Graduate & Professional Commencement

Sanford Coyote Sports Center
May 4, 2019 2:30 p.m.

The Commencement Procession
   Dr. Susan Keith-Gray, Professor of Music

The National Anthem
   Kaitlin Pearson

Welcome
   Dr. Robin Ammon, University Senate Chair
   Sheila K. Gestring, President

Commencement Address
   Justice Judith Meierhenry

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
   Transitional 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 Professional Accountancy
- Executive Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Science
- Master of Social Work

Induction into Alumni Association

- Torrey Sundall, Alumni Association Representative

University Hymn, Alma Mater

Closing Remarks

- Sheila K. Gestring, President
- Dr. Robin Ammon, University Senate Chair

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. Professional photographs by Lifetouch Photography will be available a week after the ceremony at www.usd.edu/registrar/commencement.cfm.

The commencement program is a list of candidates for degree. It is not an official listing of degrees conferred.
Sheila K. Gestring, M.B.A., became the 18th president of the University of South Dakota on June 22, 2018, after serving as chief financial officer since 2010 and a part of the USD finance staff since 2006. She is a South Dakota native, and the second USD graduate and woman to serve as president. As an esteemed visionary and financial leader at USD, Gestring has played a pivotal role in stabilizing the university’s financial position while developing innovative financing plans for new facilities across campus. She was an instrumental leader in the University of South Dakota Foundation’s ‘Onward’ campaign, which surpassed over $250 million raised for student scholarships and development.

Gestring’s strong vision for the future of the university is coupled with operational expertise. She is a vigorous defender of public education, particularly the liberal arts, and has a reputation around the state as an inventive problem-solver. She not only understands the needs of USD and public higher education, but recognizes the economic and political impacts, both state-wide and nationally. Her advanced approach to solving complex budgetary issues provides students with access to life-changing research experiences, as well as scholarships that make higher education affordable for all. Beyond her commitment to the university, Gestring has been a driving force in growing the city of Vermillion and creating a positive, symbiotic relationship between the community and university. As past chairperson of the Vermillion Chamber and Development Corporation, Gestring was a key visionary behind the historic renovation of McVicker Plaza, effectively linking the university and the VCDC in a meaningful way through a retail partnership with Charlie’s, USD’s fan shop. Under her tenure, Gestring helped the VCDC accomplish exceptional growth over the past four years, including achieving consecutive record growth for membership, doubling the amount of building permits secured and tripling the amount of annual construction investments made.

Gestring’s spouse, Keith, holds a bachelor’s degree in environmental engineering from the School of Mines and Engineering—Montana Tech of the University of Montana. He recently retired after a long career with the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources. They have two children, Dillon, 16, and Wyatt, 14, who are avid Coyote fans and very involved in school activities. Gestring’s story is woven together by the unique pieces that make South Dakota a place so many are proud to call home. It is one that embodies a strong work ethic, Midwestern values and compassion for others. As USD continues to develop world-class facilities while providing its students with unlimited research and learning opportunities, President Gestring will lead the way and push USD forward as a premier, Division I institution.
Justice Judith Meierhenry served as a Justice of the South Dakota Supreme Court from 2002 until her retirement in 2011. She was the first woman to hold that position. Prior to that, she was a Circuit Court Judge in the Second Judicial Circuit in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for 14 years. She holds three degrees from the University of South Dakota: J.D. ’77; M.A. ’68, and B.A. ’66. Before her appointment to the bench, she held several other positions. She began her career as an English teacher in high school and college, which included two years as an Instructor at USD from 1968-1970. After law school, she was in private practice with her husband, Mark Meierhenry, in Vermillion, S.D., until moving to Pierre, S.D., in 1979. While in Pierre, she served as Secretary of Labor and Secretary of Education and Cultural Affairs. After that, she worked for Citibank, in Sioux Falls, S.D., as Senior Manager and Assistant General Counsel. She has been honored with the USD Alumni Achievement Award for Public Service, the McKusick Award from the Student Bar Association of the University of South Dakota School of Law, and the Fred J. Nichol Award for Outstanding Jurist from the South Dakota Trial Lawyers.
Stage Party

