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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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One Hundred-Eleventh
ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT

Ten o'clock a.m.
Saturday, May 3, 1997
Stanley J. Marshall
Health, Physical Education and
Recreation Center
Brookings, South Dakota

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Precommencement Concert

"A Celebration Fanfare" by Alfred Reed

"His Honor March" by Henry Fillmore

"The Observing Visitor" by Patrick Conway

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND

PROFESSOR JAMES MCKINNEY, DIRECTOR

Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar/arr. by Jim Coull SYMPHONIC BAND

The National Anthem

"Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key/arr. by Jim Coull SYMPHONIC BAND AND THE AUDIENCE

Introductions

DR. ROBERT T. WAGNER, President of the University

Honorary Marshals

Dr. Sharon A. Hofland, Professor of Nursing

Dr. Darrell M. Jensen, Dean, College of Education and Counseling and Professor of Education

Musical Selections

"Symphony #3 Slavyanskaya" ed. by John R.Bourgeois

I. Allegro

SYMPHONIC BAND

Commencement Address

Ms. GINA PEDERSON, Candidate for Graduation

Recognition of Faculty and Student Honors

DR. CAROL J. PETERSON, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Recognition of Army and Air Force Officers

LTC JAN GRIESENBROCK, Army ROTC

LTC KEVIN GRABER, Air Force ROTC

Induction into Alumni Association

DEB DEBATES, President, Alumni Association

Authorization of Degrees

THE HONORABLE DAVID GIENAPP, Board of Regents

Presentation of Honorary Degrees

ROBERT E. FISHBACK, Doctor of Public Service

DONALD G. MOORE, (Posthumous) Doctor of Science

Lyle E. Schroeder, Doctor of Public Service

Presentation of Graduating Class

THE GRADUATE CLASS

Dr. Marge Hegge, Distinguished Professor of Nursing and

Member of Graduate Council

THE UNDERGRADUATE CLASS

Dr. James J. Doolittle, Chairman of the Academic Senate

Conferring of Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas

PRESIDENT WAGNER AND COLLEGE DEANS

Recessional

"Music for a Ceremony" by John J. Morrissey SYMPHONIC BAND

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ROBERT E. FISHBACK

CITATION FOR THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Mr. Robert Fishback is a quiet, but very influential leader in our community and state. He is viewed as a strong, wise businessman and a personable, caring individual who is always truthful in his approach. We can easily determine from the 21 support letters from academicians, politicians, employees, colleagues, business people, and his church pastor what a positive impact Mr. Fishback has had on the community in which he lives and works. Some of these same persons commented ". . . most of us do not know the half of Bob's involvement or influence, as he chooses to support causes in an anonymous manner."

Mr. Fishback has touched many people through his commitment to both education and families. He believes strongly that education is one of the most important avenues to achieving a good quality of life. He has always been tremendously proud of South Dakota State University and its ideals and precepts.

Through Mr. Fishback's work, since 1961, at First National Bank in Brookings, he has helped the citizens of Brookings and farm families from surrounding areas realize the dream of home ownership, staying on the family farm, owning their own businesses, or sending a child to college.

Perhaps a more visible sign of Mr. Fishback's commitment to families is demonstrated through the extent of family-friendly policies he has implemented at First National Bank.

The well-being of individuals, families, and the communities within which they live is of paramount concern to Mr. Fishback. He is involved in numerous organizations, some of which are specific to Brookings and others which are more regional in nature. He provides internships and employment opportunities for students, acting in a mentor capacity. Many years ago he purchased a large block of land south of McCrory Gardens in Brookings. His reason: to protect and enhance the east entrance to our city. Today this prime property is a park-like area that not only complements McCrory Gardens but enriches and beautifies our city. Mr. Fishback also controlled property south and west of the local hospital and he has held that property for elderly housing or health care oriented use only.

Clearly, the Brookings community and the State of South Dakota have been the major beneficiaries of Bob Fishback's tireless efforts. To show our appreciation for this person of resourcefulness, humanitarian concern, personal dedication, and intellect, South Dakota State University confers on Robert E. Fishback the degree, Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa.

DONALD G. MOORE

CITATION FOR THE POSTHUMOUS HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Dr. Donald G. Moore's association with South Dakota State University began over 25 years ago when he was a graduate student in the Plant Science Department here. After attaining his Ph.D., Dr. Moore remained at SDSU in the capacity of Soil Scientist at the Remote Sensing Institute (RSI). Of special note were his efforts in the development of the Visiting International Scientist Program and various international remote sensing projects. Providing technical and humanitarian assistance to developing countries while maintaining cultural sensitivity was of special importance to Dr. Moore. His professional and social interaction with scientists from around the world extended beyond RSI to the larger SDSU and Brookings communities.

Dr. Moore left SDSU in 1981 to continue his career at EROS Data Center, but he continued frequent contact with his former SDSU colleagues. He was consulted frequently for advice and ideas and hosted many of our international visitors and various SDSU classes. At the EROS Data Center Dr. Moore continued to develop international projects and became known as a leading scientist in the application of remote sensing and related technologies to global humanitarian efforts. His ability to apply space technology to help save and improve lives in low income and food deficit countries gained him a world-wide reputation. His efforts and vision have been incorporated in humanitarian and resource development projects conducted in Latin America, Africa, and Europe. During his tenure he developed and managed a \$20 million research, development, and technology program at the EROS Data Center. The program applied remote sensing and geographic information systems to agriculture monitoring, natural resource management, and famine mitigation.

During the last eight years of Dr. Moore's career at EROS Data Center, he conceived and successfully managed the EROS Data Center International Program. Dr. Moore initiated work through EROS to aid developing countries, specifically Africa. He did a phenomenal job in working with the U.S. Agency for International Development on projects dealing with famine early warning, food insecure populations, and land resource evaluation and development. Shortly before Dr. Moore's untimely death, he had initiated EROS's involvement in projects to conserve biodiversity in the rain forests of Madagascar and in expanding mapping technologies in Latin America.

