COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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“Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar/arr. James Coull
SDSU SYMPHONIC BAND
ERIC PETERSON, D.M.A., DIRECTOR

The National Anthem
“Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key/arr. Marlatt
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Introductions
DAVID L. CHICOINE, PH.D., PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Honorary Marshals
DAVID GALIEPAU, PH.D., PROFESSOR, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
KATHRYN PENROD, PH.D., PROFESSOR, TEACHING, LEARNING & LEADERSHIP

Commencement Address
USING THE POWER OF THE MIND TO CREATE A LIFE
JACK WARNER, PH.D., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Presentation of Graduating Class
KINCHEL DOERNER, PH.D., DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Conferring of Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas
DAVID L. CHICOINE, PH.D., PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY
AND COLLEGE DEANS

Recessional
“Academic Recessional” by James Coull
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International Sashes
International graduates participating in today's commencement ceremonies are wearing sashes that allow them to proudly represent their countries. The colors within each sash represent the colors of their nation's flag.
DAVID W. GALipeau, PH.D.
HONORARY MARSHAL
B.S. University of Rhode Island, 1971
M.S. University of Maine, 1989
Ph.D. University of Maine, 1992

Dr. David W. Galipeau was raised in Westfield, New Jersey. He received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Rhode Island in 1971. He then started his engineering career at AT&T where he held several positions in technical operations and planning in the New England area. His love of discovery and teaching led him to leave AT&T in 1987 and enter graduate school at the University of Maine, where he earned his master's and Ph.D. degrees in electrical engineering in 1989 and 1992.

Dr. Galipeau joined SDSU as an assistant professor in 1992, was promoted to full professor in 2002, and was awarded the Harold C. Hobbach Endowed Professorship in 2011. He has served as the coordinator of the electrical engineering M.S. and Ph.D. graduate programs since 1998 where he was responsible for implementing a new EE Ph.D. program. He is also the co-founder and coordinator of the Center for Advanced Photovoltaics and Sustainable Energy at SDSU since 2002. He was the program lead for the Alternative Power Technology (APT) Program supported by the Department of Defense from 2010-13, and was responsible for the recruitment and hiring of more than 20 professional employees and students.

His teaching and research interests have been in the area of microelectronic devices and materials, with emphasis on next generation photovoltaic devices and renewable energy systems, nanotechnology, microsensors and instrumentation. He has been a PI or Co-PI on more than 40 funded research projects, including 12 major NSF awards for over $10 million. He was the first SDSU faculty member to receive the prestigious NSF-CAREER award and Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards. He has published more than 100 research papers, given numerous presentations, received two patents and established a spin-off business.

As graduate coordinator for the electrical engineering program, he has served as major and/or research adviser for over 75 M.S. and Ph.D. graduate students as well as a mentor for several junior faculty members. It is these activities, working with students and colleagues, which have been the most rewarding and enjoyable part of Dr. Galipeau's career.

His recognitions include: Graduate Teacher of the Year, Victor Webster Phi Kappa Pi Faculty Lectureship, College of Engineering Researcher of the Year, The National Tibbett's Awards for Contributions to the SBIR Program, College of Engineering Entrepreneur of the Year, and Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE). Three of his technical papers have also won awards. He has served as the chair of the Sensors & MEMS Technical Subcommittee for the International Microelectronics and Packaging Society (IMAPS) for over 10 years, organizing committee member for several sensors conferences, and was the SDSU student chapter adviser for this group. He is also a member of the Materials Research Society (MRS) and the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE).
KATHRYN PENROD, PH.D.

HONORARY MARSHAL

B.S. Purdue University, 1975
M.S. Cornell University, 1983
Ph.D. Cornell University, 1984

Dr. Kathryn Penrod is a native of North Manchester, Indiana. She earned her bachelor’s degree in vocational home economics education from Purdue in 1975. She taught middle-school and high-school home economics in Carmel, Ind., for three years before continuing her education at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Throughout her time at Cornell, she focused on the general field of education, teaching methods, career-technical programs and issues related to educational administration.

Before arriving at South Dakota State University (SDSU), Dr. Penrod served as the director of the Montana Council for Vocational Technical Education (1983-1987) and later as the Purdue Extension specialist for 4-H Volunteer Development (1987-1991), earning rank of associate professor. In 1991, Dr. Penrod and her husband joined the faculty of SDSU. She began her SDSU career in the College of Education and Counseling and was awarded the rank of full professor in 2000.

