



Commencement

2024

Lake Superior State University

Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Commencement Exercises

May 4, 2024

As a courtesy to those around you,
please silence your cell phone.

Professional photographers are taking pictures
of each graduate during the ceremony.

The audience is asked to remain seated until the platform party,
faculty, and graduates have left the commencement area.

Program

- Student Processional:** *“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D Major”* Sir Edward Elgar
- Faculty and Administrators Processional** Duncan Pipes and Drums
“Wings” and “Rowan Tree” (traditional)
- Opening Remarks** Dr. Lynn G. Gillette
Interim President
- National Anthems of Canada and the United States of America** Anya Alexander
Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Executive Director of Campus Life and Engagement
- Introduction of Distinguished Guests** Dr. Lynn G. Gillette
- Announcement of the Distinguished Teaching Award Recipient** Dr. Kimberly O. Muller
Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Acceptance of Distinguished Teaching Award** To be announced
- Introduction of Graduating Student Speaker** Dr. Kimberly O. Muller

Program

Student Speaker on Behalf of the Class of 2024	◆Emilee Nicole McDaniel <i>Biology Major, Manistique, Michigan</i>
Presentation of Honorary Doctorate Recipient	Dr. Lynn G. Gillette
Commencement Address	Claude H. (Bud) Denker III <i>President, Penske Corporation</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Dr. Kimberly O. Muller <i>Reader: Adam St. John, Assistant Professor, School of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences</i>
Conferral of Degrees	Dr. Lynn G. Gillette
Closing Remarks	Dr. Lynn G. Gillette
Recessional: "Honor Song" (traditional)	Aabizii <i>Native American Drummers</i>

Claude H. (Bud) Denker III, *Honorary Doctorate, Commencement Speaker*



Claude H. (Bud) Denker III graduated from Lake Superior State University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He went on to Western Michigan University to get his Masters of Business Administration in Marketing. Bud is originally from the Eastern Upper Peninsula and he is a dedicated supporter of LSSU. He received the Kenneth J. Shouldice Achievement Award in 2008 and the Lukenda School of Business Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2018.

Bud is the President of Penske Corporation, a global transportation services company. Penske Corporation manages businesses with consolidated revenues of more than \$41 billion, operating in over 3,200 locations and employing more than 74,000 people worldwide. Bud also serves as Executive Vice President of Human Resources for Penske Automotive Group, overseeing the organization's associates across its 350 globally located automotive dealerships and heavy-duty truck locations.

In addition, Bud serves in other roles within Penske Corporation including Executive Vice President of Team Penske,

with teams currently competing in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, the NASCAR Cup Series, the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and the World Endurance Championship. He was instrumental in bringing world-class Indy car racing back to Belle Isle in 2007 after a six year absence.

Bud also serves as Chairman of the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear, which generates over \$100 million in total spending annually in the Metro Detroit region, while showcasing the city to a worldwide audience. He helped lead the effort to bring the event back to its original home on the streets of downtown Detroit, beginning in 2023.

Throughout Bud's business career, he has been deeply involved in leading the efforts to support his community at the local, city, and state levels. He remains engaged in many Detroit-based organizations, including executive boards of The Parade Company, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Detroit Partnership, and the CEO Group.

Bud resides in Birmingham, Michigan with his wife Melissa and has two grown sons, Christian and Cameron.

Emilee Nicole McDaniel, *Graduating Student Speaker*



Emilee McDaniel, a resident of Manistique, Michigan, graduates Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology: Pre-Veterinary Medicine concentration and a Biochemistry minor. She was recently placed on the waitlist for admission to Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and plans to continue gaining experience in the veterinary field as she waits to hear about her acceptance.

While attending LSSU, Emilee worked at her hometown veterinary clinic when school was not in session. She conducted her senior thesis with another local

veterinary clinic, researching the effects of human vocalization on canine stress. In the summer of 2022, she was accepted into the Enrichment Summer Program at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine where students were able to further their leadership skills, attend classes and anatomy lab, and job shadow at the MSU Veterinary Medical Center. These opportunities helped prepare her for her career in the field.

Beginning in January 2023, Emilee worked on campus under Dr. Li as part of the Undergraduate Research Mentorship program. She gave presentations and created visual aids to better inform students of the senior thesis process. This employment position allowed her to mentor underclassmen, speak to various clubs and classes, and work to help organize the annual Senior Symposium at LSSU.

Emilee was also a member of LSSU's NCAA Div. 2 Volleyball team, through which she received GLIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention in 2023, as well as the GLIAC Academic Excellence Award. She acknowledges that athletics have shaped her into the person she is today, and this team impacted her in a way that will last a lifetime. With the hope of sharing her passion with youth athletes, Emilee has coached at multiple LSSU camps, volunteered at tournaments, and this

spring was the coach for a junior high volleyball team in Manistique. At LSSU, she was a board member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), where she worked to increase camaraderie between teams and improve campus life.

