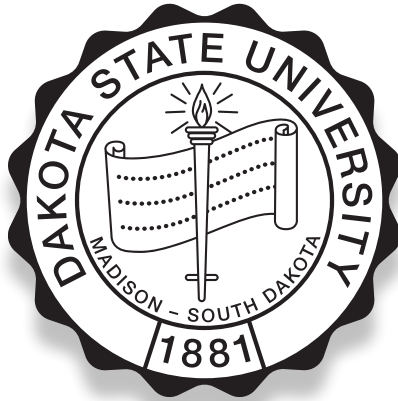

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY™

Spring Commencement



Saturday, May 9, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Dakota State University Fieldhouse | Madison, South Dakota

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance” - by Sir Edward Elgar

Jane Utecht

Please rise and remain standing for Processional and National Anthem

NATIONAL ANTHEM

“The Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key

Rose O’Brien, vocalist

WELCOME AND REMARKS

Dr. José-Marie Griffiths, President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Chris Olson

ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Austin Kaiser

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Regent Miles Beacom

Regent Randy Frederick

South Dakota Board of Regents

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION

Braxton Lacher

Class of 2024

ALMA MATER

Rose O’Brien, vocalist, Jane Utecht, accompanist

RECESSIONAL*

“For Good” Written by Stephen Schwartz

Rose O’Brien and Collette Stewart, vocalists

*Please rise and remain standing until the graduating class has retired.

Dr. Chris Olson

Commencement Speaker



Chris Olson began his journey with Dakota State University in 1996 as an undergraduate student in Information Systems. One month before his graduation in 2001, Chris was in a tragic car accident that nearly cost him his life. After weeks in a coma, he regained consciousness and became aware that his broken neck and spinal cord injury resulted in complete paralysis below his shoulders. After months of extensive rehabilitation in hospitals, he returned home and went back to school online through DSU to earn a Master of Science in Information Systems. He began teaching online classes part-time at DSU in 2005 and was hired as a full-time Instructor in 2006. He taught courses on-campus and online for over 12 years before life made it easier to teach completely online. Because his paralysis caused him to depend on so many others, he felt a great sense of satisfaction doing everything he could for students who depended on him for a high-quality educational experience.

While working full-time, Chris completed his Ph.D. from Northcentral University in 2013, which earned him a promotion to Assistant Professor. In 2017, he was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure. His dedication to student success was recognized in 2010 when he was awarded the Dr. Ernest Teagarden Award for Excellence in Teaching and again in 2023 when he was the recipient of the Alexander “Sandy” Davidson Award for Excellence in Advising and Mentorship. He taught a wide range of programming, mobile, and web development courses for freshmen up to 700-level graduate courses. As he progressed through the academic ranks, he took on leadership roles at DSU. In 2015, he served as the Department Chair for Computer Science and Game Design. Following that, he was the Coordinator of Computer Information Systems for 5 years and then transitioned to be the Coordinator of the MS in Cyber Defense program for 2 years before health issues arose.

Driven by his own experience with disability, Chris was an advocate for accessibility in higher education. He helped create and then served on DSU’s Barrier-Free Learning Committee for 17 years. He presented at several conferences on assistive technology, document accessibility, and universal design. He helped secure over \$785,000 in grant funding from various sources, including the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation and the National Science Foundation, to expand post-secondary online education access for students with disabilities and support the use of assistive technology in higher education.

Chris was active in professional and public service throughout his career. He served on numerous DSU committees. He was appointed by two different South Dakota governors to serve three terms on the South Dakota Board of Vocational Rehabilitation. He was honored by the SD Jaycees when he was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young South Dakotans in 2007. His dedication to service and DSU was recognized with the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award in 2010 and the Knowlton Excellence in Quality Award in 2019.

The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Koffi Regis Oswald Adohinzin

Jennifer L. Schulte

The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences
Doctor of Philosophy in Cyber Defense

Sunil Arora

Yousuf Mohiuddin Muhammad*

LD Herrera

David Alan Schroeder

Jason Jenkins

Michael Grant Williams

The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences
Doctor of Philosophy in Cyber Operations

Robert Michael Cannistra

Eric Wayne Yocam

Alex Wollman

College of Business and Information Systems
Doctor of Philosophy in Information Systems

Angel Blanchard

Lorater Becklines Shey Nangeri

Analytics & Decision Support

Cyber Security

Victor Olutoye Ishola

Harsha Sammangi

Analytics & Decision Support

Analytics & Decision Support

The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences
Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence

Mason Robert Dana

Wyatt Duane Olson

Komal Subhash More

The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences
Master of Science in Computer Science

Jason Michael Bisnette

Darold Devario Kelly Jr.