For 24 years, Dr. Penrod has taught and advised both undergraduate and graduate students in teacher and school administrator education. Due to online instruction, her students have resided in more than five countries and 15 states. She consistently teaches undergraduate Educational Psychology, Secondary General Teaching Methods and Human Relations. At the graduate level she has taught Adolescent Psychology, Education in a Pluralistic Society, Effective Teaching and Current Issues in Education. She has been an innovator in course delivery using block scheduling, online instruction and other technologies to assist her learners. She has inspired countless future teachers and has had the pleasure of working with more than 800 graduate students in her classes while on the faculty at SDSU. Dr. Penrod has also served as a department head and accreditation coordinator, however, her work with preservice and active teachers has been her greatest joy.

Dr. Penrod’s scholarship has been in the area of model-based instruction, multicultural education, teacher self-study and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL). In these areas she has presented and had related work published in national and international conference proceedings. She supervises teacher candidates during their junior block field experiences and student teaching. Dr. Penrod enjoys and appreciates her time in the public-school classroom and the time she spends collaborating with practicing teachers. She has been a key player in the initial design process of a year-long residency program for teacher candidates at SDSU.

Throughout her tenure, Dr. Penrod has had countless experiences with general education, honors education, faculty development related to technology and the use of online course management tools across the SDSU campus. Her service to the university has been vast. She has served on the Higher Learning Commission accreditation coordinating team, academic affairs committee, college curriculum committees, tenure and promotions committees, program advisory committees, many search committees and served as an adviser to numerous student groups.
JACK WARNER, PH.D.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Jack Warner is the executive director and chief executive officer of the South Dakota Board of Regents, which provides governance and leadership for the six universities, three university centers and two special schools in the State of South Dakota’s public higher education system. Prior to this position, Dr. Warner spent seven years as commissioner of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, the governing board for the public research university, master's comprehensive college and community college in Rhode Island.

He has dedicated his career to providing affordable access to high-quality education for individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds, who aspire to transform their lives through education. He is committed to the principle that the overall quality of a region, state and nation is improved when more and more residents are educated to higher levels and when research is conducted to enhance economic development and the public good.

Dr. Warner previously spent 32 years in the Massachusetts public higher education system, five of them as vice chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, the state coordinating board for 15 community colleges, nine state colleges and five campuses of the University of Massachusetts, and two as associate chancellor at the University of Massachusetts campus in Dartmouth.

Dr. Warner spent 17 years as dean of Student Affairs at Bristol Community College in Fall River, Massachusetts. He is a past president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and a former member of the New England Student Affairs Think Tank. He has taught in the Boston College Graduate School of Education for 13 years.

In all his work, he has brought a sense of urgency to improve education systems at all levels, seeing the critical need to increase the educational attainment of our working population and to lead a strong commitment to improving success rates for underrepresented populations. In addition to wanting our country to slip no further behind our competitors in the global economy, he strongly believes in the enhancement of individual potential and satisfaction through education.

He holds a Doctor of Education in educational administration from Boston College; a Master of Education from Springfield College in student affairs administration in higher education; and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Vermont. He is a past chair of the executive committee of the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO).

He and his wife, Celeste, reside in Fort Pierre, S.D. They have three children and four grandchildren.
CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES
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PRESIDENT DAVID L. CHICOINE, PH.D.

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Olusegun Olorunwapelumi Adebambo, Electrical Engineering
  Major Adviser: David Galipeau
  Dissertation: Nb2O5 as an Efficient Recombination Layer in Tandem Polymer Solar Cells

Ahmed Alasiri, Sociology
  Major Adviser: Meredith Redlin
  Dissertation: Factors Impacting Saudi Arabian Students' Attitudes During Their Stay in the United States

Md. Rokebul Anower, Biological Sciences
  Major Adviser: Yajun Wu
  Dissertation: Abiotic Stress in Alfalfa: Insight into Physiological and Molecular Responses to Salinity, Drought, and Freezing

Naga Bathula, Chemistry
  Adviser: Douglas Raynie
  Dissertation: Comprehensive Structural and Thermal Characterization of Selected Grass Lignins