John Lewis, Director, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, Bureau of Global Programs, USAID, said upon hearing of Dr. Moore's death, ". . . He put our Famine Early Warning Systems program in the forefront of all competing approaches saving, easily, millions of lives with his improvements."

In recognition of this innovative and inspirational scientist, South Dakota State University is proud to confer posthumously on Donald G. Moore the degree, Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*.

Lyle E. Schroeder

CITATION FOR THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

During Mr. Schroeder's tenure as President and Chief Executive Officer of Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls (1961-1997), he nurtured an educational environment that provided educational opportunities, location, facilities, and supplies that allowed for the education of a wide variety of professionals and paraprofessionals to meet the needs of the people of the State of South Dakota and the Upper Great Plains. His leadership in the field of health education has had a direct impact on many SDSU programs (Nursing, Pharmacy, Nutrition and Food Science, Child Development) and consequent impact on virtually every health care facility in the state and region.

In 1974, an effort having significant impact upon the health care system was the initiation of a joint program between SDSU and Sioux Valley Hospital for the training of hundreds of food service workers and managers for South Dakota hospitals, nursing homes, and state institutions. In addition to the Dietary Managers Program, the SDSU Dietetics Program utilizes facilities and staff expertise at Sioux Valley Hospital for the experiential portions of students' education. In 1977 all SDSU College of Nursing clinical experiences were moved from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Sioux Valley Hospital, followed shortly by the establishment of clinical experiences for SDSU Pharmacy students. More recently, Child Development majors have been placed in practicum experiences at Sioux Valley's day care facility and with their child life specialists. Mr. Schroeder's leadership in facilitating our students to learn and practice at Sioux Valley Hospital has been mirrored by the staff at Sioux Valley Hospital who are willing to support internships, practicums, shadowing experiences, and other types of experiential learning.

Lyle Schroeder has been honored as Sioux Falls Business Citizen of the Year (1992); was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame (1994); and was honored with the Spirit of Sioux Falls Award in 1996.

Leader, visionary, doer, example, friend, team player, cheerleader, innovator, forthright, affable, direct, approachable – these words are used to describe Lyle Schroeder. He has made a difference. South Dakota State University, Sioux Valley Hospital, the City of Sioux Falls, the State of South Dakota, and the regional health care professions are better off because of the vision, the benefactions, and the contributions of Mr. Schroeder. Therefore, South Dakota State University takes great pleasure in conferring upon Lyle E. Schroeder the degree, Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa.

Douglas D. Malo

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF PLANT SCIENCE

Dr. Malo is regarded by his dean, department head, colleagues, students, and friends as one of the most respected and effective educators in the State of South Dakota.

Dr. Malo's level of publication has continued at a high level throughout his tenure at SDSU, even though he has carried a 20% appointment as Departmental Teaching Coordinator and has been consistently called upon to fill elected and appointed administrative roles. To his credit, Dr. Malo has 22 refereed research and teaching articles, 36 abstracts, and more than 200 nonrefereed articles and reports. Of special importance is that he has been asked to give invited presentations to his peers on 30 occasions.

Dr. Malo has always maintained an active role in his professional societies. He has held national office on several occasions, including several prominent positions in the American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America, and the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture. At the State level he has held all the elected and appointed positions in the Professional Soil Scientists of South Dakota. He has also played prominent roles in the South Dakota Chapter of Soil/Water Conservation Society of America.

At SDSU, Dr. Malo has served twice as chairman of the Academic Senate. He has advised the Soil Judging Team, Little I, Student Senate, Ag Bio Prexy Council, and the Career and Academic Planning Center. He has served on multiple university-wide committees.

Dr. Malo has been Principal Investigator or Co-PI on successful research grants totaling more than \$600,000 and teaching grants of more than \$50,000. He has produced 15 videos for classroom instruction, 4 completed research theses, 40 presentations at national meetings, 2 copyrighted works, 5 slide sets, and published lecture and lab manuals.

With a 60% active teaching appointment and a 20% appointment as the Plant Science Department's Teaching Coordinator, this is where his impact has been most felt at SDSU. Dr. Malo's student-oriented approach to education has included use of photographic and video technology; use of computer software in the classroom; maintenance of a newsletter to keep students informed of happenings and job opportunities; a student assessment program; a statewide, week-long, hands-on tour for graduate students to gain understanding of the state's resources; and use of interactive television. Dr. Malo teaches seven courses annually. Of these, five were personally developed and two are taught interdepartmentally.

Dr. Malo has received substantial unsolicited recognition for his efforts as a teacher and educator. On 15 different occasions, students and peers have chosen to recognize him for his teaching. Although this recognition culminated in 1995 with NASULGC's National Award for University Teaching Excellence, Dr. Malo contends that it is the students' consistent recognition of his efforts that makes the job worth doing.

In recognition of his contributions to the academic community and to the citizens of South Dakota, we are proud to award the title of "Distinguished Professor of Plant Science" to Dr. Douglas D. Malo.

CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES

PRESIDENT ROBERT T. WAGNER, Ph.D., L.H.D.

The Candidates Will be Presented By
Marge Hegge, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor of Nursing, Graduate Council Member

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

- Cindi Penor Ceglian, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1972; M.Ed., 1980), Sociology
 Dissertation: Using Structural and Process Role Theories to Explain Stepmothers' Relations with Stepchildren.
 Donald Arwood, major professor
- Youngkoo Cho, (B.S., Chonbuk National University, Korea, 1979; M.S., University of Arizona, 1993), Agronomy

Dissertation: Seed Vigor Effects on Growth Characteristics Associated With Seed Yield and Diallel Analysis of Seed Vigor in Soybean.

Roy Scott, major professor

- Mark Alan Edwards, (B.S., East Central University, 1990; M.S., University of Oklahoma, 1993), Sociology
 Dissertation: Parental Involvement of African-American Fathers in Dual-Earner Families.
 Diane Kayongo-Male, major professor
- Peter Kim Froelich, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1980; M.S., 1984), Sociology
 Dissertation: An Investigation of Organizational Decision Making, Bounded Rationality, and the
 Exercise of Discretion in Judicial Decisions to Confine Juvenile Offenders.

