

Commencement Ceremony

WESTERN
DAKOTA
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Fifty-Fifth



 Saturday, May 13

 10 am

 The Monument | Ice Arena

444 Mount Rushmore Rd • Rapid City, SD



WESTERN DAKOTA

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 and Circumstance”
* Presentation of Colors	Civil Air Patrol
* National Anthem Observance	“Star-Spangled Banner” Grace Trandahl, <i>Practical Nursing Program Graduate</i>
Welcome & Introductions	Ann Bolman, Ed.D., <i>President,</i> <i>Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC)</i>
WDTC Board of Trustees Address	Curt Pochardt, <i>Chair</i>
WDTC Foundation Address	Daryl Mecham, <i>Foundation Vice-Chair</i>
Commencement Address	Steve Allender, <i>Rapid City Mayor</i>
Presentation of Degrees	Platform Party
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Ann Bolman
* Recessional	Platform Party
Ushers	Kevin Brinkman, <i>Student Success Coach</i> Darienne Oard, <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

Jody L. Carlson
Codi Gregg

Mikayla Sunding
Olivia Grace Zwetzig

Business Social Media Marketing

Maggie Gould

Chaplin James Harris

Construction Technology

Christopher Neil Boyer
Drason Cole Craig
Joshua Ray Fox
Stephen Wayne Lufkins
Richard Joseph Mayer

Joseph Paul Sowards
Chloe Simone Thome
David Edward White, Jr.
Franklin James Whiting, Jr.
Jonathan Paul Young

Electrical Trades Autonomous Equipment Technician

Samuel Luke Martin
Gannon David Pudwill

Levi Thompson
Matt Kenneth Williams

Medical Assisting

Kelly Jo Adrian
Kristin Earwood
Matthew Fakan

Jada Alexis Olson
Johanne Peldo

Paramedic

Robert Anthony Espinosa
Matthew James Simmonds, Jr.

Kelsey Rebecca Stevens
Cheyenne Shae Weston

Phlebotomy

Alexis Allen
Abbygail Bingham
Madison Lea Brown
Alysha Day
Erin Rebecca Drury
Anna Hammond
Barry Hanson
Danielle Joy Hetland
Ariana Nichol Judd

Olivia Nicole Mass
Genesis Mata
Tristan Neuneker
Aleeca Jean Pribyl
Theresina Ann Seaman
Marc Sipma
Andi Stone
Jennah Leah Whirlwind Horse
Emma Mae Wilhelm



DIPLOMAS

Bookkeeping

Caitlyn Mae Anderson
Gabriella Rose Cummins
Shaley Josephine Dirk
Lindsay Marie Dommer
Breauana Wjynema Glover
Heather Grace
Brittany Annastasia Gross
Jessica Lee Harrison
Emily Jane Johnson
Kassandra Ashleigh Kingrey
Ashley Jean Lauen

Jordan Pearl Mathews
Nikki Jean Matson
Jacobie L. Mooney
Molly Malloy Neer
Katelyn Marie Palmer
Erica Irene Peterson
Joni Renae Pinkerton
Brian Joseph Sanders
Kylie Layne Teller
Joel Laurence Way
Donna Zuniga

Business Hospitality

Chyann Cody
Amanda Jean Nelson
Amy Powell

Summer Lynn Sandmeier
Melanie Small

Business Office Professional

Haylee A. Crossman

Melissa Eileen Kinser

Computer Science Information Technology Specialist

August Christian Bowman
Jennifer Rose Challender
Nicholas Tyler Edwards
Dixie Ann Ehlers
Austin Evans
Stephen Michael Tyler Hennies
Joshua Timothy Kjellerson
Lance Allen McNeese

Matthew James Miller
Trevor Layne Moore
Don T. Peagler
Kalob Chandler Seal
Jordyn David Simmering
Gage Anthony Tracy
Stuart Roland Traversie, Sr.
Owen Chase Wisser

