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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY



GRADUATION EXERCISES

Ten o'clock a.m.
Saturday, December 15, 2007

Frost Arena
Stanley J. Marshall
Health, Physical Education and
Recreation Center

Brookings, South Dakota

GRADUATION PROGRAM

PRE-CEREMONY CONCERT

Rise of the Firebird

Steven Reineke

Summon the Heroes

John Williams (arranged by John Higgins)

The Liberty Bell

John Philip Sousa (edited by Keith Brion)

South Dakota State University Concert Band

Mr. Jim Coull

Director

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance

Edward Elgar (arranged by Jim Coull)

South Dakota State University Concert Band

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star Spangled Banner

by Francis Scott Key (arranged by Jim Coull)

South Dakota State University Concert Band

HONORARY MARSHALS

Allen R. Branum, Ph.D.

Acting Director of Diversity Enhancement and Professor Emeritus of Psychology

Virginia Norris, Ph.D.

Professor and Head, Department of Psychology

INTRODUCTIONS

David L. Chicoine, Ph.D.

President, South Dakota State University

SPECIAL MUSIC SELECTION

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

by Sven Lekberg

South Dakota State University Women's Choir

Laura Diddle-Hildebrant, Ph.D.

Director

GRADUATION ADDRESS

“Knowledge Workers in Tomorrow’s Economy”

Aelred J. Kurtenbach, Ph.D.

Cofounder of Daktronics, Inc. and Chairman of the Board of Directors

RECOGNITION OF HONOR STUDENTS
and
RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING FACULTY

Carol J. Peterson, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSIONEES

LTC Mike Herman

Army ROTC

Lt. Col. Dana Nielsen

Air Force ROTC

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Peggy L. Bechtold, President

SDSU Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE, DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

to

Aelred J. Kurtenbach, Ph.D.

by

Robert (Tad) Perry, Ph.D.

Executive Director, South Dakota Board of Regents

AUTHORIZATION OF DEGREES

The Honorable Dean M. Krogman

South Dakota Board of Regents

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING CLASS

The Undergraduate Class

Madeleine Andrawis, Ph.D.

Chairman of the Academic Senate

The Graduate Class

Kevin D. Kephart, Ph.D.

Dean of the Graduate School

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

David L. Chicoine, Ph.D., President

and College Deans

RECESSIONAL

Fanfare, March and Celebration

Jim Coull

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
CITATION FOR THE HONORARY DEGREE
DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Aelred J. Kurtenbach, Ph.D.

Dr. Aelred Kurtenbach served as chair of the state advisory committee (REACH Committee), since its incorporation in 1986 and until 2006, for the South Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) program, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Not only is this a significant milestone for South Dakota, his leadership in South Dakota also made him the longest serving chair of an EPSCoR State Committee in the nation. During his tenure, he has provided continuity to the state's EPSCoR program and guided it from one that struggled to field a competitive infrastructure development strategy to a position where it is now a funded participant in the NSF, NIH, DoD, NASA, USDA, and DOE EPSCoR or EPSCoR-like programs. He has pursued a strategy of engaging state government and the private sector in the REACH Committee as cooperating partners with the Board of Regents system. This strategy has returned dividends over the last three years in the form of the first specific investments in higher education research in the state's history. And during this time, total grants and contracts awarded to South Dakota higher education have increased more than ten-fold.

Dr. Kurtenbach has been actively involved in EPSCoR on the national level, regularly attending national meetings and chairing numerous panels on the role of the state EPSCoR advisory committee in building research infrastructure. As an acknowledgement of his contributions to and perspective on EPSCoR, he was one of only 27 people invited to a roundtable discussion entitled "Vision 2020" organized by NSF in June 2006. The purpose of this meeting was to set the direction for the NSF EPSCoR program in a time of potential NSF budget increases and growing national scrutiny of the role of a maturing EPSCoR program.

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING FACULTY AND STAFF

F. O. BUTLER AWARDS

The Trustees of the F.O. Butler Foundation have established a program to recognize those faculty and staff members whose performance is truly exceptional. This year the Trustees are recognizing four individuals:

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

ALVARO D. GARCIA

Extension Dairy Specialist/Associate Professor of Dairy Science

College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences

D.V.M. University of Uruguay

M.S. University of Minnesota

Ph.D. University of Minnesota

Joined the South Dakota State University faculty in 2001

Professor Alvaro D. Garcia has established himself as a well respected Dairy Extension Specialist for small and large dairy producers in South Dakota. His diversified experience in dairying, that includes South America, Europe and North America, has added a unique dimension to his activities and has enhanced his Extension functions at South Dakota State University.

While at South Dakota State University, Professor Garcia has been a lecturer at over 60 events within and outside the state as well as overseas. Professor Garcia designs his Extension programs to empower producers rather than just solve immediate problems. Because many dairies in South Dakota and beyond now employ Spanish-speaking employees, Dr. Garcia's dairy expertise, coupled with Spanish, has undoubtedly played a major role in helping increase the profitability of local producers. His workshops in Spanish have taken the South Dakota State University Dairy Extension program and the South Dakota State University Cooperative Extension Service to a new and unique level of outreach which is also recognized by many in other states.

Professor Garcia has added value to his functions by being an active participant in local and national organizations such as the Central Plains Dairy Expo and the National Professional Dairy Heifer Growers Association. The latter has particularly brought national recognition to Professor Garcia's program and the dairy industry of the state in general. Through his collaborations with the Department of Agriculture, the importance of dairying in South Dakota and at South Dakota State University have been well noted.

Professor Garcia has also been active in four volunteer assignments in Honduras and El Salvador sponsored by Winrock International, the University of Florida, and the United States Agency for International Development. These assignments came with the purpose of improving hygienic milk production in Central American Countries. The impact was measured by USAID and showed a 15% increase in milk production in the area where this intervention took place in Honduras.

Alvaro Garcia is a prolific writer and has authored or coauthored 25 Extension Extras and numerous other publications and radio stories. Professor Garcia has been active in translating the publications of the Dairy Science Department into Spanish. These publications have also been reprinted in Spain and Portugal.

In recognition of his outstanding performance Professor Garcia received the 2004 College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences Dean and Directors' Team award for efforts displayed to improve dairy profitability. In April 2006 Professor Garcia was selected for the SDSU Gamma Sigma Delta Extension award.

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE – NON-FACULTY EXEMPT

BARBARA A. KOENDERS

Assistant Executive Director, Alumni Association

A.A. South Dakota State University

Joined the South Dakota State University Alumni Association in 1990

Ms. Barbara Koenders' career with the Alumni Association began in 1990. Her fellow employees at South Dakota State University appreciate the steady movement up the ranks from Secretary to Senior Secretary to Administrative Assistant II to the Assistant Executive Director in the Alumni Association.

Over the past years, Ms. Koenders has consistently demonstrated that she is an exceptional leader, employee, and friend of the South Dakota State University and Brookings communities. She is a dedicated professional who stepped up to the challenge of filling the role of Acting Executive Director of the South Dakota State University Alumni Association. Her strong collaboration skills and "can do" attitude ensured that the Association continued to function in an effective manner. Her total commitment to everyone associated with the Alumni Association was first and of foremost importance to her. During this transition period she covered the introduction of our new president to the South Dakota State University community throughout the city, state, and region. This was done in addition to completing her own tasks as Assistant Executive Director. Additionally, she continues to teach the GS 100 class to numerous students, serves as the Association's Accountant and Human Resources Officer, and oversees the maintenance of the 60,000-name alumni database.

