean Loecker, Yankton, SD
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Kendall W. Martin
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Earth Science

* Alexander D. Miller, Sioux City, IA
Psychology

* Allison Elizabeth Miller, Porter, MN
Psychology

* Kia Marie Miller, Draper, SD
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Jaynie Mitchell, Louisville, KY
Psychology

Kendra Mulder, Canton, MN
Criminal Justice, Political Science

* Dannial Raymond Myers, Alexandria, MN
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Madilyn J. Myers
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Media & Journalism

Ojulu O. Ojang
Philosophy

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Cum Laude

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Macie Ann Coburn, Garretson, SD
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Magna Cum Laude

Alexander Philip David, Grand Rapids, MI
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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Management
Cum Laude

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Summa Cum Laude

Erik Jonathan Forman, Brandon, SD
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Lacey Jane Fosheim, Webster, SD
Management

Brittani Michelle Gaertner, Viborg, SD
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Accounting
Cum Laude

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Finance

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Summa Cum Laude

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Cum Laude
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Management
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Kinesiology & Sport Science
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Kinesiology & Sport Science
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Kinesiology & Sport Science
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Kinesiology & Sport Science
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Kinesiology & Sport Science
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Magna Cum Laude
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Kinesiology & Sport Science

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Cum Laude
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Kinesiology & Sport Science
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Kinesiology & Sport Science
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Cum Laude
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Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
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Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Music Education
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Musical Arts

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Cum Laude

School of Health Sciences

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Bachelor of Science

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Leah Lynn Herpst, Hawarden, IA
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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
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

