

DECEMBER 2016  
*Commencement*  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

*THE FORTY-FIRST WINTER SESSION  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
DAKOTADOME, VERMILLION, SD  
DECEMBER 10, 2016*

# *Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement*

*Dakota Dome*

*December 10, 2016 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

G. Mark Mickelson

USD Chamber Singers

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

Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Authorization of Degree Conferral

Kevin Schieffer, 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 Occupational Therapy
- 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

### ROTC Oath of Office

- Jim Moran, Provost & Vice President
- Lieutenant Colonel Michelle Bunkers, Department Chair, Military Science

### Induction into Alumni Association

- Michelle Maloney, 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](http://www.usd.edu/registrar/commencement.cfm).

The program lists all persons who were candidates for degrees as of August, 2016. The commencement program is a list of candidates for degree. It is not an official listing of degrees conferred.

# *Commencement Speaker*



**G. Mark Mickelson**

In 2012 Mark was elected to his first term to represent District 13 as a Republican in the South Dakota House of Representatives and was re-elected in 2014 and 2016. He currently serves as Speaker Pro-Tempore.

Mark is the president and owner of Mickelson & Company, a consulting business concentrated in the short-line railroad industry. Mickelson is also active in a real estate development partnership.

Mark has been active in state and community civic organizations, including serving on the board of directors for the South Dakota Board of Economic Development and the South Dakota Community Foundation. Mark is also active in Rotary, the YMCA, Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited.

Mark's hometown is Brookings, South Dakota. He and his wife Cynthia (Hart) have three active boys at home: George (17), David (15) and Charlie (13). The boys attend public schools in Sioux Falls.

Mark graduated from Harvard Law School (1993) and the University of South Dakota (1988) with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and an Accounting Degree.

Mark and his two siblings learned the importance of public service from their parents. Mark's father, the late George S. Mickelson, served as South Dakota's Governor from 1987 to 1993.

## ***Stage Party***

James W. Abbott  
President  
Kevin Schieffer  
Board of Regents Representative  
G. Mark Mickelson  
Speaker  
Michelle Maloney  
Alumni Association Representative  
Robin Ammon  
Chair, University Senate  
Jim Moran  
Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Ranjit Koodali  
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  
Shane Semmler  
Reader, College of Arts & Sciences  
Jennifer Thompson  
Registrar

## ***Board of Regents***

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Kathryn Johnson  
Hill City  
Jim Morgan  
Brookings  
Pam Roberts  
Pierre

## ***University Marshal Corps***

### ***Head Marshals***

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

### ***Honorary Marshal***

Emeritus Professor Linda Reetz

### ***Marshals***

Sherrie Bosse  
School of Education  
Scott Breuninger  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Kathryn Birkeland  
Beacom School of Business  
David Carr  
Beacom School of Business  
John Dudley  
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  
Kelly McKay-Semmler  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Timothy Schorn  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Rand Wergin  
Beacom School of Business  
Robin Wiebers  
School of Education  
Gerald Yutrzenka  
Sanford School of Medicine

## *Faculty in Attendance*

Professor Mark Baron  
Professor Jan Berkhout  
Professor Beth Boyd  
Professor Barbara Brockvelt  
Professor Stephen Butler  
Professor Karen Card  
Professor Shana Cerny  
Professor Tom Davies  
Professor Janet Davison  
Professor David De Jong  
Professor DeVee Dykstra  
Professor Matthew Fairholm  
Professor Michael Granaas  
Professor Chaya Gordon-Bland  
Professor Elizabeth Hanson  
Professor Lisa Hazlett  
Professor David Holdhusen  
Professor Moses Ikiugu  
Professor Gerard Jacobs  
Professor Teddi Joyce  
Professor Christina Keller  
Professor Karen Kindle

Professor John Korkow  
Professor Carol Leibiger  
Professor Diana Messick  
Professor Ranelle Nissen  
Professor Shane Nordyke  
Professor Seth Olson  
Professor Douglas Peterson  
Professor Randal Quevillon  
Professor Srinii Ragothaman  
Professor Soonhee Roh  
Professor Amy Schweinle  
Professor Carol South-Winter  
Professor Mark Sweeney  
Professor Thomas Tiahr  
Professor Daniel Tracy  
Professor Dan Van Peurse  
Professor XJ Wang  
Professor Mandy Williams  
Professor Sarah Wollersheim Shervey  
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, Mabel 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 Ranjit Koodali

### Doctor of Philosophy

Gregory G. Bertsch, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.S., Iowa State University  
Biomedical Engineering  
*Development, Technology Transfer, and Commercialization of N-halamine Antimicrobial Polymers*

\* Terrance Ezra Coombs, Fruita, CO  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*A Phenomenological Exploration of Resiliency Among Collegiate Athletes with a History of Childhood Trauma*

Julie Anne Eclov, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Physician Scientist  
*Dietary Supplementation with Eicosapentaenoic Acid, but Not Docosahexaenoic Acid, Prevents Cardiac Fibrosis in Pressure Overload Induced Heart Failure: Implications for Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction*

Jennifer Bella Garelik Jones, Vermillion, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Political Science  
*Leadership Perspectives Identified Through Lakota (Titunwan) Oral Histories*

