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Commencement

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
SANFORD COYOTE SPORTS CENTER
VERMILLION, SD
MAY 4, 2019
Undergraduate Commencement

Sanford Coyote Sports Center
May 4, 2019 9:30 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, University Senate Chair
   Sheila K. Gestring, President

Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching
   Kurt Hackemer, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
   Associate Professor Christopher Meyer, College of Fine Arts
   Assistant Professor Prentiss Clark, College of Arts & Sciences

Commencement Address
   Justice Judith Meierhenry

USD Chamber Singers
   Will the Circle Be Unbroken arr. by J. David Moore
   Directed by Dr. David Holdhusen

Honorary Degree
   Justice Judith Meierhenry, Doctor of Laws
Authorization of Degree Conferral
  Kevin Schieffer, South Dakota Board of Regents

Conferring of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees and
Presentation of Diplomas

ROTC Oath of Office
  Kurt Hackemer, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
  Major Daniel D.Sundberg, Department Chair, Military Science

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
Honorary Degree Recipient
Torrey Sundall
Alumni Association Representative
Kurt Hackemer
Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs
Mary Nettleman
Vice President, Health Affairs & Dean, Sanford School of Medicine
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 Jerry Jacobs

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

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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

Faculty in Attendance

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

The designation of University Scholar is a unique and significant honor granted to an undergraduate student by The University. In addition to high level scholarship, it requires participation in the University Honors Program culminating in successful completion of a substantial senior project.

Presented by Sheila K. Gestring

University Scholar

Savannah Rae Aanderud, Rapid City, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology

Testing Kalanchoe Fedtschenkoi U6 Promoters for gRNA Expression

Rachel Ann Abele, Sheldon, IA
Bachelor of Arts, Sustainability & Psychology

The Role of Social Well-Being in Sustainability

Chesney Marie Arend, Emery, SD
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice

Social Discounting: An Examination of the Neural and Behavioral Performance of Individuals Making Altruistic Decisions Involving Family Members

Natalie Anne Basta, Clinton, MN
Bachelor of Science, Anthropology

Assessing the Viability of Using Human Medical Cadavers as Research Subjects in Post-1950 Radiocarbon Dating

Jessilynn Grace Bean, Arrowsmith, IL
Bachelor of Arts, Native American Studies

The Dakota Access Pipeline: Indigenous Resistance and Activism

+ Evan Jeffrey Bergeson, Yankton, SD
Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting

Ethics and Fraud in Accounting

Kyle Jonathan Bergeson, Yankton, SD
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology & Sport Management

Review of Risk Factors Associated with the Development of Iliotibial Band Syndrome in Runners

Katryna Michelle Booth-Malnack, Omaha, NE
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology

Analysis of Willingness to Compromise in Opposing Political Groups

Maria Michelle Brady, Omaha, NE
Bachelor of Arts, History & Political Science

Beauty and Scandal: The Bust of Nefertiti

Madeline McClaine Butterfield, Shawnee, KS
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology

Surveillance of Ranavirus in False Map Turtles (Graptemys Pseudogeographica) along the Lower Missouri River, USA

Avery Landon Del Grosso, Huron, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology

Application of Leininger’s Culture Care Theory in Family Medical History

Baylor M. DeVries
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology

Evaluation of the Antibodies Induced after Vaccination with H1N1 Vaccine Candidates Created by DNA Shuffling

Natalia Carol Dohman, Grotan, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology

Using MEDI-551 to Target CD19 Transmembrane Proteins on B-Cells Can Improve System Sclerosis

Anthony Thomas Drazick, Casper, WY
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology

Ex Vivo Study of Skeletal Muscle Secretion of Interleukin-6

Braeden Jay Edleman, Huron, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology

The Physiological Implications of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury on Diagnosis, Treatment, and Long-Term Prognosis

Olivia Marie Edoff, Hermosa, SD
Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice & Psychology

Department of Public Safety Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey: 2018

Regan Nicole Enos, Rapid City, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology

Implementation of Tracking System for Sexual Assault Kits in South Dakota

Daniel Bernard Frye, Branford, CT
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Theatre

Nephilim

Renee Gallagher, Pierre SD
Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice

Diverting towards a Better Future

Taylor Ann Gustafson, Groton, SD
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Effect of HPV and STD Knowledge on HPV Vaccination Status

McKenna Marie Halverson, Pierre, SD
Bachelor of Science, Psychology

USD Students’ Attitudes toward Campus-Based Autism Living and Learning Communities

Dustin Lee Heiden, Jackson, MN
Bachelor of Science, Biology & Anthropology

An Evaluation of Self-Adjuvanting M2e Vaccine in Response to Influenza A Virus Challenge in Ferrets

* Karlie Irene Hinton, Eureka, SD
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology & Psychology

Preventive Care in Rural Areas: A Cross-Examination of the United States and Germany

Hannah Hofmaier
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology

Oral Health and Awareness at the University of South Dakota

+ candidate for degree summer 2018
* candidate for degree fall 2018
Marcus Daniel Ireland, Alcester, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, Political Science & Criminal Justice  
Are Women Benching Themselves from the South Dakota Judiciary?  

Jedidiah D. Jacobson  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
Dendrochronological Assessment of Delta Formation on the Missouri River  

Kylie Jo Johnson, Omaha, NE  
Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies  
A Rhetorical Analysis of Crisis Communication: Patterns Seen in Perpetrator Responses to Accusations from the Me Too Movement  

Nathan Thomas Jones, Lakefield, MN  
Bachelor of Science, Biology & Anthropology  
A Traditional Medicine’s Deep Time History and Rethinking Depression  

Kyler Kooi, Hull, IA  
Bachelor of Science, Physics & Mathematics  
The Purification of Germanium Crystals by Zone Refining  

+ Bethany Marie Kozak, Hugo, MN  
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish  
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology & Sport Management  
Female Athlete Triad Awareness in AA Minnesota High School Girls Cross Country  

+ Alyson Krupinsky, Englewood, CO  
Bachelor of Science, Addiction Studies  
Impact Analysis of Loved One Peer Coaching on Persons with the Disease of Addiction  

Pierce William Libbey, Wauwatosa, WI  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Business Administration  
The Business and Ethics of Rock Climbing Guide Services  

Lucas G. Lund, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish, International Studies & Political Science  
Peru’s Shining Path and the Student Experience  

Danielle Lee Mack, Deadwood, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
The Effects of Acute Stress on Responses to Nociceptive and Non-nociceptive Stimuli  

Candra Dawn Mahrt, Mitchell, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology  
Euphoria  

Connor McMahon, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
Age-Related Muscle Enzyme Changes in the Hawk Moth, Manduca Sexta  

Erica L. Miller  
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice  
Human Trafficking In Ghana: A Comparative Analysis  

Kylie Ann Minske, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
A Collection of Short Stories  

Byeongmin Nam, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Economics  
Design and Usage Study of a Chatbot in the Context of Addiction Counseling  

Blaine Alexander Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, German  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
An Integrative and Comparative Analysis of Transcriptome and Targetome Date of Medulloblastoma  

+ Bailey Ann Oettel, Lincoln, NE  
Bachelor of Science, Anthropology  
The Relationship between BMI and Rate of Decomposition As Seen in Human Models in Western Colorado  

Isaac Otterman, Belle Fourche, SD  
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Theatre  
The Inconfidentes - A Play Inspired by the Inconfidencia Mineira  

Karissa Elizabeth Palmer, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Mathematics  
Honey Bee and Varroa Destructor Population Dynamics  

Mykayla Lynn Palmer, Brandon, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
Defining the Properties of the OS-33 Osteosarcoma Cell Line and Effects of mTORC1 Inhibition by Rapamycin  

Cassandra Mae Pieschke, Marshall, MN  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Nonpharmacologic Interventions for Agitation in Persons with Dementia  

Patrick Alan Reiter, Florence, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
Examining Early Stages of Adaptive Radiation in Anolis Lizards from Martinique  

