



# 2025 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 17 | 10 a.m. | Scott Gymnasium

## President's Message



Dear Graduates, Families, and Friends,

It is with great pride and heartfelt congratulations that I welcome you to the 2025 Commencement Ceremony at Dickinson State University.

Today, we celebrate more than academic achievement—we celebrate perseverance, character, and the shared values that define our Blue Hawk community. As you walk across this stage, you carry forward a tradition that is over a century strong. At DSU, Blue Runs Deep—in our commitment to learning, in our pride for this institution, and in the lasting bonds forged here.

Our mission—to provide high-quality, accessible education that supports student success—has guided your journey. You've met challenges with resilience, sought out knowledge with curiosity, and grown into leaders ready to serve your communities and professions. You've embodied the spirit of DSU in every way, and your accomplishments today are a testament to that mission in action.

As you leave these halls and step into the next chapter of your lives, remember that you carry the legacy of Dickinson State with you. Wherever you go, go with purpose. Go with courage. Go knowing that you are—and always will be—a part of the DSU family.

Congratulations, Class of 2025. We are proud of you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ty Orton'.

Ty Orton, Acting President

To the Class of 2025,

It is a distinct honor to join you on this momentous day as the newest member of the Dickinson State University family. Though I am just beginning my journey here, I know as an alumnus that this place is special—not only for its academic excellence, but for the strength of its traditions, its mission, and its people.

As you cross this stage and close one chapter, you enter into a new one—as a proud graduate of DSU. The saying goes, “Once a Blue Hawk, always a Blue Hawk,” and those words carry real meaning. They speak to a lifelong connection, to a community that lifts one another up, and to a deep-rooted pride that doesn't fade with time.

Dickinson State's mission to foster learning and leadership in an inclusive, supportive environment has helped shape the individuals you are today. You are stepping forward prepared—not only with knowledge—but with integrity, grit, and purpose. That is the DSU way.

While your time as a student ends today, your journey as a Blue Hawk is just beginning. I look forward to seeing the impact you will make in the world, and I hope to meet many of you again—whether back on campus or out leading in your fields.

Congratulations, graduates. The future is yours.



With great respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Molander'.

Scott Molander '88, Incoming President

**TY ORTON**

Acting President

**SCOTT MOLANDER**

Incoming President

**HOLLY GRUHLKE**

Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost

**DANITA BYE**

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

**KIERRA MATHERN**

Alumni Relations Director

Interim Director of Strategic Initiatives and Events

**LESLIE WIETSTOCK**

Vice President for Finance and Administration

**JOAN AUS**

Dean, School of Education

**ANN WITTKOPP**

Dean, School of Professional Studies

**ELIZABETH FREEDMAN FOWLER**

Interim Dean, School of Applied Sciences

**AMY GRINSTEINNER**

2025 Distinguished Educator of the Year

**GRIFFIN OBRIGEWITCH**

**ROHNNIE NACOTA**

Student Speakers

## Order of Ceremonies

### DICKINSON STATE UNIVERSITY 2025 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

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*Silence your cell phones | Remain seated during the processional and recessional | Stand during the alma mater  
Air horns are not allowed during Commencement proceedings*

<b>PRELUDE</b>	DSU Concert Band, Directed by Adam Mitchell
<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> – Elgar/Shafer
<b>COMMENCEMENT DECLARED OPEN</b>	Debora Dragseth Senior Faculty Member Professor of Business Baker Boy Professor of Leadership
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Holly Gruhlke
<b>RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING GRADUATES</b>	Joan Aus Ann Wittkopp Elizabeth Freedman Fowler
<b>OPENING REMARKS</b>	Ty Orton
<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	DSU Chorale Mackenzie Hicks, Conductor <i>You'll Never Walk Alone</i> arr. Mac Huff Accompanied by Mariah Wilz
<b>GREETINGS FROM THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION</b>	Danita Bye
<b>INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER</b>	Amy Grinsteinner 2025 Distinguished Educator of the Year
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	Griffin Obrigewitch Rohnnie Nacota
<b>PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES</b>	Holly Gruhlke
<b>CONFIRMATION OF GRADUATES</b>	Ty Orton
<b>CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION</b>	Kierra Mathern
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Scott Molander
<b>ALMA MATER</b>	Led by Mackenzie Hicks
<b>COMMENCEMENT DECLARED CLOSED</b>	Debora Dragseth
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	DSU Concert Band, Directed by Adam Mitchell

#### PLEASE JOIN US!

A reception will follow the commencement ceremony  
in Wienbergen Gymnasium.

## Academic Schools Outstanding Graduates

The Dickinson State University Outstanding Graduate Award is the highest honor bestowed on graduating seniors and master's degree recipients by the University. Students are nominated by the faculty in their academic school for exceptional performance in their field of study.

### OUTSTANDING MASTER'S GRADUATES

#### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



*Emily Beck*

#### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



*Christina Jorgensen*

### OUTSTANDING GRADUATES

#### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

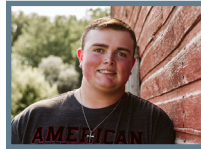


*X'Avier Vincent*

#### SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES

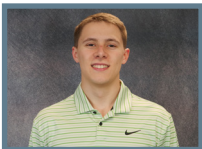


*Griffin Obrigewitch*



*Brendon Rasmussen*

#### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



*Jacob Daniel*



*Madison Wahl*

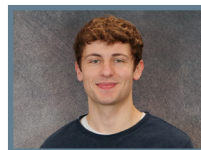


*Lottie Caldwell*

#### SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES



*Kaitlyn McColly*



*Carson Hunter*



**CHRISTINA JORGENSEN**

A Dickinson native, Christina Jorgensen returns to her hometown roots with a wealth of leadership and service experience. She is graduating with a Master of Arts in Teaching, further deepening her commitment to education and community impact. Christina has worked extensively in the nonprofit sector, serving as Program Director of Badlands Ministries and Executive Director of the Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves as the Faith Formation Director at St. John Lutheran Church, where she continues her passion for mentoring youth and young adults. Christina's dedication to community service and education stands as a model for future leaders.

