DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Spring Commencement

Saturday, May 4, 2024  |  10:30 a.m.
Dakota State University Fieldhouse  |  Madison, South Dakota
PROCENSIONAL
“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

HONORARY DEGREES
Mr. Matthew Paulson

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Mr. Matthew Paulson

ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES
Zachary Rohrbach

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Judy Dittman
   South Dakota Board of Regents

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION
   Mr. Dave Geiver
      Class of 1982

ALMA MATER
   Rose O’Brien, vocalist, Jane Utecht, accompanist

RECESSIONAL*
“Time of your Life” Written by Billie Joe Armstrong
   Rose O’Brien, vocalist, Jane Utecht, accompanist

*Please rise and remain standing until the graduating class has retired.
Matt Paulson is an entrepreneur with a special connection to Dakota State University.

From a young age, Matt was an adopter of technology. As one of the first families in his hometown to receive cable internet access, he quickly became involved in online commerce, spending his teenage years operating a fan site about his favorite computer games. The traffic he received on the site brought in advertising money, igniting the entrepreneurial passion that he carries to this day.

When he arrived at DSU’s campus in 2004, Matt was eager to grow his business acumen. Through a successful personal finance blog that he started in his dorm, he was able to pay off his college debt before graduating. A website he developed turned into MarketBeat.com, his financial media company that specializes in financial analysis for individual investors. With over four million subscribers and $25 million in annual revenue, it has become the largest financial media company in the region.

Matt is also an author, a real estate investor, and is active with the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce and South Dakota Enterprise Institute. He is also an active participant in several nonprofit organizations, demonstrating his philanthropic advocacy for giving back to the community through efforts with Startup Sioux Falls, which he created to empower area entrepreneurs.

He supports budding entrepreneurs at Dakota State as well, through the Paulson Cyber Incubator & Entrepreneurial Center. This applied learning laboratory is designed to help University faculty and students, along with community members, pursue their own entrepreneurial goals.

Throughout his successful career, Matt has never forgotten his years at Dakota State. As an innovator, educator, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, Matt Paulson is an excellent representation of an alumnus “rising” to improve the world around him.
The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Kyle Ronald Korman  
Andrew W. Kramer

Shawn Gregory Zwach

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

Ahmad A. Abusini  
Olufemi Adetunji Asabi  
Malik Atiba Gladden  
Chad R. Johnson  
Jonathan Lancelot

Beulah McGee  
Venkatadri Kanthi Narukonda  
Daniel R. Nash  
Katherine Lee Shuck

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

Kurt Jarvis  
Thuy Thi Lam  
Austin R. Norby

Anthony Guilliamo Rizi  
Raven Diane Sims  
Gregory Ronald Sunderland

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

Andrew James Behrens  
Analytics & Decision Support
Akhilesh Chauhan  
Analytics & Decision Support
Rajesh Godasu  
Analytics & Decision Support
Michael David Knupp  
Analytics & Decision Support
Christopher Lee Kreider  
Cyber Security

Kaushik Nagarajan Muthusamy Ragothaman  
Analytics & Decision Support
Ali Y. Shaheen  
Analytics & Decision Support
Brent A. Van Aartsen  
Analytics & Decision Support
Yu (Gary) Zhao  
Analytics & Decision Support

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

Elijah James Abbott  
Cyber Operations
Arne Roland Buhs  
Cyber Operations
Michael C. Clark  
Cyber Operations
Kiera Dean Conway  
Cyber Operations
Hannah L. Droge  
Cyber Operations
Nicholas Daniel Handberg

Jacob Lawrence Hooper  
Christopher Shawn Lewis  
Cyber Operations
Rayanne Maurine Liester  
Cameron Jade Maynard  
Brandon Scott Parrott  
Artificial Intelligence
Morgan MaKay Saathoff  
Tyler Robert Salmen
Nora Sandison
Mason Henry Schmidgall
Tyler J. Sternod
Cyber Operations

The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences
Master of Science in Cyber Defense

Brandon Lee Baker*
Joshua Charles Bartholomew
Kibreib H. Berhe
Telvina Tracy Cole
Max C. Davis
Autumn Grace Driscoll
Darrin Dutcher
Kaedin Christopher Hogan
Mitchell Scott Kenyon
Austen Allen King
Bolutife Kolawole
Christopher David Kolsrud

