



**LAKE AREA
TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



**Friday, the Tenth of May
Two Thousand Twenty-Four**

Civic Arena | 4:00 pm | Watertown, South Dakota



Commencement Ceremony

Processional

National Anthem Irie Sky Shway
Cosmetology Student, Lake Area Technical College
Rudy A. Gallegos
Robotics Student, Lake Area Technical College

Welcome

Recognition of Retirees Cam Corey
Vice President, Lake Area Technical College

Greetings from the State of South Dakota Nick Wendell
Executive Director, South Dakota Board of Technical Education

Special Recognition

Celebration of the Class of 2024 Tiffany Sanderson
President, Lake Area Technical College

Commencement Address Will Mortenson
South Dakota State Representative, District 24

Presentation of Graduates Tom Mulholland
Business Department Supervisor, Lake Area Technical College

Alumni Induction Julie Kneeland Agri-Business '99
Alumni Association President, Lake Area Technical College

Presentation of the Class of 2024 Tiffany Sanderson
President, Lake Area Technical College

Complimentary beverages and sweets will be served in the Lake Area Technical College Student Commons for graduates and guests immediately following the ceremony until 7 pm.

Congratulations to the following retiring staff:

Chris Barrett, Physical Therapist Assistant Faculty/
Supervisor

Randy Carl, Building Trades Technology Faculty

Kris Lindahl, Medical Assisting Faculty/Supervisor

Gary Mudder, Precision Machining Faculty

Marie Palluck, Business Faculty

To view the Lake Area Technical College Graduation Ceremony, visit Lake Area Tech's homepage at www.lakeareatech.edu and click on the graduation banner.

Thank you to the instructors and staff at Lake Area Technical College who have created a foundation for career success and instilled the importance of lifelong learning. The entire Lake Area Technical College family wishes all of our graduates much happiness and great success!

~ Associate of Applied Science Degree Graduate

* Honor Graduate Candidate (3.5 - 3.744 Cumulative GPA)

^ High Honor Graduate Candidate (3.75 - 4.0 Cumulative GPA)

AGRICULTURE – AAS DEGREE

- * Max Anthony Abrahamson, Canby, MN
- * Jade M Adolph, Clear Lake, SD
- Tanner Leigh Amundson, Webster, SD
- * Dylan K Anderson, Marshall, MN
- * Ethan John Attig, Glenville, MN
- * Taylor Bauman, Brandt, SD
- Reece M Beachler, Canton, SD
- ^ Ryan James Beckler, Harrold, SD
- * Michael D Bergeson, Dawson, MN
- * Jordan Carl James Bjerke, Groton, SD
- Blair Francis Boomsma, Watertown, SD
- ^ Nicholas Aaron Bowne, White, SD
- Jack Lane Bratland, Willow Lake, SD
- ^ Brandy J Briggs, Watertown, SD
- ^ Dilyn Rosalie Brooks, Woonsocket, SD
- Ty Thomas Brown, Dell Rapids, SD
- Hunter Trieko Bruns, Renville, MN
- ^ Cody Jack Caraway, Volga, SD
- Elliott Chase, Salem, SD
- * Raymond Cole, Hitchcock, SD
- * Ryder J Daly, Columbia, SD
- ^ Martin T Davis, Elkton, SD
- Steven Louis DeGeest, Huron, SD
- Tyler M DeGroot, Edgerton, MN
- Sean Arnold Domke, Redfield, SD
- Tobin J Esser, Frankfort, SD
- ^ Logan D Fenhaus, Corona, SD
- Owen Daniel Fritzsche, Miller, SD
- ^ Jenna L Gaddis, Clark, SD
- ^ EllaMae Ann Grooters, Verdi, MN
- Matthew C Grooters, Verdi, MN
- * Keaton David Haas, Madison, MN
- Brayden Hansen, Aberdeen, SD
- * Jacob K Hansen, Beaver Creek, MN
- ^ Shailyn A Harford, Tulare, SD
- ^ Justin Haven, Brentford, SD
- ^ Anthony Lyle Hildebrandt, Brookings, SD
- * Joseph Hornick, Volga, SD
- * Trey M Johnson, Groton, SD
- ^ Lucas H Jones, Hayes, SD
- Brian W Jordan, Wabasso, MN
- * Lucas D Kannegieter, Willow Lake, SD
- * Abigail A Klocker, Volga, SD
- ^ Elise O Knapp, Westfield, IA
- Kendon M Knoblock, Rock Rapids, IA
- Grant A Loehrer, Kranzburg, SD
- Kade C Lozinski, Minneota, MN
- * Madelynn J Luvaas, Lennox, SD
- Owen L McBride, Watertown, SD
- Hayden Martin McCarlson, Webster, SD
- Landen J Melius, Cresbard, SD

AGRICULTURE – AAS DEGREE (Cont.)