 James Satterlee, major professor
- Mayla Ghazi, (B.S., American University of Beirut, 1962; M.S., 1964), Agronomy

 Dissertation: The Effect of Some Closely Related Steroidal Alkaloids on the Germination and Radicle Elongation of Lettuce Seed.

 Eugene Arnold, major professor
- Tracy Dorse Hill, (B.S., Michigan State University, 1990; M.S., South Dakota State University, 1992), Biological Sciences

Dissertation: Life History and Bioenergetics of Chinook Salmon in Lake Oahe, South Dakota. Walter Duffy, major professor

- Kalumbu Malekani, (B.S., The University of Zambia, 1985; M.S., Aberdeen University, 1989), Chemistry Dissertation: Organic Architecture of Humin. James Rice, major professor
- Gerald John Nelson, (B.A., St. Cloud State University, 1982; B.S., 1987; M.A., Mankato State University, 1991), Chemistry

Dissertation: The Chemotaxonomic Study of *Phellinus tremulae* and *Phellinus igniarius*: A Study of Fatty Acids, Alpha,Omega-Dicarboxylic Acids, Steroids and Phenylheptanes.

David Lewis, major professor

Rosemarie Anita Nold, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1988; M.S., Kansas State University, 1990), Animal Science

Dissertation: Muscle Characterization of Twelve Muscles, Sensory Characteristics, and Carcass Traits of Boars, Barrows, and Gilts Fed High and Low Protein Diets and Slaughtered at 100 or 110KG. John Romans, major professor

D. Allen Stateler, (B.S., University of Florida, 1991; M.S., 1993), Animal Science
 Dissertation: Effect of Level and Source of Crude Protein on Site and Extent of Digestion and Microbial Protein Synthesis in Feedlot Cattle.
 Robbi Pritchard, major professor

MASTER OF ARTS

Thomas Bartl, (B.A., Winona State University, 1994), Communication Studies and Theatre Sally Marie Miller, (B.A., South Dakota State University, 1992), English Julie A. Noonan, (B.M.E., South Dakota State University, 1995), Communication Studies and Theatre Cecilia Ragaini, (Bachelors, University Degli Studi Dipise, 1990), English Susan Helfert Shaw, (B.A., Northern Michigan University, 1978), English Renee Lynn Van Der Werff, (B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University, 1990), English

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Gary J. Antoine, (B.S., Sinte Gleska University, 1990), Educational Administration Amelia E. Blackbear, (B.S., Black Hills State University, 1976), Educational Administration Deborah A. Bordeaux, (B.S., Oglala Lakota College, 1990), Educational Administration Dana Lynn Brave Eagle, (B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University, 1989), Educational Administration Josephine Jody M. Brewer, (B.A., Oglala Lakota College, 1992), Educational Administration Kimberly Kay Buryanek, (B.S., University of South Dakota, 1991), Educational Administration Todd Kenneth Christensen, (B.S., Black Hills State University, 1991), Educational Administration Cheryl Yvette Crazy Bull, (B.S., University of South Dakota, 1979), Educational Administration Gary Alan De Vries, (B.S., Iowa State University of Science and Technology, 1978), Agricultural Education Jill Lynette Drake, (B.S., Dana College, 1995), Educational Administration Elizabeth Rachel Fox, (B.M., Lawrence University, 1987), Curriculum and Instruction Cooper O. Garnos, (B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University, 1991), Educational Administration Meralle Eileen Grinnell, (B.S., University of North Dakota, 1976), Educational Administration Jennifer E. Harding, (B.S., Black Hills State University, 1993), Educational Administration Ursula Claire Hymes, (B.S., Tuskegee University, 1989), Curriculum and Instruction Gail Jeanette Jacobsma, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1990), Educational Administration Nancy Jo Keller, (B.A., Chadron State College, 1978), Educational Administration Jennifer L. Kuepers, (B.A., Moorhead State University, 1995), Educational Administration David J. Lantz, (B.S., Iowa State University of Science and Technology, 1982), Agricultural Education George Edward Lee, (B.A., University of Hawaii-Manoa, 1973), Educational Administration Dawn Nell Leftwich, (B.S., Black Hills State University, 1986), Educational Administration Carole J. Little Wounded, (B.A., Fort Lewis College, 1976), Educational Administration David Harold Melemseter, (B.A., Augustana College, 1986), Educational Administration Sharei Lee Mousseaux, (B.S., Oglala Lakota College, 1987), Educational Administration Michael Ralph Murphey, (B.S., University of South Dakota, 1978), Educational Administration Eustace Thomas Night Shield, (B.S., Sinte Gleska University, 1984), Educational Administration Sherry Dawn Red Owl, (B.S., University of South Dakota, 1980), Educational Administration Steven David Richmond, (B.S., Black Hills State University, 1994), Educational Administration Betty A. Robertson, (B.S., Black Hills State University, 1978), Educational Administration Imogene M. Roy, (B.S., Oglala Lakota College, 1989), Educational Administration Kathy E. Smith, (B.S., Chadron State College, 1987), Curriculum and Instruction Kellie Collins Smoller, (B.F.A., Southern Methodist University, 1987), Curriculum and Instruction Marlene D. Stout, (B.S., University of South Dakota, 1984), Educational Administration Robert J. Two Crow, (B.S., Oglala Lakota College, 1985), Educational Administration Elizabeth E. Wagner, (B.S., St. Cloud State University, 1986), Curriculum and Instruction Charmaine M. Weston, (B.S., Oglala Lakota College, 1987), Educational Administration Verna Lee White, (B.A., University of Montana, 1982), Educational Administration

MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Susan Lynn Fox, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1994), Microbiology

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Tong Fu, (B.S., Nankai University, 1989), Chemistry

Terry Burdell Gaalswyk, (B.A., Northwester College, 1991), Mathematics

Elaine Joy Garry, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1979), Industrial Management