***"It is an unexpected honor to be nominated as an Outstanding Graduate.***

***I am grateful for the family and friends who have supported me along the way. To me, this award is not only a reflection of my goal to complete the program, but also a testament to the encouragement and love so many have offered me throughout my journey."***



### KAITLYN MCCOLLY

Kaitlyn McColly's DSU journey has been marked by excellence in academics, athletics, and service. Graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA, Kaitlyn also excelled as a member of the Track and Field team, earning seven All-Academic awards, five All-American honors, and two National Championship titles. She represented the United States at the 2023 FISU World Games in Chengdu, China. After graduation, Kaitlyn will begin her nursing career as a pediatric nurse at Sanford Medical in Bismarck while continuing to exemplify leadership and dedication in her field.

*"Being an Outstanding Graduate Awardee means that I have been able to pursue and find success in chasing my dreams at Dickinson State University. I have found a supportive community that has helped me accomplish academic and athletic achievements I never thought possible. The friends and family I have found at Dickinson State University have continually provided resources, encouragement, and celebration. I am forever grateful to have found my place at Dickinson State and will always cherish the connections and memories made."*





### GRIFFIN OBRIGEWITCH

Hailing from Dickinson, North Dakota, Griffin Obrigewitch will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and minors in Chemistry and Leadership Studies. An accomplished athlete and student leader, Griffin earned multiple Academic All-American and Champion of Character honors as a cross-country and track athlete. Beyond sports, he served in key leadership roles including Student Ambassador, Student Senate member, and Student Assistant Director in the Theodore Roosevelt Honors Leadership Program. Griffin now sets his sights on a future career in dentistry, bringing with him a deep commitment to learning, leadership, and service.

*"I am incredibly grateful and honored to be recognized as an Outstanding Graduate Awardee. This award stands as a testament to the hard work and dedication I have invested during my time at Dickinson State University. However, it is truly the individuals around me, including faculty, friends, and coaches, who have provided the opportunities, guidance, and encouragement that allowed me to grow and succeed. I would not be where I am today without their unwavering support, and in many ways, this recognition belongs as much to them as it does to me."*





### **ROHNNIE NACOTA**

Rohnnie Nacota, of Riverton, Wyoming, is the daughter of Bender and Maria Nacota. She is graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration, with majors in Administration and Human Resource Management. During her time at DSU, Rohnnie was an active Student Ambassador and generously volunteered for a variety of campus events, including serving as an honor usher and guest services during the 2024 North Dakota State of the State Address. She also held a work-study position within the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, skillfully balancing her responsibilities alongside her academic commitments. After graduation, Rohnnie will begin her professional career in a full-time role with YES, LLC.



### **GRIFFIN OBRIGEWITCH**

Griffin Obrigewitch, of Dickinson, North Dakota, is the son of Scott and Naomi Obrigewitch. He is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, with minors in Chemistry and Leadership Studies. Griffin was deeply involved on campus, serving as a member of Student Ambassadors, Student Senate, and Blue Hawk Catholic, often in leadership roles. He also served as a Student Assistant Director of the Theodore Roosevelt Honors Leadership Program and represented DSU as the Student Impact Story Speaker. In addition, Griffin was a member of both the DSU Cross Country and Track & Field teams. He is graduating Summa Cum Laude and will attend the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in the fall.

## *Previous Student Speakers*

### **SPRING 2012**

**Leah Walters** - Gladstone, ND

### **FALL 2012**

**Zachery Keller** - Dickinson, ND

### **SPRING 2013**

**Pierce Brooks** - North Hills, CA

**Jordan Mork** - Dickinson, ND

### **FALL 2013**

**Sarah Poswilko** - Killdeer, ND

### **SPRING 2014**

**Brenda Charles** - St. John's, Antigua

### **FALL 2014**

**Sarah Jennings** - Dickinson, ND

**Joshua Kralicek** - Dickinson, ND

### **SPRING 2015**

**Mardee Clarke** - Stockett, MT

### **FALL 2015**

**Damon Fichter** - Dickinson, ND

**Michael Landblom** - Dickinson, ND

### **SPRING 2016**

**Matthew Perdue** - Ray, ND

### **FALL 2016**

**Jalyn McGill** - Richardton, ND

**Mariam Shittu** - Kaduna, Nigeria

### **SPRING 2017**

**Jessica Schmeichel** - Apple Valley, MN

**Jalyn Klauzer** - Baker, MT

### **FALL 2017**

**Braeton Erhardt** - Hazen, ND

### **SPRING 2018**

**Carlie Bowditch** - Sylvania, SK

**Mackenzie Hicks** - Hettinger, ND

### **FALL 2018**

**Seth Moerkerke** - Gillette, WY

### **SPRING 2019**

**Allisha Dworshak** - Dickinson, ND

**Salena Loveland** - Worland, WY

### **FALL 2019**

**Rachael Solberg** - Belfield, ND

### **SPRING 2020**

**Christopher Gartner** - Sidney, MT

**Suzanna Moberg** - Dickinson, ND

### **SPRING 2021**

**Aspen Lenning** - Plaza, ND

**Abigail Moberg** - Dickinson, ND

### **FALL 2021**

**Isaiah MacDonald** - Mandan, ND

**Mariah McLaughlin** - Beulah, ND

### **SPRING 2022**

**Anya Baranko** - Richardton, ND

**Luisa Popp** - Heidelberg, Germany

### **SPRING 2023**

**Kirstyn Bohn** - Vermillion, SD

**Alexa Delbridge** - Sturgis, SD

### **FALL 2023**

**Haylie Oberlander** - Worden, MT

### **SPRING 2024**

**Rusty Dan** - Coeur d'Alene, ID

### **FALL 2024**

**Melissa Moos** - Dickinson, ND

## *Honor Ushers*

### **TR SCHOLARS:**

Carl Askins – Sheridan, WY

Madison Beckler – Bismarck, ND

Kate Enney - Dickinson, ND

Cheyenne Jacobs – McHenry, IL

Lorelei Jarret – Springdale, MT

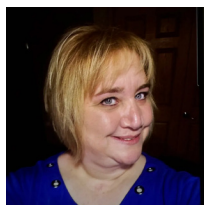
Natalie Lile – Ballantine, MT

Gracie Roller – Columbus, MT

Caleb Sarsland – Bowman, ND

### **DSU STAFF:**

Stacy Wilkinson



We honor the life and legacy of **Andrea Carver**, who is being awarded her Master of Business Administration degree posthumously. Andrea was a cherished member of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, a dedicated North Dakota University System employee at our sister institution, Williston State College, a beloved wife and mother, and a dear friend to many. Her passion for learning, commitment to service, and impact on those around her will never be forgotten.