Equally important to Emilee is volunteering for many events through her involvement with SAAC and volleyball. She participated in the United Way's food truck drive, read books to elementary students as part of reading buddies, and helped clean up the community gardens. Giving back to her community is something she will continue to do because she has seen firsthand the difference a small gesture of kindness can make.

As a recipient of the Senator Philip A. Hart Scholarship, Jim Smith and Tom Wiles Science Scholarship, and Faculty Association Scholarship, Emilee was enabled to focus on her studies while school was in session and pursue her passion for veterinary medicine.

Emilee is the daughter of Cindy and Troy McDaniel, and sister to current LSSU student-athlete Sarah McDaniel. She wishes to thank her family for their continued support of her goals, her professors, mentors, and coaches for their guidance, and her teammates and friends for their encouragement and much needed comedic relief.

National Anthems

O Canada!

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

The Star-Spangled Banner

O say can you see,
by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?

Musicians

The pipe and drum musicians who bring in the LSSU administration, trustees, and faculty are with the Duncan Pipes and Drums of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. They have been piping in our processional for more than 50 years. We are very grateful for their commitment and dedication.

The singing of the Canadian and the United States national anthems is by Anya Alexander, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Executive Director of Campus Life and Engagement.

The Big Drum has been a part of our commencement ceremony since 1997, sending out our graduates with an Honor Song. This year, we are proud to welcome Aabizii of Brimley, Michigan. Honor Songs are described as being "given to us so we could honor each other as brothers and sisters and to honor all of creation. The spirit of the drum is for the people, the heartbeat of Mother Earth, and a gift from the Creator. These songs lend us support and help us get through trying times."

Commencement Marshal

The marshal, who leads and directs the ceremony, is the recipient of the previous year's Distinguished Teaching Award. The marshal this year is Dr. Kristina J. Olson-Pupek, Professor in the School of Kinesiology and Psychology. She bears the ceremonial sash and the university mace that serve as symbols of authority.

Academic Attire

The use of academic dress stems from costumes used in universities of the 14th and 15th centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. Used in the United States from colonial times, the regalia was standardized by an intercollegiate code in 1895.

Three types of gowns are indicated by the code. The baccalaureate gown has long pointed sleeves. Our graduates wear blue gowns. The master's gown has long, closed sleeves with the arc of a circle near the bottom. They are garbed in black. The doctoral gown has full bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet bars and velvet panels down the center front of the gown.

Hoods vary in size and shape. They are lined in the official academic colors of the institution conferring the degree. A chevron is used to introduce a second color. Colored velvet trims the hood and indicates the subject to which the degree pertains.

The University president wears a large medallion donned only on ceremonial occasions. That medallion, cast in bronze, is inscribed with the founding date of the University, its name, and the state seal.

At Lake Superior State University, it is customary to identify the candidates graduating by tassels of the official color appropriate to the subject of study.

Arts and Letters.....White	Engineering.....Orange	Nursing.....Apricot
Business.....Drab (Tan)	Kinesiology.....Sage	Recreation Studies.....Sage
Communications.....Silver	Fine Arts.....Brown	Social Sciences.....Citron
Education.....Light Blue	Natural Sciences.....Golden	<i>(includes Criminal Justice)</i>

Degree candidates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap until the degree is conferred.

Our Active Duty and Veteran graduates who have served or are currently serving are wearing a military honor cord which is a red, white, and blue braided cord.

Academic Honors

Graduating with honors at Lake Superior State University is defined below.

- ▲ Cum Laude (with honor) — 3.500-3.699 grade point average: silver cord
- ★ Magna Cum Laude (with high honor) — 3.700-3.899 grade point average: gold cord
- ◆ Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor) — 3.900-4.000 grade point average: gold cord & honor medallion

The listing of degree and academic honors candidates in this program is based upon preliminary information provided at the time of publication. The official conferral of degrees and awarding of academic honors occur upon satisfactory completion of all academic requirements. Publication in this commencement program does not determine degree or honors eligibility or represent an official listing of degree or honors recipients.

