

SCHOLASTICS

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MADISON — A total of 409 full-time and 163 part-time students qualified for the President's Academic Honors list for the 2015 Spring Semester at Dakota State University (DSU) in Madison.

The following area full-time students achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 to qualify for the honors list:

- Kendall Nelson, Alcester
- Caleb VanGerpen, Avon
- Kevin Hyronimus, Beresford
- Michael Olsen, Beresford
- Austin Henderson, Burbank
- Kylie Martin, Dakota Dunes
- Joshua Dossdall, Elk Point
- Courtney Thorpe, Elk Point
- Samuel Schamber, Freeman
- Joseph Weier, Freeman
- Jonathan Bauer, North Sioux City
- Evan Steemken, North Sioux City
- Reeba Thompson, Parker
- Tessa Weeldreyer, Parker
- Matthew Bailey, Parkston
- Morgan Van Zee, Parkston
- Haley Van Emmerik, Springfield
- Megan Burbach, Tabor
- Elizabeth Bitterman, Tripp
- Ross Kortan, Tyndall
- Eric Ruppelt, Tyndall
- Joseph Swanson, Vermillion
- Andrea McManus, Volin
- Jordan Jorgensen, Wakonda
- Kayla Salonen, Yankton
- Clara Schild, Yankton

The following area part-time students achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 to qualify for the honors list:

- Suzanne Swett, Platte
- Mike Benton, Vermillion
- Jessica Gifford, Vermillion
- Monty Dahlberg, Yankton
- Emily Fedders, Yankton

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

WAYNE, Neb. — The Wayne State College Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national freshman honor society, added 83 students from across campus. Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence for a student's first year in college.

Its purpose is to encourage superior academic excellence among students, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning. Students who have achieved a 3.5 or GPA higher in their first semester or year of college are invited to join.

Alpha Lambda Delta officers elected are: Heidi Roth, president; Courtney Brown, vice-president; Laura Moxness, secretary; Marissa Miigerl, treasurer; and Alyx Folkers, historian.

The 2015 Initiates include:

- Drew Allen Eskins of Crofton;
- Braston Maibaum of Crofton;
- Julie Zavadil of Fordyce;
- Katlyn Arens of Hartington;
- Jared Patrick Burbach of Hartington;
- Kelsey Renee Kardell of Laurel;
- Mackenzie Ann Lemmons of Randolph;
- Alec Hrbek of Verdigre;
- Hanna Knox of Wausa;
- Hannah Buenning of Parkston.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University announced the following students will receive scholarships for the upcoming year. They are:

- Kelsey Megard, Yankton, James D. Ashley Scholarship
- Sarah McDonald, Yankton, Mary J. Perpich Scholarship

Megard is a senior journalism major. She is the daughter of Daniel and Dana Megard.

McDonald, daughter of Bill and Karla McDonald, is a junior majoring in broadcast journalism. She is a member of Spanish club and writes for the Collegian.

WESTERN IOWA TECH

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC) held its spring commencement ceremonies on May 14, 2015 at the Tyson Event Center in Sioux City. During the ceremony, two individuals were honored for their special contributions to the college. The 2015 Outstanding

Teacher of the Year was announced, Peter Albright. Mr. Albright is an instructor in the Networking Administration and Security Program. He received numerous nominations for the award from his students with a common theme of high expectations combined with a high level of support to help students meet those expectations. Students cited his professionalism and dedication, a common respect between students and instructor, and a willingness to go above and beyond.

The main event of the ceremonies was the recognition of Western Iowa Tech Community College graduates who received a total of 1310 degrees, diplomas and certificates. Also recognized were 25 graduates who earned their High School Equivalency diplomas. Following is a list of WITCC graduates and their hometowns.

An asterisk (*) denotes students graduating with honors. A double asterisk (**) denotes the highest HSED score. Are students included:

NEBRASKA
Ponca — *Holly Renae Gregg, *Ann Marie Persinger, Emily R. Schmidt
Randolph — Kaylie A. Pfanstiel

SOUTH DAKOTA

Armour — Kory J. Trudeau
Beresford — Heidi M. Oligmueller
Dakota Dunes — *Caleb K. Berry, Carter J. Matousek
Elk Point — Robert J. Albertsen Jr., Amber L. Baker, Michael Lee Johnson, *Jason Kyle Schwartz
Hudson — *Kadee L. Klarenbeek
Jefferson — Stephanie A. Barnes, Colton C. Gamet, *Dustin Ray Wagner
North Sioux City — April M. Bosse, Tyler M. Dodds, *Kayla L. Drumm, *Kay Edge, Jon J. Ernst, Joe N. Pham, *Alan D. Ratley, Lizbeth E. Reyes, *Wesley P. Rueter, Zachary A. Schubauer, Seth J. Snoozy, Hilary G. Wiecek, *Pamela Towler Wittern
Vermillion — Samantha M. Benson, Caitlin Britten, *Natalia Busso, Erin E. Decker, Shelby K. Evenson, *Marissa Guerdet, Morgan Brianna Hower, *Cody R. Martin, *Carlee M. Miller, Jessica J. Puckett
Wakonda — Robert L. Spangler
Yankton — Tara E. Blaha, *Jake A. Broscha, *Lindsay M. Christensen, Yeolor Moses Gbalea, Joshua R. Haag, *Carisa M. Mudder