Ms. Koenders is an avid supporter of South Dakota State University and provides information and guidance to all alumni, not only through her position at the Alumni Association, but also through her community activities as well. Whether she is working with alumni or working with students in the Staters for State organization or helping The Pride with fundraising, she is willing to organize and lead. She currently volunteers as a member of the Brookings Area United Way Board of Directors, Brookings American Legion Auxiliary, and a Special Olympics Volunteer. Regardless of the task Ms. Koenders is always upbeat and pleasant, with a positive "get it done" attitude.

Barbara A. Koenders has established a remarkable reputation in her years of service throughout South Dakota. She has the admiration and respect of alumni, students, faculty, and university administration.

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

BONNY L. SPECKER

Director and Chair, Ethel Austin Martin Endowed Program in Human Nutrition

B.S. University of Cincinnati

M.S. University of Cincinnati Medical Center

Ph.D. University of Cincinnati Medical Center

Joined the South Dakota State University faculty in 1997

In addition to her position as Director and Chair of the Ethel Austin Martin Endowed Program, Bonny Specker holds the academic rank of Professor in the Departments of Nutrition, Food Science and Hospitality; Biological Sciences; and Animal and Range Sciences at SDSU as well as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of South Dakota.

Professor Specker is a respected national and international leader in the field of nutrition. Her achievements distinguish her as one of the most highly regarded professors at South Dakota State University.

During her 25-year career, Professor Specker has produced over 120 refereed publications and book chapters. She has delivered 41 invited national and international lectures and has either presented, or been co-author, on over 100 local and regional research presentations. She has generated over \$115 million in competitive grant funding as either principal investigator or co-principal investigator. This outstanding level of research productivity sets Bonny Specker apart from her peers. In 2005, South Dakota State University was awarded a contract from the National Institutes of Health to serve as a Vanguard Center for the National Children's Study (NCS). Professor Specker's role as principal investigator in this effort has created numerous interdisciplinary research opportunities that will continue to grow over the next two decades.

Professor Specker is a dedicated teacher and research mentor with high standards. She is noted as an exceptionally insightful, motivating and demanding mentor. Her dedication to students is evident in her advising of post-doctoral fellows, Ph.D. students, and M.S. students. In addition, numerous undergraduate students have worked with Professor Specker through the Martin Program. Many of these students have gone on to graduate school or medical school.

Professor Bonny Specker's service, both external and internal to the University, is noteworthy. She has participated in several federal advisory panels and numerous scientific review boards. Within the University, her leadership on key committees has strengthened the research foundation within the system. Professor Specker is an exceptional person who is dedicated to South Dakota State University's tripartite mission of teaching, service and research.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

LAN XU

B.S. Shanxi University

M.S. University of Science and Technology, Beijing; Institute of Applied Ecology of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China

Ph.D. North Dakota State University

Joined the South Dakota State University faculty in 1998

Professor Lan Xu began her career at South Dakota State University as a Research Associate in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences. She has held her present position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology and Microbiology since 2004. Professor Xu believes that her primary role as a teacher is to ignite the learning engine of each student. Her first consideration is the student, and she makes every effort to ensure success for her students' learning processes. Professor Xu provides clear learning objectives for each topic, makes her classroom amazingly interactive, and provides valuable feedback for the introductory biology classes as well as teaching senior level and graduate plant ecology courses. She has shown deep commitment to student learning by availing herself of every self-improvement opportunity, including faculty development programs and teaching technology workshops, to perfect her teaching skills and to learn technology that can enhance student learning. Professor Xu has worked very hard in course development with the aim to best prepare students for the real world.

Professor Lan Xu has accomplished her impressive teaching record while maintaining an active research program. She collaborates with several other faculty members in various grassland ecology research projects. Her solid statistical background and expertise in modern methods of plant ecological data analysis make her an excellent resource person. Professor Xu has incorporated vegetation sampling and data analysis, the tools of plant ecology research, in both her Plant Ecology and Advanced Plant Ecology courses. In doing so, Professor Xu assures that students have valuable and practical experience with state-of-the-art methodology in vegetation ecology.

As stated by one student, "Dr. Lan Xu epitomizes what I feel is a true professor. Her teaching methods involve learning not only the technical aspects of biology, botany, etc., but also the field research and hands on aspects that are needed by professionals in their careers. She has a genuine care and interest in her student's ability to learn and perform not only in her class but in life."

HONORARY MARSHAL

Allen R. Branum

B.S. Montana State University-Bozeman

M.A. University of Montana-Missoula

Ph.D. University of Montana-Missoula

Allen R. Branum retired on July 31, 2000, after 30 years of dedicated service to South Dakota State University.

Professor Branum started his career with SDSU in 1970 as Assistant Professor of Psychology. He has held positions as Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Science; Professor and Head, Department of Psychology; Director of the South Dakota State University Sioux Falls Programs; and Director, University Honors Program.

In addition, Professor Branum has provided outstanding service to South Dakota State University and the community through his service on community boards and SDSU Committees.

The South Dakota Board of Regents awarded Allen R. Branum the title of Professor Emeritus of Psychology in May of 2000. He continues to provide his expertise and leadership in his post-retirement role as Acting Director of Diversity Enhancement.

HONORARY MARSHAL

Virginia Kline Norris

B.A. Baldwin Wallace College

M.S. Kent State University

Ph.D. Kent State University

Professor Virginia Kline Norris began her career at South Dakota State University as an assistant professor in 1991. In addition to her departmental duties, she also served as Coordinator of the Women's Studies Program from 1993 until her appointment as Professor and Head of the Department of Psychology in July 2000.

Professor Norris continues to promote the professional development of her faculty. Her leadership has been very effective in promoting the delivery of the Psychology Program in Sioux Falls. Professor Norris strives to internationalize the curriculum and encourages international travel of students to expand their understanding of other cultures. She has approximately 40 advisees and works closely with majors in the department. Professor Norris works with students in mentoring and acculturating them into the world of research and is an active and engaged member in service to the University, her discipline, and the community-at-large.

Virginia Kline Norris will retire on June 30, 2008, after 17 years of service to South Dakota State University and the Department of Psychology

GRADUATION SPEAKER
Aelred J. Kurtenbach, Ph.D.

Dr. Aelred J. Kurtenbach is cofounder of Daktronics, Inc. and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Kurtenbach holds B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, all in electrical engineering, from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, the University of Nebraska, and Purdue University, respectively. He also taught electrical engineering at South Dakota State University and Purdue University. While on the staff at South Dakota State University, he cofounded Daktronics, Inc. in 1968.

Daktronics designs, manufactures, markets, and services large computer programmable displays, primarily scoreboards and large screen video systems, on a global basis.

Dr. Kurtenbach served on the Brookings School Board for twelve years and on the South Dakota Board of Regents from 1984-1986. He served as Chairman of the South Dakota Manufacturers & Processors Association from 1984-1986 and as Director for the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry. He has also served as Chairman of the Education Committee for the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Chairman of the South Dakota State Junior Achievement Program, and as Chairman of the South Dakota EPSCoR Committee, a program sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Over the years, Dr. Kurtenbach and Daktronics have been recognized with numerous awards for entrepreneurship and quality. Dr. Kurtenbach was chosen as the Entrepreneur of the Year in 2000 for manufacturing in a national competition sponsored by Ernst & Young. Daktronics, Inc. was named the 1994 Entrepreneurial Success of the Year by the Small Business Administration for South Dakota and the Denver Region. Daktronics was also chosen the South Dakota Business of the Year in 2000, 1993, 1989 and 1987 by the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

President David L. Chicoine, Ph.D.

College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences

The Candidates Will Be Presented By

Gary D. Lemme, Ph.D.

