COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Presiding ................................................................. Ronald E. Thomas, Ph.D.,
College President

Processional ................................................................. “Pomp and Circumstance”
by Sir Edward Elgar

Pledge of Allegiance .................................................... Andrew Chernisky,
Student Senate President

Welcome and Introductions ........................................ Ronald E. Thomas, Ph.D.,
College President

Greetings from the MnSCU Board of Trustees ..................... Duane Benson,
Board of Trustees,
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Recognition of Honor Students ....................................... Kelly Murtaugh, Ph.D.,
Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

Dave Schroeder Outstanding Student Awards ...................... Bill Eilers,
Chair,
Faculty Shared Governance Council

Outstanding Alumni Award ........................................... Sharon LaCombe,
Vice President of Institutional Advancement

DCTC Advocacy Award ................................................ Ronald E. Thomas, Ph.D.,
College President

Spirit of DCTC Award ................................................ Ronald E. Thomas, Ph.D.,
College President

Commencement Address .............................................. Brandon Johnson,
Leadership Facilitator,
The LifeSkills Center for Business Leadership

Presentation of the Class of 2011 .................................... Kelly Murtaugh, Ph.D.,
Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

Conferring of Degrees and Diplomas ............................... Ronald E. Thomas, Ph.D.,
College President

Recessional .............................................................. (Please remain seated)
OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Each year Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) recognizes outstanding graduates in honor of the college’s former president, Dave Schroeder, who served from 1970-1999. Students are nominated by faculty and staff for their involvement and participation at the college, academic performance and service to the community.

BRIDGETT WILLCOX
MAJOR: BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY

An amazing DCTC success story, Bridgett Willcox has turned a natural aptitude for electronics into an A.A.S. degree in biomedical equipment technology. Bridgett came to DCTC as a displaced worker with a degree in electronic technology from NEI plus a strong background in computers, audiovisual solutions, and animal care at veterinary clinics.

The mother of three daughters, identical twins, Deborah and Caitlin, age seven, and Leah, age nine, Bridgett landed not one, but two internships through the BMET program, one at HealthEast in Eden Prairie and one at DaVita, a leading national kidney care provider. She credits much of her success at DCTC to TRiO Student Support Services and her involvement on campus. Bridgett is a charter member of the DCTC Campus Lions Club and a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Beta Theta Tau Chapter.

Bridgett’s long-term goals are centered on achieving a management role in the biomedical equipment industry—perhaps in the area of veterinary medicine.

ADAM KOENIG
MAJOR: GRAPHIC DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

A student for all seasons, Adam Koenig maintained a 3.94 GPA while remaining exceptionally active as a student leader on and off campus. As the president of the Student Senate, Adam took a lead role in a number of key initiatives at DCTC, including the campus-wide tobacco ban and Student Life Center remodel. He helped coordinate and execute such events as American Red Cross blood drives, Military Family Day and Card Your Valentine.

Adam continually advocated for DCTC students at the campus, MnSCU and state levels by participating in Rally Day at the Capitol, consulting on tuition rates, attending monthly MSC-SA meetings, and co-chairing the Student Life Budget Committee. He filled an important role in implementing the DCTC Green Campus Commitment, working with the Salvation Army Food Shelf and Valley Natural Foods to promote reusable shopping bags and sustainability.

Employed at the DCTC Wellness Center, Adam still found time to assist the Admissions department during Tuesday Campus Visits and CARS. He also volunteered to speak to high school students about making the most of the college experience.
The chief technology officer at Comcast holds one of the most critical positions in the cable industry. Tony Werner, a DCTC alumnus, has owned the job since 2006, making decisions that influence not only the direction of a corporation with total assets topping $118 billion, but also how and where consumers around the globe will use the Internet, make and take phone calls and access their favorite cable TV programming.

In the case of cable television, the industry shimmered to life in 1948 as the answer to dismal over-the-air reception experienced by households in remote or mountainous areas of Arkansas, Oregon and Pennsylvania. By the early 1960s, nearly 800 systems were delivering cable programming to 850,000 subscribers.

When Tony Werner arrived on the threshold of the cable industry in 1977 after graduating early from DCTC, the country had almost 16 million cable subscribers and Ted Turner had just launched the first national superstation, WTCG-TV, which later became WTBS.

