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May 8, 2021

Donald E. Young
Sports & Fitness Center

Spearfish, S.D.



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See the BHSU photo team at commencement? Interested in viewing or maybe purchasing a photo? Visit photos.BHSU.edu to view the commencement gallery. Please note: photos will be uploaded completely by the afternoon of Tuesday, May 11. Use coupon code **BHSUGRAD2021** at checkout from photos.BHSU.edu to save 10% on your photo purchase from BHSU.

Official Photos: Lifetouch Special Events is taking individual photos of you receiving your diploma. Photos will be available for purchase one week after the ceremony on their website at events.lifetouch.com.

HATS OFF TO YOU

Class of 2021

A BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY DEGREE is defined by student success, academic excellence, innovation, and authenticity. Through these challenging times you have persevered. Today we celebrate your determination, your achievements, and your future. We are honored to call you BHSU alums.



President's Message

BHSU President
Dr. Laurie S. Nichols



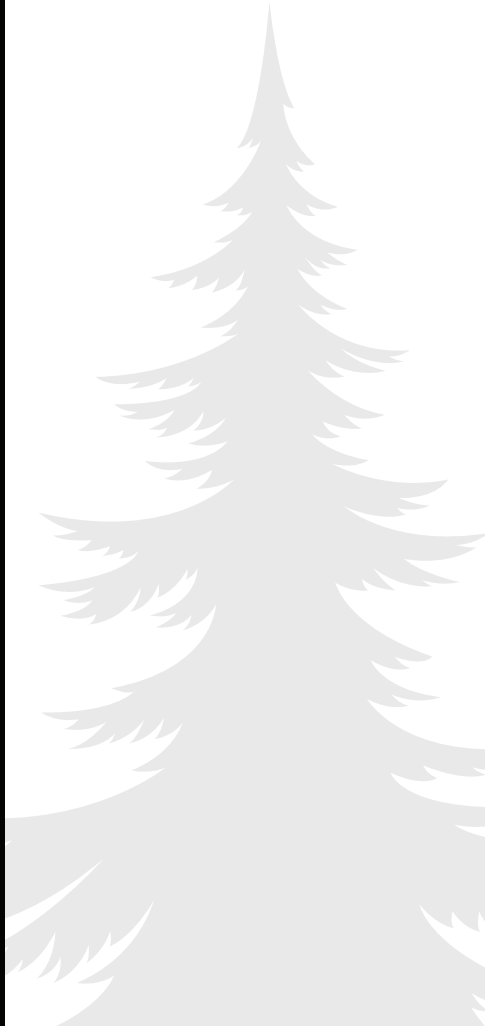
Congratulations, graduates!
As you receive your diploma and transition from student to alumni, I hope you feel a great sense of accomplishment and excitement. We are proud of you. Not only have you achieved much, but today you begin a new chapter in your life. I hope you will find---like I did---that your degree will open doors of opportunity both professionally and personally. I encourage you to use your education wisely and take advantage of each and every opportunity when it comes your way. If you do, there is no doubt that you will experience great success.

Please know that you will always be a Yellow Jacket; we want you to stay connected to BHSU. Come back often, keep in touch with friends and faculty, and offer your assistance to the next generation of Yellow Jackets who will follow you. A trait of a great university is an active and engaged alumni---be one!

Again, on behalf of the administration, faculty and staff of Black Hills State University, our most hearty congratulations. Go forth and do good!

Laurie S. Nichols

Dr. Laurie S. Nichols, President





BLACK HILLS
STATE UNIVERSITY

History of BHSU

As the only comprehensive University in western South Dakota, BHSU serves the entire region through outreach and service. BHSU has 3,608 students from 66 counties in South Dakota, 46 states, and 27 countries. Drawing upon our unique location and deep connection with the community, BHSU remains committed to ensuring academic excellence and an exceptional educational experience for all students.

The Dakota Territorial Legislature, meeting in 1881, passed an act establishing a Normal School in Spearfish. The school officially opened in 1883.

Over the next two decades, the curriculum expanded with the purpose of training teachers for the public schools. By 1924 the college was authorized to adopt a four-year curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree in education. Spearfish Normal School became informally known as Black Hills Teachers College. In 1941 the Legislature formally approved the name change to a teachers college.

During World War II, the college served as a training center for the U.S. Air Force. In the years following, the college achieved accreditation from the North Central Association, expanded its curriculum, began offering graduate work, and began a long-range building program. On July 1, 1964, the South Dakota State Legislature officially changed the name to Black Hills State College.

Enrollment grew throughout the following decades and the college received national accreditation. Construction of a new library and expansion of the academic program offerings established the college's future direction. On July 1, 1989, the State Legislature authorized a bill granting university status. Today the school is known as Black Hills State University and offers 83 master, bachelor, associate and pre-professional programs.

The campus consists of 123 acres and 23 main buildings. The University has a second location, BHSU-Rapid City, which offers classes and hosts two centers - the Center for Hospitality and Business and the West River Health Sciences Center.

BHSU continues to seek opportunities for innovation, education, and research in conjunction with the Sanford Lab, in the former Homestake Mine in Lead, S.D. The BHSU Underground Campus is used by students and faculty at the 4,850-foot level of Sanford Lab. The Sanford Science Education Center, on the BHSU campus, serves as a direct link to the Sanford Lab.