\* Catherine Nicole Browning Goetstouwers, Bancroft, NE  
M.S., Minnesota State University-Mankato  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Middle School Perceptions of the Student-Teacher Relationship and Their Role in Predicting Student Outcomes*

Jamie Mary Hansen, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., Minnesota State University-Mankato  
Psychology  
*Drunkorexia: Normative Behavior or Gateway to Alcohol and Eating Pathology?*

Ryan Paul Hunsaker, Evanston, WY  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Facial Emotion Recognition and Borderline Personality Disorder Symptoms: Effects Of Interpersonal Stress*

Kari Ann Oyen, Chancellor, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Counseling & Psychology in Education  
*Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports in South Dakota: Impact of Implementation on Academic Achievement for Elementary Schools*

\* Amanda J. Reed, Pierre, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Community-Based Psychological First Aid for Emergency Medical Service Providers: Mental Health Stigma, Resilience, and Social Support*

\* Ryan Nicholas Reed, Capitola, CA  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Differential Effects of Ingestion and Taste of Glucose on Self-control and Intertemporal Decision Making*

Laurie Ann Reiprich, Webster, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Emotional Design: Visceral Impact of Websites*

\* Peter Benjamin Shearer, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Physiological Detection of Flow*

Ashley Rose Sorenson, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Usability in eLearning: An Instructor Perspective*

Ryan F. Thornell, Mount Vernon, ME  
M.S., University of Cincinnati  
Political Science  
*Policy Analysis in Corrections: Finding an Effective, Efficient, and Comprehensive Analysis Framework*

Brian J. Twenter  
M.A., University of Missouri-Kansas City  
English  
*Wolakota ogno skanpo: Lakota Language and Landscape*

\* Kayla A. Zeal, Crooks, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Psychology  
*Cultural Orientation, Social Support, and the Implementation of the American Red Cross Coping in Today's World Course*

\* Lei Zhang, Harbin  
M.S., Lanzhou University  
Basic Biomedical Sciences  
*Targeting the Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress Associated Protein Quality Control Machinery in Ovarian Cancer Cells*

## Doctor of Education

- Mitchell Bartholomew, York, NE  
Ed.S., Wayne State College  
Educational Administration  
*High School Principals' Knowledge and Implementation of Response to Intervention (Rti) in the High School Setting*
- Lacey Bodensteiner, Rapid City, SD  
M.L.S., University of Denver  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*The Relationship between Recreational Reading Habits, Knowledge of Contemporary Young Adult Literature and Anticipated Instructional Practices in Secondary Education Majors*
- Rachel Noel Diemer, Sioux City, IA  
M.A., University of Colorado at Denver  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*Reading Achievement in a Dual Language Setting: An Examination of the Characteristics Representative of Proficient English Language Learners*
- Katrina Anne Fox, Oxford, NE  
M.S.Ed., Wayne State College  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*Teachers' Perceptions of Web-Based Content With The Use Of Electronic Device In A Small Rural School District*
- Robin Lynn Gillespie, Rapid City, SD  
M.S.Ed., Chadron State College  
Educational Administration  
*Elementary Level Implementation and Perceived Effectiveness*
- \* Jarod Matthew Larson, Brandon, SD  
Ed.S., Wayne State College  
Educational Administration  
*The Relationship Between South Dakota Public School Superintendents' Perceptions of Professional Development Principles and Student Achievement*
- Heather Lynne Olson, Yankton, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Effective Practices to Support Year-Long Student Teachers by Cooperative Teachers and the School District*
- Brenda L. Paulsen, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
*Faculty Faith Development at CCCU Institutions*

## Doctor of Occupational Therapy

- Jamie Marie Halvorson, Presho, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota
- Melissa Ann Kroupa, Kimball, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota

- Whitney Lucas Molitor, Mission, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota
- Allison Jo Naber, Marshall, MN  
M.S., University of South Dakota
- Nikki Novak, Pierre, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota

## Doctor of Physical Therapy

- \* Kevin Andrew O'Neil, Beresford, SD  
B.S., Metropolitan State University
- \* Zachary Robert Sousek, Evanston, WY  
B.S., University of South Dakota

# Professional Degrees

## Sanford School of Medicine

Presented by Dean Mary Nettleman

## Doctor of Medicine

- Julie Anne Eclov, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University
- Rebekka K. Sneed  
B.S., Valparaiso University

## School of Law

Presented by Dean Thomas Geu

## Juris Doctor

- Pradeep Jayaraman, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.B.A., University of South Dakota

\*candidate for degree summer 2016



# *Specialist & Master Degrees*

## **Graduate School**

Presented by Dean Ranjit Koodali

### **Specialist in Education**

- \* Michael Steven Bullis, Tea, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration
- Thomas Charle Cameron, White River, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Educational Administration
- \* Norma Aracely Cazares-Behm, Storm Lake, IA  
M.A., Morningside College  
Educational Administration
- Sarah Jayne Hamilton, Las Vegas, NV  
J.D., Michigan State University  
Educational Administration
- \* Richard William Hutchinson, Sioux Falls, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- \* Troy Matthew James, Beresford, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- \* Amanda Kay Kruse, Lennox, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- \* Kristi Lynn Maloney, Sioux City, IA  
M.S., Black Hills State University  
Educational Administration
- Carla Virgene McMurry-Kozak, Canton, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Curriculum & Instruction  
*English Language Arts Teachers Navigating the  
South Dakota State Common Core Standards:  
An ELA Representative's Perspective and  
Evaluation*
- \* Rebecca Jael Miller, West Des Moines, IA  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- \* Erin Renee Olson, Mitchell, SD  
M.A., Dakota Wesleyan University  
Educational Administration
- Julie Prusa, Norfolk, NE  
M.S.Ed., Wayne State College  
Educational Administration
- Breanna Lynn Schwandt, Big Stone City, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- \* Cody Arthur Smith, Dakota Dunes, SD  
M.S., South Dakota State University  
Counseling & Psychology in Education