Jessica Nicole Tarr
Tyler Martin Thomas
Cyber Operations
Jackson Cooper Zastera

College of Business and Information Systems
Master of Science in General Management

Brooke Ann Harmer
Madison A. Polzin

College of Business and Information Systems
Master of Science in Analytics

Jacqueline Musoliza Agufa
Ashish Bhandari
Rohith Burugupally
Sushanth Reddy Chandupatla
Lillian Jewel Dennis
Sharath Kumar Gajjarapu
Rajinikanth Reddy Gunda

Subash Mahat
Garret Robert Spindler
Abdullah Tanveer
Vidya Vadapalli
Matthew David Weseloh
Hakeem Rahniady Putra Ady Yatim

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

Michael J. King
Monica Mysore Chandrashekar
Zachary Brian Rohrbach
Mitchell Terrence Whiley

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

Benony Kwabena Aboagyi
Sai Jahnavi Akula
Bhanu Prasad Reddy Alla
Data Management

Phani Deepak Arvapalli
Jacob Matthew Banghart
Vinay Reddy Barla
Data Management

*Prior Term Graduate
Nageswara Rao Bommineni  
Data Management  

Sunil Chakravarthi Boyapati  
Data Management  

Pravallika Chillara  
Data Management  

Sai Mounika Chintalapudi  
Data Management  

Venkata Rishmanth Yadav Dokku  
Data Management  

Alexis Lee Fredin  
Cyber Security  

Alexis Hiles  
Healthcare Information Systems  

Micah Lee Impecoven  
Analytics  

Aditya Jagatha  
Data Management  

Akash Reddy Kante  
Data Management  

Kusuma Mandyam  
Data Management  

Bala Vamsi Maragani*  
Data Management  

Venkata Lakshman Matta  
Data Management  

Sohail Mohammad Abdul  
Data Management  

Ahron Luke Perumandla  
Data Management  

Pavan Kumar Ponnala  
Data Management  

Dion Charles Reynolds  
Network Administration & Security  

Rajvamsi Rudru  
Data Management  

Kannan Sankaranarayanan  
Healthcare Information Systems  

Krishna Shyam Selagamsetti  
Data Management  

Satish Sai Vanka  
Data Management  

Bhanu Manideep Vejendla  
Data Management  

Man Wang  
Cyber Security

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**College of Education**

**Master of Science in Education in Educational Technology**

Melissa Marie Jurgens  
Courtney Noem-Christensen  
David Michael Novak  

Jazlynn D. Pederson  
Alexandra Lauren Sogn

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**College of Arts and Sciences**

**Baccalaureate Degree**

Abigail Helen Annette Baker  
Mathematics  
Cryptography  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Mahdi N. Benalshaikh  
Mathematics  
Secondary Education

Denyce Gabrielle Reyes Bravo  
Biology  
Integrative Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Joseph Michael Browning  
Mathematics  
Cryptography  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Jesus Cabanzo  
Digital Arts and Design  
Computer Graphics

Andrew J. Cotton  
Digital Arts and Design  
Computer Graphics

Laina Culberson  
Digital Arts and Design  
Production Animation  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Brandon Noah Daniels  
Biology

Daniel Joseph Hoon Eager  
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence  
World Affairs & Human Behavior  
*Magna Cum Laude*