Construction Technology

Drason Cole Craig
Lan A. Ford
Marcus Hegel

Zachary Nesland
Chloe Simone Thome
Jonathan Paul Young

Dental Assisting

Kirsten Amber Anderson
Avery Grace Bunch
Christina Elnora Burger
Tiah Holt
Sierra Jack
Maelli Jane Opal Jensen
Morgan Kristine Krull
Alyssa Marie Mergenthal

Kaitlin Elaine Mitchell
Kylie Deshane Randall
Jaclyn Marie Reiner
Mercedes Starkweather
Jaedyn Strand
Taylor Jade Uhre
Autumn Wilson

Health Information Management

Kayla Lynn Benson
Ursula Michael LaCroix
Victoria York Rennell
Cortlyne Ann Rystrom
Katalena Belle Solano

Tiffany Rose Tuttle
Tamara Waldrop
Aaliyah West
Jennifer Lynn Winther

Library Technician

Bruce Eric Brown
Megan Grace Lefers

Brooke Redder

Meat Processing

Austin Clay Faber

Conner Rothmund

Medical Assisting

Kristin Earwood
Matthew Fakan
Jada Alexis Olson

Johanne Peldo
Jadyn Walton

Pharmacy Technician

Bradi Lynn Herman

Phlebotomy/Laboratory Assistant

Alexis Allen
Ariana Nichol Judd

Olivia Nicole Mass
Jennah Leah Whirlwind Horse

Plumbing Technology

Grant Wayne Darrow
Alexander Charles Hamaker
Greg Hamblin

Bruce Hise, Jr.
Jeromey Zweber

Practical Nursing

Jami Kay Albrecht
Taylor Rae Bell
Siama Tamar Bickell
Melissa Jeanne Carlson
Davin Michael Compton
Nina Elizabeth DiSalvo

Jaclyn Duarte
Melissa Rae Dukes
Morgan Marie Fahey
Allitney Lorn Forkner
Brittney Nicole Frasier
James Wesley Geibel

Practical Nursing

Raelynn Renae Graham
Presley Madison Gruba
Catherine JoAnn Harding
Kacie Gene Harrison
Stacy Lynn Held
Brooke M. Hochstetter
Airika Jensen
Rachel Eleanor Johnson
Sarah Elizabeth Jordan
Stephanie Nicole Kearns
Karina Lopez
Michele M. Mamula
Tristan Lorraine Mausser
Dietric McConnell
Blake Jenessa Mehlberg
Ashley Nicole Meier
Chehala Renee Meyers
Peyton Elizabeth Mollman
Miranda Tiffany Morris
Jace Nelson
Okwudili Dominic Ogbozor
Alexice Rene Olson

Mallory Ann Perry
Christina Rae Pudwill
Kiara Rath
Cailyn Ratzsch
Morgan Raeann Roos
Macey Rae Schmidt
Jamie Lynn Shoop
Mya J. Simon
Bradley Robert Stover
Julie Swan
Linda Jo Swier
JaNohn Kay Thacker
Trista Mae Thompson
Amy Timm
Kaitlyn Elaine Totten
Grace Mae Trandahl
Jaeden Jean Vaden
Basil Wangukwa
Heidi Marie Weber
Jesse Weber
Rebekah Faith Wood
Kennedy Charity Wright

Precision Machining Technology

Diego Arguelles
Keegan Jay Britton
Nicholas Torrion Colbert
Caullin Patrick Dierkhising
Ryder Allen Ladner

Jeremy Jay Lewis
Robert William MacLanders
Mason Lane Nash
Cody John Nelson
Bailey Bryan Urbaniak

Welding and Fabrication

Garrett James Atchley
Dylan Beaver
Gaylan Mato Black Horn
Elijah Joe Burdick
Caden Carlson
Luke Casey Chiolis
Alyssa Dikoff
Jeren Thane Ennen

Adam William Patton
Tyler Scott Percy
Joseph Wallace Pinkerton
John Kurt Primo
Barrett Sanders
Connor John Schmitz
Gregory Vincent
Jared Allen Von Wald



