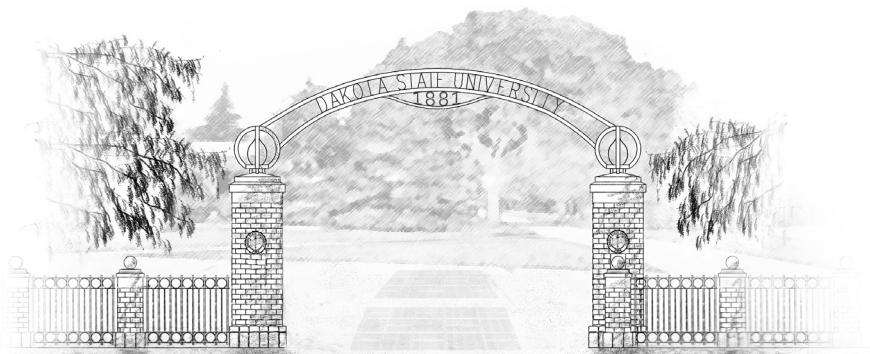

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fall Commencement



Saturday, December 14, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

Dakota State University Fieldhouse | Madison, South Dakota



Barbara Stacey, DSCJ student

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

HONORARY DEGREES

Ms. Tammy Miller

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Judy Dittman

ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Ms. Angela Slattery

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Judy Dittman
South Dakota Board of Regents

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION

Mr. Braxton Lacher
Class of 2024

ALMA MATER

Rose O’Brien, vocalist, Jane Utecht, accompanist

RECESSIONAL*

“My Wish” Written by Stephen Paul and Jeffrey Allen Steele
Rose O’Brien, vocalist

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



Ms. Tammy Miller
Honorary Degree: Doctor of Public Service

Tammy Miller has spent over 40 years at Madison Regional Health System (MRHS) and has been CEO since 1996. Her accomplishments have included overseeing an ambitious campaign to replace an outdated building with a state-of-the-art, 110,000-square-foot hospital and clinic. MRHS is now a 22-bed, nonprofit, independent facility with 250+ employees.

Under Miller's leadership, MRHS has been recognized for its excellent service, and is frequently named to the National Rural Health Association and Chartis Group's list of Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals (2014, 2015, and 2022) for quality and patient satisfaction ratings. MRHS also received Performance Leadership Awards for excellence in quality in 2022 and 2024.

Miller has been recognized as well, named in 2017, 2018, 2023, and 2024 by Becker's Hospital Review as one of the top Critical Access Hospital CEOs To Know. In addition, she is a Fellow in the American College of Health Executives.

This honorary degree for public service is perfectly appropriate given her distinctive work at MRHS, and her spirit of service is also evident through her efforts with healthcare and community boards, including the Lake Area Improvement Board, East Dakota Transit Board, DSU Foundation Board, Northern Plains Health Network, South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations, USD Health Services Administration Advisory Council, American College of Healthcare Executives – South Dakota Chapter, and the American Hospital Association Rural Health Council.

Miller is a Dakota State alumna with bachelor's degrees in business education and a B.S. in business administration, and has been honored as an Outstanding Alumna for Professional Achievement. She also has a master's degree in healthcare administration from the University of Minnesota.



Dr. Judy Dittman

Commencement Speaker

Dr. Judy Dittman's career includes significant accomplishments which resulted from taking advantage of unexpected opportunities.

She began her career at Dakota State as a teacher and coach, and over the next 41 years she served in 16 different positions before retiring in 2020. These included leadership roles as athletics director (three times), Dean of the College of Education, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She also led the way with several important university projects, initiating creating the first on-campus Wellness Center on any South Dakota university campus, and serving as its first director. She was also director of a five-year, \$2.3 million Title III grant that improved student success through learning assistance programs, supplemental instruction options, and additional advising coaches.

In addition to teaching physical education and exercise science, she has coached basketball, softball, and track. Under her leadership, her DSU women's basketball teams won 10 conference championships, including eight consecutive which included a 35-game conference win streak that spanned two and a half years. She still holds the career winning percentage of any DSU coach in basketball. Her softball coaching included four years, winning four conference championships with two undefeated seasons. In 1984, Dittman was named South Dakota Women's College Coach of the Year by the South Dakota Sportswriters Association and was one of only two women inducted into the South Dakota-Iowa Conference Hall of Fame. In 2023, she was named to the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Dittman has been inducted into the Black Hills State University and Dakota State University Athletic Halls of Fame. She was named the DSU 2017 Philanthropist of the Year for her commitment to the vision and values of the university by contributing her time, talent, and resources, and served as the 2020 Homecoming parade marshal.