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

BROOKINGS — The following South Dakota students have been named to the dean's list for academic excellence during the spring 2015 semester at South Dakota State University. To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk (*) received a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Students with F, I, U, RI, or RU grades are not eligible regardless of system term GPA attained. Note that this criteria includes courses that were taken at other South Dakota institutions this term. A minimum of 12 credits within the 100-699 course range must be taken. A student who passes pre-general education courses may still qualify, if the student has 12 other credits that do fall within the 100-699 range.

School Codes:
SAGBS — College of Agriculture & Biological Sciences
SA&S — College of Arts & Science
SEHS — College of Education & Human Science
SENGR — Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering

SNURS — College of Nursing
SPHA — College of Pharmacy
SUC — University College

Carlson, Austin Clay*, Alcester, SAGBS
Carlson, Cody Layne, Alcester, SAGBS, UAS
Merrick, Lance Farley*, Alcester, SAGBS
Holbeck, Michelle Ann*, Armour, SA&S
Lau, Kendra Lynn, Armour, SA&S
Weber, Reece Richard, Armour, SA&S
Ymker, Lynn Marie, Armour, SNURS
Mudder, Emily Elizabeth, Avon, SNURS
Oorlog, Ariana Laine, Avon, SAGBS
Powers, Jackson Joseph*, Avon, SENG
Carlson, Christy Lynne*, Beresford, DED, SEHS
Hadrath, Jacqueline Blabaum*, Beresford, SNURS
Larson, Alyssa Ann*, Beresford, SA&S
Larson, Gabrielle Esther Imogene, Beresford, SA&S
Lawrenson, Emily Anne*, Beresford, SENG
Martin, Taylor Ashley, Beresford, SAGBS
Mohr, Christopher Michael, Beresford, SEHS
Swanstrom, Jennifer Ellen, Beresford, SAGBS
Hoffer, Krista Lynn, Centerville, SA&S
Matthies, Tyler Scott*, Chancellor, SENG
Olson, Mark Daniel*, Chancellor, SA&S
Wipf, Emily Dawn*, Chancellor, SNURS
Jacobson, Paul William, Dakota Dunes, SA&S
Jacobson, Philip David, Dakota Dunes, SPHA
Jensen, Karissa Marie*, Dakota Dunes, SA&S
Jesse, Sarah Jeannette, Dakota Dunes, SPHA
Olson, Shelby Ann, Dakota Dunes, SPHA
Rasmussen, Nicole Lindy, Dakota Dunes, SPHA
Saager, Haley Ann, Dakota Dunes, SEHS
Koupal, Kimberly Jo, Dante, SEHS
Jacobson, Samantha Rain*, Davis, SEHS
Bialas, Myles Lee*, Dimock, SAGBS
Zwinger, Joshua Arthur, Dimock, SENG
Baker, Micah Kyle, Elk Point, SENG
Chicoine, Anna Marie*, Elk Point, SA&S
Chicoine, Corey Roland*, Elk Point, SAGBS
Donnelly, Ryan Gene, Elk Point, SA&S, SAGBS
Klinkhammer, Hannah Cathleen, Elk Point, SAGBS
Klinkhammer, Mackenzie Marie, Elk Point, SPHA
McInerney, Emma Michelle, Elk Point, SEHS
Meadows, Mariah Noel, Elk Point, SA&S
Rygaard, Hannah Marie*, Elk Point, SEHS
Schuh, Elizabeth Rose, Elk Point, SNURS
Tow, Sarah Anne*, Elk Point, SNURS
Wurtz, Michael John*, Elk Point, SENG
Ashwell, Tristan Isaiah, Freeman, SA&S
Bauer, Shelby Lynne, Freeman, SA&S
Edelman, Cheyenne Lee, Freeman, SAGBS
Gering, September Rose, Freeman, SA&S
Lager, Carli Jo, Freeman, SEHS
Lang, Caleb Gene*, Freeman, SENG
Mehlhaf, Riley Jean, Freeman, SNURS
Rinehart, Brooke Ann*, Freeman, SA&S, SEHS
Ruml, Stefanie Nicole, Freeman, SAGBS
Soulek, Kellen William, Freeman, SA&S
Uecker, Carly Anne, Freeman, SEHS
Bye, Nicole Ann, Gayville, SEHS
Erickson, Morgan Carol*, Gayville, SA&S
Millar, Lauren Elizabeth*, Geddes, SA&S
Millar, Mackenzie Kay, Geddes, SEHS
Novak, Tyler Jeffrey, Hurley, SEHS