College of Arts and Sciences

School of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing

★ Darian Sabisch

Danielle Ann Schackmann

Flynn Syers

Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing and English Language and Literature

Jewelynn Marie Gonzalez

Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature

★ Allyson Irene Laux

◆ Kendall Jo Moser

Bachelor of Arts in Language Arts

◆ Margot J. Woughter

Bachelor of Science in General Studies

Brooke Elizabeth Baldwin
Jennifer Rebecca Bolton

Aubrey Nicole Hurst
Grace A. Lopez

◆ Jenna Sanderson
◆ Samantha Stark

Bachelor of Science in Political Science

★ Riley Diane Gilman

◆ Jeremy Goetz

Ka'Von Jackson

▲ Gabriel John Meindersma

Brayden Paris

Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Social Science

Emma Virginia Donmyer

Bachelor of Science in Social Science

▲ Samuel Thomas Cox

Abigail Jean Legault

◆ Evah Joy Snider

Associate in General Studies

Raelynn Vivian Beauchamp
Curtis James Boelens
Lauren Kay Bonds
★ Jaden Rose Evans Brandau
▲ Lauryn A. Brown
★ Trista L. Bupp
Traci Corrigan
▲ Marlee Jane DePeel
▲ Cienna Lin Domke
Kari Evey
★ Cynthia Marie Gardner
Cassandra Ann Gilmore-Bordeau
Anthony Goddard
Ashley Lynn Hayes
Makenna Rae Hebert
Caroline Hemker
▲ Tayler May Johnson
★ Taylor Jane Kalchik
Braedon M. Kemp
Sabrina Alexandria Kemppainen

▲ Kyra Nicole Kolatski
▲ Betty Kovas
Brianna Marie Leonard
▲ Alexis Michele Letts
★ Luke Allen Lyons
Ella M. MacDonald
Riley Elizabeth Martin
Taylor Nicole Masters
China Sierra-Rain Meredith
Kallen Rae Micolò
▲ Britney Ann Morrow
Kylee Janelle Pierce
◆ Atlas J. Quaine
▲ Casey Nicole Rahn
Autumn Kaylee Reed
Kaelynn Rose Reimink
Lauren Mariah Rhoades
▲ Gabrielle Alina Roberts
★ Nathan Salem

Jordan Rae Sanford
Sam Schlehuber
◆ Audrey Faith Schoenborn
Jacquelyn Joanne Scott
Madelyn Scott
Molly Rose Scott
Gillian Ann Senyk
▲ Simone Marie Sparks
▲ Ashley Mae Stahl
Ian Paul Sweet
Jonathan J. Tischer
▲ Alexandra Marie Tober
★ Jadelynn Marie Villeme
★ Kaylee Marie Vonderau
Alexander David Westphal
Kaylee Marie Wiltfong
Adrianna Beatriz Wright
▲ Dorothy Qabzib Yang
Benjamin Bradley Yeomans

Associate in Social Work

Madelyn G. Hancock
★ Maria Elizabeth Miller

Michaela Quinn

Alannah Josephine Renico

Associate in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Alannah Josephine Renico

Lori Wilkins

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Maddison Bailey Gould
★ Maria Elizabeth Miller

Michaela Quinn
★ Jadelynn Marie Villeme

Benjamin Bradley Yeomans

School of Biological Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Biology

- ★ Naomi Astorga
- ▲ Sydney M. Briney
- ◆ Brooke Landis Campbell
- ◆ Sadie Drockton
- ▲ Carrie Lynn Gregg
- ▲ Margaret Julia Lawrence
- Zabrina Anne LeVasseur
- Marie Joy Mathieu
- Kadin Taylor McCallum
- ★ Tailey Ausborn McCloskey
- ◆ Emilee Nicole McDaniel
- ◆ Alexa Cheyenne Quaine
- Lucas Matthew Roff
- ▲ Kyah Sexton
- Zach Smith
- ★ Katelynn Grace Swanson
- Rachel Evelyn Webster
- ★ Jaden Ann-Marie Mackenzie Wilder
- Katelyn Irene Zwiker

Bachelor of Science in Biology and Cannabis Chemistry

Jake Robert Jirsa

Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science

- ★ Kaitlyn Nicole Vogelaar

Associate in Pre-Professional Sciences

- ◆ Sadie Drockton
- ★ Tailey Ausborn McCloskey
- ◆ Alexa Cheyenne Quaine
- Sydney Quinones
- ▲ Kyah Sexton

School of Chemistry, Environmental, and Geosciences

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry Pre-Professional

- Morgan Tyler Acker
- ★ Nicole Ashley Borst
- ▲ Brittany Ann Bowman
- ▲ Selena Brenda Kingsley

Bachelor of Science in Cannabis Chemistry

- ★ Isaac Fitzpatrick
- Taylor Jane Gustafson
- ▲ Aidan Oliver Lesnock
- ★ Mackenzie Paige Stockwell

Bachelor of Science in Cannabis Chemistry and Chemistry

Martyna Ann Berto

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Forensic Chemistry

- ◆ Haley Marie Carlson

▲ — Cum Laude (with honor) ★ — Magna Cum Laude (with high honor) ◆ — Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor)