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Angela Christine Heibult, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1994), Counseling & Human Resource

Development

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Kelly Jo Hoffman, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1986), Nursing

Matthew Miller Holland, (B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College, 1993), Wildlife and Fisheries Science Emphasis: Wildlife

Carleen Elizabeth Holm, (B.A., South Dakota State University, 1993), Counseling & Human Resource

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Kendra Jo Hubbard, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1992), Counseling & Human Resource Development Lori Ann Huebner, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1992), Counseling & Human Resource Development Amy Ann Iversen, (B.A., Dakota Wesleyan University, 1994), Counseling & Human Resource Development Beth Ann Iverson, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1978), Nursing

Kerri Renee Johnson, (B.A., Augustana College, 1994), Counseling & Human Resource Development

Diane Teresa Johnson-Mitchell, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1991), Counseling & Human Resource Development

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Mohammed Anwaar Ullah Khan, (B.E., Osmania University, 1991), Engineering

Nagesh Mayappa Kuriyavar, (B.E., Karnatak University, Dharwad, 1992), Engineering

Madhu Sudhan Lagala, (B.E., Osmania University, 1991), Engineering

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Lyle Henry Pater, (B.A., Southwest State University, 1993), Industrial Management

Tao Peng, (B.E., Chongqing Institute of Architecture and Engineering, 1989), Engineering

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Heting Yan, (B.E., Changchun Geological College, 1983), Engineering
Jonathan H. Ydstie, (B.A., Concordia College, 1979), Dairy Science
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Lin Yu, (B.S., Beijing University, 1987), Engineering
Yong Yun, (B.S., Jinan University, 1991), Biology
Zheng Zhang, (B.S., Beijing Teachers College, 1982), Geography
Shuquan Zhu, (B.S., Anhui Agricultural University, 1984), Agronomy
Sara Jean Zimmer, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1993), Counseling & Human Resource Development

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

The Candidates will be Presented By
Danny L. Lattin, Ph.D.
Dean of the College

Catherine Brugger, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1995) Robert Kwasniewski, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1995) Susan Lorang, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1995) Byron Olson, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1995) Deborah Sherman, (B.S., South Dakota State University, 1995)

CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

PRESIDENT ROBERT T. WAGNER PH.D., L.H.D.

College of Pharmacy
The Candidates Will Be Presented By
DANNY L. LATTIN, Ph.D.
Dean of the College

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Carnita Rae Abraham
Gregory Louis Bartels, With High Honor
Annette Marie Brand, With High Honor
Eric Marlo Brandriet
Amanda Sue Bresnahan
Christopher John Bultsma, With Honor
Mark Anthony Burggraff
Troy Douglas Burke, With High Honor
Jennifer Cramer-Landis, With Honor
Kelli Jo Doran, With Honor
Marilee Dawn Eggebo, With Highest Honor
Stephanie Kim Ellis

Angela Kay Erickson, With Highest Honor
Guy Joseph Faber
Linda Elizabeth Fogelberg
Teresa Lea French
Julie Ann Hansen
Susan Lynn Hansen, With Highest Honor
Wendy Lynn Harmsen, With High Honor
Michele Ann Hawkins
Kaye Dorothy Heers, With High Honor
Matthew Dale Holt, With Highest Honor
Jennifer Jo Johnson
Jodi Lynn Kiel, With High Honor

Justin Dean Kindopp
Craig David Larson
Karen Marie Leiferman, With High Honor
Misty J. Meusburger, With Honor
Anne Elizabeth Morstad
Darrel Lee Mutchler, With Highest Honor
James B. Nolz
Dale Justin Peters, With Honor
Lisa M. Petersen, With Honor
Leonard James Petrik
Hien Pham, With High Honor
James David Phipps, With Highest Honor

Jean G. Pinkelman
Carol Lynn Redman
Maria Catherine Schleppenbach
Stephanie JoAnne Schmit, With High Honor
Steven Richard Solem, With High Honor
Christopher L. Sonnenschein, With Honor
Sara Lynn Stenlund
Wendy Alison Sterling
David A. Taylor
Janel Sue Torgerson
Rebecca Ann Wiederich, With Honor

College of Nursing
The Candidates Will Be Presented By
ROBERTA OLSON, Ph.D.
Dean of the College

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Jolene R. Arne, With Honor Jean Frances Ashley Rebecca Renae Baer, With High Honor Tamara Dawn Baer, With Highest Honor Cindy Sue Bailey Jean Marie Bailey Jacqueline Lee Becht Nicholas John Beckler Mary Lou Berger Gina Marie Blevenburg Bobbi Jo Block Larry Lee Blunt Amy Jolene Bohl Tim James Bossman Thor Ole Brendtro Mary Lee Brown Alissa Ann Bult, With Highest Honor Lynette Marie Burch, With Honor Jenifer Elaine Butler Colette Mary Carda DeVries Patricia Ruth Cassell Ann Marie Coovert Melita Lisette Coto Dawn Patricia Coulson Benjamin Robert Cox Stacy Lyn Dahms

Ann Marie Coovert
Melita Lisette Coto
Dawn Patricia Coulson
Benjamin Robert Cox
Stacy Lyn Dahms
Carol Lorraine Daniels
Larry Martin DeBuhr
Erica C. Dorr, With Honor
Laurie Jean Dunn, With Honor
Teresa A. H. Foster, With High Honor
Rebecca Anne Fox
Maria Teresita Gillette, With Highest Honor

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Holly Jo Stair

Katheren C. Stanfield, With High Honor Lorie Lynn Stanton Brian Edward Stellinga Nikki Lee Stoffel David D. Stotz Amy Jean Svercl, With High Honor Trina Elizabeth Taszarek Melynda Ann Thelen Kari Ann Thu, With Honor Sarah Jane Timmerman Vernal Ann Trove, With Honor Kelli Kay VanDenOever, With High Honor Amy Sue Warkentin Kelly Jo Lavin Wasko John Philip Weber Karen Ruth Westegaard Shari Ann Yahne, With High Honor Mark Linn York Cynthia Renee Zalar