*Prior Term Graduate*
James Ryan Elliott  
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence  
Digital Forensics  
Trissa Isabelle Gross  
English  
English for New Media  
Cum Laude  
Ezra Jonathan Hagen  
Digital Arts and Design  
Production Animation  
Cum Laude  
Bradley Bowen Heinemann  
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence  
World Affairs & Human Behavior  
Brianna Delores Jonas  
Digital Arts and Design  
Computer Graphics  
Christofer Charles McClelland  
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence  
Digital Forensics  
Autumn Marie Meyer  
Digital Arts and Design  
Production Animation  
Cum Laude  
Keegan Daniel Miller  
Digital Arts and Design  
Computer Graphics  
Summa Cum Laude  
Gage David Nagy  
Mathematics  
Information Systems  
Renae Moira Kelley Nemec  
English for New Media  
Emmitt Mason Odney  
Digital Arts and Design  
Production Animation  
Roger Oliete Tejedor  
Biology  
Integrative Biology  
Tyler Paul Orcutt  
Digital Arts and Design  
Computer Graphics  
Magna Cum Laude  
Jason G. Parry  
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence  
Digital Forensics  
Adam Harrison Peak  
Biology  
Integrative Biology  
Samuel Lawrence Putnam  
Digital Arts and Design  
Digital Sound Design  
Oleksandra Rachynska  
Biology  
Integrative Biology  
Summa Cum Laude  
Caleb William Roberts  
Mathematics  
Information Systems  
Magna Cum Laude  
Alissa Bailey Slenes  
Digital Arts and Design  
Production Animation  
Alexandra Grace Smith  
Mathematics  
Cryptography  
Cum Laude  
Isaac Donald Sperlich  
Mathematics  
Information Systems  
Magna Cum Laude  
Reece Spilde  
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence  
Digital Forensics  
Magna Cum Laude  
Casey James Te Grotenhuis  
Mathematics  
Cryptography  
Luigi Vince Thompson  
Digital Arts and Design  
Film and Cinematic Arts  
Miakken Jean Vincent  
Mathematics  
Intermediate Education  
Cum Laude  
Anna F. Vonkeman  
English  
English Education  
Summa Cum Laude  
Nickolas A. Weir  
Mathematics  
Information Systems  
Summa Cum Laude  
Jonah Paolo Worden  
Biology
The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences
Baccalaureate Degree

Tanner Wayne Adler
Cyber Operations
Darrell Kenneth Artz
Computer Science
Nathan Daniel Aufderhar
Cyber Operations
Cameron Dane Ausmann
Cyber Operations
Abigail Helen Annette Baker
Cyber Operations
  *Summa Cum Laude*
Evan Ray Becker
Computer Game Design
Gerardo David Beltran
Computer Science
  Software Engineering
James Kyle Bermingham
Cyber Operations
James Birgholtz
Network and Security Administration
Josue Ndofusu Bizazu
Network and Security Administration
  *Cum Laude*
Turner Micheal Bowar
Cyber Operations
  *Magna Cum Laude*
Benjamin S. Bowman
Cyber Operations
  *Magna Cum Laude*
Joseph Benjamin Boyd
Cyber Operations
  *Summa Cum Laude*
Tyler Ken Brockmueller
Network and Security Administration
  *Cum Laude*
Philip Walter Brooks
Cyber Operations
J. Dalton Brouwer
Cyber Operations
  *Cum Laude*
Joseph Michael Browning
Computer Science
  Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
  *Summa Cum Laude*
John Anthony Brumels
Cyber Operations
Tomas Gabriel Bulk
Cyber Operations
  *Summa Cum Laude*
Naol Jemal Bullo
Computer Science
  *Summa Cum Laude*
Brian Scott Callies
Computer Science
Michael Brandon Cochran
Cyber Operations
Spencer Dean Colling
Computer Science
Amy Louise Collins
Cyber Operations
  *Cum Laude*
Connor D. Cook
Cyber Operations
Patrick M. Dally
Computer Game Design
Matthew Danielson
Cyber Operations
Joshua Dardis
Computer Science
Alexander C. DeLaigle
Cyber Operations
  *Magna Cum Laude*
Jeffrey C. DuFour
Cyber Operations
Carissa L. Durko
Cyber Operations
Daniel Joseph Hoon Eager
Cyber Operations
  *Magna Cum Laude*
Ethan Mark Eide
Network and Security Administration
Chandler Ekholm
Computer Science
Austin Elbert
Cyber Operations
Isaiah Emond
Computer Game Design
  Computer Science
Carlos Andres Encinas
Cyber Operations
Eris Englert
Computer Game Design
Aaron Joseph Falk
Network and Security Administration

Joshua T. Feeger
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Andrew Vincent Flora
Computer Science
Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
Magna Cum Laude