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

Hayley Lynette Beaudoin
◆ Kyra Kelley

▲ Skylar Thomas Lensch
★ Caitlyn Ashley Maas

◆ Martin W. Ross
Molly Mae Thomas

Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry

★ Benjamin Cole
Erin Elizabeth Griffith
★ Andrew Herron

◆ Sydney Nicole Hubert
Emily Anne Kalinowski

Aysha Marie Scarton
▲ Samuel Eric Strommer

Bachelor of Science in Geology

▲ Willa Ann Obringer
Nyla Maize Rechtzygiel
Nathan Richard Recla

Colton Renard
★ Laurie Ann Smith
Travis Shane Smith

Alex Patrick Ware
Jordan Stanley Wilmot

Bachelor of Science in Integrated Science

▲ Sydney M. Briney

▲ Cienna Lin Domke

Associate in Cannabis Science

Micah McCarthy

Sydney Quinones

Associate in Chemistry

▲ Brittany Ann Bowman

Aysha Marie Scarton

Certificate in Cannabis Production

Micah McCarthy

College of Business, Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics

Lukenda School of Business

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

◆ Sydney Saralyn Hagan

Jamie Marie Myers

★ Rhys Allen Wazny

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Adrianna Lee Bouschor
Victoria DesLauries
Anastasija Dragovic

Brittany Flatt
Alan Charles Lang
▲ Lauren Brianna-Paige Mulder

Autumn Rasner
★ Alexis Roberge
Olivia Saari

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Entrepreneurship

Jack Dobbelaer

★ Michael Bush Sherman

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Entrepreneurship and Business Administration - Management

▲ Emily Marie Anderson

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - International Business

★ Artsiom Barshchou

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Management

MaKenna Christina Corbiere
Dan Stephen Few
Jeremy Gervais
★ Jessica Johnson
Andrea Kinjorski

◆ Heather Lamb
▲ Ethan James Langenegger
Samantha Lee
Benito Paul Posa

Harrison Roy
★ Nathan Salem
Mareisa Taylor
Taylar Riley Walsh

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Marketing

★ Jozie Kay Bontrager
★ Victoria Hope Misiak

▲ Alexander Freeman Okerlund
Ian Breck Raddatz

Jaden Sorenson

Bachelor of Science in Cannabis Business

Madison Arielle Green

Johnathan Lee Hollis

▲ Dylan S. Rockensuess

Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics

▲ Emily Marie Anderson
Logan Michael Brown

▲ Izzi Cipriano
◆ Sydney Saralyn Hagan

Joshua Scott Nowicki

▲ — Cum Laude (with honor) ★ — Magna Cum Laude (with high honor) ◆ — Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor)

Associate in Small Business Administration

Logan Michael Brown

Samantha Lee

Associate in Technical Accounting

▲ Jakeb Kyle Oberlin

Certificate in E-Marketing

Jozie Kay Bontrager
Victoria Hope Misiak

Alexander Freeman Okerlund

Dylan S. Rockensuess

School of Computer Science and Mathematics

Bachelor of Science in Computer Networking

Michaela Denice Duursma

▲ Loren David Johnson

◆ Scott Richard Smith

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Ivan Baumann

Gage David Hoornstra

Nicholas Paul Martin

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Todd Allen Grubbs II
◆ Aaron Woodruff Nachazel

Jacob Thomas Satchell
Kevin Spearman

Davina Rae Teal
Benjamin Bradley Yeomans

Certificate in Space Mission and Operations

Bethany Grace Roberts

School of Engineering and Technology

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Damian Logan Cook
Michael James Goldenbogen

Dustin John Mangone
Daniel J. Modrzejewski

Ian Paul Sweet

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering and Robotics Engineering

Stephen Charles Clifton

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Chase Joseph Ford (Posthumous) Joseph M. Stone Joseph Leonard Wojcik
▲ Carter Bradley Stark

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology

▲ Nolan Jack Benson Joseph Matthew Zawodny

Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology

▲ Nolan Jack Benson Bethany Grace Roberts Scott James Vacek
Nathan Lee Demers Riley John Traver

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Mark Frederick Geer II ▲ Andrew James Hulse ▲ Jeremy Jon Misiak
Emily Lynn Hagelthorn ★ Jack Patrick Izzard Molly Raine O'Toole
Andrew Hamilton Morgan Elizabeth Kelly Ryan Lee Reiniche
★ Andrew Heiny Anika Marie Kierczynski

Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics

▲ Nolan Jack Benson Charles Lloyd Kleiman Collin Jacob Pajot

Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering

★ Alexandra Nicolle Demmers ▲ Andrew James Hulse ★ Kaaleb Andreas Ranta
Andrew Hamilton Keegan Curtis Light ▲ Zachary Johnathon Shelton
Ryan Houck ★ Derek Sean Postma Xavier Vicent Navarro

Associate in Electrical Engineering Technology

Nathan Lee Demers

Associate in General Engineering

Ian Paul Sweet

Associate in General Engineering Technology

Nathan Lee Demers

Associate in Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Nathan Lee Demers Taylar Riley Walsh

