

Dickinson State University to Celebrate Spring 2025 Commencement Ceremony

Dickinson State University (DSU) will celebrate the achievements of its Spring 2025 graduates during the Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 17 at 10:00 AM MT in Scott Gymnasium.

Gifted Commencement Speakers to Address Graduates

This year's graduating student speakers are Veronica (Rohnnie) Nacota and Griffin Obrigewitch.

Rohnnie Nacota, of Riverton, Wyoming, is the daughter of Bender and Maria Nacota. She is graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration, with majors in Business Administration and Human Resource Management. During her time at DSU, Rohnnie was an active Student Ambassador and generously volunteered for a variety of campus events, including serving as an honor usher and guest services during the 2024 North Dakota State of the State Address. She also held a work-study position within the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, skillfully balancing her responsibilities alongside her academic commitments. After graduation, Rohnnie will begin her professional career in a full-time role with YES, LLC.

Griffin Obrigewitch, of Dickinson, North Dakota, is the son of Scott and Naomi Obrigewitch. He is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, with minors in Chemistry and Leadership. Griffin was deeply involved on campus, serving as a member of Student Ambassadors, Student Senate, and Blue Hawk Catholic, often in leadership roles. He also served as a Student Assistant Director of the Theodore Roosevelt Honors Leadership Program and represented DSU as the Student Impact Story Speaker. In addition, Griffin was a member of both the DSU Cross Country and Track & Field teams. He is graduating Summa Cum Laude and will attend the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in the fall.

Honoring Academic Excellence

A total of 226 students will be conferred during the ceremony with some receiving multiple degrees or certifications, including:

- 23 master's degrees
- 161 bachelor's degrees
- 33 associates degrees
- 38 certificates

Additionally, 75 students will graduate with honors, recognizing their outstanding academic performance and commitment to excellence.



Veronica (Rohnnie) Nacota



Griffin Obrigewitch

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University Leadership Remarks

“This moment marks the culmination of years of dedication, growth, and perseverance. Our graduates have not only met the academic challenges placed before them, but they’ve also demonstrated the character and leadership that reflect the values of Dickinson State University. I am proud to have witnessed their journeys and excited for the contributions they will make in the world.” Dr. Holly Gruhlke, vice president of Academic Affairs and provost.

“It has been an honor to serve our students and community during this pivotal time. The Class of 2025 has shown remarkable strength and resilience, and today’s ceremony is a celebration of that spirit. As they take this next step forward, I have no doubt they will continue to lead with courage and purpose.” Ty Orton, acting president.

Welcoming the Incoming DSU President

DSU is honored to welcome incoming president Scott Molander, who will address the graduating class at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Molander, an alumnus of Dickinson State University, has been the builder of businesses, communities, and students throughout his career. Innovative entrepreneurship has been a guiding tenet of his work, both when he was faculty for Butler University and as the co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of Lids Sports Group. Mr. Molander believes that strong, personalized education must remain DSU’s priority for current and future students.

“As I step into the role of president, I am inspired by the drive and determination of the Class of 2025. Their achievements are a testament to the exceptional learning environment and community here at DSU. I look forward to supporting and championing the next generation of leaders who begin their journey as proud Blue Hawk alumni.” Scott Molander, incoming president

The Spring Commencement Ceremony is open to the public, and all are invited to join in celebrating the accomplishments of DSU’s graduates. For more information about the event, please visit: <https://dickinsonstate.edu/academics/academic-records/commencement/index.html>

PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR BIDS STANDING HAY ON RIGHT OF WAY OF INTERSTATE 94 AND INTERSTATE 29

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) seeks sealed bids for cutting, baling, and removing hay on designated sections of highway right of way along I-94 and I-29. Bids will be for the 2025 haying season.

NDDOT will accept sealed bids in five district offices. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Interested bidders can contact the respective NDDOT district office listed below to obtain a bid document, copy of the Risk Management Appendix, and sample certificate of liability insurance. The REQUEST FOR BID document must be completed, signed in ink, sealed in an envelope marked, “Bids for Standing Hay”, and submitted to the respective NDDOT district office prior to the deadline. The awarded bidder will be required to sign a contract with NDDOT agreeing to the terms for hay harvesting.

Deadlines:

- Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Valley City offices: 1:00 p.m. CDT Thursday, June 5, 2025.
- Dickinson office: 1:00 p.m. MDT, Thursday, June 5, 2025.

NDDOT district offices:

- Bismarck: 218 South Airport Road, Bismarck, ND 58504-6003 Ph: (701) 328-6950
- Fargo: 503 38th Street South, Fargo, ND 58103-1198 Ph: (701) 239-8900
- Grand Forks: P.O. Box 13077, 1951 North Washington, Grand Forks, ND 58208-3077 Ph: (701) 787-6500
- Valley City: 1524 8th Avenue Southwest, Valley City, ND 58072-4200 Ph: (701) 845-8800
- Dickinson: 1700 3rd Avenue West, Suite 101, Dickinson, ND 58601-3009 Ph: (701) 227-6500

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF BILLINGS SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT In the Matter of the Estate of Elder Alf (E.A.) Haugen, Deceased. Probate No. 04-2025-PR-00006

NOTICE OF HEARING Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Haugen has filed herein a petition for adjudication of intestacy and appointment of personal representative.

Hearing has been set upon said petition on the 26th day of June, 2025, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., at the Courtroom of the above-named Court in the City of Medora, County of Billings, State of North Dakota.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person appearing for the purpose of objecting to any matter or item contained within the above mentioned petition for formal probate of will shall file herein and serve upon the undersigned counsel for the Petitioner their written objections to the same not later than seven (7) days prior to the above scheduled hearing.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2025.

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CITY OF MEDORA Council Proceedings

City of Medora Minutes of Special Meeting April 15, 2025 (Subject to Council review and approval)

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Derwin Zuroff. Present were council members Tracy Sexton, Clarence Sitter, Douglas Ellison, Jodi Johnson via phone, City Attorney Sandra Kuntz, and Administrator Ivy Maus.

Sexton made a motion to submit the Development Agreement, Water Purchase Agreement, and the Sewer and Waste Management Agreement over to Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation for review, Ellison seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Sitter, as an employee of TRMF, abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Sexton made a motion to adjourn at 5:33 pm.

/s/ Derwin Zuroff
Derwin Zuroff, Mayor
/s/ Ivy Maus
Ivy Maus, Auditor
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Recipe: Loaded Cookie Pie

From the kitchen of: Joy Zimmerman

Ingredients:

- 2 sticks unsalted butter, softened
- 1 C. white sugar
- 1 C. brown sugar, packed
- 3 large eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3 C. all-purpose flour
- ¾ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 C. chocolate chips
- ½ C. white chocolate chips
- ½ C. M&M's (plus more for decorating)
- ¼ C. sprinkles (plus more for decorating)

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°. You can use: two 9-inch cake pans, pizza pan or 9x13 pan; spray with cooking spray and line bottom with parchment paper. In a stand mixer, cream and butter and sugars. Add in the eggs and vanilla and mix until combined scraping down the edge and bottoms of the bowl. Then add in the flour, baking soda and salt and mix until combined. Fold in the chocolate chips, M&M's, and sprinkles. Put the dough in the pan. Damp your hands or use a spatula to press down dough. Decorate with extra M&M's and sprinkles. Bake for 26 minutes or until the top is golden brown. Cool on wire rack for 15 minutes before slicing and serving.

To submit a recipe, email to: djimm@westriv.com or mail: Joy Zimmerman 7670 57th St. SW, New Leipzig, ND 58562