Dakota State University

Spring 2021 Commencement

Dakota State University Fieldhouse
Madison, S.D.

Saturday, May 8, 2021
9:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
SPRING 2021 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
THE BEACOM COLLEGE OF COMPUTER AND CYBER SCIENCES
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021
9:00 A.M.

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
Bailey Belisario, vocalist

Welcome and Remarks...................................... Dr. José-Marie Griffiths, President

Honorary Doctorate...................................... Dr. José-Marie Griffiths, President

Commencement Address................................. Mr. Miles Beacom

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, and Sandra Champion

On Behalf of the Graduates.............................. Samson Argo

Conferring of Degrees..................................... Regent Barb Stork
South Dakota Board of Regents

Presentation of Diplomas

Alumni Association Induction............................ Dr. Ashley Podhradsky

Alma Mater....................................................... DSU Vocals

Recessional* .................................................. * Performed by DSU Instrumentalists
Musical performances under the direction of Sandra Champion, DSU Music Director
DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
SPRING 2021 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES,
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS, AND
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
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WELCOME AND REMARKS .............................................. Dr. José-Marie Griffiths, President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .............................................. Mr. Miles Beacom

MUSICAL INTERLUDE ............................................................. “Here’s To You”
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ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES ...................................... Noah Salmen

CONFERRING OF DEGREES .............................................. Regent Barb Stork
South Dakota Board of Regents

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS ................................... Dr. Jim Moran
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

50 AND 51 YEAR GRADUATES

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION .................................. Tom Farrell
Class of 1970, DSU Emeritus Faculty

ALMA MATER .............................................................................. DSU Vocals

RECESSIONAL* ................................................................. * Performed by DSU Instrumentalists
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Dakota State University alumnus Miles K. Beacom has said that DSU has an extremely special place in his heart. This is certainly evident from his actions over the last four decades.

Miles exemplifies what it means to be a True Trojan. During his time at DSU, and after he graduated with a business degree in 1981, he has been dedicated, determined, disciplined, driven, and distinctive. These characteristics have helped him rise to the top of his career.

He has served as Chief Executive Officer of PREMIER Bankcard since 1993. Under his leadership, PREMIER Bankcard has gone from serving 30,000 cardholders to more than 3.7 million customers nationwide. PREMIER is currently the 13th largest issuer of credit cards in the country and employs approximately 1,700 employees in four locations across South Dakota. Miles also serves in a variety of management positions with other financial institutions, and is a member of several boards, including the Sioux Empire United Way, the Catholic Diocese for Eastern South Dakota, and the Dakota State University Foundation.

Community involvement and giving back to his profession have always been priorities for Beacom, and his philanthropy is far-reaching. Because of Dakota State’s special place in his heart, Miles has never forgotten his alma mater.

In 2014, he and philanthropist T. Denny Sanford gave the largest donation to date for the first new building on campus in 30 years, the Beacom Institute of Technology. In 2017, Miles and his wife Lisa and Mr. Sanford continued their philanthropy with a $30 million Rising Gift to DSU. This has been used for student scholarships, new faculty and staff positions, and a second new building on campus, The Madison CyberLabs (MadLabs). The computer college also bears his name, The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences.

Upon his 2013 induction into the South Dakota Hall of Fame, Miles humbly responded that any success he has had is a result of surrounding himself with great people, from family, to co-workers, to friends.

Miles and his wife have three daughters and one son.
The Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to Tom Orton, who graduated with a business education degree from General Beadle State College in 1969. His advice to graduates is to be to “be prepared.”

Orton was prepared for a diverse career that has included a broad variety of managerial, consulting, and teaching experience in many industries. He was founder or co-founder of several companies, including Synetics Corporation (providing engineering and management services to the utility industry), a toy/game industry company that manufactured baseball board games, United Energy Services, and Scientific Technology Inc. (providing consulting and recruiting activities for the utility, computer, and aerospace industries). He also taught business related courses to first- and second-year students at a junior college in Boston, Mass., in conjunction with his studies for his graduate degree at Suffolk University.