Sheila K. Gestring
President
Kevin Schieffer
Board of Regents Representative
Justice Judith Meierhenry
Speaker
Torrey Sundall
Alumni Association Representative
Kurt Hackemer
Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs
Mary Nettleman
Vice President, Health Affairs & Dean, Sanford School of Medicine
Dawn Bragg
Dean, Medical Student Affairs
Thomas Geu
Dean, School of Law
Ranjit Koodali
Dean, Graduate Education
Michael Kruger
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
Lana Svien
Dean, School of Health Sciences
Kim Grieve
Vice President, Student Services
Dean of Students
Robin Ammon
University Senate Chair
Timothy Pyles
Reader, College of Fine Arts
Jennifer Thompson
Registrar

Honorary Marshals

Emeritus Professor Mark Baron
Emeritus Professor Barb Yutrzenka

Head Marshals

Michelle Van Maanen
College of Arts & Sciences
Timothy Schorn
College of Arts & Sciences

Marshals

Daniel Bird
Sanford School of Medicine
Sherrie Bosse
School of Education
Scott Breuninger
College of Arts & Sciences
David Carr
Beacom School of Business
David Earnest
College of Arts & Sciences
Chaya Gordon-Bland
College of Fine Arts
Moses Ikiugu
School of Health Sciences
Monica Iverson
School of Education
Eric Jepsen
College of Arts & Sciences
Joy Karges
School of Health Sciences
Peter Kindle
School of Health Sciences
Kelly McKay-Semmler
College of Arts & Sciences
Kari Potter
School of Health Sciences
Laura Rose
School of Law
Shane Semmler
College of Arts & Sciences
Tom Simmons
School of Law
Robert Turner
College of Arts & Sciences
Rand Wergin
Beacom School of Business
Jerry Yutrzenka
Sanford School of Medicine
Board of Regents

Paul B Beran
Executive Director
Kevin Schieffer
President, Sioux Falls
John Bastian
Vice President, Bell Fourche
Jim Morgan
Secretary, Brookings
David Mickelson
Sioux Falls
Randy Schaefer
Madison
Pam Roberts
Pierre (Hughes County)
Jim Thares
Aberdeen
Joan Wink
Howes (Mead)
Lucas Lund
Sioux Falls

Professor Mejai Bola Avoseh
Professor John Banasiak
Professor Jan Berkhout
Professor Teri Bellis
Professor Patti Berg-Poppe
Professor Barbara Brockevelt
Professor Karen Card
Professor Michael Card
Professor Shana Cerny
Professor Prentiss Clark
Professor Thomas Davies
Professor Janet Davison
Professor David De Jong
Professor Darlene Farabee
Professor Mackenzie Feltlacker
Professor Raimondo Genna
Professor Tiffany Graham
Professor Elizabeth Hanson
Professor Bart Hanus
Professor Julia Hellwege
Professor Angela Helmer
Professor David Holdhusen
Professor Meghan Jarchow
Professor Lindsey Jorgensen
Professor Bruce Kelley
Professor Jacob Kerby
Professor Karen Kindle
Professor Karen Koster
Professor Clayton Lehmann
Professor Jing Liu III

Faculty in Attendance

Professor Sara Lowmaster
Professor Whitney Lucas Molitor
Professor Sandy McKeown
Professor Jessica Messersmith
Professor Diana Messick
Professor Allison Naber
Professor Ranelle Nissen
Professor Kari Oyen
Professor Dyanis Popova
Professor Randy Quevillon
Professor Kris Reed
Professor Kevin Reins
Professor Lisa Ann Robertson
Professor Soonhee Roh
Professor Molly Rozum
Professor Frank Schieber
Professor Amy Schweinle
Professor Carole South-Winter
Professor Joseph Stollenwerk
Professor Gabrielle Strouse
Professor Daniel Sundberg
Professor Mark Sweeney
Professor William Sweeney
Professor Thomas Tiahrt
Professor Dan Van Peursem
Professor Laura Vidler
Professor Chelsea Wesner
Professor Frank Zavadil
Professor Kory Zimney
Doctoral Degrees
Graduate School
Presented by Dean Ranjit Koodali

