

University of Sioux Falls

Commencement Ceremony

Ten o'clock in the morning
Two-thirty in the afternoon
Sioux Falls Convention Center
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Saturday, the eighteenth day of May
in the Year of Our Lord
Two thousand and twenty-four



Commencement Ceremony

Processional (Audience, please remain seated during processional.)

10:00 a.m. Ceremony

Sine Nomine Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Jonathan Neiderhiser

Combined USF Wind Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra
Jonathan Neiderhiser, B.M., M.M., D.M.A.
Associate Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Music

2:30 p.m. Ceremony

Sine Nomine Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Jonathan Neiderhiser

Concert Chorale
David DeHoogh-Kliewer, B.A., M.M., D.M.A.
Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities

Combined USF Wind Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra
Dr. Jonathan Neiderhiser

Special Message University of Sioux Falls Faculty

Welcome Brett Bradfield, B.S., M.S., Ed.D.
University of Sioux Falls President

Invocation Dennis Thum, B.A., M.Div.
Dean of Chapel

Hymn (Audience, please stand if able.)

Be Thou My Vision arr. Jonathan Neiderhiser

Combined USF Wind Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra
Dr. Jonathan Neiderhiser

Nancy Wilcoxson, B.A. '85, M.M.
Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Vocal Music

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou Art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain human praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won.
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:4-9..... Rev. Dennis Thum

Special Music

Like a River in My Soul arr. Tim Osiek, edited by Dan Forrest
Concert Chorale
Dr. David DeHoogh-Kliewer

Introduction of the Speaker..... Dr. Brett Bradfield

Commencement Address

10:00 a.m. Ceremony.....Brittany Lee Beers-Hamann
Doctor of Education in Leadership

2:30 p.m. Ceremony..... Dr. John L. Hiigel
Professor of Biblical Studies

Presentation of Honorary Doctorate (2:30 Ceremony only)..... Dr. Brett Bradfield
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters..... Rev. Dennis Thum

Challenge to Servanthood..... Rev. Dennis Thum

Conferring of Degrees..... Dr. Brett Bradfield
Joseph Obermueller B.A., M.F.A.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Max Merry, B.A., '72, J.D.
University of Sioux Falls Board of Trustees

Faculty Honor Award for Outstanding Senior (2:30 Ceremony only)

PresenterAdam Sturlaugson, B.S. '07, Ph.D.
Faculty Chair, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Benediction (Audience, please stand if able.)..... Rev. Dennis Thum

Recessional

The Fairest of the Fair.....John Philip Sousa (arr. Brion/Schissel)
Combined USF Wind Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra
Dr. Jonathan Neiderhiser

Undergraduate Academic Honors

Summa Cum Laude (3.90–4.00)

Anna Kathleen Bauman
Anna Margrethe Beitelspacher
Jayden Renee' Clark
Mercedes Marie Covrig
Emma Faith DeHoogh-Kliewer
Michelle Renee Dickmeyer
Shelby Jean Lorraine Dosch
Sarah Kae Erickson
Olivia Kate Fox
Jaimie Jo Glanzer
Christopher Jacob Higgins
Amanda Danielle Hoopaugh

Jacob Michael Jorgensen
Kendra Jo Kappler
Kera Joy Kaufman
Caleb Lloyd Larson
Morgan Elizabeth LeBeau
Gavin James LeMier
Isabel Faith Linnerooth
Lauren Elizabeth Mages
Alison Kate Miller
Kelly Sue Miller
Benjamin Linwood Morrison
Jaidyn Nelson

Heidi Tiffany Peterson
Ericka Elena Richards
Myah Julianne Roggenbuck
Leannah Rose Scotting
Staci Lynn Skaleski
Rachel Susanne Spenst
Abigail Rose Whittington
Cody Elwood Winquist

Magna Cum Laude (3.80–3.89)

Montana Skye Allyn
McKenna Christine Andrew
Talix Ann Babb
Avery Janelle Bartunek
Xavier Loren Blackwell
Josephine Lillie Boyd
Caleb Eugene Brink
Gracie Katherine Bucher
Sandra Jennifer Clemens
Anna Hope Davis
Rachel Dohrenwend

Brenna Christine Frick
Cole David Harste
Khot J. Juac
Alexandra Mae Knopf
Katelyn Grace Kotlarz
Jordan Marie Kuper
Megan Marie Lawson
Emma Marie Lebahn
Zachary James Matzner
Sarah Elizabeth Miller
Jocelyn Neelee Neve

Isabella Anne Niemeyer
Ethan Patrick Saute
Joshua Lawrence Siferd
Taelor Morgan Smith
Doménica Paulette Solano Ocampo
Emily Lenea Swanson
Spencer James Thomas
Erin Elisabeth Thompson
Raelee LouAnn Voss
Travis Otto Yohnke

Cum Laude (3.70–3.79)

Mariah Ann Brandner
Addison Marie Brenner
Noah Wallace Christenson
James Bo Clark
Molly Coverley
Jady Gene Cummins
Elliot Owen Dallmann
Taylor Janine Dunn
Hannah Rose Fry
Kristyn Paige Garry
Anna Mae Ginter
Carter Andrew Gullickson
KyAnn Colleen Havlovic

Jacob William Edward Hoch
Mia Mychael Spencer Jones
Emra Kantarevic
Aubrey Grace Kilbourn
Rebecca Lyn King
Rachel Grace Klemaszewski
Matthew McCabe Kraning
Matthew Robert Linneman Sterud
Ellie Marie Maschoff
Melissa Alice Meinen
Kelsey Ann Oswald
Shayla Marie Running
Eli James Schlangen

Hunter Louis Scruggs
Olivia Rose Sheets
Kyra Lee Bridgett Shumaker
Levi Fredrick Smith
Hannah Bodholdt Sorensen
Grace Carol Swartley
Bethany Swift
Danielle Renee Thorfinnson
Paris Whalen
Mallory Frances Williamson
Emma Lahyne Wojtanowicz

Academic graduation honors are awarded on the basis of cumulative grade point averages.

Purple honor cords are bestowed upon the above-listed students graduating with academic honors.