* Ellen Kathleen Rousf, New Ulm, MN  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  
Young Scientists: Development of an Interactive STEM Program for Students at Vermillion After-School Care  

Jacob Erik Selgestad, Yankton, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & Economics  
Using Tax Policy to Help Implement Adaptation Actions for Anticipated Increases in Flooding  

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* candidate for degree fall 2018
Luke Brendan Smith, Groton, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
Whole Transcriptome Gene Expression and How It Relates to Muscle Performance in Anolis Lizards

Alexander Riley Steinley, Rapid City, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
Examining Relationships between Personality, Perspective, and Presence

* Megan G. Swets, Brandon, SD  
Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies  
Willingness to Enact Change: A Grounded Theory Study on Acceptance from a Trans Perspective

Cassandra Renee Tester, Boone, NC  
Bachelor of Science, Anthropology  
Osteobiography of Ancient Egyptian Mummified Remains, 900-790 BC

Tyler Wenande, Yankton, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Political Science  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Economics  
Universal Basic Income and Life Choices: Evidence from a Student Lab Experiment

Kjerstin Lynn Williams, Brandon, SD  
Bachelor of Science, Medical Biology  
Beliefs Regarding Alternative and Complementary Medicine Used for Infertility

Sydney Mackenzie Wilson, Lees Summit, MO  
Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice  
International Inequality or American Atrocity?: A Comparative Investigation of the Public Defender Systems in the United States and the European Union

Baccalaureate & Associate Degrees

College of Arts & Sciences

Presented by Dean Michael Kruger

Bachelor of Arts

* Michael Madrine Geneva Abbott, Vermillion, SD  
Sport Marketing & Media  
Magna Cum Laude

Rachel Ann Abele, Sheldon, IA  
Sustainability & Psychology  
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Wyatt T. Adam, Lesterville, SD  
Criminal Justice

+ Jacob Alan Akerson, Sioux Falls, SD  
History & Anthropology

Kendyll Layne Albrecht, Yankton, SD  
Psychology

* Cheyenne Kathleen Alexis, Omaha, NE  
Media & Journalism

Zoe Marie Anderson, Los Angeles, CA  
Criminal Justice  
Magna Cum Laude

Anna Marie Andrews, Sioux Falls, SD  
Political Science & International Studies  
Cum Laude

Nicole G. Andrews  
English

* Morgan Sue Appeldorn, Sibley, IA  
Media & Journalism

Jordan Brianna Aspen, Belle Fourche, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
Summa Cum Laude

Megan J. Bach  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

+ Tyler John Bakley, Vermillion, SD  
Sport Marketing & Media

Rodrigo Balmaceda  
Political Science

Peter Michael Banasiak, Vermillion, SD  
Philosophy & History  
Cum Laude

Rachel Ellen Barrett, Edina, MN  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
Summa Cum Laude

* Megan Alexandra Bartels, Yankton, SD  
International Studies

Jacob Lee Baumgartner, Rapid City, SD  
Media & Journalism

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* candidate for degree fall 2018
Joseph Baustian, Luverne, MN
Criminal Justice

Jessilynn Grace Bean, Arrowsmith, IL
Native American Studies
Summa Cum Laude
University Scholar Graduate

Rachael L. Berg
Criminal Justice
Jordan A. Bixenman
Philosophy

Daniel Norman Blessinger, Wolf Point, MT
Political Science

Halle Victoria Bowar, Saint Paul, MN
Economics

Maria Michelle Brady, Omaha, NE
History & Political Science
Summa Cum Laude
University Scholar Graduate

Mitchell K. Branjord
Sociology

Allison Kay Bristol, Mountain Lake, MN
English
Cum Laude

Kendra LeeAnn Broekhuizen, Brookings, SD
Psychology
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

* Kaylea Marie Bruhn, Rapid City, SD
Criminal Justice

Cooper Lee Brunsting, Orange City, IA
Psychology

Libby Bullerdick, Omaha, NE
Media & Journalism
Magna Cum Laude

Sydney Jade Busch, Rapid City, SD
Communication Sciences & Disorders
Magna Cum Laude
Andrew August Candelia, Parker, CO
Sport Marketing & Media

Kim Cap
Spanish

Stone Edward Conley, Long Beach, CA
Political Science

Glynie J. Costello
Communication Sciences & Disorders
* Leah Cover, Atlanta, GA
Media & Journalism
* Travis James Cownie, Lennox, SD
Sport Marketing & Media

* Jake David, Ojai, CA
Media & Journalism

Brittney Ann Davis-Schacht, Artesian, SD
Criminal Justice
* Tatum Natalie Dean, Mitchell, SD
International Studies

+ Katie Ashton Demaray, Harrisburg, SD
Cum Laude

Anthony Thomas Drazick, Casper, WY
Spanish
Magna Cum Laude
University Scholar Graduate

Karina Ann Dufoe, Adel, IA
Media & Journalism & Criminal Justice
Magna Cum Laude

Olivia Marie Eloff, Hermosa, SD
Criminal Justice & Psychology
Summa Cum Laude
University Scholar Graduate

* Megan Elizabeth Ellison, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology

* Kelsey Elizabeth Eubanks, Omaha, NE
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Alyssa C. Fernandez
Communication Studies

Kurt N. Finster
Media & Journalism
Summa Cum Laude

Kenzie M. Fischer
Media & Journalism

Bjorn Roger Flanagan, Vermillion, SD
Philosophy
Cum Laude

* Whitney Rae Fowkes, Mitchell, SD
Media & Journalism

Riley Aurora Fritz, Alta, IA
Philosophy & Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Renee Gallagher, Pierre, SD
Criminal Justice
Summa Cum Laude
University Scholar Graduate

Brendan R. Gayken
Media & Journalism
Cum Laude

* Benjamin Alexander Gering, Colonia Tovar, Venezuela
Computer Science

* Hyeonchang Gim, Gwangju
Communication Studies

Rebecca K. Goth, Brandon, SD
English & Criminal Justice

Lamèe Lane William Graber, Salix, IA
Criminal Justice

+ Tara Jade Gray, Egan, SD
Psychology

Madison Shelby Green, Rapid City, SD
English & Criminal Justice
Magna Cum Laude

Hannah Michelle Gupton, Sandy, OR
Communication Sciences & Disorders
Cum Laude

Ashley S. Guthmiller
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Kylie Rose Hagen, Milbank, SD
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Joshua D. Haier
Media & Journalism