Cyber Operations

Cyber Operations

Collin Lee Brueggeman

Derek Manzella

Cyber Operations

Cyber Operations

Cole Michael Drumheller

Cody Nagel

Artificial Intelligence

Cyber Operations

Lucas Harr

Franklin Parker

Artificial Intelligence

Juan Manuel Reyna Jr.

Nnaemeka Charles Igwe

Cyber Operations

Artificial Intelligence

Ashton Alvin Ruesch

Shanna Kahn

Cyber Operations

Cyber Operations

Blake T. Schmiedt

Samuel Kieffer Kampshoff

Chase N. Steuerwald

Artificial Intelligence

The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences

Master of Science in Cyber Defense

Payton M. Anderson Technical	Alyssa Nicole May Technical
Charles Ugochukwu Anyanwu Security Management/Compliance	Jacob David Page Security Management/Compliance
Aleksandr Tristan Billey Security Management/Compliance	Joshua David Pallister Sandip Patel Technical
Nicholas Coates Technical	Ryan Christopher Pizzo Technical
William Crumb Technical	Rabi Prajapati Technical
Ebraam Ashraf Helmy Ebrahem Technical	Anna Pratt Technical
Easton Ford Technical	Aaron Benjamin Randolph Patrick Roger Rau Technical
Emelia Rebekah Faith Goheen Technical	Marshal Simons Technical
Kevin Goyins* Technical	Angela Rose Slattery Technical
Aaron Joiner Technical	Nicholas Andrew Smith Tanner Lance Stephens Technical
Nikil Kayastha Technical	Oscar Linus Christoffer Wahlgren Technical
Noah Krull Technical	Juleigh Ann Wilson Technical
Aiden James Larson Technical	
William Louis Marcy III Technical	

College of Business & Information Systems

Master of Business Administration in General Management

Blake D. Duran	John D. Kirchner
Zakkary Arthur Evers	Stephen J. Klekas
Curtis Rodney Flint	Garret Soren Leiseth
Farin Bernadette Gillissen	Samuel Richard Olson
LD Herrera	

College of Business & Information Systems

Master of Science in Analytics

Michael B. Manker	Taylor R. Stacey
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College of Business & Information Systems
Master of Science in Analytics and Applied Artificial Intelligence

Ashlee Danielle Beacom
Amy L. Collins
Christopher D. Elce
Sneha Kachawa
Benjamin Ryan Loos
Tarun Peddavenkatappagari

Uyaruun Purevdorj
Joshua Lee Reid
Helena Iona Rolle
Justin Tyler Tamondong
Sarah Zhara Strader

College of Business & Information Systems
Master of Science in Health Informatics & Information Management

Graystone Tarley Barlue
Anita Bharadwaja

Nakyda A. Dean

College of Business & Information Systems
Master of Science in Information Systems

Sullivan Anye Ade
Cyber Security
Brian Kristofer Cole
Cyber Security
Lindsey Eileen Crow
General
Danilo De Souza
Analytics
Michelle Leigh Elkin
Data Management
James Alan England
Cyber Security

Anthony Brian Foote
Data Management
Aniket Jha
Analytics
Aakash Karki
Cyber Security
Shahid Manzoor
General
Nancy K. Nguyen
General
Kaden Christopher Peterson
Cyber Security

College of Education & Human Performance
Master of Science in Education in Education and Technology

Kathleen Wava Ballinger
Educational Technology
Elliot Carmany
Carrington Rose Entringer
Educational Technology
Rezty Florendo Gapuz
Computer Science and Cyber Education
Andrew Nicholas Griffin
Computer Science and Cyber Education

Grace LaRaine Juergens
Educational Technology
Sharla Kathryn Krell
Jason Wade Landrum
Computer Science and Cyber Education
Taine Harvey Mitchell
Educational Technology
Lindsey Renee Tellinghuisen
Sydney Rae Waldner
Educational Technology