The University of Sioux Falls Honors Program

is pleased to celebrate the following graduates:

Talix Ann Babb—Bachelor of Arts in English and Art
Honors Thesis: *As Fate Would Have It*

Madeline Claire Fremarek—Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Communication Studies & Theatre
Honors Thesis: *Behind the Curtain: Crafting Theatre Magic - A Stage Manager's Journey*

Christopher Jacob Higgins—Bachelor of Arts in Entrepreneurial Studies
Honors Thesis: *Why Do Small Businesses Fail?*

Heidi Tiffany Peterson—Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Honors Thesis: *Strategies to Prevent Burnout in Nurses*

Olivia Rose Sheets—Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Social Science
Honors Thesis: *The Effect of Resilience Writing on Perceived Stress, Emotional States and Stress Recovery*

Grace Carol Swartley—Bachelor of Arts in Theology & Youth Ministry
Honors Thesis: *An Invitation to Grieve*

Paris Kathryn Whalen—Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Communication Studies & Theatre
Honors Thesis: *The Art of Adler: A Psychobiography of Stella Adler*

The University of Sioux Falls Honors Program strives to encourage exceptional students to explore widely, to think creatively and critically, to study earnestly, to live enthusiastically, to serve sincerely—to engage wholeheartedly and with integrity the world of ideas, scholarship, culture and service. In so doing, the USF Honors Program seeks to further enhance the culture of scholarship and service at the University.

Gold honor cords are bestowed upon the above-listed students graduating from the USF Honors Program.

Our Speakers

10:00 a.m. Ceremony



Brittany Lee Beers-Hamann
Doctor of Education in Leadership

Brittany Beers-Hamann just completed her tenth year of teaching science at Roosevelt High School here in Sioux Falls. She heads her biology collaboration team and participates on various school committees. In addition to teaching, Brittany is Roosevelt's student council advisor and recently received the SDSCA Warren E. Schull Advisor of the Year award.

Brittany and her husband, Kevin, have two young children: Lucas, who will begin kindergarden next year, and Hannah, who turns two in June.

In the future, Brittany hopes to remain active on the USF campus and use her servant-leadership skills to advocate for increased social-emotional practices within the public school system. In the meantime, she looks forward to more family time and a relaxing trip to Jamaica with her husband to celebrate the completion of her doctorate.

Our Speakers

2:30 p.m. Ceremony



Dr. John L. Hiigel
Professor of Biblical Studies

This year has been Dr. John Hiigel's 26th at USF. He has taught a variety of courses in the Old and New Testaments, New Testament Greek and occasional ministry courses. Half of his assignment has been to teach Introduction to the Bible, a valued opportunity to interact with first-year students from many denominations and backgrounds and the full range of our school's majors. Opening the Bible with those students year after year prompted Hiigel to write a pair of books, *Partnering with the King*, a devotional study of the Gospel of Matthew, and *The Good Wine: Experiencing Jesus' New Life*. USF aims to "develop mature Christians for service to God and humankind in the world," and Hiigel has written these books to help emerging adults here and across the nation read the Bible with a view to working out mature Christian discipleship and service.

Hiigel's teaching work is an extension of his career in the ministry. He was raised in a Christian home. His father was a church choir director and a college-level music educator, and Hiigel went to college at UCLA and graduate school at USC to become a musician himself. He worked as a union musician in Los Angeles both as a trombonist and a singer for more than a decade, including national and international touring. During his college years, he got involved with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, committed his life firmly to the Lord Jesus, and discovered the joy of opening the Bible with fellow students. It eventually became clear that a career as a trombonist was not going to work out due to lip damage from overplaying. After a long stretch of praying and discerning, Hiigel went to Fuller Theological Seminary for his Master of Divinity degree. Beginning in 1975, he served a decade as a minister of music and youth and then thirteen years as a senior pastor. Highlights included service alongside an inner-city Los Angeles ministry to the poor and addicted, partnership with Hispanic and Korean congregations, and long-term sponsorship of evangelism among an unreached people group in Central Asia.

Hiigel returned to Fuller to pursue a Ph.D. in New Testament during his last pastorate in Los Angeles. In the process of those studies, he wrote *Leadership in 1 Corinthians: A Case Study in Paul's Ecclesiology*. His doctorate paved the way to come to USF, where he has loved teaching and serving students in a pastoral way. Dr. Hiigel is "graduating" with today's graduates: he is retiring from full-time teaching after he turns in final grades.

Hiigel and his wife, Cindi, have been married for 45 years. Their daughter, Rebecca, is a choral music teacher at Jefferson High School here in Sioux Falls.

Candidates for Degrees

May 2024

Associate of Arts

Brielle Elizabeth Bruening	Radiologic Technology	Parkston, SD
Tori Ann Bungarden	Radiologic Technology	Madison, MN
Rylee Jean Conrad	Radiologic Technology	Scotland, SD
Darcie Ann Gaulke	Accounting	Kimball, SD
Tessa Mishelle Haag	Graphic Design	Spearfish, SD
Seamus Patrick Hall	Social Science	Walla Walla, WA
Adaga T. Kashi	Radiologic Technology	Sioux Falls, SD
Ashoka T. Kashi	Radiologic Technology	Sioux Falls, SD
Lydia Leah Angela Ann Kolden Carlson	Business Administration	Ormsby, MN
Dylan Law	General Studies	Crystal Lake, IL
Sommer Lorene Majerus	Social Science	Mountain Lake, MN
Zachary Gene McKee	Radiologic Technology	Yankton, SD
Ashtyn Valaire Molesworth	Radiologic Technology	Alexandria, MN
Brianna Bridgett Reckamp	Radiologic Technology	Adrian, MN
Hannah Marie E Rolfes	Radiologic Technology	LeMars, IA
Thomas George Scandin	Media Studies	Sioux Falls, SD
Gabriella Yulia Hope Schlenner	Radiologic Technology	Marshall, MN
Brendan Adam Schumacher	Media Studies	Sioux Falls, SD
Rhett Eugene Svarstad	Radiologic Technology	Rapid City, SD
Ainsley Brielle Swanstrom	Graphic Design	Sioux Falls, SD
Olivia Grace Ten Kley	Radiologic Technology	Sheldon, IA
Bryce E. Van Schepen	Business Administration	Eyota, MN
Hailey Ashton Wiest	Social Media Marketing	Sioux Falls, SD

