

Senior Awards Recognition

Larry J. Robinson Center for the Arts
Friday, May 15, 2026



ORDER OF CEREMONY

Introductions and Welcome	Dr. Erin Klingenberg Interim Vice President for Student Affairs
Presentation of Awards	VCSU Staff & Faculty
Closing Remarks	Dr. Allen Burgad '89 Interim President
Commencement Reminders	Kim Svenningsen-Hesch '91 Assistant Director for Advancement & Alumni Relations

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

➤ Honor Graduates 2026

Presenters: Mr. Cory Anderson '89, Dr. Allen Burgad '89 and Mr. Larry Brooks

Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors, 3.90 to 4.00)

Stacy Lynn Allard	Elijah Dean Leik
Brooke Tenley Anderson	Emma M. Lucas
Madison Rose Anderson	Hadlee Mathias
Olivia Kay Anderson	Maria Medower **
Terrance Michael Buckley	Elizabeth Margaret Michael **
Sydney Jo Carlson	Lauren Vivian Miller
Delani Laura Clarke	Sarah Catherine Monilaws
Thomas Edward Cox	Mackenzie Leigh Motter
Tara Jo Dahl **	Emma Elizabeth Muggli
Abigail Marie Dick	Hannah Lynn Nelson
Emma Morgan Dockter	Abigail Paige Nordstrom
Alex M. Drafke	Ryenne Claire Pehl
Garrett Nicholas Dykstra	Kara Pranzo
Landen James Eback	Janna Jo Preteau
Maggie Rae Fennern	JayCee Jo Richter
Morgan Freije **	Kaden M. Rozdeba
Macy Ann Fridgen **	Taia M. Rude **
Kelsea Gehling	Abigail Elaine Sather
Madison P. Giesler **	Isabel Lee Schmidt
Danielle Hagler	Kelsey L. Schulz **
Sadie L. Hansen **	Atibordin Sophonsakulrat
Thomas D. Haught **	Zach St. Aubin
Bethany Anne Hellem **	Maia Staiger
Marlee Ann Hetletved	Alyssa Catherine Thomsen
Emma M. Heyen **	Halley Jean Thoreson
Patrick David Hohe **	LilyBeth Kathleen Townsend
Kaitlyn L. Homola **	Annika Brelene Van Peurseem
Amelia Louise Johnson	Delaney Lee Vilhauer
Brinklyn Mercedes Johnson *	Trista RaeAnne Weigelt **
Merik Ray Junker	Yasmine Wells
Joesi Klein	Madison Marie Wilhelmi
Grace N. Kroshus **	Ellie J. Wilson **
Mary G. LaDue **	Elizabeth K. Woodward **

Magna Cum Laude (with high honors, 3.75 to 3.89)

Olivia Jaclyn Avdem
Bailee Banet*
Haylee Barker **
Nila F. Bashqawi **
Carla E. Bjornson **
Sophia Catherine Boe
Rebecca Bohrer
Ella Johanna Boucher
Elle K. Bruggeman **
Bella Jeanette Carlson
Anthony James Clark
Natalee Cook **
Carter A. Gill **
Madelyn Ann Groven
Lauren Jamie Haugen
Alec Kwo *
Michelle Lee Landsverk
Tilda Mauritzson
Kailey Mae McKinnon **
McCoy Jason Mohl
Hannah E. Nenow **
Krista Danielle Nord
Lelani P. Privratsky **
Grace E. Reep **
MacKenzie Arin Rist
Zachary William Rostvet **
Morgan Lee Sanow
Sydney Jo Schill **
Anja Rae Schmeichel
Eve M. Scott **
Madison Beth Spacher
Morgan Stangler
Autumn S. Stanley **
Hanna M. Wieland

Cum Laude (with honors, 3.50 to 3.74)