Dean of the College

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

- Amber Marie Ahrendt, *Agronomy*
Andrew Douglas Albin, *Agricultural Systems Technology*
Denver Scott Albrecht, *General Agriculture*
Blake Stephen Allard, *Agronomy*
Brian Steven Althoff, *Agronomy*
David Allen Anderson, *Agricultural & Resource Economics*
Zachary Theodore Anderson, *Agricultural Business*
Laura E. Balias, *Agricultural Business, Magna Cum Laude*
Kayla Rae Behrens, *General Agriculture*
Andy James Bernard, *Park Management*
Megan Jo Bishop, *Animal Sciences*
Britton Taylor Blair, *Animal Sciences*
Ryan D. Blom, *Animal Sciences*
Daniel J. Bones, *Agricultural Business*
Andrew James Brack, *Agricultural Business*
Amanda Joy Braun, *Animal Sciences*
Brent Howard Brekke, *Agronomy, Magna Cum Laude*
John Walter Brennan, *Agricultural Business*
Lindsey Marie Broek, *Agricultural Journalism*
Ryan Lynn Brunner, *Agricultural & Resource Economics*
Jeffrey Bernerd Buyck, *Agricultural Business*
Dustin Kieth Carter, *Animal Sciences*
Cody William Craig, *Landscape Architecture*
Jay Eric Culver, *Agricultural & Resource Economics*
Ross Vincent Currence, *Agronomy*
Rhonda Jo Elston, *Animal Sciences*
Kirk Anthony Engen, *Agricultural Business*
Samantha Kay Erickson, *Agricultural Business*
Johnathan Evan Fluit, *Agricultural Systems Technology*
Jason Elliott Frerichs, *Agricultural Education, Cum Laude*
Manyang Arok Gak, *Agricultural & Resource Economics*
David Arthur Geyer, *Animal Sciences*
Jonathan Patrick Green, *Horticulture*
Dustin Donn Ham, *Agricultural Systems Technology*
Becky Lynn Harstad, *Agricultural Education*
Gregory Charles Haubrich, *Agronomy*
Andrea Jean Hildebrandt, *Animal Sciences*
Ben Machin Hollingshead, *Animal Sciences, Agronomy*
Travis Lee Holscher, *Dairy Manufacturing*
Michaela Kallein Iverson, *Agricultural Business*
Morgan Lynn Jans, *Animal Sciences*
Chet Don Johnson, *Range Science*
Ryan Duane Johnson, *Animal Sciences*
Thomas Andrew Kardoes, *Horticulture*
Joshua Joseph Kindelshire, *Agricultural Business*
Colin Scot LaMont, *Range Science*
Brad William Lindblom, *Agricultural Business*
Andrew John Linder, *Agricultural Business*
Kristina Ann Loberg, *Animal Sciences*
Eric Don Lockhorst, *Animal Sciences*
Sam Eli Metzger, *Dairy Manufacturing*
Nicholas James Meyer, *General Agriculture*
Casey David Minor, *General Agriculture*
Kate Elizabeth Moen, *Animal Sciences, General Agriculture, Cum Laude*
Dustin Andrew Mohrhauser, *Animal Sciences, Cum Laude*
Sara Marie Montgomery, *Park Management*
Jenna Rae Mueller, *Dairy Manufacturing, Dairy Production*
Sarah Elizabeth Nath, *Animal Sciences*
Jeffrey Thomas Olsen, *General Agriculture*
Janel Ashley Olson, *Agricultural Business*
Thomas Joel Olson, *Agricultural Business*
Leslie Ann Peterson, *Agronomy*
Bryan Bradley Pietig, *Agronomy*
Adam Anthony Raml, *Animal Sciences*
Anna Marie Roos, *Animal Sciences*
Craig Allen Schlueter, *Animal Sciences*
Kevin Jay Schmidt, *Agronomy*
Benjamin Lynn Smith, *Range Science*
Megan Dene Sneesby, *Agricultural Education*
Matthew Norman Spindler, *Animal Sciences*
James Lee Vande Weerd, *Agricultural Business*
Chet Alan Vander Velde, *Agronomy*
Daniel Edvarado Wegener, *Horticulture*
Robyn Katie Werk, *Agricultural Journalism*
Rebecca Lynn Wirt, *Dairy Manufacturing*
Phillip James Wohlers, *Horticulture*

Bachelor of Science in Biological Science

Nathaniel John Baker, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>	Jessica Marie Mann, <i>Microbiology, Cum Laude</i>
Justin Thomas Berndt, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>	Philip Lee Olinger, <i>Biology, Cum Laude</i>
Ryan Joseph Bouza, <i>Biology</i>	Adam C. Olson, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>
Joshua Michael Cloeter, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>	Bryan Bradley Pietig, <i>Environmental Management</i>
Megan Leigh Davis, <i>Biology, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Dustin Gene Plooster, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>
Dalton D. Decker, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>	Nathan Alan Pool, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>
Eric Michael Dominiack, <i>Environmental Management, Cum Laude</i>	Michael Alan Schultz, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>
Brittany Adel Duin, <i>Biology</i>	Teresa Lynn Schultze, <i>Biology</i>
Craig Lee Fjeldheim, <i>Biology, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Scott Carlos Sindelar, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences, Cum Laude</i>
Matthew Joseph Healy, <i>Biology</i>	Michael Scott Singlestad, <i>Environmental Management</i>
Johnna Sue Heide, <i>Biology</i>	Christopher Robert Subbert, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>
Arron J. Husman, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>	Tyler Alan Uthof, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>
Timaree Jean Ice, <i>Biology, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Evan Porter Watson, <i>Environmental Management</i>
Allan Thomas Janus, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>	Ryan James Wendinger, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>
Kristofer Charles Johnson, <i>Microbiology</i>	Shawn Lynn Wichmann, <i>Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences</i>
Jordan Levi LaLonde, <i>Biology</i>	
Christopher Robin Lecy, <i>Biology</i>	
Jason Thomas Lehr, <i>Biology</i>	
Lee Edwin Lincoln, <i>Environmental Management</i>	

Associate of Science in Agriculture

Jordan Mark Johnson, <i>General Agriculture</i>	Lance Richard Schade, <i>General Agriculture</i>
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College of Arts and Sciences

The Candidates Will Be Presented By

Jerry D. Jorgensen, Ph.D.

Dean of the College

Bachelor of Arts in Arts and Science

Jameson Jon Abel, <i>Graphic Design</i>	Debra June Mellert, <i>German</i>
Jared James Berg, <i>English, Cum Laude</i>	Tasha Sylvania Overmyer, <i>English, Cum Laude</i>
Anita Jean Brands, <i>English</i>	Jena Lane Rabenhorst, <i>Journalism, Cum Laude</i>
Katherine Ann Brandtjen, <i>German</i>	Scott A. Rasmusson, <i>History</i>
Paul Daniel Chapman, <i>History</i>	Kimberly Kay Rowbotham, <i>Sociology</i>
Marnie Joy Graham, <i>Graphic Design</i>	Jason Adam Scott, <i>English</i>
Stacey Joann Hamilton, <i>Economics, Summa Cum Laude</i>	Lindsay Leigh Scott, <i>English</i>
Jeffrey Alan Hegge, <i>History</i>	Stephanie Rae Smidt, <i>Economics, Magna Cum Laude</i>
Megan Beth Hettich, <i>Economics, Journalism, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Natasha Anne Stoick, <i>History, Global Studies</i>
Kyle Elizabeth Horton, <i>Global Studies</i>	Kristyn Kae Marie Warnke, <i>English, Magna Cum Laude</i>
Lance Robert Hourigan, <i>Journalism</i>	Leslie Ann Warnke, <i>Journalism, Spanish, Cum Laude</i>
Christopher George Iverson, <i>Spanish, Global Studies, Cum Laude</i>	Cassandra Jean Waterhouse, <i>Sociology, Political Science, Summa Cum Laude</i>
Katy Rose Jaspersen, <i>Spanish, Economics, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Denise Rae Watt, <i>Journalism, Spanish</i>
Micah Lee Johnson, <i>Journalism</i>	Andrew Thomas Wittnebel, <i>Art</i>
Shana Kay Jones, <i>Political Science</i>	Casey Louise Wonnemberg, <i>Journalism, Summa Cum Laude</i>
Jamae Cynthia Jorgensen, <i>Art</i>	Joshua Allen Yocom, <i>English</i>
Brandon Scott Lee, <i>History, Magna Cum Laude</i>	
Michael Jared McEntaffer, <i>German, Economics, Magna Cum Laude</i>	

