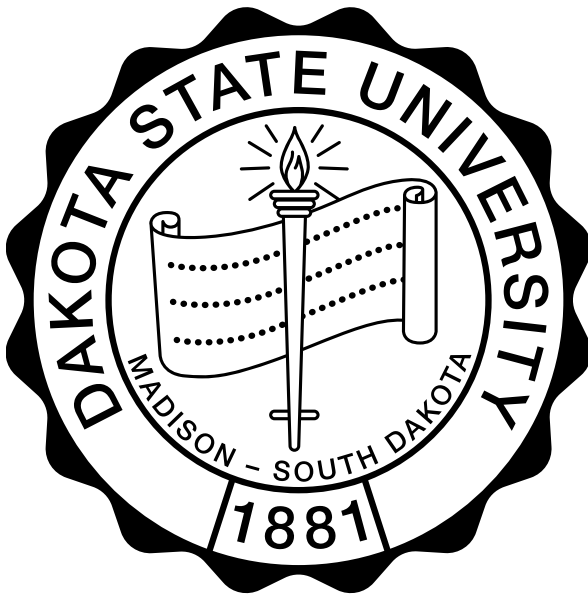
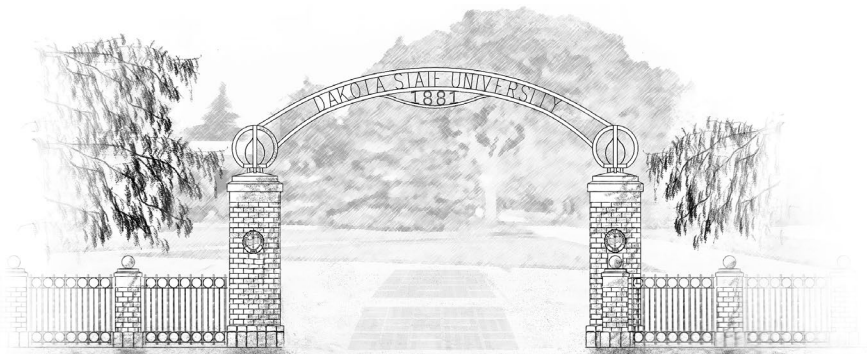

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fall Commencement



Saturday, December 11, 2021 | 10:30 a.m

Dakota State University Fieldhouse | Madison, South Dakota



Barbara Stacey, DSCU student

PROCESSIONAL*

“Pomp and Circumstance” - by Sir Edward Elgar
Please rise and remain standing for Processional and National Anthem

NATIONAL ANTHEM

“The Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key
Kinsey Pickering, vocalist

WELCOME AND REMARKS

Dr. José-Marie Griffiths, President

STUDENT WELCOME

Nathan Ord
Student Senate President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Mr. Randy Schaefer

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Here’s to You”

Original Song Written by: Bailey Belisario, Caleb Gebhard, Jacob Hoffer, Lumin Johnson, Carson Knecht, Nick Medema, Eric Narveson, Kinsey Pickering, Spencer Raap, Sara Stehlik, Mason Wieman, Sandra Champion

ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Alexis Vander Wilt

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Tony Venhuizen
South Dakota Board of Regents

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION

Mr. Tom Nielsen
Class of 2004

ALMA MATER

Led by Sandra Champion

RECESSIONAL*

“Time of your Life” written by Billie Joe Armstrong
Vocalists: Jacob Hoffer, Carson Knecht, Lumin Johnson, Kinsey Pickering
Instrumentalists:
Clarinets: Hayley Crawford, Sophia Lewis
Trumpet: Jake Hoeffler
Euphoniums: Alex DeLaigle, Blaine Humann
Percussion: Thomas Goetz

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



Randy Schaefer
Former Regent and Board of Regents
President for South Dakota
Commencement Speaker

Randy Schaefer is a native of Milbank, S.D. He attended Dakota State, graduating in 1984 with a degree in Physical Education, and minors in history and health. He also played basketball and baseball for the Trojans. He met his wife Theresa, at Dakota State. She is a 1989 graduate with a degree in applications programming.

After graduation, Schaefer worked as a teacher, and at a trucking company in Madison for 11 years. He has been a State Farm Insurance agent in Madison since 1999. He has won State Farm awards including the Agency Masters Club and Chairman's Circle.

Schaefer is an active member of the Greater Madison Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Area Improvement Corporation. He currently serves on the DSU Foundation Board of Trustees, and he and Theresa were named the 2021 Parade Marshals for the fall Homecoming celebration at Dakota State.

Schaefer also served on the South Dakota Board of Regents from 2009-2021, including two years as board president. As a Regent, his role was to ensure that public resources were invested wisely to achieve the academic, research, and service missions of the Board of Regents' system. He was honored in 2021 for this work.