College of Family and Consumer Sciences The Candidates Will Be Presented By LAURIE STENBERG NICHOLS, Ph.D. Dean of the College

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

With Honor

Jodi Lisa Benson, Early Childhood Education, With Honor Carrie Dawn Benton, Nutrition and Food Science, With High Honor Tami Ann Breuer, Nutrition and Food Science, With High Honor Tyler Davison Cork, Hotel, Restaurant, and Institution Management Tanya Marie Crain, Apparel Merchandising Sheryl Rae Dearduff, Human Development and Family Study Roxann Rae Feickert, Human Development and Family Study, With High Honor

Jennifer Joan Gaulke, Early Childhood Education Renee Jacqueline Greff, Early Childhood Education Tamara Jo Hammer, Human Development and Family Study

Jill Elaine Altermatt, Early Childhood Education,

Michael Joseph Hart IV, Human Development and Family Study, With High Honor

Dee Anne Michelle Harvey, Human Development and Family Study Sherry Dee Heldt, Consumer Affairs

Leah Hopfinger-Petik, Consumer Affairs, With High Honor Kristina Marie Hoffman, Nutrition and Food

Science, With High Honor

Keisha Leigh Iverson, Human Development, Child & Family Study

Callie Sue Jodozi, Human Development and Family Study

Teresa LuAnn Kaltved, Interior Design Stacey Lee Keimig, Consumer Affairs Stephanie Kay Korver, Consumer Affairs

Gina Kathleen Kotilnek, Human Development and Family Study

Kari Lynn Landuyt, Human Development, Child & Family Study

Jane Christine Lunders, Nutrition and Food Science, With Highest Honor Theresa Ann Mages, Food Science, With Honor

Danyell Ann Martinson, Consumer Affairs Tara Lynn McKnight, Human Development, Child

& Family Study

Chasity Ann Miller, Human Development, Child & Family Study

Valerie A. Montgomery, Early Childhood Education, Human Development and Family Study

Joy Annette Okerman, Human Development, Child

& Family Study Jeannie Cathleen Peterson, Human Development,

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Alison Leslie Pravecek, Apparel Merchandising

Teresa Lenora Quaschnick, Consumer Affairs
Joy Lyn Reichert, Nutrition and Food Science,
With Highest Honor

Amy Lynn Riedel, Consumer Affairs
Tanya Jeanne Ringling, Apparel Merchandising
Jennifer Ann Rohla, Family and Consumer
Sciences Education, With Honor

Sarah Lynn Rosin, Human Development, Child & Family Study, With Honor

Melissa Ann Schaeffer, Hotel, Restaurant, and Institution Management

Karen Ann Schindler, Interior Design Laurie Lynne Schmidt, Human Development, Child & Family Study

Natalie Elaine Sieverding, Human Development and Family Study Carol Marie Sorensen, Nutrition and Food Science

Michael Allen Sorum, Hotel, Restaurant, and
Institution Management

Christeen Ann Stromer, Early Childhood Education

Tanya Marie Thomas, Nutrition and Food Science Joanne Lynne Thompson, Nutrition and Food

Kristen Susan Thorson, Nutrition and Food Science Paul Vincent Traina, Nutrition and Food Science, With Honor

Todd Robert Trumm, Hotel, Restaurant, and
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Shelly Lynn Vahle, Nutrition and Food Science,

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With High Honor

Stephanie Ann Vander Vorst, Apparel Merchandising Angela Lee Vincent, Human Development and Family Study

Stacy Jo Voss, Human Development, Child & Family Study

Karla Kay Wells, Hotel, Restaurant, and
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Carrie Jean Whitaker, Human Development and

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College of Engineering The Candidates Will Be Presented By DUANE SANDER, PH.D. Dean of the College

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Sara Jean Drake, With Honor
Thad Michael Drietz
Jeffrey David Eckerle
Lee William Elfering
Steven Mark Jibben
Kevin Michael Johnson
Scott Leslie Lindquist
Bruce Andrew Marinchek
Scott Edward Martens
William Patrick Murphy

Dominic John Nelson Jason Philip O'Mara Joseph Mark Paumen Julian Seth Pearson Cary Jason Pence Mohamad Zubir Raduan Paul Alan Sandman Eric James Sibson Shannon Lee VerHey Craig James Wells Michael Allen Will Brent Charles Wood

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Alanna Dee Seefeldt
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Terrance Wade Boon
Jennifer Dawn Burk, With High Honor
Keith Wayne Carlson, With Honor
Crystal Ann De Bates, With Honor
Jayme Duane Gross
Abdulgader A. Habiballa
Jason Hughes Harper

Donald Andrew Janvrin
Martin G. Jobe
Monte Lee Klinkenborg, With Honor
Glenn Paul Luke, With High Honor
Jamie Lynn Schmidt
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Keith Wayne Carlson, With Honor Philip Raymond Germann, With Honor David William Pullen, With Honor

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Derek William Hengeveld, With Highest Honor
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Michael D. Maher
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Charles Edward Moneke
Allan Bruce Nelson, With High Honor
Andy Ray Okerman
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David William Pullen, With Honor
Thad David Rosenberg
Jose Eloy Santiago
Diane Leigh Schulte, With Highest Honor
John Brian Shero
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Scott Cameron Sievers, With Honor
Shannon Ty Sivertsen
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John Wayne Syrstad
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The Candidates Will Be Presented By
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Dean of the College

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Erin Kathryn Casey, Sociology Linda D. Clark, Economics, With High Honor Kevin James Dobbs, English Kimberly Ann Dolan, Communication Studies and

Theatre

Miranda Kay Doom, Sociology, With Highest

Honor

Patricia Mae Engle, Political Science Jennifer Rebecca Fordyce, Art

Faith C. Gilbertson, Communication Studies and

Theatre

Christine M. Goering, Sociology
Lisa Renee Groon, Journalism, With Honor
Kristina Jeanne Haney, Communication Studies

and Theatre, English, With Honor

Sarah Christine Hansen, Journalism Melissa Mae Haywood, History Amorette Nicole Hinderaker, Journalism

