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COMMENCEMENT



December 11, 2021

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Donald E. Young  
Sports & Fitness Center

Spearfish, SD



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# HATS OFF TO YOU

# *Class of 2021*

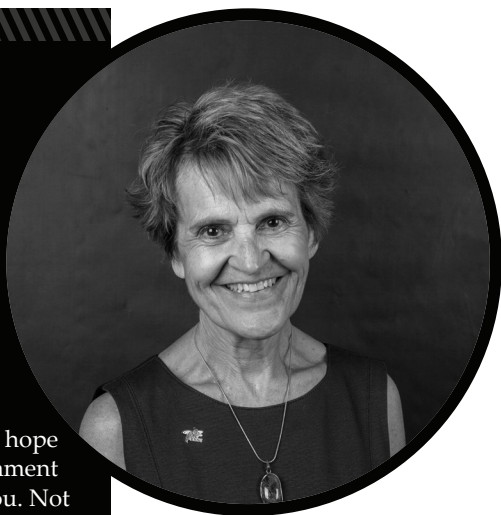
## A BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY DEGREE

is defined by student success, academic excellence, innovation,  
and authenticity. Congratulations on this momentous day and  
best wishes for your next adventure!



# President's Message

BHSU President  
Dr. Laurie S. Nichols



Congratulations, graduates!

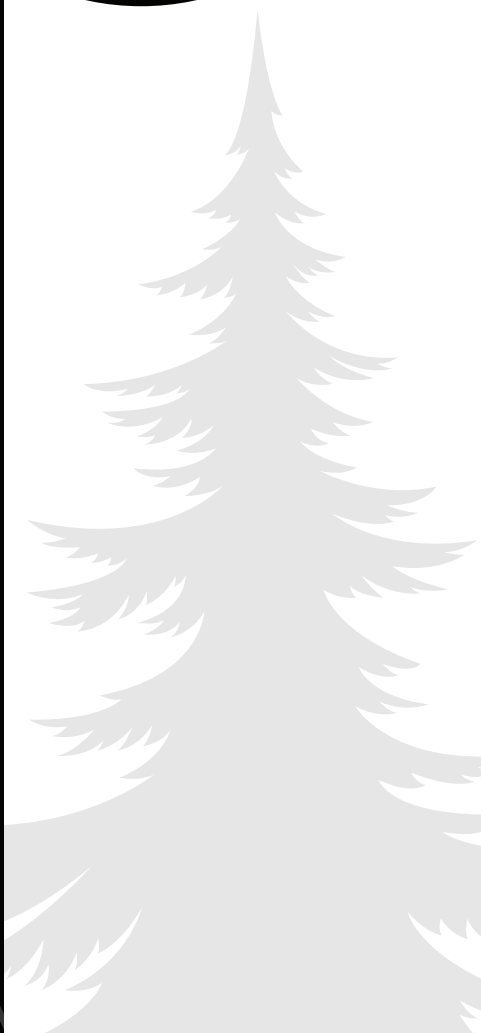
As you receive your diploma and transition from student to alumni, I hope you feel a great sense of accomplishment and excitement. We are proud of you. Not only have you achieved much, but today you begin a new chapter in your life. I hope you will find---like I did---that your degree will open doors 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 3,539 students from 66 counties in South Dakota, 45 states, and 32 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 over 60 master's, bachelor's and associate's degrees.

The campus consists of 123 acres and 23 main buildings. The most recent additions to campus are the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni-Foundation Welcome Center, Bordeaux Residence Hall and Schallenkamp Amphitheater.

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.

The University has a second location, BHSU-Rapid City, which offers daytime, evening, and weekend courses in the state's second-largest city. BHSU also recently began offering classes to the service members and their families on site at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Box Elder.

# Black Hills State University

## ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Laurie Stenberg Nichols \_\_\_\_\_ President

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## COLLEGE DEANS

Dr. Amy Fuqua \_\_\_\_\_ College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Betsy Silva \_\_\_\_\_ College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Cynthia Anderson \_\_\_\_\_ School of Natural Sciences

Ms. Laura Prosser \_\_\_\_\_ School of Business

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# Commencement Delegation

## FACULTY MARSHALS

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Dr. Charlie Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Research Officer  
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## PLATFORM PARTY

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Mr. Dick Termes \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary Doctorate Recipient  
Mr. Jim Thares \_\_\_\_\_ Ceremonial Representative, Board of Regents  
Dr. Amy Fuqua \_\_\_\_\_ Dean, Liberal Arts  
Dr. Betsy Silva \_\_\_\_\_ Dean, Education and Behavioral Sciences  
Dr. Cynthia Anderson \_\_\_\_\_ Dean, School of Natural Sciences  
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Dr. Nancy Roberts \_\_\_\_\_ President, Faculty Senate  
Mr. Keegan Baatz \_\_\_\_\_ President, Student Senate

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# 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

# Honorary Doctorate



## DICK TERMES

There have been articles written about Dick Termes, Class of '64, titled "The Spearfish Genius Who Stayed Home."