Tony’s contributions to his industry have not gone unnoticed. In 2000, he received the NCTA Vanguard Award for Science and Technology for his work at TCI and AT&T Broadband. In 2006, he was named CED Man of the Year, an honor bestowed by Communications, Engineering & Design Magazine. In October of 2010, he was inducted into the Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame during the 20th annual ceremony at the Waldorf Astoria in New York.

Tony has two channels of advice for students and graduates considering lucrative careers in a technology-based field. His first recommendation links individual growth to a company’s growth. “Find an industry that’s growing. It’s hard to grow personally if your company isn’t growing.”

His second recommendation concerns the pursuit of knowledge. “Find something that inspires you,” he said. “Find something that keeps you learning and digging.” In Tony Werner’s life, that tireless quest for new ideas and new technology guided him to the pinnacle of his profession.
A technological vanguard on a global scale in designing, producing and servicing breakthrough nanoindenters and nanomechanical test instruments to support industrial, academic and government innovations in the area of material research, Hysitron, Inc., based in Eden Prairie, Minn., has brought the wonders of nanotechnology to the scientific community since 1992. As Hysitron’s president and cofounder, Tom Wyrobek excels as a business-orientated and technically astute manufacturer. Tom brings more than 30 years of accumulated knowledge and expertise as well as a wealth of industry relationships to the exceptionally promising field of nanotechnology. Highly respected worldwide, he is a proven champion in the advancement of the emerging science of nanomechanical test instruments.

One of 30 companies that helped develop the curriculum of the college’s groundbreaking Nanoscience Technology program, Hysitron collaborates with academics and researchers around the world. Thanks in part to Hysitron’s contributions, DCTC hosts the Midwest Regional Center for Nanotechnology Education, better known as Nano-Link, which represents a partnership involving six colleges across the upper Midwest with the goal to promote nanotechnology education at multiple grade levels by providing comprehensive resources for students and educators. In addition to supporting nanotech education in Minnesota, Hysitron has delivered nanoindenter systems on six continents and its scientists have produced hundreds of research papers and numerous patents in the nanotech field.

Tom Wyrobek enhances his leadership role through his command of engineering design, total process control and zero defect production of precise components, assemblies and instrumentation. With an unwavering commitment to the science of nanotechnology, Tom underwrites and supports students, conferences and research projects around the world. He is a member of the Materials Research Society, American Vacuum Society, American Society of Mechanical Engineering, Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers, International Disk Drive Equipment and Materials Association, Defense Alliance of Minnesota, and Minerals, Metals & Materials Society. He also serves on the boards of three corporations and two nonprofits.
SPIRIT OF DCTC AWARD

The Spirit of DCTC Award recognizes individuals who have contributed selflessly to the college mission while showing boundless support for student success in the classroom and beyond.

BARA ARENS


Artist and illustrator Bara Arens understands that teaching is a two-way street. Bara taught visual merchandising and applied visual arts at DCTC for 33 years. Her memories from that time center on her students. She taught them the art of art and they in turn helped shape her own artistic vision.

After retiring in 2004, Bara set about rekindling her own creative career. Inspired by her heritage—her grandmother was Lakota—and the mystical integrity of the Native American people, she recently completed the first edition of a children’s book series called Crossing Crow Creek.

In the early 1970s, Bara redirected her creative gift to teach art and design at the collegiate level. She started her career at DCTC before the college had a main building. In fact, she was the 13th person hired by the college and taught her first classes in a vacant U.S. Army barracks.

One of the pivotal rewards of enrolling in the Applied Visual Arts program at DCTC is the chance to build relationships with fellow artists. Competition and camaraderie are integral to any shared creative setting. New students—whether homeschooled, high-schooled, college-educated or already working professionally—discover they are suddenly in the company of exceptional artists with abilities that challenge their perceptions of art, including their own artwork.

Once retirement entered the picture, Crossing Crow Creek emerged as Bara’s tour de force, the work of art she had been safeguarding in her dreams for more than three decades. Written and illustrated by Bara, the children’s book series tells the stories of American Indian and American pioneer children playing and learning together in the Northwest Angle on Lake of the Woods. The series began when Bara discovered six Native American child figurines that inspired her to explore her deep connection to an indigenous community Canadians call First Nation.

