Fall Commencement

Saturday, December 11, 2021  |  10:30 a.m
Dakota State University Fieldhouse  |  Madison, South Dakota
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 Hoeffer
Euphoniums: Alex DeLaigle, Blaine Humann
Percussion: Thomas Goetz

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

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

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

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

*Completed Spring 2021
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
Kayleigh 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 Zafir 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

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**College of Business and Information Systems**  
**Baccalaureate Degree**

Chauncey A. Bradeen  
Accounting  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Brock James Bumann  
Management

Alex Carabajal  
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

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
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
Spencer Harris
Cody Muilenburg

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*

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### PAST RECIPIENTS OF MERIT, DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS
*presented at Spring Commencement; only past 30 years listed*

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DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

College of Arts and Sciences

- B.S. in Analytical Science
- 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 Network and Security Administration
- 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 Management
- A.S. in Health Information Technology
- 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 Information Administration
- 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
- M.S.Ed. in Educational Technology

Interdisciplinary Majors

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