Louisa Clarice Hansen, Marcus, IA
Media & Journalism

Sydney Marie Hardin, Phoenix, AZ
Media & Journalism

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* Cole Edward Hein, David City, NE
  Media & Journalism
Lucas William Heitkamp, Sioux Falls, SD
  History
  Magna Cum Laude
Jesse William Henrichs, Little Rock, IA
  Criminal Justice
Jenna Marie Herrick, Arlington, NE
  Media & Journalism
* Maxwell Ruben Hofer, Sioux Falls, SD
  Media & Journalism
Morgan A. Holt
  Sport Marketing & Media
Gabrielle Susan Horton, Yankton, SD
  English
Ryan Husby, Vermillion, SD
  Sport Marketing & Media
* Haruko Ichida, Osaka, Japan
  International Studies
Marcus Daniel Ireland, Alcester, SD
  Philosophy, Political Science & Criminal Justice
  Summa Cum Laude
  University Scholar Graduate
Justin W. Jacobson
  Criminal Justice
  Cum Laude
Christopher Lowell Jahr, Rapid City, SD
  Philosophy
Shukri Mursal Jama, South Sioux City, NE
  Political Science
Ryan Edward John, Sioux Falls, SD
  Sport Marketing & Media
* Anissa Marie Johns, Sioux Falls, SD
  Psychology
Kylie Jo Johnson, Omaha, NE
  Communication Studies
  Magna Cum Laude
  University Scholar Graduate
Mandy Marie Juhnke, Chamberlain, SD
  Criminal Justice
* Aileen Marie Kardell, Gretna, NE
  Communication Sciences & Disorders
Addie Marie Kaster, Harlan, IA
  Spanish
  Summa Cum Laude
William Malikai Kayser, Sturgis, SD
  Criminal Justice
Sabrina Nicole Kelly, Raymond, NE
  International Studies & English
Madeleine Mary Kennebeck, Rapid City, SD
  English & Psychology
  Summa Cum Laude
Miki Kennerly
  Media & Journalism & Spanish
  Cum Laude
Hannah M. Kielszewski
  Communication Studies
* Aubrey Danielle Kimball, Sioux Falls, SD
  Criminal Justice
* Kaylee Marie King, Sioux Falls, SD
  Media & Journalism
Kelsey Marie Koupal, Brandon, SD
  Communication Sciences & Disorders
* Bethany Marie Kozak, Hugo, MN
  Spanish
  Summa Cum Laude
  University Scholar Graduate
Emma Jo Larson, Brandon, SD
  Media & Journalism
  Cum Laude
Juliana Catherine Layman, Chicago, IL
  English
* Ranika Maria Lewin, Victorville, CA
  Communication Studies
Maria Kay Lewis, Hartford, SD
  Criminal Justice & Political Science
  Cum Laude
Lucas G. Lund, Sioux Falls, SD
  Spanish, International Studies & Political Science
  Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Candra Dawn Mahrt, Mitchell, SD
  Psychology
  Magna Cum Laude
  University Scholar Graduate
* Ciara Tashae Martin, Vermillion, SD
  Communication Sciences & Disorders
Sam C. Matson
  Criminal Justice & Political Science
  Magna Cum Laude
+ Michael W. Mayrose
  Criminal Justice
  Cum Laude
Addison Craig McCauley, Lawrence, KS
  Criminal Justice
  Magna Cum Laude
Michael D. McGraw
  Media & Journalism
Teagan K. McNary
  Criminal Justice & Political Science
Katie L. Meirose
  Anthropology
Britney Grace Miersma, Ruthton, MN
  Communication Sciences & Disorders
Afiwa M. Missoh
  International Studies & French & Francophone Studies
* Ashley Nicole Moberg, Sioux Falls, SD
  Philosophy & Communication Studies
Baylie I. Moravec
  History
  Lynette Lee Moreland, Jefferson, SD
  Criminal Justice
John Morris, Tulsa, OK
  International Studies
  Magna Cum Laude
Marissa A. Munger, Larchwood, IA
  Communication Studies & Psychology
Evan Joel Murtha, Dimock, SD
  Media & Journalism
+ Casandra Nagel, Sioux Falls, SD
  Criminal Justice
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* candidate for degree fall 2018
Holden Kendall Neal, Bloomington, IN  
English & Philosophy
- candidate for degree summer 2018

Blaine Alexander Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD  
German  
Summa Cum Laude  
University Scholar Graduate
- candidate for degree fall 2018

Lauren Sophie Nelson, Aberdeen, SD  
Media & Journalism

Madison M. Nemitz  
Psychology

Rachel Alane Newville, Perham, MN  
Media & Journalism & Political Science

Paige S. Northagen  
Communication Studies  
Cum Laude

Gunnar Daniel Olson, North Mankato, MN  
Psychology  
Summa Cum Laude

Aby Ostrem, Centerville, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Scott Douglas Passmore, Omaha, NE  
Sport Marketing & Media
- Gabrielle Rose Perna, La Vista, NE  
Political Science & International Studies  
Cum Laude

Hannah Kaylynn Person, Polk, NE  
Spanish  
* Megan Waldene Peters, Jacksonville, FL  
Psychology
- Brad Lee Pfeifle, Philip, SD  
Anthropology & History

Maria Nicole Potratz, Burlington, IA  
Communication Studies  
Magna Cum Laude

Makayla Marie Raley, Sioux Falls, SD  
English

Joseph B. Reagan, Topeka, KS  
Criminal Justice

Justice Taylor Redding, Adrian, MN  
English
- Kaci Marie Reiser, Carroll, IA  
English  
Cum Laude

+ Caitlyn Maurin Renner, Sioux Falls, SD  
Sociology

Gabriela Revolorio, Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal Justice

Alexandrea Lyn Roberts, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology
- Katie Roberts, Le Mars, IA  
Sustainability

Kelsey Lynn Rokahr, Yankton, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Molly E. Schiermeyer  
Sport Marketing & Media  
Magna Cum Laude

Matt E. Schirado  
Criminal Justice
- McKinley Kai Schubert, Holstein, IA  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Jessica Lynn Schulz, Buffalo, NY  
Psychology

Andrew James Schwarz, Sioux Falls, SD  
Sport Marketing & Media

Jacob Erik Selgestad, Yankton, SD  
Political Science & Economics

University Scholar Graduate
- Lilly Lin Sencenbaugh, Sioux City, IA  
Sustainability  
Cum Laude

Cody Allen Senn, Orange City, IA  
Sustainability & Political Science

Kaitlyn Sicard Redlegs, Lawrenceville, GA  
Media & Journalism

Jordan David Wayne Smith, Whitewood, SD  
Political Science & History  
Cum Laude

Andrew T. Soukup  
Criminal Justice  
Cum Laude

* Kristen Ann Spaans, Hudson, SD  
Criminal Justice & Political Science  
Cum Laude
- Maria Helena Starner, Freeman, SD  
Criminal Justice
- Stacy Ann Starzl Hansen, Yankton, SD  
Psychology

Donald Chase Stehly, Mitchell, SD  
Sustainability & English  
Cum Laude

Mackenzie W. Stone  
English

Jill Virginia Swanson, Pukwana, SD  
History  
Summa Cum Laude

Cyrisha Therma Swanson, Stephan, SD  
Criminal Justice & Native American Studies

Chase Michael Swearingen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Anthropology
- Megan G. Swets, Brandon, SD  
Communication Studies  
Summa Cum Laude  
University Scholar Graduate

Austin David Thompson, Watertown, SD  
Criminal Justice  
Cum Laude

Heather V. Townsend  
History

Max Tushla  
English

Rebecca Irene Vaca, Ramona, CA  
Media & Journalism

Chelsea Vang, Saint Paul, MN  
Psychology
- Emily Mae Wall, Chamberlain, SD  
Political Science & Economics
- Yiping Li Wang, Vermillion, SD  
English

Alexander Jason Warford, Greenwood, IN  
Criminal Justice

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History

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Sydney Mackenzie Wilson, Lees Summit, MO  
Criminal Justice  
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Emily Mary Wolfmann, Madison, SD  
Political Science

Bachelor of General Studies

+ Steven L. Afryl, Antioch, IL  
* Rachel Ann Bellesen, Lakeside, MT  
* Drew A. Berwick, Sioux Falls, SD  
* Thomas Maxwell Castelli, Tampa, FL  
+ Stephanie Lyne Desjardins, Sault Ste. Marie, MI  
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* Mariah Grace Filholm, Brookings, SD  
Alyssa Kay Fothergill, Fenton, IA  
Cum Laude  
+ Veronica Leigh Gevik, Bronson, IA  
* Kacie Lynn Hall, Elk Point, SD  
* Adam Jeffrey Harris, Clearwater, FL  
De Shonte M. Helm  
* Cody William Jennings, Kismet, KS  
* Nicklaus Ryan Jensen, Vermillion, SD  
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+ Kathy Jean Kraemer, Sioux Falls, SD  
* Logan Joseph Lenz, Pierre, SD  
Cassandra Elizabeth Sera Martin, Vermillion, SD  
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Spencer N. McAdoo  
* Joshua James McGuire, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Shekendra Morgan, Rapid City, SD  
* Jordan Jean Most, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Mollie Bea Nickerson, Blair, NE  
Shayla K. Ostrihonsky  
Madeleine Nicolle Pace, Elk Point, SD  
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Skyler J. Porwith  
* Joseph Patrick Ryan, Sioux Falls, SD  
* Jeremy James Schuellek, Milbank, SD  
* Amanda Kay Snyder, Hartley, IA  
* Katlynn Jean Stauffer, Luverne, MN  
* Genevieve Ciczarie Towner, Hoffman, MN  
* Mia Isabella Turgeon, Sioux Falls, SD