Doctor of Philosophy

+ Lisa Noelle Baer, Acworth, GA
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Anticipated Reporting and Disclosure
Following Varied Levels of Aggression in Intimate Partner Violence Scenarios

+ Gregory Gerald Bertsch
M.S., Iowa State University
B.S., Washington University
B.A., Augustana College
Biomedical Engineering
Development and Commercialization of N-Halamine Antimicrobial Polymers

* Brenna Bray, Minneapolis, MN
B.A., Saint Olaf College
Basic Biomedical Sciences
Ventral Hippocampal Corticosterone Mediates Accumbal Shell Dopamine Output: Potential Link between Stress and Incentive Salience in Control Conditions and in Protracted Amphetamine Withdrawal

* Whitney Jo Burke, Canton, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
An Investigation of the Factor Structure of Parent Feedback on Psychological Reports: A Pilot Study

Michael Kwame Dzordzormenyoh, Ada-Foah, Ghana
M.A., University of Akron
Political Science
Impact of Medicaid Coverage on Access to Healthcare

+ Noah Natalie Emery, Phoenix, AZ
B.S., Arizona State University
A.A., Glendale Community College
Psychology
Clarifying the Role of Negative Affect in the Affect-Alcohol Use Stimulus-Response Chain: An Experience

* Sandarage Pasan Chinthana Fernando, Kadawatha
B.S., University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
Biological Sciences
Investigating Evolutionary Phenotypic Transitions Using Integrative Biological Network Frameworks Sampling Study

Alixander Marvin William Galinsky,
Sioux City, IA
M.A., University of South Dakota
B.S., Briar Cliff University
Psychology
Virtual Reality Technology Immersion Effects on Accuracy of Recall in Modality Specific Experiences

+ Austin Matthew Hahn, Hartford, WI
M.A., University of South Dakota
B.A., University of Minnesota- Morris
Psychology
Cognitive Bias Modification for Risky Sex and Alcohol

Md Yeathad Hassan, Brahmanbaria
M.S., University of South Dakota
M.S., University of Dhaka
B.S., University of Dhaka
Materials Chemistry
Rate Equations Modeling of Upconversion Dynamics in Er, Yb and Tm, Yb Doped ß-
NdYF4 Nanophosphors

Denis Kozhokar
B.A., St. Cloud State University
Psychology
Formulating Predictions of Future Errors Using Classification Analysis of EEG in a Multi-
Component Environment

Teri Michele Kramer, Yankton, SD
M.F.A., University of Nebraska- Omaha
B.A., Buena Vista University
English
My Father’s Thoughts on Milton

Brittany Marie Lewno, Aberdeen, SD
M.A., University of Northern Iowa
B.A., Northern State University
Counseling & Psychology in Education
An Examination of Gender Bias in Cognitive Ability Predictors of Math, Reading, and Writing Achievement: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Sample

* Hongbo Gao, Linqing
M.Med., Shandong University
Basic Biomedical Sciences
Ubiquitin C-Terminal Hydrolase L1 Balances MtorC1 and MtorC2 Activities in Mytoubes and Oxidative Muscle Fibers

Yangxi Liu, Baltimore, MD
M.S., University of South Dakota
B.S., Virginia Tech
Biomedical Engineering
Development of Biomimetic Nanofibrous Scaffold for Bone Tissue Engineering

* Joseph Daniel Madison, Ashland, WI
B.S., University of Wisconsin- Superior
Biological Sciences
Microbial Community Characterization and Restructuring for the Amelioration of Amphibian Chytridiomycosis

+ candidate for degree summer 2018
* candidate for degree fall 2018
Hao Mei, Vermillion, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Bachelor, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics
Physics
Growth and Characterization of Detector Grade High-Purity Germanium Crystals

Jacob Michael Misquk, Pittsburgh, PA
M.S., University of South Dakota
B.S., Case Western Reserve University
Biomedical Engineering
Developing an Electrospun 3D PCL Nanofibrous Composite Scaffold for Local Drug Delivery and Bone Tissue Engineering

