SPRING 2018
Commencement
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
SANFORD COYOTES SPORTS CENTER
VERMILLION, SD
MAY 5, 2018
Graduate & Professional
Commencement

Sanford Coyotes Sports Center
May 5, 2018 3:00 p.m.

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

The National Anthem
Marlise Ahuna

Welcome
Dr. Robin Ammon, University Senate Chair
James W. Abbott, President

Commencement Address
Dr. David A. Pearce
Executive Vice President of Innovation & Research, Sanford Health

Authorization of Degree Conferral
Bob Sutton, 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
- James W. Abbott, 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.
Commencement Speaker

David A. Pearce

David Pearce is Executive Vice President of Innovation and Research for Sanford Health. He completed his undergraduate Bachelor of Science Degree with honors in biological sciences at Wolverhampton Polytechnic in 1986. He gained his PhD in 1990 at the University of Bath, UK, and did postdoctoral training at the University of Rochester, U.S., and Oxford University, UK.

Dr. Pearce heads the leading lab in Juvenile Batten disease research. He has been researching Juvenile Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis (Batten disease) since 1997. His research has led to the first clinical trial for Juvenile Batten disease. He has published over 100 research papers on Batten disease. He also oversees a national registry for rare diseases known as the Coordination of Rare Diseases at Sanford (CoRDS). He has served on numerous NIH review committees, has organized rare disease workshops for the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) arm of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and is currently a member of the executive committee for the International Rare Diseases Research Consortium (IRDiRC).

In his role as Executive Vice President of Innovation and Research at Sanford he is responsible for overseeing the development of research programs across Sanford’s nine-state footprint, including more than 450 researchers, eight research centers and more than 300 ongoing clinical trials. With this, he is also responsible for commercialization of select research strategies, as well as integrating Sanford Research operations into Sanford Health International Clinics. Driven by Dr. Pearce’s passion for developing patient-centered, impactful research programs Sanford Research is uniquely positioned to provide translational research that can bring important discoveries from bench to bedside, improving the quality of care.
Stage Party

James W. Abbott  
President
Bob Sutton  
Board of Regents Representative
Dr. David A. Pearce  
Speaker
Torrey Sundall  
Alumni Association Representative
Jim Moran  
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
Michael Lawler  
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 Susanne Skyrn

Head Marshals

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

Marshals

Daniel Bird  
Sanford School of Medicine
Sherrie Bosse  
School of Education
Scott Breuninger  
College of Arts & Sciences
Ann Brunick  
School of Health Sciences
David Carr  
Beacom School of Business
John Dudley  
College of Arts & Sciences
Chaya Gordon-Bland  
School of Fine Arts
Tiffany Graham  
School of Law
Gregory Huckabee  
Beacom School of Business
Kurt Hackemer  
College of Arts & Sciences
Christine Hutton  
School of Law
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
Solveig Korte  
College of Arts & Sciences
Kelly McKay-Semmler  
College of Arts & Sciences
Timothy Schorn  
College of Arts & Sciences
Lana Svien  
School of Health Sciences
Rand Wergin  
Beacom School of Business
Jerry Yutrzenka  
Sanford School of Medicine
Board of Regents

Michael G. Rush
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Bob Sutton
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Kevin Schieffler
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John Bastian
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Brookings
Randy Schaefer
Madison
Pam Roberts
Pierre (Hughes County)
Jim Thares
Aberdeen
Joan Wink
Howes (Mead)
Conrad Adam
Pierre

Faculty in Attendance

Professor Mejai Bola Avoseh
Professor John Banasiak
Professor Chet Barney
Professor Teri Bellis
Professor Patti Berg-Poppe
Professor Barbara Brockevelt
Professor Kathleen Brown-Rice
Professor Karen Card
Professor Susan Curtin
Professor Janet Davison
Professor David De Jong
Professor Bridget Diamon-Welch
Professor Patti DiMond
Professor De Vee Dykstra
Professor David Earnest
Professor Daniel Engebretson
Professor Matthew Fairholm
Professor Darlene Farabee
Professor Diana Feldhacker
Professor Jose Flores
Professor Paul Formisano
Professor Gina Forster
Professor Harry Freeman
Professor Susan Gapp
Professor Raimondo Genna
Professor Elizabeth Hanson
Professor Bart Hanus
Professor Helene Hegge