Black Hills State University

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Laurie Stenberg Nichols _____ President

Dr. Priscilla Romkema _____ Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ms. Kathy Johnson _____ Vice President for Finance and Administration

Dr. John Allred _____ Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs

Mr. Steve Meeker _____ Vice President for University Advancement

COLLEGE DEANS

Dr. Amy Fuqua _____ College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Gregory Farley _____ College of Business and Natural Sciences

Dr. Betsy Silva _____ College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

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Commencement Delegation

FACULTY MARSHALS

Dr. Martin Fashbaugh _____ Chair, School of Arts and Humanities

Dr. Jane Klug _____ Dean of Students

Dr. Charlie Lamb _____ Chief Research Officer

Dr. Jami Stone _____ Associate Professor, Mathematics Education

PLATFORM PARTY

Dr. Laurie Stenberg Nichols _____ President

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Ms. April Meeker _____ Registrar

Dr. Joan Wink _____ Ceremonial Representative, Board of Regents

Dr. Amy Fuqua _____ Dean, Liberal Arts

Dr. Gregory Farley _____ Dean, Business and Natural Sciences

Dr. Betsy Silva _____ Dean, Education and Behavioral Sciences

Mr. Johnnie Johnson _____ Honorary Doctorate Recipient

Dr. Tim Steckline _____ Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Elaine Doll-Dunn _____ Commencement Speaker

Mr. Don Altmyer _____ Professor Emeritus

Dr. Jim Hess _____ Professor Emeritus

Mr. Don Looney _____ Assistant Professor Emeritus

CPT Laura Arnold _____ Assistant Professor of Military Science

Black Hills State University

FACULTY RECEIVING EMERITUS STATUS

Mr. Don Altmyer, *Professor of Accounting*
Mr. Steve Babbitt, *Professor of Mass Communication*
Dr. Holly Downing, *Professor of Biology*
Dr. Jim Hess, *Professor of Psychology*
Mr. Don Looney, *Assistant Professor of Management*
Dr. Tim Steckline, *Professor of Speech*

CLASS OF 1970

Larry G. Barclay - *Sheridan, Wyo.*
Ray E. Bokker - *Gregory*
Marlys (Muffat) Bokker - *Gregory*
David R. Burris - *Spearfish*
Janice (Brozik) Cerney - *Philip*
Robert M. Cerney - *Philip*
Wm. P. Gropper - *Faith*
Gary L. Hoff - *Spearfish*
Johnnie D. Johnson - *Dellwood, Minn.*
Eldon L. Knudson - *Custer*
Kent A. Larson - *Rapid City*
Randy R. Mink - *Gettysburg*
Wayne R. Mundt - *Spearfish*
Nina (Neuhauser) Nachtigall - *Belle Fourche*
Gordon E. Parlet - *Rapid City*
Michael S. Shann - *Minneapolis, Minn.*

CLASS OF 1971

Muriel (Peterson) Bachelor - *Rapid City*
Jerry M. Bakanec - *Frederick, Colo.*
James W. Bland - *Knoxville, Tenn.*
Larry L. Blote - *Rapid City*
Ammertte "Amy" Deibert - *Lead*
Larry R. Joachim - *New Richmond, Wis.*
Earla (Howe) Karels - *Rapid City*
Kay (Nachtigall) Overland - *Red Owl*
Dennis A. Rabe - *Rapid City*
Gary L. Steinlicht - *Sturgis*
Karen (Gregson) Turgeon - *Spearfish*
Robert C. Ward - *Power, Mont.*

Distinguished Faculty

The Black Hills State University Distinguished Faculty Award is presented each spring to encourage and reward outstanding teaching and professional dedication by faculty members at BHSU. The recipient is formally recognized during the spring commencement ceremony and is invited to deliver a keynote address at the following year's commencement ceremony. In addition, the recipient receives a monetary award for personal and professional growth.

HONOREES INCLUDE

Dr. Tim Steckline	2021
Dr. Holly Downing	2020
Dr. Courtney Huse Wika	2019
Dr. Laura Colmenero-Chilberg	2018
Dr. John Alsup	2017
Dr. Parthasarathi Nag	2016
Dr. Nicholas Wallerstein	2015
Ms. Jace DeCory	2014
Dr. Robert Schurrer	2014
Mr. Stephen Babbitt	2013
Mr. James Knutson	2012
Dr. James Hess	2011
Dr. David Wolff	2010
Dr. Cheryl Anagnopoulos	2009
Dr. Ronnie Theisz	2008
Dr. Ahrar Ahmad	2007
Dr. Randall Royer	2006
Dr. James Hesson	2005
Mr. Albin Sandau	2004
Dr. Thomas R. Hills	2003
Dr. Patricia Fallbeck	2002
Mr. Kent Meyers	2001
Dr. Howard Perry	2000
Ms. Janet Gollither	1999
Dr. Janeen Larsen	1998
Dr. David B. Miller	1997
Mr. Fred Heidrich	1996
Dr. Stewart Bellman	1995

Black Hills State University

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The mace, which was commissioned during the University's Quasiquintennial year, was constructed by Lynn Fox, a carpenter at the University. The mace is made from the African mahogany wood salvaged from the bleachers in the former Cook Gymnasium that was built in 1953. Cook Gym, previously located south of the Library, was removed in 2003.

The BHSU Mace includes a metal inscription of the BHSU logo on either side. The top is a four-inch, flame-shaped glass finial with the green and gold colors of the University.

Historically, a mace is a symbol of authority dating from medieval times when knights carried them during processions with their kings. The mace later became a ceremonial symbol of leadership at academic processions.

THE PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, first worn in 2014, preserves and honors our legacy while looking to the future. The medallion features the University's seal which includes the iconic Arches that have become synonymous with BHSU's determination and "can-do" spirit.

The Arches are all that remain of one of the first campus buildings, Normal Hall, originally built in 1887 and nearly destroyed by a fire in 1925. The former entrance to Normal Hall, the Arches remain intact and are now part of Ida Henton Park. This sandstone archway is a link to our past and a symbolic entrance to the future for students as they embark on educational experiences that forever change them and their path in the world.