Latin Honors - gold cord

DSU Outstanding Graduate - DSU medallion with gold ribbon

Academic Schools Outstanding Graduate - DSU medallion with navy ribbon

^ TR Scholar

Honor Societies:  Phi Alpha Theta  Sigma Beta Delta

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Steven Deutsch	Bismarck, ND
Christina Jorgensen	Dickinson, ND
Emma Nortje	Lebanon, KS

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Kavika Aholelei	Yorba Linda, CA
Caitlin Aston	Suisun City, CA
Kelly Bang	Killdeer, ND
Emily Beck	Fessenden, ND
Andrea Carver (Posthumous)	Williston, ND
Brenna Lordemann	Williston, ND
William Madler	Bismarck, ND
Gwen Minette Mosqueda	Illigan City, Phillipines
Frederik Nortje	Dundee, South Africa
William Rollins	Lakewood, CO
Cameron Sheppard	Litchfield Park, AZ
Taiwo Soetan	Dickinson, ND

## MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Kimberly Goodall	Hotchkiss, CO
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## MASTER OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Kelly Bang	Killdeer, ND
Emily Beck	Fessenden, ND
Julie Kiser	Edmond, OK
Gwen Minette Mosqueda	Illigan City, Phillipines
Taiwo Soetan	Dickinson, ND

## MASTER OF SPORT ADMINISTRATION

Dalton Herbst	Baker, MT	Athletic Leadership
Leyton Lang	Bismarck, ND	Athletic Leadership

## Candidates for Degrees

Xavier Patterson	St. Ansgar, IA	Athletic Leadership
Branden Schultz	Lake Crystal, MN	Athletic Leadership
Scott Tischer	Wahpeton, ND	Athletic Leadership

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION - HONORS

Anna Beer <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Lemmon, SD	Mathematics Education
Trevor Berry <i>Cum Laude</i>	Chadron, NE	Physical Education Health Education
Jacob Daniel^ <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Dickinson, ND	Physical Education Health Education
Corbin Harris <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Torrington, WY	Physical Education
Haydin Henschel <i>Cum Laude</i>	Helena, MT	Elementary Education
Amanda Housel <i>Cum Laude</i>	Manning, ND	Music Education
Carson Lunak <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Havre, MT	Physical Education Health Education
Calli Mack <i>Cum Laude</i>	Pettibone, ND	Elementary Education
Emma Miller <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Dickinson, ND	Elementary Education
Austin Olson <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Minot, ND	History Education
Hailey Pfaff <i>Cum Laude</i>	Tappen, ND	Elementary Education
Katrina Poss <i>Cum Laude</i>	Hettinger, ND	Elementary Education
Sara Smith <i>Cum Laude</i>	Bismarck, ND	Elementary Education
Lexie Tatum <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	New Salem, ND	Music Education
Madison Wahl <i>Cum Laude</i>	Glendive, MT	Elementary Education

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Samantha Burke	Cut Bank, MT	Elementary Education
Hailey Carns	Watford City, ND	English Education
Rebecca Forthun	Hettinger, ND	English Education
Taylor Lee	Miles City, MT	Elementary Education
Nikkole Martin	Bismarck, ND	English Education
Alexandra McAuliffe	Miles City, MT	Elementary Education
Katie McDonald	Fort Saskatchewan, AB Canada	Elementary Education
Alexandria Miller	New Salem, ND	Composite Social Science Education
Mitchell Saylor	Dickinson, ND	Elementary Education
Madison Schwindt	Dickinson, ND	Elementary Education
Sylvia Sutton Reese	Bismarck, ND	Elementary Education

## Candidates for Degrees

Aubrey Varnum  
Josmar Zepeda

Wibaux, MT  
Dickinson, ND

Elementary Education  
Music Education

### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - HONORS

Noelle Arend  
*Cum Laude*

Dickinson, ND

Accounting

Kelly Bang  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Killdeer, ND

Administration

Camryn Collins  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Baker, MT

Administration

Kale Corley  
*Cum Laude*

Newcastle, WY

Administration

Jason Dusseault  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Williston, ND

Administration

Grace Gundlach  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Miles City, MT

Accounting

Hannah Kisse  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Dodge, ND

Administration

Tayte Kohn  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Lemmon, SD

Administration

Drew Kovash  
*Cum Laude*

Dickinson, ND

Administration  
Finance

Josee Krum  
*Cum Laude*

Worden, MT

Accounting

Karter Kudrna 🍷  
*Cum Laude*

Dickinson, ND

Accounting  
Administration

Kylie Larson  
*Cum Laude*

Williston, ND

Human Resource Management

Nicholas Maszk  
*Cum Laude*

Dickinson, ND

Administration

Lane Neill  
*Cum Laude*

Belgrade, MT

Administration

Jett Ogren  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Dickinson, ND

Administration

Jayda Piatz  
*Cum Laude*

Bismarck, ND

Accounting

Taysha Snyder  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Underwood, ND

Administration

Trey Stevens  
*Cum Laude*

Reno, NV

Administration

Brooks Talbot  
*Cum Laude*

Bozeman, MT

Administration

X'Avier Vincent  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Bismarck, ND