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES

Accounting

Mikkal Black
Breana Wjynema Glover
Brittany Annastasia Gross
Kristina Renee Hague
Kassandra Ashleigh Kingrey
Ashley Jean Lauen
Tiera Nikodym

Katelyn Marie Palmer
Eric Michael Shay
Kylie Layne Teller
Justice Anne VanThuyne
Joel Laurence Way
Whitney Riel White Eyes

Allied Health

Sara Ellen Clifford
Lindy LaVina Doyle
Kyleen Kay Liebig

Isaiah Iwan Snead-Weasel Bear
Jaeden Jean Vaden

Allied Health Emphasis in Practical Nursing

Jami Kay Albrecht
Melissa Jeanne Carlson
Brittney Nicole Frasier
Alisha Lavonne Gonzalez
Raelynn Renae Graham
Catherine JoAnn Harding
Stacy Lynn Held
Jennifer Nicole LaBrie
Kyleen Kay Liebig

Chelse Lynn Manwell
Chehala Renee Meyers
Mallory Ann Perry
Kiara Rath
Julie Swan
Linda Jo Swier
JaNohn Kay Thacker
Jesse Weber
Sara Elizabeth Weber

Automotive Technology

Christian Chandler Baker
Tristen Michael Beal
Jason Andrew Bowles
Adrian Kiley Cox
Christopher William Dalluge
Tyler Ray Fitzner
Micah Kooiman
Isaac Wayne McKenney

Skyler M. Mellor
John Andrew Moench
Jason Linneweber
Waylon Warren Pourier
Austin David Semmler
Jackson David Shankle
Kylan Tulle Smith
Jesse Aaron Thunderhawk

Business and Technology

Katelyn R. Bennett
Chloe A. Drolc
Michael Andre Duty
Aaron John Hanson
Ariel Jackson

Autumn Jakopak
Melissa Eileen Kinser
Lexi Jean Scott
Kari L. Siebert
Kylie Layne Teller

Computer-Aided Design

Spencer Mecham Anderson
Zane James Austin
Craig Allen Buckley
Owen Lee Hoops
Curtis J. Reisenauer

Careen Marie Smith
Elijah Calvin Stomprud
Yancy Dallon Swift
Shalie Marie Weaver

Computer Science Information Technology Specialist

David Jeffrey Bonner
Jennifer Rose Challender
Thomas Daniel DeJong
Nicholas Tyler Edwards
Dixie Ann Ehlers
Danielle Nicole Garland
Preston William Garr
Scott Johnson
Joshua Timothy Kjellerson
Justus Conrad Kramer
Matthew James Miller

Jayden Lee Hendrick Nagel
Jeromy Daniel O'Dell
David A. Sorensen
Justin Ray Stender
Grayson Parker Tech
Anthony Tracy
Stuart Roland Traversie, Sr.
James Samuel Walker
Steven Erwin Wingler
Owen Chase Wisser

Criminal Justice

Hanna Marie Beckstrom
Madisen Lynn Hankins
Aaron Patrick Hill
Donna LaMont

Deidra Nicole Long
Trinity McCrary
Samantha Nelson

Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Emphasis

Taylor Amalee Marrie Anderson
Ruth Burgos-Martinez
Sienna Joleigh Hatten
Justice Jones
Aidan Mcquade Martin
Phillip Troy Monk
Kuwaaupe Fredrick Julius Morris

Janae Madison Olson
Jared Benson Sailer
Andrew Thomas Stroup
Leslie Jean Torres
Tylor Richard Trautner
Xavier Alexander Young

Diesel Technology

Cole Franklin Battle
Carlos Manuel Gonzalez
Jace Riley Klempel
Nicholas Paul Krebs
Cooper Daniel Lindskov
Nathanial Russell Malone

Paitonne Timmy Palmer
Jordon Daniel Rewerts
Kaden Riley Schauer
Dylan Russell Schumacher
Clayton James Smith
John Harold James Walz

