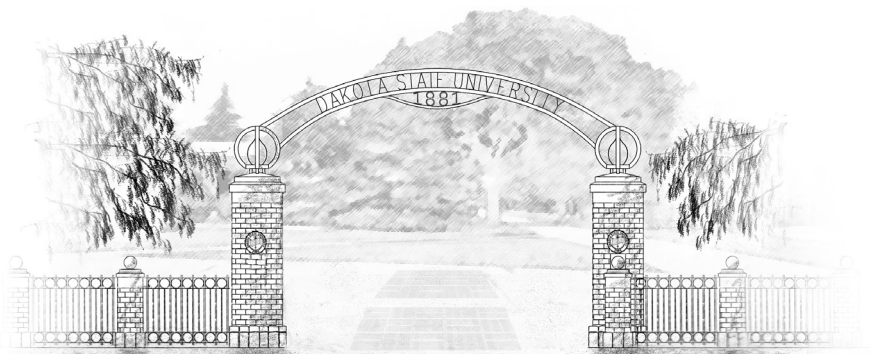

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Spring Commencement



Saturday, May 4, 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

Mr. Matthew Paulson

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Mr. Matthew Paulson

ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Zachary Rohrbach

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Judy Dittman
South Dakota Board of Regents

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION

Mr. Dave Geiver
Class of 1982

ALMA MATER

Rose O’Brien, vocalist, Jane Utecht, accompanist

RECESSIONAL*

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

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



Matthew Paulson
Honorary Degree: Doctor of Public Service
Commencement Speaker

Matt Paulson is an entrepreneur with a special connection to Dakota State University.

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

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

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

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

Throughout his successful career, Matt has never forgotten his years at Dakota State. As an innovator, educator, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, Matt Paulson is an excellent representation of an alumnus "rising" to improve the world around him.

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

Kyle Ronald Korman
Andrew W. Kramer

Shawn Gregory Zwach

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

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

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

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

Kurt Jarvis
Thuy Thi Lam
Austin R. Norby

Anthony Guillermo Rizi
Raven Diane Sims
Gregory Ronald Sunderland

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

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

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

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

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

Jacob Lawrence Hooper
Christopher Shawn Lewis
Cyber Operations
Rayanne Maurine Liester
Cameron Jade Maynard
Ryan Christopher Morganti
Brandon Scott Parrott
Artificial Intelligence
Morgan MaKay Saathoff
Tyler Robert Salmen

Nora Sandison
Mason Henry Schmidgall
Tyler J. Sternod
Cyber Operations

Jessica Nicole Tarr
Tyler Martin Thomas
Cyber Operations
Jackson Cooper Zastera

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

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

Joshua David Krull
Lisa Marie McKee
Taylor Douglas Myers
Tochukwu Adaobi Okafor*
Janessa Marie Palmieri
Dinkar Sharma
Evan S. Slominski
London Kory Van Sickle
Chelsea Patricia Weiss
Danielle Antione Whitaker Jr.
Chirawat Yooyuenyong

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

Brooke Ann Harmer
Madison A. Polzin

Elizabeth Marie Whitesides

College of Business and Information Systems
Master of Science in Analytics

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

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

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

Michael J. King
Monica Mysore Chandrashekar

Zachary Brian Rohrbach
Mitchell Terrence Whiley

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

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

Phani Deepak Arvapalli
Data Management
Jacob Matthew Banghart
Data Management
Vinay Reddy Barla
Data Management

Nageswara Rao Bommineni
Data Management
Sunil Chakravarthi Boyapati
Data Management
Pravallika Chillara
Data Management
Sai Mounika Chintalapudi
Data Management
Venkata Rishmanth Yadav Dokku
Data Management
Alexis Lee Fredin
Cyber Security
Alexis Hiles
Healthcare Information Systems
Micah Lee Impceoven
Analytics
Aditya Jagatha
Data Management
Akash Reddy Kante
Data Management
Kusuma Mandyam
Data Management
Bala Vamsi Maragani*
Data Management

Venkata Lakshman Matta
Data Management
Sohail Mohammad Abdul
Data Management
Ahron Luke Perumandla
Data Management
Pavan Kumar Ponnala
Data Management
Dion Charles Reynolds
Network Administration & Security
Rajvamsi Rudru
Data Management
Kannan Sankaranarayanan
Healthcare Information Systems
Krishna Shyam Selagamsetti
Data Management
Satish Sai Vanka
Data Management
Bhanu Manideep Vejjendla
Data Management
Man Wang
Cyber Security