Braden Bills, Electrical Engineering
  Major Adviser: Qi Hua Fan
  Dissertation: Electrophoretic Deposition of Si and TiO2 Nanoparticle-Based Films for Solar Cell Applications

† Santosh Chalise, Electrical Engineering
  Major Adviser: Reinaldo Tonkoski
  Dissertation: Optimal Operation of Remote Microgrids Considering Battery Lifetime

† Emily Collin, Biological Sciences
  Major Adviser: Christopher Chase
  Dissertation: Influenza D Virus: Investigation of the Newly Proposed Influenza Genus

Kaushalkumar Dave, Pharmaceutical Sciences
  Major Adviser: Omathunu Perumal
  Dissertation: Topical Drug Delivery to the Breast

† Francisca Essel, Chemistry
  Major Adviser: Suvojbrata Chakravarty
  Dissertation: Discovery of Novel Readers for Interpretation of Epigenome

Trenton Ellis, Sociology
  Major Adviser: Meredith Redlin
  Dissertation: Beef is Beef? An Actor-Network Analysis of the 2012 Lean Finely-Textured Beef Food Scare

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George Gachumi, Chemistry  
Major Adviser: Douglas Raynie  
Dissertation: Application of Supercritical Carbon Dioxide in Agricultural Products Processing  

† Nuria Garcia-Fernandez, Biological Sciences  
Major Adviser: Sanjeev Anand  
Dissertation: Role of Exopolymeric Substances in Biofilm Formation on Dairy Separation Membranes  

Kathleen Gibson, Biological Sciences  
Major Adviser: Bruce Bleakley  
Dissertation: Isolation and Characterization of Cellulase-Producing Microorganisms from the Homestake Mine and Hot Springs, South Dakota  

Rosa Guerrero-Chavez, Plant Science  
Major Adviser: Karl Glover  
Dissertation: Bi-Parental and Multi-Parental Based Mapping of Quantitative Traits in Spring Wheat  

† John Kiratu, Chemistry  
Major Adviser: Douglas Raynie  
Dissertation: Use of Response Surface Methodology Experimental Approach in Supercritical Carbon Dioxide Extraction of Essential Oils  

Joy Kobia, Sociology  
Major Adviser: Meredith Redlin  
Dissertation: An Investigation of Rural Entrepreneurship at County Level: Opportunities for Rural Communities in South Dakota  

Aditi Kondhia, Plant Science  
Major Adviser: Jose Gonzalez  
Dissertation: RNA-SEQ Analysis of Doubled Haploid Resistance and Susceptible Wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) Lines Challenged by the Orange Wheat Blossom Midge (Sitodiplosis mosellana) (Gehin) (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)  

Maxim Lebedev, Biological Sciences  
Major Adviser: Alan Young  

Christophina Lynch, Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Major Adviser: Teresa Seefeldt  
Dissertation: Evaluation of Carvedilol and Berberine on Thiol Related Pathways  

Sheryl Marckstadt, Nursing  
Major Adviser: Lynnette Stamler  
Dissertation: Reinventing Life: A Glaserian Grounded Theory Study  

† Jerry Ackom Mensah, Biological Sciences  
Major Adviser: Heike Bucking  
Dissertation: Cooperation & Punishment in the Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Symbiosis: Implications for Resource Exchange & Biological Market Dynamics  

† Kimberly Nerud, Nursing  
Major Adviser: Nancy Fahrenwald  
Dissertation: Make a Move: An Intervention to Reduce Childhood Obesity  

† Meghan Potthoff, Nursing  
Major Adviser: Mary Minton  
Dissertation: Go Wish: Pilot Study of a Conversation Tool in Pediatric Palliative Care  

Satya Sadhu, Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Major Adviser: Xiangming Guan  
Dissertation: Anti-Metastatic and Anti-Cancer Effects of Glutathione Disulfide Liposomes  

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Shane Scholten, *Nutrition, Exercise, & Food Sciences*
Major Adviser: Igor Sergeev
Dissertation: Vitamin D and Antioxidant Quercetin Effects of Muscular and Cardiorespiratory Performance in Physically Active Adults

Brandon Scott, *Biochemistry*
Major Adviser: Adam Hoppe
Dissertation: Advances in FRET Microscopy for the Analysis of Multiple Protein-Protein Interactions in the Three-Dimensional Space of the Living Cell