Associate in Mechatronics

Nathan Lee Demers Bethany Grace Roberts Joseph Matthew Zawodny
Charles Lloyd Kleiman

▲ — Cum Laude (with honor) ★ — Magna Cum Laude (with high honor) ◆ — Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor)

College of Great Lakes Ecology and Education

School of Education

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

Traci Corrigan
★ Ashtyn Flinn

★ Lisa Mabie

Kristin Triest

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

★ Kaitlyn Carol Hardwick
Sabrina Alexandria Kempainen

▲ Alexis Michele Letts
◆ Hannah Ann Marie McGahey

◆ Alyssa J. Morley
▲ Britney Ann Morrow
◆ Amy Rae Ostman

▲ Elizabeth Ann Servia
★ Kody Patricia Spiker
★ Erin Grace Stevenson

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education: Special Education - Learning Disabilities

▲ Bethany Jean Dyer

★ Emily Ann Larabee

Bachelor of Science in Teacher Education

Lisa Lemmerman
★ Brenna Jolene Pavey

▲ Hope Sydney Swenor

Susan Wood

Associate in Early Childhood Education

◆ Brooke Baker
◆ Kaitlyn Ann Edington

Sabrina Alexandria Kempainen
▲ Alexis Michele Letts

◆ Mercedes LeeAnn Myers

School of Natural Resources

Bachelor of Science in Conservation Biology

▲ Molly Anne Gilpatrick

★ Zachary Kassuba

Stephanie Ann Owens

Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife Management

Dom Betke
★ Stephen Michael Brillinger
Garrett Lance Brown
Chevelle Cherry
Jared Blake Christensen
Ethan Stewart DePauw
▲ Halee Jo Dunlap
Maddison Bailey Gould
▲ Braden Anthony Idalski

Henry Grant Kirchner
Robbie Landis II
Bobby Letarte
Ashleigh Nicole Morgan
Simon Michael Olk
Kassidy Jo Price
▲ Devin Shane Rath
Clayton Patrick Robertson

Megan Michelle Russell
Matthew Francis Sawle
▲ Mike Smalley III
Lindsay Smeltzer
Dakota Anne Smith
Mason Thomas Spiess
Alexandra Leigh VanKampen
★ Christopher Wedding

Bachelor of Science in Parks and Recreation

Kaitlyn Mary Bishop
Lillian Elizabeth LaCross

Amiya Grace Twork

▲ Anna Kaye Wierda

Associate in Geospatial Technology

Hayley Lynette Beaudoin

Arianna Bishop

Associate in Natural Resources Technology

Arianna Bishop
Kaitlyn Mary Bishop
Nathaniel Frederick Gilson
Maddison Bailey Gould

Kai O'rion Hopewell
Lillian Elizabeth LaCross
Brendan Thomas Peters

Samantha Schmitt
Amiya Grace Twork
▲ Anna Kaye Wierda

Certificate in Geographic Information Systems

Nathan Richard Recla
Colton Renard

Matthew Francis Sawle
Laurie Ann Smith

Travis Shane Smith

College of Health and Emergency Responders

School of Criminal Justice, Fire Science, and Emergency Services

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

- ◆ Marissa L. Barber
- ▲ Amanda Beem
- Alexandria Elaine Bowyer
- ★ Jaden Rose Evans Brandau
- Griffin Matthew Bredow
- Avery Byce
- Ty Clayton
- ★ Blake Decker
- Breanne Derochie
- Madelyn G. Hancock
- ▲ Alexa Kaye Hawkins
- ★ Ashley Nicole Kabke
- ▲ Kyle Kelly
- Adam Klimsza
- Christopher Kohler, Jr.
- ★ Kyley LaFleche
- Genevieve Joy McKerchie
- Amanda Jane Menominee
- ▲ Christopher Michael Neuvirth
- Ryan Stephen O'Neill
- Autumn Kaylee Reed
- Isabella Tanceusz
- ★ Shane Matthew Thompson, Jr.
- ★ Abhishek Verma
- Alexander David Westphal
- ▲ Sarah Ashley Wright

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Psychology

Molly Michelli

Bachelor of Science in Fire Science - Generalist

- ★ Jason Cossette
- Carson Nichole Nitz
- Yarema Ivan Petrusha
- Luke James Phillips
- Joshua Scott Ratcliff
- ★ Samuel Warren Rojewski
- Robert Uphoff
- Adam James Wright

Associate in Criminal Justice - Corrections

Griffin Matthew Bredow Emma Hope David ★ Tommissa Jean Ennes

Associate in Criminal Justice - Homeland Security

- Owen Ennes
- ★ Riley Diane Gilman
- ▲ Alexa Kaye Hawkins
- ★ Ashley Nicole Kabke
- Genevieve Joy McKerchie
- Amanda Jane Menominee
- ▲ Christopher Michael Neuvirth
- Luke James Phillips
- Isabella Tanceusz