Bachelor of Science

Savannah Rae Aanderud, Rapid City, SD  
Medical Biology  
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate  
Cody Isaac Adrian, Windom, MN  
Economics  
Samuel P. Alvine, Sioux Falls, SD  
Political Science  
Cum Laude  

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Computer Science  
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Criminal Justice  
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Criminal Justice  
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate  
Joseph Michael Bader, Rapid City, SD  
Sport Marketing & Media  
Natalie Anne Basta, Clinton, MN  
Anthropology  
Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate  
Michaela Beckman, Brandon, SD  
Biology  
Cum Laude  
+ Taylor Kay Bergeson, Hartford, SD  
Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude  
Peyton Marie Bjorkman, Sioux Falls, SD  
Communication Sciences & Disorders  
* Tyler Bloch, Lesterville, SD  
Mathematics  
A.J. Booze  
Communication Studies  
Kathryna Michelle Booth-Malnack, Omaha, NE  
Medical Biology  
Magna Cum Laude  
University Scholar Graduate  
Shelby Gudrun Bork, Murdo, SD  
Biology  
Jordan Dean Bosch, Steen, MN  
Biology  
Cum Laude  
Ashley Anne Brage, Watertown, SD  
Psychology  
Summa Cum Laude  
* Kelly Elizabeth Braghini, Champaign, IL  
Criminal Justice  
* Ethan Daniel Breen, Yankton, SD  
Technical Leadership  
Samuel Briese, Correctionville, IA  
Political Science  
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Sociology  
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Communication Sciences & Disorders & Psychology
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  Cum Laude
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  Melissa Hessman, Wakonda, SD
  Psychology
  Cum Laude
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* Karlie Irene Hinton, Eureka, SD
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  Hannah Hofmaier
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  Magna Cum Laude
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  Criminal Justice
Nathan Daniel Kautz, Sioux Falls, SD
  Earth Science
* Jasmine Kearney, Dakota Dunes, SD
  Psychology
Justin Adam Kertis, Rochester, MN
  Psychology
  Cum Laude
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  Medical Biology
  Cum Laude
Kyler Kool, Hull, IA
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  Coleman John Koons, Mitchell, SD
  Biology
  Cum Laude
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  Magna Cum Laude
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  Technical Leadership
  Tad Austin Lacey, Dell Rapids, SD
  Earth Science
  + Michelle Elizabeth Lee, Sioux Falls, SD
  History
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  Psychology
  Magna Cum Laude
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* Miranda J. Marron
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English
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Summa Cum Laude
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Psychology
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Byeongmin Nam, Sioux Falls, SD
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Blaine Alexander Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD
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Summa Cum Laude
University Scholar Graduate
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John Lee Nguyen, Sioux Falls, SD
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Devon C. O’Brien
Sport Marketing & Media
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* candidate for degree fall 2018

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University Scholar Graduate
Mykayla Lynn Palmer, Brandon, SD
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Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
Ethan L. Parr
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Elizabeth Paige Pearson, Yankton, SD
Media & Journalism
Leah Nicole Pechacik, Lakeville, MN
Psychology
Cum Laude
Alexis D Petersen, Galesburg, IL
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Magna Cum Laude,
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Cum Laude
Halle Jane Randall, Sioux Falls, SD
Medical Biology
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Tanner J. Redlin
Medical Biology
Cum Laude
Kolby Cramer Reinke, Lennox, SD
History
Summa Cum Laude
University Scholar Graduate
Patrick Alan Reiter, Florence, SD
Medical Biology
Magna Cum Laude
University Scholar Graduate
Mitchell Wiley Riner, Custer, SD
Sustainability
Cum Laude
Shawn Porter Roe, Rapid City, SD
Criminal Justice
* Austin James Roemeling, Sioux Falls, SD
Biology & Criminal Justice
Jessica Lauren Rogers, Lincoln, NE
Criminal Justice
Evan R. Rolling
Medical Biology
Magna Cum Laude
Katie Marie Rosenstengel, Springfield, MN
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Magna Cum Laude
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* Ellen Kathleen Roufs, New Ulm, MN
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude
University Scholar Graduate
Nathan Travers Sanchez, Vermillion, SD
Criminal Justice
Allison Sanner, Parker, SD
Criminal Justice
Magna Cum Laude
* Lauren Jo Sauer, Eden Prairie, MN
  Mathematics
  * candidate for degree fall 2018

Haley Anne Schild, Yankton, SD
  Psychology
  * candidate for degree fall 2018

Brennan Schmidt, Freeman, SD
  Medical Biology
  Walker Elias Schmidt, Sioux Falls, SD
  Sport Marketing & Media

Bailey Alexis Schneider, Chester, SD
  Medical Biology
  Summa Cum Laude

Kolby J. Scott, Sioux Falls, SD
  Medical Biology

Halle Sieve, Mellette, SD
  Medical Biology
  Jacob Jeffrey Simmons, Sturgis, SD
  Criminal Justice
  Cum Laude
  * Tyler Lynn Sipes, Mitchell, SD
  Sport Marketing & Media

Lauren Nicole Sissel, Sioux City, IA
  Criminal Justice
  Matthew L. Skinner Jr., Rapid City, SD
  Criminal Justice
  Christian Valentino Skunk, Lower Brule, SD
  Political Science
  * Delaney Marie Slaba, Mitchell, SD
  Biology

Andrew Marvin Smith, Mitchell, SD
  Media & Journalism
  Luke Brendan Smith, Groton, SD
  Medical Biology
  Summa Cum Laude
  University Scholar Graduate
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  Parker Spitzer, Des Moines, IA
  Media & Journalism Economics

Craig A. Stanton, Greeley, CO
  Psychology
  Cum Laude
  Alexander Riley Steinley, Rapid City, SD
  Psychology
  University Scholar Graduate
  Dalee A. Stee
  Sport Marketing & Media

Karli Eileen Stephenson, Sioux Falls, SD
  Media & Journalism
  Lucas James Sternhagen, Groton, SD
  Computer Science
  Summa Cum Laude

Sawyer John Stevens, Marshall, MN
  Medical Biology
  Summa Cum Laude

Trina A. Stewart
  Psychology
  * Kayla Elizabeth Styles, Yankton, SD
  Psychology
  * Felicia Lynn Swallow, Piedmont, SD
  Psychology
  Magna Cum Laude

+ Nicholas James Tacheny, Ramsey, MN
  Criminal Justice

Nathan Tatsumi, Sheldon, IA
  Psychology

Jacob E. Taylor, Sioux Falls, SD
  Political Science & Economics

Cassandra Renee Tester, Boone, NC
  Anthropology
  Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate
  * Ethan Thaut, Casper, WY
  Psychology
  Cum Laude

* Dominic Theel, Sioux Falls, SD
  Criminal Justice

* Andrew John Theisen, Le Mars, IA
  Criminal Justice & Psychology

Hayden J. Thompson
  Media & Journalism & Psychology

* Luke Johan Thompson, Sioux Falls, SD
  Biology

Jessica Sharon Tisher, Dell Rapids, SD
  Medical Biology
  Summa Cum Laude

* Allie Truong, Sioux Falls, SD
  Psychology

Allison Anne VanLaecken, Watertown, SD
  Medical Biology
  Summa Cum Laude

Jake Vollmer, Montrose, SD
  Biology
  Cum Laude
  * Kaitlyn Von Rump, Lonsdale, MN
  Psychology

Madisyn Nicole Waage, Aberdeen, SD
  Medical Biology
  Summa Cum Laude

Jessica Renea Wahlgren, Fergus Falls, MN
  Medical Biology
  * Marissa Susanne Waldner, Lennox, SD
  Psychology