† Maheshwar Shrestha, *Electrical Engineering*
Major Adviser: David Galipeau
Dissertation: Structural, Optical, and Electrical Characterization of Materials for Low-Cost Photovoltaic Devices

Diane Smith, *Nursing*
Major Adviser: Kay Poland
Dissertation: Sisters of Mercy: The Walking Nuns' Siouxland Journey and Nursing Experiences (1890-1965)

† Christopher Solis Ocampo, *Chemistry*
Major Adviser: James Rice
Dissertation: Activation of the Cardiac Thin Filament by Myosin

Marilyn Swan, *Nursing*
Major Adviser: Barbara Hobbs
Dissertation: Exploring the Relationship of Secondary Traumatic Stress and Lack of Anonymity in Nurses

Ryan Swanstrom, *Computational Science & Statistics*
Major Adviser: Gary Hatfield
Dissertation: Scoring a Software Development Organization with a Single Number

† Bijaya Prasad Upadhyaya, *Nutrition, Exercise, & Food Sciences*
Major Adviser: Moul Dey
Dissertation: Mechanistic Investigation into the Chem-Preventive Activity of Phenethyl Isothiocyanate Against Human Cancer Stem-Like Cells In Vitro and In Vivo

† Rita Isabel Velez-Ruiz, *Plant Science*
Major Adviser: Paul Johnson
Dissertation: Revision of the Bee Genus Ptiloglossa Smit (*Colletidae:Diphalglossinae*)

Malia Volke, *Biological Sciences*
Major Adviser: W. Carter Johnson
Dissertation: The Ecological Significance of Emerging Reservoir Deltas: Evidence from the White River Delta in South Dakota

† Jane Wrede, *Nursing*
Major Adviser: Nancy Fahrenwald
Dissertation: A Multi-Media Preventative Reproductive Health Intervention in a Family Planning Setting

Bing Xu, *Biological Sciences*
Major Adviser: Fedora Sutton
Dissertation: Identification of GPR119 Interacting Proteins: The Effect of Abscisic Acid on the Interactions and the Role of SERP1 on Localizing GPR119 to the Plasma Membrane

Dalitso Yabwalo, *Agronomy*
Major Adviser: Bill Berzonsky
Dissertation: An Analysis of Grain Traits and Their Potential Impact on Test Weight in Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*)

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† Yang Yang, Pharmaceutical Sciences
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Dissertation: Development of Thiol Specific Fluorogenic Agents for Thiol Imaging in Biological Systems

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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South Dakota Corn Utilization Council Endowed Dean

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FALL 2014 GRADUATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Mukhtar Agoub, Plant Science
Major Adviser: Jiang Guo-Liang
Dissertation: Inheritance and Molecular Mapping of Soybean Aphid Resistance in Soybean Germplasm Accession PI 603432B

Mohammed Saeed Alqahtani, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Major Adviser: Omathuru Perumal
Dissertation: Novel Protein Core-Shell Nanoparticles for Oral Drug Delivery

Abdulrhman Alsayari, Chemistry
Major Adviser: Fathi Halawi
Dissertation: Anticancer and Anti-viral Activities of Cucurbitacins Isolated from Cucumis prophetarum var. Prophetarum Growing in the Southwestern Region of Saudi Arabia

Daniel Dembowski, Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences
Major Adviser: Melissa Wuellner
Dissertation: Yellow Perch Recruitment and Potential Interactions with Smallmouth Bass in Eastern South Dakota Glacial Lakes

Carl Fellbaum, Biological Sciences
Major Adviser: Heike Bucking
Dissertation: Cooperation and Punishment in the Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Symbiosis: Insight into Nutrient Exchange Mutualistic Evolutionary Stability

Aravind Galla, Biological Sciences
Major Adviser: Yang Yen
Dissertation: Role of Fusarium Graminearum sRNAs In Fusarium Head Blight Pathogenesis on Wheat

Dawn Gordon, Nursing
Major Adviser: Kay Poland
Dissertation: World Health Issues: Ecology of Increasing Disease in Worldwide Populations

College of Nursing
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Ericka Privitt
Laura Schirber
Randy Jackson, Chemistry  
Major Adviser: Brian Logue  
Dissertation: The Development of a Field Sensor for the Rapid Detection of Cyanide Exposure