In the preface to her six-book series, Bara writes: “The stories emphasize the spiritual lessons that the children came to learn by interacting with each other. It was a happy time for them, when the pleasures of life went hand in hand with the hard chores of survival.”

In certain ways, that interaction symbolizes Bara’s teaching legacy at DCTC. Lessons were shared—and it was a happy time. “I’ve learned everything I know from my students,” Bara said. “And through my children’s books, I’ve found a way to continue teaching.”
Brandon Johnson recently made a powerful impression on 16 DCTC students who participated in a Leadership from the Heart seminar presented by LifeSkills Center for Business Leadership. The two-day experiential workshop was geared to self-discovery, including realizing the power of leading yourself so others will follow. Read on to learn more about Brandon in his own words:

I have always wanted to help people—in any way, shape or form. What I have learned throughout my journey is that I can't help anyone or anything unless I was constantly growing. After reading a book called Flight of the Buffalo in 1997, I was committed to taking control of my own destiny to create the best life for myself, my family and those that I have the opportunity to serve. In that book there was a statement, “Understand that I am the problem. Accepting that enables me to be the solution.” And from that day forward I have been on a mission to learn about life and then to do my very best to share my knowledge, experience and insights so that others may have a better life for themselves and the people around them.

Passion: Love what you do. DO IT! Love who you are. BE IT!

I was honored and humbled to have been named an Emerging Leader by Twin Cities Business magazine because of how I demonstrate pure passion for everything that I do—personally and professionally. I have been fortunate to become a highly sought-after speaker and leading expert in strategies for personal, student, and organizational leadership, success, and happiness. My unique perspective comes from my research and experience that includes being a restaurant GM at age 23, a national management training and recruitment director for Famous Dave’s BBQ at 27, an executive director at 31, CEO/business owner at 35, and a college instructor at the University of Minnesota at 37—all while maintaining a healthy personal and family life. I am honored and excited that you are here, if there is ever ANYTHING I can do to serve you on your journey to success and happiness, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me—I am here to serve the world.
A traditional academic procession introduces the commencement exercise. The procession is led by the faculty followed by the graduates.

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at graduation ceremonies in American colleges are the direct descendants of the everyday costumes worn in the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries. The wearing of distinctive apparel as an indication of scholarship and academic rank was adopted in the United States in the early 1900s.

The cap worn almost universally in processions is the Oxford cap, better known as the mortarboard. The mortarboard is square to symbolize a book. At Dakota County Technical College, it is tradition for students to wear the tassel at the right of the cap for the processional and during the awarding of diplomas. After all students have received their diplomas, the graduates, led by the president of the college, switch the tassel from right to left.

The style of the gown is significant. Graduates earning diplomas and associate or bachelor degrees wear gowns with long and pointed sleeves. The master’s gown has a long closed sleeve, square at the end. The doctor’s gown is characterized by a voluminous bell-shaped sleeve with three velvet bars. The colors of the bars are usually the colors of the academic discipline in which the degree is granted, but may be black.

In the United States, Pomp and Circumstance has come to be associated almost exclusively with the graduation ceremony. Originally titled Orchestral 39, the score was composed by Sir Edward Elgar in 1901, expressly for the coronation of Edward VII.

Phi Theta Kappa
Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is an international honor society for two-year college students. PTK was established more than 70 years ago. It is an organization of academically achieving students dedicated to the four hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. The Dakota County Technical College chapter, Beta Theta Tau, was proudly chartered on December 10, 1999. To be eligible for membership, a student must be currently enrolled, have accumulated 12 credits of course work that could be applied toward an associate degree, and have achieved a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average. Graduates who are Phi Theta Kappa members are listed in the program with † by their names.

Graduates with Distinction
Students graduating with a 4.0 G.P.A. as of the end of the most previous term are listed in this program with ** by their name.

Graduates with Honor
Students graduating with a 3.5 G.P.A. as of the end of the most previous term are listed in this program with * by their name.