Brittany Kay Walm, Sioux Falls, SD
  Criminal Justice

Morgan Rae Weber, Mitchell, SD
  Psychology
  Magna Cum Laude

Elizabeth Rae Welk, Miller, SD
  History
  Cum Laude

Tyler Wenande, Yankton, SD
  Political Science
  Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Sommer Katherine West, Brandon, SD
  Mathematics

Daniel Roman Whirlwind Soldier Petite, St. Francis, SD
  Biology

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  Medical Biology
  Magna Cum Laude
  University Scholar Graduate
  SSOM Alumni Student Scholar

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  Psychology

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  Magna Cum Laude
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Psychology
* Abby Lynn Yeska, Sioux City, IA
  Medical Biology
* Andrew V. Yevugah
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  Cum Laude
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  Media & Journalism
Nicole Marie Zirpel, Sioux Falls, SD
Psychology
  Magna Cum Laude

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Caylan T. Carpenter
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  * Taryn Jill Knoblock, Rock Rapids, IA
  Kristen Jean Kolb, Sioux Falls, SD
  * Kevin Carl Mathisien, Oto, IA
  Emily Nicole Moser, Winner, SD
  + Elizabeth Marie Prescott, Alton, IA
  * Amber Louise Scheminger, Manning, IA
  + Rebekah Noelle Stanfield, Sioux Falls, SD
  Joshua E. Thomas
  * Emily Ann Wright, Box Elder, SD

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David J. Kolb, Sioux Falls, SD
  Integrated Science

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  Business Administration
  Isaac Quinn Armstead, Broken Arrow, OK
  Business Administration
  Isaac Babalola
  Finance
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  Cum Laude
  + Brook Elizabeth Benes, Vermillion, SD
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  Cum Laude
  + Evan Jeffrey Bergeson, Yankton, SD
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  + Andrew Benjamin Biggs, Sioux Falls, SD
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  Cum Laude
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  + Cole David Brody
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  Cum Laude
  * Rachel J. Buchholz, Mitchell, SD
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  Cum Laude
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Finance  
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Business Administration  
+ Zachary Ryan Clayton, Harrisburg, SD  
Operational Analytics  
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Marketing  
+ Kale Mitchel Connealy, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Marketing  
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Finance  
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Finance  
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Shampaigan Dajanique Fields, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Natalie Fischer, Menno, SD  
Accounting  
Joseph Wayne Fox, Sioux City, IA  
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Accounting  
Cole Ethan Frankman, Sioux Falls, SD  
Business Administration  
*Cum Laude*  
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Business Administration  
+ Charles Anthony Frizzell, Rapid City, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude*  
Jacob T. Gapp  
Human Resource Management  
Samuel John Giessinger, Bloomington, IL  
Finance  
*Cum Laude*  
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Accounting  
*Cum Laude*  
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* Tara Marie Hathcock, Hartford, SD  
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*Cum Laude*  
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Marketing  
Elizabeth Ann Hegerfeld, Elkton, SD  
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Mackenzie Kate Hellwig, Sioux Falls, SD  
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*Summa Cum Laude*  
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Accounting  
Austin Michael Herbst, Le Mars, IA  
Accounting  
+ Meghan Elizabeth Hoben, Rapid City, SD  
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*Summa Cum Laude*  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
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Spencer Boyd Hopkins, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Summa Cum Laude

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Marketing
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Business Administration

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Saah E. Kindy, Brooklyn Park, MN
Marketing
Gage Phillip Klein, Watertown, SD
Finance
Cum Laude

Cade Ethan Knobloch, Rock Rapids, IA
Accounting

Baylor L. Korth
Accounting
Jayden Wade Korthala, Parker, SD
Accounting

Tanner Wayne Koster, Sioux Falls, SD
Management
Steven Andrew Kranz, South Dakota, SD
Accounting

Brittany Kuhl, North Platte, NE
Accounting
Cum Laude

Emma K. Lang
Finance
MacKenzie R. Lee, Parkston, SD
Marketing
Cum Laude

Siyan Li, Shanghai
Business Administration

Pierce William Libbey, Wauwatosa, WI
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude
University Scholar Graduate

Tate Todd Lindsay, Sioux Falls, SD
Business Administration

Paige Ann Lonbaken, Pierre, SD
Marketing

Jared Mark Long, Mount Vernon, SD
Health Services Administration

Zachary Lundquist, Aberdeen, SD
Operational Analytics & Finance

Thuc Trinh Le Luong, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude

Lucas Mace, Omaha, NE
Finance

Cesar Alejandro Mahoney, Shoreview, MN
Human Resource Management

Stacy Nicole Marlette, Sioux Falls, SD
Accounting

Christina Joy Marquez, Rochester, MN
Operational Analytics
Magna Cum Laude

Sara Jean Martin, Wakefield, NE
Marketing

Jeaneen Michele Mathewson, Akron, IA
Accounting
* Jessica Lynn McAllister, Sioux City, IA
  Accounting
  Summa Cum Laude
  Mackenzie Brie Mellick, Sioux Falls, SD
  Accounting
  Phillip Mark Millar, Mt. Vernon, SD
  Accounting
  Magna Cum Laude
* Alex George Mitchell, Sioux Falls, SD
  Accounting
  + Austin Mongan, Sioux Falls, SD
  Business Administration
* Rachele Moore, Artesian, SD
  Business Administration
  Magna Cum Laude
Alexis L. Morrison
  Marketing
  Jessica May Mullenberg, Horace, ND
  Human Resource Management
  Lucas William Murphy, Dakota Dunes, SD
  Business Administration
  Hailey Paige Murray, Brandon, SD
  Marketing
  Jill Michelle Nelsen, Dell Rapids, SD
  Human Resource Management
  Matthew Ward Nelson, Sturgis, SD
  Marketing
  Cum Laude
  Jacob Miles Nicholson, Sioux Falls, SD
  Accounting
  Michele D. Novacek, Sioux Falls, SD
  Accounting
  Cum Laude
* Nicholas Evan Page, Kansas City, MO
  Accounting
* Karan Nitin Patel, Sioux Falls, SD
  Economics
  Bret Michael Pearson, Sioux Falls, SD
  Health Services Administration
  Aloyna Rose Pederson, Gary, SD
  Marketing
  Luís F. Peguero
  Accounting
  Hannah Kaylynn Person, Polk, NE
  Marketing
  Katelyn Mary Petry, Ada, MN
  Human Resource Management
  Summa Cum Laude
  Miranda Rose Pfund, Hartington, NE
  Business Administration
  Ben A. Pinkerman
  Finance
* Samuel Donald Powell, Garretson, SD
  Management
  Ward Matthew Reesman, Omaha, NE
  Economics
  Summa Cum Laude
  University Scholar Graduate
  Boston Ryan-Patrick Rew, Yutan, NE
  Operational Analytics
  Cum Laude
  Brandon Timothy Rich, Lino Lakes, MN
  Marketing
+ candidate for degree summer 2018
* candidate for degree fall 2018