College of Education

Master of Science in Education in Educational Technology

Melissa Marie Jurgens
Courtney Noem-Christensen
David Michael Novak

Jazlynn D. Pederson
Alexandra Lauren Sogn

College of Arts and Sciences

Baccalaureate Degree

Abigail Helen Annette Baker
Mathematics
Cryptography
Summa Cum Laude
Mahdi N. Benalshaiikh
Mathematics
Secondary Education
Denyce Gabrielle Reyes Bravo
Biology
Integrative Biology
Summa Cum Laude
Joseph Michael Browning
Mathematics
Cryptography
Summa Cum Laude

Jesus Cabanzo
Digital Arts and Design
Computer Graphics
Andrew J. Cotton
Digital Arts and Design
Computer Graphics
Laina Culberston
Digital Arts and Design
Production Animation
Magna Cum Laude
Brandon Noah Daniels
Biology
Daniel Joseph Hoon Eager
Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
World Affairs & Human Behavior
Magna Cum Laude

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

The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences
Baccalaureate Degree

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

Aaron Joseph Falk
Network and Security Administration
Joshua T. Feeger
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude
Andrew Vincent Flora
Computer Science
Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
Magna Cum Laude
Hannah Elisabeth Fox
Network and Security Administration
Logan Charles Frank
Computer Game Design
David Scott Freeman*
Cyber Operations
Johan Andrew Freudenburg
Cyber Operations
Cole Froelich
Cyber Operations
Ajmal Girowall
Computer Science
Cobain Vedder Goehring
Network and Security Administration
Kevin Goyins
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude
Kevin Granlund
Computer Science
Chase Hall
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude
Connor Jay Hanisch
Computer Science
Ethan M. Hauff
Cyber Operations
Joshua L. Hedman
Computer Science
Ethan Victor Hegg
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude
Tanner Ray Helgeson
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude
Robert D. Herb
Cyber Operations

Jose M. Hernandez Albarran
Network and Security Administration
Dylan Lee Hilger
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude
Nathan Duane His Law
Computer Science
Brendon Douglas Huddleston
Computer Science
Haitham Mohammed Ibrahim
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude
Kade Christopher Jacobs
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude
Ashley A. Joseph
Computer Science
Cum Laude
Brian Kangley
Computer Game Design
Karston W. Kellar
Computer Game Design
Gunnar Harry Kjellsen
Computer Science
Lin Khend Ko
Computer Game Design
Cum Laude
Marshall T. Langley
Cyber Operations
Ian Larson
Network and Security Administration
Joseph Todd Larson
Cyber Operations
Lucas Rae Leiting
Artificial Intelligence
Computer Science
Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
Magna Cum Laude
Kalman Lengyel
Computer Science
Software Engineering
Magna Cum Laude
Adam R. Levin
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Yael Limon
Cyber Operations
Network and Security Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Dakota Lee List
Cyber Operations

Miles Paul Livermont
Network and Security Administration

Mason Patrick Lloyd
Computer Science

Minh Quang Lu
Cyber Operations

Thomas Maguire
Cyber Operations

Briannah Elizabeth McDaniel
Cyber Operations

Joshua L. McFarland
Computer Game Design

Patrick John McTighe
Network and Security Administration

Jose Mendoza
Cyber Operations

Yonas B. Mesfine
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Beau Alexander Miller
Computer Science

Amanda Grace Morgan
Computer Science
Software Engineering

David James Musilek
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Gage David Nagy
Computer Science

Kincade Charles Naus
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Gabriel Phulom O'Neill
Computer Science
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Marisa Anne Osterloo
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Colton Ostgaard
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Saddie Ruth Palmquist
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Deron Reid Parker
Computer Science
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Gavin Michael Pawlovich
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Austin J. Peterson
Network and Security Administration

Ethan J. Price
Artificial Intelligence
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude

Evan Rasmussen
Computer Game Design

Caleb William Roberts
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Tyler Roman
Computer Science
Cum Laude

Isaac D. Rosdail
Computer Science

Gage Schacher
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Adam M. Schave
Network and Security Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Elizabeth G. Schmidt
Cyber Operations

Grace Lynne Schofield
Computer Science
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Ann Elizabeth Scripture
Cyber Operations

Lucas Shacter
Cyber Operations

Jacob T. Shawd
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude

Jace M. Slattery
Computer Science

Alexandra Grace Smith
Artificial Intelligence
Cum Laude

Scott Smith
Cyber Operations

Zachary Michael Smith
Cyber Operations

Isaac Donald Sperlich
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Richard Anthony Stahl
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Tristan Stapert
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Connor Patrick Michael Starrett
Computer Science
Cyber Operations

Sydney Rae Stelzer
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Ethin John Svoboda
Network and Security Administration