Orton is currently a semi-retired consultant and an investor/owner of farmland in Stanley and Jerauld Counties in South Dakota, presently serving on the Board of Directors and advisor to Outsource Management, Inc. He was a founding member of this twenty-year-old company, which was established as a go-to resource for emerging mid-size companies that embrace marketing automation, CRM, and sales enablement platforms to grow and dominate their niche.
The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences
Doctor of Philosophy in Cyber Defense

Arica Sue Kulm
Francisca Afua Opoku-Boateng

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

Charles Anthony Badami
Hosam Mahmoud Badreldin
Jonah Lee Baron
Gerald Chikukwa
Tyler J. Flaagan
Howard Brian Goodman
Samuel E. Jarocki
Richard Martell Matthews III
Matthew Turman McNulty
Mohammad Muntasir Nur
Sharmila Paul

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

Diaa Faisal Abu-Shaqra
Erasmus Ekpo Etim
Thomas Michael Jernejcic
Srinivasulu Reddy Vuggumudi

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

Betigil Asaye Abere
Nick Alholinna
Louis Thomas Christopher Alley
Bailey Cristian Belisario
Jonathan Ben-Ezra
Maxwell Marty Cruse
Austin Cundiff
Alex Joseph Derr
Micah Allen Flack
Luke R. Fleck
Brendan Fredrick Hansen
Taylor Hietpas
Koby Kevin Jackson
Jarod W. Keene
Jonathan Kim
Kyle Ronald Korman
Jonathan Ross Lein
Christopher Loutsch
Jordan Oberg
Joshua Ohar
Emmanuel Opoku
Zachary Daniel Quintana
James Ralph Riddick II
Benjamin Allen Risher
Collin Theodore Rumpca
Logan Michael Stratton
Nicholas James Stryker
Ryan Adam Styles
Hanna Lynn Thiry
Hans E. Verhoeven
Christian James Weelborg
Michael S. Whitehead
The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences
Master of Science in Cyber Defense

Kasie Kelvin Awagu
Griffin Dean Egner
Rodney D. Fulk
Brendan Grant
Leron Ashworth Gray
Alicia Robyn Hanson
Nathan Jerome Harmer
Samuel Allen Heuchert
Esperanza Lucy Honny
Jacob Dean Horstman
Shawn Daniel Jaacks
Kyle Stephen Kaplan
Alex Timothy Ketcham
Nathan D. Kramer
Joseph Paul Murray
Francisca Afua Opoku-Boateng
Ashley Nichole Roark
Emily Marie Sartor
Brianne Y. Severson
Jean-Michel Armand Shema Shingiro
Katherine L. Shuck
Lauren Torkelson
Man Wang
Christian James Weelborg
Robyn Marie Wilson
Danny G. Zapata

College of Business & Information Systems
Master of Business Administration in General Management

Allen D. Evans
Drew Daniel O’Brien
Mariah Lynn Palmquist
Rajesh Maganbhai Parmar
Clinton L. Storm
Karthik Vangury

College of Business & Information Systems
Master of Science in Analytics

Seema Bhandari
Allen L. Bull Bear Jr.
Tara Lynn Burton
Barbara Coutts
Pamela Rae Davis
Tatiana Dombrovski
Rylie Fleckenstein
Laxmi Manasa Gorugantu
John Franklin Herbert
Kevin Patrick Hobart
Sai Anurag Illendula
Kevin Nathaniel Kuipers
Jeremy Edward Lewis
Sakan Luerakoran
Lilibeth Presa Lumbereras
Evan Edward Miles
Robert L. Miller
Monica Eva Milligan
Henry Mubiru
Suranjana Nag
Kara J. Paulson
Snigdha Peddi
Timothy J. Ries
Natalie Ivanna Rodriguez
Dustin Ryan Schafbuch
Sai Neelima Seru
Roshni Sharma
Nicholas Steven Shenefield
Lidia Soto
College of Business & Information Systems  
Master of Science in Health Informatics and Information Management

Madel Guiao Cahill  
Caitlin Jane Pick

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

Loknath Sai Ambati  
Grant Carlson  
Laura Ann Huffman  
Mohammed Aiman Iqbal  
Corey Allen Kapp  
Jeremiah Lee Lowhorn

Kaushik Nagarajan Muthusamy Ragothaman  
Viren Bachubhai Patel  
Justin Donald Tank  
Piyush Vyas  
Brady Jay Woudstra

College of Education  
Master of Science in Education in Educational Technology

Bruce Douglas Abels  
Shawnalisa Elaine Adee  
Jalen Alan Boyd  
Jessica J. Dawson  
Jonathon Michael Forster  
Mahyle Renae Hausman

Shelby Kay Rang  
Robin Rene’ Schwebach  
Lucy Lynn Spencer  
Jayda Laurine Templeton  
Katilyn Ann Van’t Hof  
Jill M. Vincent

College of Arts and Sciences  
Baccalaureate Degree

Patrick Allen Bamburg  
Digital Arts and Design  
Braden Paul Burns  
Digital Arts and Design  
Terra Kay Carpenter  
Digital Arts and Design  
Braeden Terry Cates  
Digital Arts and Design  
Riley Daniel Cates  
Digital Arts and Design  
Cum Laude  
Cody Jon Davelaar  
Mathematics  
Summa Cum Laude