The outside circle of the seal goes even further into history to honor the Lakota people. The circular movement of the Medicine Wheel is divided into four gradient colors to signify the four directions (West, North, East, and South) and also represent the stages of life, seasons of the year, and elements of nature. The inner circle showcases the name of the University in bold text on green hue, the University's official color. The founding year, 1883, is placed in the center of the seal.

The links comprising the neck chain for the bronze President's Medallion are engraved with the names of all previous BHSU presidents.



Commencement Designations

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the earliest days of the oldest universities in Europe.

In modern times, academic attire serves a ceremonial and symbolic purpose. The design and colors of gowns and hoods reveal the degrees and the degree-granting institutions.

The square black mortarboard cap, worn flat on the head with one corner facing the front, has a tassel which may be either black or of the color assigned to the field of study, except that doctors in all fields may elect to wear a tassel of gold threads. Some institutions have adopted the use of the biretta.

The standard color of the robe is black. The bachelor's gown is a simple, unornamented robe with long pointed sleeves. The master's gown is more elaborate and many styles have slits in the oblong sleeves. The doctor's robe includes velvet and is ornamented with three bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

The hood is lined with the official color or colors of the university that conferred the degree. The hood is bound or edged with velvet in widths of two, three, and five inches for the bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of the binding or edging indicates the subject area of the degree: brown for business; light blue for education; and golden yellow for science.

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Students graduating from the University Honors Program have met the highest standards of achievement, enrichment, and service. Graduates complete one of three tracks: the Research Scholar, focusing on undergraduate research and creative scholarship; the University Scholar, a four-year comprehensive Honors program with an emphasis on undergraduate research and creative scholarship; and the International University Scholar, which requires a significant international experience in addition to the full curriculum. University Honors Scholars are recognized with a medallion on a green and gold ribbon.

EXPLANATION OF HONOR ORGANIZATION DESIGNATIONS

Certain honor organizations have approved designated accessories for wear with academic regalia as follows:

Alpha Kappa Delta _____ Sociology _____ Teal Honor Cord
Kappa Delta Pi _____ Education _____ Green and Purple Honor Cord
Beta Gamma Sigma _____ Business _____ Royal Blue and Gold Honor Cord
Phi Kappa Phi _____ All Disciplines _____ Blue and Gold Honor Cord
Psi Chi _____ Psychology _____ Blue and Gold Honor Cord
Military/Veteran _____ Red, White, and Blue Cord
Student Support Services TRIO _____ Gold and White Stole



Distinguished Faculty

Dr. Tim Steckline

Dr. Tim Steckline, mass communication and speech communication professor at BHSU, is the 2021 Distinguished Faculty Member.

Dr. Steckline is recognized for quality teaching, impactful research, and exemplary service. He was nominated by his peers due to the passion he brings to teaching and his generosity in sharing time and expertise beyond the classroom. His record of scholarly achievement include conference presentations and published articles which demonstrate his willingness to share knowledge with colleagues, students and the academic community.

Since joining the faculty at BHSU, Dr. Steckline has taught 14 different classes, representing four disciplines: speech communication, mass communication, theatre, and philosophy. The popular and highly respected professor is known for being a caring, kind, and encouraging leader both in the classroom and outside the classroom. He is seen regularly walking across campus stopping often to visit with students, faculty, and staff with his unique personal and encouraging approach. He is known for his ability to engage students and develop their critical thinking skills. Dr. Steckline maintains connections with students after they graduate and often writes letters of recommendations and encourages students as they seek scholarships, fellowships, internships and jobs.

Dr. Steckline has served as President of Faculty Senate, Treasurer and President of COHE and participates on the Library and Education Resources Committee and with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. He has presented at the Western Literature Association conference for 20 years and his presentations always draw a strong attendance. Dr. Steckline has been an integral part of the Honor's Program Geek Speaks. He has been actively involved with the Indian Studies program.

He has a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in Iowa City; a master's from the University of Iowa in Rhetorical Studies; and he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in speech communication and English from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo. Before joining the faculty at BHSU, Steckline taught at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa; and served as a teaching assistant at the University of Iowa.



Honorary Doctorate

Mr. Johnnie Johnson

Beginning in his childhood, Johnnie Johnson invested his life in the business of agriculture. His entire career was dedicated to agriculture and he would go on to lead a company with \$40 billion in revenue. Johnson was noted for his leadership and his depth of experience that spans from the farm gate to the international arena.

He was born in 1949 in Rhame, North Dakota, where members of his family operated a wheat farm and cattle ranch. He grew up in Spearfish and attended Black Hills State University earning a bachelor's degree in business administration and a minor in economics in 1970.

Early in his career, Johnson worked as a production supervisor and as a livestock feed salesman. He then accepted a position as a feed consultant for the former Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association. Johnson quickly rose to leadership positions and through the ranks of GTA, progressing to the position of regional sales manager and, later, director of sales of GTA Feeds. In 1983 GTA merged with another company to form Harvest States Cooperatives and had the highest revenues among cooperatives in the Midwest. In 1989 Johnson was appointed to the position of vice president and general manager of GTA.

Johnson's meteoric rise continued, when he was promoted to group vice president for the farm marketing and supply division and then CEO of Harvest States. Johnson's background in marketing was beneficial to the company and Harvest States increased its growth under Johnson's direction.

Cenex and Harvest States merged in 1998 and Johnson was named president and general manager. The two cooperatives had combined revenues of \$8.8 billion. As president Johnson led the cooperative through continued periods of growth and expansion. Johnson continued to identify new opportunities for Cenex Harvest States, which was abbreviated to CHS in 2003. Revenue tripled to \$25.7 billion at the nation's largest cooperative during the decade when Johnson was in charge.