Tanaya R. Aaseth
Jaydan Joseph Anderson
Elizabeth R. Auka **
Claire L. Bauer
Abigail Rianne Becher
Stacie Elizabeth Betti
Maycielyn Bill **
Ryan G. Boots **
Kevin E. Borg
Hayden Mike Botz
Miriam Anne Breen
Alexis Ann Busch **
John Raymond Cison
Renee Patricia Cross
Caitlyn Michelle Daniels
Brooke L. Eggermont
Isaac Eichhorst
Kiarah Mikkel Enockson
Leah Ann Erickson
Trent R. Finney
Cody Wyatt Frounfelter
Kyle A. Gader **
Alexis Danielle Garza
Tiffany Marie Gerbracht
Cara Lynn Gigstad
Kelby Lynn Gjovik
Alyssa Gohn
Elizabeth Ruth Guggisberg
Leah Alicia Hagen
Noah Andrew Hatch **
Lynae Hibbard
Abby Lynn Hill
Crystal Allura Holter
Joan M. Houser
Marquise Hudgen
Colleen Frances Kernan
Madison Rose Klein
Amber Leigh Kologi
Kyle Rae Lauf **
Tessa Brooke McMillion **
Hannah Rae Miller **
Tegan Minchow **
Jenessa Angeline Miraldi
Mallory Claire Moen
Morgan R. Mostoller
Ethan Robert Muchow
Abigail Ada Mae Newton
Sean Nilles
Stephanie M. Olson **
Aubrey Lynn Prunty
Abigail McKae Riner
Joshua L. Schaner
Ayriel T. Schultz **
Avery Anne Soine
Skylar Mae Spessard
Abigail Leanne Spletstoser
Brie A. Storsved **
Alexandra J. Stoterau
Lauren Alexis Tinklenberg
Grace Alyce Udem
Kathleen A. Vetter **
Madison R. Walz *
Kali R. Werner **
Molly Ann Wieland
Erik R.G. Peterson **
Melanie Marissa Uhde Platt **
Abby Rose Rasmussen
Miah K. Roper
Jett M. Salonek
Rachel Elizabeth Sand **
Judson Robert Seliskar
Brooke Senger

Kaylynn A. Siedschlag
Autumn Grace Sieg **
Kenna Mae Sorby **
Salvador Soto III **
Taylor E. Towers
Paulette S. Vedvik

Sabrina Marie Volk
Ella D. Wagner
Abigail K. Weber
Nicole Lynn Williams **
Faith Marie Wollschlager **

Three-Year Graduates

Olivia Kay Anderson
Elizabeth R. Auka **
Maycielyn Bill **
Hayden Mike Botz
Mason John Brehmer
Natalee Cook **
Emma Morgan Dockter
Landen James Eback
Brooke L. Eggermont
Kiarah Mikkell Enockson
Leah Ann Erickson
Morgan Freije **
Macy Ann Fridgen **
Madison P. Giesler **
Noah Andrew Hatch **
Lauren Jamie Haugen
Emma M. Heyen **
Lynae Hibbard
Kaitlyn L. Homola **
Amelia Louise Johnson
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Janna Jo Preteau
Lelani P. Privratsky **
Zachary William Rostvet **
Abigail Elaine Sather
Sydney Jo Schill **
Isabel Lee Schmidt
Ayriel T. Schultz **
Kelsey L. Schulz **
Skylar Mae Spessard
Zach St. Aubin
Halley Jean Thoreson
Grace Alyce Undem
Annika Brelene Van Peurse
Kathleen A. Vetter **
Elizabeth K. Woodward **
Trevor Michael Zawlocki

* Completed requirements August 1, 2025

** Completed requirements December 19, 2025



Department of Business

Presenter: Ms. Tammy Katuin

Outstanding Graduate in Business Administration, Agribusiness Concentration

Howard Neustel

Outstanding Graduate in Business Administration, Human Resources & Management Concentration

Chris McGough

Outstanding Graduate in Business Administration, Managerial Accounting and Finance Concentration