Samuel Morgan Drummond  
Physical Science  
Summa Cum Laude  
Matthew Louis Dunn  
Math Information Systems  
Magna Cum Laude  
Connor L. Ford  
Mathematics  
Cum Laude  
Haley Ann Frank  
Digital Arts and Design  
Magna Cum Laude  
Shelby Shaunette Gary  
Digital Arts and Design  
Cum Laude
Gabrielle Herlyn  
Digital Arts and Design  
Summa Cum Laude

Brian Scott Hoaas  
Digital Arts and Design

Angela L. Hupf  
Mathematics Education  
Summa Cum Laude

Riley Christian Janke  
Biology

Olivia June Janssen  
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence  
Cum Laude

Trudy Marie Jones  
Digital Arts and Design  
Summa Cum Laude

Lee J. Kampshoff  
Digital Arts and Design

Travis L. Krakow  
English for New Media  
Cum Laude

Rebecca L. Lange  
Digital Arts and Design  
Summa Cum Laude

Riley J. Lentz  
Digital Arts and Design

Ryan M. Little  
Digital Arts and Design  
Magna Cum Laude

Jasmin Marie Lucero  
Digital Arts and Design

Albert Michael Pavlinac  
Digital Arts and Design  
Cum Laude

Heather Aline Petersen  
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence  
Summa Cum Laude

Kobey PJ Phoummany  
Digital Arts and Design

Spencer Eugene Raap  
Digital Arts and Design  
Summa Cum Laude

Quinn Micheal Remmers  
Digital Arts and Design

Bhim Rizal  
Math Information Systems

Jaclynn Berhadette Rogers  
English for New Media  
Cum Laude

Korinne Lorraine Roggenbuck  
Digital Arts and Design

Andrew Joseph Rotert  
Math Information Systems  
Summa Cum Laude

Colin Sabers  
Digital Arts and Design  
Magna Cum Laude

Gregory Richard Sage  
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence

Holly Jo Sando  
Digital Arts and Design  
Magna Cum Laude

Noah James Schuldt  
English Education  
Cum Laude

Amanda Grace Tommerdahl  
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence  
Magna Cum Laude

Viana Elise Waldner  
English Education  
Summa Cum Laude

Truman Andrew Weyand  
Digital Arts and Design  
Cum Laude

Madison B. Whitcomb  
Digital Arts and Design

Mason Scott Wieman  
Digital Arts and Design  
Magna Cum Laude

Victorie R. Wilson  
Digital Arts and Design  
Cum Laude
The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences
Baccalaureate Degree

Tarek Talaat Abdelmotaleb
Cyber Operations
*Cum Laude*

Levi Austin Anderson
Computer Science

Samson Argo
Network and Security Administration

Maaz Arif
Computer Science

Jordan Christopher Arndt
Cyber Operations
*Cum Laude*

Jackson Edwin Augspurger
Computer Game Design

Carson Paul Beamer
Cyber Operations

Matthew Allen Beasley
Cyber Operations

Shane Nolan Beranek
Computer Game Design
*Cum Laude*

Nathaniel Tate Berg
Cyber Operations
*Magna Cum Laude*

Odin Alexander Bernstein
Cyber Operations
*Magna Cum Laude*

James R. Bigger III
Cyber Operations

Jason Edward Bigerstaff
Computer Game Design

Alec James Bollman
Computer Game Design

John James Darth Vader Bonar
Cyber Operations
*Summa Cum Laude*

Fabian Boria
Cyber Operations

Paul Adrian Borota
Computer Science

Barbara Briceno Hernandez
Network and Security Administration

Tristen Lee Brinkman
Computer Game Design

Charles D. Brown V
Computer Game Design

Micah David Brown
Cyber Operations
*Cum Laude*

Morgan David Brown
Cyber Operations

Jaron Burtnett
Computer Science

Bethany Ann Cable
Computer Science

Connor J. Carson
Cyber Operations
*Magna Cum Laude*

Eric Joseph Case
Network and Security Administration
*Cum Laude*

Tadd Alan Cass
Computer Science

Cody Robert Chalupa
Cyber Operations
*Cum Laude*

Maurice Christion
Computer Science

Sean William Cicmanec
Computer Science
*Cum Laude*

Travis C. Cuperus
Cyber Operations

Nolan Vaughn Czerwinski
Cyber Operations

Kory Daniels
Network and Security Administration

Cody Jon Davelaar
Computer Science
*Summa Cum Laude*

Geoffrey Roland Davis
Cyber Operations
William Russell DeCurtins
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Rylan C. DeHaai
Cyber Operations