Administration

Asia Willer Bentz  
*Cum Laude*

Dickinson, ND

Accounting

Michael Wishowski  
*Cum Laude*

Fairplay, CO

Administration

## Candidates for Degrees

### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Samuel Adams	Buffalo, SD	Administration
Shantel Bertelsen	Wibaux, MT	Administration
Nathaniel Boehm	Bowman, ND	Administration
Sarah Davis	Beach, ND	Accounting
Savannah Duke	Hensler, ND	Administration
Oriekose Egbule	Houston, TX	Administration
Bradyn Enderud	Dickinson, ND	Administration
Cameron Erickson	Centralia, WA	Administration
Amber Estabrook	Bismarck, ND	Human Resource Management
John Evans	Lethbridge, AB, Canada	Administration Finance
Jennifer Ferderer	Bismarck, ND	Administration Human Resource Management
Aidan Fishell	Scobey, MT	Finance
Katherine Fox	White Shield, ND	Administration
Jaxson Franklin	Sidney, MT	Finance
Connor Hyslop	Bismarck, ND	Finance
Brooke Johnson	Belle Fourche, SD	Administration Human Resource Management
Christine Juma	Stanley, ND	Administration Human Resource Management
Eric Kilen	West Fargo, ND	Finance
Rylie Koble	Minot, ND	Administration Human Resource Management
Colten Krank	Taylor, ND	Finance
Ashley Leddon	Minot, ND	Accounting
Chance Malmedal	Bismarck, ND	Accounting
McKenzie Moser	Bismarck, ND	Administration
Rohnnie Nacota	Riverton, WY	Administration Human Resource Management
Courtney Reule	Dickinson, ND	Administration Accounting Finance
Alexis Roller	Bismarck, ND	Accounting Administration Finance
Brian Schwab	Wibaux, MT	Administration
Kara Standing Rock	Billings, MT	Administration
Kayden Steele	Newell, SD	Administration
Aleigha Villars	Dickinson, ND	Administration Human Resource Management
Nathaniel Woodruff	Torrington, WY	Administration
August Wright	Sheridan, WY	Administration
Jamine Wutzke	Bismarck, ND	Administration

## Candidates for Degrees

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE - HONORS

Jeran Anderson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Scranton, ND	Exercise Science
Rose Anderson <i>Cum Laude</i>	Dickinson, ND	Psychology
Edward Aranda Calixto <i>Cum Laude</i>	Rosemead, CA	Psychology
Morgan Aune <i>Cum Laude</i>	Taylor, ND	Psychology
Blake Barner <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	North Platte, NE	Exercise Science
Galen Brantley III^ <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Soldatna, AK	Biology Chemistry
Shelby Carr <i>Cum Laude</i>	Alliance, NE	Agricultural Studies
Karissa Comer <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Kalispell, MT	Exercise Science
Haileigh Davis <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Billings, MT	Exercise Science
Maegan Fox <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Farmington, NM	Psychology
Zoey Heid <i>Cum Laude</i>	Elgin, ND	Exercise Science
Carson Hunter^ <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Miles City, MT	Exercise Science
Rachel Kelly <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Miles City, MT	Agricultural Studies
Kylee Kleppen <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Plentywood, MT	Exercise Science
Tayte Kohn <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Lemmon, SD	Exercise Science
Dalton Martin <i>Cum Laude</i>	Gillette, WY	Exercise Science
Griffin Obrigewitch^ <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Dickinson, ND	Biology
Jewel Olson <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Wolf Point, MT	Biology
Asia Phillips <i>Cum Laude</i>	Selma, AL	Criminal Justice
Tinley Pierson <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kaycee, WY	Biology
Clay Prell <i>Cum Laude</i>	Miles City, MT	Biology
Brendon Rasmussen <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Bowman, ND	Agricultural Studies
Jazlyn Schmidt <i>Cum Laude</i>	Gillette, WY	Agricultural Studies
Charles Sim <i>Cum Laude</i>	Queens, NY	Computer Science



## Candidates for Degrees

Chase Steiner <i>Cum Laude</i>	Dickinson, ND	Computer Technology Management
Haven Taylor <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Circle, MT	Exercise Science
Kaholo Toves <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Wolf Point, MT	Exercise Science
Nathan Unruh <i>Cum Laude</i>	Dickinson, ND	Agricultural Studies
Jackson Willems^ <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Billings, MT	Criminal Justice
Alexia Wold <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Bayfield, CO	Exercise Science

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kyley Barnett	Watford City, ND	Exercise Science
Darion Brown	Lacey, WA	Exercise Science
Juan Camacho	Paso Robles, CA	Criminal Justice
Emmy Dockter	Menoken, ND	Psychology
Robert Flowers	Corvallis, MT	Environmental Science
Isaac Frimpong Jr.	Dickinson, ND	Computer Technology Management
Bailey Hansen	Riverton, UT	Exercise Science
Charley Heuchert	Dickinson, ND	Agricultural Studies
Loden Idler	Hinsdale, MT	Agricultural Studies
Jacob Jessen	Grass Range, MT	Agricultural Studies
Laney Jones	Miles City, MT	Agricultural Studies
Dawson Kuylen	Dickinson, ND	Biology
Autumn Martin-Geerts	Mott, ND	Psychology
Gracious Mataruse	Gweru, Zimbabwe	Computer Science
Tanatswa Mavhiza	Harare, Zimbabwe	Computer Science
Clayton McAllister	Swanton, VT	Agricultural Studies
Zane McCormick	Helena, MT	Environmental Science
Katarina Messmer	Mott, ND	Psychology
Chase Miller	Torrington, WY	Psychology
Lea Mittleider	Carrington, ND	Agricultural Studies
Victoria Moreno	Dickinson, ND	Agricultural Studies
Wentz Mosqueda	Iligan City, Philippines	Computer Technology Management
Caleb Nielsen	Dickinson, ND	Computer Technology Management
Jenna Novotny	Dickinson, ND	Biology
Shiloah Olson 🇵🇭	Watford City, ND	Composite Social Science
Brady Palmer	Alliance, NE	Psychology
Ella Peterson	Rapid City, SD	Psychology
Amy Voll	Warroad, MN	Psychology