Johnson served on the boards of several companies and associations, including Ventura Foods, the National Cooperative Refinery Association, and Rooster.com, an online agricultural network.

He retired in 2010 after 10 years as the president and CEO of CHS and an amazing career in management and leadership in agriculture.

College of Business and Natural Sciences

Commencement Ceremony | Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 9 a.m.
BHSU President Dr. Laurie S. Nichols, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL “*Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1*” by Elgar, arranged by Leavitt Roughlock Brass | Directed by Dr. Christopher Hahn, *Assistant Professor of Music*
Trumpets: Ms. Amber Dubbelde, *Music Education Major*; Dr. Christopher Hahn | *Trombone:* Ms. Gwen Hoops, *Composite Music Major* | *Bass Trombone:* Mr. Greg Roling, *Music Education Major*

Audience is requested to stand for the processional and remain standing for the presentation of colors.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Roughlock Brass

INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Laurie S. Nichols, *President*

RECOGNIZING THE CLASS OF 1970

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DOCTORATE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

President Laurie S. Nichols and Dr. Priscilla Romkema, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Mr. Johnnie D. Johnson

RETIRING FACULTY CITATIONS

Dr. Priscilla Romkema

Mr. Don Altmeyer, *Professor Emeritus of Accounting*

Mr. Don Looney, *Assistant Professor Emeritus of Management*

MUSICAL SELECTION “*When the Saints Go Marching In,*” traditional, arranged by Elkjer

Roughlock Brass

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

Mr. Don Looney

GREETINGS FROM THE REGENTS

Dr. Joan Wink, *Ceremonial Representative, Board of Regents*

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

President Laurie S. Nichols assisted by Ms. April Meeker, *Registrar*

As a courtesy to the graduating students, please remain seated until the program has concluded.

BHSU ALUMNI GREETINGS

Mr. Steve Meeker, *Vice President for University Advancement*

ALMA MATER “*Hymn to BHSU*” by E.L. McCollum, edited by Hahn

Roughlock Brass

RECESSIONAL “*Giga*” by Marcello, arranged by Stamm

Roughlock Brass

Audience is requested to be seated during the recessional.

The Graduates

DEGREE ABBREVIATIONS

MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching
MBA	Master of Business Administration
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BA	Bachelor of Arts
BFA	Bachelor of Fine Arts
BGS	Bachelor of General Studies
BS	Bachelor of Science
BSED	Bachelor of Science in Education
AA	Associate of Arts
AS	Associate of Science

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM DESIGNATIONS

I - International University Scholar

R - Research Scholar

U - University Scholar

MASTER DEGREES

Abernathy, George	MS	Integrative Genomics
Bierbaum, Darin	MS	Sustainability
Block, Lydia	MBA	Applied Management
Foreman, Alicia	MBA	Applied Management
Haxton, Kyle	MS	Sustainability
Horner, Jonathon	MBA	Applied Management
Lahr, Ryan	MBA	Applied Management
Lindbloom, Reed	MBA	Applied Management
Litz, Paige	MBA	Applied Management
Mullikin, Rylee	MS	Sustainability
Nguyen, Chi	MBA	Applied Management
Punderson, Matraysa	MS	Sustainability
Taraz, Roghayeh	MBA	Applied Management

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLARS MEDALLION CEREMONY

I	Butler, Molly	BS	Chemistry
I*	Davis, Zachary	BS	Chemistry
I***	Neumiller, Hannah	BS	Chemistry
U***	Roller, Adrienne	BS	Chemistry, Biology

*** Summa Cum Laude
Gold Cords

** Magna Cum Laude
Silver Cords

* Cum Laude
White Cords

College of Business and Natural Sciences

BACHELOR DEGREES

	Aguilar Zamora, Jorge	BS	Business Administration- Economics and Finance
**	Allen, Amber	BS	Professional Accountancy, Business Administration- Human Resource Management
	Anderson, Courtney	BS	Business Administration- Human Resource Management
***	Authier, Alicia	BS	Business Administration-Management
*	Ballard, Rachael	BS	Business Administration-Management
***	Bates, Lukas	BS	Professional Accountancy
*	Bates, Samantha	BSED	Biology
**	Beck, Ryan	BS	Business Administration-Management
**	Beckwith, Levi	BS	Business Administration-Management
	Bradsky, Isaac	BS	Business Administration- Entrepreneurial Studies
	Brink, Tayle	BS	Professional Accountancy
	Case, Bethany	BS	Business Administration- Tourism/Hospitality Management
	Chapman, Aaron	BS	Biology
	Chytka, Tucker	BS	Business Administration-Marketing
*	Clarke, Ryan	BS	Business Administration-Accounting
	Comfort, Chandler	BS	Business Administration- Economics and Finance
	Conde, Luis	BS	Business Administration-Management
	Cook, Holly	BS	Business Administration- Entrepreneurial Studies
	Davis, Katherine	BS	Business Administration-Accounting
**	de la Montanya, Nathan	BS	Biology, Chemistry
	DeJong, Alex	BS	Business Administration-Management
	Ederhoff, Spencer	BS	Professional Accountancy
	Edwards, Stephen	BS	Business Administration-Accounting
	Eissler, Tiaja	BS	Business Administration-Management
*	Enright, Cameron	BS	Environmental Physical Science
	Fidler, Madalyn	BS	Business Administration-Management
	Gamble, Tanner	BS	Business Administration-Management
	Gerry, Lee	BS	Business Administration-Management
***	Grendahl, Keith	BS	Business Administration-Accounting
	Hale Huppler, Aleisha	BS	Business Administration-Management