### **Master of Arts**

- Karie Lynn Aeikens, Little Rock, IA  
B.S., Iowa State University  
Educational Administration
- Leah Christine Allen, Lovell, WY  
B.S., Metro State College- Denver  
Addiction Studies
- Majdi Abdulkarim Almalki, Brookings, SD  
B.Ed., King Abdulaziz University  
Educational Administration
- \* Lindsey Marie Anderson, Elkton, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Speech-Language Pathology
- \* Carlee Jean Andress, Coldwater, WY  
B.S., Purdue University  
Speech-Language Pathology
- \* Ryan Angelo  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Communication
- \* Lina Arikat  
B.B.A., Florida International University  
Communication
- \* Carrie Azure, Wessington Springs, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- \* Emily Mae Bauer, Mobridge, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Speech-Language Pathology
- Andrew Wayne Beck, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
Psychology
- Carol Ann Beldin, Valley Springs, SD  
B.A., Augustana College  
Special Education
- Mary Berens, Dakota Dunes, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
Special Education
- Beau Brady, Vermillion, SD  
B.G.S., University of South Dakota  
Interdisciplinary Studies
- \* Justin Taylor Brunick, Yankton, SD  
B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota  
Special Education
- Steffani Elizabeth Nies Burwitz, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Secondary Education
- \* Christopher Kevin Cameron, Vermillion, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration
- \* AnnMarie Jean Celis, Wagner, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota  
English
- Carla Alyssa Cermenaro, Stone Mountain, GA  
B.A., University of Georgia  
Educational Administration
- Tracy Chapman, Hawarden, IA  
B.A., Northwestern College  
Counseling & Psychology in Education
- \* Sadie Rebecca Christensen, Harlan, IA  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Speech-Language Pathology

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\* Robert Earl Cunningham, Rapid City, SD  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Educational Administration

Robin Dawn Curtis, Winner, SD  
 B.S., Sinte Gleska University  
 Educational Administration

Mathew J. Doud  
 B.A., University of Southern Maine  
 History

\* Abigail Lynne Duling, Gregory, SD  
 B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota  
 Educational Administration

\* Matthew Ryan Dykstra, Kimball, SD  
 B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University  
 Educational Administration

\* Erlene Marie Errea, Black Hawk, SD  
 B.S.Ed., Northern State University  
 Educational Administration

Celia Even  
 B.S., Upper Iowa University  
 Educational Administration

\* Lauren Elizabeth Farmer, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota  
 Elementary Education

\* Melanie Jo Fisher, Storm Lake, IA  
 B.A., Northwestern College  
 Educational Administration

Miranda L. Greeno, Spencer, IA  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Interdisciplinary Studies

\* Laura Gregersen, Colton, SD  
 B.S.Ed., Dakota State University  
 Elementary Education

Theresa Ann Gunn, Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Addiction Studies

Joshua J. Haaland, Miller, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Kinesiology & Sport Science

Heather Marie Hagberg, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., Augustana University  
 Speech-Language Pathology

Jessica Hammond, Sioux City, IA  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Speech-Language Pathology

\* Bradley Robert Hartley, Louisville, KY  
 B.S., Ohio University  
 Educational Administration

Jennifer M. Heumiller, Salem, SD  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Counseling & Psychology in Education

Cory Hoch, South Sioux City, NE  
 B.S., Morningside College  
 Special Education

Anthony A. Hunt  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Political Science

Kathryn Huntington, Webster City, IA  
 B.A., University of Northern Iowa  
 Speech-Language Pathology

Molly Joest  
 B.S., Montana State University  
 Speech-Language Pathology

Renae Goldinn John, Vermillion, SD  
 B.S., Wayne State College  
 Interdisciplinary Studies

\* Andrew Duggan Johnson, Sioux City, IA  
 B.S., Iowa State University  
 Educational Administration

Hope Elizabeth Johnson, Flandreau, SD  
 B.S., South Dakota State University  
 Counseling & Psychology in Education

\* Erin Johnson-Kruft, Rio Rancho, NM  
 B.S., Southern Illinois University  
 Educational Administration

Chad J. Kapla, Yankton, SD  
 B.A., Mount Marty College  
 Addiction Studies

\* Cameron Kerkhove, Bridgewater, SD  
 B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
 Educational Administration

\* Erin Ann Kirby, Lincoln, NE  
 B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 Speech-Language Pathology

\* Kyle Duane Kittel, Brillion, WI  
 B.S., University of Wisconsin-River Falls  
 Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Holly Elizabeth Klotz, Canton, MI  
 B.A., University of California-Santa Barbara  
 Educational Administration