Hannah Elisabeth Fox
Network and Security Administration

Logan Charles Frank
Computer Game Design

David Scott Freeman*
Cyber Operations

Johan Andrew Freudenburg
Cyber Operations

Cole Froelich
Cyber Operations

Ajmal Girowall
Computer Science

Cobain Vedder Goehring
Network and Security Administration

Kevin Goyins
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Kevin Granlund
Computer Science

Chase Hall
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Connor Jay Hanisch
Computer Science

Ethan M. Hauff
Cyber Operations

Joshua L. Hedman
Computer Science

Ethan Victor Hegg
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Tanner Ray Helgeson
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Robert D. Herb
Cyber Operations

Jose M. Hernandez Albarran
Network and Security Administration

Dylan Lee Hilger
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Nathan Duane His Law
Computer Science

Brendon Douglas Huddleston
Computer Science

Haitham Mohammed Ibrahim
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude

Kade Christopher Jacobs
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Ashley A. Joseph
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Brian Kangley
Computer Game Design

Karston W. Kellar
Computer Game Design

Gunnar Harry Kjellsen
Computer Science

Lin Khend Ko
Computer Game Design
Cum Laude

Marshall T. Langley
Cyber Operations

Ian Larson
Network and Security Administration

Joseph Todd Larson
Cyber Operations

Lucas Rae Leiting
Artificial Intelligence
Computer Science
Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
Magna Cum Laude

Kalman Lengyel
Computer Science
Software Engineering
Magna Cum Laude

Adam R. Levin
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

*Prior Term Graduate
Yael Limon  
Cyber Operations  
Network and Security Administration  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Dakota Lee List  
Cyber Operations

Miles Paul Livermont  
Network and Security Administration

Mason Patrick Lloyd  
Computer Science

Minh Quang Lu  
Cyber Operations

Thomas Maguire  
Cyber Operations

Briannah Elizabeth McDaniel  
Cyber Operations

Joshua L. McFarland  
Computer Game Design

Patrick John McTighe  
Network and Security Administration

Jose Mendoza  
Cyber Operations

Yonas B. Mesfine  
Computer Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Beau Alexander Miller  
Computer Science

Amanda Grace Morgan  
Computer Science  
Software Engineering

David James Musilek  
Cyber Operations  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Gage David Nagy  
Computer Science

Kincade Charles Naus  
Cyber Operations  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Gabriel Phulom O’Neill  
Computer Science

Cyber Operations  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Marisa Anne Osterloo  
Computer Science  
*Cum Laude*

Colton Ostgaard  
Cyber Operations  
*Cum Laude*

Saddie Ruth Palmquist  
Cyber Operations  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Deron Reid Parker  
Computer Science

Gavin Michael Pawlovich  
Computer Science  
*Cum Laude*

Austin J. Peterson  
Network and Security Administration

Ethan J. Price  
Artificial Intelligence  
Computer Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Evan Rasmussen  
Computer Game Design

Caleb William Roberts  
Computer Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Tyler Roman  
Computer Science  
*Cum Laude*

Isaac D. Rosdail  
Computer Science

Gage Schacher  
Cyber Operations  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Adam M. Schave  
Network and Security Administration  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Elizabeth G. Schmidt  
Cyber Operations

Grace Lynne Schofield  
Computer Science

Cyber Operations  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Ann Elizabeth Scripture  
Cyber Operations

Lucas Shacter  
Cyber Operations
Jacob T. Shawd  
Computer Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Jace M. Slattery  
Computer Science

Alexandra Grace Smith  
Artificial Intelligence  
*Cum Laude*

Scott Smith  
Cyber Operations

Zachary Michael Smith  
Cyber Operations

Isaac Donald Sperlich  
Computer Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Richard Anthony Stahl  
Cyber Operations  
*Cum Laude*

Tristan Stapert  
Cyber Operations  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Connor Patrick Michael Starrett  
Computer Science

Sydney Rae Stelzer  
Cyber Operations  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Ethin John Svoboda  
Network and Security Administration

Keith Xavier Swenson  
Cyber Operations

Austin James Taylor  
Computer Science

Connor Taylor  
Network and Security Administration

Casey James Te Grotenhuis  
Artificial Intelligence

Jackson Ryan Trandall  
Cyber Operations  
*Cum Laude*

Andrew James Trask  
Network and Security Administration

Noah James Turner  
Computer Science  
Software Engineering

Brett Carter VanOort  
Cyber Operations  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Caden Michael VerMeer  
Computer Science