Julie Ann Jacobson, Communication Studies and

Theatre, With Honor

Heather Jensen, Journalism Karyn Rennea Johnson, Economics Martin David Johnson, Geography, With High

Honor

Scott William Johnston, History

Natalie Jo Kaufman, Sociology, Spanish, With

Honor Sara Jane Klug, Music, With Highest Honor

Lisa Rae Larrington, English
Tanya Marie Larson, English
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Mark William Lindell, Communication Studies

and Theatre

Krista Anne Malecek, Economics, Spanish Joseph F. Martin, Mathematics Robb Anthony Meert, Economics, With Honor Stephanie Rae Mitzel, Music, With Honor Matthew Neil Moritz, Athletic Training Nicole DeAnn Mortimer, English

Molly Margaret O'Connell, Communication Studies and Theatre, English, With Honor

Shannon Lynn O'Connor, Sociology, With Honor Ryan Lloyd Olson, English

David Andrew Perchinsky, Sociology Joel Wilson Raney, English

Rebecka Lynne Richter, Communication Studies and Theatre, Spanish

Michael Peter Ridgeway, Journalism, Geography, With Highest Honor

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Jereme John Skiles, Economics
Jennifer Karleen Stevens, Sociology, With Honor
Danielle Lea Stickling, Psychology, German
Jeffrey Alan Sunner, Spanish
Summer Ann Swygman, Economics
Robert David Teitgen, History
Kellie Lynn Thorson, Journalism
Kristen Susan Thorson, Spanish
Tracey Ann Tschetter, Sociology
Stephanie Ann Van Duyn, Art, With High Honor
Tania Marie Voltin, Political Science, With High

Margaret Mary Walsh, Spanish
Ryan David Welsh, Journalism
Wendy Faye Wersinger, Sociology
Carina JoAnn Woltjer, Economics
Lynn M. Yost, English
Kara Jean Zempel, Communication Studies and
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Shawn Thomas Cable Jennifer Lynn Fode, With High Honor Christopher Edward Foster Eric Brian Manus Jeffery Roy Peabody, With Honor Jason Lee Tollefson

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Karen Margaret Anderson, Clinical Laboratory
Technology

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Joseph Allan Angerhofer, Psychology
Vicky Lynn Aslesen, Microbiology
Gregory Alan Aymar, Economics
Tangee Elizabeth Bahl, Psychology
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Dawn Michelle Bauman, Sociology
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Christine V. Berg, Economics, With Honor Travis J. Bischoff, Athletic Training,

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Scott Allen Bohls, History
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Amy Marie Bowar-Raue, Clinical Laboratory Technology, With Honor

Randall L. Brink, Sociology

Ryan Lee Brink, Athletic Training, Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Jean Ann Brodersen, Communication Studies and Theatre, With Honor

Christopher Michael Brown, History
Jenny Lynn Brown, Psychology
Suny Rae Bruun, Economics
Angela Lynn Bruxvoort, General Studies
Joseph Benedict Caffrey, Health, Physical

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Education and Recreation

Tayloe Munford Call, Economics

Catina Luv Campbell, Mathematics
David Branson Carlson, History
Dann Patrick Cecil, Athletic Training
Chad Alfred Chenoweth, General Studies
James Darrel Christensen, Economics
Marin Nichole Christensen, Art
Judith Ann Clark, Art
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Kendra Ann Cole, Mathematics, Physics,

With High Honor

Aaron Patrick Conklin, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Athletic Training, With High Honor Terry Lee Coon, Sociology

Ross J. Cooper, Athletic Training
Melissa Jo Coyle, Economics, With Honor
Jennifer Ann Crawford, Mathematics
Heather Ann Curr, Sociology
Thomas Gerard De Blonk, History
Nadine Joyce De Marco, Psychology
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and Theatre

Lora Leigh DenOuden, Biology, Athletic Training, With Honor

Sandra Leah DeBates, Clinical Laboratory
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Education and Recreation

Linda Jeanne Dorpinghaus, Chemistry
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Wayne Jerry Ellingson, Sociology
Trevor Allen Ellwein, Health, Physical Education
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With High Honor

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Sandra Kay Franken, Geography,

With Highest Honor

Lisa Marie Freiborg-Peick, Communication Studies and Theatre, With Highest Honor

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Amy R. Fuhr, Psychology, With Highest Honor
Melissa Catherine Gabbert, Chemistry,

Biochemistry
Kristine Marie Gannon, Clinical Laboratory

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Brenda Joan Gengler, Geography, History,

With Honor

Amy Jo Gerlach, *Psychology*Jennifer Leigh Gill, *Psychology*, *Sociology*Tracy Ann Gisi, *Sociology*Craig A. Goehring, *Chemistry*Gregory Karl Goehring, *Sociology*, *With Honor*

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and Recreation
Melissa Marie Goering, Communication Studies

and Theatre
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With High Honor

Kami Sue Greeno, Athletic Training,

With High Honor

Jarrod Jay Gustafson, Economics
Casey Brooks Haas, Sociology
Bernice A. Hackett, General Studies
Suzette Marie Hackl, Athletic Training, Health,
Physical Education and Recreation, With High Honor
Brian Lee Hamilton, Economics
Martin Edward Hanish, Mathematics, With Honor
Gaylen John Hansen, Economics
Stephanie Lynn Hansen, Psychology,
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Curt Jack Heezen, Geography

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Amy Jean Hofer, Psychology, With Highest Honor
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Jennifer Jo Hughes, Communication Studies and Theatre, With High Honor Jeffrey Jay Hurlbert, Economics

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Heather Renee Jandel, Economics
Bobbi Jill Janssen, Economics
Jeff Andrew Jenson, History, With Honor

Michelle Lynn Jirsa, Psychology, With Honor Kathryn Jean Johnke, Communication Studies and Theatre