+ Jill Marie Morris, St. Clair, MN
M.A., University of South Dakota
B.S., Minnesota State University- Mankato
Psychology
Social Reactions to Sexual Assault Disclosure: The Role of Posttraumatic Cognitions

+ Kayla Ray Nalan, Sheffield, IA
M.A., University of South Dakota
B.A., University of Northern Iowa
Psychology
The Impact of Interpersonal Style on Supervisee Self Disclosure Perceptions of the Supervisory Working Alliance, and Outcomes in Clinical Supervision

Brandon Michael Ness, Elk Point, SD
DPT., Mayo Clinic College of Medicine
B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College
Health Sciences
Dual-Task Assessment and its Application to Lower Extremity Return to Play Testing

+ Gretchen Norma Newberry, Golden Valley, MN
B.S., Oregon State University
B.A., University of Wisconsin- Madison
Biological Sciences
Habitat Associations, Nest Success and Nest Microclimate of Rooftop Nesting Common Nighthawks (Chordeiles Minor) in the Agriculturally Dominant Landscape of Southeastern South Dakota

+ Nawarathna Rathnayake Mudiyanselage Kumudu Nadeeka Damayanthi Rathnayake, Vermillion, SD
B.S., University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
Biological Sciences
Acclimation Induces Desiccation Tolerance in the Moss Physcomitrella Patens: A Physiological and Metabolomic Analysis

* Eric John Sazama, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Biological Sciences
Distribution, Spread, and Effects of Wolbachia in Insects

+ Shelton Jesuraj Pragash Varapragasam, Vermillion, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Surface Decoration of TiO2 Nanocrystals with Inorganic Components: Preparation of Metalated and Hybrid Nanocrystals Based on Rod-Shape Anatase TiO2 Nanocrystals

+ Ethan Villeneuve, Windom, MN
B.A., St. Cloud State University
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Using the Latent Change Score Modeling Framework to Uncover the Dynamic Development of Crystalized Ability and Mathematics

+ Matthew A. Weber, Onalaska, WI
B.A., Winona State University
Basic Biomedical Sciences
Adolescent Social Defeat Disrupts Prefrontal Cortex Dopamine and Cognitive Function in Adulthood

* Janette Wilsey-Kim, Rapid City, SD
B.A., University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Gender Differences in the ADOS-2

Kyle A. Wockenfuss
M.A., University of South Dakota
B.A., Doane College
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Exploring Counselor Experiences Working with Adult Male Sexual Assault Survivors

Doctor of Education

Elizabeth Suzanne Thraen Balderas, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., Governors State University
B.A., University of Illinois- Chicago
A.A., Parkland College
Educational Administration
Factors that Predict Graduate Student as the University of South Dakota

* Brian Michael Burnight, Sioux City, IA
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Leading for Literacy: Lexia Reading Core5 and the Association with Oral Reading Fluency in Title I Schools

Dustin Dennis Degen, Beresford, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
B.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
The Manifestation of Self-Efficacy through Learner Agency in Customized Learning Environments

Brady W. Fleming
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
M.S., Drake University
B.A., Northwestern College
Educational Administration
The Relationship between Superintendent Servant Leadership Behavior and Principal Job Satisfaction
* Keith Erling Fodness, Castlewood, SD
   Ed.S., University of Sioux Falls
   Educational Administration
   Predictive Power of Rural School Achievement: A Mixed Method Study of Factors Contributing to Success

+ Ashley Elizabeth Griese, Watertown, SD
   M.A., University of South Dakota
   B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota
   Educational Administration
   Emergent Bilingual Classroom Instruction, Teacher Preparation, and Teachers' Perceptions of Instructional Support

Keith Kay Howard Jr., Jewell, IA
   M.S.Ed., Drake University
   B.A., Central College
   Educational Administration
   Administrator and Teacher Perceptions of Rural School Whole-Grade Sharing, Reorganization, and Consolidation: A Phenomenological Study