Jacob Richter, Sioux Falls, SD
  Management
* Tiffany Marie Ripperda, Larchwood, IA
  Accounting
  Alexis Claire Ritzman, Sioux Falls, SD
  Finance
  Magna Cum Laude
  Stephanie Rodriguez, Sturgis, SD
  Finance
  * Tyler Rohrbach, Aberdeen, SD
  Finance
  Justin Todd Fitzgerald Rosebrock, Aberdeen, SD
  Finance
* Jason John Rowe, Harrisburg, SD
  Accounting
+ Monte Andrew Rysavy, Wagner, SD
  Health Services Administration
  Dillon Sampson, Jackson, MN
  Business Administration
* Jessica Lynn Sandbulte, Steen, MN
  Accounting
  Summa Cum Laude
* Stephanie Jeanne Sauter, Jackson, MN
  Finance
  Hannah Michaels Scafeer, Yankton, SD
  Business Administration
  Logan James Schiebout, Orange City, IA
  Accounting
  Summa Cum Laude
  Parker J. Schnabel
  Business Administration
* Jocelyn Schreier, Avoca, MN
  Business Administration
* Jamie Keith Schroeder, Wagner, SD
  Accounting
+ Bailey Schwager, Orchard, NE
  Business Administration
  Max Jay James Seward, Pierre, SD
  Business Administration
  Ethan Frederick Smith, Watertown, SD
  Accounting
  Summa Cum Laude
  Megan Ann Smith, Sioux Falls, SD
  Marketing
  Luke A. Snyder, Pierre, SD
  Accounting
  Cum Laude
* Brianna Marie Sparks, Mankato, MN
  Health Services Administration
  Magna Cum Laude
  Rita Lynn Stange, Dell Rapids, SD
  Finance
  Cum Laude
* Nicole Suzanna Steele, Spirit Lake, IA
  Accounting
  Magna Cum Laude
  Kianna R. Stewart
  Business Administration
  Cum Laude
  * Mary Elizabeth Stone, Dakota Dunes, SD
  Health Services Administration
Katie Marie Storm, Archer, IA  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude  
+ Cassidy Louise Stucky, Mitchell, SD  
Marketing

Payton Suter, Rock Valley, IA  
Management  
*Tanner Allen Thompson  
Marketing

Jared Dylan Thorson, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Finance  
+Alec Edward Treiber, Sioux Falls, SD  
Business Administration

Celso Jay Valencia, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting  
* Cum Laude

Brooke Van Gerpen  
* Finance  
* Aaron Lee Van Voorst, Canton, SD  
Management  
*Cum Laude

Derek J. VanderMay, Norris, SD  
Management  
* Kylie Jeanne Vandy, Blair, NE  
Health Services Administration  
* Brandi Jo Vissers, Sioux Falls, SD  
Accounting  
*Cum Laude

Cassandra Nicole Voss, Hurley, SD  
Human Resource Management

Amada Joy Waldner, Sioux Falls, SD  
Human Resource Management

Savannah Jean Walter, Sioux Falls, SD  
Health Services Administration

Bolong Wang, Vermillion, SD  
Finance  
Jonathan Earle Webb, Yankton, SD  
Business Administration  
*Alexandra Constance Weber, Mitchell, SD  
Health Services Administration  
* Whitney Ann Weber, Parkston, SD  
Marketing  
*Cum Laude

* Jaron Robert Weich, Mitchell, SD  
Finance  
*Cum Laude

Dakota Weisbecker  
Marketing

Tyler Wenande, Yankton, SD  
Economics  
*Cum Laude, University Scholar Graduate

Nathan Brett Wendler, Watertown, SD  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude

* Quincy James Wert, Aurora, NE  
Marketing  
* Devan E. West, Brandon, SD  
Accounting  
* Roger David White, Grand Rapids, MI  
Business Administration

Stacy Elizabeth Williams, Lincoln, NE  
Business Administration  
+ Matthew Wolff, Chandler, AZ  
Finance

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* candidate for degree fall 2018

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School of Education

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Bachelor of Science

+ Calym Thane Adamson, Vermillion, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Joshua Ramon Afzali, Faith, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Shea John Arundel, Watertown, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management  
*Cum Laude

Drew Logan Andela, Harrisburg, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Brittney Alysa Baker, Thousand Oaks, CA  
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Rachel Nicole Beckman, Thousand Oaks, CA  
Kinesiology & Sport Management  
*Cum Laude

Kyle Jonathan Bergeson, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management  
*Magna Cum Laude

University Scholar Graduate  
+ Aric Lyle Birkeland, Huron, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Rachel Marie Blackmun, Groton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management  
*Cum Laude

Sydney Lee Bodensteiner, Rapid City, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management  
*Cum Laude

Alyssa Elizabeth Brown, Wood River, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Management  
*Cum Laude

Alison A. Cappy, Chicago, IL  
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Dylan Chad Carlson, St. Cloud, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Management  
*Cum Laude

McKenzie Clare Carlson, Priors, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Management  
*Summa Cum Laude

+ Brooke Elizabeth Curtis, Broken Arrow, OK  
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Sydney Kate Daane, Rapid City, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management  
*Magna Cum Laude

Joshua Ryan DeRaad, Center City, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management

Hayley Jo Dotson, Johnston, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Management

+ Derek Jeffrey Wolterman, Vermillion, SD  
Business Administration

Chase P. Wood  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude

Griffin James Bridger York, Oxford, NE  
Accounting  
*Magna Cum Laude

* Zachary Dean Zemlicka, Neligh, NE  
Accounting

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+ James Wayne Dougherty III, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Abby Lou Esser, Stewart, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Megan Marie Feerick, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Patricia Ann Fischbach, West St. Paul, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
* Chase L. Fischer, South Sioux City, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Jordan Elizabeth Fischer, Sac City, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Summa Cum Laude
+ Mikaela Ann Fischer, Goodwin, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Tyler David Flack  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Preston James Gary Frederick, Mobridge, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Riley Gohl, Hutchinson, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Cassidy Jean Graham, Alexandria, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Summa Cum Laude
+ Garrett Graves, Carson, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Alysa N. Gregg  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
* Isaac Richard Grode, Pierre, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude
Benjamin D. Hammer  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Tyler Scott Havard, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude
Abigail Lynn Hubert, Neenah, WI  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
* Peter Karenwitz Hubert, Sarasota, FL  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Christopher Joseph James, Rapid City, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Ethan Eli James, Vermillion, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
* Lindsay Kathryn Joyce  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magn Cum Laude
Tayler Nicole Karas, Gretna, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Evan Alexandra King, Box Elder, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Michael Steven Kopren, Bismarck, ND  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Bethany Marie Kozak, Hugo, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Summa Cum Laude
University Scholar Graduate
* Justin Tyler Krebs, Rapid City, SD  
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+ Sean Langner, Watertown, SD  
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Kayla M. LeBon  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magn Cum Laude
+ Jordan James Lendal, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Douglas M. Lewis  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Austin J. Lindeman  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magn Cum Laude
+ Damion Lindley Anthony Lourensz, Willemstad, Curacao  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Kaitlin Marie Mennenga, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude
+ Craig Monahan, Churdan, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
* Ericka Muchow, Sioux Falls, SD  
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Logan Nicholas Mudd, Avon, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Aaron Jordan Nachtgall, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Austin Michael Neumann, Kingsley, IA  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ James Patrick Noonan, Huron, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude
John Arthur O’Connor, Watertown, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
* Colby Glen Orts, Brenham, TX  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Michael J. Peterson  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Christian Emil Pospisil, Omaha, NE  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Logan R. Power  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magn Cum Laude
+ Corey Joseph Price, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Adam Joseph Rizzio, Vermillion, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magn Cum Laude
+ Spencer Alan Rokahr, Yankton, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Rachael Severson, Ipswich, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Summa Cum Laude
Sarah Marie Shippy, Colome, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Magn Cum Laude
+ Austin Sparks, Westminster  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Matthew Jonathan Swanson, Ramsey, MN  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Ryan Andrew Sztapka, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Issei Takeuchi, Murakami, Japan  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
+ Timothy D. Thaler, Wagner, SD  
Kinesiology & Sport Management
Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science in Education