Professor Angela Helmer
Professor David Holdhusen
Professor Meghann Jarchow
Professor Lindsey Jorgensen
Professor Maribeth Jorgensen
Professor Teddi Joyce
Professor Bruce Kelley
Professor Jacob Kerby
Professor Karen Kindle
Professor John Korkow
Professor Karen Koster
Professor Yi-Fan Li
Professor Talin Louder
Professor Sandy McKeown
Professor Jessica Messersmith
Professor Diana Messick
Professor Allison Naber
Professor Brandon Ness
Professor Ranelle Nissen
Professor Shane Nordyke
Professor Drew Pickett
Professor Anne Pithan
Professor Dyanis Popova
Professor Kari Potter
Professor Randy Quevillon
Professor Kathleen Rice
Professor Derrick Robinson
Professor Soonhee Roh
Professor Amy Schweinle
Professor Shane Semmler
Professor Carole South-Winter
Professor Cliff Summers
Professor Andrew Sykes
Professor Thomas Tiahrt
Professor Quoc-Nam-Tran
Professor Dan Van Peursem
Professor Laura Vidler
Professor Gabriela Walker
Professor XT Wang
Professor Heidi Waters
Professor Michael Watt
Professor Robin Webers
Professor Suzanne Williams
Professor Jing Williams
Professor Bernie Wone
Professor Frank Zavadil
Doctoral Degrees
Graduate School
Presented by Dean Ranjit Koodali
Doctor of Philosophy

Bryan L. Anderson
M.A., University of South Dakota
Political Science
On Statesmanship: Developing a Model of Statesmanship

Jordan Arlin Anderson, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Biomedical Engineering
Development and Testing of Novel Biomaterials and Coatings for Applications in Stents and Drug-Coated Balloons

Natasha Lynn Anderson, Yankton, SD
M.B.A., Colorado Technical University
Political Science
Constraints of Rural America and Their Impact on Composition and Governance of Nonprofit Boards

Jessica Arlene Bordeaux-Rank, White River, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Tribal Participatory Research with Psychological First Aid Training of Trainers on the Rosebud: A Follow-Up Study

Taylor James Bosch, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., University of Sioux Falls
Biomedical Sciences
Neural and Behavioral Mechanisms Underlying Tool Use Motor Resonance

Jonathan Jazz Brudvig, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Biomedical Sciences
Molecular Roles of Myristoylated Alanine-Rich C Kinase Substrate (MARCKS) in Neurite Dynamics

Eudia En Ping Chua, Singapore
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology

Drew Robert Davis, Bastrop, TX
M.S., Texas State University
Biological Sciences
Effects of Agricultural Tile Drainage on Wetland Habitats and Species

Melissa Lynn Dittberner, Gayville, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
A Quasi-Experimental Test of the Impact of Addiction Studies Education on College Student’s Substance Use

+ candidate for degree summer 2017
* candidate for degree fall 2017

Jose Ramon Dominguez, Cuautemec
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Acute Pain Experience and Recovery: Motivational Effects on Self-Control and Regulation and Regulatory Effects on Social Discounting

Tracie Rae Erdmann, Milesville, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
Counseling & Psychology in Education
Understanding the Correlates of Clinical Counselor Supervisor Burnout

Abby M. Foreman, Sioux Center, IA
M.S.W., University of Michigan
Political Science
Perceptions in Contract-for-Services Relationships: The Impact of Trust

Katie Baker Grausam, Sioux Falls, SD
M.S., Florida State University
Biomedical Sciences
Atonal Homolog f-Driven Leptomeningeal Dissemination and Metastasis

Logan Tyler Hale, West Monroe, LA
M.S., University of Louisiana at Monroe
Psychology
An Assessment of the Relationship between Website and Physical Environment Dependence Based on Internet Preference and Usage

Anastasia Imig, Sioux City, IA
M.A., University of Iowa
Counseling & Psychology in Education
White Privilege Awareness among White Clinical Supervisors