Bachelor of Music Education

Andrew Paul Jensen
Melissa Nicole Tiede

Lindsay Ann Tjarks
Sarah Marie Van Scoyk, *Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science in Arts and Science

Paul Mark Acheson, *Health Physical Education and Recreation*

Allison Ann Aman, *Sociology*

Michael Warren Aman, *Sociology*

Courtney Kay Anderson, *Sociology*

Kirby Daniel Anderson, *Microbiology*

Randall Lee Barrett, *Journalism*

Justin Michael Bartel, *Geography, Geographic Information Science*

Sean David Beck, *Economics*

Benjamin James Blaedorn, *Sociology*

Andrew J. Bland, *Geography, Geographic Information Science*

Timothy John Boender, *Psychology*

Ryan Richard Braun, *Graphic Design*

Karoline June Brause, *Health Promotion, Cum Laude*

Lindsay Rose Bressler, *Geography, Geographic Information Science*

Maria Lehman Buehre, *Sociology*

Angela Kay Bush, *Economics*

Brent Lee Clouser, *Journalism*

Nicole Ann Cochran, *Sociology, Magna Cum Laude*

Melissa Ann Cran, *Health Physical Education and Recreation, Summa Cum Laude*

Derek Todd Degen, *Political Science*

Amber Rae Dell, *Psychology*

Randi LaRae Diehm, *Health Physical Education and Recreation*

Amy Dawn Edleman, *Geography, Geographic Information Science*

Luke James Edwards, *Economics*

Kirk Anthony Engen, *Economics*

Ross Joseph Evelsizer, *Communication Studies and Theatre*

Jamie Lea Finke, *Economics, Psychology*

Robert Shaun Fisher, *Journalism*

Bridget Mary Fitzgerald, *Psychology*

Ryan Joseph Foll, *Chemistry*

Matthew James Frankenstein, *Geography, Magna Cum Laude*

Jeremy James Fugleberg, *Political Science, Journalism*

Jonathan Ray Galler, *Political Science*

Jennifer Sue German, *Biology*

Elizabeth Ann Gorder, *Political Science*

Sean Patrick Gribben, *Economics*

Matthew Carroll Gruchow, *Journalism*

Christopher Wayne Gruenhagen, *Health Physical Education and Recreation*

Victor Arnold Gust, *Sociology*

Melinda Renae Hagseth, *Health Promotion*

Tara Lynn Halbritter, *Journalism*

Alison Rose Harildstad, *Sociology*

Alysia Maria Harvey, *Journalism*

Warren Lee Heirigs, *Journalism*

David Paul Hollister, *Geography*

Heath Allen Hoogshagen, *History*

Trenton Jay Hovland, *Economics*

Kenan M. Huse, *Economics*

Michael William Edmund Jacobsen, *Graphic Design*

Chelsea M. Johnson, *Psychology*

Casper Alan Jones, *Health Promotion*

Kevin Michael Kalil, *Economics*

Katherine Rose Marie Kallemeyn, *Economics*

Mary Ann Kills-A-Hundred, *Sociology*

Brian T. Kimmes, *Political Science, Cum Laude*

William Ray Kirch, *Health Physical Education and Recreation*

Stephen Francis Koeck, *Economics*

Megan Hope Kostel, *Economics*

Stephanie Rachel Kveene, *Art*

Brent Gregory Lange, *Economics*

Jesse Ray Lapsley, *Geography, Geographic Information Science, Magna Cum Laude*

Brett Alan Larsen, *Public Recreation*

Michele Renae Lillibridge, *History*

John Douglas Mack, *Sociology, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude*

Brian Mark Mahaffy, *Psychology*

Kindal Lea Malehorn, *Health Promotion, Cum Laude*

Heidi Marie McNamara, *History*

Randall William Mentele, *Geography, Geographic Information Science*

Eric Ernest Mertz, *Art*

Adam J. Miller, *Psychology*

Scott Phillip Mueller, *Economics*

Sierra Jo Neuharth, *Sociology, Cum Laude*

Nathan Lee Nuese, *Economics*

Andrew William Olson, *Psychology*

Jennifer Leigh Olson, *Psychology*

Luke L. Olson, *Journalism*

Leslie Ann Opitz, *Economics*

Mary Christine Panerio, *Music Merchandising*

Heidi M. Parker, *Communication Studies and Theatre*

Nicholas Paul Peterson, *Journalism*

Katherine Marie Puetz, *Graphic Design, Cum Laude*

Ryan Paul Quincey, *Health Physical Education and Recreation*

Nicholas John Redmond, *Health Physical Education and Recreation*

Derek Keith Rekow, *Biology*

Nathan Wayne Staton, *Sociology*

Jaret Emil Stormo, *Music Merchandising*

Jacob Daniel Stout, *Political Science*
 Laura Beth Swanson, *Geography, Journalism,*
Cum Laude
 Douglas William Timm, *History*
 Mark David Tvedte, *Psychology*
 Nikki Jo Vroman, *Journalism*
 Natalie Vanda Wagner, *Economics,*
Magna Cum Laude

Shannon Leigh Waltner, *Mathematics,*
Magna Cum Laude
 Christopher James Weymann, *History*
 TaLisha L. Wiens, *Political Science*
 Jennifer Lyn Wieseler, *Psychology*
 Terra M. Willson, *Journalism*
 Cassandra Lynn Witte, *Art*

College of Education and Counseling

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Bachelor of Science in Education

Scott Paul Birr, *Aviation, Magna Cum Laude*
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 Christopher Jon Jensen, *Career and Technical*
Education
 Tyler Keith Johnson, *Career and Technical*
Education
 Ryan W. Nelson, *Aviation*

Todd Francis Schettler, *Career and Technical*
Education
 Andrew Leigh Smith, *Aviation*
 David Norman Woods, *Aviation*
 Daniel Allen Zandstra, *Career and Technical*
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 Hiedee N. Bleeker
 Carissa K. Christenson
 Melissa A. Cran
 Denise J. Davis
 Shauna N. Deiter
 Jamie L. Finke
 Cheyenne Glienke
 Timothy E. Goettsch
 Christopher Gruenhagen
 Elizabeth L. Haman

Jeffrey Hegge
 Elissa R. Herman
 Heath A. Hoogshagen
 Sarah C. Hurd
 Andrew P. Jensen
 Chelsea M. Johnson
 William R. Kirch
 Kimberly N. Krueger
 Becky L. Lambert
 Angela R. Leen
 Andrea Marty
 Heidi M. McNamara
 Cassandra M. Monson
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 Scott A. Rasmusson
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 Lindsay L. Scott
 Rachael M. Seiner
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 Carrie A. Threadgold
 Melissa N. Tiede
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Brandon Lee McLellan
 Allen James Meyer
 George Christopher Sees

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Justin Paul Allen
Adam Jerome Becker, *Magna Cum Laude*
Eugene Kyle Bryant
Gary Charles Fisher
Erin Joanna Frye
Joseph William Galvin
Brent James Halbersma
Joanne Mae Hight

Jaymie Duane Love
Eric James Lynne
Jordan Michael Nehls
Andrew Kenneth Penkava
Samba Secka
Alec James Stubbe, *Cum Laude*
Pascal Sinamoy Tabu
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Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Amanda Lynn Dean
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Austin Forrest O'Brien*
Aaron Lee Svennes