Vedbar Khadka, Computational Science & Statistics  
Major Adviser: Anne Fennell  
Dissertation: RNA-SEQ Gene Expression Profiling of Vitis Riparia Root and Shoot Tissues Under Water Deficit

Sung Un Kim, Plant Science  
Major Adviser: Vance Owens  
Dissertation: Biomass Production and Quality of Prairie Cordgrass (Spartina pectinata link) Using Urea and Kura Clover (Trifolium ambiguum bieb) A Source of Nitrogen

Erin Kline, Sociology  
Major Adviser: Meredith Redlin  
Dissertation: 'As a Woman, as a Mother, as a Farmer': Understanding Women's Agricultural Practices, Perceptions and Adaption to Climate Change in the Upper Midwest

Ishtiaq Maqsood, Electrical Engineering  
Major Adviser: Venkat Bommisetty  
Dissertation: Exciton and Charge Transport Dynamics in Organic Bulk Heterojunction Solar Cell Morphologies

Alemayehu Midekisa, Geospatial Science and Engineering  
Major Adviser: Michael Wimberly  
Dissertation: Integrating Multi-Sensor Satellite Data for Malaria Early Warning in the Amhara Region of Ethiopia

Swetha Pothula, Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Major Adviser: Gudiseva Chandrasekher  
Dissertation: Rho-Gtpase Protein Cdc42 Signaling in Corneal Epithelium and its Relevance in Wound Healing

Tobias Rapp, Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences  
Major Adviser: Brian Graeb  
Dissertation: Determinants of Growth and Survival of Larval Pallid Sturgeon: A Combined Laboratory and Field Approach

Golam Rasul, Plant Science  
Major Adviser: Karl Glover  
Dissertation: A Semi-Micro Assay and Genetic Analyses for Late-Maturity Alpha-Amylase Activity in Bread Wheat

Monzurul Roni, Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Major Adviser: Shafiquur Rahman  
Dissertation: Role of Brain Nicotinic Receptors in Major Depression with Chronic Effects of Ethanol and Nicotine in Mice

Adam Schmitz, Computational Science & Statistics  
Major Adviser: Jung-Han Kimn  
Dissertation: Two Essays on Agricultural Commodity Options Pricing

Swaminathan Venkatesan, Electrical Engineering  
Major Adviser: Qiquan Qiao  
Dissertation: Engineering Nanomorphology in Polymer Solar Cells for Efficient Charge Transport

Hanmo Zhang, Biological Sciences  
Major Adviser: Xiuqing Wang  
Dissertation: Host- Virus Interaction During Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome Virus (PRRSV) Infection
Jiaoping Zhang, Biological Sciences
Major Adviser: Guo-Liang Jiang
Dissertation: Genome-Wide Association Studies for Agronomic Traits and Seed Composition in Early Maturing Soybean (Glycine max) Germplasm

Rui Zhou, Biological Sciences
Major Adviser: James Julson
Dissertation: Production of Hydrocarbons by Catalytic Upgrading of Bio-oil from Microwave-Assisted Pyrolysis of Biomass

FALL 2014 MASTER’S DEGREES
College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences
Benjamin Benson, Biological Sciences
Andrew Brower, Economics
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Jennifer Gebel, Mass Communication
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SUMMER 2014 GRADUATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Tyson Abbott, Sociology
Major Adviser: Donald Arwood
Dissertation: Critical Thinking in Higher Education

Michael Barnes, Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences
Major Adviser: Michael Brown
Dissertation: Inclusion of Fermented Soybean Meal in Rainbow Trout Diets

Kangming Chen, Biological Sciences
Major Adviser: Ruanbao Zhou
Dissertation: Regulated Intramembrane in Anabaena Variabilis

Jason Hennessey, Computational Science & Statistics
Major Adviser: Xijin Ge
Dissertation: Availability and Preservation of Scholarly Digital Resources

Hong Jin, Biological Sciences
Major Adviser: Zhengrong Gu
Dissertation: High-Performance Carbon Electrode for Supercapacitors Based on Biomass

Muna Kadariya, Plant Science
Major Adviser: Karl Glover
Dissertation: Family-Based Mapping for Preharvest Sprouting Resistance
Quantitative Trait Loci in Spring Wheat