Tuan Pham Hoang Vo  
Computer Game Design

Tristen Jay Wachter  
Cyber Operations

Hunter Rendon Wade  
Cyber Operations  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kenneth Walker  
Cyber Operations

Sascha A. Walker  
Cyber Operations

Savannah Emily Walsdorf  
Computer Science  
Software Engineering

Nickolas A. Weir  
Computer Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Taj Weir  
Computer Science

Brent Morgan Whitaker  
Cyber Operations

Davis Andrew White  
Computer Game Design  
Computer Science

Keelan Bryce Williams  
Cyber Operations

Benjamin Wilson  
Computer Science

Grace Mae Woodraska  
Cyber Operations

Harrison Orval Yates  
Cyber Operations

Helmi Rizquallah Putra Ady Yatim  
Computer Science
College of Business and Information Systems
Baccalaureate Degree

Ryan (R.J.) Walter Anderson
Computer Education

Chase James Arend
Management

Uzoma Isaiah Dibiamaka
Business
Management

Terra Diane Duda
Health Information Administration

Blake D. Duran
Management

Kyle Falconer
Management

Josiah Ruben Fawcett
Finance

Curtis Rodney Flint
Business
Finance

Lucy Luanne Fods
Management
Marketing
Cum Laude

Daniel Jerome Green
Business Technology

Trevor Russell Hamlyn
Computer Information Systems
Project Management
Summa Cum Laude

C Walker Hultgren
Business Technology

Karin Holm Imdieke
Computer Information Systems
Project Management

Christie Leona Schaller-Jacobs
Health Information Administration

John Devon Kirchner
Finance

Lahna Lin Matucha
Health Information Administration

Devon J. Miles
Business
Finance

Caitlin Mae Mohr
Health Information Administration

Shannon L. Newell
Health Information Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Sara Ann Omann*
Computer Information Systems
Software & Web Development

Randall Charles Pratt
Business
Accounting

Trey M. Ramstad
Business
Management
Cum Laude

Aiden Anthony Rocha
Business
Marketing

Jake Samuel Roemeling
Computer Information Systems
Project Management

Ethan Allan Slaathaug
Business
Finance
Cum Laude

Sage Victoria Swenson
Computer Information Systems
Business Analytics

Erik Robert Wold
Computer Information Systems
Project Management

College of Education
Baccalaureate Degree

Josie Kathleen Bartscher
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Jade Danielle Botello
Special Education

Hattie Rose Breck
Exercise Science

Brooke JoAnne Brummett
Elementary Education/Special Education

*Prior Term Graduate
Robert Cage  
Exercise Science
Jada Dukat  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*
Carrington Rose Entringer  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*
Jackson Lee Fiegen  
Elementary Education
Kandy M. Flowers  
Elementary Education
Jacquelyn Hope Folkers  
Exercise Science
Alexus Nicole Foster  
Elementary Education/Special Education  
*Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Griffin  
Elementary Education
Marcis L. Hausman  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*
Madeline R. Hegg  
Elementary Education  
*Cum Laude*
Drew Keller Hento  
Elementary Education
Kayden Robert Hoeke  
Elementary Education/Special Education
Rhena Hohn  
Elementary Education
Gavin Holland  
Exercise Science
Mallory Rae Hull  
Elementary Education
Nathan Lawrence Ingalls  
Physical Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*
Noah Alan Jewett  
Elementary Education
Rachel A. Kelderman  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*
Jael Cassidy Lundquist  
Elementary Education/Special Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*
Cole James Urban  
Elementary Education  
Sydnie Rae Waldner  
Elementary Education  
  *Magna Cum Laude*
  
Taylor Elsie Wicks  
Elementary Education  
  *Magna Cum Laude*
  
Alivia A. Wuestewald  
Elementary Education

**Interdisciplinary Majors**  
**Baccalaureate Degree**

Esther Noel Engelmann  
General Studies  
Japjit Singh Gill  
General Studies  
Ronnie Lee Latting  
General Studies  
Jessica L. Leighton  
General Studies  
Xotchil Belen Lopez  
General Studies  
Ryan Riece McDaniel  
General Studies