Birendra KC, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., Saint Cloud State University
Biomedical Sciences
Application of Bioid to Identify Novel Nuclear Envelope Constituents and Functions

David N. Levine
M.F.A., University of Colorado
English
Anatomy: A Primer

Angela Felker MacCabe, Reno, NV
T.D.P.T., University of South Dakota
Health Sciences
Andragogy and the Complex Medical Environment: Investigating Teaching Strategies to Improve Physical Therapist Student Readiness to Practice within Acute and Critical Care Scenarios

Lauren Paul Maestas, Holman, NM
M.S., University of Tennessee
Biological Sciences
The Implications of Plague Management on Ectoparasite and Host Ecology, and the Search for Ixodes Scapularis and Borrelia Burgdorferi in South Dakota

Joshua Michael Malay, Northfield, MN
M.A., Iowa State University
Political Science
Controversies in the Bureau of Land Management: A Reputational Power Analysis of the Bureau of Land Management
Cheyenne Marie Marco, Worthington, MN
M.A., University of South Dakota
English
The Architecture of Water

* Aaron Matson, Sioux Falls, SD
M.Div., Trinity Lutheran Seminary
Political Science
Net Neutrality, the CFPD, and Carbon Emissions: An Analysis of Separation of Powers Issues in Public Administration

Ellie Jo Mausbach, Norfolk, NE
B.A., Bemidji State University
Psychology
Educational Technology Acceptance and Adolescents

+ Xianghua Meng, Vermillion, SD
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Ligand Controlled Morphology Evolution and Structure-Dependent Sensitivity of Plasmonic Gold Nanomaterials

+ Matthew Moffitt, Erlanger, KY
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Abuse and Violence: The Role of Childhood Maltreatment Characteristics in Incarcerated Male Adult Violent Offenders

Kristopher Alexander Pitcher, Sykesville, SD
M.S., University of Southern Mississippi
Biological Sciences
“Space: The Final Frontier.” Effects of Dynamic Structural Habitat Complexity and Connectivity on Predator-Prey Interactions

+ Fangfang Qiao, Shijiazhuang
M.S., Xiamen University
Basic Biomedical Sciences
Role of Ubiquilin-1 in Genetically Modified Mice

Austin Lee Rallis, East Bridgewater, MA
B.A., Hellenic College
Physician Scientist
Neural Correlates of Virtual Tool Use

Regan E. Roat
B.A., University of Pennsylvania
Physician Scientist
Circulating Micro-Rnas as Biomarkers of Early & Cell Loss in Type 1 Diabetes

* Maryam Salehi, Tehran, Iran
M.S., Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences
Biomedical Sciences
Investigating the Regulatory Role of Endothelial Cells in Immune Tolerance and Disease

* Karla Leslie Tait
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Tribal Participatory Research in Action: Cross-Culturally Adapting and Evaluating Community Based Psychological First Aid Training for Native Direct Care Staff

+ Christine Kathryn Tirabassi Hahn, Mission Viejo, CA
M.A., University of South Dakota
Psychology
Traumatic Stress among Women Attending a Fertility Clinic: The Role of Prior Traumatic Events, Emotion Regulation and Avoidant Coping

* Dayton Jonathan Vogel, Rock Valley, IA
M.S., University of South Dakota
Materials Chemistry
Nondiabetic Dynamics in Quantum Confined Semiconductors

* Michael Lee Wallinga, Orange City, IA
M.A., University of South Dakota
Computational Science & Statistics
Multiple Sequence Alignment Using Particle Swarm Optimization

* Zachary James Walter, Berkeley, CA
M.F.A., California College of the Arts
English
Future Novel

+ Wenzhao Wei, Gong’an, China
M.S., University of South Dakota
Physics
Advanced Germanium Detectors for Rare Event Physics Searches

+ Stacy Lynn Rowenhorst Wempe
B.S., Creighton University
Basic Biomedical Sciences
Synergistic Lethality of PI3K Inhibition and Antiprogestin Therapy in Ovarian Cancer

Hanming Zhang
B.S., Zhejiang Sci-Tech University
Biomedical Sciences

+ candidate for degree summer 2017
* candidate for degree fall 2017
Doctor of Education