\* Ashley L. Kranda  
 B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota  
 Elementary Education

\* Alyssa Ellen Kraning  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Special Education

Carmen Lenz, Brandon, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Speech-Language Pathology

\* Haley Long, Mitchell, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Speech-Language Pathology

\* Matthew Leo Luze, Egan, SD  
 B.S.Ed., Northern State University  
 Educational Administration

Russ M. Marks  
 B.B.A., University of Massachusetts-  
 Amherst  
 Psychology  
*The Acquired Preparedness Model:  
 Differential Predictors of Proximal Versus  
 Distal Alcohol Expectancies*

\* Jaclyn M. Mathison  
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Koree Lynn McLellan, Spearfish, SD  
 B.A., Augustana College  
 Special Education

\* Danielle M. Meyer, Watertown, SD  
 B.S., South Dakota State University  
 Speech-Language Pathology

\* Kelsey Jo Montange, Sioux City, IA  
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\* Andrew Munday  
 B.A., Buena Vista University  
 Educational Administration

Kari L. Murtagh, Aberdeen, SD  
 B.S., Northern State University  
 Addiction Studies

Kraig P. Nelson  
 B.S., Northern State University  
 Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Holly Sue Novak, Hartford, SD  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Speech-Language Pathology

\* Karrie Margaret Oakley, Sioux City, IA  
 M.A., University of South Dakota  
 Secondary Education

\* Amanda Leann Parker, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S.Ed., Dakota State University  
 Elementary Education

\* Eric Allen Peterson, La Crosse, WI  
 B.S., University of Wisconsin-La Crosse  
 Interdisciplinary Studies

\* Angela Jean Pickett, Roscoe, SD  
 B.A., South Dakota State University  
 Special Education

\* Rachel Anne Prodanovich, Sioux City, IA  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Communication  
*The Contact Space of Border Wars: A  
 Quantitative Content Analysis*

Amanda Marie Przymus, Rapid City, SD  
 B.A., Morningside College  
 Counseling & Psychology in Education

\* Megan N. Ramos, Hayti, SD  
 B.S., California State University-Sacramento  
 Speech-Language Pathology

\* Emma Austin Ranum, Circle Pines, MN  
 B.A., Concordia College- Moorhead  
 Psychology  
*When a Sibling has Autism Spectrum Disorder:  
 The Effect of Relationship Quality on Affect*

Heather Kristine Rieger, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Special Education

\* Bailey Marie Ronning, Groton, SD  
 B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota  
 Elementary Education

\* Deseret Ann Scharett, Charleston, SC  
 B.S., Park University  
 Educational Administration

Trever William Serr, Burke, SD  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Kinesiology & Sport Science

Benjamin E. Severson  
 B.G.S., University of South Dakota  
 Addiction Studies

\* Hilary Elizabeth Sheffield, Beresford, SD  
 B.A., Augustana University  
 Speech-Language Pathology

\* Jacob Alan Sittig, Baltic, SD  
 B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
 Educational Administration

Hailey Amber Skiba, Medford, MN  
 B.S., St. Cloud State University  
 Speech-Language Pathology

Adam Hamilton Smith, Sioux City, IA  
 B.A., University of Iowa  
 Counseling & Psychology in Education

\* Jamie Rae Smith, Norfolk, NE  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Secondary Education

Jaime Linn Spears, Chamberlain, SD  
 B.A., Ashford University  
 Addiction Studies

\* Philip James Kent Spelman, Seattle, WA  
 B.S., Seattle University  
 Psychology  
*Effects of Sex and Alcohol Cue Exposure on  
 Motivation for Alcohol: A Study of Behavioral  
 Economics*

\* Devyn Sponder, Sioux City, IA  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Speech-Language Pathology

Mattea Ann Stokke, Platte, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Speech-Language Pathology

Renata Jacqueline Surette, Bellingham, MA  
 B.A., Clark University  
 Psychology  
*The Role of Sleep Disturbance in  
 Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms and Alcohol  
 Problems*

\* Kayla Ann Swanson, Pipestone, MN  
 B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
 Addiction Studies

\* Jenna Leigh Tebben, New London, MN  
 B.A., Augustana University  
 Speech-Language Pathology

Kelsey Tinklenberg, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Special Education

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 Speech-Language Pathology

\* Rachel Lynn Van Oort, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.A., Trinity Christian College  
 Speech-Language Pathology

Kelby Van Wyk  
 B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University  
 Elementary Education

Kali Rae Vilhauer, Watertown, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Speech-Language Pathology

\* Britni Morgan Waller, Lincoln, NE  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Kinesiology & Sport Science

Joseph Collin Welch, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., University of South Dakota  
 Counseling & Psychology in Education

\* Misty Kay Wells, Coleridge, NE  
 B.S.Ed., Wayne State College  
 Elementary Education

\* Sara Lynn Westhoff, Le Mars, IA  
 B.A., University of South Dakota  
 Speech-Language Pathology

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\* Samuel R. White, Carbondale, IA  
 B.S., Iowa State University  
 Psychology  
*Performance Decrements Associated with Head  
 Down Texting While Driving: The Unintended  
 Consequences of False Compliance*