Yiyi Jiang
   M.Ed., Hunan Normal University
   B.A., Hunan University of Commerce
   Curriculum & Instruction

Mary Kuchta, Wayne, NE
   M.Ed., South Dakota State University
   B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota
   Curriculum & Instruction

Chad Michael LeBrun, Sioux Falls, SD
   B.S., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
   Curriculum & Instruction
   The Effects of Music-Infused Instruction on Student Achievement in Secondary School Spanish

Mark Allen Lenihan, Wayne, NE
   M.S., Minnesota State University-Mankato
   B.A., College of St. Thomas
   Educational Administration
   Emergency Preparedness and Response Protocol in Nebraska Public Schools

Kimberly Marie Lingenfelter, Cherokee, IA
   M.S., Wayne State College
   B.S., Wayne State College
   Educational Administration
   Teacher Leadership in a Midwestern State: Examining the Impact on Student Achievement in a Rural District

Jill Renee Hansen Marsh
   M.S., University of South Dakota
   B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota
   Curriculum & Instruction
   An Examination of a Midwestern State's School Districts' Selection of Evidence-Based Reading Programs

Carla J. Miller, Sioux Falls, SD
   M.A., University of South Dakota
   B.S.Ed., Northern State University
   Curriculum & Instruction
   Effects of Stability Balls on Student Attention to Task during Instructional Activities in the Regular Classroom Environment for Students with Characteristics of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

+ candidate for degree summer 2018
* candidate for degree fall 2018

Maria Kristine Nei, Sioux Falls, SD
   M.A., Cardinal Stritch College
   B.S., St. Cloud State University
   Educational Administration
   Achieving Equity: Resolving Exclusionary Discipline Disproportionality for Students with Disabilities

Larianne T. Polk, Hooper, NE
   Ed.S., Wayne State College
   Educational Administration
   Nebraska Educational Service Units: A Study of Legislative Policy History 1992-2018

Julie Prusa, Norfolk, NE
   M.S.Ed., Wayne State College
   B.A.Ed., Wayne State College
   Educational Administration
   Preschool Attendance on School Readiness

Jennifer Mary Reecy, Dell Rapids, SD
   M.Ed., University of Sioux Falls
   B.S.Ed., Dakota State University
   Educational Administration
   Policies, Principles, Practices that Impact Rural Special Education Teacher Retention: Teacher Perceptions

Carly Anne Retterath, Mandan, ND
   M.Ed., University of Mary
   B.S., University of Mary
   Educational Administration
   Policies, Principles, Practices that Impact Rural Special Education Teacher Retention: Teacher Perceptions

Johanna Marie Sailor, Rapid City, SD
   M.A., University of Sioux Falls
   B.A., University of Montana
   Educational Administration
   Middle School Reading Comprehension: Impact of the Read 180 Program in a Rural District

Ruth Mary Soderstrom, Moorhead, MN
   M.S., Minnesota State University-Moorhead
   Educational Administration
   Direct Support Professionals' Perceptions of Behavior Support in Community Based Services

* Jenelle A. Strecker, Yankton, SD
   M.S., Southwest Minnesota State University
   B.S.Ed., University of South Dakota
   Curriculum & Instruction
   K-6 Educator Knowledge, Use, and Perceptions of Research-Proven Reading Programs and Practices

Tracy Lynn Vik, Canton, SD
   Ed.D., University of South Dakota
   Educational Administration
   A Comparison of Fourth-Grade Students Taught in English-Only Classrooms and Spanish-Only Classrooms in the Same District
Doctor of Audiology