- Lindsey M Mertens, Milbank, SD
- Tanner Robert Miller, Jasper, MN
- Adam John Mitchell, Oto, IA
- Morgan S Mourse, Minneota, MN
- * Garion Mulder, Bellingham, MN
- * Hunter Jay Niederbaumer, Faulkton, SD
- Cooper D Olson, Tracy, MN
- * Owen Lee Olson, Meckling, SD
- ^ Joel Anthony Opdahl, Hazel, SD
- ^ Isabella M Ostovic, Spirit Lake, IA
- Nathan Martin Pearson, Ortle, SD
- ^ Luke T Peterson, Ipswich, SD
- * Tiara Pistorius, Rosholt, SD
- ^ Sawyer Plessner, Dawson, MN
- Dain S Polhamus, Dawson, MN
- Koleton K Rawden, Aberdeen, SD
- Alex D Roney, Oakes, ND
- Jadyn L Runge, Brookings, SD
- * Stran D Sage, Crofton, NE
- ^ Luke A Sander, Echo, MN
- ^ Parker Reese Steege, Wilmot, SD
- * Kaley Jean Stevens, Carthage, SD
- ^ Kyah M Thomas, Rosholt, SD
- ^ Lane Ryan Thompson, Elkton, SD
- * Andrew William Trooien, Toronto, SD
- ^ Emma G Vandermeer, White, SD
- * Landon Allen Vanzee, Armour, SD
- ^ Grace Walz, Bowdle, SD
- Leighton S Weber, Seneca, SD
- Kendra Marie Wetz, Clear Lake, SD
- Jonathan J Wheeler Jr, Gettysburg, SD
- Trinity Whelan, Milnor, ND
- * Colt A Wieseler, Gettysburg, SD
- Justin Alvie Wieseler, Highmore, SD
- ^ Sarah Wipf, Huron, SD
- Abigail G Wood, Canton, NC
- * Avery Yammerino, New Effington, SD
- Logan J Young, Wheaton, MN
- Braedon D Zaug, Watertown, SD

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY – AAS DEGREE

- * Noah T Apostol, Prior Lake, MN
- Brayden Begalka, Volga, SD
- Gavin Scott Dornbusch, Watertown, SD
- Riley P Gerlach, Corsica, SD
- Zachary R Hardie, Springdale, AR
- ^ Kylan Horsley, Pierre, SD
- Dylan A Lammers, Menno, SD
- Spencer M Legg, Watertown, SD
- Isaac Robert Loe, Pierre, SD
- William A Markey III, Watertown, SD

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY – AAS DEGREE

(Cont.)

- * Colton Levi Mohr, Hosmer, SD
Emily E Nau, Vermillion, SD
- * George A Neuman, Beresford, SD
Hannah Neuman, Madison, MN
Connor John Phinney, Farmington, MN
Brandon L Poteat, Henderson, NC
Tyler A Reck, Wentworth, SD
- ^ Robert Roehr, Britton, SD
Landon Salwei, Sioux Falls, SD
Rylee Ray Sigler, Boyd, MN
Owen Nathan Symens, Britton, SD
Caleb Veflin, Britton, SD
Colby R Vostad, Madison, SD
- * Nickolas Garrett Yanda, Alexandria, MN

AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY

- ^ Benjamin T Anderson, George, IA
- ^~ Jayson Burkhardt, Brookings, SD
- ~ Jayson Lynn Delfs, Hardwick, MN
- ^ Ethan Millard Denholm, Houghton, SD
- ^~ Morgan Tanner Hauke, Rapid City, SD
Isaac Kraft, Timber Lake, SD
Evan H Lehr, Madison, SD
- ^~ Ryder D Lutgen, White, SD
- ^ Luke Murray, Gregory, SD
- ^ Lucas Michael Noteboom, Orange City, IA
Jace Noyes, Hawarden, IA
David K Pethel, Jamestown, ND
- ^~ Riley Evan Schmeling, Brandon, SD
- ~ Stanley J Scubelek, Brookings, SD
- * James Lawrence Smith, Shakopee, MN
- ^~ Jeremiah E Smith, Lakeview, SD
- ^~ Kyle Stengel, Beresford, SD
- ~ Phillip Thoms, Willmar, MN

BUILDING TRADES TECHNOLOGY – AAS DEGREE

- Drake R Bassett II, Gettysburg, SD
- * Connor Matthew Bauer, Webster, SD
- * Kandon Robert Bialas, Armour, SD
- * Coltyn J Drietz, Canby, MN
Hunter Haukos, Ortonville, MN
- ^ Tate J Mathiowetz, Springfield, MN
- * Cole McKinstry, Miller, SD
- ^ Kegan John Tvedt, Castlewood, SD
- * Micah A Van Ruler, Montrose, SD
- * Landin William Warmka, Jackson, MN
- ^ Lincoln Wilkinson, Aberdeen, SD
Casey S Woodall, Brookings, SD