The Graduates

	Hanson, Millie	BS	Business Administration- Entrepreneurial Studies
	Henricksen, Breanne	BS	Business Administration- Entrepreneurial Studies, Tourism/Hospitality Management
	Heredia, Monique	BS	Business Administration-Management
**	Hollick, Emmalee	BS	Business Administration-Management, Marketing
*	Huang, Jiaxin	BS	Business Administration-Accounting
**	Ingalls, Alexander	BS	Business Administration-Management
**	Johnston, Savana	BS	Business Administration-Management, Economics and Finance, Accounting
	Kerutis, Krista	BS	Biology
	Kettlehut, Kyle	BS	Business Administration- Entrepreneurial Studies
	Klein, Austin	BS	Business Administration- Economics and Finance
	Klunder, Shalynn	BS	Biology
	Konechne, Shelby	BS	Business Administration-Accounting
*	Kotek, Tanner	BS	Business Administration- Economics and Finance
***	Kremers, Erin	BS	Professional Accountancy
***	Kucera, Jialing	BS	Business Administration- Economics and Finance
*	LaCroix, Sierra	BSED, BS	Business Education, Special Education, Mass Communications
	Langseth, Zoe	BS	Biology, Psychology
	Larsen, Dane	BS	Business Administration-Management
*	Lawrence, Amy	BS	Environmental Physical Science
**	Malm, Jessica	BS	Professional Accountancy, Business Administration- Economics and Finance
	Martinez, Alyssia	BS	Business Administration-Management, Marketing
***	McDonnell, Angie	BS	Professional Accountancy, Business Administration- Entrepreneurial Studies, Mass Communications
	McPherson, Jordyn	BS	Business Administration-Management, Human Resource Management

College of Business and Natural Sciences

	Measner, Caleb	BS	Business Administration- Entrepreneurial Studies
	Merrill, Jeffrey	BS	Environmental Physical Science
**	Messler, Kathryn	BS	Biology
	Montgomery, Aaron	BS	Business Administration-Management
	Morgan, Helayna	BS	Business Administration- Economics and Finance
	Nelson, Tavis	BS	Business Administration-Accounting
***	Nicks, Samantha	BS	Professional Accountancy
	Orgil, Temuulen	BS	Business Administration- Economics and Finance, Marketing
***	Palmer, Collin	BS	Business Administration- Entrepreneurial Studies, Marketing
	Parrish, Bailey	BS	Business Administration-Management
	Paul, Jessica	BS	Biology
	Perry, Mckayla	BS	Chemistry, Biology
***	Popkes, Dustin	BS	Business Administration-Accounting
***	Porter, Neal	BS	Chemistry
	Quenzer, Heath	BS	Business Administration-Marketing
*	Quick, Kolter	BS	Biology, Chemistry
*	Rafferty, Mark	BS	Biology
***	Raherisoanjato, Jessie	BS	Biology
	Raymond, Jaleece	BS	Business Administration-Management
	Reed, Jennifer	BS	Business Administration-Management
	Richard, Terence	BS	Business Administration-Management
**	Ruby, Aiden	BS	Business Administration-Accounting
	Ryks, Erika	BS	Biology
	Sackett, Gavin	BS	Business Administration-Marketing
**	Schmidt, Natalia	BS	Biology
	Sherman, Rachel	BS	Business Administration- Economics and Finance
**	Sin, Connie	BS	Business Administration-Management
	Smith, Ashley	BS	Business Administration- Human Resource Management
	Smith, Connor	BS	Business Administration-Management
**	Standing Bear, Cortez	BS	Biology
	Storm, Shane	BS	Business Administration-Management
**	Summers, Andrea	BS	Professional Accountancy, Business Administration-Management
**	Susel, Nolan	BS	Business Administration- Economics and Finance

The Graduates

	Thorman, Bryce	BS	Professional Accountancy
	Torczon, Madison	BS	Biology
***	VanDenHemel, Kelsey	BS	Professional Accountancy
**	Walloch, Elyssa	BS	Biology
	Wallum, Mona	BS	Business Administration-Management
	Walter, Kade	BS	Business Administration-Marketing
	Whitney-Catbagan, Christina	BS	Business Administration-Management
**	Wientjes, Racquel	BS	Business Administration- Economics and Finance
	Wintersteen, Kelsey	BS	Biology

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

	Fite, Tanner	AS	Business Administration
	Haibeck, Megan	AS	Applied Health Sciences
	Holmes, Joshua	AS	Applied Health Sciences
	Johnson, Ellen	AS	Applied Health Sciences
•	Kelsy, Kendra	AS	Applied Health Sciences
	King, Thomas	AS	Applied Health Sciences
•••	Larson, Nora	AS	Tourism and Hospitality Management
•	Littau, Gracie	AS	Business Administration
••	Rahder, Heather	AS	Applied Health Sciences
	Schacher, Alexis	AS	Applied Health Sciences
	Schmitt, Danielle	AS	Applied Health Sciences
	Stark, Megan	AS	Applied Health Sciences
	Tindall, Jaden	AS	Applied Health Sciences
	Utter, Shaelyn	AS	Business Administration
••	Yous, Katherine	AS	Applied Health Sciences

ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONOR DESIGNATIONS

••• With Highest Honor
Gold Cords

•• With High Honor
Silver Cords

• With Honor
White Cords

College of Liberal Arts

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PROCESSIONAL

Dr. Symeon Waseen, *Associate Professor of Music, piano*

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Chamber Singers

Directed by Dr. Jonathan Nero, *Professor of Music*

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DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