Erik Neil Johnson, Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Theatre

Ryan B. Johnson, Economics
Addison G. Johnston, Communication Studies and

Brent Matthew Jordahl, Economics Angela Christine Kaufmann, Communication Studies and Theatre

Michele L. Kelliher, Sociology Richard Neal Kelzer, Sociology

Jill Patrina Kendall, Communication Studies and

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Kristi Lee Kindt, Journalism Cody Lee King, History

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Jeffrey Dean Kjenstad, Sociology Kelly Jean Kjenstad, Political Science,

With Highest Honor

Kristi Lynn Kjenstad, Sociology Eric William Klavetter, Chemistry Jacquelyn Kay Klein, Economics Kevin Gerrit Kleinjan, Geography Kristi Kay Kleinschmit, Psychology,

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Ann Celeste Klinger-Opdahl, Clinical Laboratory Technology

Gregory Allen Klug, Biology Jon B. Knutzen, History Sarah Lynn Kramer, Biology, With Highest Honor Carrie Ellen Kruse, Sociology, With High Honor James Troy Kruse, History

Ryan Dean Kruse, Sociology

Teresa LeAnn La Masters, Chemistry,

With High Honor Catherine Susan Laible, General Studies

Tracy Linn Larsen, Athletic Training, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, With Honor Julie Marie Lavin, Sociology, With Honor

Rusty Lee Lenners, Economics, With High Honor David Allen Leraas, Geography

Ryan John Lewis, Sociology Arlis Ann Ley, General Studies

Jennifer Catherine Lhotak, Psychology

Lana Mae Lienemann, Athletic Training,

With High Honor

Katherine Ann Limoges, Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Eric Garner Lindberg, Sociology Van Wes Lindell, Health, Physical Education and

Rebecca E. Loberg, Athletic Training, With Honor Albert James Lopez, Psychology, With Honor Amber Jean Lounsbery, Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Lori Marie Louwagie, Psychology Cami Terese Lovely, Art Marcia Lynn Lusk, Chemistry Chad Richard Lynott, Economics Curtis Scott Mark, Biology, Biochemistry Andrew Peter Martin, Psychology Jason Cyril Massmann, Sociology, Geography, With Honor

Benton Dale McCone, General Studies Lisa Kay Metzger, Economics, With High Honor Mark Joseph Meyer, Mathematics

Randy Dean Miller, Psychology Emily Jo Milton, Sociology

Stephanie Rae Mitzel, Psychology, With Honor

Shannon Marie Moore, Economics Eric James Morrison, Geography

Kara Jo Morrison, Biology

Amy Lynn Moser, Economics, With Honor

Jeffrey Paul Mueller, Journalism, With High Honor

Kristine Joon Hee Myers, Microbiology Emelee Alice Nelson, Sociology

Jan Alisa Neuberger, Economics

Michael A. Niles, History

Bradley James Noem, History

Erin Reigh Noem, Clinical Laboratory Technology,

Kyle Martin Norris, Athletic Training, History, With High Honor

Stacey Sue Oestreich, Sociology Thomas James Offerdahl, Chemistry

Lynn M. Olesen, History, With Honor Christian John Oleson, Art

Tamara Lynn Olivier, Journalism, With Honor Melissa Dianne Otkin, Economics

Lezlie A. Parrish, Biology

Gina Sue Pederson, Sociology, Journalism,

With Highest Honor

Russell Ray Petersen, Communication Studies and Theatre

Vone K. Phrommany, Psychology John Christopher Pietila, Journalism, Political

Science, With High Honor J. Jay Prouty, Economics Catina Jo Quick, Mathematics, Economics,

With Highest Honor Amy Lynn Rahlf, Sociology

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With High Honor Nancy Jo Richmond, Communication Studies and Theatre

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John William Sannes, Political Science Timothy John Schaefer, Economics Christopher Jacob Schenkel, Athletic Training, Health, Physical Education and Recreation Mark Lee Schermerhorn, Political Science

Amy Christine Schmidt, Communication Studies and Theatre

Rebecca Sue Schmidt, Psychology
Randy D. Schmitz, Chemistry
Jonathan Robert Schneider, General Studies
Laurie Jean Schoon, Economics
Thomas Rainier Schoper, Political Science
Jeremy Craig Schroeder, Psychology
Kelly Erin Schuerman, Economics, With Honor
Lynette Ann Schultz, Sociology
Nicole M. Schultz, Psychology, With Honor
Jill Marie Schumacher, Athletic Training, Health,
Physical Education and Recreation, With Honor
Shawna Rae Seas, Health, Physical Education and

Micky Jonathon Sehr, Economics
Erin Kay Selle, Art
Jennifer Lee Severson, Journalism
John Jay Shelp, Health, Physical Education and
Recreation

Jermaine A. Showers, Sociology
David Wayne Sievers, Chemistry
Neil Robert Simons, Communication Studies and
Theatre

Ted William Smallfield, Economics
Kellie Jo Smedsrud, Journalism
Edward Andrew Smith, Chemistry
Stacy Marie Solsaa, Psychology
Nick Anthony Stach, Communication Studies and
Theatre

Christian Lloyd Stallkamp, Geography
Corey Lee Stansbury, Psychology
Brent Allen Steen, Economics
Melissa Sue Steffen, Biology
Mark A. Stemwedel, Art
Robert Patrick Stewart, History
John Christopher Storsteen, Economics
Holly Marie Strasburg, Health, Physical Education
and Recreation

Brad Adam Stuwe, Economics
Sara Ann Syverson, Journalism
Tyson Jon Terhark, Economics
Melissa Louise Thies, Sociology
Kelly Joe Thomas, Clinical Laboratory Technology

Ashley Allen Thompson, General Studies, With High Honor Jason Lee Tollefson, Communication Studies and

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Dan H. Trefz, Health, Physical Education and

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Shelly Ann Turner, Athletic Training
Heth Roderick Turnquist, Psychology, Biology,
With High Honor

Ryan Wade Tvedt, Mathematics Thomas George Valentine, Communication Studies and Theatre