BUSINESS – AAS DEGREE

- * Nicole K Anderson, Elkton, SD
- * Hailey L Baker, Sioux Falls, SD
Lejean P Beck, Watertown, SD
Karlie K Becking, Florence, SD
Wyatt William Bray, Britton, SD
- ^ Jordan L Chandler, Watertown, SD
- ^ Shannon Clara Doan, Belmont, WI
- ^ Mia-Mari Estwick, Sisseton, SD
- ^ Alexis Feenstra, Huron, SD
- ^ Isaac M Fischer, Milbank, SD
- ^ Claire M Grismer, Aberdeen, SD
- * Brylee Inez Hamilton, Huron, SD
Erika J Hendrickson, Brookings, SD
- * Cora E Hofer, Hendricks, MN
- * Allyson Holden, Watertown, SD
- ^ Gabriel Q Holien, Watertown, SD
- * Shianne M Hudson, Orange Park, FL
- * Jada Lea Jensen, Davis, SD
Abigail Johnson, Pelican Rapids, MN
- ^ Riley Harold Koistinen, Hayti, SD
Kaitlynn A Koll, Florence, SD
Taylor R Laskowske, Watertown, SD
- * Zachary M Letellier, Pierre, SD
Chye Ann Livermont, Interior, SD
Colton T Luckhurst, Estelline, SD
- ^ Ryder Thomas Mack, Castlewood, SD
Kaden T Madsen, Estelline, SD
Jaden S Martinell, Clear Lake, SD
Emma Meyer, Watertown, SD
Diana Milkovic, Sioux Falls, SD
- ^ Makenna Nagel, Gettysburg, SD
- * Jackson Nei, Castlewood, SD
- ~ Zachary E Neu, Yankton, SD
- ^ Jennaka Jean Nelson, Claremont, SD
Tyler Michael Olson, New London, MN
- ^ Ela Marie Petersen, Pierre, SD
Matthew T Rabenberg, Montgomery, MN
Braxtyn L Rieffenberger, Watertown, SD
- * Josue E Rodriguez Salina, Estelline, SD
Ashley M Santana, Aberdeen, SD
Haylee Marie Peach Sattler, Watertown, SD
Taylor Lynn Schlotterbeck, Castlewood, SD
- ^ Madison M Schoenefeld, Watertown, SD
Kyle James Seurer, Watertown, SD
Parker Sheehan, Watertown, SD
Shantel Kaylene Single, Miller, SD
- ^ Anastasiia Smirnova, Milbank, SD
- ^ Amy Splinter, Watertown, SD
Kaydence J Stenson, Montevideo, MN
Kandace L Stickler, Doland, SD
- * Emma Jade Tardy, Watertown, SD

BUSINESS – AAS DEGREE (Cont.)

- ^ Ryan D Thomas, Clark, SD
- ^ Madigan J Vogeler, Ft Pierre, SD
- ^ MaKenzie Jo Voss, Harrisburg, SD
- Kade J Waldera, Alexandria, SD
- ^ Hanna Marie Walsh, Brookings, SD
- Adelaide Rose Whelan, Milbank, SD
- Zachary D Wicka, Fountain City, WI
- ^ Lauren R Wishard, Watertown, SD
- ^ Emma E Woehl, Aberdeen, SD

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER - CERTIFICATE

- ^ Tosha Andrews, Rapid City, SD
- * Lisa Marie Bruns, Luverne, MN
- Amanda N Dickerson, Roslyn, SD
- Cory J Eberle, Rapid City, SD
- Ethan L Esposti, Rapid City, SD
- Connie I Garcia-Moralez, Williston, ND
- Alexandria A Hanson, Brookings, SD
- ^ Anastacia Hartog, Des Moines, IA
- * Erin Sierra Haufschild, Arlington, SD
- Cody M Heupel, Sturgis, SD
- Kayla Karlsbraaten, Maddock, ND
- Kari Kraayenbrink, Hayti, SD
- ^ Andrea Lies, Rapid City, SD
- ^ Elana S Montgomery, Rapid City, SD
- ^ Faith K Ngirchomlei, Aberdeen, SD
- Jacinda M Ossola, Ft Thompson, SD
- ^ Alan L Perry, Lennox, SD
- ^ Mia Rivera, San Diego, CA
- Mackenzie M Roduner, Black Hawk, SD
- ^ Amy L Roseland, Canton, SD
- Ashley J Roulette, Devils Lake, ND
- ^ Paw Wah Sa, Huron, SD
- Michelle M Scheibe, Huron, SD
- Brenda M Sinning, Lennox, SD
- Laura Sosa, Rapid City, SD

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS – AAS DEGREE

- ^ James Lawrence Conrad, Ortonville, MN
- ^ Zoie Marie Fraser, Lake Norden, SD
- ^ Ty Alan Fuehrer, Herreid, SD
- ^ Elijah Benjamin Grams, Watertown, SD
- ^ Kasey J Guy, Sisseton, SD
- * Alexander J Hanson, Watertown, SD
- ^ Michael Hoose, Ipswich, SD
- ^ Isaac A Jensen, Lake Preston, SD
- Roger D Nelson, Arlington, SD
- * Damian J B Nielsen, Watertown, SD
- Abigayl Platt, Rosholt, SD
- Jonathan Andrew Prout, Aurora, SD

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS – AAS DEGREE (Cont.)

- ^ Heather O Robertson, Clinton, MN
- ^ Dylan Ruotsalainen, Lake Norden, SD
- Mason R Semrad, Watertown, SD
- ^ Alina Smirnova, Poltava, Ukraine
- ^ Alisa Smirnova, Poltava, Ukraine
- * Jerime Joseph Surber, Henry, SD
- ^ Jaidison J Turrill, Lake Norden, SD
- Austin James Van Overbeke, Watertown, SD
- ^ Mark Waldner, Leota, MN
- ^ Natalie Weyh, Astoria, SD
- ^ Nicholas J Weyh, Watertown, SD