Bachelor of Science in Construction Management

John Ross Colman
Jesse Blaine Ellingson
Spence Jeffrey Etzkorn
Dustin Andrew Glade
Travis Alexander Hatlestad
Jason Dale Hoebelheinrich
Joshua David Howell
Tyler Mark Jones
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Beth Marie Masselink, *Cum Laude*
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Kyle Jeffrey Rausch
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Jordan Rick Warne
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Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

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Lowell Benjamin Dolney, *Cum Laude*
Ross Evan Faber, *Cum Laude*
Curtis Maynard Greenfield
Robert Charles Haar
Russell Dean Halgerson, *Cum Laude*

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Molly Ann Houck
Trevor J. Howard
Ryan Eric Jensen
Joseph Elliott Lueth
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Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering Technology

Tyler Jon Berg
Kody Lee Bricker
Douglas Everett Brunkow
John Wayne Carlson
Thomas Steve Foerster
Adam Michael Gewerth

Kirk David Jensen
Andrew Francis Licht
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Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Elizabeth Marie Lane, *Mathematics*,
Summa Cum Laude

Brandi Jo Sour, *Mathematics*
Kyle Robert Van Emmerik, *Mathematics*

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics

Katherine Ann Brandtjen

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management

Thomas Donald Langum

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Darrin Michael Eichacker
Bruce Duane Hart
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Tyler Douglas Laleman
Thomas Donald Langum
Matthew Gene Leopold
Jeremiah G. Minter
Tyler Ross Muser
Brad Loren Olson
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Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Michael Philip Authier
Mark Bryon Carsrud
Douglas John Criddle
Gayle Anthony Davis
Brett Andrew Engle, *Summa Cum Laude*
Kyle Dean Fritze
Austin D. Hobbie
Aaron Jay Kompelien
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Andrew John Olson
Jonathan T. Reitan
Tyler Scott Remund
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College of Family and Consumer Sciences

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Jessica Lynne Ailts, *Early Childhood Education*
Kayla Marie Aman, *Nutrition and Food Science*
Kyra Marie Anderson, *Early Childhood Education,*
Magna Cum Laude
Mark Wilfred Belling, *Hotel and Food Service*
Management
Alana Mae Bergeleen, *Family and Consumer*
Sciences Education, Magna Cum Laude
Brian James Beyerl, *Consumer Affairs*
Julie Ann Blase, *Hotel and Food Service*
Management
Hiedee Nicole Bleeker, *Early Childhood Education*
Janel Christine Brown, *Hotel and Food Service*
Management

Jamie Lynn Brutty, *Consumer Affairs*
Carissa Kim Christenson, *Early Childhood*
Education
Denise Janeen Davis, *Early Childhood Education*
Shauna Noel Deiter, *Early Childhood Education*
Nikki Lee Eining, *Human Development and Family*
Studies
Tyler John Ellingson, *Consumer Affairs*
Tara Ann Gabrielson, *Human Development and*
Family Studies
Cheyenne Sioux Glienke, *Early Childhood*
Education, Summa Cum Laude
Elizabeth Lyn Haman, *Early Childhood Education*
Wendi Theresa Haug, *Interior Design*
Elissa R. Herman, *Family and Consumer Sciences*
Education

- Cassandra Lee Hillius, *Apparel Merchandising*
 Sarah Christine Hurd, *Early Childhood Education*
 Travis John Kaiser, *Consumer Affairs*
 Joshua Paul Klawitter, *Human Development and Family Studies*
- Steven Arnold Klock, *Consumer Affairs*
 Ryan Lee Knigge, *Human Development and Family Studies, Magna Cum Laude*
 Kimberly Nicole Krueger, *Family and Consumer Sciences Education*
- Jessica Lynn Larson, *Consumer Affairs*
 Rochelle Ann Laughlin, *Hotel and Food Service Management*
 Angela Rose Leen, *Early Childhood Education, Cum Laude*
 Kelsey Ann Likness, *Nutrition and Food Science, Cum Laude*
 Matthew Robert Mack, *Hotel and Food Service Management*
- Andrea Marie Marty, *Early Childhood Education*
 Ashley Lynn McIntosh, *Interior Design*
 Trisha Kaye Miiller, *Apparel Merchandising*
 Michael D. Miller, *Consumer Affairs*
 Cassandra Marie Monson, *Early Childhood Education*
- Paige Alyssa Olevson, *Consumer Affairs, Cum Laude*
 Shannon Renae Opitz, *Consumer Affairs*
 Abby Lynn Perron, *Early Childhood Education*
 Angela Mary Petersen, *Human Development and Family Studies*
- Anna Christine Petersen, *Consumer Affairs*
 Emily Kathryn Peterson, *Early Childhood Education*
 Alexandra Danielle Phares, *Early Childhood Education*
- Andrew Tyler Pick, *Consumer Affairs*
 Kari Renae Poss, *Consumer Affairs*
 Jill Marie Prihoda, *Consumer Affairs*
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 Rachel Marie Schultz, *Human Development and Family Studies*
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 Lindy Kay Sorenson, *Early Childhood Education*
 Anne Therese Stangler, *Nutrition and Food Science*
 Robyn Lynn Stee, *Consumer Affairs*
 Trista Kay Thomas, *Consumer Affairs*
 Carrie Ann Elizabeth Threadgold, *Early Childhood Education*
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 Sarah Louise Trigg, *Apparel Merchandising*
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 Brandon Edward Woehl, *Consumer Affairs*
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Mark Edward Braun

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 Benjamin Marty Devine
 Jennifer Ann Glanzman
 Benjamin Dennis Helder
 Seth Allen Wayne Koch
 Michael Alier Maguet

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 Larissa Anne Neiman
 Aaron Stuart Norgaard
 Jeffrey Eric Panning
 Lacie Marie Petersen
 Michael John Zolnowsky

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Danika Jo Anderson	Stephanie Marlys Kimes, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Ryan Joel Anderson	Melissa Joy Klein, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Jenifer Marie Arnsdorf	Emily Rose Kohrs
Margaret Christine Aylward, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Megan Elizabeth Kruse
Jillian Rae Bakker, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Michelle L. Kutzke
Amanda Marie Berkland	Sarah Ann Leason, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
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Dissertation: Human Development Ranking: Predictors and Implications for Haiti

Teresa Leuer Binkley, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1988; M.S., South Dakota State University, 1997), *Biological Sciences*

Major Advisor: Dr. Bonny Specker

Dissertation: The Use of Peripheral Quantitative Computed Tomography to Obtain Bone and Muscle Measures in Children

Ajay Kumar Bommareddy, (B.Pharm, Osmania University, 2000), *Biological Sciences*

Major Advisor: Dr. Chandhradhar Dwivedi

Dissertation: Chemopreventive Effects of Omega-3 Fatty Acid and Lignans Present in Flaxseed on Colon Tumor Development

Cheryl Chapman, (B.S. South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, 1978), *Biological Sciences*

Major Advisor: Dr. Diane Rickerl

Dissertation: Using Geographic Information Systems to Improve Decision-making in the National Environmental Policy Act Processes

Nehru Chevanan, (B.E., Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, 1988; M.Tech, Indian Institute of Technology, 1990), *Biological Sciences*

Major Advisor: Dr. Kasiviswanathan Muthukumarappan

Dissertation: Investigations on the Role of Distillers Dried Grains with Solubles for Producing Aquaculture Feed Using Extrusion Technology

Trudy M. Ecoffey, (B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1989; M.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1999),
Biological Sciences

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Dissertation: Ecological, Cultural and Management Implications of Reintroduction of Bison to Reservations in South Dakota: Case Study

Vykundeshwari Ganesan, (B.E., Tamilnadu Agricultural University, 2002; M.Eng., Asian Institute of Technology, 2003), *Biological Sciences*