Jennifer L. Aranda, Eau Claire, WI
M.S., University of Wisconsin-Stout
Educational Administration
Civility and Bullying in Higher Education: Secrets in Academia and the Culture of Incivility
+ Shannon Renee Beller, Sioux City, IA
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
What does it take to be a Successful Graphic Designer: A Phenomenological Study on Graphic Design Curriculum
Johanna M. Bonds, Hill City, SD
M.A., Northern Arizona University
Educational Administration
Social Engagement for Baby Boomers through Multigenerational and Transformative Creative Exp.
* Joe L. Childs, Mitchell, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Online Dual Credits: Measuring the Relationship between Grades Earned in Rural High School Dual Credit Courses and Grades Earned in Post High School College Credit
Dennis William Dolezal, Rushville, NE
M.Ed., Chadron State College
Educational Administration
Student Testing and School Attendance Rates in South Dakota: A Study of Schools with Four Day School Weeks.
Jason Christopher Dolliver, Pender, NE
Ed.S., Wayne State College
Educational Administration
The Comparison of Student Assessment Results Before and After the Implementation of Standards-Based Grading and Reporting in a Rural Elementary School
* Theresa Lee Engle, Sergeant Bluff, IA
M.A., Morningside College
Curriculum & Instruction
The Development of Dispositions in a Professional Development School from the Teacher Candidates’ Perspective
Carol J. Erwin, Laurel, NE
M.Ed., Doane College
Educational Administration
Prioritizing Professional Development Needs of Nebraska Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers
Eddie Lee Felder Jr., Vermillion, SD
M.S., Troy University
Educational Administration
Higher Education Non-Faculty Staff Performance, Productivity, and Evaluation - Making Appraisals Work
Lisa M. Gibbon
M.S., South Dakota State University
Educational Administration
The State of IPE in American Nursing Programs
Greta Marie Giese, Sheldon, IA
M.A., University of Northern Iowa
Educational Administration
Using Herzberg’s Theory of Motivation to Predict Job Satisfaction in Non-Academic Iowa Community College Employees
Faye L. Haggard, Rapid City, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Innovation in Health Science Education: Insights from Experts in the Field
Marcia Palomino Hawk, Powder Springs, GA
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Adult Students’ Satisfaction with Institutional Services at a Liberal Arts College
+ Casey Jo Hurner, Wayne, NE
M.S., Wayne State College
Educational Administration
The Phenomenology of Preparing Culturally Proficient Teachers: Modeling Co-Teaching and Critical Discourse in a Rural State College
Sheila Ann Jensen, Dakota Dunes, SD
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Exploring the Contextual Factors Contributing to a Positive Trajectory of Discontinued Reading Recovery Students: For Instructional Leaders
Dora Luz Jung, Oaxaca, Mexico
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Relationship between Bilingualism and the Development of Soft Skills
Joseph B. Lefdal
Ed.S., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Job-Related Stress on Nebraska School Superintendents and the Strategies They Use to Cope
Jenni Marie McCrory, Sergeant Bluff, IA
M.A., University of South Dakota
Educational Administration
Early Childhood Education Benefits
Holly L. O’Dell, Sioux Falls, SD
M.Ed., Chadron State College
Curriculum & Instruction
A Reading Level Comparison Between the ACT, SAT, and Eleventh Grade Smarter Balanced and PARCC Tests

+ candidate for degree summer 2017
* candidate for degree fall 2017
Michelle Powers, Brookings, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
The Effect of Direct Metacognitive Instruction on the Reported Self-Efficacy of Pre-Service Teachers  
* April Scott, Grants, NM  
M.Ed., American Intercontinental University  
Educational Administration  
Block Scheduling and Students’ Achievement in Mathematics in a Selected Nebraska School District  
Samantha M. Tauer, Marshall, MN  
M.S., Southwest Minnesota State University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
The Effect of Dialogue Journals on Informational Text Comprehension and Metacognition of Sixth Grade Students  
Carol Voss-Ward, Vermillion, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Facilitating Student Success: Effective Institutional Practices for Pell Grant Recipients at Selected Universities  
Sara Joan Walsh, Wakefield, NE  
M.S., Wayne State College  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Comparing Co-Teaching and Traditional Models for Teacher Candidates’ Clinical Practice in Inclusive Settings  
Tonia Ann Warzeca, Sioux Falls, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Making an Informed Decision about Kindergarten Entrance  
* Justin Emmons Zajic, Mitchell, SD  
Ed.S., University of South Dakota  
Educational Administration  
Summer Regression and Rural Students: The Effects of the Extended School Year on Mathematics & Reading for Elementary Age  

