

# Commencement Ceremony

WESTERN  
**DAKOTA**  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

# Fifty-Sixth



 Saturday, May 11

 **The Monument | Ice Arena**  
444 Mount Rushmore Rd • Rapid City, SD



# WESTERN DAKOTA

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## TECHNICAL COLLEGE

### **The Mission of Western Dakota Technical College**

Western Dakota Technical College prepares students to be highly-skilled professionals through accessible, career-focused programs to improve their lives, while adapting to community workforce needs and positively impacting our economy.



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

* Processional	“Pomp & Circumstance”
* Presentation of Colors	Rushmore Color Guard, Civil Air Patrol
* National Anthem Observance	“Star-Spangled Banner” Greg Johnson
Welcome & Introductions	<b>Ann Bolman</b> , <i>Ed.D., President,</i> <i>Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC)</i>
WDTC Board of Trustees Address	<b>Curt Pochardt</b> , <i>Board Chair</i>
WDTC Foundation Address	<b>Jonathan McCoy</b> , <i>Foundation Board Chair</i>
Commencement Address	<b>Weston &amp; Tenise Chapman</b> , <i>Black Hills Tire Owners, WDTC Alumni</i>
Presentation of Degrees	Platform Party
Conferring of Degrees	<b>Dr. Ann Bolman</b>
* Recessional	Platform Party
Ushers	<b>Kevin Brinkman</b> , <i>Student Success Coach</i> <b>Misty Watts</b> , <i>Student Success Coach</i>

***\*Audience Remains Standing***



**GOLD CORD**  
**SILVER CORD**  
**WHITE CORD**

**Summa Cum Laude**  
**Magna Cum Laude**  
**Cum Laude**

*3.9 GPA or higher*  
*3.7-3.89 GPA*  
*3.5-3.69 GPA*



## CERTIFICATES

### Business Entrepreneurship

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Liberty Dahlmann  
Joslin Jean Gross  
Mariah Janis

Micah Kooiman  
Beth Lien

### Business Social Media Marketing

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Bonnie Silver

Ashlee Brianne Vines

### Computer-Aided Design Architectural

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Brandon Bakeberg

### Electrical Trades Autonomous Equipment Technician

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Jeremy McRae  
Harrison Weber

Anthony Williamson

### Paramedic

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Elijah William Fanning  
Diego Manzo

Bradley S. Niemann

### Phlebotomy

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Isabella-Grace Harley Rae Brewer  
Stephanie Lynn Cole  
Alysha Day  
Alira Harvey

Basil Roth  
Faryn Sawyer  
Samantha Ray Smith



## DIPLOMAS

### Bookkeeping

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Brendy Lee Bergman  
Gabiella Rose Cummins  
Caitlyn Rose Ford  
Elizabeth Guzman

Brandon James Hilton  
Jacobie L. Mooney  
Molly Malloy Neer  
Sheron A. Schramm

### Business Hospitality

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Amanda Jean Bachand  
Caoilainn Jean Gray

Danielle Renee Stead

## Business Office Professional

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John Wayne Schrier

## Computer Science Information Technology Specialist

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Alexander Steven Abraham

August C. Bowman

Michael Crespo

Dylan Skylar Hottman

Bryan Thomas Kemp

Carey Eric Klapperich

Matthew Miller

Zachary Gerard Mlinar

Trevor D. Peagler

Lennon Perdue

## Construction Technology

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Kyyan Jahner

Henry Lee Kennell

Caleb Evan Schoenherr

## Dental Assisting

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Magali Ardon

Hannah Cortez

Jordana A. DeSersa

Ryleigh Harmon

Reese A. Hunsucker

Azaria Mittleider

Miranda P. Montileaux

Charlie Neiffer

Layla Caroline Red Kettle

Esperanza S. Rodriguez

Shelly Marie Saner

Lucia Vidas

Alexia Wright

## Health Information Management

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Susan Burnham

Amanda Lynne Kruse

Chelsea Steffen

Aaliyah West

## Medical Assisting

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Jadyn Walton

## Phlebotomy/Laboratory Assistant

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Alira Harvey

## Plumbing Technology

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Remington Bremer

Jameson McClain

Micah Warren

## Practical Nursing

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Madison Mary Anderson

Kristen Alyssa Bouvier-Baladez

Tonya Lynn Branum

Coral Rose Braun

Sara M. Buls

Marit Clawson

## Practical Nursing *Continued...*

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Angela Marie Cochran  
Abigail Collins  
Johanna Espina Corriea  
Kaitlyn Cribbs  
Macy Lee Davis  
Tylar Jade Dellit  
Carly DeRuyter  
Amber Lynn Donovan  
Steven Dumovich  
Hannah Marie Fischer  
Madysen Gamroth  
Jennifer Gentile  
Brooklyn Gilbert  
Brooke Anne Hanson  
Nichole Marie Hodell  
Shyann Shurae James  
Candice Nicole Leclerc  
Heidi Lorraine Lindberg  
Jessalynn Lopez-Lewis  
Leah Ivy Luebke  
Sierra Mahaffy  
Andrea Dawn Mastin  
Mandy McGriff  
Whitney E. McKee