Cody Lyle Moore  
General Studies  
Dalton Connor Nelson  
Individualized Studies  
Walker D. Olivier  
General Studies  
Eriana Emo Vaatausili Pula  
General Studies  
Deonte Dawayne Randle  
General Studies

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

Treshawn Marquis Roberts  
General Studies  
Marcus D. Allen  
Software Development  
Kyle Mathew Worth Anderson  
Network and Security Administration  
Nathaniel Garrett Cherry  
Network and Security Administration  
Amber Eloisa Flores  
Network and Security Administration  
Jared Dane Mead  
Software Development  
Deron Reid Parker  
Network and Security Administration  
  *With Highest Honor*

Melissa J. Phillips  
Software Development  
Austin Ripp  
Network and Security Administration  
Alex Michael Spencer  
Software Development  
Sydney Rae Stelzer  
Network and Security Administration  
  *With Highest Honor*
  
Richard A. Strom  
Network and Security Administration  
Hunter Rendon Wade  
Network and Security Administration  
  *With High Honor*
College of Business and Information Systems
Associate Degree

Interdisciplinary Majors
Associate Degree

Joshua Kenneth Marks
General Studies
Prince Robertson
General Studies

Levi A. Speers
General Studies

HONORING OUR
MILITARY AND VETERAN GRADUATES

Kyle Anderson
Brandon Baker
Joshua Bartholomew
James Bermingham
Jeffrey DuFour
David Freeman
Cole Froelich
Robert Herb
Kurt Jarvis
Mitchell Kenyon

Ian Larson
Christofer McClelland
Daniel Nash
Walker Olivier
Dion Reynolds
Anthony Rizi
Scott Smith
Connor Taylor
Tristen Wachter
Taj Weir
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 26 or more credit hours of honors coursework, complete an honors capstone project, plan and implement a service/leadership project, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.

**GRADUATING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BEADLE HONORS PROGRAM (UNDERGRADUATE)**

- Joseph Boyd
- Beau Miller
- Grace Schofield
- Tristan Stapert

**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)**

- Abigail Helen Annette Baker
- Lucy Fods
- Joseph Larson
- Grace Schofield
- Ann Scripture

**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)**

- Josiah Fawcett
- Curtis Flint
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)
Amy Collins
Jada Dukat
Ryan Morganti
Kincade Naus

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)
Denyce Brace
Oleksandra Rachynska

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. Dan Talley

STUDENT MARSHALS
Jackson Heiberger
Olamide Olosunde
Anden Wieseler
Juleigh Wilson
DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

College of Arts and 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 English
- B.S. in Mathematics

The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences
- A.S. in Network and 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 Digital Arts and Design
- 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
- A.S. in Business Analytics
- A.S. in Business Management
- A.S. in Digital Accounting
- A.S. in Health Informatics and Information Management
- 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 Health Informatics and Information Management
- B.S. in Professional Accountancy
- B.S.Ed. in Business Education
- B.S.Ed. in Computer Education
- 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
- B.S. in Exercise Science
- 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 Educational Technology

Interdisciplinary Majors
- A.A. in General Studies
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THE TRADITION OF THE ALMA MATER

The tradition of singing the Alma Mater at graduations, convocations and other Dakota State University events began in 1922, then Eastern State Normal School, when student assemblies were formal and called chapels. At that time, a faculty member, Miss Helen Cavant, and public school instructor, Miss Evelyn Goodsell wrote the words. Through the years the song has undergone some minor changes in wording and music, but the foundation has remained the same. Dakota State University is deeply rooted in the eastern plains of South Dakota with her alumni branching far and wide throughout the world.

ALMA MATER

On the Eastern plains of South Dakota
where the sunshine is ever near,
There’s a College we are proud to honor,
whose name to us is dear.
Cheer her on to victory, now your voices raise,
For her colors blue and bold, sing praise.
Dakota State University, Dakota State University.
True and loyal to thy name forever,
Nothing from our hearts thy love can sever.
Hail to thee our college, may thy spirit live,
Our Alma Mater, DSU.