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - HONORS

Dakota Auck <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Stanford, MT	Nursing
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## Candidates for Degrees

Jaylen Baxter <i>Cum Laude</i>	Sidney, MT	Nursing
Kaitlyn McColly <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Hinsdale, MT	Nursing
Sydney Mosset <i>Cum Laude</i>	Hazen, ND	Nursing
Brianna Price <i>Cum Laude</i>	Forsyth, MT	Nursing
Jadyn Steiner <i>Cum Laude</i>	Dickinson, ND	Nursing

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Alyssa Kessel	Dickinson, ND	Nursing
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### BACHELOR OF ARTS - HONORS

Lottie Caldwell <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Warwick, ND	English
Rebecca Davis <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Casper, WY	English
Lauden Gums <i>Cum Laude</i>	Bismarck, ND	History

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Olivia Burk	Wibaux, MT	Political Science
Autumn Martin-Geerts	Mott, ND	Theatre
Clayton Schutt	Dickinson, ND	Communication
Michael Yeaman	Douglas, WY	Political Science
Tierney Zachmann	Miles City, MT	English

### BACHELOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES - HONORS

Alyssa Severson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Roseau, MN
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### BACHELOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Moses Dokes	Denver, CO
Alexis Lefor	Dickinson, ND
Chris Murphy	Chicago, IL
Margaret Remerowski	Brookings, SD
Trenton Richter	Scottsbluff, NE
Hannah Selensky	Center, ND
Chad Troftgruben	Tacoma, WA

### BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE - HONORS

Heather Huber <i>Cum Laude</i>	Center, ND	Business
Tycie Phalen <i>Cum Laude</i>	Miles City, MT	Business

## Candidates for Degrees

### BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Alison Eldridge	Billings, MT	Business
Hayden Lockie	Circle, MT	Business
Melissa Thomas	Bismarck, ND	Business

### ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE - GPA DISTINCTION

McKensy Echeverria	Skiatook, OK	Practical Nursing
Leah Nauman	Dickinson, ND	Practical Nursing
Samuel Stillings	Dickinson, ND	Practical Nursing
Lauren Taylor	Laurel, MT	Practical Nursing

### ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Taylor Bohlen	Rapid City, SD	Practical Nursing
Kendra Cummings	Whitewater, MT	Accounting
Christopher Denten	Liberal, KS	Practical Nursing
Alicia Engstrom	Mandan, ND	Practical Nursing
J'Ell Garfield	Wolf Point, MT	Practical Nursing
McKenzie Haven	Dickinson, ND	Practical Nursing
Madison Hughes	Dickinson, ND	Practical Nursing
Peyton Janeway	Baker, MT	Practical Nursing
Mikayla Jardine	Seattle, WA	Practical Nursing
Rose Kuntz	Richardton, ND	Practical Nursing
Jazmin Ladwig	Van Tassell, WY	Practical Nursing
Parker Lund	Wibaux, MT	Practical Nursing
Laura Maala	Bismarck, ND	Practical Nursing
Chelsea Pacheco	Oviedo, FL	Practical Nursing
Ashley Pinto Melendez	Dickinson, ND	Practical Nursing
McKenzie Smith	Dickinson, ND	Practical Nursing
Seth Suvak	Dickinson, ND	Fire Science
Makaela Unterseher	Hazen, ND	Practical Nursing

### ASSOCIATE IN ARTS - GPA DISTINCTION

Baylee Davidson	Froid, MT
JoAnna Fleckenstein	Bismarck, ND
Jessica Gubler	Livingston, MT

### ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE - GPA DISTINCTION

Braedyn Hoffman	Dickinson, ND
Caden Houle	Trenton, ND
Eniola Soetan	Dickinson, ND

### ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Sydney Ellingson	Prairie City, SD	Agricultural Sales and Service
Jacob Frank	Nampa, ID	
Elly LeBlanc	Florian, LA	Agricultural Sales and Service
Brielle Partridge	Glasgow, MT	

## Candidates for Degrees

Rachel Tyre  
Ty Wolding

Gainesboro, TN  
New Salem, ND

Agricultural Sales and Service  
Agricultural Sales and Service

### CERTIFICATE

Kelly Bang

Killdeer, ND

Accounting Technician

Shantel Bertelsen

Wibaux, MT

Banking

Ethan Bess

Tucson, AZ

Welding Technology

Camryn Collins

Baker, MT

Accounting Technician

Business Fundamentals

Human Resource Management

Riley Davis

Baker, MT

Welding Technology

Alison Eldridge

Billings, MT

Accounting Technician

Bradyn Enderud

Dickinson, ND

Digital Marketing

Ethan Frye

Ekalaka, MT

Welding Technology

Rogelio Gonzalez

Tucson, AZ

Welding Technology

Sarah Griffis

Anaconda, MT

Digital Communication

Quinn Griffith

Baker, MT

Welding Technology

McKenzie Haven

Dickinson, ND

Allied Health

Heather Huber

Center, ND

Business Fundamentals

Cy Hughson

Provo, SD

Welding Technology

Hannah Kisse

Dodge, ND

Accounting Technician

Digital Marketing

Josee Krum

Worden, MT

Accounting Technician

Karter Kudrna

Dickinson, ND

Accounting Technician

Brody Landrum

Miles City, MT

Welding Technology

Carlos Molina, Jr.