The students listed in this program are candidates for graduation. Diplomas will be sent in 10 -12 weeks to graduates who have completed all their requirements.
Accounting Faculty:
Leo Chambers
Doris K. Loes
Marie Saunders
Lyle Stelter
Patti Weigand

Accountant A.A.S. Degree
Angela Cline*
Olga Vlada Evseeva*
Angela Firkus†
Jenna Lee Forcelle†
Katelyn Fritzen
Carrie Rae Gappa*
Jessica Ibarra-Ortega*
Lynette Rae Kedrowski**
Laurie Lares**†
Adam Grant Larson*
Deborah McGill**
Thu Thanh Thi Nguyen
Henry Ngisa Nyandwaki*
Annie Pepera
Mitchell Potter†
Travis Reynolds*
Brooke Rice
MyLinda Marie Rudolf†
Lindsay Schiller*
Bashir Abdullaziz Sheikh
Henok Tesfaldet
Rebekah Marie Voight**†
Jennifer Marie Waltman*
Roberta Warnke

Accountant Diploma
Lena C Edward**
Olga Vlada Evseeva*

Account Clerk Diploma
Devin Paul Flagg
Katelyn Fritzen
Larry Moehring**
Patta Xayachack

Applied Visual Arts Faculty:
Carl Nelson
Gwen Partin

Applied Visual Arts A.A.S. Degree
Ron Janzen*
Lisa M Kokkeler
Brandon Landers

Architectural Technology Faculty:
Beverly Claybrook
Paul Karlson

Architectural Technology A.A.S. Degree
Matthew D Tigan†
Jeffrey L Weingartz

Architectural Technology Diploma
Michael Pues

Auto Body Collision Technology Faculty:
Scott Logan
Gerry Rainford

Auto Body Collision Technology A.A.S. Degree
Christopher Ryan Larson
Matt McKinstry
Harrison E Roske
Chad J Sands*
Robert Vovk*

Auto Body Collision Technology Diploma
Michal Albers
Jake Bergman*
Anthony Berry
Ryan E Dohmen
Scott A Johnson
Cody Leonard
Michael Plote**
Trevor A Timm

Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) Faculty:
Mark Hickman
Tim McCluskey

**Distinction   * Honor   †Phi Theta Kappa
Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) A.A.S. Degree
Andrew Rothgarn
Marshall Streeter*

Automotive Technician
Faculty:
Mark Brantner
Jeff Copeland
Bob Engberg
Sam Olson

Automotive Technician A.A.S. Degree
Eric Mark Anderson
Adam J Baker
Rafael DomingoCall*
Ulises Garcia Lara*
Rob A Hancock
Awbre Toryano Dru Henry*†
Richard Jalbert*
Michael Patrick Kelly*
Ryan Michael Liggett
Shawn J Merrill
Tony Mitchell
Khantanh Pradichith
James R Sirba*
Ross Stigself*
Lucas John Thayer
David Thongsavath
Drew Zastera

Automotive Technician Diploma
Cody Crouch
Noel Ruiz Genis
Richard Jalbert*
Patrick LaQua*
Wesley N Moolah
Andrew Sequist
Mikhail Vavrinyuk*

Biomedical Equipment Technology
Faculty:
Steve Bezanson

Biomedical Equipment Technology A.A.S. Degree
Catherine Joanna Becker*
Elijah Combay*†
Gary Deel!!†
Cody Alan Degroot**†
Victor Emigh**
Jeanna Endres
Glenn E Erickson*

Biomedical Equipment Technology Certificate
Christopher Gerald Scherr*

Business
Faculty:
Scott Gunderson, Chair
Roselee Lee
Carie Statz
Harold Torrence
Bob Voss

Business A.S. Degree
Bryenne Albright
Sophia Khun
Desiree Kmetz
Levi Kuehn
Sarah L LaVoie*†
Christine Marie Olson*
Steve R Raddatz*
Zachary Alan Schneider*
Kayla Jo Snapp
Nicholas Wade Steuer
Jonathan Thompson
Anthony Walker
Olga Zaytseva*

Business Management A.S. Degree
Nikolai Jorgen Kleven**
Business Entrepreneur
Faculty:
Bob Voss

Business Entrepreneur Certificate
Daniel Bolling*
Kathleen Burke*†
Annika Dushane
Aaron Steven Kummrow
Brian David Macioch
Shaun Myrold*
Heather Michelle Shade**
Heather Lynn Valek
Vangneng Xiong*

Child Development
Faculty:
Jill Behnke
Dawn Braa

Child Development A.S. Degree
Wendy Joy Appel*
Jennifer Blom**†
Laurie Case
LaQuisha Crowder
Hannah Decklever*†
Baily Alexis Martin
Jacqueline Nicole Nygaard
Kirstin Pearson**
Cera Ann Steffen**†
Amy Lynn Zander*