College of Arts & Sciences

Baccalaureate Degree

Brian Issa Aranki	Madison Jean Gaikowski
Digital Arts and Design	Digital Arts and Design
Production Animation	Production Animation
May Badberg	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Biology	Joshua Elden Ganschow
Integrated Biology	Mathematics
Lucas Scott Barkmeier	Information Systems
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
World Affairs & Human Behavior	Brooke Bailey Gunderson
Brooke Elizabeth Beaucaire*	English
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence	Emily Grace Helgeson
World Affairs & Human Behavior	Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
<i>Cum Laude</i>	World Affairs & Human Behavior
Julia M. Busch	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence	Reese Thomas Henrie
Digital Forensics	Mathematics
Haden R. Cahoy	Secondary Education
Digital Arts and Design	Ashlyn Johnson
Production Animation	Digital Arts and Design
Devin Nathaniel Christensen	Production Animation
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
World Affairs & Human Behavior	Daniel Leshner
Grace Ann Clark	Digital Arts and Design
Digital Arts and Design	Computer Graphics
Computer Graphics	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Devan Michael Limoges
Madison Marie Clark	Digital Arts and Design
Biology	Production Animation
Integrated Biology	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Ella McCune Malcomb
Michael Allan Crawford	Digital Arts and Design
Digital Arts and Design	Production Animation
Digital Sound Design	Enoch D. Martin
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
Tanner James Cronin	World Affairs & Human Behavior
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Digital Forensics	Jevon E. McNabb
Christopher Carlos Davis	Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence	Digital Forensics
World Affairs & Human Behavior	Kierra Justice Miller
Judah David DePalmo	Biology
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence	Integrated Biology
World Affairs & Human Behavior	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Trissa Marie Morseman
Lily Epp	Digital Arts and Design
Digital Arts and Design	Production Animation
Production Animation	Isabella J. Mutschelknaus
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Digital Arts and Design
	Production Animation

Ares Nilson
 Digital Arts and Design
 Production Animation
Summa Cum Laude

Jacob Leao Pena
 Digital Arts and Design
 Production Animation

Charlie Peterson
 English
 English Education

Abbie Jo Pillen
 Digital Arts and Design
 Digital Sound Design
Magna Cum Laude

David William Provance
 Digital Arts and Design
 Digital Sound Design

Camara J. Raap
 Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
 Digital Forensics
Magna Cum Laude

Cora Jo Red Leaf
 Digital Arts and Design
 Production Animation
Cum Laude

Ryan Matthew Sell
 Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
 Digital Forensics

Nico Sereda
 Digital Arts and Design
 Production Animation
Cum Laude

Dylan Gabriel Sherard
 Biology
 Integrated Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Wiley James Shorb
 Digital Arts and Design
 Digital Sound Design
Cum Laude

Andrew Lowell Smith
 Mathematics
 Information Systems
Magna Cum Laude

Samuel James Smith
 Digital Arts and Design
 Production Animation

Sanjeev Sunak
 Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
 Digital Forensics

Griffin Dagmar Terkildsen
 Digital Arts and Design
 Production Animation

Mason D. Tillma
 Digital Arts and Design
 Digital Sound Design
Magna Cum Laude

Bradley Kenneth Wede
 English

Ryan Daniel Werness
 Mathematics
 Information Systems
Cum Laude

**The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences
 Baccalaureate Degree**

Bryston Davin Ahrendt
 Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Adam Rion Alexander
 Cyber Operations

Hira Ali
 Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Tanner J. Allen
 Computer Science
Cum Laude

Ali Alrai
 Cyber Operations

Seth Anderson
 Network and Security Administration

Lance Dale Andree
 Network and Security Administration

Silvia Arredondo
 Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Michael E. Arthur
 Network and Security Administration

Joshua Douglas Bauer
 Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Brayden R. Borges
 Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Collin Paul Bradberry
Network and Security Administration
Ethan Craig-Arden Brown
Cyber Operations
Zachary Tyler Bumpous
Computer Science
Steven Michael Byrne
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude
Phoenix Henry Jaymes Campbell
Computer Science
Software Engineering
Tanner Carolan
Cyber Operations
Peter Chapman
Cyber Operations
Connor J. Cole
Computer Science
Brandon Christopher Cook
Network and Security Administration
Magna Cum Laude
Conner W. Curran
Network and Security Administration
Emma Rose Dahm
Cyber Operations
Sawyer Nathan DeWitt
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude
Josiah G. Deitz
Cyber Operations
Karsyn Lynn Driscoll
Network and Security Administration
Tucker Duhon
Cyber Operations
Carson Douglas Eppard
Cyber Operations
Luka Ernesti
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude
Mintesinot Fino
Computer Science
Sawyer Leo Frie
Cyber Operations
Kaley Paige Gann
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude
Joshua Elden Ganschow
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude

Anfernee Garrett
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude
Lucas James Geditz
Computer Science
James Douglas Geiselhart
Cyber Operations
Reina Anne Girouard
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude
Jake Michael Goblirsch
Computer Science
Cum Laude
Joshua Goc
Cyber Operations
Thor Goerish
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude
Thomas J. Goetz
Cyber Operations
Caden Thomas Gortmaker
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude
Bryan Habeck
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude
Shden G. Haile
Cyber Operations
Joseph Paul Hammond
Artificial Intelligence
Magna Cum Laude
Benjamin Scott Haugen
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude
Tucker K. Henderson
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude
Ayden Frederick Hofts
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude
George Hogan III
Artificial Intelligence
Dawson Richard Jenniges
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude
Michael Jensen
Cyber Operations
Nolan Jensen
Network and Security Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Madison Delane Jochim
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Matthew David Justiniano
Network and Security Administration

Austin Joseph Kaiser
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Jon Alex Kern
Computer Science

Stuart Donald Kershaw
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Aleksandr Khindanov
Computer Science
Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
Summa Cum Laude

Keirin Eugene Klein
Computer Game Design
Magna Cum Laude

Wyatt Krebs
Computer Game Design

James R. Kroon
Network and Security Administration
Cum Laude

Drew Steven Kuske
Computer Science
Software Engineering
Magna Cum Laude

William W. Lacroix
Computer Game Design
Cum Laude

Hal Lam
Computer Game Design

Cameron Keith Larson
Computer Game Design
Cum Laude

Tyler Johnson Leisinger
Network and Security Administration

Jack Robert Lenox
Cyber Operations

Nicholas M. Lenssen
Computer Game Design

Aidan Patrick Lewis
Cyber Operations

Miles Livermont
Cyber Operations

Christian Kaitoukaysy Lor
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Braden D. Louden
Computer Game Design
Magna Cum Laude

Jaime Vicente Luna
Network and Security Administration
Cum Laude

Matthew J. Maher
Computer Science

Devin Michael Markley
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Aidan Michael Marsh
Computer Game Design

Andrew Thomas Masteller
Computer Science

Kodiak Q. McClure
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Arthur Vincent McManus
Computer Science

Waylon McQueen
Computer Science
Software Engineering
Cum Laude

Courtney Lynn Meyer
Cyber Operations

Brenden James Miller
Cyber Operations

Landon William Mohr
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude

Jeremiah Joseph Moore
Computer Game Design
Magna Cum Laude

Riley A. Moran
Computer Game Design

Ansley Morgan Nats
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Douglas Leigh Nelson
Computer Science
Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

Elliana Josee Nelson
Cyber Operations

Thi Thien M. Nguyen
Cyber Operations

Tyler Nicke
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Addison Neil Nipper
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Isaiah Joshua Nyreen	Elizabeth G. Schmidt
Computer Game Design	Network and Security Administration
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Matthew Scott
Brendan Thomas O'Connor	Cyber Operations
Network and Security Administration	Noah Robert Sejnoha
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Computer Game Design
Orin Davis Olson	Gabriel S. Severs
Cyber Operations	Computer Science
Caleb A. Ortman	Software Engineering
Computer Game Design	Ramsey Hollins Shirley
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science
Jonathan Overstreet	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Computer Science	Cole Christopher Smith
Irina Pecherskaia	Network and Security Administration
Artificial Intelligence	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Computer Science	Juleissy Somarriba-Delgado
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science
Ethan A. Peek	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Computer Game Design	Brigita Lauw Spenny
Sara A. Peterson	Computer Science
Cyber Operations	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Melissa J. Phillips	Serenity J Spielman
Computer Science	Computer Game Design
Software Engineering	Davie Mackenzie Stanton
Elijah Jared Pomrenke	Cyber Operations
Computer Science	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Collin M. Price	Jason A. Streyder
Network and Security Administration	Cyber Operations
Grace Erin Raad	Network and Security Administration
Cyber Operations	Justin Tempest Suarez
Camara J. Raap	Cyber Operations
Cyber Operations	Joseph Alexander Taylor
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Cyber Operations
Jacob Daniel Radford	Logan A. Taylor
Cyber Operations	Cyber Operations
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Network and Security Administration
Kyler Chad Rasmussen	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Computer Game Design	Jonah S. Thiele
Jesse Michael Ray	Computer Science
Computer Game Design	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Computer Science	Gabrielle J. Thompson
Malachi Dean Reynolds	Cyber Operations
Cyber Operations	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	William Matthew Tilstra
Drew Rian	Cyber Operations
Computer Science	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Caleb Todd
Jagger Alan Ronke	Computer Science
Cyber Operations	Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