Hansen, Trevor Michael, Irene, SAGBS
Hora, Andrew Robert*, Irene, SENG
Chicoine, Wyatt Anthony*, Jefferson, SAGBS
Olson, Shelby Marie, Jefferson, SEHS
Van Driel, Shelby Lynn*, Lesterville, SPHA
Adrian, Hannah Marie*, Marion, SAGBS
Arbach, Cheyenne Janice, Marion, SEHS
Becker, Shayne Doyle*, Marion, SENG
Waltner, Trey Jon, Marion, SENG
Mehlhaf, Jason Lee, Menno, SEHS
Stepanek, Kaleb Earl*, Menno, SENG
Gall, Audrey Anna, Olivet, SEHS
Roth, Mariah Lee*, Olivet, SNURS
Gillespie, Patrick Dale, Parker, SENG
Gusso, Courtney Lynn, Parker, NED, SEHS
Hanten, Micalanne Marie, Parker, SNURS
Leber, Kimberly Marie, Parker, SAGBS
Maska, Elijah James*, Parker, SENG
Rang, Danielle Marie, Parker, SAGBS
Reynolds, Blake Jonathan, Parker, SENG
Sandman, Lexys Leigh, Parker, SA&S
Vanderostyne, Samantha Marie, Parker, SNURS
Kurtz, Dana Kathleen, Parkston, SEHS
Mechtenberg, Abigail Ann, Parkston, SPHA
Murtha, Katie Renee*, Parkston, SENG
Schieffer, Joseph William, Parkston, SAGBS
Semmler, Andrew Thomas, Parkston, SUC
Waltman, Tanna Kylene*, Parkston, SA&S
Weber, Amber Renee*, Parkston, SEHS
Erickson, Brianna Rae, Platte, SEHS
Johnson, Shelby Caroline*, Platte, SNURS
Rabenberg, Shelby Lynn, Platte, SPHA
Ringling, Heidi Jo*, Platte, SPHA
Sybesma, Jacob Dean, Platte, SENG
Turnis, Drew Mitchell*, Platte, SAGBS
Wynia, Derek Craig*, Platte, SENG
Wynia, Rochelle Renae, Platte, SA&S
Pravecck, Brooke Alexis, Scotland, SA&S
Schmitz, Sydney Marie*, Scotland, SA&S
Frank, Zachary Lawrence*, Springfield, SEHS
Hejna, Jordan Joseph, Tabor, SENG
Ulmer, Scott Robert, Tabor, SAGBS
Vlcek, Alexandra Jo*, Tabor, SAGBS
Finck, Cara Elizabeth, Tripp, SAGBS
Fuerst, LaNae Erin*, Tripp, SEHS
Reiner, Elliot Michael, Tripp, SENG
Stoebner, Hannah Lea*, Tripp, SAGBS
Cihak, Brittany Kay, Tyndall, SEHS
Kopp, Troy Gerald*, Tyndall, SAGBS
Weber, Alec Martin*, Tyndall, SAGBS
Wieseler, Jacklyn Rose*, Tyndall, SEHS
Goeken, Jessica Marie, Utica, SAGBS
Wagner, Alex Andrew*, Utica, SAGBS
Bottolfson, Megan Ann*, Vermillion, SNURS
Brenden, Jason J, Vermillion, SENG
Eidem, Courtney Marie*, Vermillion, SEHS
Hubert, Blaine Edward, Vermillion, SAGBS