Makenna Lee Meisner  
Shelby Rose Merrival  
Sabrina Anne Miller  
Melissa Dawn Moren  
Laura Crystal Morterud  
Natalie Nedved  
Hannah Elizabeth Norris  
Brooke Lee Outka  
Rachel Perkins  
Jenna LeeAnn Pollock  
Keaunna Poor Bear  
Glenn Paule Roque  
Stefanie F. Simmons  
Seth Simunek  
Bernadette Marie Stelzle  
Jennifer Streeter  
Adrienne Coleen Takusi  
Aly Venegas  
Lydia N. Vennell  
Brianna Marie Vocu  
Grace Wick  
Amelie Grace Wilcox  
Patricia Colleen Wiles  
Joshua Williamson

## Precision Machining Technology

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Ethan Eliason

Micaela Zachmeier

## Welding and Fabrication

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Gabriel G. Adams  
Dylan Beaver  
Tanner Brunskill  
Logan Cruz Cole  
Grant Fritz  
Ethan Grams  
Avery Jonathon Jensen  
Benjamin L. Johnson  
Warren Johnson  
Maxwell Alexander Kishiyama  
Collin James McCracken

Porter Muck  
Adam Willam Patton  
John Kevin Primo  
John Kurt Primo  
Jayce Rhoden  
Garrett J. Rhoe  
Gauge Ross  
Teigen Schuchhardt  
Gregory Swanson  
Taylor Marie Wagner



# ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES

## Accounting

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Gabriella Rose Cummins  
Shaley Josephine Dirk  
Caitlyn Rose Ford  
Heather L. Grace

Brandon James Hilton  
Jordan Mathews  
Brian Sanders

## Allied Health

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Olivia Michele Cain  
Sara Ellen Clifford

Shaley Josephine Dirk

## Allied Health Emphasis in Practical Nursing

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Madison Mary Anderson  
Tonya Lynn Branum  
Coral Rose Braun  
Carly DeRuyter  
Amber Lynn Donovan  
Brooklyn Gilbert  
Nichole Marie Hodell  
Whitney E. McKee  
Makenna Lee Meisner

Sabrina Anne Miller  
Rachel Perkins  
Jenna LeeAnn Pollock  
Glenn Paule Roque  
Stefanie F. Simmons  
Bernadette Marie Stelzle  
Jennifer Streeter  
Lydia N. Vennell  
Patricia Colleen Wiles

## Automotive Technology

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Jasten R. Casey  
Quinn Ernst  
Caleb Shane Mastalir  
Caden C. Parnow  
Dathan P.W. Price

Taylor L. Sever  
Bennett Edward Christian Solay  
Caine W. Svarstad Jr.  
Justin Cord Yurisich

## Business and Technology

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Casey Daniel Aaberg  
Veronica Mae Burchett  
Kendra L. Lambert  
Mariah Mitchell  
Jaime Robert Quinn

Laurie Reinhardt Reif  
John Wayne Schrier  
Tiffany Shot With Two Arrows  
Lance William Sutter

## Computer-Aided Design

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Courtney R. Brinkman  
Tracie Lynn Crawford  
Carson H. Frink  
Brandon Scott Gayton  
Robert MacLanders

Ryan Miles  
Aubrey Redinger  
Christien Robison  
Angela Ashley Rosencranz  
Rachelle Anne Williams

## Computer Science Information Technology Specialist

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August C. Bowman  
Austin Evans  
Dylan Skylar Hottman  
Lance Allen McNeese

Zachary Gerard Mlinar  
Trevor Moore  
Lennon Perdue  
Kalob Seal

## Criminal Justice

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Megan Kay Bernal  
Austan Hartnek

Jillian L. Simunek  
Sydney Sobolewski

## Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Emphasis

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Kelsee M. Colgrove  
Tate Allen Fremo