Bachelor of Arts

Makenzie Jo Adams	Criminal Justice, Psychology and Social Science	Cloquet, MN
Connor Elliott Aldrich	Media Studies	Machesney Park, IL
Jasmine Andersen	Business	Sioux Falls, SD
Court Michael Anderson	Music Education and Music	Sioux Falls, SD
Zachary Steven Andreasen	Psychology and Social Science	Savage, MN
Caleb Brian Annis	Media Studies	Hermantown, MN
Madison Grace Anstine	Elementary Education and Special Education	Volin, SD
Talix Ann Babb	English and Art	Sioux Falls, SD
Ololade Muyibat Balogun	Accounting	Sioux Falls, SD
Avery Janelle Bartunek	Elementary Education	Dawson, MN
Xavier Loren Blackwell	Media Studies and Spanish	Mitchell, SD
Coriann Maxine Bollwerk	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD

Austin John Boomsma	Business Administration	Wessington, SD
Cal Donan Botsford	Media Studies	Sussex, WI
Josephine Lillie Boyd	Elementary Education	Sioux Falls, SD
Addison Marie Brenner	Theology & Biblical Studies and Psychology	Sioux Falls, SD
Caleb Eugene Brink	Business Administration	Rapid City, SD
Gracie Katherine Bucher	Psychology, Sociology and Social Science	Windom, MN
Cassidy Jane Burrell	Elementary Education	Sioux Falls, SD
Christophe Kabantu Bwanya	Social Science	Sioux Falls, SD
Rhianna Lynn Cantine	Psychology and Social Science	Milbank, SD
John Charles Cartwright	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Tyler Reed Cate	Social Science	Omaha, NE
Noah Wallace Christenson	Business Administration	Buffalo, MN
Gatkhor Nyang Chuol	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
James Bo Clark	Business Administration	Lamar, CO
Jayden Renee' Clark	Criminal Justice, Psychology, Sociology and Social Science	Garretson, SD
Emma Elisabeth Clausen	Elementary Education	Woodbury, MN
Sandra Jennifer Clemens	Accounting	Sioux Falls, SD
Jennifer A. Cleveland	Management	Sioux Falls, SD
Molly Coverley	Criminal Justice and Psychology	Minden, NV
Mercedes Marie Covrig	Accounting and Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Damaris Alize Cuevas	Business Administration	Omaha, NE
Jadyn Gene Cummins	Psychology	Sioux Falls, SD
Anthony James Cylkowski	Business Administration	Zumbrota, MN
Clara Ann Davidson	Theology & Biblical Studies	Northwood, IA
Drew Harley Davidson	Business Administration	St. Louis Park, MN
Anna Hope Davis	Art	Canistota, SD
Michaela Marie Davis	Elementary Education	Rochester, MN
Tyrcia Ann Davis	Criminal Justice	Luverne, MN
† Emma Faith DeHoogh-Kliewer	Social Work	Sioux Falls, SD
Hailey Alon Delgehausen	Business and Health Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Ursula Camila Demarquet Alban	Art and Media Studies	Guayaquil, Ecuador
Madison Ann Dennistoun	Criminal Justice and Social Science	Westbrook, MN
Michelle Renee Dickmeyer	Elementary Education and Special Education	Brandon, WI
Brittany Renae Dirks	Business Administration	Madison, SD
Cooper Justin Dixon	Psychology	Sioux Falls, SD
Rachel Dohrenwend	Accounting and Business	Sioux Falls, SD
Shelby Jean Lorraine Dosch	Elementary Education	Baltic, SD
Logan Wayne Dreier	Business Administration	Watertown, MN
Taylor Janine Dunn	Business Administration and Accounting	Jasper, MN
Molly Claire Ebert	Elementary Education	Beresford, SD
Megan Kate Fannin	Business Administration	Watertown, SD
Chloe Rose Ferguson	Social Work	Brookings, SD
Keegan Ross Fey	Business Administration	Edgerton, MN
Bella Marie Fickett	Business Administration	Sioux City, IA

Wil Forrest Fisher	Business Administration	Norfolk, NE
Zachary John Christian Fontenille	Business	Sioux Falls, SD
† Olivia Kate Fox	Elementary Education	Watertown, SD
Madeline Claire Fremarek	Business Administration and Communication Studies & Theatre	Columbus, NE
Brenna Christine Frick	Art	Canton, SD
Reese James Gaber	Business Administration	Stevens Point, WI
Megan Lynne Gallagher	Social Work	Jackson, MN
Kristyn Paige Garry	Criminal Justice	Tea, SD
Allie Rae Geerdes	Psychology and Art	Rock Rapids, IA
Laura LeeAnn Gerber	General Studies	Canton, SD
Anna Mae Ginter	Elementary Education	Hartford, SD
Weston Paul Gjerde	Business Administration	Sunburg, MN
† Jaimie Jo Glanzer	Elementary Education and Special Education	Freeman, SD
Madison Grace Gluth	Psychology and Social Science	Big Stone City, SD
Kennedy Ann Goblirsch	Psychology	Beresford, SD
John Daniel-Stene Gray	Business Administration	Stillwater, MN
Gage Luwes Griebel	Business Administration and Accounting	Sioux Falls, SD
Carter Andrew Gullickson	Art and Media Studies	Sioux Falls, SD
Elijah Dane Hamilton	Theology & Biblical Studies	Huron, SD
Aaron David Hanson	Business	Sioux Falls, SD
Cloie Jean Harmon	Elementary Education	Sioux Falls, SD
David J. Harrington	Media Studies	Sioux Falls, SD
Cole David Harste	Entrepreneurial Studies	Glenwood, MN
KyAnn Colleen Havlovic	Social Work, Psychology and Social Science	Renner, SD
Saydee Renee Heath	Accounting and Business Administration	Colome, SD
Isaiah Thomas Henderson	Theology & Biblical Studies	Sioux Falls, SD
Christopher Jacob Higgins	Entrepreneurial Studies	Long Prairie, MN
Jacob William Edward Hoch	Business Administration and Accounting	Ripon, WI
Brooklyn Paulette Marie Hoftiezer	Accounting and Business Administration	Brookings, SD
Brendan J. Holt	Business Administration	West Salem, WI
Amanda Danielle Hoopaugh	Art and Media Studies	Sioux Falls, SD
Camryn Beth Hruby	Social Science	Huron, SD
Cameron Louis Hudson, Jr.	Business Administration	Pasadena, CA
Jordan Thomas Humpal	Accounting	Sioux Falls, SD
Tisha Ann Hutchings	General Studies	Sioux Falls, SD
Annika Lynn Immeker	Elementary Education	Iowa City, IA
Conner Reece Jackson	Psychology	Dublin, CA
Alexandria Rose Jakos	English and Psychology	Sioux Falls, SD
Elliot Quinn Jakos	Media Studies	Sioux Falls, SD
Talia Rose Janos	Psychology	Spring Hill, FL
Bradley J. Jarabek	Business	Sioux Falls, SD
Maxwell Jerome Johnson	Sports Management	Madelia, MN
Sarah Marie Johnson	Music Education	Sioux Falls, SD