COSMETOLOGY

- Caden Lee Boettcher, Watertown, SD
- Annie Marie Bowden, Sioux Falls, SD
- Kennedi M Bradberry, Watertown, SD
- ^ Macie Marie Brown, Chester, SD
- * Brielee B Conkey, Miller, SD
- ^ McKenzie Jane Cunningham, Brookings, SD
- Isabelle J Feuerhelm, Montevideo, MN
- Emma M Friesen, Huron, SD
- * Hailey F Gascoigne, Brookings, SD
- * Chloe Lynn Hazel, Beresford, SD
- Lorika Rae Hein, Huron, SD
- Mercedes M Herning, Hector, MN
- Tori R Hooth, Milbank, SD
- * Olivia F Johnson, De Smet, SD
- * Delaney Faith Kiesow, Brandon, SD
- ^ Payton Ann Kilker, Miller, SD
- ^ Macey Anne Lane, Henry, SD
- * Madelyn Matthies, Bellingham, MN
- Kailee N McClean, Watertown, SD
- * Angela Rose McCullough, Valley Springs, CA
- Desiree L Moser, Highmore, SD
- ^ Emily Nelson, Pipestone, MN
- * Lauren Alese Olson, Canby, MN
- * Jenna M J Petersen, Philip, SD
- ^ Shelby Lynne Roberts, Hettinger, ND
- Morgan M Schafer, Revillo, SD
- Karli J Sharp, Henry, SD
- * Aleah F Shepherd, Watertown, SD
- * Irie Sky Shway, Huron, SD
- * Lily J Smith, Hayti, SD
- ^ Erika Christine Stadheim, Watertown, SD
- ^ Marisa L Steineke, Brookings, SD
- * Halle Ann Van Hove, Menno, SD
- Quincee M Walls, Huron, SD
- ^ Emree K White, Wolsey, SD

CUSTOM PAINT & FABRICATION

- *~ Brandon M Amundson, Colorado Springs, CO
- ~ James R Anseeuw, Canby, MN
- ~ Michael J Boddicker, Pierre, SD
- Blake G Brodrecht, Presho, SD
- * Demetri C D Bryant, Bowdle, SD
- * Owen C Eitemiller, Armour, SD
- ~ Cameron D Erlacher, Lemmon, SD
- ~ Chloe Mae Fiedler, Watertown, SD
- ~ Justice James Fitzgerald, Clark, SD
- ~ Connor B Hanson, Watertown, SD
- ~ Damian L Kluckman, Clear Lake, SD
- JoLeigh Kurkowski, Watertown, SD
- *~ Kody J Lehr, Bath, SD
- *~ Nickolas Daniel Litterick, Howard, SD
- ~ Mason J Manning, Alcester, SD
- ~ Eli D Maunu, Ellendale, ND
- Tiye Murra, Vermillion, SD
- ~ Olivia Grace Nygaard, Watertown, SD
- ~ Tristan C Penny, Presho, SD
- ~ Taryn Rupp, Elk Point, SD
- ~ James J Soderholm II, Onida, SD
- Matthew A Spear, Spearfish, SD
- ~ Kade D Stahl, Mellette, SD
- ~ Levi Austin Swanson, Volga, SD

DENTAL ASSISTING

- Madison M Christensen, Lake Norden, SD
- Ashlyn A Clausen, Redfield, SD
- * Gracie A Fast, Redfield, SD
- * Mariah Ann Fish, Watertown, SD
- Kenlie JM Fridley, Letcher, SD
- Kali Marie Gasper, Watertown, SD
- Frankee Dee George, Chamberlain, SD
- ~ Katelyn L Halverson, De Smet, SD
- ~ Morgan R Hemmestad, Volga, SD
- ~ Kaylee Hilliard, Harrisburg, SD
- Addyson Hochhalter, Tulare, SD
- ~ Kaitlyn Kay Hoerner, Bowdle, SD
- Stacy Marie Mahaffy, Newell, SD
- Emma Mathews, Balaton, MN
- ~ Jaden Marie Olson, Walnut Grove, MN
- Tahlor Marie Popham, Castlewood, SD
- * Emily Ann Schack, Bowdle, SD
- Markee'Rae Shaving, Eagle Butte, SD
- Jade K Soe, Aberdeen, SD
- Trinity Faye Stein, Elkton, SD
- Lauren Marie VanDusen, Watertown, SD
- ~ Emma Marie Vernlund, Canby, MN
- Luka J A Verpaalen, Volga, SD
- Jacie Raine Wendland, Baltic, SD
- Hailey M Wilkens, Clara City, MN

DENTAL ASSISTING (Cont.)