Tucson, AZ

Accounting Technician

Banking

Lane Neill

Belgrade, MT

Business Fundamentals

Ty Nelson

Dickinson, ND

Welding Technology

Margaret Remerowski

Brookings, SD

Digital Marketing

Kaster Robbins

Dickinson, ND

Welding Technology

Clayton Schutt

Dickinson, ND

Digital Communication

Kara Standing Rock

Billings, MT

Banking

Phynix Stark

Dickinson, ND

Accounting Technician

Emma Stillings

Dickinson, ND

Digital Marketing

Brooks Talbot

Bozeman, MT

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Asia Willer Bentz

Dickinson, ND

Accounting Technician

Banking

Business Fundamentals

Human Resource Management

Nathaniel Woodruff

Torrington, WY

Accounting Technician

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2025 Distinguished Educator of the Year  
**AMY GRINSTEINNER**

2025 Innovative Teacher of the Year  
**SARAH CROSSINGHAM**

2025 Professional Contributions Award  
**COLLETTE CHRISTOFFERS**

2025 Professional Contributions Award  
**CAREY HAUGEN**

2025 Excellence in Teaching Award  
**COLIN STRINE**

2025 Excellence in Teaching Award  
**TIM DANIEL**

2025 Adjunct Faculty Recognition Award  
**ROBERT HOFFMAN**

2025 Physical Plant Staff Service Award  
**ALAN KLATT**

2025 Professional Staff Service Award  
**KRISSY KILWEIN**

2025 Professional Staff Service Award  
**MACKENZIE HICKS**

2025 Administrative Staff Service Award  
**RATNA FLEIG**

## Faculty and Staff



We honor the life and legacy of professor **Michael Jennings**.

Professor Jennings joined our faculty in 2023 as an assistant professor, bringing his wealth of knowledge and passion to the criminal justice and sociology courses he facilitated. Before joining us, he taught criminal justice at the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith and served nearly two decades as a juvenile probation officer. During his career, he worked tirelessly on criminal cases and status offenses, specializing in youth gangs. In 2010, his efforts were recognized when he earned the Program of the Year award from the Arkansas Juvenile Justice Coalition for developing a martial arts diversion curriculum for at-risk teens.

A dedicated professional, Michael was a former member of the Texas Gang Investigators Association and the Arkansas Juvenile Officers Association and a present member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. His academic interests, including tribal justice, criminal justice ethics, constitutional law, and community corrections, enriched his teaching and inspired his students.

Originally from Washington and a proud U.S. Navy veteran, Michael made Dickinson his home, where he lived with his wife of 20 years and their two dogs. Outside of his professional pursuits, he found joy in fishing, hunting, cooking, and watching movies.

As we mourn the loss of Professor Jennings, we also honor his legacy as an educator, mentor, and colleague. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The following is a listing of Dickinson State University faculty and staff, organized in chronological order based on the year of employment with full-time faculty listed first, followed by staff members who hold a baccalaureate degree.

### FACULTY

Debora Dragseth	Professor of Business Baker Boy Professor of Leadership
Tim Daniel	Assistant Professor of Kinesiology
Tobias Stroh	Assistant Professor of Agriculture
David Meier	Professor of History
Thadd O'Donnell	Assistant Professor of Kinesiology Head Coach, Golf
Lori Hauf	Associate Professor of Business
Woodrow (Chip) Poland Jr.	Director of Agriculture and Technical Studies Professor of Agriculture
Shawna Egli	Instructor of Mathematics and Computer Science
Lisa Corbin	Assistant Professor of Accounting
Wendy Wilson	Professor of Psychology
Holly Gruhlke	Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost Professor of Business
Amy Kass	Assistant Professor of Accounting
Timothy Kessel	Assistant Professor of Finance and Business
Jundong Chen	Associate Professor of Computer Science
Darla Hoffmann	Assistant Professor of Education
Shayne Wittkopp	Director of Cross Country and Track and Field Instructor of Kinesiology
Deborah Secord	Professor of Education

## Faculty and Staff

Jerolyn Braunagel	Instructor of Education
George Seror III	Associate Professor of Psychology
Ann Wittkopp	Dean, School of Professional Studies Assistant Professor of Kinesiology
Hildee Fike	Instructor of Mathematics
Joan Aus	Dean, School of Education Professor of Education Director of Graduate Studies
Michael Dahl	Instructor of Kinesiology Head Coach, Baseball
Elizabeth Freedman Fowler	Interim Dean, School of Applied Sciences Assistant Professor of Biological and Earth Sciences
Jason Abate	Assistant Professor of Business
Amy Grinsteinner	Assistant Professor of Education
Niles Haich	Assistant Professor of English
Colin Strine	Associate Professor of Biology
Michael Cullinane	Professor of History Lowman Walton Endowed Chair of Theodore Roosevelt Studies Co-Director of the Theodore Roosevelt Center
Sarah Crossingham	Assistant Professor of Education Advisor of Blue Hawk Theater Guild
Hyunjoo Hill	Assistant Professor Business
Jeff Wells	Professor of History Dennis and Vaune Johnson Endowed Chair in U.S. History
Samanthika Hettiarachchi	Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Physics
Taiwo Soetan	Associate Professor of Business
Jinasena Hewage	Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Danielle Harper	Assistant Professor of Agriculture
Sarah Manka	Assistant Professor of Biology
Stephanie Osborne	Assistant Professor of Business
Kimberly Goodall	Instructor of English Education
TJ Dempsey	Assistant Professor of Psychology
Trevor Hann	Assistant Professor of Biology
Eric Nelson	Instructor of Kinesiology Head Coach, Women's Basketball
Collette Christoffers	Co-Administrator, Nursing Associate Professor of Nursing
Carey Haugen	Co-Administrator, Nursing Assistant Professor of Nursing
Ayodeji Arogundade	Dean, School of Business & Entrepreneurship Associate Professor of Business
Laura Leiss	Assistant Professor of Elementary/SPED Education
Adam Mitchell	Assistant Professor of Music Band Director
Tracie O'Donnell	Instructor of Nursing
Christopher Olson	Assistant Professor of Communication
Michelle Orton	Director, Theodore Honors Leadership Program Assistant Professor of Leadership



## *Faculty and Staff*

Forrest Roth  
Paul Benkendorfer  
Stephane Gerving  
Melilssa Wagner

Assistant Professor of English  
Instructor of English  
Instructor of Nursing  
Director of Nursing