Micah Mitchell DeHarty
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Hunter Charles Dean
Network and Security Administration

Killian J. Debacker
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Derek Wayne Degnan
Cyber Operations

Andrew Charles Dodge
Network and Security Administration

Derek William Douglas
Network and Security Administration
Cum Laude

Matthew Louis Dunn
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Caleb J. Dykstra
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Gabriel T. Engelhardt
Cyber Operations

Duncan Simon English
Cyber Operations

Martin L. Erck
Computer Science
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Anna Joy Fields
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude

Shelby Lynn Fieseler
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Tristan Blake Fletcher
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Connor L. Ford
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Tyler Kristopher Gabel
Computer Game Design

Angel Gamboa
Cyber Operations

Drew Allynson Gatchell
Cyber Operations

Michael D. Gibbons
Cyber Operations

Christopher P. Glanzer
Cyber Operations

Patrick Richard Glenning
Cyber Operations

Kyle Christopher Gosh
Computer Science

Dakota Joe Gregg
Computer Science

Cody James Gromer
Network and Security Administration

Alyssa Anne Gross
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude

Giana Nicole Guarascio
Computer Science

Grant Jacob Gustafson
Computer Science

Justin Lee Gyolai
Computer Science

Skylar Nichole Hagen
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Detrian James Hallem
Computer Game Design

Joshua Anthony Hammrich
Cyber Operations

Network and Security Administration
Summa Cum Laude

Cole Merlin Hanselman
Network and Security Administration

Jonathan Robert Hardy
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude
Alex Cameron Harrington  
Computer Science  
Beau James Harris  
Cyber Operations  
Derek Douglas Hecker  
Cyber Operations  
**Summa Cum Laude**

Jacob T. Hince  
Cyber Operations  
**Magna Cum Laude**

Thaniel Malachi Hofflander  
Computer Science  
Joseph Robert Hopkins  
Computer Science  
Nathan R. Huisman  
Computer Science  
Seth Joseph Huot  
Computer Science  
**Magna Cum Laude**

Aaron David Ingalls  
Computer Science  
**Magna Cum Laude**

Colin C. Jensen IV  
Cyber Operations  
Tylan Chase Jensen  
Computer Science  
Joseph Andrew Kearin  
Computer Science  
Sanjeev Khadka  
Cyber Operations  
Noah Stephen Klingaman  
Cyber Operations  
Grant Thomas Koehler  
Cyber Operations  
Samuel David Kooima  
Computer Science  
**Magna Cum Laude**

Isaac W. Kortan  
Cyber Operations  
**Cum Laude**

Casey Korver  
Computer Science  
**Magna Cum Laude**

Adam N. Kovacs  
Network and Security Administration  
Samantha N. Kovalewski  
Cyber Operations  
Madison Anne Krell  
Computer Science  
**Summa Cum Laude**

Dalton Harrison Lage  
Cyber Operations  
Gabe Elias Lamb  
Cyber Operations  
Kira Nicole Lange  
Computer Science  
Ishara Lansakara  
Cyber Operations  
Adam Jacob Larson  
Cyber Operations  
Nicholas Leat  
Computer Science  
Scott Nicholas Lehman  
Network and Security Administration  
Nicolette Marie Locker  
Computer Science  
Braxten James Lopppnow  
Network and Security Administration  
Jessica Faye Lynch  
Computer Science  
**Cum Laude**

Danial Madson  
Computer Science  
**Magna Cum Laude**

Michael Brooks Manker  
Cyber Operations  
Ethan Masching  
Computer Science  
**Cum Laude**

Morgan Jean Matlock  
Cyber Operations  
**Magna Cum Laude**

Nicholas Storm Mattern  
Computer Science  
Broderick A. May  
Cyber Operations  
Nicholas Timothy Medema  
Cyber Operations  
**Cum Laude**

Conner Lewis Meriweather  
Computer Game Design
Racquel Worsley Fletcher  
Computer Science  
Cyber Operations  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Lucas Miller  
Cyber Operations  
Dean Vincent Minder  
Computer Game Design  
Michael Christopher Moore  
Cyber Operations  
*Cum Laude*

David Charles Stewart Moracco  
Computer Science  
Jeremy Michael Moseman  
Computer Science  
Blake Ashton Nedved  
Computer Science  
*Cum Laude*

Samuel James Neubauer  
Computer Science  
*Cum Laude*

Justin Taylor Newbold  
Network and Security Administration  
Thang D. Nguyen  
Network and Security Administration  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Aarne Amadeus Nixon  
Cyber Operations  
*Magna Cum Laude*