Keith Xavier Swenson
Cyber Operations

Austin James Taylor
Computer Science

Connor Taylor
Network and Security Administration

Casey James Te Grotenhuis
Artificial Intelligence

Jackson Ryan Trandall
Cyber Operations
Cum Laude

Andrew James Trask
Network and Security Administration

Noah James Turner
Computer Science
Software Engineering

Brett Carter VanOort
Cyber Operations
Summa Cum Laude

Caden Michael VerMeer
Computer Science

Tuan Pham Hoang Vo
Computer Game Design

Tristen Jay Wachter
Cyber Operations

Hunter Rendon Wade
Cyber Operations
Magna Cum Laude

Kenneth Walker
Cyber Operations

Sascha A. Walker
Cyber Operations

Savannah Emily Walsdorf
Computer Science
Software Engineering

Nickolas A. Weir
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude

Taj Weir
Computer Science

Brent Morgan Whitaker
Cyber Operations

Davis Andrew White
Computer Game Design
Computer Science

Keelan Bryce Williams
Cyber Operations

Benjamin Wilson
Computer Science

Grace Mae Woodraska
Cyber Operations

Harrison Orval Yates
Cyber Operations

Helmi Rizqullah Putra Ady Yatim
Computer Science

College of Business and Information Systems
Baccalaureate Degree

Ryan (R.J.) Walter Anderson
Computer Education

Chase James Arend
Management

Uzoma Isaiah Dibiamaka
Business
Management

Terra Diane Duda
Health Information Administration

Blake D. Duran
Management

Kyle Falconer
Management

Josiah Ruben Fawcett
Finance

Curtis Rodney Flint
Business
Finance

Lucy Luanne Fods
Management
Marketing
Cum Laude

Daniel Jerome Green
Business Technology

Trevor Russell Hamlyn
Computer Information Systems
Project Management
Summa Cum Laude

C Walker Hultgren
Business Technology

Karin Holm Imdieke
Computer Information Systems
Project Management

Christie Leona Schaller-Jacobs
Health Information Administration

John Devon Kirchner
Finance

Lahna Lin Matucha

Health Information Administration

Devin J. Miles
Business

Finance

Caitlin Mae Mohr

Health Information Administration

Shannon L. Newell

Health Information Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Sara Ann Omann*

Computer Information Systems
Software & Web Development

Randall Charles Pratt

Business

Accounting

Trey M. Ramstad

Business

Management

Cum Laude

Aiden Anthony Rocha

Business

Marketing

Jake Samuel Roemeling

Computer Information Systems

Project Management

Ethan Allan Slaathaug

Business

Finance

Cum Laude

Sage Victoria Swenson

Computer Information Systems

Business Analytics

Erik Robert Wold

Computer Information Systems

Project Management

College of Education
Baccalaureate Degree

Josie Kathleen Bartscher
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Jade Danielle Botello
Special Education

Hattie Rose Breck

Exercise Science

Brooke JoAnne Brummett

Elementary Education/Special Education

Robert Cage	Melisa Gayle Marso
Exercise Science	Elementary Education
Jada Dukat	Alyssa Milbauer
Elementary Education	Elementary Education
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Christopher Allen Mohr
Carrington Rose Entringer	Elementary Education
Elementary Education	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	BreeAna Pearse Klekas
Jackson Lee Fiegen	Elementary Education
Elementary Education	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Kandy M. Flowers	Tucker Miller Pell
Elementary Education	Physical Education
Jacquelyn Hope Folkers	Rose Marie Philop
Exercise Science	Elementary Education
Alexus Nicole Foster	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Elementary Education/Special Education	Madison Lynn Ruesch
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Elementary Education
Elizabeth Griffin	Rachel Ann Rust
Elementary Education	Elementary Education
Marcis L. Hausman	Amanda Lea Sandvig
Elementary Education	Elementary Education
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Bailey Mae Schlotterbeck
Madeline R. Hegg	Elementary Education
Elementary Education	Kaitlyn Michelle Slaba
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Elementary Education/Special Education
Drew Keller Hento	Grace Caitlin Steineke
Elementary Education	Elementary Education
Kayden Robert Hoeke	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Elementary Education/Special Education	Olivia Trinity Stieben
Rhena Hohn	Elementary Education
Elementary Education	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Gavin Holland	Isaak Edward Swartwout
Exercise Science	Exercise Science
Mallory Rae Hull	Cole Allen Sylliaasen
Elementary Education	Elementary Education
Nathan Lawrence Ingalls	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Physical Education	Tyler Tappe
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Elementary Education
Noah Alan Jewett	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Elementary Education	Emmanuel Ojamo Tor
Rachel A. Kelderman	Exercise Science
Elementary Education	Shelly A. Townley
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Elementary Education/Special Education
Jael Cassidy Lundquist	Amy Uher
Elementary Education/Special Education	Elementary Education
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