- * Taelor A Zweber, Gettysburg, SD

DIESEL TECHNOLOGY – AAS DEGREE

- * Caden A Aasheim, Beresford, SD
- ^ Jaden Lee Anderberg, Miller, SD
- * Maria Elizabeth Authier, Vivian, SD
- * Tycen Bailey, Ansley, NE
- Braxton Beringer, Gettysburg, SD
- * Jorgen A Birk, Watertown, SD
- Adam R Bohnet, Winner, SD
- Josiah Joseph Boll, Ward, SD
- William Burns, Huron, SD
- Aden A Comes, Waverly, SD
- ^ Connor Loyal Comes, Waverly, SD
- Jace L Craig, Claremont, SD
- Dominic Cole Deprez, Wabasso, MN
- * Dossen William Elmore, Custer, SD
- Antonio Espino, Scottsbluff, NE
- Zachary D Fagre, Fergus Falls, MN
- Cody Wayne Flint, New Underwood, SD
- ^ Dominic Fonder, Milbank, SD
- Ramey Gearhart, Ramona, SD
- Zachary A Gilbert, Hitchcock, SD
- Sean M Gottschalk, Garretson, SD
- Connor Graff, Alcester, SD
- ^ Aiden R Grout, Webster, SD
- Isaac Gunnink, Chandler, MN
- Briar Gustafson, New Leipzig, ND
- Eli Hansberger, Worthington, MN
- Tathan John Headrick, Flandreau, SD
- Joshua Hunter Herzberg, Mankato, MN
- Lane Michael Holland, De Smet, SD
- Gabriel Holt, Spicer, MN
- Austin Michael Hubbard, Sioux Falls, SD
- Caleb Dean Jatton, Nunda, SD
- Cole A Jerdee, Albert Lea, MN
- Kaleb Charles Johnson, Beardsley, MN
- * Kaleb C Johnson, Aberdeen, SD
- Jacob Jay Jones, Amboy, MN
- * Colin Jorgens, Dawson, MN
- William James Keller, Mobridge, SD
- * Matthew Thomas King, Pierre, SD
- Cole R Knutson, Clear Lake, SD
- Jackson Kontz, Flandreau, SD
- * Chase M Kopp, Utica, SD
- Gage Lalim, Watertown, SD
- Ethan Langseth, Sleepy Eye, MN
- ^ Andrew LaVoy, Milroy, MN
- Will Lecy, Echo, MN
- Donavon D Leenderts, Hills, MN
- Ian James Lehman, Pierre, SD

DIESEL TECHNOLOGY – AAS DEGREE (Cont.)

- ^ Bryce C Mahanke, Brookings, SD
- Jesse J Manderschied, Bird Island, MN
- John Matzdorf, Bird Island, MN
- Ethan Lee McElhone, Clark, SD
- Tristan J Meyer, Clark, SD
- * Rhett K Moch, Edgeley, ND
- ^ Wyatt Moch, Edgeley, ND
- Cody Ness, Kasson, MN
- ^ Samuel David Nibbe, Lake Benton, MN
- * Klayton M Paetow, Hurley, SD
- Haden L Palmlund, Bancroft, SD
- ^ Cody Peterson, Rosholt, SD
- * Steven Plaisted, Watertown, SD
- Paul Pulling, Whitewood, SD
- Chase A Reed, Flandreau, SD
- * Jarrett Rhode, Montevideo, MN
- Logan Ries, Castlewood, SD
- Braxten B J Rozeboom, Garretson, SD
- * Dylan Rud, Clara City, MN
- Mason W Ruzicka, Yankton, SD
- Trey John Sayler, Herreid, SD
- Michael James Schmiedt, Woonsocket, SD
- * Carter Schrad, Dell Rapids, SD
- Grant William Simon, Hoven, SD
- Ashley Viola Snoozy, Dell Rapids, SD
- Aidyn J Spotanske, Redfield, SD
- * Benjamin James Stoecker, Faulkton, SD
- Levi Wade Stover, Ft Pierre, SD
- Keegan Straub, Le Sueur, MN
- Lincoln Stuwe, Hoven, SD
- Jace Michael Taecker, Watertown, SD
- Katerina Thompson-Gartner, Ramona, SD
- * Benjamin L Thonvold, Sunburg, MN
- * Aiden Van Santen, Luverne, MN
- Gavin Ree VanHolland, Volga, SD
- ^ Ethan R Volsen, Wells, MN
- Justin D Vomacka, Herrick, SD
- ^ Jason Washburn, Watertown, MN
- Jaxon John Watkins, Hector, MN
- Jason Paul Wennblom, Alcester, SD
- Tristan I Weston, Milbank, SD
- Daniel Wilkerson, Spencer, IA
- Braden Yonker, Windom, MN

ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY – AAS DEGREE

- ^ Mason Auset, Albertville, MN
- Thomas Jay Belaen, Minneota, MN
- * Alexis Douglas, Aberdeen, SD
- ^ Booker T Ehli, Hankinson, ND
- ^ Kelsey Guthmiller, Ipswich, SD

ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY – AAS DEGREE (Cont.)

- Darrell K Hagen Jr, Aberdeen, SD
- ^ Lynzie Ilenich, Bryant, SD
- ^ Noah Mayo, Watertown, SD
- Gavin Edwin Nielsen, Ruthton, MN
- ^ Nathaniel Prokop, Canby, MN
- ^ Cade Wendling, Bryant, SD
- * Spencer A Yates, Watertown, SD
- ^ Adam Zemlicka, South Shore, SD

ENERGY OPERATIONS – AAS DEGREE

- ^ Landon DeSmet, Minneota, MN
- Gage R Suttin, Aberdeen, SD

ENERGY TECHNOLOGY – AAS DEGREE

- Draven A Bau, Watertown, SD
- Lucas Bertsch, Brandon, SD
- ^ Logan Ching, Bruce, SD
- Gavin Lee Costine, Colman, SD
- Trey Otto Helmke, Cottonwood, MN
- Luke Evan Johnson, Miller, SD
- Garrett W Keever, Watertown, SD
- ^ Blaine Ryan Muchow, Alexandria, MN
- * Gabriel T Petrik, Canova, SD
- Russell G Sheets, Volga, SD

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY

- ~ Tanner Joe Angermeier, Henry, SD
- ~ Maxwell R Bambas, Lennox, SD
- ~ Ayden James Bonnett, Magnolia, MN
- ~ Gavin Lee Ehrp, Chokio, MN
- *~ Trenton Wayne Phillips, Castlewood, SD
- ~ Paige L Rahm, Clark, SD
- * Tristian Sudenga, Aberdeen, SD
- ^ Caitlin S Woodward, Tulare, SD