Associate in Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement

- ◆ Marissa L. Barber
- ★ Jaden Rose Evans Brandau
- James Burton
- ★ Blake Decker
- Madelyn G. Hancock
- ▲ Alexa Kaye Hawkins
- Adam Klimsza
- Genevieve Joy McKerchie
- ▲ Christopher Michael Neuvirth
- Ryan Stephen O'Neill
- Autumn Kaylee Reed
- Isabella Tanceusz
- ★ Shane Matthew Thompson, Jr.
- Mathew Thurston
- Alexander David Westphal

Associate in Fire Science

- Nathan Anthony Alves
- ▲ Alexis Archibald
- Brett Daniel Ciupka
- ▲ Christopher Michael Neuvirth
- Carson Nichole Nitz
- Yarema Ivan Petrusha
- Joshua Scott Ratcliff
- ★ Samuel Warren Rojewski
- Levi Josephus Thurmond

▲ — Cum Laude (with honor) ★ — Magna Cum Laude (with high honor) ◆ — Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor)

Associate of Applied Science in Paramedic Technology

Carson Nichole Nitz
Yarema Ivan Petrusha

Joshua Scott Ratcliff
★ Samuel Warren Rojewski

★ Katelynn Grace Swanson
Robert Uphoff

School of Kinesiology and Psychology

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Kassidy Lynn Bell
★ Jenna Kathleen Fleming
Joanna Greeley

Zoey Hall
Maila Jokinen-Packer
Brendan Thomas Peters

Katya Theresa Wildman
▲ Faith Morgan Wojnaroski

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Hailey Renee Casillas
Emma Hope David
★ Tommissa Jean Ennes
★ James Allen Himes

▲ Duncan William Garth Lavey
★ Maria Elizabeth Miller
★ Edyn D. Nettleton
Michaela Quinn

Leanesse Marie Rasiaiah
Alannah Josephine Renico
Sam Schlehober
Jacquelyn Joanne Scott

Associate in Health/Fitness Specialist

Kassidy Lynn Bell
★ Jenna Kathleen Fleming

Wyatt James Galarowic
Christian James Goss

Zoey Hall
▲ Faith Morgan Wojnaroski

School of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

◆ Claire Elizabeth Adkinson
Kendall Lane Baxter
Raelynn Vivian Beauchamp
Curtis James Boelens
Lauren Kay Bonds
Shayne Conaway
Kari Evey
★ Cynthia Marie Gardner
Cassandra Ann Gilmore-Bordeau
Makenna Rae Hebert
Caroline Hemker
Malia Avery Howe
▲ Tayler May Johnson
★ Taylor Jane Kalchik

▲ Kyra Nicole Kolatski
Brianna Marie Leonard
Bri'Anna Denea Lowry
★ Luke Allen Lyons
Cassidy Elizabeth Mack
Cassie Lynn Maleport
Riley Elizabeth Martin
Taylor Nicole Masters
China Sierra-Rain Meredith
Megan Suzanne Moran
Madison Elizabeth Neal
Kylee Janelle Pierce
▲ Casey Nicole Rahn
Kaelynn Rose Reimink

Lauren Mariah Rhoades
▲ Gabrielle Alina Roberts
◆ Audrey Faith Schoenborn
Molly Rose Scott
Gillian Ann Senyk
▲ Simone Marie Sparks
▲ Ashley Mae Stahl
Rachael Lynne Stoeckle
▲ Alexandra Marie Tober
★ Jadelynn Marie Villeme
Mariah E. West
Adrianna Beatriz Wright
▲ Dorothy Qabzib Yang

▲ — Cum Laude (with honor) ★ — Magna Cum Laude (with high honor) ◆ — Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor)

Honors

Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society: a coeducational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character and to honor those who achieve such distinction. Graduating seniors are:

◆ Sadie Drockton
Biology

★ Luke Allen Lyons
Nursing

◆ Aaron Woodruff Nachazel
Mathematics

◆ Sydney Saralyn Hagan
Accounting
Finance and Economics

◆ Alyssa J. Morley
Elementary Education

★ Katelynn Grace Swanson
Biology

Delta Mu Delta: a business honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence of students at colleges and universities accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), to create a community that fosters the well-being of its individual members and the business community through lifetime membership. Graduating seniors are:

★ Jozie Kay Bontrager
Business Administration-Marketing

★ Jessica Johnson
Business Administration-Management

◆ Heather Lamb
Business Administration-Management

◆ Sydney Saralyn Hagan
Accounting
Finance and Economics

Lake Superior Student Leadership: These graduates are recognized for having completed at least two years in an executive position within a student assembly organization or having been a resident advisor / community advisor, and having maintained academic excellence (3.2 gpa or greater). Their designation is signified by the wearing of a blue / gold cord. Graduating seniors are:

▲ Emily Marie Anderson
Business Administration-Entrepreneurship
and Business Administration-Management
Finance and Economics

▲ Andrew James Hulse
Mechanical Engineering
Robotics Engineering

▲ Gabriel John Meindertsma
Political Science

◆ Scott Richard Smith
Computer Networking

★ Rhys Allen Wazny
Accounting

Lauren Kay Bonds
Nursing

Samantha Lee
Business Administration-Management

▲ Aidan Oliver Lesnock
Cannabis Chemistry

Zabrina Anne LeVasseur
Biology

Stephen Charles Clifton
Computer Engineering and Robotics
Engineering

▲ — Cum Laude (with honor) ★ — Magna Cum Laude (with high honor) ◆ — Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor)

Honors

Psi Chi: an international honor society that recognizes outstanding psychology graduates. The graduating seniors are:

Emma Hope David
Psychology

★ James Allen Himes
Psychology

★ Maria Elizabeth Miller
Psychology

◆ Sadie Drockton
Biology

▲ Duncan William Garth Lavey
Psychology

★ Edyn D. Nettleton
Psychology

★ Tommissa Jean Ennes
Psychology

★ Luke Allen Lyons
Nursing

Alannah Josephine Renico
Psychology

The Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau International: The LSSU Chapter is Chi Omega. The honor society's mission is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. Graduating seniors are:

◆ Claire Elizabeth Adkinson
Nursing

▲ Tayler May Johnson
Nursing

Cassie Lynn Maleport
Nursing

★ Cynthia Marie Gardner
Nursing

★ Luke Allen Lyons
Nursing

Rachael Lynne Stoeckle
Nursing

University Honors Program: These graduates have completed all the requirements of Lake Superior State University's Honors Program and are recognized by the wearing of the honor stole:

★ Jaden Rose Evans Brandau
Criminal Justice

★ Luke Allen Lyons
Nursing

Awards

Lukenda School of Business

Outstanding Senior	◆ Heather Lamb
Outstanding Regional Student Graduate	★ Jessica Johnson
Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Achievement Award.....	◆ Sydney Saralyn Hagan

School of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences

Outstanding Senior	◆ Jeremy Goetz
Outstanding Political Science Graduate	◆ Jeremy Goetz
Georgegeen Gaertner Award.....	★ Darian Sabisch
Outstanding English Language Literature Graduate	◆ Kendall Jo Moser

School of Biological Sciences

Outstanding Biology Graduate.....	▲ Margaret Julia Lawrence
Outstanding Medical Laboratory Sciences Graduate.....	★ Kaitlyn Nicole Vogelaar
Outstanding Pre-Veterinary Graduate.....	◆ Emilee Nicole McDaniel
Outstanding Pre-Medical Graduate.....	◆ Alexa Cheyenne Quaine
Outstanding Pre-Medical Graduate.....	★ Tailey Ausborn McCloskey

School of Chemistry, Environmental, and Geosciences

Outstanding Biochemistry Graduate	▲ Selena Brenda Kingsley
Outstanding Cannabis Chemistry Graduate	★ MacKenzie Paige Stockwell
Outstanding Chemistry Graduate.....	◆ Haley Marie Carlson
Outstanding Environmental Science Graduate.....	◆ Kyra Kelley
Outstanding Forensic Chemistry Graduate	◆ Sydney Nicole Hubert
Outstanding Geology Graduate	▲ Willa Ann Obringer
Outstanding Geology Graduate.....	★ Laurie Ann Smith

School of Computer Science and Mathematics

Outstanding Computer Networking Graduate.....	▲ Loren David Johnson
Outstanding Computer Networking Graduate.....	◆ Scott Richard Smith
Outstanding Computer Science Graduate.....	Ivan Baumann
Outstanding Computer Science Graduate	Gage David Hoornstra
Outstanding Mathematics Education Graduate.....	Jacob Thomas Satchell
Outstanding Mathematics Education Graduate.....	Davina Rae Teal

School of Criminal Justice, Fire Science, and Emergency Services

Outstanding Criminal Justice Graduate	◆ Marissa L. Barber
Outstanding Criminal Justice Homeland Security Graduate.....	▲ Alexa Kaye Hawkins
Outstanding Fire Science Graduate	★ Samuel Warren Rojewski
Outstanding Paramedic Technology Graduate	★ Katelynn Grace Swanson

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Awards

School of Education

Outstanding Senior	◆ Hannah Ann Marie McGahey
Outstanding Early Childhood Education Graduate	★ Ashtyn Flinn
Outstanding Elementary Education Graduate	★ Emily Ann Larabee