Zhao Li, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Major Adviser: Zhuqiu Jin
Dissertation: Novel Role Protein Kinase C Theta in Myocardial Injury
Yi Liu, *Nutrition, Exercise, & Food Sciences*
Major Adviser: Moul Dey
Dissertation: Mechanistic Investigation into the Biological Activity of Phenethyl Isothiocyanate and Sodium Butyrate in Context of Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Colon Cancer

Teshale Mamo, *Plant Science*
Major Adviser: Arvid Boe
Dissertation: Genetics of Biomass and Biomass-Related Traits in Cup Plant

Julie Manz, *Nursing*
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Dissertation: Patients or Prisoners? A Grounded Theory of How Nurses Provide Care to Inmate-Patients

Md Shahriar Pervz, *Geospatial Science & Engineering*
Major Adviser: Geoffrey Henebry
Dissertation: Assessing the Impacts of Climate and Land Use and Land Cover Change on Freshwater Availability: Applications in the Ganges and the Brahmaputra River Basins

Sanjeewa Ranathunga, *Animal & Range Sciences*
Major Adviser: Kenneth Kalscheur
Dissertation: Dried Distillers Grains with Solubles as a Non-Forage Fiber Source in Lactating Dairy Cow Diets

Sanath Sathyachandran, *Geospatial Science & Engineering*
Major Adviser: David Roy
Dissertation: Fire Type Classification in the Brazilian Tropical Moist Forest Biome

Joshua Smith, *Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences*
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Dissertation: Determining Impacts of Mountain Lions on Bighorn Sheep and Other Prey Sources in the Black Hills

Qingming Song, *Nutrition, Exercise, & Food Sciences*
Major Adviser: Igor Sergeev
Dissertation: The Effects of Increased Vitamin D and Calcium Intakes on Biomarkers of Adiposity, Apoptosis of Adipose Tissue and Bone Status in Diet-Induced Obesity

Martha Todd, *Nursing*
Major Adviser: Thomas Stenvig
Dissertation: The Process of Transitioning from Homelessness for Single Mothers

Benjamin Turner, *Biological Sciences*
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Dissertation: To Plow or Not to Plow: An Investigation into Land Use Changes and Consequences in the Northern Great Plains Using Systems Thinking and Dynamics

Kathryn Vander Veen, *Nursing*
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Dissertation: Registered Nurse Support for Patient Activation

Yongbin Zhuang, *Biological Sciences*
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Dissertation: Genetic Dissection of Fusarium Head Blight in Wheat

**DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE**

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THE CEREMONIAL MACE

The Ceremonial Mace is traditionally carried by a university marshal at all formal academic occasions. The staff, which stands thirty-six inches high from top to bottom, is made of walnut with a mahogany finish. It is trimmed in 14k plated gold. At the top of the Mace is the great seal of South Dakota State University. The engraved inscription reads “South Dakota State University founded 1881.” The Mace was presented to the University as a gift from the SDSU Alumni Association and was used for the first time at President Peggy Gordon Miller’s inauguration, September 19, 1998.

The Ceremonial Mace has an ancient history as a symbol of authority. In medieval times it was a studded, clublike weapon, made of iron and capable of breaking armor. It became associated with the protection of the king in France and England and was carried by the king’s sergeant-at-arms. In the thirteenth century it was used for civil purposes and figured in the processions of city mayors and other dignitaries. Eventually the Mace became a symbol also for academic institutions, an emblem of order and authority in the pageantry of ceremonial occasions.

THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The University Presidential Medallion, a traditional symbol of authority of the Office of the President, is a 14k gold replica of the University Seal, is three inches in diameter, and is cast as a single piece.

The reverse side of the Medallion is engraved with the names the University has formally held since its inception: Dakota Agricultural College, 1884-1889; South Dakota Agricultural College, 1890-1907; South Dakota State College of Agricultural and Mechanic Arts, 1907-June 30, 1964; and South Dakota State University, July 1, 1964-Present.

The University Presidential Medallion was designed by Sioux Falls artist Jurek Jakowicz and was presented as a gift to the University by the SDSU Foundation. The Medallion is part of the University’s heritage and will pass to future presidents. It is traditionally worn by the University president at important ceremonial occasions.