Justus N. Winter  
 B.A., University of Sioux Falls  
 Educational Administration

Heng Wu, Beijing  
 B.A., Beijing City University  
 Interdisciplinary Studies

Prosper Zongo  
 B.A., Augustana University  
 Political Science

## Master of Natural Science

Rebecca Corlew  
 B.A., Northwestern College

## Master of Business Administration

Patrick Ryan Baird, Rapid City, SD  
 B.B.A., University of South Dakota

Brett Andrew Bentele, Round Lake, MN  
 B.S., South Dakota State University

Ashley Alyssa Boesche, Waconia, MN  
 B.S., University of Minnesota-Duluth

Christopher Burnley, Sioux Falls, SD  
 B.S., George Mason University

Stephanie Arlene Candler, Knoxville, TN  
 B.S., University of Tennessee

\* Darrin Joel Carlson, Burnsville, MN  
 B.A., Concordia College- Moorhead

Misty Janai Colvin, Tucson, AZ  
 M.D., Creighton University School of Medicine

Eric Davis, Beaverton, OR  
 B.S., Portland State University

Cindy Kun DeAnda, South Sioux City, NE  
 B.A., Briar Cliff University

Heath Allen Elenbaas, Rochester, MN  
 B.S., Michigan State University

\* Michael Fleming, San Francisco, CA  
 B.S., Dalhousie University

Yasser Mohamed Samir Ghanem, Cairo, Egypt  
 B.S., Benha University

\* Alexander Jon Haverly, Sioux Falls, SD  
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## Master of Fine Arts

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## Executive Master of Public Administration

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*Change Detection in Satellite Images Using  
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Chemistry  
*Host-Guest Binding Studies of Metal-Organic  
Super Containers with Biomedical Relevance*
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*Understory Vegetation Patterns in Riparian  
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Biomedical Engineering  
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Administration

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Basic Biomedical Sciences  
*Expression of Genomic and Non-Genomic Estrogen Receptors in Multiple Tissues*

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- \* Eric Grant Fogarty, Hartford, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
*Case Study: Past and Current Research with Chemical and Biological Fundamentals Regarding Ethanol Production from Lignocellulosic Biomass*
- \* Adison Ann Kleinsasser, Huron, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Laboratory Science  
*Selective Cytotoxic Effect of Veratridine On Various Human Cancer Cell Lines*
- Marguerite Anne Lambert, Redfield, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Misdiagnosis of Speech Disorders on South Dakota Reservations*
- \*Maxwell J. Morris, Wayne, NE  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*National Collegiate Athletic Association: Monopolization of Student-Athletes and the Cost of Attendance Resolution*
- \* Rebecca Elizabeth Sistad, Fosston, MN  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
*The Role of Distress Tolerance in the Relationship between Cognitive Schemas and Alcohol Problems among College Students*
- Abigail X. Trieb, Gary, SD  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting  
*Accounting Ethics Education*

# *Baccalaureate & Associate Degrees*

## College of Arts & Sciences

Presented by Dean Matthew Moen

### Bachelor of Arts

- \* Alec Adamski, Pierre, SD  
Criminal Justice
- Caitlyn Marae Bagley, Custer, SD  
Criminal Justice, Psychology  
*Cum Laude*
- Leah Marie Banks, Westfield, IA  
Psychology
- \* Liz Cynkar, Tea, SD  
Criminal Justice
- Josiah Elyjah Davis, Merville, IA  
Political Science, History  
*Summa Cum Laude*
- Elizabeth Ann Deming, Plainview, MN  
Criminal Justice, Psychology  
*Cum Laude*
- Joshua Eitel, Maple Grove, MN  
Political Science, International Studies
- Min Ji Gim, Vermillion, SD  
English
- Benedict Steven Gombocz, Vermillion, SD  
History, German
- Nicholas John Gunn, Arlington, VA  
Communication Studies
- Kyle Camryn Hallberg, Sioux Falls, SD  
English
- Daniel Joseph Herrera, Omaha, NE  
Criminal Justice
- Abby DeAnn Holland, Rapid City, SD  
International Studies  
*Cum Laude*
- Jessica Danielle Horsley, Rapid City, SD  
History
- Maddie Rosemary Husman, Yankton, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*Magna Cum Laude*
- Zoe A. Kuegle  
Sustainability, German
- Marguerite Anne Lambert, Redfield, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
*University Scholar Graduate*
- Ralph Ray Lawrence, Sioux Falls, SD  
History
- Keith Lingle, McCook Lake, SD  
History  
*Summa Cum Laude*

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Ryan J. Mews, Emery, SD  
History

Melinda Mae Nelson, Box Elder, SD  
Anthropology

Emily Josephine Norton, Elk Point, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Megan Lee Otten, Sloan, IA  
English

\* Jackson Wade Pasco, Yankton, SD  
History

Erica Marie Rineard, Rapid City, SD  
Criminal Justice

Michael C. Ronayne  
Political Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

\* Abbey Edana Schieffer, Columbus, NE  
Media & Journalism

Alexander Richard Sopoci, Sioux City, IA  
Criminal Justice

\* Taylor Lynn Stark, Wurzburg  
International Studies, German  
*Cum Laude*

McKenzie Lee Waugh, Brandon, SD  
Criminal Justice

Chance Hakizimana Yagabo, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice

Jesse D. Zarmbinski  
Criminal Justice, Political Science

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\* Callie Marie Happel, Geneseo, IL

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\* Ryan Dean Hildebrand, Oakland, IA

\* Tami Sue Hinesh, Pierre, SD

Cierra Cristina Iverson, Sioux City, IA

Whitney Labahn, Winner, SD

Darrick R. Leonard

Reid Edwin Meierkort, Vermillion, SD

\* Troy J. Nichols

\* Dobby Dennis O'Donnell, Sioux Falls, SD

Kristina N. Revutskiy, Sioux Falls, SD

\* Mason Ruiz, Madera, CA

\* Anna Mary Schiley, Bristol, SD

Andrew Sullivan

Spiering Brody Sundblad, Albert Lea, MN

Dylan W. Trupe

\* Jayne Gibson Valnes, Sioux Falls, SD

Tiffany L. Wheeler

## Bachelor of Science

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Political Science, Philosophy

Teagan J. Albright, Audubon, IA  
English

Bridget Rose Arens, Crofton, NE  
Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Morgan Makayla Bakke, Yankton, SD  
Psychology  
*Cum Laude*

Junhao Bao, China,  
Computer Science

\* Kelsey Lynn Barrett, Britton, SD  
Psychology  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Jonah Daniel Beacom, Sioux Falls, SD  
Mathematics

Rachel Renee Blanchard, Earlham, IA  
Psychology, Criminal Justice

\* Natalie Rose Bottolfson, Crofton, NE  
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Sydney Alece Breen, Wagner, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Andrew Mark Bruns, Sibley, IA  
Mathematics

Cameron L. Coke  
Biology

Kelsie Blake Countryman, Merville, IA  
Media & Journalism

Andrew Cowman, Vermillion, SD  
Computer Science

Jordan Craig  
Psychology

Luke Crance, Timber Lake, SD  
Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

\* Nathan James Cunningham, Sioux City, IA  
Biology

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Derek Roger Dumdie, Selby, SD  
Communication Studies

\* Taylor Anthony Dutcher, San Diego, CA  
Criminal Justice

Joshua Ryan Earl, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology, Sport Marketing & Media  
*Cum Laude*

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Benjamin David Fischer, Menno, SD  
Earth Science

Meghan W. Flynn  
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Biology  
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Joshua Alexander Johnson, Rapid City, SD Biology	* Sabrina Teresa Schnack, Vermillion, SD Sustainability
Keegan Riley Johnson, Dakota Dunes, SD Sustainability	Alexander Matthew Schnell, Vale, SD Psychology
* Leah D. Kai Criminal Justice	Zachaeus Marques Shaw, Sioux Falls, SD Criminal Justice
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Madison McKenzie Mae Krause, Stuttgart, Germany Medical Biology	* Jessica Lorraine Speiser, Brandon, SD Biology
Brooke Ann Linnenbrink, Fort Calhoun, NE Psychology <i>Cum Laude</i>	Taylor B. Strong Psychology
Samantha Rhea Lohan, Madison, SD Psychology <i>Cum Laude</i>	Danielle Thomas, Brandon, SD Biology
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Abdelmouguit Mkadam, Vermillion, SD Earth Science	Christopher Reed Timmerman, Johnston, IA Media & Journalism
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Elyse A. Murray, Lafayette, CO Media & Journalism <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Brittany Ann Underberg, Harrisburg, SD Criminal Justice
* Jesse Karl Mutschelknaus, Rapid City, SD Criminal Justice	* Toni Westendorf, Sioux Falls, SD Criminal Justice
Jacob Kaiser Naasz, Winner, SD Political Science	Benjamin Dale Westhoff, Garretson, SD Philosophy, History
Daniel P. Noonan Psychology	Crystal Wharton, Huron, SD Mathematics
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\* Steven Eugene Blake, Pierre, SD  
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Accounting

Marisol Rattray, Sioux City, IA  
Accounting

\* Kelsey Jade Schenk, Hull, IA  
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Gretchen Emmalie Schneekloth, Brandon, SD  
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Nicki Schulzkump, West Point, NE  
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Management

Shelby Spelbring, Pierre, SD  
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Sonya S. Storm, Corsica, SD  
Accounting

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Finance

Junnan Tian, Vermillion, SD  
Finance

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*University Scholar Graduate, Summa Cum Laude*

Austin James Wagner, Pierre, SD  
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*Summa Cum Laude*

Midori Ann Weinandt, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*

Michael L. Wickersham  
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\* Nicholas Marc Willan, Rapid City, SD  
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Lara Marie Williams, Pierre, SD  
Economics

\* Tanner Jorge Wilson, Sioux Falls, SD  
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## *School of Education*

Presented by Dean Donald Easton-Brooks

### Bachelor of Science

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Kinesiology & Sport Science

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Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Katherine Victoria Cochran, Las Vegas, NV  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

\* Meghan Claire Dennis, Gretna, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Sonya Marie Doll, St. James, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Amber Eichkorn, Wichita, KS  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

\* Kylie Glynn Embry, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

\* Spencer Samuel Fox, La Mirada, CA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Danielle Lauren Gill, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Kaiti R. Goff  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Victoria Lynn Grasso, Ankeny, IA  
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*Cum Laude*