James Patrick Johnston	Accounting	Sioux Falls, SD
Mia Mychael Spencer Jones	Elementary Education and Special Education	Sioux Falls, SD
Jacob Michael Jorgensen	Accounting	Sioux Falls, SD
Khot J. Juac	Criminal Justice and Psychology	Sioux Falls, SD
Emra Kantarevic	Psychology and Social Science	Sioux Falls, SD
† Kendra Jo Kappler	Theology & Youth Ministry	Baltic, SD
Caitlin Julia Kellner	Business Administration	West Des Moines, IA
Jake Thomas Kettner	Business Administration	New Ulm, MN
Aubrey Grace Kilbourn	Social Work and Social Science	Sioux Falls, SD
Rebecca Lyn King	Criminal Justice and Psychology	Watertown, SD
Brady John Klehr	Business Administration	Richmond, VA
Alexandra Mae Knopf	Psychology and Social Science	Baltic, SD
Katelyn Grace Kotlarz	Criminal Justice, Sociology and Social Science	Mount Vernon, MO
Matthew McCabe Kraning	Criminal Justice	Sioux Falls, SD
Carter Jay Krull	Media Studies	Rock Rapids, IA
Claire Lin Krumbach	Elementary Education	Parker, SD
Jordan Marie Kuper	Elementary Education	Scotch Grove, IA
† Caleb Lloyd Larson	Elementary Education	Beresford, SD
Olivia Lynne Larson	General Studies	Yankton, SD
Emma Marie Lebahn	Psychology and Social Science	Sioux Falls, SD
† Morgan Elizabeth LeBeau	Elementary Education and Special Education	Hartford, SD
Karissa JoAnne Liggons	Psychology	Sioux Falls, SD
Matthew Robert Linneman Sterud	Communication Studies & Theatre and Media Studies	Watertown, SD
Isabel Faith Linnerooth	Criminal Justice	Stacy, MN
Jacqueze La'Saveon Lockett	Business Administration	Milwaukee, WI
Megan Lynn Lofink	Art Education	Cheyenne, WY
Kendra Marie Lopez	Social Work and Psychology	Adrian, MN
Benjamin Jerome Mandel	Media Studies	Lakeville, MN
Jane Elizabeth Martin	Art Education	St. Michael, MN
Ellie Marie Maschoff	Business Administration	Jackson, MN
Holly Michelle Mayers	Elementary Education, Special Education and Psychology	Albany, MN
Taylor Joseph Mayfield	Business Administration	Gilbert, AZ
Allison Ellen McCabe	Social Science	St. Peter, MN
Melissa Alice Meinen	Psychology and Exercise Science	Akron, IA
Cole Robert Menholt	Criminal Justice	Harrisburg, SD
Gavin Roger Metz	Business Administration	Brainerd, MN
Alison Kate Miller	Theology & Biblical Studies	Colorado Springs, CO
Kelly Sue Miller	Psychology and Social Science	Platte, SD
Sarah Elizabeth Miller	Business Administration	Monument, CO
Will Bernard Miller	Business Administration	Platte, SD
Ashtyn Valaire Molesworth	Psychology	Alexandria, MN
Benjamin Linwood Morrison	English	Bozeman, MT
Christopher Najarro-Izquierdo	Spanish	Sioux Falls, SD
Haley Ann Nelson	Business Administration	Stillwater, MN