David Christopher Noid  
Network and Security Administration  
Fischer Alex Nordin  
Cyber Operations  
Aaron John Oakland  
Computer Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Nick C. Offerman  
Network and Security Administration  
Chase Jerome Opsahl  
Cyber Operations  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Jeremy Allen Osborne  
Cyber Operations  
Nicholas S. Otto  
Computer Science  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Seth Douglas Owens  
Computer Science  
Jared Edward Palmer  
Cyber Operations  
Carl Paret  
Cyber Operations  
Network and Security Administration  
Neil Gordon Player  
Cyber Operations  
Sophie Marie Perry Pokorney  
Cyber Operations  
Jamie Domenic Procida  
Network and Security Administration  
*Magna Cum Laude*

John Arthur Prosper  
Computer Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Adam Timothy Ratz  
Network and Security Administration  
*Cum Laude*

Evan J. Read  
Cyber Operations  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Jacob W. Riley  
Cyber Operations  
Jeremy Ryan Ring  
Cyber Operations  
Network and Security Administration  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Bhim Rizal  
Computer Science  
Wesley Forrest Robertson  
Cyber Operations  
Zachary Allen Roehrich  
Cyber Operations  
Andrew Joseph Rotert  
Computer Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Amanda F. Ruiz  
Network and Security Administration  
Addison James Ryken  
Computer Science  
Brendan Scott Sacilowski  
Cyber Operations  
Marianna Sallman  
Computer Science
Russell Thomas Salmen
Computer Science
Cum Laude
Joshua M. Sauer
Computer Science
Kaytlyn Nicole Schaefer
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude
Steven Ray Scheppelman
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude
Mason Henry Schmidgall
Network and Security Administration
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude
Trevor Christopher Schmidt
Network and Security Administration
AlJorden Bane Schoenfelder
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude
Thomas James Schopen
Cyber Operations
Zachary Schroeder
Computer Science
Dominic S. Sharma
Computer Science
Logan Shaw
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude
Matthew Stephen Skadsen
Network and Security Administration
Austin Jarod Smith
Computer Science
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude
Johnathon L. Stampe
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude
Matthew Delmar Steckelberg
Cyber Operations
Zachary D. Steffen
Computer Science
Ross Michael Stewart
Cyber Operations
Cole Noah Stokes
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude
Jacob Jackson Strauss
Cyber Operations
Marc Isaac Switzer
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude
Zachary Dean Tchida
Cyber Operations
Dylan Joseph Arias Teller
Computer Science
Hanna Lynn Thiry
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude
Derrek Jordan Thompson
Network and Security Administration
Jesse Ryan Thorkildsen
Cyber Operations
Dale Joseph Thorpe
Computer Game Design
Dilyn Donald Tramp
Computer Science
Network and Security Administration
Cum Laude
Samantha Lynn Tredway
Computer Science
Brandon James Twite
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude
Jordan Christopher Utech
Cyber Operations
Alejandro Vera-Gonzalez
Computer Science
Cum Laude
Matthew Phillip Verrette
Cyber Operations
Sofía Maria Vizcarrondo
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude
Michael David Walker
Network and Security Administration
Cum Laude
Clifford Thomas Watson
Network and Security Administration
Magna Cum Laude
Drew Daniel Wenande
Computer Game Design
Summa Cum Laude
Zach Russell Werner  
Computer Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Dylan Jay Williams  
Computer Science  
Riley Kerwin Winkler  
Computer Game Design  
Daniel Michael Wolff  
Cyber Operations  

Noah C. Woodman  
Cyber Operations  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Benjamin C. Young  
Cyber Operations  
Network and Security Administration  
Lloyd Tiger Zhu  
Cyber Operations

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

Erica Lynn Anderson  
Accounting  
Christopher R. Archer  
Computer Information Systems  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Dalyn Noah Bakkedahl  
Accounting  
Jacob Matthew Banghart  
Computer Information Systems  
Theodore David Bergmann  
Computer Information Systems  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
John Michael Berryhill  
Finance  
Professional Accountancy  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Alexander Joeseph Biehn  
Computer Information Systems  
Brock J. Bumann  
Management  
Alex Carbajal  
Computer Information Systems  
Chelsey Lea Carper  
Management  
Jeremy Aaron Davis  
Computer Information Systems  
Kristen Renee Dowling  
Marketing  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Brady Robert Elder  
Finance  
*Cum Laude*  