Andrew Edwin Tonsager
Network and Security Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Serena Natthaya Van Den Oever
Cyber Operations

Benjamin Zachary Vliem
Computer Game Design
Magna Cum Laude

Tanner John Wade
Computer Game Design

Ryan Daniel Werness
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Marissa Williams
Computer Science
Software Engineering

Nicholas James Wise
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Jacob C. Woerner
Computer Science
Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
Magna Cum Laude

Mark A. Young
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Brock Allen Zirpel
Cyber Operations

College of Business & Information Systems

Baccalaureate Degree

Dawit Girma Adbib
Computer Information Systems
Business Analytics
Cum Laude

Dylon G. Bollock
Professional Accountancy

Kallie Grace Bowman
Business
Business Technology
Marketing

Cole Michael Cartwright
Business
Management

Alex David Ersland
Business
Finance
Professional Accountancy
Magna Cum Laude

Nuhamin Yared Feyissa
Business
Management
Marketing
Cum Laude

Seth Gregory Gawerecki
Computer Information Systems
Application Development

Nathan Kohl Goerke
Business
Marketing

Shakiera Bree Gronenthal
Business
Management

Dylan Joseph Holst
Computer Information Systems
Project Management

McKenzie Lee Hunt
Business
Marketing
Summa Cum Laude

Nicholas James Karber
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Management
Cum Laude

Abby Marie Kerr
Business
Marketing
Summa Cum Laude

Tyler Ronald Kjetland
Business
Business Technology
Management

Quinlin Paul Klein
Business
Accounting
Cum Laude

Dylan Keith Langerock
Business
Finance
Magna Cum Laude

Maddi Marie Langerock
Business
Marketing

Iman Legesse
Business
Marketing

Brittney Lynn Luze
Health Informatics and Information Management
Chase William Marshall
Business
Accounting
Sophia C. May
Business
Finance
Magna Cum Laude
Shauna Michelle McFarland
Computer Information Systems
Project Management
Tori Seever Miller
Computer Information Systems
Application Development
Ashton Rodney Olivier
Business
Business Technology
Casey Jaye Olson
Professional Accountancy
Summa Cum Laude
Bryan Timothy Page
Business
Accounting
Aidan Wayne Perry
Business
Management

Samuel J. Sather
Business
Marketing
Waylin Daylee Sime
Business
Management
Andrew Lowell Smith
Artificial Intelligence in Organizations
Magna Cum Laude
Madelyn May Sylva
Business
Management
Tabor K. Teel
Business
Marketing
Summa Cum Laude
Gonzalo Alejandro Valencia Lucha
Business
Business Technology
Finance
Makayla Weymouth
Business
Accounting

College of Education & Human Performance
Baccalaureate Degree

Gage Lynn-Monroe Arnold
Elementary Education
Cammi LaRae Bear Killer
Elementary Education
Darren James Berg
Special Education
Veronika Bergeron
Special Education
Cum Laude
Rhet Harold Bertram
Physical Education
Sydney Paige Bousquet
Elementary Education
Samantha Josephine Bouza
Special Education
Maycee Ann Marie Bricker
Exercise Science
Cum Laude

Terra Louise Broughton
Elementary Education/Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Julia Rae Bullerman
Elementary Education
Jeanie Marie Bultje
Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Jennifer Ashley Candela
Elementary Education
Abby G. Clark
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Briley Mae Corrigan
Elementary Education/Special Education
Ellie Rae DeVries
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Melanie Jane DeJong
Special Education
Jenna R. Diede
Elementary Education/Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Dalton C. Dubois
Physical Education
Caitlin Jane Dyer
Physical Education
Magna Cum Laude
Christine Elverson
Special Education
Kaden Kenneth Eng
Physical Education
Gabrielle Nadine Englund
Elementary Education/Special Education
Cade Marvin Gross
Special Education
Janaye Marie Hall
Elementary Education
Brooke Christine Haman
Elementary Education
Cameron J. Hanson
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Lacey Hanzlik
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Danielle Hartog
Elementary Education
Deanna Marie Hasty
Elementary Education
Emily Renee Heeren
Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Samantha Jo Hemmingson
Elementary Education
Madison Marie Henkel
Elementary Education
Catherine L. Hintz
Special Education
Blake A. Hofer
Exercise Science
Cum Laude
Andrea Kay Hulstein
Special Education
Willie Roy Hutchins
Exercise Science
Karissa Angelina Johnson
Elementary Education

