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DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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*Spring Hooding Investiture*



Saturday, May 7, 2022

Dakota Prairie Playhouse | Madison, South Dakota

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# SPRING 2022 HOODING INVESTITURE

Saturday, May 7, 2022  
Dakota Prairie Playhouse

## PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance" - by Sir Edward Elgar  
Please rise and remain standing until the graduating class has been seated.

## OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Mark Hawkes  
Dean of Graduate Studies

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Jack Walters  
Professor and Graduate Program Coordinator

## HOODING INVESTITURE

## RECESSIONAL

Please rise and remain standing until the  
platform party and graduating class have retired.

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# GRADUATE LEVEL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences

M.S. in Computer Science  
M.S. in Cyber Defense  
Ph.D. in Computer Science  
Ph.D. in Cyber Defense  
Ph.D. in Cyber Operations

## College of Business and Information Systems

M.B.A. in General Management  
M.S. in Analytics  
M.S. in Health Informatics and Information Management  
M.S. in Information Systems  
Ph.D. in Information Systems

## College of Education

M.S.Ed. in Educational Technology

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## **History of the Hooding Ceremony and Academic Regalia**

The academic regalia you see graduates and faculty wear today hearken back to the origins of academia. The cap, gown and hood closely resemble requirements of 14th century English universities which prescribed the wearing of a long gown by faculty and students. The tradition of special academic dress seems to have entered the United States through King's College (now Columbia University) in colonial New York. As late as the 1880s, different institutions established their own academic dress codes like what is done throughout Europe to this day. In 1935 the American Council on Education approved a code for academic costumes that has been in effect since that year, which made the wearing of academic regalia uniform throughout the US.

The colorful hood is reserved for those individuals who have attained academic degrees beyond the bachelor's degree. The hood is a special part of the academic regalia that denotes scholarly and professional achievements. The hoods, which differ in length for the three degrees, are lined with the official colors of the university or college conferring the degree, usually with one color forming a chevron pattern over the other. Hoods are edged and bound with velvet of the color appropriate for the degree. The colors you see in the hoods and gowns represent the various fields in which the degrees were earned.

The hooding ceremony at Dakota State University signifies a scholarly and personal achievement. As chief academic officer, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs commissions the university Registrar to call forth the master candidate. Graduate faculty representatives place the hood on the student as a symbol of passage from student to "master."

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