Jaidyn Nelson	Criminal Justice, Psychology and Social Science	Fort Collins, CO
Jocelyn Neelee Neve	Social Work and Social Science	Sioux Falls, SD
JeMae Diane Nichols	Accounting and Business Administration	Cherokee, IA
Sophia Elizabeth Nieman	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Isabella Anne Niemeyer	Social Work	Hardwick, MN
Maci BreAnn Layne Odegard	Criminal Justice and Psychology	Fort Thompson, SD
		Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
Miles Michael Olofson	Accounting and Business Administration	Elk River, MN
Jalynn R. Olson	Psychology and Sociology	Columbus, NE
Samuel Richard Olson	Accounting and Business Administration	Madison, SD
Leah Rebecca Oskar	General Studies	Sioux Falls, SD
Garrett Robert Oswald	Business Administration	Cheyenne, WY
Ryan Otto	Media Studies	Renner, SD
John David Palmer	Business Administration	Glenwood, IA
Audrey C. Parker	Social Work	Denver, CO
Garrett Shannon Peikert	Psychology and Social Science	Glendale, AZ
Madison Power	Psychology and Social Science	Chisago Lakes, MN
Avery Jean Rainboth	Social Work and Psychology	Sioux Falls, SD
Logan John Rameker	Business Administration	Fond du Lac, WI
Teeba Haydar Rauuf	Media Studies	Sioux Falls, SD
Conor John Rice	Business Administration	Huntley, IL
Caleb Scott Roggenbuck	Art	Sioux Falls, SD
Myah Julianne Roggenbuck	Elementary Education	Sioux Falls, SD
Isaac David Ronne	History & Political Science and Secondary Education	Clear Lake, SD
Mason Patrick Rummel	Criminal Justice	Springfield, MN
Shayla Marie Running	Elementary Education	Sioux Falls, SD
Savannah May Sahnou	English and Secondary Education	Sisseton, SD
Aaron Patrick Sanderson	Business	Sioux Falls, SD
Joseph Emmanuel Sapp, III	Media Studies	Sacramento, CA
Cynthia Ann Sappingfield	Health Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Ethan Patrick Saute	Theology & Biblical Studies	Reno, NV
Madeline Grace Ann Schei	Psychology and Social Science	Albert Lea, MN
Eli James Schlangen	Business Administration	Two Harbors, MN
Neveah Rae Allen Schreiber	Elementary Education	Worthington, MN
Madeline Grace Kurtz Schuelke	Communication Studies & Theatre	Groton, SD
Benjamin Thomas Serie	Business Administration	Luverne, MN
Zachary Scott Shastay	Business Administration	Sahuarita, AZ
Olivia Rose Sheets	Psychology and Social Science	Volga, SD
Kyra Lee Bridgett Shumaker	Elementary Education and Special Education	Howard, SD
Micade Alexander Shumway	Accounting and Business Administration	Williston, ND
Joshua Lawrence Siferd	Business	Pleasant Prairie, WI
Grayson James Skinner	Business Administration	Rapid City, SD
Carter Reese Slykhuis	Business Administration	Tea, SD
Levi Fredrick Smith	Media Studies	Harrisburg, SD

Hannah Bodholdt Sorensen	Art	Sioux Falls, SD
Connor Steven Sowell	History	Sioux Falls, SD
† Rachel Susanne Spenst	Accounting	Plainview, MN
Mason Gregory Steele	Business Administration	Rapid City, SD
Katherine Jane Steffen	Media Studies	Sioux Falls, SD
Justin Edward Steffensmeier	Accounting and Business Administration	Kansas City, MO
Grace Carol Swartley	Theology & Youth Ministry	Morris, MN
Bethany Swift	Business Administration	Burke, SD
David James Tappin	Business Administration	Oxnard, CA
Brooklyn Taylor Terveen	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Spencer James Thomas	Criminal Justice and Psychology	Sioux Falls, SD
Josiah Jaymes Tinklenberg	Sports Marketing & Media	Edgerton, MN
William Michael Unruh	Communication Studies & Theatre	Sioux Falls, SD
Alexis Mariah Veen	Psychology, Sociology and Social Science	Milbank, SD
Kristina Viktorovna Verbovskaya	Social Work and Social Science	Harrisburg, SD
Raelee LouAnn Voss	Communication Studies & Theatre	South Sioux City, NE
Andrew Matthew Wagner	Business Administration	Luverne, MN
Jared Ryan Walter	Business Administration	Champlin, MN
Cayden Weaver	Elementary Education	Mitchell, SD
Breanna Michelle Welch	Social Work	Sioux Falls, SD
Paris Kathryn Whalen	Psychology and Communications Studies & Theatre	Eagan, MN
Zachary W. Whitesell	Business Administration	Rapid City, SD
Abigail Rose Whittington	Media Studies	Lakeville, MN
Paige Christian Willett	Social Science	Sioux Falls, SD
Cody Elwood Winquist	Health Administration	Colton, SD
Caitlyn Rose Wolfgang	English	Sioux Falls, SD
Madison Milissa Wuebben	Business Administration	Yankton, SD
Travis Otto Yohnke	Business Administration	Carlos, MN
Rhett Richard Zelinsky	Sociology and Social Science	Brookings, SD
Kenzie Lynn Zomer	Accounting	Rock Valley, IA

Bachelor of Science

Tristan Michael Bietz	Radiologic Technology	Trent, SD
Kha Anh Bui	Radiologic Technology	Sioux Falls, SD
Seth Pei Bungum	Exercise Science	Owatonna, MN
Noah Andres Buss	Exercise Science	Lincoln, NE
Michael Duane Cessna	Biology	Lexington, MN
Gopal Chamlagai	Mathematics and Secondary Education	Sioux Falls, SD
Daniel Michael Cheru	Computer Science	Sioux Falls, SD
Valerie Nicole Childs	Exercise Science and Psychology	Big Lake, MN
Drew Alan Clouse	Exercise Science	West Fargo, ND
Eli William Conaway	Exercise Science	Ely, MN
Elliot Owen Dallmann	Computer Information Systems and Communication Studies & Theatre	York, NE

Isiah Joseph Dancy	Biology	Cottage Grove, MN
Arrayna Linda Dandanell	Biology	Cottage Grove, MN
Maddilyn Rae DeGroot	Exercise Science	Platte, SD
Reilly Karleen Elfering	Biology	Danube, MN
Abigail Elizabeth Ford	Exercise Science and Psychology	Lansing, MI
Hannah Rose Fry	Biology and Spanish	West Des Moines, IA
Ashlyn Marie Greve	Medical Laboratory Science	Worthington, MN
Jordyn Rene Hamm	Applied Mathematics	Spirit Lake, IA
Lauren Delaney Johnson	Biology	Apple Valley, MN
Rachel Grace Klemaszewski	Computer Information Systems and Computer Science	Eden Prairie, MN
Megan Marie Lawson	Exercise Science	Omaha, NE
Sunong Tshering Lepcha	Computer Science	Sioux Falls, SD
Zachary James Matzner	Exercise Science and Psychology	Marshall, MN
Joshua Miller	Paramedic Technology	Sioux Falls, SD
Scott Andres Obago, Jr.	Exercise Science	Lower Brule, SD
Jennifer Michelle Ramon	Exercise Science	Sioux Falls, SD
Marek Sebastian Rex	Computer Information Systems and Business Administration	Garden Plain, KS
Caleb Raymond Rivera	Biology	Saint James, MN
Dylan Matthew Rudningen	Exercise Science	Sunburg, MN
† Leannah Rose Scotting	Biology	Estelline, SD
Hunter Louis Scruggs	Computer Science	Papillion, NE
Jarret James Sengelmann	Exercise Science	Chester, SD
Doménica Paulette Solano Ocampo	Exercise Science and Psychology	Loja, Ecuador
Emily Lenea Swanson	Exercise Science and Business Administration	Odell, NE
Joshua Ray Symens	Biology	Hartford, SD
Amber Lynn Tebbe	Biology	Sioux Falls, SD
Danielle Renee Thorfinnson	Exercise Science and Psychology	Glenwood, MN
Maggie Grace Veenendall	Biology	New Richmond, WI
Ty'Rese Ken'Terris Washington	Exercise Science	Columbia, SC
Addison Roselle Westermeyer	Biology	Elk River, MN
Evan Thomas Wibben	Computer Science	Sheldon, IA
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══════ **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** ══════