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

Ganga Prasad Basyal
Erasmus Ekpo Etim

Martinson Quarshie Ofori

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

Jonathan Ben-Ezra
Ryan Douglas Bonisch
Andy Honey
Scott Paul LeTourneau

Vincent Nikolas Pullano
Alexis Rae Vander Wilt
Garrett Pearson Vrevich

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

Micah Mitchell DeHarty
Jesse Lee Gauthier
William Heinzen
Shawn Daniel Jaacks

Elliot Keen Kjerstad
Carlos Javier Ocasio
Dillon Rangel
Ashley Nichole Roark*

**College of Business and Information Systems
Master of Business Administration in General Management**

Sarah Lynn Darnall

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

Philippe Marc Barsi

Angela L. Hammrich

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

Jayaram Brindala, MD

Jarod Ray Lassen

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

Sumanth Cheemalapati
Brian Lee Coan
David A. Gray
Jyothi Prakash Kannikkanti
Praveen Kumar Manne

Sona Ngoh
Martinson Quarshie Ofori
Oluwatosin James Olaore
Dylan J. Terry
Phillip Gregory Zito

College of Education
Master of Science in Education in Educational Technology

LaNessa Mari Hof

Jacob Tvedt

College of Arts and Sciences
Baccalaureate Degree

Rebekah Lynn Amussen
Digital Arts and Design
Steven Peter Bergmann
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
Austin Tyler Donat
Biology
Megan Rose Marie Fejfar
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
Magna Cum Laude
Jessica Christine Giles
English for New Media
Summa Cum Laude
Aaron D. Ingalls
Math Information Systems
Magna Cum Laude
Lucas Anthony Klett
English for New Media

Christina Y. Mulu
Mathematics
Summa Cum Laude
Juliette A. Rios
Biology
Tyler Salmen
Mathematics
Cum Laude
Kayleah N. Snedden
Math Information Systems
Cum Laude
Reuben Paul Van Dam
Mathematics
Casey R. Warden
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
Magna Cum Laude

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

Madison Michelle Aldendifer

Cyber Operations

Cum Laude

Shiann Rae Baker

Computer Science

Cum Laude

Brinnae Adalia Blezek

Computer Science

Summa Cum Laude

Ryan Ken Brockmueller

Cyber Operations

Network and Security Administration

Nicholas Rene Buras

Computer Science

Christopher D. Cornell

Computer Science

Cum Laude

Ryan Nicholas Danielson

Computer Science

Derek Wayne Degnan

Cyber Operations

Mark Gibbons Elder

Cyber Operations

Summa Cum Laude

Gabe Engelhardt

Cyber Operations

Chris Glanzer

Cyber Operations

Eric Graham

Cyber Operations

Network and Security Administration

Summa Cum Laude

Spencer M. Harris

Cyber Operations

Noah J. Healy

Network and Security Administration

Matt Hoadley-Jager

Computer Science

Dao Bin Huang

Computer Science

Magna Cum Laude

Leigh Huff

Cyber Operations

Dillon J. Johnson

Computer Game Design

Hope Elizabeth Johnson

Computer Science

Cum Laude

Carson Kendall Grandi Koball

Computer Science

Summa Cum Laude

Aqil Zafr Lakha

Network and Security Administration

Corben D. Leo

Computer Science

Rayanne Maurine Liester

Cyber Operations

Summa Cum Laude

James L. Matthews

Network and Security Administration

Michael Aaron McClure

Cyber Operations

Bobbi Palmer McGowan

Cyber Operations

Eric Michael Minett

Cyber Operations

Kaden James Mork

Network and Security Administration

Christina Y. Mulu

Computer Science

Summa Cum Laude

Luke Steven Neumann

Network and Security Administration

Charles J. Novak

Computer Science

Cum Laude

Matthew Oliver

Computer Science

Cum Laude

Michael Royer

Cyber Operations

Cum Laude

Tyler Salmen
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Timothy G. Sereda
Computer Science

Charlie John Serreyn
Computer Game Design
Cum Laude

Sandesh Sharma
Computer Science

Tré Smith
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Kayleah N. Snedden
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Andrew L. Stange
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Zachary Steffen
Computer Science

Sara Christine Stehlik
Network and Security Administration
Cum Laude

Rajeep Subedi
Computer Science

Luke Sudtelgte
Computer Science
Cum Laude

David Sullivan
Network and Security Administration

Dale Thorpe
Computer Game Design

Reuben Paul Van Dam
Computer Science

Erick M. Ventura
Computer Science

Philip Weke
Cyber Operations

Matthew Robert Arden Whitaker
Computer Science

Magna Cum Laude

Kyle Wormstadt
Network and Security Administration

College of Business and Information Systems Baccalaureate Degree

Chauncey A. Bradeen
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude

Brock James Bumann
Management

Alex Carbajal
Computer Information Systems

Thomas A. Hill
Computer Education

Kirk William Morgan
Professional Accountancy

Ryan Aye Nagaki
Accounting

Madison Ann Polzin
Marketing

Mark C. Poncelet
Management
Cum Laude

Bobby Adam Punt
Management

Nathan Thomas Roets
Management
Magna Cum Laude

Allen John Stillson
Finance

College of Education Baccalaureate Degree

Mara M. Adams
Elementary Education/Special Education

Morgan Marie Anderson
Elementary Education/Special Education

Taylor Lee Balling
Elementary Education

Brooke Berry
Elementary Education/Special Education

Olivia Breske
Exercise Science
Cum Laude

Brandon G. Broderick
Elementary Education/Special Education

Samantha M. Bush
Elementary Education

Tacey Lee Fischbach
Exercise Science
Cum Laude

Tanya Renee Fletcher
Elementary Education

Noah Gavin Guse
Physical Education

Esai A. Hernandez
Physical Education

Cody J. Muilenburg
Physical Education

Magna Cum Laude

Jaclyn Laney Niederwerder
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Regan Lynn Olson
Elementary Education/Special Education
Summa Cum Laude