Matthew Dontae Wambli Rencountre  
Jaerek Thorn

## Diesel Technology

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Colton Ceplecha  
Joshua Chandler  
Conner Clausen  
Caleb Wayne DeGarmo  
Kaleb James Entzi  
Kaeman Hendricks

Daniel Joseph Knottnerus  
Matthew Ray Marrs  
Austin J. McMillin  
Connor Michale Powell  
Zane Stehman  
Levi Glenn Weller

## Drafting and Machining Technology

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Diego Arguelles  
Robert William MacLanders

Jacob Ruffatto

## Electrical Trades

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Connor Brings Plenty  
Joey Dean Burrows  
Dylan Davidson  
Justin Ray Doyle  
Brennan Keown Duncan

Joel David Feria  
Brock Foster  
Trevor J. Getty  
Michael Herman  
Cash Johnson



## Electrical Trades *Continued...*

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Kayden Jones

Mark Anthony Pico

Wyatt Powers

Gabriel Brian Raney

Akira Kyle Richards

Eric Alan Snoozy

Breanna Kay Wetzel

Renegade Wooden Knife

## Environmental Engineering Technician

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Adam Haiar

Casamera King

## Health Information Management Coding Specialty

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Susan A. Burnham

Tiffany Rose Tuttle

Victoria York Rennell

Aaliyah West

Chelsea Steffen

## HVAC/Refrigeration Technology

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Ren Davies

Ashton Timothy Pfitzer

Jantzen R. Fisher

Kolton T. Reid

Austin Ross Hillestad

Jorge Ivan Ucan Yupit

## Library Technician

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Bruce Eric Brown

Brooke Camille Redder

## Meat Processing

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Dillon Kammerer

Alexander Douglas Short

## Medical Laboratory Technician

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Erin Rebecca Drury

Danielle Hetland

Anna Hammond

Corey Peck

Barry Hanson

Andi Lawren Stone

Mary Heberling

## Paramedic

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Blake Ethan Buckley

Thomas Edward Miles

Christina Butler

Amber Nicole Simmonds

Matthew Helling

Clayton W. Spencer

Nicholas C. Kochutin

Braydon Steuck

Genesis Mata

## Registered Nursing

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Tyler Bilbruck  
Julianne F. Blakeman  
Shari Lynn Bradstream  
Kelsie Kristen Dellos  
Zetadell Myrrh Depositario  
Karissa Briann Duncan  
Tennison Easton  
Teagan Marae Engel  
Brittney Frasier  
Denielle Andrea Gallardo  
Jordan Marie Hanley  
Jessica Ann Hanson  
Amber N. Jatczak  
Jennifer Nicole LaBrie  
Kyleen Kay Liebig  
Brittany Mechaley  
Stephanie Mendez

Lisa Miller  
Stacy Ann Ott  
Bradley J. Painter  
Crystal Rice Probst  
Kiara A. Rath  
Anna J. Rosencranz  
Raven Rush  
Alex John Spencer  
Julie Ann Swan  
Linda Jo Swier  
Corrine Thompson  
Jaeden Vaden  
Basil Daniel Wabuge Wangukwa  
Jesse Weber  
Sara Elizabeth-Ashton Weber  
Alexis Wiebe  
Danielle Marie Yuhas

## Surgical Technology

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Desiree Diehl  
Aaliyah Hope  
Louis Mehlhaff  
Bailey Quinn

Breanna May Schaefer  
Rebecca Cheryl LeAnn Shuck  
Peyton Renae Weiler  
Alexis Breanne Wylie

## Technical Studies

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Joni Renae Johnson

Jakob Thomas Schaffer

## Welding and Fabrication

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Gabe G. Adams  
Dylan Beaver  
Tanner Brunskill  
Alyssa Dikoff  
Jeren Ennen  
Maxwell Alexander Kishiyama  
Jonah Lewis

Adam Willam Patton  
Tyler S. Percy  
John Kurt Primo  
Garrett J. Rhoe  
Gauge Ross  
Nathan Storch