Dittman's academic degrees include a bachelor's degree in physical education from Black Hills State University, a master's degree in health, physical education, and recreation from South Dakota State University and a Ph.D. in sport, health, leisure, and physical studies from the University of Iowa.

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

Carson Kendall Grandi Koball
Kyle Ronald Korman

Jason Mixon

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

Samuel Todd Aiello
Gavin S. Black
Malik Atiba Gladden

Beulah McGee
Katherine Lee Shuck

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

Rachel Marie Glockenmeier
Corey Mathew Hartman

Chinyere Kafi Marie Isaac-Heslop

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

Akhilesh Chauhan
Analytics & Decision Support
Kalee Crandall
Analytics & Decision Support
Steven Bradley Fowler
Cyber Security

Badr Harfoush
Analytics & Decision Support
Aravindh Sekar
Analytics & Decision Support

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

Graham Aldridge
Alex Barney
Cyber Operations
William Jacob Campbell
Richard James Gillespie
Cyber Operations

Haibin Liu
Cyber Operations
Bergen Marshall
Artificial Intelligence
Mason Henry Schmidgall

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

Taiye S. Adebayo
Kibreab H. Berhe
Telvina Tracy Cole
Nicholas Erik Gourley
Christopher Michael Guilford

Weston Clark Henschel
Maci M. Kasuske
Wesley Forrest Robertson
Kasey Sager
Ian Patrick James Vizina

College of Business & Information Systems
Master of Science in Analytics

Bibhor Acharya
Mohamed Duzan
Jui Jagdish Matey

James Momoh
Mitsuki Shimonishi

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

Srijana Acharya
Tiffany J. Hodgins
Evanz Heinryk Dela Cruz Jagorin

Calvin Michael Jones
Nicole Stoering

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

Vinay Reddy Barla
Data Management
Noah Brown
Cyber Security
Srinadha Reddy Emani
Data Management
Oreta L. Franklyn
General
Enam Haq*
Cyber Security
Healthcare Information Systems
Alexis Hiles
Healthcare Information Systems
Rohith Kandikatla
Data Management
Mahitha Sri Kurri
Data Management
Yasaswi Venkat Lokam
Data Management

Gopalakrishna Nallagopu
Data Management
Sushma Nunna
Data Management
Sriranjani Patibandla*
Data Management
Sai Venkata Phani Mounica Sanagana
Data Management
Fareed Shaik
Data Management
Firdaus Ashfaque Shaikh
General
Keerthi Vallabhaneni
Data Management
Dean Workman
Analytics

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

Catlyn Falconer
Madalyn Groft
Kayla Haviland
Layne Hoium
Sylvia Kate Johnson
Alison Kay Logue

Damien J. Luna
Carli Nicole Menigoz
Savannah Miller
Educational Technology
Preston D. Nordling
Abbie Jo Strasser

College of Arts & Sciences
Baccalaureate Degree

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Martin Lawrence Bailey | Kelsey Marie O'Farrell |
| Digital Arts and Design | Cyber Leadership and Intelligence |
| Digital Sound Design | Digital Forensics |
| Joseph Michael Browning | <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| Mathematics | Emmitt Mason Odney |
| Cryptography | Digital Arts and Design |
| <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | Production Animation |
| Dohrion Ray Eisterhold | Roger Oliete Tejedor |
| Digital Arts and Design | Biology |
| Production Animation | Integrated Biology |
| <i>Cum Laude</i> | Wyatt Duane Olson |
| James Ryan Elliott | Mathematics |
| Cyber Leadership and Intelligence | Information Systems |
| Digital Forensics | <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| Hannah Lee Evans | Razim Sejmenovic |
| Biology | Biology |
| Integrated Biology | Integrated Biology |
| Edward Bishop French | Danielle Brooke Stewart |
| Mathematics | Cyber Leadership and Intelligence |
| Cryptography | Digital Forensics |
| Information Systems | <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| <i>Cum Laude</i> | Hannah M. Thorsen |
| Matthew Douglas Goodwin | Digital Arts and Design |
| Cyber Leadership and Intelligence | Computer Graphics |
| Digital Forensics | <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| Jason J. Kaiser | Mose A. Timoteo Jr. |
| Digital Arts and Design | Digital Arts and Design |
| Digital Sound Design | Computer Graphics |
| Braxton D. Lacher | Isaac D. Toledo |
| Biology | Biology |
| Integrated Biology | Integrated Biology |
| <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | Liz Voit |
| Carter Douglas Malone | Digital Arts and Design |
| Biology | Computer Graphics |
| Biology Education | <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Rebekah Irene Mentele | Carly Lynn Wiese |
| Mathematics | Cyber Leadership and Intelligence |
| Secondary Education | World Affairs & Human Behavior |
| <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | |

The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences
Baccalaureate Degree

Payton M. Anderson

Cyber Operations

Summa Cum Laude

Aleksandr Tristan Billey

Cyber Operations

Jhet Kenneth Birchem

Computer Science

Adam Fletcher Bjelland

Cyber Operations

Brett Thomas Blakeman

Computer Science

Will Bommersbach

Cyber Operations

Joseph Michael Browning

Computer Science

Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

Summa Cum Laude

Collin Lee Brueggeman

Cyber Operations

Summa Cum Laude

Tucker James Carda

Computer Science

Michael Brandon Cochran

Cyber Operations

Wael Tesfaye Delessa

Computer Science

Summa Cum Laude

Morgan Taylor Dickerson

Computer Science

Joseph Leo Kenneth Doty

Artificial Intelligence

Cole Michael Drumheller

Computer Science

Software Engineering

Magna Cum Laude

Sergey Dudkin

Artificial Intelligence

Ethan Mark Eide

Network & Security Administration

Edward Bishop French

Artificial Intelligence

Cum Laude

Hudson Leonard Fuller

Computer Science

Software Engineering

Cum Laude

Joseph Davis Gerhardt

Cyber Operations

Caleb B. Goglin

Cyber Operations

Cum Laude

Asher Kendall Griess

Computer Science

Software Engineering

Summa Cum Laude

Leif John Hausken

Cyber Operations

Magna Cum Laude

Emma Rae Heinemann

Network & Security Administration

Archer W. Hoffpauir

Network & Security Administration

Cum Laude

Nicholas A. Hoier

Computer Science

Ronald Holden

Network & Security Administration

Brandon Christopher Jansen

Computer Science

Kyle Martin Kirk

Cyber Operations

Magna Cum Laude

Andrew Thomas Kirschenman

Computer Science

Carter Ryan Knuth

Computer Science

Summa Cum Laude

Amanda Jo Koehn

Cyber Operations

Ethan James Lein

Computer Science

Dakota Lee List

Cyber Operations

Kalani M. Mangin
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude

Owen Daniel Martin
Cyber Operations

James Brandon May
Network & Security Administration
Cum Laude

Patrick John McTighe
Network & Security Administration

Ethan Robert Mcsherry
Cyber Operations

David John Medin
Computer Science
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Connor T. Murphy
Cyber Operations

Riley J. O'Brien
Cyber Operations

Wyatt Duane Olson
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude

Taylor M. Opitz
Cyber Operations

Deron Reid Parker
Computer Science
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Brady James Petterson
Computer Science
Software Engineering
Cum Laude

Daniel James Priola
Computer Science

Timothy Wayne Pundt
Computer Science
Software Engineering
Cum Laude

David Michael Reznikbell
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Ashton Alvin Ruesch
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Joshua N. Saylor
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Nicholas Peter Schallenkamp
Computer Science

Logan C. Sill
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Angela Rose Slattery
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Isaac Smith
Computer Science

Brennan St. John
Cyber Operations

Jenna Louise Stengel
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Chase Steuerwald
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Eric J. Thilges
Computer Science

Tyler G. Tran
Computer Science
Software Engineering

Isaiah J. Tschetter
Computer Science
Software Engineering
Magna Cum Laude

Samuel Tyrpa*
Cyber Operations

Connor Vass
Cyber Operations

Cade M. Wenninger
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Hunter Paul Allen Wilkie
Network & Security Administration

Gavin Michael Wilkison
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Nash K. Williams
Computer Science