Skyler Ann Pattison
Elementary Education

Samantha M. Pies
Elementary Education

Summa Cum Laude

Marissa Ann Marie Stoecker
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Interdisciplinary Majors Baccalaureate Degree

Cameron Belden
General Studies

Alec Brian Bultje
General Studies

Ramsey Paul Crissman
General Studies

Edward Abram Fritzler
General Studies

Nicholas Cody Hayden
General Studies

Ayami Ishiguro
General Studies
Cum Laude

Benjamin Nath
General Studies

Sean Pluim
General Studies

Jason Myles Sakamoto-Ryan
General Studies

Sarah J. Sonnenschein
General Studies

Trevor Lee Whitt
General Studies

The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences
Associate Degree

Joseph E. Barrett

Software Development

Shawn Lawrence Boutte

Network and Security Administration

Software Development

Kayla Jane Cook

Network and Security Administration

Noah Allen Manter

Network and Security Administration

Zachery D. Roggenbuck

Network and Security Administration

Andrew J. Turner

Software Development

College of Business and Information Systems
Associate Degree

Terra M. Badmilk

Health Information Technology

Caleb LeRoy Nielsen

Web Development

With Highest Honor

Rachel Nissen

Health Information Technology

Cole Parlet

Business Management

Mark C. Poncelet

Business Management

With Honor

Alex David Rueschhoff

Business Management

Ariana J. Storley

Business Management

Interdisciplinary Majors
Associate Degree

Tucker J. Bennett

General Studies

Drew Carotenuto

General Studies

George Justice Forster

General Studies

With Highest Honor

Sarah Nicole Klett

General Studies

Samantha Gabriel

General Studies

Jacob T. Garza

General Studies

Kaylar Kristoffer Moody

General Studies

Trevor Allen Schultz

General Studies

Jacqueline A. Segarra

General Studies



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 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)

Aqil Lakha

Kyle Wormstadt

Steven Bergmann

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)

Madison Aldendifer

Cody Muilenburg

Spencer Harris

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)

Mark Poncelet

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)

Christina Mulu

Regan Olson

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS

Sigma Alpha Pi strives to build leaders who make a better world. The tasks needed for induction: assist college students in creating the lives they desire, help them discover their passion and purpose, and provide them support and tools to achieve their goals.

GRADUATING MEMBERS OF NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS (UNDERGRADUATE)

Taylor Balling

Eric Minett

Christopher Glanzer

Zachery Roggenbuck

Eric Graham

Tre Smith

Aqil Lakha

SIGMA TAU DELTA

Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society whose purpose is to recognize scholarly and professional accomplishments in English. The DSU chapter is open to students who major in English for New Media, English Education, or who complete minors in English.

To qualify for membership, students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average and a 3.0 grade-point average in their major field.

GRADUATING MEMBERS OF SIGMA TAU DELTA (UNDERGRADUATE)

Jessica Giles

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.

Austin Donat

Tacey Fischbach

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.

MACE BEARER

Dr. Dale Droge

STUDENT MARSHALS

Jonathan Derenge

Mark Eisenbraun

Shay Huss

Tyler Thomas

THE TRADITION OF THE ALMA MATER

The tradition of singing of 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.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF DSU HONORARY DOCTORATES

(presented at Spring Commencement)

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

PAST RECIPIENTS OF MERIT, DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

(presented at Spring Commencement; only past 30 years listed)

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

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

College of Arts and Sciences

B.S. in Analytical Science	B.S. in Digital Arts and Design
B.S. in Biology	B.S. in English
B.S. in Computer Game Design	B.S. in Mathematics
B.S. in Cyber Leadership and Intelligence	

The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences

A.S. in Network and Security Administration	B.S. in Network and Security Administration
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

College of Business and Information Systems

A.S. in Business Management	B.S.Ed. in Business Education
A.S. in Health Information Technology	B.S.Ed. in Computer Education
A.S. in Web Development	M.B.A. in General Management
B.B.A. in Business	M.S. in Analytics
B.S. in Artificial Intelligence in Organizations	M.S. in Health Informatics and Information Management
B.S. in Computer Information Systems	M.S. in Information Systems
B.S. in Health Information Administration	Ph.D. in Information Systems
B.S. in Professional Accountancy	

College of Education

B.S. in Exercise Science	B.S.Ed. in Physical Education
B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education	M.S.Ed. in Educational Technology
B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education/ Special Education	

Interdisciplinary Majors

A.A. in General Studies
B.S. in General Studies