Payton Marie Allen, Odebolt, IA
Elementary Education Cum Laude
Kelsey C. Amezquita, Anaheim Hills, CA
Elementary Education & Special Education Cum Laude
Amelia Joy Atkins, Baltic, SD
Physical Education
* Whitney Ann Barnes, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Jamie Kay Barnett, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education Magna Cum Laude
Claire Elizabeth Bennett, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education Cum Laude
* Kaitlin Brenna Bransonier, Ontario, CA
Elementary Education
Chandler Leigh Brons, Lake Park, IA
Elementary Education Magna Cum Laude
Olivia MarieBruening, Fort Calhoun, NE
Elementary Education Cum Laude
Connor Thomas Burchill, Sioux Falls, SD
Physical Education
Katherine Grace Coffeen-Spencer, Blair, NE
Elementary Education Magna Cum Laude
Alex D. Coker
Elementary Education
Brett Lane Cuperus, Fulda, MN
Mathematics Education & Special Education Cum Laude
Matthew John Decker, Watertown, SD
History Education Magna Cum Laude
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Sarah Nicole Dreyer, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education
Sydney Leigh Esselink, Luverne, MN
Elementary Education & Special Education Cum Laude
Timothy W. Furness
Elementary Education
* Abigail Rose Gacke, Hartford, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Theresa Marie Godlewski, Mt. Prospect, IL
Mathematics Education Magna Cum Laude
Andrew Danton Gray, New Lenox, IL
Physical Education
Kallie Marie Grieme, Lawton, IA
Elementary Education
Melissa Renee Griese, Hemet, CA
Elementary Education Cum Laude
* Hanna Kay Heisinger, Parkston, SD
Elementary Education Magna Cum Laude
* Nicholas Alan Heitkamp, Sioux Falls, SD
History Education
Taylor Lee Hento, Avon, SD
History Education
Emily Christian Hill, Centerville, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Abbey Autumn Hilt, Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education Summa Cum Laude
Megan Horkey, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education Magna Cum Laude
Callie Jo Jarman, Dakota Dunes, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
MacKenzie M. Jensen
Elementary Education Summa Cum Laude
* Robert Scott Johanson, Flandreau, SD
Physical Education
* James Arnold Johnikin, Sioux Falls, SD
History Education & Special Education
Ashley Victoria Johnson, Akron, IA
History Education & Special Education
* Nicole Ann Jones, Sioux Falls, SD
History Education
Amanda Lee Jordan, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education
Jessica A. Jordano, Elk horn, NE
History Education Summa Cum Laude
Katelyn Kendall, Brandon, SD
History Education & Special Education Magna Cum Laude
Tari Marie Knock, Royal, IA
English Education Magna Cum Laude
Kasey M. Knutson
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Mackenzie Deanne Kopren, Chester, SD
Elementary Education
McKayla J. Kramer
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude
Kaci Ann Kruger, Sheldon, IA
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude
* Chris J. Kuca, Dante, SD
History Education
Connor H. Kuipers
Elementary Education
* Bailey John Lagge, Vermillion, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude
Kathleen E. M. Lehrkamp, Fort Pierre, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
* Courtney Jae Leloux, Doon, IA
Elementary Education
McKenzie Lynn Lenihan, Council Bluffs, IA
Elementary Education
* Mason Richard Madsen, Groton, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Kyra Elaine Martens, Oakland, IA
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Kelsie Mastel, Mitchell, SD
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude
* Brody Michael Mathey, Le Mars, IA
Physical Education
* Joseph Daniel Mazour, Vermillion, SD
Physical Education
* Amber Marie McCallum, Rochester, MN
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude
Jacob W. Meyer, Brookings, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Samantha Kay Most, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education
Blake A. Muldbakken, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
* Cole O’Conner, Fort Pierre, SD
Mathematics Education
* Taylor James Olsen, Beresford, SD
Mathematics Education
* Maranda Kathleen Olson, Pierre, SD
Elementary Education
* Taylor Marie Peters, Le Mars, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
* Kristen Leigh Pickner, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Madison N. Reeser
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Imalay Rivera
Elementary Education
David Lamont Douglas Robinson, Zion, IL
English Education
Nicole Marie Roth, Salem, SD
Elementary Education & Special Education
Cum Laude
Jonah M. Rothermel
Biology Education
Samantha Jo Scharf, Sioux Falls, SD
Mathematics Education
* Kaylie Schlapkohl, Sioux Falls, SD
Elementary Education
* Alexis Anna Schubert, Sisseton, SD
History Education
* Adam James Shanks, Elk Point, SD
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Austin J. Simmons
Physical Education
Cum Laude
* Brielle Christine Sowards, St. Paul, MN
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Maddie Marie Stanek, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
* Emily Ruby Jean Steenkens, North Sioux City, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
* Madeline Lynn Stegenga, Luverne, MN
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Carly Elizabeth Sternhagen, Tabor, SD
Mathematics Education
Summa Cum Laude
Corey Nicole Strang, Temecula, CA
History Education
* Mykah Jean Strom, Lynch, NE
Elementary Education & Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Matthew Brady Taverna, Brandon, SD
English Education
Tanner Kim Termansen, Yankton, SD
History Education
Cum Laude
Jack K. Thony
Physical Education & Special Education
Haley Ann Unzen, Groton, SD
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
* Cassie Jean Van Kekerix, Beresford, SD
Elementary Education
Dalton Thomas Waterman, Hawarden, IA
Physical Education
* Kelsey Renee Watterson, Sioux City, IA
Elementary Education & Special Education

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College of Fine Arts

Presented by Dean Larry Schou

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Dillon M. Bryant
Art
*Magna Cum Laude

* Cory Lee Carlyle, Auburn, IA
Art
*Magna Cum Laude

*Amanda Diane Finstrom, Buxton, ND
Art
Daniel Bernard Frye, Branford, CT
Theatre
University Scholar Graduate

* Wyatt Roy Hansen, Vermillion, SD
Theatre

* Chad Kenneth Hatanpa, Chaska, MN
Art

Tess M. Jones
Theatre

Nate J. Keane
Theatre

Skylar Christopher Kidd, Sioux Falls, SD
Art Education

Alyeska June Krull, Soldotna, AK
Theatre

*Magna Cum Laude

* Courtney Kay La Vallie, Sioux Falls, SD
Art
Cum Laude

Javier E. Lara-Ruiz
Art

*Mackenzie Taylor Lavallee, Kettering, OH
Art Education
Cum Laude

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* candidate for degree fall 2018

Bachelor of Music

* Brittany Anne Kolbeck, Okoboji, IA
Music Education
*Magna Cum Laude

+ Zachary Alan Krogman Behrens, Sibley, IA
Music Performance

Ian Maclean Reiland-Smith, Sioux Falls, SD
Music Performance
Cum Laude

* Elizabeth Caroline Wensmann, Aberdeen, SD
Music Education
*Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Musical Arts

Katherine Ruth Zimmer, Glen Ellyn, IL
School of Health Sciences
Presented by Dean Lana Svien

Bachelor of Science

Riley William Ackerman, Rapid City, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Mohamed Hussein Ahmed Ali, Sioux City, IA
Medical Laboratory Science
Cum Laude

Makenzie Kay Anthony, Stickney, SD
Social Work

Hartyot Athwal, Laguna Hills, CA
Health Sciences

Selena Avila, Columbus, NE
Dental Hygiene

Carissa Paige Bayne, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

Jessilyn Grace Bean, Arrowsmith, IL
Social Work
University Scholar Graduate

Taylor Kay Bergeson, Hartford, SD
Social Work
Magna Cum Laude

Andrea Lael Bogner, Norfolk, NE
Health Sciences

Justin Lee Boulware, Vermillion, SD
Social Work

Rebecca Kaye Brimmer, Rapid City, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Corre L. Brown
Addiction Studies

Kassidi Nicole Browning, Bancroft, NE
Social Work

Rachel Nicole Bruening, Humboldt, SD
Health Sciences
Cum Laude

Kelley R. Callanan
Health Sciences

Clare Isabella Campbell, Treynor, IA
Social Work

Cassidy Morgan Campbell Halls,
Rapid City, SD
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Erica JoLynn Carrels, Aberdeen, SD
Dental Hygiene