FINANCIAL SERVICES – AAS DEGREE

- ^ Zandar W Binde, Watertown, SD
- ^ Marlee Jo Coplan, Hazel, SD
- * Emma Duenwald, White, SD
- Lydia A Ebbers, Estelline, SD
- Tara Fedt, Watertown, SD
- ^ Amy Fischer, Webster, SD
- Elijah Charles Fischer, Milbank, SD
- Allyson M Fullerton, Huron, SD
- * Nattlie Gallop, Watertown, SD
- ^ Cynthia A Goehring, Columbia, SD
- ^ Hudson L Hendricks, Watertown, SD
- ^ Jady Hoftiezer, Watertown, SD
- Crystal Chyenne Humbyrd, Badger, SD
- Kayelee F Johnson, Canby, MN

FINANCIAL SERVICES – AAS DEGREE (Cont.)

- Madelyn N Jungwirth, Pierre, SD
- * Bethany S Long, White, SD
- Jacqueline Kay Martinmaas, Watertown, SD
- ^ Addison Lynn Molden, Appleton, MN
- ^ Samuel T Olson, Watertown, SD
- Hallie Pederson, Brookings, SD
- Karter B Ramirez, Reville, SD
- ^ Paige M Sandbulte, Luverne, MN
- ^ Isabella Christine Shreeve, Huron, SD
- ^ Ryan D Thomas, Clark, SD
- * Danielle S Yamaura, Milbank, SD

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

- ^ Samuel S Alpers, Sioux Falls, SD
- Mason Charles Barber, Garretson, SD
- ^~ Logan Raymond Comes, Kranzburg, SD
- Zacharey J Drobný, Aberdeen, SD
- ~ Carson A Durham, Ellendale, ND
- ^ Gage C Goettertz, Hurley, SD
- ~ Andrew Paul Hansen, Overland Park, KS
- *~ Jaren Edward Hartman, Lennox, SD
- Kaden K Haubris, Wilmot, SD
- ~ Austin Michael Johnson, Pipestone, MN
- ^ Noah Scott Klusmann, Kulm, ND
- ^ Holt W Larson, Dawson, MN
- Avery J Lee, Warner, SD
- Braden Alan Malsam, Aberdeen, SD
- * Austin Robert Metz, Wilmot, SD
- *~ Caleb Meyer, Cavour, SD
- ^~ Drake E Moser, Vermillion, SD
- Cody R Munkvold, Menno, SD
- Jack LeRoy Neisius, Hanley Falls, MN
- ~ Zachary E Neu, Yankton, SD
- Wyatt Palmer, Sioux Falls, SD
- William D Parker, Preston, MN
- Dakota Douglas Peiker, Reville, SD
- Sam Pellman, Brandon, SD
- * Trevor D Rawlins, Henry, SD
- ^~ Baxter Iver Sand, Ashley, ND
- Aaron J Smith, Oak Grove, MN
- Jared C Storms, Summit, SD
- *~ Tristen Nathan Ufkin, Canby, MN
- ~ Macaffery Michael Gene Young, Watertown, SD

HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICIAN

- ^ Haven Begalka, Volga, SD
- Taytum R Bissonette, Sisseton, SD
- ^ Christian M Collins, Hoven, SD
- Tawnie Jade Davies, Waubay, SD
- ^ Bridget A Eschen, South Shore, SD
- Reegan A Fischer, Sheldon, IA

HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICIAN (Cont.)

- Audrye E Foster, Clark, SD
- Anna Marie Guest, Watertown, SD
- Evan M Hamre, Watertown, SD
- *~ Brooklynn K N Herman, Pierre, SD
- ~ Rebecca R Hofman, Miller, SD
- ^~ Jessica Lynn Kellar, Watertown, SD
- ^~ Brittany M Kiesz, Aberdeen, SD
- *~ Kayla J Klocker, Volga, SD
- Kiah Lynn Koch, Warner, SD
- *~ Makayla L Koepp, Appleton, MN
- ~ Taylor Kohrs, Iroquois, SD
- ^~ Abby Lynn Olson, White, SD
- ^ Azalea Marie Rashaad Nelson, Huron, SD
- Shelby Brooke Sattler, De Smet, SD
- *~ Elizabeth E Smith, Milbank, SD
- * Maria Kae Songer, Huron, SD
- *~ Tori R Stein, Elkton, SD
- ~ Katie L Tennis, Watertown, SD
- *~ Andrea Megan Vandermeer, White, SD
- ^ MaKaylee Grace Wente, Dawson, MN
- ^~ Mali York, Watertown, SD

LAW ENFORCEMENT – AAS DEGREE

- * Konner Anderson, Watertown, SD
- ^ Brittney M Auen, Watertown, SD
- Cierra Nichole Dailey, Clear Lake, SD
- Trevor Donbroski, Hendricks, MN
- * Carla Delaluz Garcia, Brookings, SD
- ^ Anthony J Goebel, Leola, SD
- ^ Samantha R Hamm, Watertown, SD
- ^ Samuel Louis Hardin, Brookings, SD
- ^ Kelby Lucas Jacobson, Aberdeen, SD
- Braeden J Johnson, Milbank, SD
- ^ Benjamin Lester, Madison, SD
- * Megan Long, Waverly, SD
- ^ Darin Frederick McGaugh, Westport, SD
- ^ Morgan Mary Rein, Blomkest, MN
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- ^ Samantha J Torguson, Huron, SD
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- ^ David Levi Winnett, Watertown, SD