Major Advisor: Dr. K. Muthukumarappan

Dissertation: Experimental and Modeling the Flow Properties of Distillers Dried Grains (DDG) with Varying Soluble Levels and Moisture Content

Lorne Daryl-Wynad Gibson, (B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University, 1995; M.A., University of South Dakota, 1998; Ed.D., University of South Dakota, 2001), *Sociology*

Major Advisor: Dr. Donald Arwood

Dissertation: A Structural Symbolic Interactionist Explanation of Unwanted Pursuit Behaviors

Cheryl June Hartman, (B.A., University of Sioux Falls, 1977; M.A., University of South Dakota, 1997),
Sociology

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Dissertation: Social Class and Social Capital: An Integrated Theory of Community College Academic Achievement

Sharon Njambi Kahara, (B.S., Jomo Kenyatta University, 1997; M.S., International Infrastructure Hydraulic & Electrical Engineering, 2001), *Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences*

Major Advisor: Dr. Steven Chips

Dissertation: Modeling Wetland Use by Spring-Migrating Lesser Scaup (*Athya Affinis*) in Eastern South Dakota

*Guangle Li, (B.S., Xiamen University, 2003), *Biological Sciences*

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Dissertation: The Effect of Nutrition on Performance and Immune Response of Dairy Animals

Gaolebale Mpapho, (B.S., University of Botswana, 1994; M.S., University of Aberdeen, 1999), *Animal Science*

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Dissertation: Feeding of Wet Corn Distillers Grains to Transition and Lactating Dairy Cows

Teresa Marie Seefeldt, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2002; Pharm-D, South Dakota State University, 2004); *Pharmaceutical Sciences*

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Dissertation: The Design, Synthesis, and Evaluation of Novel Glutathione Reductase Inhibitors and the Effect on Cancer Sensitivity to Doxorubicin

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Master of Science

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- Shujaat Saleem Jadoon, (B.A., University of Iowa, 2004), *Economics*
- Amber Nicole Janis, (B.S., Black Hills State University, 1997; B.S.N., South Dakota State University, 2000), *Nursing*
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- AbulHasnat Md Jahirul Kayum, (B.S., Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, 2002), *Industrial Management*
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- Supriya Kurudula, (B.E., Osmania University, 2003), *Engineering*
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- Amy Roth, (B.S., Park University, 2004), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
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- Christina Schmit, (B.S., Black Hills State University, 2000), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
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Brandon S. Lee
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Peggy S. Means

Nickolas O. Michael
Melody A. Schram
Teresa M. Seefeldt
Nicklaus J. Vande Weerd
Elizabeth A. Walz
Susan A. Werner
TaLisha L. Wiens

Graduation with Honors College Distinction

Brent Brekke

Major: *Agronomy*

Honors Directed Study: "*Analysis of Different Treatments of Alfalfa for Digestibility, Dry Weight and Nutrient Content*"

Commissioned Second Lieutenant Officers Reserve Corps

Army ROTC

LTC Michael Herman

Darrin M. Eichacker
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Aaron S. Norgaard

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Board of Regents Faculty Recognition Awards for Excellence in E-learning

This monetary award was given for excellence in technology-based instructional scholarship by the South Dakota Board of Regents. The award was presented at the May 17-18, 2007 South Dakota Board of Regents meeting.

Teresa Seefeldt

Pharm. D., Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences

\$2,000 award for "best overall" course in the competition for "Medications and Wellness" (PHA 201).

Candidates for Graduation – Summer Session

CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

President David L. Chicoine, Ph.D.

College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences

The Candidates Will Be Presented By

Gary D. Lemme, Ph.D.

Dean of the College

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Heather Lynn Anderson, *Animal Sciences*

Arne Dale Harstad, *Animal Sciences*

Phillip Martin Rezac, *Park Management*

Michael Kent Weedman, *Agricultural Systems*

Technology

Bachelor of Science in Biological Science

Traci Jean Ausland, *Microbiology*

Lucinda Marie Bloker, *Microbiology*

Corey Alan Johnson, *Biology*

Joshua Robert Srstka, *Biology*

Julie Ann Walter, *Microbiology*

Associate of Science in Agriculture

Collin Wade Kessler, *General Agriculture*

College of Arts and Science

The Candidates Will Be Presented By

Jerry D. Jorgensen, Ph.D.

Dean of the College

Bachelor of Arts in Arts and Science

Nicole Annette Dobson, *Journalism*

Rachael Marie Grimsrud, *English, Cum Laude*

Brittany Jean Henderson, *Sociology*

Enes Kadic, *Economics*

Barbara Lynn St Clair, *Spanish, Summa Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science in Arts and Science

Jeffrey Joseph Barnable, *Psychology*

Brian Gregory Baskerville, *History*

Brandy Nichole Bearshield, *Public Recreation*

Lauren Kaye Benda, *Health Promotion, Cum Laude*

Lindsey Rae Black, *Sociology*

Brandi Lynn Bolte, *Clinical & Laboratory Sciences*

Christopher A. Bos, *History*

Matthew James Bowman, *Sociology*

Stacy Lynn Burmeister, *Health Promotion*

Benjamin James Clement, *Journalism*

Heather Joan Dammann, *Clinical & Laboratory*

Sciences

Jacob Duane Dean, *History, Sociology*
 Sean Gregory Dufault, *Health Promotion*
 Karl John Ehresmann, *History*
 Jesse Andrew Fox, *Economics*
 Julie Anne Garry, *Biochemistry, Magna Cum Laude*
 Sarah Jean Heim, *Public Recreation*
 Kristen Nicole Hieb, *Health Promotion,*
Magna Cum Laude
 Shawn Michael Hostler, *Public Recreation*
 Kayla Lynn Huber, *Sociology*
 Mallory Michelle Iverson, *Health Promotion*
 Jacob Bruce Johnson, *Geography*
 Kasey Douglas Keller, *Public Recreation*
 Adrienne Anne Kendall, *Economics, Cum Laude*
 James Charles Larson, *Public Recreation*
 Calvert Banning Lewis, *Sociology*
 Andrea Renae Masters, *Health Physical Education*
and Recreation
 Joshua Joel Nelson, *Public Recreation*
 Ryan John Oster, *Journalism*
 Ashlea Marie Paul, *Health Promotion*
 Tyler James Peterson, *Health Promotion*
 Jason Robert Pratt, *Communication Studies and*
Theatre

Leigh Karen Raderschadt, *History*
 Erin Hiroko Sakata, *Political Science*
 Marie Rosanie Sanon-Basquin, *Economics*
 Valerie Renee Schramm, *Health Promotion,*
Cum Laude
 Mitchell Lee Schroeder, *Economics*
 Rebecca Jo Schroeder, *Health Promotion*
 Brooks Robert Small, *Economics*
 Kyle J. Stauter, *Clinical & Laboratory Sciences*
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Theatre
 Elizabeth Susan Story, *Clinical & Laboratory*
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 Kristen Elaine Thies, *Sociology*
 Chad Richard Thomsen, *Public Recreation,*
Cum Laude
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 Allison Joy Volkers, *Sociology*
 Julie Ann Walter, *Clinical & Laboratory Sciences*
 Kevin Gale Weier, *Economics*
 Shannon Benz Wilson, *Psychology*
 Ryan Thomas Wingate, *Journalism*

College of Engineering

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Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Abby Marie Drews

Toby Bradley Sunderland

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Steven Paul Brown

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Trevor Norman Rollenhagen, *Mathematics,*
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Daniel James Perrozzi

Christopher N. Swier

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

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College of Family and Consumer Sciences

The Candidates Will Be Presented By

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Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