Diesel Technology Industrial Maintenance Technician

Joshua Chandler

Connor Michale Powell

Drafting and Machining Technology

Keegan Jay Britton
Nicholas Torrion Colbert
Ryder Allen Ladner
Jeremy Jay Lewis

Mason Lane Nash
Cody John Nelson
Dylan Joseph Schmitz

Electrical Trades

Laeton Andrew Anderson
Austin Caine Bahr
Kaid Morgan Campbell
Logan Eddie Crisman
Luke A. Jensen
Hunter Mathew Parks

Tyson Delbert Robinson
James Scott Rogers
Gabriel Duane Shagla
Jace Junior Wetzler
Jett Hansom Wetzler

Environmental Engineering Technician

Michaela Jade Collins
Tate Cullers
Gregory Rafael Gonzalez
Tate Curtis Helfenstein
Beth Ellan Hodges

Cory Dean Iwan
Jake Paul Miller
Sharyl Stokes-Drain
Jade Marie Tucker

Environmental Engineering Technician

Controlled Environment Agriculture

Elizabeth Elise Crumb
Michele Lee McCarty
Jesse Joseph Oliveto

Garret Arbor Ristau
Bert Twiggs

Farm and Ranch Management

Ty David Fuoss

Race James Garvin

Crystal Judith Livermont

Health Information Management Coding Specialty

Kayla Lynn Benson

Madison Love Hewitt

Erin Lynn Jensen

Ursula Michael LaCroix

Serena Ann McKinstry

Laura Quasney

TLana L. Red Cloud

Cortlyne Ann Rystrom

Katalena Belle Solano

Jennifer Lynn Winther

HVAC/Refrigeration Technology

Justin Thomas Burnham

Daniel Robert Courtney

Dawson Kyler Craig

Aaron Klaas Daum

Justin Garrett Ellis

Melina Onyia Lynn Hatfield

Richard Warren Long

Raul Roger Rojas

Kevin Brodey Buxbaum Skogen

Library Technician

Megan Grace Lefers

Medical Laboratory Technician

Joseph Henry Amiotte

Alisha Kay Berndt

Abbygail Bingham

Madison Rose Eisemann

Presley A. Foudray

Rebecca Amanda Freeman

Madyson Rachel Gese

Kelcey Shane Hayes

Hope A. Jones

Stephanie May Lawrence

Neal Porter

Miae Choi Yadao

Holly Joy Ziegel

Paramedic

Elijah William Fanning

Jazlyn N. Kleinschmit-Millhouse

Emily Denise McGuire

Sierra Jade Morrison

Clayton Walter Spencer-Pennington

Registered Nursing

Josephine Athieno
Theresa Bartels
Kailee R. Bertch
Tonya Bloom
Taylor Breeann Bone
Jessica Ann Casjens
Amber Lea Charles
Jasmine Skye Derby
McKenzie Leigh Doto
Cherise Marie Evans
Amy LeAnn Fedorkowicz
Ariana Alexandra Ferreira
Madelyn Morgyn Fisk
Taylor Marie Hickson
Jessica Ann Howard
Charles Thomas Hughes, Jr.

Briana Johnson
Teshia Larsen
Tatiana Lazari
Stefanie Moak
Madison Paige Petrotto
Paige Alexandra Poulsen
Jayde Elizabeth Puck
Krystin Grace Ragsdale
Jessica Jo Schmidt
Lesli Aileen Schneider
Jaci Rose Skillingstad
Jessie Rose Stearns
Renaë Ann Wetch
Stephanie Allison Winckel
Kayla Wulf
Angela Michelle Yuronich

Surgical Technology

Emme Lee Berglund
Esmeralda De Anda-Meza
Mackenzie Nikol DeBerg
Stefanie Lyn Doaty
Madison Marie Estey
Taylor Sharae Foss
Mariah Elizabeth Harder
Sophie Jean Milenkovich

Shanea Lea Schmidt
Izabelle Marie Smith
Stevie Tebben
Megan K. Timm
Karralynn Grace Uthe
Samantha Lee Wagner
Madison Wolfe
RyLee Nikohl Wolken