Gregory Allen Engbrecht  
Professional Accountancy  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Miranda Jo Engels  
Management  
Amanda Diane Eulberg  
Finance  
Kiley Kristine Everson  
Management  
Marketing  
Bridgette Anne Fanger  
Health Information Administration  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Marissa M. Fick  
Management  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Catherine Ann Garvin  
Management  
Zachary D. Guenther  
Management  
Tavyn Cole Hallan  
Professional Accountancy  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kerry Lynn Hardacre  
Health Information Administration  
Sheila Kay Hart-Weber  
Computer Information Systems  
Daniell Marie Hartz  
Accounting  
Daniell Donovan Hjelm  
Marketing
Jacob Hult  
Finance  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Murad Ibrahim  
Computer Information Systems

Massoud Andrey Jahandideh  
Information Systems

Jesse D. Johnson  
Business Technology

Daidrick Kibbie  
Business Technology

Gracie Cora Kluever  
Marketing

Elisabeth J. Klumpp  
Health Information Administration

Chris Leo Kropuenske  
Management  
Marketing

Lauren Anne Mason  
Computer Information Systems

Kayla Jae Mentele  
Marketing  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Amerudin Yassin Mohammed  
Management  
*Cum Laude*

Ryan Aye Nagaki  
Accounting

Jessica M. Olinger  
Accounting

Elizabeth Marie Olson  
Management  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Trisha Diane Patel  
Accounting

Aaron Ray Petersen  
Computer Information Systems

Johnathan Vincent Randall  
Finance  
*Cum Laude*

Lisa M. Reuland  
Health Information Administration

Alexis Elizabeth Robson  
Business Technology  
*Cum Laude*

Jose I. Sanchez  
Management

Jeramie D. Sopko  
Information Systems

Brock Richard Stien  
Computer Information Systems

Carter Reid Thompson  
Computer Information Systems

Mason Andrew Thompson  
Management

Kayla Marie Thury  
Health Information Administration

Nicholas James Tomassetti  
Computer Information Systems

Daniel Jay Van Deest  
Health Information Administration

Regina Darline Van Driel  
Computer Information Systems

Brandon C. Van Rosendale  
Computer Information Systems

Jessica Ruth Vander Windt  
Business Technology

Kayla Marie Warnke  
Accounting

Joshua Frederick Wright  
Computer Information Systems

Jacob Scott Yaeger  
Management  
Marketing
College of Education
Baccalaureate Degree

Denyelle Ageson
Elementary Education/Special Education
Jenna Ann Barnhart
Elementary Education/Special Education
Tyler Scott Basye
Elementary Education/Special Education
Grace Anne Bauer
Elementary Education
Margaret M. Bowie
Elementary Education
Garrett Austin Boyce
Exercise Science
Ally L. Bright
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Amy M. Carroll
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Braden S. Curnow
Exercise Science
Jeffrey Daniel Currin
Exercise Science
Kristene M. Daugaard
Elementary Education/Special Education
Cum Laude
Grant Alexander Dunbar
Elementary Education/Special Education
Kamry Lee Esser
Exercise Science
Alexis Marie Evans
Exercise Science
Rebecca Lynn Fedderson-Nelson
Elementary Education/Special Education
Tanya R. Fletcher
Elementary Education
Nicole Lynn Frank
Elementary Education/Special Education
Kaylee A. Frey
Elementary Education/Special Education
Cum Laude
Michael Steven Garry
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Amanda Graff
Elementary Education/Special Education
Rebecca Jo Harr
Elementary Education
Esai A. Hernandez*
Physical Education
Elizabeth Himley
Elementary Education/Special Education
Cum Laude
Nicole Renee Horsley
Elementary Education/Special Education
Isaac Lee James
Elementary Education
Samantha Leigh Jennings
Elementary Education/Special Education
Cum Laude
Sydney Lyn Johnson
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude
Mallory LeAnn Johnson Aughenbaugh
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Katelyn Jo Kampshoff
Elementary Education
Cum Laude
Tori Rae Knowles
Exercise Science
Magna Cum Laude
Melissa A. Krapf
Exercise Science
Xitlali Jessica Lopez
Exercise Science
Shaun Christian Maher
Elementary Education
Evan Michael McCreary
Exercise Science
Maranda Marie McMartin
Elementary Education/Special Education
Cum Laude
Amanda Christina Melendrez
Exercise Science
Savannah Estee Miller
Elementary Education/Special Education

*Denotes Fall 2021 graduate
Courtney Marie O’Connell  
Elementary Education/Special Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Cora Peterson  
Exercise Science

Bailee A. Ramstad  
Elementary Education

Noah Salmen  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Jebidiah P. Sanford  
Elementary Education