Bailey M. Katzer
Special Education
Cum Laude
Brooke Katzer
Elementary Education/Special Education
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Jace P. Kelley
Exercise Science
Kelly Lynn Knebel
Elementary Education/Special Education
Carla Ann Knutson
Special Education
Emilee LaBarge
Special Education
Thomas Lais
Physical Education
Makenna Mae Lambert
Elementary Education/Special Education
Koby Leisinger
Elementary Education
Sadie Lindeman
Elementary Education
Haley Rose Matheny
Special Education
Teresa Lynn Mazzocchio
Elementary Education/Special Education
Hannah Nichole McFarland
Exercise Science
Megan Ann Milstead
Special Education
Simon G. Mohr
Elementary Education/Special Education
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Tia Allyn Murray
Exercise Science
Lisa Olson
Special Education
Magna Cum Laude
Megan Gayle Olson
Special Education
Michelle Lynn Ovall
Special Education
Cum Laude
Lucinda Ann Overweg
Elementary Education/Special Education
Cum Laude
Monica Paris
Special Education
Cole D. Paulson
Business Education
Summa Cum Laude

Becky Jo Petrik
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Tawnya Pfeifer
Elementary Education

Emma Marie Rajewich
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Amanda B. Raterman
Special Education
Cum Laude

Kristina Marie Reindl
Elementary Education/Special Education
Cum Laude

Mercede Rose Roberts
Elementary Education

Lindsey Ann Roth
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Morgan Lee Salanoa
Elementary Education

Gus Sanford
Elementary Education/Special Education
Cum Laude

Melanie Marie Schulte
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Colbe Dwight Scott
Exercise Science

Xander Cain Sheehan
Physical Education
Special Education

Katelyn Elise Smith
Elementary Education/Special Education

London Marie Spaulding
Elementary Education
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Danielle Ann Startz
Elementary Education/Special Education
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Danielle Rae Stearns
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Jasmine Rose Steemken
Elementary Education
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Mabel Ann Stiegelmeier
Elementary Education

Elizabeth Telford
Special Education

Alexandra Tracy
Elementary Education/Special Education

Emmalee Ann Trooien
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Mason Ellie Usselman
Exercise Science

Blake Van Regenmorter
Elementary Education

Christena Leann Voigt
Elementary Education

Scott William Wagner
Special Education

Tara Dawn Wallman
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Shanell Lynn Waugh
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Benjamin Michael Witt
Exercise Science
Magna Cum Laude

Kelsie Beth Wollmuth
Elementary Education/Special Education
Magna Cum Laude

Jordan Jean Zirpel
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

**Interdisciplinary Majors
Baccalaureate Degree**

Josie Bartelt
Individualized Studies
Cum Laude

Steven Michael Byrne
General Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Daphnide Day
General Studies

Takisha Luv Enya
Individualized Studies

Collin James Grimmel
General Studies

Jack L. Hemmen
General Studies

Tyler Jon Hoffman
Individualized Studies

Brieanne Johnson
General Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Koby Leisinger
General Studies