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- ~ Cynthia Jacobo-Leon, Estelline, SD
- ^~ Kyleigh Ann Mellott, Hillrose, CO
- *~ Camdyn D Rieffenberger, Watertown, SD
- ^~ Jeremiah K Roth, De Smet, SD
- Amanda M Schultz, Redfield, SD
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MEDICAL ASSISTING – AAS DEGREE

- ^ Cheyenne M Carroll, Harrold, SD
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- Jillian M Kiefer, Aberdeen, SD
- Jacey Miller, Jasper, MN
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- Heidi S Capp, Milbank, SD
- Genevieve Dinges, Hartford, SD
- Mackenzie M Evjen, Porter, MN
- ^ Elizabeth Gilbert, Huron, SD
- Aspen Heath, Onida, SD
- Saylor Hlavacek, Watertown, SD
- ^ Daniel J Kooiker, Hull, IA
- * Madison Mason, Watertown, SD
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- Vladik Johnson, Burke, SD
- Colby James Marczak, Cottonwood, MN
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- Katie Rose Sherman, Howard, SD
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- ^ Haley Jean Winter, Clear Lake, SD
- ^ Zoey K Wohlleber, Summit, SD

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- Kimberly A Bjerke, Milbank, SD
- Angela M Bretsch, Hecla, SD
- Melinda Lee Bose, Slayton, MN
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- Kylie J Comes, Watertown, SD
- Faith A Coombs, Clear Lake, SD
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- Samantha R Dean, Wessington Springs, SD
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- Cheyenne Soerra Erthum, Armour, SD
- Morgan N Frost, Gettysburg, SD
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- * Madysn Ann Gilbertson, Arlington, SD
- * Journey J Green, Wilmot, SD
- Laini Lee Rae Greenfield, Watertown, SD
- ^ Andreas D Gregory, Pierre, SD
- * Mary B Griffin, Estelline, SD
- Shayla Diann Hebb, Eagle Butte, SD
- Blythe Ann Heinbaugh, Spearfish, SD
- Lilly L Hilts, Watertown, SD
- Addison Hoppe, Watertown, SD
- ^ Jared L Huggett, Dell Rapids, SD
- Taylor J Jessen, Seneca, SD
- * Jenna Marie Johnson, Lake Norden, SD
- Amber M Kramer, Howard, SD
- Brooklin Kreger, Langford, SD
- ^ Teona Laumbach, Lake Norden, SD
- Jennifer Lefforge, Leola, SD
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- Angelena J Lewno, Milbank, SD
- Grace T Madison, Mobridge, SD
- * MacKayla L McKinney, Milbank, SD
- Montayya L S McManus, Chamberlain, SD
- LaTasha Mehlhaff, Aberdeen, SD
- Emily Meier, Marshall, MN
- ^ Dalaina F Miller, Hayti, SD
- Kylee Derica Mogen, Summit, SD
- Ashlynn Monnet, Canby, MN
- Mikayla Oleson, Sioux Falls, SD
- Tammy L Olson, Whitewood, SD
- Jayslee Petersen, Pukwana, SD

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Conner Alan Preszler, Hosmer, SD
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Caleb Arnold Hulsebus, White, SD
^ Cory J Kostelecky, Sioux Falls, SD
Marcus Phillips, Denver, CO
Adam James Sowers, Watertown, SD
^ Levi A Sytsma, Everson, WA
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Dirby J Bawek, Doland, SD
Gabriel R Boyer, Brookings, SD
Gage B Collignon, Watertown, SD
* Jacob Dejong, Leota, MN
Emily Joy DeRaad, Leola, SD
Aaron Fullerton, Newcastle, WY
^ Trygve S Gangestad, Luverne, MN
Michelle C Kangas, Bryant, SD
Terran Delane LaFollette, Elbert, CO
^ Andrew J Neilan, Black Hawk, SD
^ Carson Schmahl, Watford City, ND
^ Elijah Seymour, Sioux Falls, SD
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Elijah I Fjerkenstad, Boyd, MN
Kayla Renee Gill, Selby, SD
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Mariah A Haidar, Goodhue, MN
^ Alexis Hanson, Wheaton, MN
Makenzie K Hendricks, Estelline, SD
Rebecca Ann Hormann, Wheaton, MN
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^ Kara N Koedam, Corsica, SD
^ Joelle Kopman, Hayti, SD
Alison M Kranz, Waverly, SD
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Rebekah J Lawrence, Clear Lake, SD
Natalie Lu Lone, Webster, SD
Katlyn Lorton, Thief River Falls, MN
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- Lennon J Cameron, Watertown, SD
- * Alexis Douglas, Aberdeen, SD
- ^ Booker T Ehli, Hankinson, ND
- ^ Alex Jordan Eschenbaum, Faulkton, SD
- ^ Kelsey Guthmiller, Ipswich, SD
- Darrell K Hagen Jr, Aberdeen, SD
- ^ Lynzie Ilenich, Bryant, SD
- * Brady L Larson, Aberdeen, SD
- ^ Noah Mayo, Watertown, SD
- Gavin Edwin Nielsen, Ruthton, MN
- ^ Nathaniel Prokop, Canby, MN
- ^ Cade Wendling, Bryant, SD
- * Spencer A Yates, Watertown, SD
- ^ Adam Zemlicka, South Shore, SD