*Adjacent Term Graduate

Colton Dean Willits
Cyber Operations
Benjamin Wilson
Computer Science

Maximillian Seiya Woroniecki
Cyber Operations
Thomas Zeiszler
Cyber Operations

College of Business & Information Systems
Baccalaureate Degree

Michael C. Buchmann*
Business
Management

Christian Jacob Cooper
Accounting

Lars Ivan Arenas Dailey
Business
Management

Ephrata Yared Feyissa
Business
Management

Marketing
Summa Cum Laude

Brooklyn Ann Grage
Computer Information Systems
Project Management

Loren Michael Jacobson
Business
Management

Kalani M. Mangin
Professional Accountancy
Summa Cum Laude

Tanner N. Schmidt
Business
Marketing

Jay Skogerboe
Management

Andrew Michael Sorensen
Computer Information Systems
Project Management

Alexander Swack*
Business
Business Technology

Esperance Umutoni
Business

Finance
Marketing

Aiden Z. Urbom*
Business
Management

College of Education & Human Performance
Baccalaureate Degree

Kristy Ackman
Elementary Education

Brittany Marie Anderson
Special Education

Haylie Baker
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Jaimie Lynn Bartmann
Special Education
Cum Laude

Tyler Robert Brownson
Exercise Science
Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas Carlson
Elementary Education

Alysha Davis
Elementary Education/Special Education
Magna Cum Laude

Shannon Devine Bradley
Elementary Education/Special Education

Johnathon D. Hart
Elementary Education

Morgan Rae Huber
Physical Education
Cum Laude

Elizabeth Grayce Hybertson*
Elementary Education

Danielle Johnston
Elementary Education

Carissa Kellar
Elementary Education/Special Education

Amy Michele Kennedy
Elementary Education

Madeline I. Kringen
Elementary Education/Special Education
Summa Cum Laude

McKenna Rae Kryger
Elementary Education/Special Education
Magna Cum Laude

Alysha Ann Langstraat
Elementary Education

Isabelle Ashleigh Locke
Elementary Education/Special Education
Cum Laude

Ashton Leigh Molengraaf
Elementary Education/Special Education
Magna Cum Laude

Ashley N. Molisee
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Sadie Lee Moran
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Cody Michael Newbrough
Physical Education

Ashlee Jean Odle
Elementary Education

Tucker Miller Pell
Physical Education

Stacia Perry
Special Education

Amber Dawn Purcell
Elementary Education

Bailey Mae Schlotterbeck
Elementary Education

Mackenzie Marie Sims
Elementary Education/Special Education
Cum Laude

Jaden Brock Suess
Exercise Science
Cum Laude

Cassidy Watt*
Exercise Science

Logan Wayne Van Winkle
Elementary Education

Macy Marie Wetsch
Physical Education
Magna Cum Laude

Lindsay Jo Young
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Interdisciplinary Majors Baccalaureate Degree

Sydney Schell
Individualized Studies
Cum Laude

Sunni Brooke Cowan
General Studies

Bryston Lee Goehring
General Studies

Senrinn Matthew Hall
General Studies

Chad A. Kruse
General Studies

Tyce Ervin Ortman
General Studies

Elizabeth Schultze
General Studies

The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences

Associate Degree

Marcus D. Allen

Software Development

Lance Dale Andree

Network & Security Administration

Brady Babb

Network & Security Administration

Anteneh Tsegaye Bayou

Network & Security Administration

Steven Michael Byrne

Software Development

With High Honor

Nolan Michael Coughlin

Network & Security Administration

Kiel Joseph Hesse

Network & Security Administration

Anthony Craig Jacobs

Network & Security Administration

With High Honor

Amelia Keo

Network & Security Administration

Carter William Moerke

Network & Security Administration

Abbas Mohammed

Software Development

Myrna Susana Morin

Software Development

Seth K. Nilson

Network & Security Administration

Deron Reid Parker

Network & Security Administration

With Highest Honor

Sara Nicole Ringheimer

Software Development

Keelan Bryce Williams

Network & Security Administration

Katey Ann Wormsbecher

Network & Security Administration

College of Business & Information Systems

Associate Degree

Cruz Vincent Thomas Busetti

Business Management

With Honor

Mathew Gust

Health Information Technology

Temila A. Mayomi

Business Management

Marlee Ann Van Steenwyk

Health Informatics & Information Management

With High Honor

Interdisciplinary Majors

Associate Degree

Matthew Stanley Evans

General Studies

Seth K. Nilson

General Studies

Miah Kimberly Steinke

General Studies

Carter Donald Sveeggen

General Studies



Honoring Our

MILITARY AND VETERAN GRADUATES

Samuel Aiello
Alex Barney
Noah Brown
Richard Gillespie
Matthew Goodwin
Corey Hartman
Haibin Liu