Brittany Lee Beaner, *Hotel & Food Service Management*

Laci Marie Blasius, *Consumer Affairs*

Heidi Katherine Brandsma, *Early Childhood*

Education

Jennifer Laura Colgan, *Nutrition And Food Science*

Katie Mae DeBoer, *Nutrition And Food Science*

Nicholas David Dieter, *Consumer Affairs*

Jodie Lynn Driver, *Apparel Merchandising*

Sara Chelsey Duffy, *Nutrition and Food Science*

Kari Lee Eggers, *Human Development and Family Studies*

Melissa Jean Fagerness, *Human Development and Family Studies, Cum Laude*

Natalie Fauth, *Early Childhood Education*

Jessica Marie Fink, *Human Development and Family Studies*

Jenna Lea Frederick, *Apparel Merchandising*

Joni Rae Gilbert, *Human Development and Family Studies*

Erica Ann Gitis-Miles, *Human Development and Family Studies*

Stephanie Ann Hemme, *Human Development and Family Studies*

Melinda Jo Henrich, *Consumer Affairs*

Tessa Jean Hobernicht, *Human Development and Family Studies*

Kira Elaine Horner, *Interior Design*

Brandi Lee Kalkman, *Consumer Affairs*

Rebecca Anne Kempers, *Consumer Affairs*

Katie Lynn Knutson, *Consumer Affairs*

Amanda Marie Larson, *Early Childhood Education*

Allison Rae Lindsay, *Early Childhood Education*

Lindsey Rene Luers, *Consumer Affairs, Cum Laude*

Andrew David McKay, *Early Childhood Education*

Danielle Marie Newman, *Consumer Affairs*

Anh Thu Nguyen, *Consumer Affairs*

Brigitte Amber Oswald, *Human Development and Family Studies*

Leigh Karen Raderschadt, *Interior Design*

Chelsey Elise Risseeuw, *Hotel and Food Service*

Management

Trina Renee Soukup, *Human Development and Family Studies*

Desiree Lee Stubbe, *Human Development and Family Studies*

Casey Rae Thompson, *Nutrition and Food Science*

Jessica Marie Tingle, *Early Childhood Education*

Jessica Rachael Waltner, *Nutrition and Food Science*

College of General Studies

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Associate of Arts in General Studies

Anthony Michael Wahl

Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies

Christine Marie Nelson, *Cum Laude*

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Michael Eugene McDonnell
Jessica Lynn Morgan
Camille Ann Moser, *Magna Cum Laude*
Kayla Marie Nielsen, *Cum Laude*
Steven William O'Leary
Dawn Marie Pavel, *Magna Cum Laude*
Matthew Roy Peterson
Jaime Lynn Phipps
Rebecca Renee Ramse, *Magna Cum Laude*
Sandra Leigh Reighard
Sarah Ashleigh Roe
Janet Lynn Rounsville
Mindy Kay Rumbolz
April Marie Saufley, *Cum Laude*
Seth Joseph Schramm
Stacia Marie Schulze
Paul Robert Stamp, *Magna Cum Laude*
Angela Marie Thelin, *Summa Cum Laude*
Janae Louise Thomsen, *Summa Cum Laude*
Hillary Nicole Turner
Sarah Ann Vortherms
Chandra Nicole Weber, *Cum Laude*
Cathy Jean Wiebers
Elizabeth Ellen Willers
Savannah Marie Zins, *Cum Laude*
Julie Ann Zwart

Academic Honors

<i>Cum Laude</i>	3.5 to 3.69 Cumulative Grade Point Average
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	3.7 to 3.89 Cumulative Grade Point Average
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	3.9 or above Cumulative Grade Point Average

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The Graduate School

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Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School

Doctor of Philosophy

Wanda Lynn Agnew, (B.S., University of North Dakota, 1971), *Biological Sciences*

Major Advisor: Dr. Laurie Stenberg-Nichols

Dissertation: The Association of Family Meals and Agreement Between Weight Perception and Body Mass Index for Adolescents in Urban and Rural Communities in North Dakota

Gamal E. Elmubark, (B.Med, University of Khartoum, 1987), *Biological Sciences*

Major Advisor: Dr. Alan Young

Dissertation: Role of Fixed and Migratory Leukocytes in Scrapie Pathogenesis

Jan Carolyn Kircher (B.A., University of South Dakota, 1993; M.S.W., University of Nebraska-Omaha, 1995), *Sociology*

Major Advisor: Dr. Geoffrey Grant

Dissertation: Gender Roles in Prime-Time Television: Have They Changed?

Jay J. Trobec, (B.A., St. Johns University, 1980; M.S., Mississippi State University, 2000), *Atmosphere, Environmental & Water Resources*

Major Advisor: Dr. Dennis Today

Dissertation: Initiation and Evolution of the South Dakota Tornado Outbreak of 24 June 2003

Master of Arts

Erin Dennis, (B.A., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 1994), *English*

Master of Education

Jason Wade Aberson, (B.A. Northwestern College, 1991), *Curriculum and Instruction*

Jean Michelle Benson, (B.S., Dakota State University, 1995; B.S., Dakota State University, 1998), *Curriculum and Instruction*

Julie Kathleen English, (B.S., Bellevue University, 1998), *Curriculum and Instruction*

Jennifer Marie Even, (B.A., Augustana College, 2000), *Curriculum and Instruction*

Carol Marie Grode, (B.S., Northern State University, 1990), *Educational Administration*

Danelle Lynn Keninger, (B.S., Dakota State University, 2002), *Curriculum and Instruction*

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Kristen Lee Pittmann, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1996), *Curriculum and Instruction*

Steven Charles Rice, (B.S., Valley City State College, 1974), *Educational Administration*

Suzanne Jane Ries, (B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1986; B.S., South Dakota State University, 2002), *Curriculum and Instruction*

Mark Mogen Roelfsema, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2000), *Curriculum and Instruction*

Michael Schmidt, (B.S., Dakota State University, 1998), *Educational Administration*

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Velda Kay Schneider, (B.A., South Dakota State University, 1995), *Curriculum and Instruction*

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Cynthia M. Underberg, (B.S., Dakota State University, 1997), *Curriculum and Instruction*

Karlys Kay Wells, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1972), *Curriculum and Instruction*