Iverson, Ty Joseph, Vermillion, SAGBS
James, Levi Wayne, Vermillion, SA&S
Kastengren, Stetson Paul*, Vermillion, SA&S
McCann, Andrew Thomas, Vermillion, SNURS
Ostrem, Justin Thomas, Vermillion, SA&S
Sorensen, Carla Lee*, Vermillion, SNURS
Thibodeau, Siehera Marie, Vermillion, SEHS
Flint, Jamie Lynn, Viborg, SAGBS
Knudsen, Keeley Lyn, Viborg, SEHS, SNURS
Slack, Lexi Marie, Viborg, SAGBS
Anderson, Anthony James*, Wagner, SENG
Cihak, Joshua Donald, Wagner, SEHS
Crisman, Miranda Jo, Wagner, SA&S
Cuka, Breanna Joan*, Wagner, SNURS
Deurmier, Kayla Lynn, Wagner, SNURS
Eggers, Brandon Thomas, Wagner, SENG
Ober, Brandi Kathleen, Wagner, SUC
Tolliver, Branson John, Wagner, SENG
Weber, Brooke Anna, Wagner, SA&S, SAGBS
Andrus, Ciara Lynn*, Yankton, SNURS
Butler, Kelsey Jean*, Yankton, SENG
Christopher, Megan Danielle, Yankton, SNURS
Cornemann, Chloe Layne, Yankton, SEHS
Fokken, Alexis Nicole, Yankton, SA&S
Folkers, Brandon Lynn, Yankton, SENG
Frick, Brandon Lee*, Yankton, SAGBS
Gramkow, Brendan John, Yankton, SENG
Grossenburg, Jenna Marie, Yankton, SEHS
Haak, Ashtyn Lauren, Yankton, SNURS
Hisek, James Lee, Yankton, SENG
Hummel, Andrew James*, Yankton, SENG
King, Molly Reanne, Yankton, SPHA
Kruse, Lindsay Marie, Yankton, SNURS
LaCroix, Mariah Lynn, Yankton, SNURS
Lange, Alyssa Ann, Yankton, SA&S
Loecker, Brooke Ann, Yankton, SNURS
McDonald, Sarah Ann, Yankton, SA&S
Megard, Kelsey Jordan*, Yankton, SA&S
Mines, Madisen Marie*, Yankton, SNURS
Morrow, John William, Yankton, SA&S
Muhmel, Kirsten Bernice, Yankton, SA&S
Newman, Brianna Marie*, Yankton, SEHS
Popovich, Jessica Lauren, Yankton, SAGBS
Pospishil, Cassie Jo, Yankton, SA&S
Reade, Kayla Marie, Yankton, SEHS
Sawatzke, Lane William*, Yankton, SAGBS
Schultz, Rebecca Lee*, Yankton, SEHS
Specht, Whitney Rae, Yankton, SPHA
Stratman, Eric Charles, Yankton, SENG
Struck, Andrew Spenser*, Yankton, SEHS
VanMeeteren, Abbey Gail*, Yankton, SA&S, SNURS
Wampol, Calvin William, Yankton, SENG
Wechsler, Brendan James, Yankton, SAGBS
Wermers, Molly Renee, Yankton, SA&S
Westerman, Nicole Alexis*, Yankton, SENG
Withrow, Landon Lee Mazourek*, Yankton, SAGBS
Wootton, Stephanie Atina, Yankton, SAGBS

Wuebben, Brooke Ann*, Yankton, SAGBS

ALEXIS LISTON

ST. PETER, Minn. — The following local individual was among the 616 students to graduate with bachelor of arts degrees from Gustavus Adolphus College during the school's annual commencement exercises on Sunday, May 31:

• Alcester — Alexis Liston, Philosophy, Psychological Science, magna cum laude

Gustavus Adolphus College is a private liberal arts college in St. Peter, Minn., that prepares 2,500 undergraduates for lives of leadership, service, and lifelong learning. The oldest Lutheran college in Minnesota. Gustavus was founded in 1862 by Swedish immigrants and named for Swedish King Gustav II Adolf. At Gustavus, students receive personal attention in small-sized classes and engage in collaborative research with their professors. Fully accredited and known for its strong science, writing, music, athletics, study-abroad, and service-learning programs, Gustavus hosts a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and is internationally recognized for its annual Nobel Conference.

GREGORY DANNER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Rockhurst University awarded approximately 660 degrees at its 95th annual commencement ceremony Saturday, May 16, at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri.

In keeping with the student-centered focus at Rockhurst, the program featured two student speakers: Christina Shackelford, Kansas City, Missouri, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree; and Emily Crafton, Prairie Village, Kan., who graduated from the Helzberg School of Management's executive MBA program.

Rockhurst University is one of 28 Catholic, Jesuit universities in the United States. It seeks to challenge students while providing a supportive environment for intellectual and personal growth. U.S. News & World Report consistently names Rockhurst among the top Midwest Regional Universities. Rockhurst is the only institution in the Kansas City area to have earned the community engagement classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The following students were candidates for degrees:

- North Sioux City — Gregory Joseph Danner, Bachelor of Arts, Global Studies

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

SIoux FALLS — A total of 376 students participated in the Augustana College Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 23, held at the Sioux Falls Arena.

The following area students were recognized at Commencement:

- Derek James Dvorak of Yankton
- Olivia Lee Durst Hopewell of Yankton
- Allison Kay Kathol of Yankton

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- 7:00 pm
- Scholars' Roundtable Discussion, 3pm Sunday
- Daytime Arts Workshops for youth and adults
- Vendors and live music begin at 6pm each evening
- Bring lawn-chairs or blankets