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Cale Kenneth Benson
Gaylan Mato Black Horn
Corey Brown
Dylan John Buechler
Elijah Joe Burdick
Carson M. Daulton
Braevry Davis
James Stewart Farby
Jared Hannon
Ro Mae Hedrick

Dominic Elias Janis
Brody William Kaup
Jaden Lee Schmidt
Connor John Schmitz
Jaxon Cade Tabert
Hunter Cole Two Eagle
Nakiah Lynn Valandra
Jared Allen Von Wald
Taysen Samuel Weber
Lex Marton Zuniga



OUTSTANDING GRADUATES 2022

Ashley Lauen

Accounting

Micah Kooiman

Automotive Technology

Kylie Teller

Business & Technology

Owen Hoops

Computer-Aided Design

Jeromy O'Dell

Computer Science

Tom DeJong

Computer Science

Donna LaMont

Criminal Justice

Andrew Stroup

Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement

Nick Krebs

Diesel Technology

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Mason Nash

Precision Machining Technology

Amber Charles

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Elijah Burdick

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AMERICAN TECHNICAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (ATEA) AWARDS

Outstanding Technical Student Award Winner

Kuwaaupe "Julius" Morris | *Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program*

Outstanding Technical Instructor Award Winner

Roger Habermann | *Assistant Director of Medical Simulation*

Outstanding Technical Program Award Winner

Practical Nursing

Outstanding Industry Partner – WDC Award Nominee

Black Hills Tire, Weston and Tenise Chapman

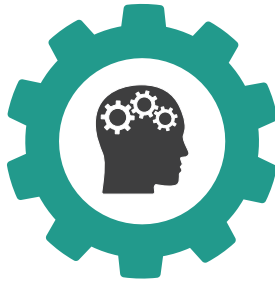


Professionals Program

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



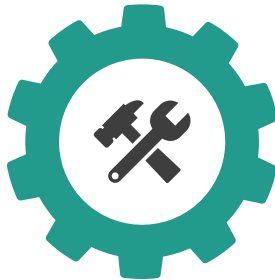
Communication



Critical Thinking



Professionalism



Technical Skills



Cultural & Global Awareness



2023 PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Christian Baker

Automotive Technology

Kailee Bertch

Registered Nursing

Tonya Bloom

Registered Nursing

Dawson Craig

HVAC/Refrigeration Technology

Drason Craig

Construction Technology

Tate Cullers

*Environmental
Engineering Technician*

Stefanie Doaty

Surgical Technology

Cherise Evans

Registered Nursing

Ariana Ferreira

Registered Nursing

Tyler Fitzner

Automotive Technology

Allitney Forkner

Practical Nursing

Rebecca Freeman

Medical Laboratory Technician

Beth Hodges

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Emily McGuire

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Sophie Milenkovich

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Jace Nelson

Practical Nursing

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Jaden Schmidt

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Shanea Schmidt

Surgical Technology

Careen Smith

Computer-Aided Drafting

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Mercedes Starkweather

Dental Assisting

Megan Timm

Surgical Technology

Chloe Thome

Construction Technology

Stephanie Winckel

Registered Nursing

RyLee Wolken

Surgical Technology

Jonathan Young

Construction Technology



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Steve Allender, Rapid City Mayor

Steve Allender is a native South Dakotan and was raised in a military family. After his father retired from the Air Force, his family moved to Belle Fourche, where Steve attended grade school through high school.

Allender began his career in law enforcement in 1983 working for the Belle Fourche Police Department. In 1985, he joined the Rapid City Police Department (RCPD) and spent the next 29 years serving as a patrol officer, detective, sergeant, crime lab director, lieutenant, captain and eventually chief of police. He retired from the RCPD in May 2014.

In June 2015, Allender was elected Mayor of Rapid City. He has a Bachelor's degree in Management and has attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Shirley, and they have two adult children.

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Former South Dakota
State Representative*



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Lynn Kendall
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Manager for
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Southern Hills Economic
Development Corporation*



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Rapid City
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City Area Chamber of
Commerce; Retired*



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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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