Montana Skye Allyn	Nursing	Sioux City, IA
McKenna Christine Andrew	Nursing	Roseville, CA
Anna Kathleen Bauman	Nursing	Sioux Falls, SD
Anna Margrethe Beitelspacher	Nursing	LeMars, IA
Caitlin Jean Bendix	Nursing	Watertown, SD
Mariah Ann Brandner	Nursing	Aberdeen, SD
Haley Rose Chambless	Nursing	Highlands Ranch, CO
Christine Ann Colby	Nursing	Brandon, SD
Hanna Nicole Cress	Nursing	Omaha, NE

Karlyssa Deanne Davis	Nursing	Colorado Springs, CO
Sarah Kae Erickson	Nursing	Platte, SD
Ashton Elizabeth Ferguson	Nursing	Sioux Falls, SD
Tessa N. Geurink	Nursing	Wausau, WI
Ashlee Marie Groeneweg	Nursing	Rock Valley, IA
Viel Richell Guerra	Nursing	Modesto, CA
Megan Elizabeth Gunnink	Nursing	Chandler, MN
Mariska Esther Gurath	Nursing	Sioux Falls, SD
Jonathan Lee Hughes	Nursing	Big Lake, MN
Avery Kathren Husby	Nursing	Danube, MN
Kera Joy Kaufman	Nursing	Delmont, SD
Naomi Kaajsab Kue	Nursing	Sioux Falls, SD
Gavin James LeMier	Nursing	Sioux Falls, SD
Mikayla Ann Leuer	Nursing	Sioux City, IA
† Lauren Elizabeth Mages	Nursing	New Ulm, MN
Kristina Morgan Osterbur	Nursing	Wood, SD
Kelsey Ann Oswald	Nursing	Yankton, SD
Heidi Tiffany Peterson	Nursing	Brandon, SD
Jonathan Alan Regynski	Nursing	Sioux Falls, SD
Ericka Elena Richards	Nursing	Thousand Oaks, CA
Hunter James Schneider	Nursing	Ripon, WI
Staci Lynn Skaleski	Nursing	Mission, SD
Taelor Morgan Smith	Nursing	Madison, SD
Emma Elane Spizzirri	Nursing	Omaha, NE
Erin Elisabeth Thompson	Nursing	Sioux Falls, SD
Maren Pearl Thompson	Nursing	Sioux Falls, SD
Mallory Frances Williamson	Nursing	Harrisburg, SD
Abegya Habtewold Woldab	Nursing	Sioux Falls, SD

===== **Doctor of Education** =====

Brittany Lee Beers-Hamann	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
Amanda Rae Berg	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
Braden Michael Bradfield	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
Cynthia J. Breen	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
Christopher Kevin Cameron	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
Marcy LaRay Colwell	Leadership	Harrisburg, SD
Katelynn Ashley Doohen	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
Cari Mae Gilley	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
Jennifer Katherine Jacobs	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
‡ Sarah Ann Parmenter	Leadership	Harrisburg, SD
Jennifer Jo Poulos	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
Megan Quandt	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
Scott James Schmidt	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD

Stacy Stefani	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
Jason Andrew Van Engen	Leadership	Alcester, SD
Aimee Lynn Vander Feen	Leadership	Sioux Falls, SD
Camrin Vaux	Leadership	Brookings, SD
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Education Specialist

‡ Alyssa Kate Chambers	Educational Administration/Principal	Sioux Falls, SD
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Master of Education

‡ Edie Renae Baldwin	Reading	Watertown, SD
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Carly Jean Chambers	Educational Leadership	Wentworth, SD
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Kadesha Monae Evans	Educational Administration/Adult and Higher Education	Smyrna, GA
Sarah Gene Freier	Reading	Sioux Falls, SD
Anthony Jay Garrow	Teaching	Brandon, SD
Julie Ann Grund	Technology & Personalized Learning	Watertown, SD
Jaime Paige Heithold	Educational Leadership	Freeman, SD
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‡ Kari Ann Heyden	Technology & Personalized Learning	Sioux Falls, SD
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Isaac Iverson	Teaching	Sioux Falls, SD
April Johnson	Reading	Mitchell, SD
Erin Maude Julius	Reading	Milbank, SD
Stefan Austin Kinsinger	Teaching	Orange City, IA
Grace Elaine Koenig	Teaching	Sauk City, WI
Aaron Gregory LaBrie	Teaching	Sioux Falls, SD
Tagyn Sian Larson-Christian	Teaching	Sioux Falls, SD
Jenny Laura McKenny	Reading	Inwood, IA
Claire Joy Mohr	Educational Leadership	Watertown, SD

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Leah L. Moody	Reading	Brandon, SD
Julie Nicole Niles	Teaching	Pierre, SD
Christina Rae Pengitore	Teaching	Brandon, SD
Ethan Matthew Poulter	Teaching	Sioux Falls, SD
‡ Diana Rivera	Educational Administration/Adult and Higher Education	Jacksonville, IL
Emily Ann Rommann	Teaching	Brandon, SD
Courtney Lee Schaeffer	Technology & Personalized Learning	Sioux Falls, SD
Carrie Renee Southard	Teaching	Sioux Valley, MN
Renee Lynn Thomas	Educational Leadership	Gregory, SD
Elizabeth Anne Thompson	Technology & Personalized Learning	Sioux Falls, SD
Ashley Lauren Vis	Educational Administration/Adult and Higher Education	Sioux Falls, SD
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===== **Master of Business Administration** =====