Wyatt H. Sanford  
Elementary Education

Kylee Renee Schrank  
Elementary Education

Amanda L. Simons  
Elementary Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Nicole R. Stewart  
Exercise Science

Abbie J. Strasser  
Elementary Education/Special Education  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kyla Marie Swier  
Elementary Education/Special Education

Jennifer Jo VonEye  
Elementary Education  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Seth Allen Henry Weidenbach  
Elementary Education/Special Education

Interdisciplinary Majors  
Baccalaureate Degree

Kylee Nicole Anderson  
General Studies

Daniel Aaron Crites  
General Studies

Benjamin Robert Fox  
General Studies

Marissa Lynn Guillory  
General Studies

Allison Ranee Heim  
General Studies  
*Cum Laude*

Marcello A. Holguin  
General Studies

Hayden Hooks  
General Studies

Ayami Ishiguro  
General Studies  
*Cum Laude*

Cole C. McCarty  
General Studies

Ivy Ann K. Griffith  
General Studies

Tyler Wade Moulton  
General Studies

Mitchell Nowak  
General Studies

Adeon Xavier Patterson  
General Studies

Keeghan Shane Pingel  
General Studies

Jayme Oren Skaggs  
General Studies

Tanya Snover  
General Studies

Timothy Ryan Wagner  
General Studies

Rachel Marie Westra  
General Studies
The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences
Associate Degree

Kylee Nicole Anderson
Network and Security Administration

Brayten D. Batcheler
Network and Security Administration

Rachel Benson
Network and Security Administration

Shila Bhandari
Software Development

Kylee Nicole Anderson
Network and Security Administration

Maxwell Pierce Hoiberg
Software Development

Jaekob Stephen Olson
Network and Security Administration

Zachary Hunter Peterson
Network and Security Administration

Chase Shane Potter
Network and Security Administration

Kishor Siwakoti
Network and Security Administration

Sabrina Nicole Smith
Software Development

Christian Michael Snyder
Network and Security Administration

Virgil Somsawat
Network and Security Administration

Peter Robert Sorenson
Software Development

Madison M. Stanley
Network and Security Administration

Zack R. Strife
Software Development

Samantha Lynn Tredway
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Andrew J. Turner
Software Development

With High Honor

Evan Michael David
Network and Security Administration

Adugna Mosissa Deressa
Network and Security Administration

Sujan Dhakal
Software Development

John David Doherty
Network and Security Administration

Shelby Lynn Fieseler
Software Development

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Brett James Goodwin
Network and Security Administration

Zachary Michael Hagberg
Software Development

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Joshua Robert Hofer
Network and Security Administration

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College of Business and Information Systems
Associate Degree

Terra M. Bad Milk
Health Information Technology
Cykie Lea Hanson
Web Development
   With High Honor
Thomas L. Kunkel
Business Management
Cole Parlet
Business Management
Brandi Rhody
Health Information Technology

Shiquing S. Santana Sencion
Business Management
Clayton Skancke
Business Management
Gezahegne Bekele Tegegne
Business Management
Daniel Jay Van Deest
Health Information Technology
Christine Vogel
Health Information Technology
   With Highest Honor

Interdisciplinary Majors
Associate Degree

Ernst Stephen Pablo Bateman
General Studies
   With Highest Honor
Rachel Elizabeth Benson
General Studies
Bradley Elden Goss
General Studies

William James Janssen
General Studies
Nathan K. McFarland
General Studies
Jacqueline A. Segarra
General Studies
Logan Blade Smith
General Studies
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. Wayne Pauli
Dr. Dorine Bennett

Student Marshals
Jonathan Derenge and Austen King
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)

Odin Bernstein
Jason Biggerstaff
Mason Schmidgall

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)

Tarek Abdelmotaleb
Erica Anderson
Jordan Arndt
John Bonar
Cody Chalupa
Matthew Dunn
Gregory Engbrecht
Tavyn Hallan
Cole Hanselman
Angela Hupf
Olivia Janssen
Sanjeev Khadka
Nicolette Locker
Kayla Mentele
Sophie Pokorney
Jacob Riley
Jeremy Ring
Mason Schmidgall
AJ Schoenfelder
Alejandro Vera-Gonzalez
Joshua Wright
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)
Alexis Robson  Catherine Garvin
Amanda Eulberg  John Berryhill
Marissa Fick  Johnathan Randall

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)
John Berryhill  Bridgette Fanger
John Bonar  Marissa Fick