James May
Patrick McTighe
Abbas Mohammed
Wesley Robertson
Hunter Wilkie
Colton Willits



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 26 or more credit hours of 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)

Carly Wiese

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)

Kalani Mangin

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)

Ephrata Yared Feyissa

Asher Griess

Anthony Jacobs

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)

Hannah Evans

Carter Malone

Razim Sejmenovic

Braxton Lacher

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

Nuthana Banoth

Olamide Olosunde

Pritom Shil Supta

Anden Wieseler

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

College of Arts & Sciences

| | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| B.S. in Biology | B.S. in Digital Content Creation |
| B.S. in Computer Game Design | B.S. in English |
| B.S. in Cyber Leadership and Intelligence | B.S. in Mathematics |
| B.S. in Digital Arts and Design | |

The Beacom College of Computer & Cyber Sciences

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|---|---------------------------------|
| A.S. in Network & Security Administration | M.S. in Artificial Intelligence |
| A.S. in Software Development | M.S. in Computer Science |
| B.S. in Artificial Intelligence | M.S. in Cyber Defense |
| B.S. in Computer Game Design | Ph.D. in Computer Science |
| B.S. in Computer Science | Ph.D. in Cyber Defense |
| B.S. in Cyber Operations | Ph.D. in Cyber Operations |
| B.S. in Network & Security Administration | |

College of Business & Information Systems

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| A.S. in Business Analytics | B.S. in Computer Information Systems |
| A.S. in Business Management | B.S. in Health Informatics and Information Management |
| A.S. in Digital Accounting | B.S. in Professional Accountancy |
| A.S. Health Informatics and Information Management | M.B.A. in General Management |
| A.S. in Project Management | M.S. in Analytics and Applied Artificial Intelligence |
| A.S. in Web Development | M.S. in Health Informatics and Information Management |
| B.B.A. in Business | M.S. in Information Systems |
| B.S. in Artificial Intelligence in Organizations | Ph.D. in Information Systems |

College of Education & Human Performance

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| B.S. in Exercise Science | B.S.Ed. in Computer Education |
| B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education | B.S.Ed. in Physical Education |
| B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education/ Special Education | B.S.Ed. in Special Education |
| B.S.Ed. in Business Education | M.S.Ed. in Education & 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

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

PAST RECIPIENTS OF MERIT, DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

| | | | |
|------|----------------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| 1991 | Jerry Prostrollo | 2001 | Dr. Darrell L. Sabers |
| | Wilfred W. Wagner | 2002 | Theodore O. Berven |
| 1992 | Donald F. Ralston | | Thomas A. Farrell |
| | Dr. Leon A. Swier | 2003 | Terrill A. Hyde |
| | Fredrick H. Krueger | | DeWayne A. Mork |
| | Leland White | 2004 | Joseph Dobbs |
| 1993 | Dr. Clyde K. Brashier | 2005 | Marletta Eich |
| | William Bulfer | | Dr. L. Eric Johnson |
| | Steve R. Silva | | Charles T. Nelson |
| | Dr. Charles L. Woodard | | Royce Hueners (posthumously) |
| 1994 | Donald G. Alfson | 2006 | Joyce Farrell |
| | Dr. Kenneth J. Minnaert | | Dr. Thomas Lorang |
| | The Hunter Family | 2007 | Shantel Krebs |
| 1995 | George W. Krueger | 2008 | John E. Pedersen |
| | Janice M. (Reihe) Pamperin | 2009 | Deborah K. Bowman |
| | Roger F. Pamperin | | Arnold H.W. Fockler |
| 1996 | Dr. Owen Tommeraasen | 2010 | Dr. Joseph J. Gertsema |
| 1997 | Dr. Kenneth Brown | | Dale E. Kringen |
| | (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 |
| | | 2019 | Steve Rokusek |
| | | 2021 | Thomas E. Orton |

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.



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