School of Engineering and Technology

Outstanding Senior	▲ Andrew James Hulse
Outstanding Computer Engineering Graduate	Michael James Goldenbogen
Outstanding Electrical Engineering Graduate	▲ Carter Bradley Stark
Outstanding Electrical Engineering Technology Graduate	Joseph Matthew Zawodny
Outstanding Manufacturing Engineering Technology Graduate	▲ Nolan Jack Benson
Outstanding Mechanical Engineering Graduate	★ Andrew Heiny
Outstanding Mechatronics Graduate	Charles Lloyd Kleiman
Outstanding Robotics Engineering Graduate	★ Derek Sean Postma

School of Kinesiology and Psychology

Outstanding Kinesiology Graduate	★ Jenna Kathleen Fleming
Outstanding Kinesiology Graduate-Human Performance	Zoey Hall
Outstanding Kinesiology Graduate-Sport and Fitness Management	★ Jenna Kathleen Fleming
Outstanding Kinesiology Graduate-Rehabilitation Science	▲ Faith Morgan Wojnaroski
Outstanding Psychology Graduate	★ Edyn D. Nettleton
Russell and Marquette Bruce Scholarship	★ Jenna Kathleen Fleming

School of Natural Resources

Outstanding Conservation Biology Graduate	★ Zachary Kassuba
Outstanding Fisheries and Wildlife Graduate	★ Christopher Wedding
Outstanding Parks and Recreation Graduate	Lillian Elizabeth LaCross

School of Nursing

Outstanding BSN Graduate	◆ Claire Elizabeth Adkinson
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Interdisciplinary

Faculty Association Award for Academic Excellence	◆ Emilee Nicole McDaniel
Outstanding Native American Graduate	◆ Hannah Ann Marie McGahey
Senator Philip A. Hart Scholar	◆ Emilee Nicole McDaniel

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Honor Ushers

Our honor ushers are juniors who carry a minimum of 3.50 grade point average and have volunteered to assist with today's exercises. LSSU salutes these students for their academic excellence.

Allison Cook
Cannabis Business

Elexandrya M. Cottle
Teacher Education

Noah J. Demers
Finance and Economics

Alisha Denué
Fisheries Wildlife Management

Delaney Goodell
Criminal Justice

Ethan Meehle
Environmental Science

Uwaoma Osumili
Nursing

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Kinesiology

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Golden Graduates

Lake Superior State University is proud to welcome those who attended the Sault Branch of the Michigan College of Mining and Technology and Lake Superior State College 50 or more years ago. We are pleased to salute these outstanding alumni for their role in building today's LSSU.

Al Beamish 1958
Dafter, Michigan

Daniel Card 1974
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Stuart Clark 1974
Johannesburg, Michigan

Arthur Disbrow 1953
Troy, Ohio

Jim Fallis 1974
Las Vegas, Nevada

Joyce (Crawford) Henderson 1967
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Mitch Irwin 1974
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Walter Keskinen 1973
Johannesburg, Michigan

Wendy (Copeland) Lewis 1974
Midland, Michigan

J. Roger Malette 1965
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Colleen (Riker) McNeal 1963
Jackson, Michigan

William Rothney 1973
Battle Creek, Michigan

Claudia Tamlyn 1974
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Glen Trochelman 1974
Reed City, Michigan

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School of Biological Sciences

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School of Chemistry, Environmental, and Geosciences

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Distinguished Teaching Award

Nominations for the Distinguished Teaching Award come from across the entire campus as well as from alumni. The recipient of the award is chosen by a committee comprised of graduating seniors with the highest grade point averages in their school and faculty who have previously received the Distinguished Teaching Award. The 2023-24 selection committee members are:

★ Jenna Kathleen Fleming
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◆ Heather Lamb
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 ◆ Scott Richard Smith
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 ★ Christopher Wedding

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2011-12 Dr. Ashley H. Moerke	1993-94 Carol A. Campagna	1975-76 Dr. Arthur E. Duwe
2010-11 Dr. H. Russell Searight	1992-93 Dr. Sally A. Childs	1974-75 Thomas Mickewich
2009-10 Dr. Andrew H. Jones	1991-92 James P. Madden	1973-74 Gerald M. Samson
2008-09 Dr. Thomas A. Allan	1990-91 Dr. William L. Haag	1972-73 David Blair
2007-08 Dr. Kathy A. Berchem	1989-90 Dr. Susan H. Ratwik	1971-72 Margaret Howe
2006-07 Dr. MaryAnne P. Shannon	1988-89 Dr. David J. Behmer	1962-63 C. Ernest Kemp
2005-06 James W.T. Moody	1987-88 Dimitri Dillani	1957-58 Raymond R. Chelberg

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