Dick, an internationally recognized artist who has his work featured in permanent collections around the world, chose to stay in Spearfish, the location that shaped him and inspired his work.

Dick developed the Termesphere concept in 1968 to capture everything above, around and below him from one point in space.

After graduating from Black Hills State with a bachelor's degree in education, Dick taught high school art and biology for four years before returning to school to receive his master's degree in art from the University of Wyoming. He then received a full scholarship to complete his Master of Fine Arts at the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles and returned to Spearfish in 1971 to teach at BHSU before deciding to pursue his art career full-time.

In 1992, Dick opened the Termesphere Gallery where thousands have been able to immerse themselves not only in the worlds Dick creates on the Termespheres but also in the scenic Black Hills that inspire him.

In addition to Termespheres being housed in numerous collections around the world, Dick's art has been featured in dozens of publications. He's also been asked to present art and math seminars all across the globe. He's received the South Dakota Governor's Award in the Arts and has been inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame.

As for Dick, he appreciates the recognitions and intends to continue to push himself creatively, saying it's unlikely that he'll ever retire.

"My main objective still is to get up in the studio. I've designed it to be a world of its own, where I get to go inside my own mind and explore what's in there. I've been able to live a life where I've gotten to play with my mind. I mean, that's the coolest thing. I play with my mind and hopefully somebody will buy whatever it is my playful mind comes up with and that's happened."

# Commencement Ceremony

Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center  
Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 10 a.m.  
BHSU President Dr. Laurie Stenberg Nichols, Presiding

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## PROCESSIONAL

Dr. Symeon Waseen, Associate Professor of Music

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

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The BHSU Chamber Singers  
Directed by Dr. Jonathan Nero, Professor of Music

## INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Laurie Stenberg Nichols, President

## CONFERRING OF HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HUMANE LETTERS

President Laurie Stenberg Nichols and Dr. Pamela Carriveau, Interim Provost and  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mr. Dick Termes

## CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

Mr. Keegan Baatz, Student Senate President

## GREETINGS FROM THE REGENTS

Mr. Jim Thares, Ceremonial Representative, Board of Regents

## MUSICAL SELECTION

The BHSU Chamber Singers  
"Lead Me On," by Brian Schmidt

## PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

President 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

Ms. Lauren Beyersdorf, BHSU Alumni Association President

## HYMN TO BHSU

Led by the BHSU Chamber Singers

*Audience is requested to stand and join in the singing  
of our Alma Mater. The words are in the back of your program.*

## RECESSIONAL

Dr. Symeon Waseen

*Audience is requested to be seated during the recessional.*

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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

## MASTER DEGREES

Coppe, Darlene	MS	Integrative Genomics
Dell, Jerrilyn	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Dickson, Noah	MBA	Applied Management
Kelly, Marsha	MBA	Applied Management
Koeckeritz, Noah	MBA	Applied Management
McCartney, LeEllen	MS	Strategic Leadership
McCreary, McKenna	MS	Curriculum and Instruction
Moran, Patrick	MS	Strategic Leadership
Munsell, Brian	MBA	Applied Management
Novikava, Tatsiana	MS	Sustainability
Odle, Katelyn	MBA	Applied Management
Ringle, Georgia	MS	Sustainability

## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM MEDALLION CEREMONY

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR

*** Hall, Hailey	BSED	History
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### RESEARCH SCHOLAR

* Schaeffer, Sarah	BS	English
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# December 2021