Atibordin Sophonsakulrat

Outstanding Graduate in Business Administration, Marketing Concentration

Emma Lucas

Outstanding Graduate in Business Administration – Online

Hannah Fischer

Overall Outstanding Department of Business Graduate

➤ Kaden Rozdeba

Department Of Communication Arts

Presenter: Dr. Shannon VanHorn

Outstanding Graduate in Communication Arts

Sarah Monilaws

Outstanding Graduate in Communication Arts - Online

Emma Marsing

Outstanding Graduate in Communication Studies

Hanna Wieland

Department Of Computer Systems And Software Engineering

Presenter: Dr. Yang Du

Outstanding Graduates in Software Engineering

Abby Hill Dane Lebahn

Department Of Kinesiology And Human Performance

Presenter: Dr. Rachelle Hunt

Outstanding Graduate in Exercise Science and Rehabilitative Studies

Madison Wilhelmi Merik Junker

Presenter: Dr. Amber Thompson

Outstanding Graduate in Health and Physical Education

Rebecca Bohrer Tristan Rath

Presenter: Mrs. Barbara Mattson

Outstanding Graduate in Sport Leadership and Management

Trent Finney

Presenter: Mrs. Ali Keller

Outstanding Graduate in Strength and Conditioning

Justin Cruz

Department Of Language And Literature

Presenter: Ms. Jodi Shorma

Outstanding Graduate in English

LilyBeth Townsend

Outstanding Graduate in English Education - Online

Elizabeth Michael

Presenter: Mr. Luis Betancur

Outstanding Graduate with a Spanish Minor

Zachary St. Aubin

Department Of Mathematics

Presenter: Mr. Trent Kosel

Outstanding Graduate in Math Education

Mary LaDue

➤ Department Of Music

Presenter: Ms. Heather Aune

Outstanding Graduate in Music — On Campus

Tara Dahl

Outstanding Graduate in Music — Online

Anthony Clark

➤ Department Of Science

Presenter: Dr. Nicholas Galt

Outstanding Graduate in Chemistry

Thomas Cox

Outstanding Graduate in Chemistry Education

Cameron Pero

Outstanding Graduate in Environmental Science

Zachary St. Aubin

Outstanding Graduate in Fisheries and Wildlife Science, Conservation Law Concentration

Kelby Gjovik

Outstanding Graduate in Fisheries and Wildlife Science, Wildlife Concentration

Amber Kologi

Outstanding Graduate in Fisheries and Wildlife Science, Wildlife Concentration

Brooke Anderson JayCee Richter

➤ Department of Social Science

Presenter: Mr. Jacob Clauson

Claude M. Burrows Outstanding Graduate in Social Science

Grace Reep Crystal Holter MaKenzee Stone

Presenter: Dr. Lindsey Leker

Gordon Hoff Outstanding Graduates in Social Science

Emma Muggli Annika Van Peurse

➤ Department of Technology and STEM Education

Presenter: Mr. Richard Ross

Outstanding Graduate in Career and Technical Education

Joane Houser

Presenter: Mrs. Lisa Krumwiede

Outstanding Graduate in Technology Education

Nathan Hammarsten

Presenter: Mr. Clayton Mannie

Outstanding Graduate in Technology Education - Online

Trevor Zawlocki

➤ **School of Education and Graduate Studies**

Presenter: Mrs. Joan Klein

Outstanding Graduate in Elementary Education – VCSU Campus

Lelani Privratsky

Presenter: Dr. Cindy Zahn

Outstanding Graduate in Elementary Education – Online

Carla Bjornson

Presenter: Mrs. Mary Anderson and Mrs. Katy Ries

Outstanding Graduate in Elementary Education – NDSU Campus

Marlee Hetletved

Outstanding Graduate in Teacher Education – Elementary Education

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Presenter: Mrs. Lindsey Kiecker

Outstanding Graduate in Teacher Education – Secondary Education

Sophia Boe

➤ **Viking Senior Athletic Awards**

Presenter: Mr. Dennis McCulloch, VCSU Athletic Director

Viking Champions of Character Award

Rosie Anderson Sam Kobbervig

➤ **Student Senate Awards**

Presenters: Cherokee Warnecke, Nyssa Haslerud

Student Senators (5 + Semesters Dedicated)

Mackenzie Rist LilyBeth Townsend Cherokee Warnecke

Viking Pilot Awards

LilyBeth Townsend '25 Alliana Freund '26 Madilyn Klabo '26
Sarah Monilaws '26 Zachary St. Aubin '26 Cherokee Warnecke '26

➤ **National Society of Leadership and Success**

Presenters: Ms. Brittany Nathan '19, Mrs. Kari Stricklin-Kamrowski '92

Alexis Ann Busch Lelani P. Privratsky Emma M. Heyen
Halley Jean Thoreson Hannah E. Nenow Elizabeth K. Woodward

➤ **Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society**

Presenter: Mrs. Kaleen Peterson

Brooke Anderson Sydney Carlson Kelby Gjovik
Merik Junker Elijah Leik Kara Pranzo
JayCee Richter Madison Spacher LilyBeth Townsend

➤ **Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society**

Presenter: Ms. Emma Selensky

Olivia Avdem Abigail Nordstrom Abigail Dick
Halley Thoreson Morgan Mostoller Delaney Vilhauer
Abigail Newton



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