Child Development A.A.S. Degree
Alyssa Cranor*
Rebecca A deWidt
Tawna Rae Little
Alicia Moss*
Jessica Penney*
Kaylee E Raisl
Amber Marie Ross
Shauna L Thilmany*
Kimberly Kreis Wessel

Child Development A.S. Degree
Lynn Marie Kokal*
Bailey Alexis Martin

Child Development Diploma
Shauna L Thilmany*

Child Development Certificate
Nicola Dawn Gagner
Cera Ann Steffen**†
Shauna L Thilmany*

National Child Development Certificate
Jennifer Gowin**

Civil Engineering Technology
Faculty:
Tim Gillette, P.E.
Alan Hancock, P.E.
Travis Van Nester, P.S.
Chris Winter, P.E.

Civil Engineering Technology A.A.S. Degree
Michael Biegel
Nicholas A Deane*†
Habtamu Gudissa Deme*
Stephen Foreman*
Michael Kuzma*
Joshua Kylander*
Andrew McCoy*
Joseph Miles*
Thomas Mitchell Strid*
Richard Yost*

Concrete & Masonry
Faculty:
Paul Geisler

Concrete & Masonry A.A.S. Degree
Jan Suzanne Holloway*
Kyle Ramthun

Concrete & Masonry Diploma
Dylan James Alexander
Kevin Wallace Gunderson
David R Jacobs*
Andrew Jensen
John Krause*
Anthony Martini
Marcus Pennington
Zachary Wayne Schmitz
Jason Schultz
Patrick Todd
Kyle A Wilcoxson

Dental Assistant
Faculty:
Marcia Kangas, D.D.S.
Jaime Pieper
Diana Sullivan

Dental Assistant A.A.S. Degree
Jan Adams
Mikayla Berge
Kelsey Kay Carolfi
Breanna Chandler*
Elena G Damyan
Darin Dorschner
Arica Jean Ekstrom†
Tara Johnson
Erinn Kassube
Jennifer McKeag
Elizabeth Meyer
Sara Ann Mode†
Krystal Nordaune
Kasondra Cheirrie Rogers
Tina Simpson
Phoularn Julie Soukchareun
Brittany J Stanfield
Tracy Troesken

Dental Assistant Diploma
Ariel Burke
Kimberly Jane Erlandson*
Krystal Foss
Nichole Lynn Heim*†
Sarah Janssen
Nicole Jones†
Molly Mae McPherson
Megan O’Toole
Antoinette Perron*†
Jayme Price
Larisa Reznikova
Cassandra Schoenrock
Tasha Schommer
Mallory Shell
Sara Willits

Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology
Faculty:
Mike Buck
Don Deutsch
Ronald Gruenes
Bruce Hansberger
Robert Knutson

Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology
A.A.S. Degree
Christopher Dale Heusinkvelt*
Joshua Kaup
Jacob Luedtke*
Christopher Meyer*
Travis Joe Nesler
Ryan Pelant**
Greg Quist
Jonathan Riebel
Jaren Schmieg
Michael J Vestal

Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology Diploma
Matt T Blazina
Duff C Brune†
Andrew Mark Jeurissens

Electrical Lineworker
Faculty:
Steve Addy
Claus Newman

Electrical Lineworker
A.A.S. Degree
Joseph Andrist
Shawn D Bailey
Elliot Robert Evenson
Patrick Y Gingles
Andrew Lynch
Travis Michael Miller*
Tanner Joseph Miller*
Trent Petersen
Joe Snyder
Christopher John Stanton
Luke Waxan
Joshua J Wilwerding
Tanner L Winter*

Electrical Lineworker Diploma
Thomas D Abbott
Robert James Adamson
Patrick A Akins
Brady Allan Bigalk
J Boyles
Alan Virgil Dicke
Lance Diderrick
Garett M Doffing
Michael Charles Eineke
Jared John Gagne
Steven Garrison*
Jonathan Wade Hart
Michael Francis Kocak
Blake Richard Krey
Marshal Madery
Joshua Charles Mills
Jordan Mlodzik
Jared Todd Ortgiesen*
Johnathon J Packard
Jacob D Pelach
Dylan Joseph Ploub
Jonathan Rex Powers
Jeremiah J Schwingle
Dennis R Seurer
Logan Timothy Snyder
Cole Tyler Solmonson
Tyler Spinler
Jordan Storms
Shane Joseph Thompson
Aaron P West
**Exercise & Sport Science**
Faculty:
Sara Woodward