Teresa A. Maier
General Studies

Noah McCant
General Studies

Zakry P. Sinkey
General Studies

Nicholas Charles Smith Jr.
General Studies

Zane Mitchell Tucker
General Studies

**The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences
Associate Degree**

Austin Lawrence Beldin
Network and Security Administration

Caleb James Byrne
Software Development
With Honor

Grant Gibson
Network and Security Administration

Thomas J. Goetz
Network and Security Administration

Justyn R. Hauck
Network and Security Administration

Brad Lee Jones
Network and Security Administration

Lucas Robert Keller
Software Development

Hayden Troy Olson
Network and Security Administration
With Honor

Evelyn Yanina Patino Cabezas
Network and Security Administration

Jacob Daniel Radford
Network and Security Administration
With Highest Honor

Malachi Dean Reynolds
Network and Security Administration
With Highest Honor

**College of Business & Information Systems
Associate Degree**

Rita Achter
Health Informatics and Information Management

Daphnide Day
Business Analytics

Angela Jean Eggleston
Digital Accounting
With High Honor

Lacie May Finck
Digital Accounting

Brenley Krislynn Goebel
Business Management

Jack L. Hemmen
Business Management

Andrew Carroll Hesse
Business Management
Project Management

Mitchell Paul Rosane
Business Analytics
Project Management

Angela D. Smith
Health Informatics and Information Management

Amy Catherine Viar
Health Informatics and Information Management

Interdisciplinary Majors
Associate Degree

Dena Kae Feller
General Studies
Andrew Carroll Hesse
General Studies

Julia Victoria Maldonado
General Studies
Lyndsey Erin Ring
General Studies



Honoring Our

MILITARY AND VETERAN GRADUATES

Sullivan Anye Ade
Rhet Harold Bertram
Jason Michael Bisnette
Lucas James Geditz
Emily Grace Helgeson
Brad Lee Jones
Austin Joseph Kaiser
Nicholas James Karber
Jason Wade Landrum

Michael B. Manker
William Louis Marcy III
Aaron Benjamin Randolph
Joshua Lee Reid
David Alan Schroeder
Marshal Simons
Jason A. Streyder
Michael Grant Williams
Mark A. Young



Graduating

WITH HONORS

Academic honors for baccalaureate degrees include *Summa Cum Laude* (3.9 or above), *Magna Cum Laude* (3.7 to less than 3.9) and *Cum Laude* (3.5 to less than 3.7) and associate degrees include *With Highest Honor* (3.9 or above), *With High Honor* (3.7 to less than 3.9) and *With Honor* (3.5 to less than 3.7).

GENERAL BEADLE HONORS

General Beadle honors program originated in 2013 to challenge outstanding students and stress broad intellectual development. The program is open to all students and majors. To graduate as a General Beadle Honors Scholar, students must complete required honors coursework, complete an honors thesis of original creative or research analysis, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.

GRADUATING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BEADLE HONORS PROGRAM (UNDERGRADUATE)

Bryston Davin Ahrendt	Ashlyn Johnson
Emily Grace Helgeson	Enoch D. Martin
Reese Thomas Henrie	Landon William Mohr

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Graduates must maintain a minimum 3.2 grade point average, have a minimum ACT of 24, complete a core of designated courses and complete a major field capstone experience.

GRADUATING MEMBERS OF CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (UNDERGRADUATE)

Tucker K. Henderson
Sophia C. May
Shauna Michelle McFarland
Jason A. Streyder

DELTA MU DELTA

Delta Mu Delta is a national honor society for students majoring in business administration. It was established to recognize and reward superior scholastic achievement of business majors. To be eligible for admission, a student must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.25.

GRADUATING MEMBERS OF DELTA MU DELTA (UNDERGRADUATE)

Abby Marie Kerr
Madelyn May Sylva

KAPPA SIGMA IOTA

Kappa Sigma Iota is an honorary society, unique to Dakota State University, established by President E. C. Higbie to “promote, secure and maintain a high level of professional fellowship.” To be a member of this prestigious organization, a student must have a 3.5 grade-point average and must be elected by the current members of the society.

GRADUATING MEMBERS OF KAPPA SIGMA IOTA (UNDERGRADUATE)

Brandon Christopher Cook	Ayden Frederick Hofts
Mason Robert Dana	Sameul Kieffer Kampshoff
Emelia Rebekah Faith Goheen	Elizabeth G. Schmidt
Tucker K. Henderson	Dylan Gabriel Sherard

TRI BETA

TriBeta is the National Biological Honor Society. TriBeta gives students the opportunity to be involved in science outside of the classroom. Through TriBeta, students have access to research funding and a venue to present/publish their work. Membership in TriBeta is a valued, nationally recognized credential, which looks excellent on a resume when applying for graduate school or scientific positions.

GRADUATING MEMBERS OF TRI BETA (UNDERGRADUATE)

Madison Marie Clark
Kierra Justice Miller
Dylan Gabriel Sherard
Benjamin Michael Witt

LEGACY CORDS

The DSU Alumni Association gifts legacy students with a specific cord to wear at graduation to recognize the connection they share with their family members who have graduated before them. Students with DSU graduates in their family history, both graduate and undergraduate are eligible.

MILITARY/VETERANS CORDS

The Military/Veterans cord is a red, white, and blue cord bestowed upon the graduates who have served or are currently serving in the United States Military. This cord honors our military men and women showing DSU's continued support to our military.