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Brent Kyle Walker, Sociology
Jennifer Jean Weber, Psychology
Jason A. Weiland, Microbiology
Bradley Louis Wendland, History, Geography
Daniel Joe Werkmeister, Economics
Christopher Lee Westerman, Economics
William James Whalen, Economics
Holly Ann Whitlock, Journalism
Lisa Melanie LeAnn Will, Chemistry
Vicki Lynne Willemssen, Health, Physical
Education and Recreation, With Highest Honor
Paul Andrew Williams, General Studies
Richard Marshall Williams, Psychology, Sociology,

Sandee Renae Williams, Mathematics,
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Cynthia S. Wilson, Communication Studies and

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Jennifer Lynn Witkowski, Psychology Toni Lee Wolff, Athletic Training,

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Lori Catherine Zobel, Microbiology, Clinical
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Layne Charles Zweibahmer, Communication
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Keith Alan Barton, Agronomy
Christine Mabel Bathke, Animal Science
Ryan John Bauder, Animal Science
Angelia Kay Beynon, Agricultural Business
Clayton James Blachford, Agricultural Systems
Technology

Jonathan Gerald Bosma, Agricultural Business
Suzanne Marie Braem, Horticulture,
With Highest Honor

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Business

James Lee Brenden, Agricultural Education

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With Honor

Frederick Lynn Cribbett, Landscape Design Jon Charles Danielson, Agricultural Systems

Technology

Jon Fredrick DeRouchey, Dairy Manufacturing Chadric Allen Dietrich, Agricultural Business Delane C. Doxtader, Animal Science James Allen Ducker, Agricultural Business.

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Colin John Dutenhoffer, Agricultural Systems

Technology

Paul Evan Dykshorn, Dairy Production Craig Steven Ehlers, Agricultural Business Eric Maack Eide, Animal Science Susan Lynette Eidem, Agricultural Business Mitchel Brent Fabel, Landscape Design Dana Allen Fagerhaug, General Agriculture Wade Warren Falk, General Agriculture Jason Bernard Feldhaus, Animal Science,

With High Honor

Robin Lynn Fiala, Agronomy Nancy Colleen Fiedler, Animal Science, With Honor Renae Patricia Ford, Agronomy Anthony Jon Fratzke, Landscape Design Lance John Frei, Range Science, Animal Science Mark Alan Fuoss, Agronomy, With Highest Honor Rhonda Christine Gilchrist, Agricultural Education Kyle Leonard Gilmour, Animal Science Jan Leo Goroski, Landscape Design Mark Lorne Grannes, Agricultural Business Leonard Arthur Grant, Animal Science Justin Bowen Gray, Animal Science Timothy Jon Gunderson, Animal Science,

With Honor

Daniel Lee Haberling, Agronomy Donna Jean Hansen, Animal Science, With Honor Stuart Gregory Hansen, Landscape Design Thomas Michael Hansen, Agricultural Education Cynthia R. Hanson, Horticulture Sherry J. Hanson, Animal Science Corale Marie Headlee, Animal Science,

With Highest Honor

Alice Lynn Heldorfer, Animal Science,

With High Honor

Jeffrey Charles Jackson, Animal Science Jeremy John Jansen, Animal Science Gregory James Jochum, General Agriculture Jason Francis Johnke, Animal Science Keith Mitchel Johnson, Dairy Manufacturing Melany Amber Johnson, Agricultural Business, With High Honor

Cody Saucerman Jones, Animal Science Jonathan David Jones, Animal Science

Chauncey Skip Jorgensen, Animal Science Kathleen Schuyler Kelley, Animal Science Brent Lyle Kemnitz, Landscape Design Todd Alan Keyes, Landscape Design Holly Ann Kieson, Agronomy Scott Lee Kilber, Animal Science, With Honor Kevin Gerrit Kleinjan, Landscape Design Jason Rodney Knutson, Animal Science Kyle Ryan Korver, Landscape Design Chad William Kucker, Landscape Design,

With Honor

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Cory Ross Liepold, Landscape Design Kelly Lee Lindeman, Agricultural Business Justin L. Lumpkin, Animal Science Barry D. Maag, Animal Science Darrell Ray Mark, Agricultural Business,

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Lee J. Schroeder, Agricultural Business

Natalie Jean Schulte, Animal Science,

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Jason Christopher Scott, Park Management Jeffrey Paul Scott, General Agriculture

Jeffrey Jon Seefeldt, Agricultural Business,

With Honor

Darin Roger Seeley, Agricultural Business
Daniel Ronald Sestak, Agronomy, With High Honor

Tyler B Slinden, Animal Science Becky Jo Smith, Park Management Scott Wesley Snoozy, Animal Science

Grant Nels Sorensen, General Agriculture

Malisa Lee Steele, Agricultural Education

Noelle Lea Stowell, Animal Science Troy Allen Swanson, Dairy Manufacturing

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Griffin Jay Vlietstra, Agricultural Business
Jared Arthur Wenisch, Animal Science
Patricia Lynn Wheeler, Landscape Design
Marcus James White Bull, General Agriculture
Matthew John Widboom, Agricultural Journalism

Chad Alan Williamson, Agricultural Education
Nancy Lynn Winckler, Agricultural Business,
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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 20th 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 training, 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 11th 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).

In our time customs vary as to the wearing of academic gowns. In the older English universities the masters or dons continue to wear such garments while engaged in instructional duties; students are required to wear gowns while attending lectures or during tutorials. Ordinarily in Germany, Spain, and Austria academic regalia is worn only in certain stipulated occasions as in America today.

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 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 scholarly field of the wearer. The most usual of these are:

WhiteArts and Letters	BrownFine Arts	Sage Green Physical Education
Copper Economics	LemonLibrary Science	GoldScience
Orange Engineering	Light Blue Education	ScarletTheology
	BluePhilosophy	

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

AgricultureMaize	Arts and Science, B.SGold	NursingApricot
Arts and Science, B.AWhite	EngineeringOrange	PharmacyGreen
	Home Economics Margon	