President Laurie S. Nichols and Dr. Romkema

Dr. Tim Steckline

MUSICAL SELECTION *"We Toast the Days"* by Linda Kachelmeier

Chamber Singers

CONFERRING OF COMMISSIONS

CPT Laura Arnold, *Assistant Professor of Military Science*

Dylan Reiners

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U ***	Christofferson, Hope	BFA	Studio Art
U ***	Erickson, Joshua	BS	History
R ***	Kemp, Katherine	BS	History, American Indian Studies
U **	Mitchell, Johanna	BS	English
U ***	Warns, Emily	BS	Mathematics, Psychology

BACHELOR DEGREES

**	Adams, Payton	BFA	Photography
***	Anderson, Chloe	BFA	Graphic Design
	Anderson, Krystina	BS	Mass Communications
*	Avila, Jack	BS	Mathematics
***	Baker, Abbigail	BA	Spanish
	Baldwin, Zoe	BSED	Mathematics
*	Bentz, Haley	BFA	Photography
**	Berger, Sydney	BS	English
*	Bloomhall, Sydney	BS	History
	Boocock, Sara	BGS	General Studies
	Borbely, Cheyanne	BS	History

*** Summa Cum Laude
Gold Cords

** Magna Cum Laude
Silver Cords

* Cum Laude
White Cords

College of Liberal Arts

*	Brown, Dakota	BFA	Graphic Design
	Carroll, Cora	BFA	Photography
	Cazer, Andrew	BS	Mass Communications
***	Clark, Vanessa	BSED	Art
**	Cline, Cody	BS	Mass Communications
	Culberson, Madison	BSED	History
	Dill, Bailie	BS	Graphic Design and Communications
**	Dohman, Maxwell	BS	Mathematics
***	Donovan, Thomas	BS	Political Science
	Downing, Tauri	BGS	General Studies
***	DuFloth, Kady	BFA	Studio Art
	Ferguson, Madison	BS	Corporate Communication
**	Finch, Benjamin	BSED	History
	Fox, Dustin	BS	History
	Gleason, Marshal	BGS	General Studies
*	Goehring, Juliette	BSED	Composite Social Science
	Haines, Carrell	BSED	History
	Ham, Morgan	BS	Mass Communications
**	Hastings, Kathryn	BS	Mass Communications
**	Hauf, Alexis	BSED	Music Education
	Henwood, Taylor	BSED	Composite Social Science
**	Hoffmann, Mallary	BSED	Music Education
*	Hoops, Gwendolyn	BS	Composite Music
**	Justin, Caleb	BSED	Composite Social Science
	Kalmbach, Kaylee	BS	Composite English
	Kessler, Levi	BGS	General Studies
**	Kline, Adrienne	BFA	Graphic Design, Studio Art
**	Kolbeck, Ivy	BS	English
*	Lutter, Chelsey	BSED	English
	McDaniel, Kerry	BS	History
	McDonald, Abigail	BS	English
	Mehlhoff, Christopher	BS	Mass Communications
	Miller, Adam	BS	History, Political Science
	Murray, Caitlin	BSED	English
	Nelles, Kyle	BFA	Studio Art
	Night Pipe, Frank	BGS	General Studies
***	Olson, Rylann	BSED	Music Education
*	O'Neal, Samantha	BS, BFA	Communication Studies and Theatre, Graphic Design
*	O'Rourke, Joseph	BS	Composite Music
***	Orozco, Lexus	BSED	English

The Graduates

	Parks, Benjamin	BS	Corporate Communication
**	Parttimaa, Noora	BS	Mass Communications
	Pierce, Lauren	BS	Corporate Communication
**	Podhradsky, Tavia	BSED	Composite Social Science
*	Pope, Nicholas	BS	English
	Poste, Kristina	BS	History
	Reger, Cheyanne	BFA	Graphic Design
	Reiners, Carol	BGS	General Studies
**	Reiners, Dylan	BS	Social Science
	Rider, Samantha	BS	Mass Communications
	Rodriguez, Ayla	BS	Mathematics, Physical Science
	Rowell, Taylor Rae	BS, BFA	Graphic Design/Communications, Studio Art
***	Skaug, Anne	BFA, BS	Studio Art, Outdoor Education
**	Soriano, Gina	BFA, BSED	Studio Art, Art
*	Stewart, Ashtin	BS	Graphic Design/Communications
	Tesch, Audra	BS	Mass Communications, Graphic Design and Communication
**	Tian, Yuan	BS	Mathematics
	Tibbetts, Melanie	BGS	General Studies
	Tivis, Isaiah	BGS	General Studies
	Trullinger, Moriah	BS	American Indian Studies
	VanVleck, Casey	BS	Corporate Communication, Mass Communications
	Warner, Beau	BGS	General Studies
	Wasserburger, Dyllynn	BSED	Composite Social Science, History
	Whitley, Trey	BS	Mass Communications
**	Wilhelmi, Thérèse	BFA	Studio Art, Graphic Design
	Ziegler, Jacob	BSED	History

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

•••	Baumberger, Lauren	AA	General Studies
	Derrek, Olivia	AA	General Studies
	Hammond, Anya	AA	General Studies
	Haushild, Levi	AA	General Studies
	Kuzmic, Kathleen	AA	General Studies

ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONOR DESIGNATIONS

••• With Highest Honor
Gold Cords

•• With High Honor
Silver Cords

• With Honor
White Cords

College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Commencement Ceremony | Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 3 p.m.
BHSU President Dr. Laurie S. Nichols, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL *"First Movement from Serenade, Op. 44"* by Anton Dvorak, arranged by Clair W. Johnson
BHSU Saxophone Ensemble | Directed by Mr. David Martinson, *Instructor of Music*

Alto: Mr. Nathan Wise, *Music Education Major*; Ms. Ainsley Nelson, *Music Education Major*;
Mr. David Martinson