Doctor of Audiology

Sarah E. Anderson, New Brighton, MN  
B.S., University of Wisconsin-River Falls  
Dichotic Listening Training and its Effects on Cognitive Processing in Experienced Hearing Aid Users  
Nicklaus Joseph Arna, Norristown, PA  
B.S., James Madison University  
Knowledge and Beliefs of NCAA Basketball: Student-Athletes and Coaches on the Use of Frequency Modulation (FM) systems by Collegiate Players  
Lavin Kay Entwise, Huron, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Considerations for Cochlear Implant Programming in Persons with Sustained Neurologic Impairment: ESRT and Loudness Perception  
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Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Chase Ronald Brandner, Herreid, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State  
Krista Elizabeth Crook, Rose Hill, KS  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Nicole Fluth, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Michelle Ann Holbeck, Armour, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Katelyn Elaine Holbrook, Spencer, IA  
B.S., Iowa State University  
Riley Johnson, Arlington, NE  
B.S., Doane College  
* Megan K. Kotz, Presho, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Nicole Katrina Kuhl, Yankton, SD  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Elizabeth Anne Laskowski, Rochester, MN  
B.S., Wheaton College  
Kaitlyn Janelle Ludwig, Oakdale, MN  
B.A., Minnesota State University-Moorhead  
Lindsey Joy Mettler, Wessington Springs, SD  
B.S., University of Sioux Falls  
Alaina Joy Meyer, Lennox, SD  
B.S., South Dakota State University  
Shelby Nicole Myers, Stuart, NE  
B.S., Wayne State College  
Whitney Leigh Redler, Milford, NE  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
* Lora Bea Smith, Canby, OR  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
* Angela Lee Stearns, Le Mars, IA  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Megan Leann Van Heerde, Sioux Falls, SD  
B.S., University of South Dakota  
Makenzie Ann Vander Molen, Pella, IA  
B.A., Central College  
Rachel Warnke, Ida Grove, IA  
B.S., Briar Cliff University  
* Kara DeAnn Welke, Thompson, ND  
M.S., University of South Dakota  
Stephanie Yvonne Wells, La Junta, CO  
B.S., University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
Doctor of Physical Therapy

Natalie Jo Fick, Beaver Creek, MN
B.S., North Dakota State University
Olivia Rae Full, Medford, MN
B.A., Concordia College
Danielle Elizabeth Fuselier, Denver, CO
B.A., Western State Colorado University
James A. Goranson, Waukee, IA
B.S., Iowa State University
Jon Ward Gray, Bozeman, MT
B.S., Montana State University
+ Jena Rae Haigh, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Alli Jo Harbaugh, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Amanda L. Hockenbary, Wood Lake, NE
B.S., Morningside College
Zachary Charles Holbrook, Elk River, MN
B.S., Iowa State University
Jerica Lynn Huber, Yankton, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Codi Marie Huebner, Rapid City, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University
Cal Leonard Johnson, Eden Prairie, MN
B.S., Winona State University
Megan Johnson, Milbank, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Tarkenton Lee Kingsbury, Letcher, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Taylor Nicole Kuhn, Custer, SD
B.S., Dakota Wesleyan University
Jessica Jean Landry, Lead, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Emily Anne Lesser, Maple Grove, MN
B.S., North Dakota State University
Shauna Ann Lonneman, Adrian, MN
B.A., Mount Marty College
Hailey Ann Lucht, Lakefield, MN
B.S., University of South Dakota
Alyssa Renae Pettersson, Jasper, MN
B.A., Augustana University
Ike Pohiman, Windom, MN
B.S., Dakota State University
Samson A. Pateek
B.S., University of South Dakota
Lance Michael Ranek, Tyndall, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Lucas Orrin Seehafer, Winthrop, MN
B.A., Bethany Lutheran College
Abigail Ann Lorene Stearns, Canton, SD
B.S., Dakota Wesleyan University
Emily Anne Tolkamp, Platte, SD
B.S., University of Sioux Falls
Chelsie Marie Walder, Castlewood, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Charlotte Walter, Howard, SD
B.S., University of Mary