Braden Dale Carroll, Dannebrog, NE
Health Sciences

Andrea Renee Chandler, Colorado Springs, CO
Health Sciences

* Shannon Spring Robideaux Christianson, Pine Ridge, SD
Health Sciences

Brittani Marie Clark, Piedmont, SD
Health Sciences

Erika Nicole Clark, Blair, NE
Health Sciences
Summa Cum Laude

K-ya Lynn Clary, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

Jordyn Janeen Cook, Eagle Butte, SD
Health Sciences

Cassandra Arielle Cristini, Kansas City, MO
Health Sciences

Rachael Crowe, Chisago City, MN
Health Sciences

Julia M. Darland
Health Sciences

Amber Marie Donahue, Sioux City, IA
Addiction Studies

Renee Yvette Douglas, Canton, SD
Health Sciences
Summa Cum Laude

Macey Rae Dozark, Denison, IA
Health Sciences
Summa Cum Laude

Nicole Marie Driggs, Mitchell, SD
Dental Hygiene
Cum Laude

Robyn LeeAnn Duarte, Sioux City, IA
Health Sciences

Allysha Duffel, Letcher, SD
Social Work
Magna Cum Laude

Megan Ashley Dundas, Parkston, SD
Medical Laboratory Science

Wayne Fanning, San Antonio, TX
Health Sciences

Makayla Fifsdal
Health Sciences

Heather LeAnn Fulkers, Randolph, NE
Social Work

Timothy Forehand, Middletown, VA
Health Sciences

Breana Nicole Fossum, Rapid City, SD
Dental Hygiene
Summa Cum Laude

McKayla Marie Foust-Newton, Belle Fourche, SD
Social Work
Cum Laude

Allyson Raye Frankenhofer, Hayti, SD
Dental Hygiene

Ashley Marie Fritz, Reading, MN
Health Sciences

Melissa Lynn Gaul, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

Jamie Gay, Bethel, OH
Health Sciences

Dasashe W. Gelaw
Health Sciences

Brandi Rose German, Watertown, SD
Health Sciences

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Sabrina Nicole Gibbs, Parker, SD
Health Sciences

Marcus Alan Ambrose Girres, Graettinger, IA
Health Sciences

Falmata Gishe, Sioux City, IA
Dental Hygiene

+ Jessica Goldsmith, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work

Autumn E. Gomez
Dental Hygiene

* Cindy Gomez, Sioux Falls, SD
Social Work

Eden R. Gramm
Health Sciences

Cheyenne N. Graves
Social Work

Alyssa Leonore Gregg, Elk Point, SD
Dental Hygiene

Grayson Barbara Gruenhagen, De Smet, SD
Dental Hygiene

Summa Cum Laude

Katelyn Shawn Gundvaldson, Sioux Falls, SD
Dental Hygiene

Magna Cum Laude

Emily Elizabeth Haar, Rapid City, SD
Dental Hygiene

Victoria Ann Hagg, Rapid City, SD
Health Sciences

Magna Cum Laude

Aislynn Chanel Hamann, Sioux City, IA
Dental Hygiene

Amber Lee Hanson, Elk Point, SD
Health Sciences

Whitney Hanson, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

Ashlyn Marie Hartman, Watertown, SD
Health Sciences

+ Shelby Harvey, Hill City, SD
Health Sciences

+ Chelsie Jo Hatcher, Pisgah, IA
Social Work

Abby Elizabeth Hayes, Murphy, NC
Health Sciences

Alexandra Rae Helgerson, Yankton, SD
Social Work

+ Jamie Lin Hensley, Crofton, AL
Health Sciences

+ Carmen Jensen, Coral Springs, FL
Health Sciences

Marcia L. Jensen, Peoria, AZ
Dental Hygiene

+ Abbie Marie Johannesen, Rapid City, SD
Social Work

Cari A. Johnson
Health Sciences

+ Elizabeth Rose Johnston, Montgomery, MN
Social Work

* Hannah Marie Jorgensen, Hurley, SD
Health Sciences

+ Nyatik Daniel Joseph, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

Diana Marie Kautz Smallwood, Yankton, SD
Social Work

+ Alexandra Dawn Kern, Deadwood, SD
Health Sciences

Drew M. Keuck
Health Sciences

Magna Cum Laude

+ Tiffany Rosemarie Klug, Yankton, SD
Social Work

Megan B. Knoll
Health Sciences

Magna Cum Laude

* Rachel Kolandar, Lakefield, MN
Medical Laboratory Science

+ Jason Brett Koltz, Hoffman Estates, IL
Health Sciences

Marijah Jane Kosidowski, Apple Valley, MN
Social Work

Lauren Reneae Kratz, Brookings, SD
Medical Laboratory Science

Cum Laude

+ Allyson Krupinsky, Englewood, CO
Addiction Studies

Magna Cum Laude

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Kevin Maisog Lagang, Sioux Falls, SD
Health Sciences

+ Kathleen Leilani Landram, Allyn, WA
Health Sciences

* Lexi Michelle Leibel, Burke, SD
Health Sciences

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* candidate for degree fall 2018

Brooke C. Hubert
Dental Hygiene

Ilmani Iris Huerta, Wallkill, NY
Medical Laboratory Science

+ Maxwell Brian Hunhoff, Yankton, SD
Social Work

Magna Cum Laude

Fadumo Jamal-Baba
Health Sciences

* Jennifer Jeanne Janish, Aberdeen, SD
Health Sciences

Kira Nicole Jasper, Alton, IA
Dental Hygiene

+ Carmen Jensen, Coral Springs, FL
Health Sciences

+ Marcia L. Jensen, Peoria, AZ
Dental Hygiene

+ Abbie Marie Johannesen, Rapid City, SD
Social Work
Ali Morgan Leonard, Spearfish, SD  
Health Sciences

Maria C. Letcher  
Social Work

Erayna Jean Aileen Lister, Lawrence, KS  
Addiction Studies

* Joshua Jack Ljunggren, Springfield, MO  
Health Sciences

+ Jena Lynn Lockwood  
Dental Hygiene

* Miles Margaret Irene Ludwigs, Bronson, IA  
Social Work

Cynthia Luna, North Sioux City, SD  
Health Sciences

* Kencia Maccelon, Orlando, FL  
Health Sciences

Laurel Anna Maier, Sioux City, IA  
Health Sciences

+ Maggie Malathip, Worthington, MN  
Social Work

Addison Craig McCauley  
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Jared W. Barrie
+ Jordan Beck, Leola, SD
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Gretchen M. Biersbach
Cum Laude
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Cum Laude
* Rebecca Danielle Black, Sioux Falls, SD
Courtney Joy Bolkema, Sheldon, IA
* Shaina Ann Bollinger, Chamberlain, SD
Myranda Jo Brandner, Pierre, SD
* Ashley Marie Brooks, Spirit Lake, IA
Emily Ann Brosamie, Galva, IA
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* Lisa Marie Brower, Harrisburg, SD
Haley Jo Bruggeman, Harrisburg, SD
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Lindsay Lee Burrer, Spearfish, SD
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Stephanie Yaa Donkor, Sioux Falls, SD
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* Hondi Sue Dunn, Sturgis, SD
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Cum Laude
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+ Crystal Lynne Johnson
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Cum Laude
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Michael Mason Keller, Mobridge, SD
Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude  
Jenna Renee Warwick, Sioux Falls, SD  
Cum Laude  
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Magna Cum Laude  
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* Abbie Elizabeth Wieseler, Pierre, SD  
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Page Wise, Sioux Falls, SD  
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* Jessica Mae Curtis, Redfield, SD  
* Danielle Caye Daniels, Watertown, SD  
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* Chelsea Rose Harr, Aberdeen, SD  
* Carter Jackson Holm, Brookings, SD  
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* Anna Nicole Kitterman, Wall, SD  
* Chantel Marie Koistinen, Lake Norden, SD  
* Amanda Kristin Lenning, Watertown, SD  
* Savanna Dee Lentsch, Hayti, SD  
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* Linda Miller, Watertown, SD  
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* Dane Willis Slater, De Smet, SD  
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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

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Honor Societies

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
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

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Academic Dress

The tradition of academic costume has a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople 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

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