Samantha Stormo Walder, Hayti, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
M.Ed., South Dakota State University
B.A., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
School Engagement for Digital Natives: Parent Perceptions of Effective Methods
* Chris Tee Weixelman, Wayne, NE
M.Ed., Eastern Michigan University
Curriculum & Instruction
Science Vocabulary Instruction in Early Elementary Classrooms
Nathanael Ryan Williams, Gladstone, MO
B.S., Park University
B.S., American InterContinental University
Educational Administration
Communication Leadership Styles and Behaviors of Academic Department Chairs in Rural Doctoral II Universities
Diane M. Wolfe
M.S., Wayne State College
B.A., Morningside College
Educational Administration
Comparing the Cost and Outcomes of E-Rate Programs in Nebraska: Policy Recommendations for Nebraska Administrators
Adrian Marie Aylor, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
The Effect of Participation in Football on Auditory Evoked Electrophysiologic Potentials in Middle and High School Students
Kara Rae Balken, Montevideo, MN
B.S., Minnesota State University- Moorhead
Comparison of ESRTs Using Different Probe Tone Frequencies to Loudness Judgements
Larissa Felicia Reimann, Rapid City, SD
B.S., Morningside College
B.A., Morningside College
A Survey Evaluation of South Dakota Parent and Medical Provider Knowledge of Congenital Cytomegalovirus
+ Whitney Sue Shelquist, Mankato, MN
B.A., Minnesota State University - Mankato
The Effects of Age on Measures of Between-Channel Gap Detector
Sara Marie Sommers, Brooklyn Center, MN
B.S., Minnesota State University- Mankato
A Comparison of Probe-Microphone Verification Systems Fit to NAL-NL2 and DSL v5.0 Prescriptive Targets
Megan Marie Wegher, Sergeant Bluff, IA
B.S., University of South Dakota
Outcomes for Cochlear Implant Users with Residual Hearing in One Ear

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

* Samson Ebai Awoh, Houston, TX
M.O.T., Bay Path University
Riley Morgan Arnold, Beaver Crossing, NE
B.S., University of Nebraska- Kearney
Ashley Jo Athmann, Olivia, MN
B.S., University of Sioux Falls
Timothy Robert Aune, Beaufort, SC
B.S., University South Carolina- Columbia
Shaylee Aryn Backer, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Molly Ann Boell, Carroll, IA
B.A., University of South Dakota
Lauren Classen, Humphrey, NE
B.S., University of Nebraska- Omaha
Brenda Michelle DeLano, Oakland, NE
B.S., Wayne State College
Hannah Elizabeth Dobrovolny, Grand Island, NE
B.S., Morningside College
Mallory Rose Drenth, Hartley, IA
B.S., Minnesota State University- Mankato
Rebecca Lee Gaikowski, Waubay, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Cassidy Erin Gebhart, Elkton, SD
B.A., Mount Marty College
Alyssa Gee
B.S., University of South Dakota
* Sarah Elizabeth Halatead, Denver, CO
M.S., University of South Dakota
Megan E. Hilson
B.S., University of South Dakota
Ashley Kay Hoyme, Hills, MN
M.S., University of South Dakota
B.S., South Dakota State University
Angela Kaiser, Fordyce, NE
B.S., Briar Cliff University
Kirstyn Larsen, Pierre, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Ashley Anne Musch, Brandon, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Kristina Neumann, Sioux City, IA
B.S., Morningside College
Mariah Lynn Niemeyer, Raymond, NE
B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University
Rachel Noonan, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Tyler Lee Rowland, Watertown, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Christina Marie Silver, Grand Island, NE
B.S., University of Nebraska- Kearney
Rebecca Marie Spangler, Rapid City, SD
Bachelor of Science in Education & Human Services, University of Nebraska- Lincoln
* Jasmin Thomas, Hicksville, NY
M.S., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
* Kristin Elisabeth Wallock, Stillwater, MN
M.S., University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee
B.S., University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

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Doctor of Physical Therapy

Katelyn Marie Walsh, Jefferson, SD
B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University
Kenna Jo Wieczorek, Fort Pierre, SD
B.S., Minnesota State University- Mankato
Heidi Jo Willett, Harrisburg, SD
B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University
Logan William Willhite, Sanborn, MN
Bachelor of Athletic Training, Minnesota State University- Mankato

Nicole Kathryn Sikkink, Centerville, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Scott Thomas Strand, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Northwestern College
Allison Kristine Thielens, Aberdeen, SD
B.S., Dakota State University
Hans Kristov Tvedt, Volga, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Elizabeth M. Waltner, Emery, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
James Clancey Whitcher, Hot Springs, SD
B.S., University of Mary
William John Whitlock, Watertown, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota

Professional Degrees

Sanford School of Medicine
Presented by Dean Mary Nettleman

Doctor of Medicine

Anna Brook Bahnson, Hartford, SD
B.A., Augustana University
Kristin Ann Belsaas, Rapid City, SD
B.S., Minnesota State University- Mankato
Breann E. Bowar
B.A., Augustana University
Cum Laude
Alexander Leo Brech, Philip, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Brody William Brisk, Rapid City, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University
Cum Laude, Scholarship Pathways Scholar
Nicole M. Buchele, Milbank, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Cum Laude
Erik Burnison, Huron, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Scholarship Pathways Scholar
Hanna Lee Distel, Box Elder, SD
B.A., South Dakota State University
B.S., South Dakota State University
Steven Ray Donahue, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
Cum Laude
Jillian Kay Draine, Spearfish, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University
Cum Laude
Liam Michael Duffy, Rapid City, SD  
B.S., Rockhurst University

Spencer Edman  
B.S., University of Notre Dame

Bradley Kenneth Eichhorn, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., South Dakota State University

B.S., South Dakota State University

Laura Christine Fox, Sultan, WA  
B.S., Cornell University

Luke Vincent Fuhrman, Canistota, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota

B.S., University of South Dakota

Scholarship Pathways Scholar

Ryan Dale Gerawt, Dell Rapids, SD  
B.A., University of South Dakota

B.S., University of South Dakota

Janice Lynn Gerlach, Indianapolis, IN  
B.A., University of South Dakota

B.S., University of South Dakota

Cum Laude, Scholarship Pathways Scholar

Nicholas Goodhope, Sturgis, SD  
Pharm.D., South Dakota State University

B.S., South Dakota State University

Summa Cum Laude

Eric Daniel Habbe, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., Augustana University

Magna Cum Laude

Alex Heard, Edgerton, MN  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Magna Cum Laude

Brian David Hokeness, Rushmore, MN  
B.A., Augustana University

Samuel Craig Jensen, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of St Thomas

Jake Nolan Johnson, Harrisburg, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota

Cum Laude, Scholarship Pathways Scholar

Kristopher B. Johnson, Holmen, WI  
B.A., Southwest Minnesota State University

Scholarship Pathways Scholar

Ryan Patrick Jorgenson, Brookings, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Joseph C. Kolba, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Katherine Elizabeth Kondratuk, Brookings, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Summa Cum Laude

Luke Emanuel Lansman, Harlan, IA  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Matthew Daniel Larson, Brandon, SD  
B.A., Augustana University

Summa Cum Laude,  
Scholarship Pathways Scholar

Mark D. Larson  
B.S., Creighton University

Cum Laude

Skye Killian Lawlor, Rapid City, SD  
B.A., Montana University

Magna Cum Laude

Erik Fuller Manke, Brandon, SD  
M.A., University of South Dakota

B.S., Creighton University

Keegan B. Mechels  
B.A., Drake University

Summa Cum Laude

Scholarship Pathways Scholar

David James Melsinger, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A., Morningside College

Taylor J. Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University

Magna Cum Laude

Jordan Marie Needens, Eaton, CO  
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Collin John Noldner, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., Augustana University

Amber Marie Olson, Pierre, SD

B.S., University of South Dakota

Cum Laude, Scholarship Pathways Scholar

Tania Padilla Conde, Sioux Falls, SD

B.S., University of South Dakota

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

- Alpha Eta Sigma Delta.................................................................Hunter Green double cords
- 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
- Phi Alpha Thetawu.................................................................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
Academic Dress

The tradition of academic costume has a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townsfolk 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...............................................................Sage Green
- Law..................................................................................Purple
- Medicine........................................................................Kelly Green

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 Honors

To earn an honors designation at graduation, the medical-level graduates complete 128 required credits and 38 elective credits in the medical curriculum and must meet the following medical school cumulative grade point averages:

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