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Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy

Ma. Daphne D. Talja Binoya, Gingoog City, Philippines
B.S., University of Baguio
Christian Paul Bolduc Bolduc, Lighthouse Point, FL
B.S., Northeastern University
Terri Lynn Dinkelaker, Liberty Twp, OH
B.S., St. Louis University
Cynthia Renee Hiltman, Los Angeles, CA
M.S., University of South Dakota
Traci G. Hurley, Lakewood, CO
B.S., Colorado State University-Fort Collins
Daniel Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD
M.A., St. Scholastica-Duluth
Debra Lynn Sells, Saint Augustine, FL
B.S., University of North Florida
Hemang Dilipkumar Vyas, Pearland, TX
B.S., Shree Devi College of Physiotherapy
Kimberly Ann Weiner, Little Rock, AR
B.S., Northwestern University

Professional Degrees

Sanford School of Medicine
Presented by Dean Mary Nettleman

Doctor of Medicine

Carmen Ellen Alloco, Britton, SD
B.A., Austin College
Benjamin Karl Arbeiter, Rapid City, SD
B.A., St. Olaf College
Sarah Leilani Ashmore, Fort Collins, CO
B.S., St. Johns University
Cum Laude
Jennifer Kay Assam, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Emma Bacharach, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Lewis and Clark College
Stephen Bollinger, Pierre, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Raeann Marie Bourscheid, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., Tufts University
Leah Marie Buse, Mitchell, SD
B.S., Indiana Wesleyan University
Emma May Bye, Harrisburg, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Cum Laude
David Thomas Christianson, Yankton, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Summa Cum Laude
Jordan Steven Clute, Hawley, MN
B.A., Augustana College
Brady Jay Coburn, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., South Dakota State
Julia Trucano Farrugia, Rapid City, SD
B.A., University of Notre Dame
Summa Cum Laude
Eric Pribil Fausch, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., Tulane University
Tanner John Ferguson, Dakota Dunes, SD
B.S., Morningside College
B.A., Morningside College
Cum Laude
Spencer Robert Ferrell, Yankton, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Cum Laude
Anthony Paul Fiegen, Madison, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Magna Cum Laude
Michael Fields, Minneapolis, MN
B.S., University of Minnesota
Summa Cum Laude
Adam Michael Fitzgerald, Ketchikan, AK
B.S., Brigham Young University
Sara Marie Free, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Creighton University
Max Douglas Fuller, Watertown, SD
B.A., Concordia College at Moorhead
Summa Cum Laude
Ami Adelle Garrigan, Onida, SD
B.S., Black Hills State University
Renita Goetz, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth Marie Hedman, Brandon, SD
B.S., University of Nebraska Medical Center
Courtnee Renee Heyduk, Brookings, SD
B.S., University of Minnesota-Rochester
Caitlin Ann Hof, Yankton, SD
B.S., Buena Vista University
B.A., Buena Vista University
Kevin Lee Hofer, Huron, SD
M.A., University of South Dakota
B.A., University of South Dakota
Nathan James Jacobson, Rapid City, SD
B.S., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Summa Cum Laude
Amada Lynn Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., Augustana College
Summa Cum Laude
Chandler Alexandra Kasuske, Dakota Dunes, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Cum Laude, SSM Alumni Student Scholar
Sarvesh Kaushik, Brookings, SD
B.S., University of Minnesota
Summa Cum Laude

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Elizabeth Marie Westhoff, Rapid City, SD
B.S., University of North Dakota

David Reinhardt Woodard, Brookings, SD
B.S., University of Wyoming
Summa Cum Laude