Cole James Urban
Elementary Education
Sydney Rae Waldner
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Taylor Elsie Wicks
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Alivia A. Wuestewald
Elementary Education

**Interdisciplinary Majors
Baccalaureate Degree**

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

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

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

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

Melissa J. Phillips
Software Development
Austin Ripp
Network and Security Administration
Alex Michael Spencer
Software Development
Sydney Rae Stelzer
Network and Security Administration
With Highest Honor
Richard A. Strom
Network and Security Administration
Hunter Rendon Wade
Network and Security Administration
With High Honor

College of Business and Information Systems

Associate Degree

Savannah Emily Walsdorf
Software Development
Beylee Shay Bezdichek
Business Management
Damian Giraldo Diaz
Business Analytics
Adin Francis Jungers
Business Management
Lahna Lin Matucha
Business Management
Temila (Tem) A. Mayomi
Business Management

Devin J. Miles
Business Management
Keegan Daniel Miller
Business Management
With Highest Honor
Deonte Dwayne Randle
Business Management
Erik Robert Wold
Business Management
Project Management

Interdisciplinary Majors

Associate Degree

Joshua Kenneth Marks
General Studies
Prince Robertson
General Studies

Levi A. Speers
General Studies

HONORING OUR MILITARY AND VETERAN GRADUATES

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

Ian Larson
Christofer McClelland
Daniel Nash
Walker Olivier
Dion Reynolds
Anthony Rizi
Scott Smith
Connor Taylor
Tristen Wachter
Taj Weir

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)

Joseph Boyd
Beau Miller

Grace Schofield
Tristan Stapert

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Graduates must maintain a minimum 3.2 grade point average, have a minimum ACT of 24, complete a core of designated courses and complete a major field capstone experience.

GRADUATING MEMBERS OF CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (UNDERGRADUATE)

Abigail Helen Annette Baker
Lucy Fods
Joseph Larson

Grace Schofield
Ann Scripture

DELTA MU DELTA

Delta Mu Delta is a national honor society for students majoring in business administration. It was established to recognize and reward superior scholastic achievement of business majors. To be eligible for admission, a student must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.25.

GRADUATING MEMBERS OF DELTA MU DELTA (UNDERGRADUATE)

Josiah Fawcett

Curtis Flint

KAPPA SIGMA IOTA

Kappa Sigma Iota is an honorary society, unique to Dakota State University, established by President E. C. Higbie to “promote, secure and maintain a high level of professional fellowship.”

To be a member of this prestigious organization, a student must have a 3.5 grade-point average and must be elected by the current members of the society.

GRADUATING MEMBERS OF KAPPA SIGMA IOTA (UNDERGRADUATE)

Amy Collins

Grace Steineke

Jada Dukat

Cole Sylliaasen

Ryan Morganti

Austin Taylor

Kincade Naus

TRI BETA

TriBeta is the National Biological Honor Society. TriBeta gives students the opportunity to be involved in science outside of the classroom. Through TriBeta, students have access to research funding and a venue to present/publish their work. Membership in TriBeta is a valued, nationally recognized credential, which looks excellent on a resume when applying for graduate school or scientific positions.

GRADUATING MEMBERS OF TRI BETA (UNDERGRADUATE)

Denyce Brace

Roger Oliete Tejedor

Oleksandra Rachynska

LEGACY CORDS

The DSU Alumni Association gifts legacy students with a specific cord to wear at graduation to recognize the connection they share with their family members who have graduated before them. Students with DSU graduates in their family history, both graduate and undergraduate are eligible.

MILITARY/VETERANS CORDS

The Military/Veterans cord is a red, white, and blue cord bestowed upon the graduates who have served or are currently serving in the United States Military. This cord honors our military men and women showing DSU’s continued support to our military.

MACE BEARER

Dr. Dan Talley

STUDENT MARSHALS

Jackson Heiberger

Olamide Olosunde

Anden Wieseler

Juleigh Wilson

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

College of Arts and Sciences

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

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 Analytics	B.S. in Professional Accountancy
A.S. in Business Management	B.S.Ed. in Business Education
A.S. in Digital Accounting	B.S.Ed. in Computer Education
A.S. Health Informatics and Information Management	M.B.A. in General Management
A.S. in Project Management	M.S. in Analytics
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
B.S. in Computer Information Systems	
B.S. in Health Informatics and Information Management	

College of Education

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

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

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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