Exercise & Sport Science A.S. Degree
Emily Drake*†
Michelle A Frey*†
Summer Marie Groth*†
Jesse Jensen
Shea Moyer
LeAnn Niebur*†
Amanda Olsen*†
Leslie C Reynolds
Cody R Schlawin
Michael Valenti
Spencer von Behren*†

Exercise & Sport Science A.A.S. Degree
Brittany Megan Darst
Emily Drake*†
Ashley Hannan
Kelsey Vorrie*†

Advanced Personal Training Certificate
Summer Marie Groth*†

Community Coaching Certificate
Summer Marie Groth*†

Geriatric Health and Fitness Certificate
Emily Drake*†
Summer Marie Groth*†
Amy Mentes*†
Kelsey Vorrie*†

Group Fitness Certificate
Emily Drake*†
Summer Marie Groth*†
Ashley Hannan
Amy Mentes*†
Kelsey Vorrie*†

Personal Training Certificate
Emily Drake*†
Summer Marie Groth*†
Ashley Hannan
Jesse Jensen
LeAnn Niebur*†
Kelsey Vorrie*†

**Graphic Design Technology**
Faculty:
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DeAnn Engvall
Connie Larson
Mary Megan
Peter Skoro

Electronic Publishing A.A.S. Degree
Brian A Christensen
Patricia A Leaf†
Joyce Ludwig*†
Patricia J Schliesman*†
Rachel Sydow*
Emily Trandem*†
Alicia Liza Witherill**†

Graphic Design Technology A.A.S. Degree
Amanda Ruth Abramson*
Melissa Jo Beaudry
Brian A Christensen
Liliya Dolgolevich*
Ryan Engstrom*
Jaime Lynn Hammer*
Adam A Koenig*†
Lauren Melissa LaPanta
Annette Larson*
Joyce Ludwig*†
Carlos Eduardo Merino Maestre
Kelly Morgen
Jeni Phu
Karen Margaret Ramsell*†
Patricia J Schliesman*†
Kristina Marie Schoenke*
Emanuel Suarez
Rachel Sydow*
Emily Trandem*†
Hilary L Whitaker*
Alicia Liza Witherill**†
Stephanie Wynia

Multi-Media and Web Page Design A.A.S. Degree
Clayton Carlson
Ty Franzoni
Vanessa Sherri Lace Green
Martha Jane Hiltner*†
Paul Lampland*†
Patricia A Leaf†
Joyce Ludwig*†
Jeni Phu
Hilary L Whitaker*
**Heavy Construction Equipment Technology**
Faculty:
Roger Gartner
Dan Ruzicka

Heavy Construction Equipment Technology
A.A.S. Degree
Bradley LeRoy Baron
Travis Boyd
Patrick DeBaere
Benjamin Graff
Nick J Haugen
Matthew DeWayne Hover
Brian Miller
John L Suder
Joseph Daniel Sullivan
Andrew James Tilbury
Joseph Valiant

Heavy Construction Equipment Technology
Diploma
Christopher Elliott
Tyler Landman
Dylan Nystuen

Heavy Construction Equipment Technology
Certificate
Bryce Triemert

**Heavy Duty Truck Technology**
Faculty:
Ken Klassen
Rich Otteson

Heavy Duty Truck Technology A.A.S. Degree
Phillip John Jesinoski
Stephen D Runkle

Heavy Duty Truck Technology Diploma
Brian Anderson
Asa Shane Denton
Brock Eidahl
Keith Huber
Jimmy Duku Jame
Tony David Linehan

Truck Fleet Maintenance Certificate
Thomas M Peterson

**Information Systems Management**
Faculty:
Nathan Blommel
Darryl Erickson
Betty Krueger
Judy Sudendorf
Paul Tranby

Information Systems Management A.A.S. Degree
Oleg Antonov
George Bittar
Rebecca Anne Brouwer†
Sabrina Fifer
Andrew M Freier
Katie Grage†
Mark Maher
Dominic Rene Ostberg†
Christian Ridley†
Ashley Kay Sullivan
Dustin James Thompson
Jason Andre Vandal†
Meseret Zeru†