± Benjamin Charles Aasheim	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
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Deborah Kim Anderson	Business Administration	Peever, SD
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± Kaitlin Marie Hemenway	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Patricia Elizabeth Janzen	Business Administration	Riverview, FL
Jessica Jo Johnson	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Bailey Carrigan Kehrli	Business Administration	Omaha, NE
Jae Ci Lynn Kelsey	Business Administration	Brookings, SD
Kirsten Marie Knudson	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Kristin Lee Kotas	Business Administration	Emery, SD
Kendra Renee Lair	Business Administration	Prior Lake, MN
Jessica Cherrie Leegaard	Business Administration	Cortez, CO
Angel Martinez Jr.	Business Administration	Leadville, CO

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Kyla Merin Perkins	Business Administration	Sioux City, IA
Kassie Peterson	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
John Grantland Thomas Rice	Business Administration	Gayville, SD
± Susan Kathleen Ryks	Business Administration	Dell Rapids, SD
Kayla Marie Salonen	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Elliot Hunter Sammons	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Nicholas James Schaefer	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Gretchen Noel Schilling	Business Administration	Brandon, SD
Jonathan Vincent Taylor	Business Administration	Bellwood, IL
Markhus Elija Elise Taylor	Business Administration	Skokie, IL
Paige Marie Trett	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Aaron Thomas Tuttle	Business Administration	Las Vegas, NV
Dillon Thomas Vander Feen	Business Administration	Sioux Falls, SD
Erin Kristine Vander Haag	Business Administration	Rock Valley, IA
Lukas Dean VanLaecken	Business Administration	Brandon, SD
Nathan Michael Walter	Business Administration	Sleepy Eye, MN
Carter Thomas Wells	Business Administration	Jamestown, ND
Cameron Christopher Wicks	Business Administration	Viera, FL
Mohammad Y.M. Younis	Business Administration	Brookings, SD

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Alpha Chi National College Honor Society

† Alpha Chi is a national coeducational academic honor with the purpose of promoting academic excellence and exemplary character among university students and honoring those who achieve such distinction. Inductees are nominated by the faculty and invited to join the society during their junior or senior year because of their scholarship, character and dedication to worthy goals. Graduating Alpha Chi members are awarded medallions that bear the seal of this prestigious national honor society.

Fredrikson School of Education Servant Leadership Award

‡ The Fredrikson School of Education Servant Leadership Award recognizes graduate students who demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning and growth, integration of ethics, servant leadership and personal faith, in addition to inspiring action and effective performance among learning peers while fostering a positive spirit of teamwork and collaboration.

MBA Excellence in Academics Award

± The MBA Excellence in Academics Award recognizes graduate students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.8 and who demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning and growth, as well as the integration of ethics, leadership and personal faith. In addition to inspiring action and effective performance among learning peers, these individuals foster a positive spirit of teamwork and collaboration among their learning peers.

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Richard Bartling	Assistant Professor of Exercise Science
Dr. Andrew Beck	Associate Professor of Psychology
Dr. Jared Berg	Assistant Professor of Education
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Dr. Patricia Cole	Associate Professor of Business Administration
Ceca Cooper	Associate Professor of Art
Dr. David DeHoogh-Kliewer	Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities
Carla Diede	Assistant Professor of Education
Dr. Jason Douma	Professor of Mathematics and Associate Vice President for Institutional Research
Dr. Greg Dyer	Associate Professor of English
Dr. James J. S. Foster	Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy and Director of Honors Program
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Dr. Brian Gregg	Professor of Biblical Studies
Dr. Mike C. Grevlos	Professor of Psychology
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Dr. Gretchen Hoffman	Professor of Psychology
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Dr. Jamie Juhl	Assistant Professor of Special Education
Dr. Cheri Kovalenko	Professor of Family and Pediatric Nursing and Assistant Director of Nursing
Dr. Victor Larsen	Associate Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Brent Lerseth	Assistant Professor of Social Science
Dr. Joy Lind	Associate Professor of Business Administration and Accreditation Director
Dr. Bradley Lowery	Assistant Professor of Applied Mathematics
Brian Lowery	Assistant Professor of Biology
Dr. Brooke Murphy	Associate Professor of Education
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Academic Regalia

The tradition of academic dress has its origins in the medieval European universities. Gowns and hoods were used to distinguish academic persons from other parts of the population and to provide warmth to the scholars in their unheated buildings. The gowns probably represent an adaptation of clerical dress since many scholars of that period were also members of the clergy.

Each of the three academic degrees—bachelor's, master's and doctorate's—has its own distinctive gown and hood. The bachelor's gown is traditionally black and has pointed sleeves. The master's gown is distinguished by its oblong, closed sleeves, while the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. The opening of the doctor's gown is faced with wide velvet bands. The velvet trim may be black or a color indicating the wearer's general field of study. The cap or "mortar board" is uniform for all degrees except doctors, which is sometimes the beret style.

The length of the hood and width of the velvet borders on the hood indicate the degree. The doctorate's is the largest of the hoods and the bachelor's is the smallest. The bachelor's hood is often omitted. The color of the border indicates the field of study. The colorful hood lining represents the official colors of the college or university conferring the degree.

White	Arts, Letters & Humanities	Lemon	Library Science
Maize	Agriculture	Green	Medicine
Drab	Business Administration	Pink	Music
Lilac	Dentistry	Apricot	Nursing
Copper	Economics	Dark Blue	Philosophy
Light Blue	Education	Olive	Pharmacy
Orange	Engineering	Sage Green	Physical Education
Brown	Fine Arts, Architecture	Golden Yellow	Science
Crimson	Journalism	Citron	Social Work
Purple	Law	Scarlet	Theology or Divinity

Mission Statement

The University of Sioux Falls, a Christian University in the liberal arts tradition, educates students in the humanities, sciences and professions. The traditional motto of the University is Culture for Service; that is, we seek to foster academic excellence and the development of mature Christian persons for service to God and humankind in the world.