Tenor: Mr. Eric Quaschnick, *Music Education Major*

Baritone: Mr. Jared Smith, *Composite Music Major*

*Audience is requested to stand for the processional and
remain standing for the presentation of colors.*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

BHSU Saxophone Ensemble

INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Laurie S. Nichols, *President*

RETIRING FACULTY CITATIONS

Dr. Priscilla Romkema, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Dr. Jim Hess, *Professor Emeritus of Psychology*

MUSICAL SELECTION *"Fly Me to the Moon"* by Cecil Mack and James P. Johnson, arranged by Jack Gale
BHSU Saxophone Ensemble

CONFERRING OF COMMISSIONS

CPT Laura Arnold, *Assistant Professor of Military Science*

Derek Vela

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

Dr. Elaine Doll-Dunn, *1979 BHSU Alumna*

GREETINGS FROM THE REGENTS

Dr. Joan Wink, *Ceremonial Representative, Board of Regents*

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

President Laurie S. Nichols assisted by Ms. April Meeker, *Registrar*

*As a courtesy to the graduating students, please remain
seated until the program has concluded.*

BHSU ALUMNI GREETINGS

Mr. Steve Meeker, *Vice President for University Advancement*

ALMA MATER *"Hymn to BHSU"* by E.L. McCollum

BHSU Saxophone Ensemble

RECESSIONAL *"First Movement from Serenade, Op. 44"* by Anton Dvorak, arranged by Clair W. Johnson
BHSU Saxophone Ensemble

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The Graduates

DEGREE ABBREVIATIONS

MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching
MBA.....	Master of Business Administration
MED.....	Master of Education
MS	Master of Science
BA.....	Bachelor of Arts
BFA.....	Bachelor of Fine Arts
BGS.....	Bachelor of General Studies
BS.....	Bachelor of Science
BSED.....	Bachelor of Science in Education
AA.....	Associate of Arts
AS.....	Associate of Science

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM DESIGNATIONS

I - International University Scholar

R - Research Scholar

U - University Scholar

MASTER DEGREES

Bengston, Myiah	MS	Secondary Education
Bott, Sandra	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Carcamo, Oscar	MAT	Special Education
Carrier, Jamiason	MS	Secondary Education
Carr-Kiprotich, Kaitlyn	MS	Secondary Education
Chap, Peter	MAT	Special Education
DeJong, Tate	MS	Secondary Education
Deurmier, Luke	MS	Secondary Education
Dupuis, Meghan	MS	Secondary Education
Gula, Cara	MS	Secondary Education
Haag, Megan	MED	Reading Education
Her Many Horses, Jennifer	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Hilkemann, Nichola	MS	Secondary Education
Howard, Matthew	MS	Secondary Education
Hunter, Samantha	MED	Reading Education
Husher, Mallory	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Hutcherson, Rachel	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Kerns, Tamara	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Lager, Mary	MS	Secondary Education
Layton, Kevin	MS	Secondary Education
Leigh, Janee	MS	Secondary Education
Lundquist, Lily	MS	Secondary Education

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Lust, Rebecca	MS	Secondary Education
Macfarlane, Mary	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Maddalena, Martin	MS	Secondary Education
McKinney, Dakota	MS	Secondary Education
Odegaard, Regan	MS	Secondary Education
Palmer, Brian	MS	Secondary Education
Pearson, Brittany	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Pesicka, Brandy	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Phillip, Kadim	MS	Strategic Leadership
Rank, Torri	MS	Secondary Education
Reihe, Rachel	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Richards, Zachariah	MED	Reading Education
Rosin, Michaela	MED	Reading Education
Roth, KayDe	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Seidler, Jill	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Shafer, Sarah	MED	Reading Education
Shaw, Samuel	MS	Secondary Education
Sidwell, Erin	MS	Secondary Education
Taylor, Isaac	MS	Secondary Education
Thomas, Jenna	MED	Reading Education
Unzicker, Tabitha	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
West, Audra	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Wicks, Karee	MS	Secondary Education

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLARS MEDALLION CEREMONY

I *	Kane, Rachel	BS	Psychology
U	Pritchard, Alicia	BS	Psychology

BACHELOR DEGREES

	Aadland, Alexander	BS	Exercise Science
	Anderson, Kayla	BSED	Elementary Education
*	Arnold, Brittney	BSED	Elementary Education
***	Bassford, Jacquelyn	BS	Psychology
	Bates, Madison	BS	Human Services
	Beasley, Shawna	BS	Human Services
	Bennett, Ciera	BSED	Elementary Education

The Graduates

*	Benson, Brody	BSED	Elementary Education
	Blake, Valerie	BSED	Elementary Education
	Bollwerk, Carlee	BS	Psychology
	Bottomley, Thomas	BS	Exercise Science
	Brotsky, Cody	BSED	Physical Education
	Bruggeman, Carmen	BS	Psychology
	Bunch, Raymond	BS	Psychology, Sociology
***	Bussinger, Riley	BSED	Math and Science Education
*	Cameron, Elizabeth	BSED	Elementary Education
	Cameron, Tyler	BS	Human Services
**	Carrier, Sandra	BSED	Elementary Education
**	Cass, Hannah	BS	Exercise Science
	Christensen, Brynn	BS	Human Services
	Christensen, Tianna	BSED	Elementary Education
	Clark, Kaylee	BSED	Elementary Education
**	Claymore, Kellen	BS	Psychology, Sociology- Law and Justice
	Cole, Lexie	BS	Psychology
**	Cooper, Woodrow	BSED	Elementary Education
	Denekamp, Samantha	BS	Sociology-Law and Justice
	Dibley, Esta	BS	Sociology-Law and Justice
	Drapeaux, Haley	BSED	Elementary Education
	Ducheneaux, Halayna	BS	Human Services
	Duerre, Chantel	BSED	Special Education
	Eining, Jacob	BS	Psychology
*	Eisenbraun, Ashley	BSED	Elementary Education
	Fischer, Elizabeth	BSED	Elementary Education
	Goddard, Isabella	BS	Psychology
**	Grussing, Randi	BSED	Math and Science Education
	Harley, Rachelle	BS	Human Services, Psychology
**	Haug, Jessica	BSED	Elementary Education
	Heid, Shayla	BS	Human Services
	Henricksen, Brittany	BS	Psychology
	Henricksen, Bryce	BS	Exercise Science
	Hills, Seth	BS	Exercise Science
**	Hoffman, Lia	BSED	Special Education
*	Hower, Hannah	BS	Human Services
*	Hudyma, Mayson	BS	Psychology
*	Irvine, Terry	BS	Psychology
	Jackson III, Hallard	BSED	Physical Education
	Janis, Koty	BS	Psychology, American Indian Studies