Master of Science

- Carla Lee Anderson, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2003), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- David Alfred Andrawis, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2003), *Engineering*
- Cassie Leah Auch, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2004), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Brandon Terry Bales, (B.S., Murray State University, 2004), *Biological Sciences*
- Julie Marie Beeher, (B.S., University of Iowa, 2003), *Nursing*
- Jessica Rae Biehn, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2002), *Family and Consumer Sciences*
- Michael J. Blackburn, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2005), *Health, Physical Education and Recreation*
- Debra Ann Burlage, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2004), *Nursing*
- John Michael Conley, (B.A., California State – Fullerton, 2006), *Geography*
- Kibbe Conti, (B.S., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 1990), *Biological Sciences*
- Brandi Ailleen Diedrich, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2005), *Communication Studies and Journalism*
- Kevin Anthony Donnelly, (B.S., University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 2005), *Health, Physical Education and Recreation*
- Julie Ann Doss, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2005), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Weston Mark Engel, (B.S., University of Nebraska-Omaha, 2005), *Engineering*
- Amanda K.R. Everts, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2005), *Animal Science*
- Andrew James Everts, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2005), *Animal Science*
- Nicole Frank, (B.S., University of Idaho, 2005), *Biological Sciences*
- Erin Lynn Galbraith, (B.A., Bethel College, 2004), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Michael Charles Garrett, (B.S., Briar Cliff University, 2004), *Nursing*
- Micah James Grenz, (B.S., Crown College, 2003), *Health, Physical Education and Recreation*
- Krista K. Groeneweg, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1992), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Ryan Jeffrey Grubb, (B.A., Buena Vista University, 1999), *Health, Physical Education and Recreation*
- Eric William Hansen, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2005), *Industrial Management*
- Lisa Reurink Hansen, (B.S., Dakota State University, 1990), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Kathleen J. Harder, (B.S., Graceland College, 2005), *Nursing*
- Erin Elizabeth Hardie, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2003), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Andrew Gary Hopp, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2004), *Geography*
- Monica Ann Jerke, (B.A., University of South Dakota, 1995) *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Sanjeeva Rao Kanduri, (B.Tech, Jawaharlal Nehru Technical University, 2003), *Industrial Management*
- Julie Ann Kebach, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1998), *Economics*
- Na-young Kim, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2000), *Engineering*
- Lakhwinder Singh Klar, (B.E., Punjab Technical University, 2003), *Industrial Management*
- Dwight Boyd Lambert, (B.A., Geneva College, 2003), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Roxanne Joy Larsen, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2005), *Biological Sciences*
- Shane Michael Larson, (B.A., Mount Marty College, 2004), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
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- Joshua Patrick Lunak, (B.S., St. Cloud State University, 2005), *Health, Physical Education and Recreation*
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- Carissa Dawn Nath, (B.S., Texas Technical University, 2003), *Animal Science*
- Erin Michelle Nichols, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2002), *Mathematics*
- Ray Lawrence Ollila, (B.S., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, 1971), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Sandi Lee Parr, (B.S., Oklahoma State University, 2005), *Animal Science*
- Melissa Faye Pater, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2003), *Health, Physical Education and Recreation*
- Jill Catherine Perry, (B.A., Black Hills State University, 2000), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Angela E. Pillatzki, (D.V.M., Kansas State University, 1995), *Biological Sciences*
- Mandy Lea Plucker, (B.S., Dakota State University, 2002), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Erin Rae Quail, (B.S., Iowa State University, 2004), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*

- Ross William Reede, (B.S., Black Hills State University, 2005), *Health, Physical Education and Recreation*
- Stacy L. Schilling, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2002), *Communication Studies and Journalism*
- Julie S. Seda, (B.S., University of Missouri, 2002), *Nursing*
- Stephanie Marie Slostad, (B.S., University of South Dakota, 2005), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Joshua B. Smith, (B.S., East Tennessee State University, 2000), *Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences*
- Jennifer L. Sneve, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 2005), *Family and Consumer Sciences*
- Dayasagar Thudukurthy, (B.S., Osmania University, 2000), *Biological Sciences*
- Maanasa Vangury, (B.E., Jawaharlal Nehru Technical University, 2003), *Engineering*
- Rebecca Page Wharton, (B.S., Black Hills State University, 2003), *Counseling and Human Resource Development*
- Adria N. Whiting, (B.S., Dominican College of Blauvelt, 1996), *Nursing*
- Nicholas Lanier Wirwa, (B.S., University of Tennessee at Martin, 2003), *Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences*

Doctor of Pharmacy

The Candidate Will Be Presented By

Brian L. Kaatz, Pharm.D.

Dean of the College

Gregory Alan Kotschegarow, (B.S. South Dakota State University, 2005)

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

The academic processional which precedes the graduation ceremonies on college and university campuses is one of the old and colorful customs which link twenty-first century education with its early origins.

To signalize the achievements of their students, American institutions of higher learning conduct a formal ceremony to award the appropriate degrees earned at the conclusion of prescribed study. The action of taking the degree – associate, bachelor's, master's or doctor's – as well as the designation of the day itself – is Commencement.

Various explanations of the term "commencement" are possible. The most likely is that centuries ago the bachelor, originally an apprentice, began his apprenticeship upon that day; and with the degree of M.A. and Ph.D., the masters and doctors commenced their work upon the day their degrees were conferred. So today, the student, having finished his/her preliminary education, sets out on a career.

The academic regalia worn at Commencement is of medieval origin. The scholars of Bologna, Paris, Oxford, Cambridge, Louvain, and Heidelberg dressed in a manner to distinguish themselves from the merchants and other townsmen. Since the eleventh century, when the rise of the universities began, "learned clerks" robed themselves in gowns, caps, and hoods, thus marking a difference between "town and gown."

By this apparel they were recognized as belonging to the teaching guild which was the Guild of the Master of Arts. In this organization the bachelor was the apprentice of the master. This relationship was the forerunner of today's academic structure, which often includes graduate and/or teaching assistants (usually studying for advanced degrees).

Generally in Europe, a professor wears the type of garment customary in the university where he/she is lecturing. In the United States our tradition differs; our professors continue to wear the gown and hood of the university where they received their highest degree.

The gown, in origin, may have been simply a type of overcoat to protect the teacher from the cold in the unheated buildings; the cut or style seems to be derived from ecclesiastical attire. It has usually been black. The gowns of bachelors and masters are usually without trimmings of any sort whereas those of doctors are faced down the front with velvet and adorned with three velvet bars on the sleeves.

The cap or "mortarboard" may have come from the squarish cap worn by the masons of the Middle Ages, or perhaps was suggested by the shape of the books which occupied so much of the time of scholars. Attached to a button on the "mortarboard" is a tassel; bachelor's and master's are black or the color appropriate to the subject; those of doctors black or golden. The tassel is worn on the left side by those who are receiving or have received a degree.

The hood, a triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, is faced with colors which denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree; the colors of the lining are those of the college or university from which the degree was granted. The length of the hood is correspondingly longer with each degree.

The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown, the velvet bar on the sleeves, and the borders of most hoods are colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer. The most usual of these are:

White	Arts and Letters	Lemon	Library Science
Copper	Economics	Blue	Philosophy
Light Blue	Education	Sage Green	Physical Education
Orange	Engineering	Gold	Science
Brown	Fine Arts	Scarlet	Theology

At South Dakota State University the tassel color signifies the college in which the degree is earned:

Agriculture	Maize	Family and Consumer Sciences	Maroon
Arts and Science, B.A.	White	General/Liberal Studies	Black
Arts and Science, B.S.	Gold	Nursing	Apricot
Education	Light Blue	Pharmacy	Green
Engineering	Orange		

THE CEREMONIAL MACE

The Ceremonial Mace is traditionally carried by a university marshal at all formal academic occasions. The staff, which stands thirty-six inches high from top to bottom, is made of walnut with a mahogany finish. It is trimmed in 14k plated gold. At the top of the Mace is the great seal of South Dakota State University. The engraved inscription reads "South Dakota State University founded 1881." The Mace was presented to the University as a gift from the SDSU Alumni Association and was used for the first time at President Peggy Gordon Miller's inauguration, September 19, 1998.

The Ceremonial Mace has an ancient history as a symbol of authority. In medieval times it was a studded, clublike weapon, made of iron and capable of breaking armor. It became associated with the protection of the king in France and England and was carried by the king's sergeant-at-arms. In the thirteenth century it was used for civil purposes and figured in the processions of city mayors and other dignitaries. Eventually the Mace became a symbol also for academic institutions, an emblem of order and authority in the pageantry of ceremonial occasions.



THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The University Presidential Medallion, a traditional symbol of authority of the Office of the President, is a 14k gold replica of the University Seal, is three inches in diameter, and is cast as a single piece.

The reverse side of the Medallion is engraved with the names the University has formally held since its inception: Dakota Agricultural College, 1884-1889, South Dakota Agricultural College, 1890-1907, South Dakota State College of Agricultural and Mechanic Arts, 1907-June 30, 1964, and South Dakota State University, July 1, 1964-Present.

The University Presidential Medallion was designed by Sioux Falls artist Jurek Jakowicz and was presented as a gift to the University by the SDSU Foundation. The Medallion is part of the University's heritage and will pass to future presidents. It is traditionally worn by the University president at important ceremonial occasions.



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