### **STAFF**

Todd Hauf  
Carrie Knudson  
Trent Myran  
Stacy Wilkinson  
Timothy Kreidt  
Kim Thiel  
Kathleen Meyer  
Johnna Douthit  
Vidya (Sagar) Kondru  
Gayle Mork  
Christopher Meek  
Krissy Kilwein  
Nicole Kadrmas

Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services  
Coordinator, Student Health Services  
Director, Facility Operations  
Chief of Staff to the Vice President  
Athletic Trainer  
Assistant Director, Information Technology Services  
Director, Academic Records  
Assistant Director, Academic Records  
Network and Database Manager  
Assistant Director, Financial Aid  
Director, Financial Aid  
Director, Human Resources  
Bismarck Site Coordinator and Advisor  
Collaborative Coordinator

Joshua Nichols

Interim Director, University Relations  
Creative Services Specialist  
Esports Coordinator

Kristen Fleury

Head Coach, Softball  
Associate Athletic Director

Ty Orton

Acting President  
Executive Director, DSU Heritage Foundation

Elena Stickel

University Brand Manager

Sandra Steckler

School of Education Coordinator  
Graduate Studies Student Support

Jason Watson

Biesiot Activity Center Coordinator

Edward Striefel

Emergency Management Coordinator

Kayla Noah

Dean of Students

Laura Fetting

Technology Education Coordinator

Samantha Wohletz

Director, SOAR Center

Dale Dolechek

Custodian

John Stanton

Director of Intercollegiate Athletics  
Head Coach, Football

Justin Schlecht

Head Coach, Men's Wrestling

Taylor Thiel

Information Systems Specialist

Ruizhe Jiang

Data Analyst

Kathleen Geisen

Director, Special Projects  
Title IX Coordinator  
West River Teachers Center Coordinator

Alan Gatheridge

Heat Plant Operator

Jason Their

Assistant Coach, Football  
Assistant Coordinator, Henry Biesiot Activity Center

## *Faculty and Staff*

Sheri Landenberger  
Russell McCarvel

Erik Johnson  
Marlo Sexton  
Derek Selvig  
Sagan Osborne  
Kyle Smith  
Laurie Karie  
Tyson Springer  
Samantha Cheshier  
Mackenzie Hicks  
Russell Kiser  
Ashley Tillman  
William Hansard  
Kierra Mathern

Tanner Gust  
Gwen Mosqueda  
Melissa Wells  
Leslie Wietstock  
Gemma Koontz  
Paul Amberg, Jr.  
Sarah Griffis  
Payson Dirk  
Cebe Schneider  
Stormy Siemion  
Emma Nortje  
Ratna Fleig  
Hunter Flynn  
Bryant Merry  
Gabrielle Knopik  
Marissa Schroeder  
Hayden Wempem  
James Dusharm  
KayLee Kopp  
Tobin O'Brien  
Jacob Owsley  
Hannah Dunham  
Andee Lane  
Teresa Sigler  
Alexandra Hecht  
Makayla Grijalva  
Troy Huber  
Mark Martinez  
Rachel Hornbarger

Verification Specialist  
Assistant Athletic Director  
Assistant Coach, Football  
Co-Director of the Theodore Roosevelt Center  
Remote Course and Service Desk Coordinator  
Head Coach, Men's Basketball  
Sports and Marketing Information Director  
Development Officer - Athletics and Rodeo  
Director, Counseling & Health Services  
Head Coach, Women's Wrestling  
Online Learning Technician  
Director, Campus Life  
Director, International Programs  
Student Success Advisor  
Outreach Coordinator and Digital Collection Specialist  
Alumni Relations Director  
Interim Director of Strategic Initiatives and Events  
Assistant Coach, Track and Field  
Transfer Evaluation Specialist  
Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Digital Collection Specialist - Cataloging  
Director, Stoxen Library  
Library Services Technician  
Housing Operations Coordinator  
Head Coach, Cheerleading  
Head Coach, Volleyball  
Student Success Advisor  
Office Assistant, Academic Records  
Assistant Director of Admissions  
Athletic Groundskeeper  
Coordinator, School of Business and Entrepreneurship  
Student Success Advisor  
Admissions Counselor  
Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball  
Assistant Coach, Volleyball  
Assistant Coach, Football  
Assistant Coach, Men's Basketball  
Communications and Social Media Specialist  
Student Success Advisor  
Coordinator, School of Professional Studies  
Digital Collection Specialist - Cataloging  
Admissions Counselor  
Controller  
Accessibility Services and Tutoring Center Coordinator  
Accounts Payable Technician

## Academic Attire

### HISTORY

Academic regalia generally consist of cap, gown, and hood worn on formal occasions at institutions of higher learning. It originated in the medieval period when the vast majority of scholars were of the clergy.

The gown evolved from what most likely was the cape of the clergy. The gown was originally black, but color was introduced as institutions left ecclesiastical control. The hood originated as the skull cap worn by the clergy to protect their heads from the elements.

The hood served a three-fold purpose: head covering, shoulder cap, and bag for alms. King's College, now known as Columbia University, was established in 1754 and imported many British regulations for academic dress.

The end of the 19th century found widespread use of academic dress in the United States. It is estimated that 95 percent of the colleges and universities abide by the intercollegiate code which oversees academic dress.

### STYLES AND COLORS

The bachelor's gown is worn closed and is distinguished by its pointed sleeves. A master's gown is designed to be worn closed with long, crescent shaped sleeves. The doctoral gown may be worn open or closed with velvet panels down the front and three bars on the round, bell-shaped sleeves. The color of the velvet may be distinctive of the field of study to which the degrees pertain. The Dark Blue of the Doctor of Philosophy degree is predominant but other representative degree colors are distinguished in the following manner:

Arts, Letters, Humanities – White	Business – Drab	Economics – Copper
Education – Light Blue	Fine Arts – Brown	Law – Purple
Library Science – Lemon	Music – Pink	Nursing – Apricot
Physical Education – Sage Green	Public Administration – Peacock Blue	Science – Golden Yellow
Social Work – Citron	Theology – Scarlet	

The most distinguishing feature of the academic attire is the hood. The size and shape of the hood designates not only the college degree of the wearer but also the university he or she attended. The master's hood is three and one-half feet in length, while the doctoral hood is rounded and measures four feet in length. Hoods are lined with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. The binding around the hood is velvet with the color indicative of the major field of study.