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**	Jensen, Jace	BSED	Elementary Education
	Johnson, Baylee	BS	Exercise Science
	Johnson, Coleman	BSED	Special Education
***	Jones, Jada	BSED	Elementary Education
	Kallhoff, Carlee	BS	Psychology
	Keith, Khiry	BS	Psychology
	Kelly, Julia	BS	Psychology
*	Kephart, Allison	BSED	Elementary Education
	Kjerstad, Brian	BSED, BS	Physical Education, Exercise Science
	Kniffen, Noah	BS	Exercise Science
	Koch, Clayton	BS	Exercise Science
	Koch, Crystal	BS	Outdoor Education, Psychology
**	Koistinen, Mikayla	BS	Exercise Science
***	Kolb, Deaundra	BSED	Elementary Education
	Kortan, Dylan	BS	Sociology-Law Enforcement and Justice
	Krauter, Sydney	BSED	Elementary Education
*	Kruse, Noel	BSED	Elementary Education
*	Kumpf, Kaitlyn	BSED	Elementary Education
*	LaCroix, Brent	BS	Psychology, Sociology
***	Langenbau, Kristi	BSED	Early Childhood/Special Education
*	Larcher, Rebeka	BS	Sociology-Culture and Society
	Larsen, Maddisen	BSED	Elementary Education
	Larson, Justin	BS	Exercise Science
	Last Horse, Summerrose	BS	Psychology
	Learn, Trista	BS	Sociology
*	Lewis, Mackenzie	BSED	Early Childhood/Special Education
	Mardian, Holly	BS	Psychology, Sociology
*	Marshik, Jennifer	BS	Human Services
*	McCarty, Jessika	BSED	Early Childhood/Special Education
	Merkle, Savannah	BS	Psychology
*	Mez, Jamie	BS	Psychology
	Miner, Alberta	BS	Psychology
*	Moe, Cassandra	BSED	Early Childhood/Special Education
	Nicholas, Hoyt	BSED	Physical Education
	O'Brien, Bailie	BS	Psychology
	Penning, Wray	BS	Exercise Science
	Peters, Courtney	BS	Exercise Science
	Peterson, Casey	BS	Psychology
	Postelnicu, Laurentiu	BS	Sociology
*	Quail, Alexis	BSED, BA	Elementary Education, Spanish

The Graduates

	Ramirez, Leticia	BSED	Elementary Education, Special Education
*	Samuelson, Megan	BSED	Elementary Education
	Schauer, Brooklyn	BS	Exercise Science
**	Schlotte, Eryn	BS	Sociology-Law and Justice, Human Services
	Schmidt, Kaylee	BSED	Elementary Education
	Sherman, Josephine	BSED	Elementary Education, Special Education
	Sieveke, Cassidy	BSED	Elementary Education
	Smith, Rebecca	BSED	Elementary Education
	Snipes, Ta'Keyah	BSED	Elementary Education
	Starr, Jynessa	BS	Psychology
*	Stone, Emma	BS	Outdoor Education
	Taylor, Colton	BS	Human Services, Sociology- Law and Justice
	Terkildsen, Nicolette	BS	Human Services
	Timm, Cooper	BS	Psychology
	Todd, Felicia	BS	Sociology-Law and Justice, Human Services
*	Tollefson, Mesa	BS	Exercise Science
	Tschetter, Haley	BSED	Elementary Education, Special Education
	Uffelman, Ashley	BS	Psychology
	Ulrich, Krista	BS	Psychology
	VanDyke, Leon	BS	Sociology-Culture and Society
**	Vela, Derek	BS	Human Services
	Vela, Tayci	BSED	Elementary Education
	Walker, Racquel	BS	Sociology-Law and Justice
	Watkins, Kyla	BSED	Early Childhood/Special Education
	Wheeler, Hudson	BSED	Special Education
	Williams, Kaytlyn	BSED	Elementary Education
***	Winckler, Karlie	BSED	Elementary Education



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HYMN TO BHSU

E.L. McCollum

We honor you B.H.S.U. Our Alma Mater

The first line of the hymn is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "We honor you B.H.S.U. Our Alma Mater".

true May we your sons and daughters be Or-

The second line of the hymn continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "true May we your sons and daughters be Or-".

daind to serve with you. Your faith as firm as the

The third line of the hymn continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "daind to serve with you. Your faith as firm as the".

pineclad hills en-dured and rises a- new. In

The fourth line of the hymn continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "pineclad hills en-dured and rises a- new. In".

lasting friendship rev'ence fills our hearts with love for you.

The fifth line of the hymn concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "lasting friendship rev'ence fills our hearts with love for you."

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