# OUTSTANDING GRADUATES

**Brian Sanders**

*Accounting*

**Courtney Brinkman**

*Computer-Aided Design*

**Quinn Ernst**

*Automotive Technology*

**Jeremy McRae**

*Autonomous Equipment Technician*

**Laurie Reinhardt Reif**

*Business and Technology*

**Austin Evans**

*Computer Science*

**Jillian Simunek**

*Criminal Justice*

**Kelsee Colgrove**

*Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement*

**Charlie Neiffer**

*Dental Assisting*

**Daniel (Joe) Knottnerus**

*Diesel Technology*

**Diego Arguelles**

*Drafting & Machining Technology*

**Breanna Wetzel**

*Electrical Trades*

**Susan Burnham**

*Health Information Management*

**Jorge Ucan**

*HVAC/Refrigeration Technology*

**Brooke Redder**

*Library Technician*

**Danielle Hetland**

*Medical Laboratory Technician*

**Amber Simmonds**

*Paramedic*

**Tylar Dellit**

*Practical Nursing*

**Marit Clawson**

*Practical Nursing*

**Patricia Wiles**

*Practical Nursing*

**Micaela Zachmeier**

*Precision Machining Technology*

**Crystal Probst**

*Registered Nursing*

**Julie Swan**

*Registered Nursing*

**Aaliyah Hope**

*Surgical Technology*

**Alyssa Dikoff**

*Welding & Fabrication*

## AMERICAN TECHNICAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (ATEA) AWARDS

**Innovation in Technical Education Award Winner**

**Rick Hamilton** | *General Education Math Instructor*

**Outstanding Technical Teacher Winner**

**Danielle Beaulieu** | *Registered Nursing Instructor/Coordinator*

**Outstanding Industry Partner, Silver Star of Excellence Winner**

**Floyd's Truck Center**

**Outstanding Technical Student Nominee**

**Austin Evans** | *Computer Science*

**Outstanding Technical Program Nominee**

**Computer Science**

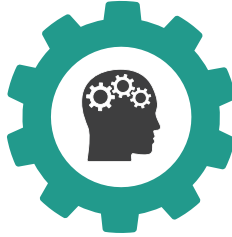


# Professionals Program

*Providing a well-rounded experience to prepare students for a successful future.*



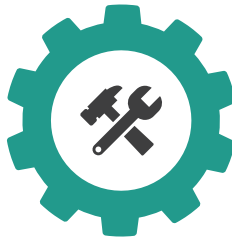
**Communication**



**Critical Thinking**



**Professionalism**



**Technical Skills**



## PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM GRADUATES

**Courtney Brinkman**  
*Computer-Aided Design*

**Olivia Cain**  
*Allied Health*

**Jordan Hanley**  
*Registered Nursing*

**Danielle Hetland**  
*Medical Laboratory Technician*

**Leah Luebke**  
*Practical Nursing*

**Matthew Rencountre**  
*Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement*

**Anna Rosencranz**  
*Registered Nursing*

**Jakob Schaffer**  
*Technical Studies*

**Corrine Thompson**  
*Practical Nursing  
Registered Nursing*



**TEAL CORD**

**Professionals Program Graduate**

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



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### Weston & Tenise Chapman, Owners, Black Hills Tire

Weston and Tenise Chapman are not only successful business owners but also dedicated community stewards. Both graduates of Western Dakota Tech, Weston and Tenise built their Rapid City business, Black Hills Tire, into a thriving local enterprise. Their commitment to the region runs deep, evident in their remarkable giving throughout 2023.

The Chapmans' passion for empowering the next generation led them to found Camp DRIVE, a nationally celebrated youth program offering hands-on experiences in the automotive field. Their leadership earned Black Hills Tire both the Elevate Rapid City Small Business of the Year (2023) award and the prestigious South Dakota Broadcasters Association Community Enhancement Award.

In addition to Camp DRIVE, the Chapmans have created and funded two Western Dakota Tech scholarships that are awarded annually, as well as being a Build Dakota Scholarship Industry Partner.

Beyond their business and community efforts, Weston and Tenise find joy in camping adventures with their beloved Bernadoodles, Bee and Bel - a testament to their love for the outdoors and the simple pleasures in life.

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Area Schools Board  
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Association*



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Nisland  
*Farmer,  
Former South Dakota  
State Representative*



**Brad Heltzel**  
Philip  
*Plant Superintendent  
at Scotchman  
Industries, Inc.*



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Rapid City  
*Community Affairs  
Manager for  
Black Hills Energy*



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Hot Springs  
*Executive Director of the  
Southern Hills Economic  
Development Corporation*



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**Andy Scull**  
Rapid City  
*President & Site Work  
Specialist for Scull  
Construction*



**Steve Willard, Ed.D.**  
Belle Fourche  
*Superintendent of  
the Belle Fourche  
School District*

## **Program Not an Official Graduation List**

*Efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of this program, but print deadlines can impact inclusion of names, or might result in the publication of names of those who have not completed graduation requirements. Official degree honors for diplomas and transcripts will be determined after final grades are reported. This printed program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's academic or degree status. Western Dakota Technical College's official registry for conferral of degrees is the student's permanent academic record, kept by the Registrar's Office.*

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