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Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Tyler James Hagen, Webster, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science  
*Cum Laude*

\* Ryan Hanks, Mitchell, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Troy Jonathan Hofer, Bridgewater, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Dillon Mauricio Jemmott, Okinawa  
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\* Erik Christian Jorgensen, Bend, OR  
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\* Casey Kasperbauer, Carroll, IA  
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*Magna Cum Laude*

Macon C. Oplinger, Menno, SD  
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\* Ryan Michael O'Toole, Tyler, MN  
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\* Ashley Otten, Luverne, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Jordan Michael Robertson, Harrisburg, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

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\* Rachel Ruffinott, Yankton, SD  
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*Cum Laude*

\* Jordan James Rykal, Plymouth, MN  
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Spencer Douglas Stahly, Cavour, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Michael William Standley, Inwood, IA  
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Michelle Marina Tarian, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Nathan Patrick Tystahl, West Des Moines, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

\* Alyna Corinne Vaughan, Aurora, IL  
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\* Austin Westland, Belle Fourche, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

Isaac E. Yellowbank, Sioux City, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Science

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English Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Danielle Marie Anderson, Elkhorn, NE  
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*Magna Cum Laude*

Emily Marie Anderson, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Elementary Education

Robyn Faye Axtell, Burbank, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Nicole Marie Bartling, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education

Molly Rae Becker, Mitchell, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Kristina Marie Ben Saida, Hospers, IA  
Elementary Education

Katherine Marie Binder, Montrose, SD  
English Education  
*Cum Laude*

Shelby Bruns, Sheldon, IA  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*

Jordyn Ranae Cunningham, Yankton, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*

Chelsea Leigh Curtis, Luverne, MN  
Elementary Education, Special Education  
*Cum Laude*

Hannah Duerksen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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Elementary Education

Alana Annalisa Epps, South Sioux City, NE  
Elementary Education

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Elementary Education

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Elementary Education

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Elementary Education

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English Education

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Mathematics Education

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Elementary Education

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*Magna Cum Laude*

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### Bachelor of Fine Arts

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Art

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Art

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Art

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Theatre

Ava Maria Mowery Carlson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art

Nicholas Robert Patterson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Art

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Art  
*Cum Laude*  
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Art  
*Cum Laude*  
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Art

## Bachelor of Music

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Music Education  
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Music Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Jerry Altarejos Holbrook, III, Sibley, IA  
Music Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kayla Joyce Kaltenbach, Canton, SD  
Music Education  
*Cum Laude*  
Drew B. Ohlendorf  
Music Education  
Autumn Maria Brooke Simunek, Hot Springs, SD  
Music Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kortney Temple, Nisland, SD  
Music Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*

## Bachelor of Musical Arts

\* Amanda Jean Simantel, Scotland, SD

## *School of Health Sciences*

Presented by Dean Michael Lawler

## Bachelor of Science

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Health Sciences  
\* Brittany Ann Anderson, Volin, SD  
Social Work  
Austere Hsa Soe Paw Htoo Apolo, Worthington, MN  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
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*Magna Cum Laude*

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Katherine Bice, Cherokee, IA  
Social Work  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
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Health Sciences  
Brianna Marie Brage, Watertown, SD  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
\* Katelyn Marie Brito, Spearfish, SD  
Health Sciences  
\* Tessa Marie Buehler, Hurley, IA  
Health Sciences  
Samantha Susan Bumann, Brandon, SD  
Health Sciences  
\* Emma Rose Coyle, Springfield, SD  
Health Sciences  
Ashley Lauren Crabtree, Charleston, SC  
Health Sciences  
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Health Sciences  
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*Cum Laude*  
\* Kendra Ann Dale, Sartell, MN  
Social Work  
Krysta Dayle Dawson, Howard, SD  
Health Sciences  
Valerie Desio, New Richmond, WI  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
Amber Renee DeSota, San Jose, CA  
Health Sciences  
Derek P. Dillman  
Health Sciences  
*Cum Laude*  
Ashley Claire Edge, Fort Dodge, IA  
Health Sciences  
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Social Work  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
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Health Sciences  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
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Health Sciences  
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Health Sciences  
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Health Sciences  
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\* Anna Louisa Henningsgaard, Canby, MN  
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Social Work

\* Kori Elizabeth Junkman, Neola, IA  
Social Work  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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Health Sciences

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Health Sciences

\* Raeann Mary Schlenker, Pierre, SD  
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Health Sciences

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Health Sciences

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Health Sciences  
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Social Work

\* Emily D. Spiering  
Health Sciences

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Social Work

\* Keely Jo Spoonemore, Pierre, SD  
Addiction Studies

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Medical Laboratory Science

\* Shelby Lynn Steenstra, Holland, MN  
Health Sciences

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Health Sciences

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Health Sciences

Megan Van Vleet, Huron, SD  
Health Sciences

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Social Work  
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Health Sciences

Ryan Michael Wessner, Germansville, PA  
Health Sciences

\* Claire Taylor Wetzels, O'Neill, NE  
Social Work  
*Cum Laude*

\* Amanda Wilkening, Fulda, MN  
Health Sciences

Lesley Wooden Knife, Mission, SD  
Health Sciences

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Tanya Jo Allerdings, Milbank, SD