## BACHELOR DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

	Ambrogio, Sam	BS	Business Administration- Management
	Baker, Holly	BS	Biology
	Benford, Preston	BS	Business Administration- Management
	Bennett, Robert	BS	Business Administration- Management
*	Bierle, Sage	BS	Business Administration- Management
	Blackstone, Jacob	BS	Environmental Physical Science
	Case, Bethany	BS	Business Administration-Tourism and Hospitality Management
	Codr, Bryce	BS	Business Administration- Entrepreneurial Studies, Marketing
**	Denief, Lillian	BS	Environmental Physical Science
	Dwamena, Nana Kwame	BS	Business Administration-Marketing
	Fisher, Erika	BS	Business Administration-Marketing
***	Goehring, Grace	BS	Biology
	Goodman, Tayte	BS	Business Administration- Entrepreneurial Studies
**	Gould, Madison	BS	Biology
	Guelff, Makenzie	BS	Business Administration- Accounting
*	Hanson, Taylor	BS	Business Administration- Entrepreneurial Studies
***	Hoopman, Madison	BS	Business Administration- Management
*	Jakowicz, Alexy	BS	Chemistry
**	Jalbert, Victoria	BS	Business Administration-Marketing
	Jennings, Tarah	BS	Business Administration- Accounting
***	Lueth, Amanda	BS	Biology
	McDermott, Sierra	BS	Biology
	McTaggart, Cheyenne	BS	Business Administration- Accounting, Economics and Finance
**	Mikkelsen, Marina	BS	Business Administration-Tourism and Hospitality Management
	Monahan, Jessilyn	BS	Chemistry
	Munsterman, Holly	BS	Biology

	Nelson, Max	BS	Business Administration- Management
***	Nielsen, Juliana	BS	Business Administration- Human Resource Management
	Nolan, Bradley	BS	Business Administration- Management
	Raben, Ryan	BS	Biology
**	Remmers, Ayla	BS	Biology
*	Robinson, Xiomara	BS	Biology
	Sandrini, Grace	BS	Business Administration- Human Resource Management
	Schreiber, Brianna	BS	Business Administration- Management
	Stevens, Lathen	BS	Business Administration- Management
	Thompson, Sophia	BS	Business Administration- Human Resource Management
	Tomjack, Mercedes	BS	Business Administration-Marketing
**	Umphlett, Alyssa	BS	Chemistry
	Vance, Devyn	BS	Business Administration- Economics and Finance
	Vasknetz, Dylon	BS	Business Administration- Management
	Wood, Tabitha	BS	Professional Accountancy

## BACHELOR DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

*	Anderson, Abigail	BS	Outdoor Education
**	Bachand, Nicholas	BS	Outdoor Education
	Balken, Reygan	BS	Human Services
	Bodemann, Peyton	BS	Exercise Science
	Braswell, Brooke	BSED	Elementary Education
	Burggraff, Allysa	BSED	Elementary Education, Early Childhood Special Education
	Creed, Delany	BS	Psychology
***	Dooley, Marissa	BSED	Elementary Education
	DuBray, DonShay	BS	Psychology
*	Ernest, Paige	BSED	Elementary Education
	Finley, Kurrryn	BS	Psychology
**	Gottfried, Darian	BSED	Physical Education

	Greager, Elizabeth	BSED	Elementary Education
	Harvey, Jonathan	BS	Psychology
	Hernandez, Mikayla	BS	Exercise Science
*	Hofer, Joni	BSED	Elementary Education
*	Jares, Jesse	BS	Psychology
**	Jesseph, Jessica	BS	Psychology
	Johnson, Joel	BS	Human Services
**	Jones, Zoie	BS	Exercise Science
	Kerr, Chad	BS	Human Services
	Kitzelman, Hayley	BS	Psychology
	Kocer, Jace	BSED	Elementary Education
	Kovar, Shelbi	BS	Sociology
	Kraft, Cedar	BSED	Elementary Education
	Kuhnert, Khol	BS	Outdoor Education
**	Kukta, Katelyn	BSED	Elementary Education
	LaCroix, Beau	BS	Human Services
**	Lisenbe, Alexandria	BS	Exercise Science
**	Magilke, Dalton	BSED	Special Education
***	Markovic, Macy	BSED	Composite Early Childhood/ Special Education
	McKitrick, Quin	BS	Psychology
	Mills, Jillian	BSED	Elementary Education
**	Mitchell, Megan	BSED	Elementary Education
**	Montague, Taylin	BSED	Elementary Education, Special Education
	Mott, Sara	BS	Psychology
	Mullen, Jayd	BSED	Elementary Education
	Nelson, Kaleigh	BS	Psychology
	Opp, Stephanie	BS	Psychology
	Parks, Jacob	BS	Exercise Science
	Powell, Melissa	BS	Psychology
	Rotert, Brendan	BSED	Elementary Education
	San Miguel, Isabella	BSED	Elementary Education
**	Shallenberger, Kaitlyn	BS	Human Services
	Skogen, Heather	BS	Human Services
	Smith, Selena	BSED	Elementary Education
	Spring, Kerry	BSED	Elementary Education
**	Stiles, Austin	BSED	Elementary Education
*	Sunde, Brianna	BS	Human Services
**	Tresch, Kylee	BSED	Elementary Education, Physical Education
	Van Gelder, Holly	BSED	Physical Education