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)
Patrick Bamburg  Kayla Mentele
Micah Brown  Dean Minder
Morgan Brown  Tyler Moulton
Bethany Cable  Aaron Oakland
Micah DeHarty  Courtney O’Connell
Amanda Eulberg  Nick Offerman
Christopher Glanzer  Bhim Rizal
Jacob Hult  Zachary Roehrich
Olivia Janssen  Jaclynn Rogers
Travis Krakow  Noah Salmen
Melissa Krapf  Holly Sando
Madison Krell  Madison Stanley
Dalton Lage  Abbie Strasser
Ethan Masching  Regina Van Driel
Evan McCreary  Truman Weyand
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)
Jaclynn Rogers
Noah Schuldt
Viana Waldner

50 AND 51 YEAR GRADUATES
Recognizing the 50 and 51 year graduation class at commencement is a tradition dating back over 30 years. These men and women here today remind us of the history and aspiration of this institution and are visible representation of the proud history of Dakota State.

1970 Graduating Class
Tom Farrell, Madison SD
Joyce Lusk Farrell, Madison SD
Lynn Townsend Gorder, Pipestone MN
Larry Holland, Rock Rapids IA
June Addy Jongeling, Castlewood SD
Patricia Brown Roskeland, Yankton SD
Joyce Orkin Steinhoff, Pipestone MN
Vicki Woodard Sterling, Rapid City SD
William VanDenHemel, Sioux Falls SD

1971 Graduating Class
Reg Bauske, Flandreau SD
Dana Dahlquist, Sioux Falls SD
Laurine Wagley Dolen, Lincoln NE
Mary Ullom Holland, Rock Rapids IA
Rick Schmidt, Wentworth SD
PAST RECIPIENTS OF DSU HONORARY DOCTORATES

1969 - Senator Karl E. Mundt
1971 - Fred C. Christopherson
1972 - Anson Yeager
1974 - Ruth Mondschein
1977 - C. Emil Loriks
1978 - Preston E. Tyrrell
1978 - V. A. Lowry
1979 - Francis G. Dunn
1984 - Seiichiro Takagi
1986 - Richard G. McCrossen
1990 - Maurice Nelles
1991 - Ed J. Dirksen
1993 - Lynn F. Richter
1995 - Jackson W. White
2007 - Jerome B. Lammers
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PAST RECIPIENTS OF MERIT, DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

(only past 30 years listed)

1991 Jerry Prostrollo
Wilfred W. Wagner
1992 Donald F. Ralston
Dr. Leon A. Swier
Fredrick H. Krueger
Leland White
1993 Dr. Clyde K. Brashier
William Bulfer
Steve R. Silva
Dr. Charles L. Woodard
1994 Donald G. Alfson
Dr. Kenneth J. Minnaert
The Hunter Family
1995 George W. Krueger
Janice M. (Reihe) Pamperin
Roger F. Pamperin
1996 Dr. Owen Tommerasen
1997 Dr. Kenneth Brown
(posthumously)
Dr. Sharon Brown
Merle Lewis
1998 Helen Simmons
John Allen Schlueter
1999 Dr. James A. Peterson
LeRoy J. Thomas
Dr. Zeno M. Van Erdewyk
1991 - Ed J. Dirksen
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2000 Mr. Miles K. Beacom
2001 Dr. Darrell L. Sabers
2002 Theodore O. Berven
Thomas A. Farrell
2003 Terrill A. Hyde
DeWayne A. Mork
2004 Joseph Dobbs
2005 Marletta Eich
Dr. L. Eric Johnson
Charles T. Nelson
Royce Hueners (posthumously)
2006 Joyce Farrell
Dr. Thomas Lorang
2007 Shantel Krebs
2008 John E. Pedersen
2009 Deborah K. Bowman
Arnold H.W. Fockler
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
### College of Arts and Sciences
- B.S. in Analytical Science
- B.S. in Biological Science
- 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
- B.S.Ed. in Biology Education

### The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences
- A.S. in Network and Security Administration
- A.S. in Software Development
- B.S. in Computer Game Design
- B.S. in Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
- 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 Cyber Defense
- Ph.D. in Cyber Operations

### College of Business and Information Systems
- A.S. in Business Management
- A.S. in Health Information Technology
- B.S. in Computer Information Systems
- 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 Cyber Defense
- M.S. in Health Informatics
- M.S. in Information Systems
- Ph.D. in Cyber Defense
- Ph.D. in Cyber Operations
- 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
- Bachelor of General Studies


**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.

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.
This year, Dakota State University proudly celebrates its 140th birthday.
We are rising to the future and honoring our past in a variety of ways.

The cover of this year’s commencement program is a throwback to 1900.
This design matches the program from Madison State Normal and Training School’s 16th Annual Commencement Ceremony.
That event was held on June 13 at the Opera House in Madison.