Sharleen Yan, Rapid City, SD
B.A., University of South Dakota

Justin William Zanfes, Sioux Falls, SD
B.S., South Dakota State University
Bethany Zagler, Sioux Falls, SD
B.A., University of Minnesota

School of Law
Presented by Dean Thomas Geu

Juris Doctor

Elijah Aulik, Green Bay, WI
B.S., University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Jordyn Lynn Bangasser, Sioux Falls, SD
B.M., University of South Dakota

Kristen Elizabeth Basham, Rapid City, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
Bo A. Bearshield
B.S., University of Sioux Falls

Samantha Faye Berglin, Alexandria, MN
B.S., University of Minnesota-Crookston

Alexandra Bierman, Coronado, CA
B.A., Hastings College

Mariah Celeste Bloom, Aberdeen, SD
B.S., University of South Dakota
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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:

- **Summa Cum Laude**: 3.90 or higher
- **Magna Cum Laude**: 3.80 to 3.89
- **Cum Laude**: 3.70 to 3.79
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
Phi Alpha Theta.............................................................................Red & Blue honor cords
Phi Beta Kappa Society............................................................Light Blue & Light Pink honor cords
Pi Alpha.........................................................................................Blue & Green honor cords
Pi Beta Kappa..............................................................................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 townsmen wore long flowing robes or gowns. The materials and colors varied greatly, according to wealth and rank of the individual, and were governed by royal decree. Gradually there developed distinctive gowns for the various professions, trades and guilds. They survive today in the gowns of religious orders, the judiciary and the academic regalia.

The gowns worn by the recipients of the various degrees vary somewhat in design. The sleeves of the gown worn by recipients of the baccalaureate degree are long and pointed, while the sleeves of the gown worn by the master’s degree recipients are square at one end with a slit at the elbow. The doctor’s gown has flowing sleeves with three bars of velvet and facing of velvet down the front of the gown.

Most distinctive of the academic regalia is the hood, which serves as identification of the graduate degree and the institution where the degree was awarded. The hood is lined with silk in the official colors of the institution. Thus, the hood of The University of South Dakota is lined in red. The trim is velvet, three inches wide for the master’s degree and five inches wide for the doctor’s degree. The color of the velvet border indicates the degree.

The academic cap was developed in the fifteenth century. Some caps were stiff, some soft, some square, some round, with a tuft in the center. The tassel used today is an elaboration of the tuft. While some institutions still use the round caps, most institutions have adopted the “mortar board” style which comes from Oxford. The tassel for graduate degrees may be black, except that a gold bullion tassel may be worn by recipients of the doctorate. The tassel’s color indicates the discipline in which the degree has been earned. The tassel colors are shown below:

- Arts and Sciences.................................................................White
- Business......................................................................................Sapphire Blue
- Education....................................................................................Light Blue
- Fine Arts (Art and Theatre)........................................................Brown
- Fine Arts (Music).........................................................................Pink
- Health Sciences........................................................................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.
Alma Mater

Words by Mabel Kingsley Richardson
Music by Winfred R. Colton

South Dakota! How dear to thy children
ty name,
How daring the tales oft retold
Of thy builders who first to thy
wilderness came,
Thiers a glory that never grows old.
O the pine crested peaks of the storied
Black Hills,
The Missouri that ribbons thy plain.
Where the slant summer sunshine so
lavishly spills
Over prairie and pasture and grain.

Alma Mater, Dakota, we drink thee a
health
As we go from thy sheltering walls;
Younger feet shall come trouping to gather
thy wealth,
Younger voices shall ring through thy
halls.
Keep us true to the type of the brave
pioneer,
No hardship e’er daunted his quest;
Alma Mater, lead on to the untried frontier,
We follow the trail to the west.

The writer of the Alma Mater’s lyrics, Mable Kingsley Richardson, graduated from The
University of South Dakota in 1902 and directed USD’s library from 1907 to 1941. A
pioneer’s daughter who loved South Dakota, she voiced in the Alma Mater the views of a
woman of her time.

An academics and research leader in South Dakota and the region since 1862, The
University of South Dakota is the state’s flagship liberal arts institution.

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