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- ~ Garrett J Antoine, Watertown, SD
- Hunter R Collins, Kennebec, SD
- * Samantha T Culpeper, Estelline, SD
- Benjamin John Dalberg, Claire City, SD
- Chase Matthew DeLaRoi, Mobridge, SD
- *~ Jack Henry Dragt, Ortonville, MN
- *~ Sean K Elbers, Steen, MN
- Cooper D Ernst, Watertown, SD
- Andrew Fatland, Sioux Falls, SD
- William Jacob Foell, Pierre, SD
- * Luke W Fuerstenberg, Beaver Creek, MN
- Andrew Evelio Garcia, Watertown, SD
- Kadyn T Gehrels, Nunda, SD
- * Brock Arlen Richard Gisselbeck, Castlewood, SD
- Madison R Gunnink, Pipestone, MN
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- ^~ Zachary Haan, Watertown, SD
- Dawson R Hale, Highmore, SD
- Luke R Hansen, Watertown, SD
- *~ Elliott Lee Harford, Tulare, SD
- Nathan Harr, Aberdeen, SD
- Paden Ian Holt, Brookings, SD
- ~ Jesus A Jacobo, Estelline, SD
- Hunter S Janzen, Piedmont, SD
- Fabian Juarez, Edinburg, TX
- Jalina Jacqueline Kinzler, Aberdeen, SD
- Preston Anndrew Klinkhammer, Spencer, SD
- Alexander A Kuck, Brookings, SD
- ^~ Casey J Kueter, Hills, MN
- *~ Hunter D Larson, Baltic, SD
- ~ Joseph Isaac Lehman Jr, Pierre, SD
- Logan J Martin, Aberdeen, SD
- Eddie Morales Jr, Renville, MN

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- ^~ Halle Nickelson, Lynd, MN
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- ~ Jordan J Pistorius, Rosholt, SD
- ~ Benjamin Joseph Pond, Streator, IL
- Logan Jerome Ramm, Sioux Falls, SD
- Gage Lee Ratigan, Frankfort, SD
- ~ John A Rideout, Streator, IL
- * Konrad J Schiller, Montevideo, MN
- ~ Keith Alan Scott Jr, Streator, IL
- Dean Earl Shultz III, Sisseton, SD
- *~ Caleb E Sorensen, Alden, MN
- ~ Hayse R Steffen, Clark, SD
- ^~ Cloe Anne Swanson, Canton, SD
- ^~ Nicolas Taylor, Ottawa, IL
- *~ Nicholas Grant Trevett, Milbank, SD
- *~ Elizabeth R Vogt, Miliona, MN
- ~ Carter David Wallace, Brandon, SD
- Axton Weckwerth, Montevideo, MN
- Drew Gordon Wittrock, Slayton, MN

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Will Mortenson

Will Mortenson is an attorney at a small firm in Fort Pierre and works part-time as a cow hand on his family's cow-calf operation in northern Stanley County. Mortenson grew up in Fort Pierre, graduated from Riggs High in Pierre, and earned degrees from USD and the University of Virginia School of Law. Mortenson previously worked on education, workforce, and agriculture policy in the Office of Gov. Dennis Daugaard. He is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

In 2020, Mortenson was elected to the state House of Representatives. In 2022, the House Republicans elected Mortenson to serve as their Majority Leader. Mortenson is the youngest Republican Leader in South Dakota history and the first tribal member to lead a majority caucus. Will and his wife, Shuree, live in Pierre and have two children, Augie and Jules.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Lee Schoenbeck

Lee Schoenbeck is a fixture at the South Dakota State Capitol, having served there in some capacity in six different decades, starting as an intern and ultimately become the highest-ranking member of the State Senate.

A native of Webster, Lee Schoenbeck is a graduate of Augustana College and the University of South Dakota School of Law. After serving as Day County State's Attorney, Schoenbeck was elected State Senator for District 1.

Schoenbeck relocated to Watertown, where he was once again elected to the Senate in 2002, serving from 2003-06 and as President Pro Tempore, the body's highest office, in 2005-06.

Elected to the State House in 2014, Schoenbeck was a leader in the passage of the sales tax increase for teacher pay, and he also ensured that a portion of the funds would go to a significant increase in instructor salaries at the technical colleges.

Schoenbeck was elected to the Senate in 2018, serving from 2019 to the present, and once again became President Pro Tempore from 2021-24. More than any particular legislative achievement, Schoenbeck is credited with emphasizing the importance of the legislature's rules and traditions as one of the body's elder statesmen.

Hugh Bartels

Hugh Bartels is a native of Pierre and a graduate of Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota. He spent his career in community banking, retiring in 2016 after twenty years as president of Reliabank.

A former president of the Watertown School Board, which also operates Lake Area Technical College, Bartels was elected to the State House in 2016, serving from 2017 to the present.

He has served on the Joint Committee on Appropriations, the Government Operations and Audit Committee, the State Affairs Committee, and as chair of the Joint Legislative Procedure Committee and the Retirement Laws Committee.

In 2023, Bartels was elected Speaker of the House, making him the House's presiding officer and second in line to the governorship. During his legislative service, he has been a dedicated advocate for technical education, including grants for high school CTE programs, funding for technical college equipment upgrades, and tuition freezes at the technical colleges.