*	VanDeWiele, Cassandra	BS	Exercise Science
***	Walby, Cassidy	BSED	Elementary Education
	Wilson, Caitlin	BSED	Elementary Education
	Winkelman, Brooke	BS	Psychology
*	Zigray, Megan	BSED	Physical Education

## BACHELOR DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

	Baldrige, Jacquelyn	BS	Corporate Communication
	Bishop, Micala	BGS	General Studies
	Cisterino, Kevin	BSED	English
	Derr, Wyatt	BS	Mass Communications
	Dill, Bailie	BS	Graphic Design/Communications
**	Fulkerson, Emma	BSED	English
	Hamilton, Kira	BGS	General Studies
**	Hayashi, Hiroto	BS	English
**	Hepker, Lacey	BS	English
	Hultgren, Grant	BS	Corporate Communication
	Julius, Robert	BSED	Mathematics
*	Kilgore, Jennifer	BFA	Graphic Design
	Kowand, Madison	BS	English
***	Lundquist, Taylor	BGS	General Studies
*	Moratzka, Drazen	BSED	Composite Social Science
	Nelson, Courtney	BFA	Graphic Design
	Nept, Kannesha	BS	Political Science
*	Niska, Kaitlyn	BS	Mass Communications
	Quaschnick, Eric	BSED	Music Education
	Schouviller, Walker	BSED	History
	Sporrer, Tate	BS	History
*	Stewart, Ashtin	BS	Graphic Design/Communications
	Strouf, Haylee	BSED	Composite English
	Thompson, Amanda	BSED	Art
	Warnemunde, Amanda	BS	English
	Wesolick, Mark	BSED	History
**	Zimmer, Emma	BS	Mass Communications
**	Zwaschka, Zachary	BS	English



# ASSOCIATE DEGREES

• Birchem, Jhet	AA	General Studies
Delbridge, Triston	AS	Applied Health Sciences
Demma, Michelle	AS	Applied Health Sciences
Ebert, Jaxson	AA	General Studies
Gentrup, Jason	AA	General Studies
Hanson, Morgan	AS	Applied Health Sciences
Lenneman, Tiffany	AA	General Studies
Mattern, Allyx	AS	Business Administration
Mulford, Elizabeth	AA	General Studies
Myers, Lonnie	AS	Applied Health Sciences
Perkins, Rachel	AS	Applied Health Sciences
Pesicka, Cassidy	AA	General Studies
••• Robeson, Jonathon	AS	Business Administration
Schmitt, Danielle	AS	Applied Health Sciences
• Valentine, Scott	AS	Business Administration
Voichoski, Jorie	AA	General Studies
Webster, Kierstin	AS	Applied Health Sciences

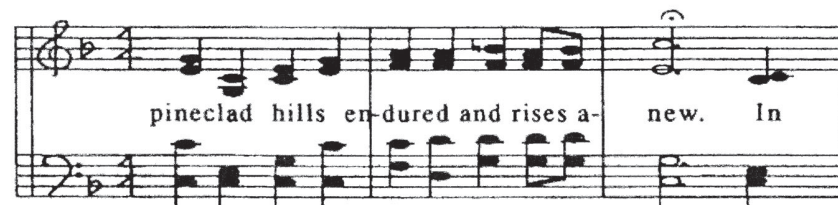
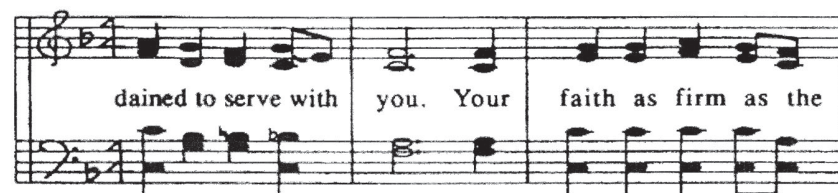
## ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONOR DESIGNATIONS

••• With Highest Honor	•• With High Honor	• With Honor
Gold Cords	Silver Stoles	White Stoles



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E.L. McCollum



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