Through programs in the humanities, sciences and professions, the University helps persons grow intellectually, discern truth and develop a Christian worldview. As a Christian institution, the University of Sioux Falls fosters in all members of its community the development of emotional maturity, physical well-being, interpersonal skills and values which reflect the character and teaching of Christ.

The University of Sioux Falls is committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to the integration of biblical faith and learning; it affirms that Christians are called to share their faith with others through lives of service. The University is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., and welcomes students of any faith or denomination.

2023-24 Fast Facts

Enrollment

Undergraduate Total	1276	Graduate Total	233
Classifications			
Freshman	358	M.B.A.	92
Sophomore	290	M.Ed.	59
Junior	272	Education Specialist	24
Senior	282	Doctorate in Leadership	48
Special/Unclassified	21		
Degree Completion Program	32		
Accelerated Nursing	20		

Employees

Full-time Staff	104	Full-time Faculty	52
Student-to-faculty ratio	17:1		

Athletic Program

Mascot	Cougars
Colors	Purple and White

The University of Sioux Falls is a member of the NCAA Division II and competes in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC).

2023-2024 Cougar Athletics

Men's Teams: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Track & Field and Wrestling

Women's Teams: Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball and Wrestling

Opportunities and Outcomes

99% of USF graduates were employed or pursuing a graduate degree within six months of graduation

2,500+ Number of positions posted each year in USF's job and internship database

59 Number of students enrolled in the USF Honors Program

100+ Number of student clubs, activities and organizations

90+ Academic programs, including majors, pre-professional programs, minors and specializations and adult and graduate offerings in business, education and nursing, as well as the Center for Professional Development

History of the University of Sioux Falls

On June 5, 1872, pastors and delegates from nine Baptist churches in the Dakota Territory met in Vermillion for the first meeting of the Baptist Association. They adopted the following resolution: "Be it resolved that we take immediate steps for the establishment of an institution among us and that we devote a suitable portion of time at each annual meeting to the consideration of this important subject and give our individual and associated influence to encourage a more general and complete education of our youth under distinctively Christian influence."

Under the name Dakota Collegiate Institute, secondary and collegiate programs began on September 8, 1883. The institution's name changed to Sioux Falls University in 1885, with the secondary program called the Academy and the collegiate department branded Sioux Falls College. Although the college grew, the Academy's enrollment declined, forcing it to close in 1925.

Between 1929 and 1931, Sioux Falls College acquired four Baptist schools that had ceased to operate: Des Moines University, Grand Island College, Cedar Valley Seminary and Parker College. With the 1931 merger of Grand Island College with what was still legally Sioux Falls University, the institution's official name became Sioux Falls College.

During the Second World War, the College lost its accreditation and offered 200 students, mainly women, two-year degrees. Enrollment surged when the veterans returned home, only to lapse to meager numbers two years later. Financially, the school was in dire straits. However, not unlike the young men and women who served our nation during WWII, ordinary people accomplished extraordinary things during those lean years to ensure the institution's survival.

Reuben P. Jeschke, president from 1953-1970, helped regain full, regional accreditation in 1958, and under his leadership enrollment grew from 378 in 1958 to 1,006 in 1968—a 166 percent increase. The institution's endowment, although modest, also grew, and what Jeschke described as a "near miracle" happened—a history of balanced budgets.

The most visible change during this time was the campus. Jeschke oversaw the building of Mears Library, Salsbury Student Union, Salsbury Science Center, Jeschke Fine Arts Center and three residence halls. In fact, Time magazine featured the College's growth in 1967. The caption read: "Seven Buildings in Seven Years." The sub-title added: "But our stature comes from people." By the end of Jeschke's tenure, Sioux Falls College was well-positioned for the steady, academic success of the 70s and 80s.

The 90s ushered in a new era of excellence. In order to better reflect the Board of Trustees' desire to "name the future," one with growth in student body, expansion of academic programs, improvement in facilities and enhancement of the institution's reputation, Sioux Falls College became the University of Sioux Falls, effective January 1995.

USF's longest-serving president, Dr. Mark Benedetto, led USF for nearly two decades, from 1997, across the turn of the century. During this time the University's enrollment in both the traditional and non-traditional programs increased significantly and several academic programs, including the USF School of Nursing, were added to the curriculum. A notable expansion of athletic facilities during this time was the University's purchase of approximately 100 acres of land near 69th Street and Cliff Avenue. During this time the University also successfully transitioned its athletic programs from the NAIA to the NCAA Division II and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

In February 2017, a proven and innovative leader in Christian higher education and a familiar figure at University of Sioux Falls was selected to lead the University into the future. Dr. Brett Bradfield became president of the University in February 2017. One of his first initiatives as president was to reset USF's undergraduate tuition price by \$10,000 for the 2018-19 academic year. This bold step allows USF to confidently tell families

that everything the University offers is within financial reach. With strength of vision as a distinctively Christian institution, the University continues to help students grow as they gain the necessary technical and critical thinking skills for today's careers.

On September 8, 2022, the University of Sioux Falls celebrated its 139th-year anniversary with the unveiling of a new visual brand that celebrates the institution's rich Christian Liberal Arts history. USF's new look visually reflects how the institution's current academic programs are continually being adapted and revised for relevance; how new programs such as USF's Doctorate in Leadership and even associates degrees are being created to be on the front edge of change making; and how delivery formats are evolving to reach today's learners where they are at.

As the landscape of higher education is rapidly changing, the new look reflects a modern approach to upholding the 139-year-old institution's long-standing mission, vision and traditional motto of Culture for Service, that is, to seek and foster academic excellence and the development of mature Christian persons for service to God and humankind in the world.



“Divine Servant” ®

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Jesus Christ washing the feet of Peter.

John 13:5

After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet,
drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

The mission of the University of Sioux Falls is expressed in the motto Culture for Service. Each graduate will receive a towel today as they receive their diploma. The towel, a symbol of service, is a gift from Campus Ministries. May it be a reminder to the graduates that with an education comes a commission to serve. We are grateful to the Tromsness family for making the gift of towels available to each graduate.