MACE BEARER

Dr. Dorine Bennett

STUDENT MARSHALS

Tarrent Frye
Tasfia Habib Purba
Ayden Spicer
Saujanya Thapa

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

College of Arts & Sciences

B.S. in Biology

B.S. in Computer Game Design

B.S. in Cyber Leadership and Intelligence

B.S. in Digital Arts and Design

B.S. in Digital Content Creation

B.S. in English

B.S. in Mathematics

The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences

A.S. in Network & Security Administration

A.S. in Software Development

B.S. in Artificial Intelligence

B.S. in Computer Game Design

B.S. in Computer Science

B.S. in Cyber Operations

B.S. in Network & Security Administration

M.S. in Artificial Intelligence

M.S. in Computer Science

M.S. in Cyber Defense

M.S. in Cyber Operations

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Ph.D. in Cyber Defense

Ph.D. in Cyber Operations

College of Business & Information Systems

A.S. in Business Analytics

A.S. in Business Management

A.S. in Digital Accounting

A.S. in Project Management

A.S. in Web Development

B.B.A. in Business

B.S. in Artificial Intelligence in Organizations

B.S. in Computer Information Systems

B.S. in Professional Accountancy

M.B.A. in General Management

M.S. in Analytics and Applied Artificial Intelligence

M.S. in Health Informatics and Information Management

M.S. in Information Systems

Ph.D. in Information Systems

College of Education & Human Performance

B.S. in Exercise Science

B.S.Ed. in Business Education

B.S.Ed. in Computer Education

B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education

B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education/
Special Education

B.S.Ed. in Physical Education

B.S.Ed. in Special Education

M.S.Ed. in Education and Technology

Interdisciplinary Majors

A.A. in General Studies

B.G.S. in General Studies

B.S. in Individualized Studies

PAST RECIPIENTS OF DSU HONORARY DOCTORATES

1969 Senator Karl E. Mundt	2007 Jerome B. Lammers
1971 Fred C. Christopherson	2008 David R. Gienapp
1972 Anson Yeager	2016 Susan J. Koch, Ph.D.
1974 Ruth Mondschein	2016 Daniel S. Morrow
1977 C. Emil Loriks	2017 LTG Susan S. Lawrence USA, retired
1978 Preston E. Tyrrell	2019 Dr. Leonard Reinsfelder
1978 V. A. Lowry	2021 Miles Beacom
1979 Francis G. Dunn	2022 Rollyn Samp
1984 Seiichiro Takagi	2023 Charles Luke
1986 Richard G. McCrossen	2023 Shantel Krebs
1990 Maurice Nelles	2024 Matthew Paulson
1991 Ed J. Dirksen	2024 Tammy Miller
1993 Lynn F. Richter	2025 Kristi Noem
1995 Jackson W. White	2025 T. Denny Sanford

PAST RECIPIENTS OF MERIT, DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

1991 Jerry Prostrollo	2002 Theodore O. Berven
Wilfred W. Wagner	Thomas A. Farrell
1992 Donald F. Ralston	2003 Terrill A. Hyde
Dr. Leon A. Swier	DeWayne A. Mork
Fredrick H. Krueger	2004 Joseph Dobbs
Leland White	2005 Marletta Eich
1993 Dr. Clyde K. Brashier	Dr. L. Eric Johnson
William Bulfer	Charles T. Nelson
Steve R. Silva	Royce Hueners (posthumously)
Dr. Charles L. Woodard	2006 Joyce Farrell
1994 Donald G. Alfson	Dr. Thomas Lorang
Dr. Kenneth J. Minnaert	2007 Shantel Krebs
The Hunter Family	2008 John E. Pedersen
1995 George W. Krueger	2009 Deborah K. Bowman
Janice M. (Reihe) Pamperin	Arnold H.W. Fockler
Roger F. Pamperin	2010 Dr. Joseph J. Gertsema
1996 Dr. Owen Tommeraasen	Dale E. Kringen
1997 Dr. Kenneth Brown (posthumously)	Janice K. Nicolay
Dr. Sharon Brown	2011 J. Gene Hexom
Merle Lewis	2012 Dr. Berle Clemensen
1998 Helen Simmons	Faith Stratton
John Allen Schlueter	2013 Dr. Harlan and Vianne Stensaas
1999 Dr. James A. Peterson	2014 Dr. Chad Kurtenbach
LeRoy J. Thomas	2015 Dr. Lynette Molstad Gorder
Dr. Zeno M. Van Erdewyk	2017 Frederick J. Smith
2000 Mr. Miles K. Beacom	2018 Dr. Brett Bradfield
2001 Dr. Darrell L. Sabers	2019 Steve Rokusek
	2021 Thomas E. Orton



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