Networking Administration A.A.S. Degree
Catherine Joanna Becker*
Steven Bertsch
William A E Bluhm
Michael Buesgens
Jacob Thomas Demko
Kevin M Dray†
Ryan Elsen*
Ian Floyd Ferenz
Carlos R Gonzalez
Todd Holman
Tyler R Holman
Benjamin Jurek
Joseph Kluender
Caleb A Knutson
Jesse Edward Mattila†
Evans Hilary Kibagendi Mounde*
Dominic Rene Ostberg*
Paul Ostbee*
Dan Penn
Carlos Eladio Reyes Favila*
Jesse Rodriguez†
Chad W Senne
Dustin James Thompson
Jason Andre Vandal†
Justin Webb

Software Development A.A.S. Degree
Krystal Benedict
William A E Bluhm
Philip Carroll
John Gutenkauf
Mark Maher
Jason Radosevich
Derek M Syhre
Networking
Administration Diploma
Steve Brose
Ross David McLellan*†
Blake Savage
Christopher John Watson*†

Web Developer
Diploma
Jason Radosevich

Interior Design
Faculty:
Coco Early
Anne Farniok
Brenda Higgins
Katharine Huus

Interior Design
A.A.S. Degree
Teresa J Antonneau*
Gina L Atkinson*
Nicholas Bollenbach
Gusta G Carr III
Kathleen T Erwin*†
Michelle Hearon
Sadie Holte
Elizabeth Hynes
Sarah Lynne Jones*
Jessica M Kidd*
Sandra C Kloncz*
Denise Konder
Emilia Korf
Lacey J Kotval*†
Tammy Marie Lamers*†
George Lopez
Anna Claire Mccarty
Michael W Moody
Shannon Ratey
Julie A Robertson
Curtis Dean Rottweiler
Deborah Steling*
Kate VanWatermulen

Landscape Horticulture
Diploma
Alex Rischette

Landscape Horticulture
A.A.S. Degree
Cary Wynne Anderson*
Allen Friedges
Katherine Gelhaye*
Racquel Currie
Jason Haugen
Jeremy Hogan
Veronica Johnson
Cynthia Johnston*
Alison Kirwin*
Matthew Leifeld
Alex Lance Lydeen
Donald Petersen*†
Sarah J Peterson*
Breanna Pool*
Jamie G Wilcenski
Carrie Ann Willig
Michael Wilson

Marketing & Sales
Faculty:
Carie Statz

Marketing A.S. Degree
James Bittancourt
Kristi Maria Bluhm*
Matthew Dybedahl
Laurissa A Holmes

Business Marketing
Specialist A.A.S. Degree
Justin M Anderson†
Nathan Douglas Gerlach
Tamara L Schultz*
Kelly June Spiess
Chun Fai Tse

Marketing Design
Specialist A.A.S. Degree
Laura Lynn Murphy*
Roger D Olsen*

Marketing Communications
Specialist Certificate
Laurie Ann Prior*
Annie Rumley**
Khristin Sutton*

Sales Specialist
Certificate
Kristin M Schlueter

**Distinction    * Honor    †Phi Theta Kappa
Medical Assistant Faculty:
Kathleen Tettam
Patrice Nadeau
Margaret Noirjean

Medical Assistant A.A.S. Degree
Kimberly J Anderson**
Lyndsey Belbeck
Jill Benson
Lana Bowser
Matthew Joseph Brunette
Catherine M Cleaveland
Cathy Comeaux
Darcy Dress
Christine Michelle Gallagan***
Maria Goolsby*
Rebecca Lynn Hart
Megan J Jilk
Stephanie Lynn Jorgensen†
Kristine Marie Kittelson†
Terri Lee Koy*
Barbara Pape***†
Roxanne Pierzyna†
Katherine Poe*
Courtney Elizabeth Rustad*
Kathleen M Tettam
Katie Marie Topp
Stephanie Tourville
Jonathon Tudino
Ernestine Washington
Tracy Wasilowski
Peggy Yunker

Medical Assistant Diploma
Daniela Bauer†
Cathy Comeaux
Teresa Poirier Dodge
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