Reed Thomas Aylor, Sioux Falls, SD

Kimberly Kay Barr, Sioux Falls, SD

Amy Louise Baysinger, Woonsocket, SD

Molly Jane Beeman, Vermillion, SD

Jessica Ruth Bell, Vermillion, SD

Kayla Bentley, Rapid City, SD

Zachary David Benton, Momence, IL

Callie Lynn Bernstein, Faith, SD

Iva Heather Bigge, Armour, SD  
*Summa Cum Laude*

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Julia Bitz, Bakersfield, CA

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 Megan Marie Cordell, Spearfish, SD  
 Kelly Cronin, Huron, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
 Shanna Curry  
 Shanna Marie Davis, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Zoey Dinh, Sioux Falls, SD  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Kaitlyn Jenae Duerst, Le Mars, IA  
 Hanna Rachel Ehresmann, Rapid City, SD  
 Brittany Ann Eichmann, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Darby Louise Ferrie, Gillette, WY  
 Molly Jo Fick, Cherokee, IA  
 Paige LeAnn Fishel, Harrisburg, MN  
*Cum Laude*  
 Suzanne Bimwana Francis, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Roxanna Isabell Fucs, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Kimberly Hanson, Beresford, SD  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Sarah Marie Hanson, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Lauren K. Harrington  
 Lori Ann Harris, Chapman, KS  
 Makayla Ann Healy, Harrisburg, SD  
 Kelly Rae Hearn, Rapid City, SD  
 Valerie Herlyn, Marion, SD  
 Catherine Heyer  
 Brittany Hunsaker, Rapid City, SD  
 Samantha Ann Husby, Vermillion, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
 Tammy Christine Hybertson, Centerville, SD  
 Allison Marie Joachim, Kyle, SD  
 Julie M. Jones  
 Ashley Christian Kranz, Watertown, SD  
 Amy Jo Krause, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Paula J. Krier  
*Cum Laude*  
 Erin Joann Krull, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Jessica R. Kruse  
 Nicole L. Kruse  
 Sheila Lynn Kuhn, Black Hawk, SD  
 Layne Elizabeth Larson, Marion, ND  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Kimberly Ann Lowmiller, Ashton, IA  
 Mikayla Ann Lucas, Alexandria, MN  
 Nicole Lund, Slayton, MN  
 Danielle Paige Maier, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Kayla Marie Mathieu, Brandon, SD  
 Megan I. McCann  
 Emily McClelland, Vermillion, SD  
 Amanda Marie Miller, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Adessa Marie Mutchler, Sturgis, SD  
 Paige Melanie Nath, Luverne, MN  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Emily Grace Nichols, Sioux Falls, SD  
*Cum Laude*  
 Amy Jo Norling, Centerville, SD  
 Christine Ann Norton, Key West, FL  
 Teresa A. Nowak  
 Tracy Abigail Ochsner, Huron, SD  
*Cum Laude*

Bailey K. Patterson, Piedmont, SD  
 Courtney Irene Peaslee, Miles City, MT  
 Casey Joelle Peters, Shelby, IA  
 Michael Anthony Priola, Brandon, SD  
 Amber Michelle Sanchez, Brookings, SD  
 Lexy Kristine Schenk, Irene, SD  
 Dana Schoppe  
 Meghan Elizabeth Schulz, Fort Calhoun, NE  
*Cum Laude*  
 Rebecca Sue Sigmon, Bossier City, LA  
 Samantha Jean Smith, Volin, SD  
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 Theresa Anne Tibbs, Pierre, SD  
 \* Megan Diann Tiffany, Seattle, WA  
 Tara Undeberg  
 Brittany Ann Underberg, Harrisburg, SD  
 Rebecca M. Van Duyn, Colton, SD  
 Shannon Kaye Van Zanten, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Rebecca Katherine VanderMay, Martin, SD  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
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 Victoria Ann Voegeli, Beresford, SD  
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 Ashley Elizabeth Walter, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Danielle M. Watkins, Box Elder, SD  
 Kurt Allan Wheeler, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Abby L. Whitlock  
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 Alysens Doris Wilen, Lake Norden, SD

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 Jordan Ann Gay Beck, Leola, SD  
 Tempestt Joi Boehmlehner, Wheaton, MN  
 Shelby Lynn Haight, Canby, MN  
 Madison Joy Inches, Aberdeen, SD  
 Heidi Rachel Isaacson, Lake Norden, SD  
 Lindsey Jurrens, Watertown, SD  
 Toshua Lee Krantz, Revillo, SD  
 Tara Lynn Laechelt, Madison, MN  
 Jasmine Vicki Mandel, Aberdeen, SD  
 Ryan McCay, Florence, SD  
 Brooke Lea Murphy, White, SD  
 Paige A. Olson  
 Kayla Elizabeth Potter, Custer, SD  
 Sophie Josephine Reddig, Bryant, SD  
 Elissa Joy Stiegelmeier, Selby, SD  
 Teresa Wendling, Lake Norden, SD  
 Michelle Anne Zafft, Watertown, SD

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# Commissioned As Second Lieutenant In The United States Army Through USD Army ROTC

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Alex M. Schnell, Vale, SD

## *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

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# *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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