Caps are normally black with the most common the four-point mortarboard. Tassels are worn over the left front quarter after a degree has been conferred. Students graduating with honors from Dickinson State University are distinguished with gold honor cords. Only students earning bachelor degrees may receive honor status.

## The Mace

In medieval times, the mace was often carried by kings or their sergeant-at-arms into battle where it was used as a weapon to protect the king. Centuries later, as armor became stronger, the use of the mace was phased out as a weapon. It was used, instead, during ceremonial occasions to denote authority in governmental, legislative, church, and academic settings. Universities have also used the mace to denote authority, and it is carried in front of the academic procession during each commencement ceremony.

The Dickinson State University mace is carried by Dr. Debora Dragseth, Professor of Business and Baker Boy Professor of Leadership for the School of Business and Entrepreneurship. Dr. Dragseth began her long and distinguished teaching career at DSU in 1989. Dr. Dragseth earned the honor of carrying the mace by virtue of being the senior member of Dickinson State University faculty.

## Photos

Individual photos of graduates will be available for purchase courtesy of The Grad Team. Ordering information will be mailed out by The Grad Team within the next few weeks.

Additional commencement photos will be available for free download at [flickr.com/dickinsonstateuniversity](https://www.flickr.com/photos/dickinsonstateuniversity/). Photos will be labeled under the name "2025 Spring Commencement." If you are having technical difficulties, please email [dsu.communications@dickinsonstate.edu](mailto:dsu.communications@dickinsonstate.edu), someone will assist you.

Share your pics on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram! @dickinsonstate  
#HawksAreUp #DickinsonState #ForeverABlueHawk

## *Cane of Leadership*

The Cane of Leadership was started back in 2001 by the DSU Alumni Association as a historical time piece to list the accomplishments of each academic year with a new ribbon. Prior to 2001, the graduating classes had a new metal ring indicating that year added to a cane. The cane is filled with rings from every year dating back to 1926.

### **HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN**

Paul Hanebutt III – New Salem, ND | Whitney Edwards – Rapid City, SD

### **OUTSTANDING MASTER'S GRADUATE**

Christina Jorgensen – Dickinson, ND

### **OUTSTANDING GRADUATES**

Kaitlyn McColly – Hinsdale, MT | Griffin Obrigewitch – Dickinson, ND

### **COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS**

Rohnnie Nacota – Riverton, WY | Griffin Obrigewitch – Dickinson, ND

### **SCOTT MOLANDER SELECTED AS DSU'S 14TH PRESIDENT**

### **DSU HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

**PROVIDES \$1.65 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO DSU STUDENTS,  
SURPASSES \$60 MILLION IN DONATIONS**

### **BLUE HAWK THEATRE GUILD INAUGURAL YEAR**

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD HOSTS  
OVER 200 AREA STUDENTS (19 TEAMS FROM 9 SCHOOLS)**

**TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS RECEIVE  
PERFECT RATING ON CAEP ACCREDITATION VISIT**

**DSU ENROLLMENT CENSUS FOR FALL 2024 AND SPRING 2025 MATCH (1,410 STUDENTS)**

**UNDER DIRECTION OF PROFESSOR (ADAM) MICHAEL JENNINGS,  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS REENACT INFAMOUS SWANSON MOTEL MURDERS TRIAL**

### **BLUE HAWK ATHLETICS**

**Kaitlyn McColly receives 2023-24 A.O. Duer Award at NAIA National Convention**

**DSU Cheer wins 3rd at NAIA Nationals (highest finish in program history)**

Tia Madrigga First Team All-American  
Xeia Schneider First Team All-American  
Teandra Schneider Second Team All-American  
Gustav Kitzan Third Team All-American

**DSU Football hosts and wins (over Kansas Wesleyan) first playoff game  
at the BAC (first playoff at DSU in two decades)**

**Football wins tenth consecutive North Star Athletic Association conference title**

**DSU Men's Basketball wins NSAA Title and advances to the national playoffs (first time since 2017)**

Kose Egbule Third Team All-American  
Derek Selvig named NSAA Men's Basketball Coach of the Year

**Women's Indoor Track wins seventh consecutive NSAA Conference Championship**

Shayne Wittkopp named NSAA Indoor Track and Field Women's Coach of the Year (seventh consecutive)

**Jumoke Adekoye wins NAIA Women's Wrestling national title in 131-pound category  
and receives Most Outstanding Wrestler Award (first national title in program history)**

**DSU Rodeo – Jory Boote Competes at 2024 College National Finals**

## Display of Nations

In honor of the rich diversity at Dickinson State University, commencement includes the Display of Nations. The national flag of each student graduating is displayed in a salute to the students who have come together to enrich the university.

### COUNTRIES



United States



Canada



South Africa

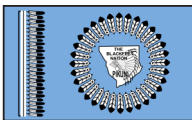


Philippines



Zimbabwe

### TRIBAL NATIONS



Blackfeet



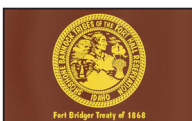
Cherokee



Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes



Oglala Sioux



Shoshone and Shoshoni-Bannock



Spirit Lake Chippewa



Three Affiliated Tribes



Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

*Hail to thee! Our Alma Mater,  
Of the Blue and Gray;*

*Fair to us above all others  
Is thy name today!*

*Blue and Gray! Flag we love!  
Float and wave alway  
For DSU.*

*May thine own fore'er be loyal  
To thy memory.*

Lyrics by Mary Jane Alguire Middleton, B.A. '42  
Arranged by O.T. Belsheim; Revised in 1987

