



Commencement
2025

Lake Superior State University

Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Commencement Ceremony

May 3, 2025

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 stay in place 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. David J. Travis
President

National Anthems of Canada and the United States of America LSSU Concert Choir

Presentation of Colors United States Coast Guard
Sector Northern Great Lakes Color Guard

Introduction of the Distinguished Guests Dr. David J. Travis

Announcement of the Distinguished Teaching Award Recipient Dr. Kimberly O. Muller
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Acceptance of the Distinguished Teaching Award To be announced

Program

Introduction of Graduating Student Speaker Dr. Kimberly O. Muller

Student Speaker on Behalf of the Class of 2025 ♦Laura Kathryn Yukich
Biology Major, Prince Township, Ontario, Canada

Commencement Speaker Austin Lowes
Tribal Chairman, Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Presentation of Degree Candidates Dr. Kimberly O. Muller

Conferral of Degrees Dr. David J. Travis
Reader: Adam St. John, Assistant Professor, School of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences

Closing Remarks Dr. David J. Travis

Recessional “Honor Song” (traditional) Mission Hill
Native American Drummers

For a comprehensive version of the program, we invite you to scan the QR code provided:



Laura Kathryn Yukich, *Graduating Student Speaker*



Laura Yukich, a resident of Prince Township, Ontario, Canada, graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Pre-Medicine concentration and a Biochemistry minor. She was accepted into Michigan State University College of Human Medicine through the Early Assurance Program, gaining admission before her senior year. Laura plans to work with underserved, rural populations throughout her medical education, with the hopes of specializing in addiction medicine.

While attending LSSU, Laura has worked as a pharmacy assistant at her local addiction treatment pharmacy in Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario. The pharmacy is part of a methadone clinic, which allowed Laura to gain hands-on experience with patients of diverse backgrounds. "I began working at the pharmacy just before I

graduated high school in May of 2021. When first starting this position, I was overwhelmed by the complexity of this role. Interacting with individuals in their most vulnerable moments gave me my first insight into the true nature of medicine." Working in addiction treatment fostered Laura's interest in pursuing medicine in that field.

Starting in her sophomore year at LSSU, Laura took on roles as a Peer Tutor and Supplemental Instruction (SI) Leader at the Academic Success Center. While tutoring a range of biology and chemistry courses, she discovered a true passion for teaching. As an SI Leader for General Chemistry II, Laura was able to use her love for teaching to transform students' fear surrounding chemistry. The experiences made through tutoring and teaching SI were pivotal in Laura's educational journey, reinforcing her desire to continue educating others in her future medical career.

Between various jobs, Laura dedicated significant time to volunteering at the Algoma Residential Community Hospice (ARCH) in Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario. As a freshman, she was warmly welcomed by ARCH, where she gained valuable clinical experience in palliative care. "Beginning to volunteer at ARCH was an intimidating experience. The concept of death and dying doesn't sit very well with many folks, myself included. My time at ARCH has been profoundly transformational, offering me the opportunity to reflect on the many experiences I have had."

In the summer going into her junior year, Laura began collecting data for her senior thesis project under her mentor Dr. Martha

Hutchens. Laura became interested in the antibiotic resistance capabilities of bacteria early in her education, leading her to carry out her senior research project on detecting *Staphylococcus aureus* in wastewater from three different locations in Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula, with a special emphasis on Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). Laura learned how complex and intricate the data collection process in microbiology research can be. She hopes that the data from her project can be of use to future students at LSSU hoping to continue similar research.

Laura has been on the Executive Board for the Pre-Professional Society (PPS) at LSSU since her freshman year, holding the role of the Vice President, until recently accepting the role as Co-President for her final semester. PPS provides students aspiring to go into professional fields (e.g., medicine, dentistry, pharmacy) with opportunities to connect with current professional students, while providing other educational opportunities such as practice Medical College Admission Tests (MCAT) and interview strategies.

As a recipient of the Faculty Association Scholarship in the Spring of 2024, Laura was able to focus on studying for the MCAT, which gained her admission to medical school. Laura also served on the Distinguished Teaching Award committee, chosen based on her top grade point average in the School of Biological Sciences.

Laura is the daughter of Kathy and Jason Yukich, and a sister to Sarah Yukich. She wishes to thank her family for their utmost support, as well as her mentors, professors, and peers for their guidance and encouragement during her time at LSSU.

Austin Lowes, Commencement Speaker



Austin Lowes graduated from Lake Superior State University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. He went on to Michigan State University to earn his Master of Social Work. He was awarded fellowships from the National Congress of American Indians for his commitment to addressing tribal issues as a graduate student.

Austin is the elected Chairman of the Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians. He was elected in 2020 and is the youngest Chairman in Sault Tribe history. As a child welfare care worker, Austin's passion guided him to further his education. During his social worker career, he worked with the Sault Tribe, Bay Mills Indian Community, and the Flathead Indian Reservation in Montana. He has also received the Governor's Award of Excellence in Performance.

Throughout his career, Austin has demonstrated his dedication to expanding Sault Tribe's land base, addressing its housing needs, enhancing emergency and transitional housing services, improving substance abuse services, and ensuring fair resource distribution for members

living outside the Sault Tribe's service area. The first tribal homeless shelter in Michigan, Lodge of Hope, was established in 2023 due to his critical involvement. In addition, Austin spearheaded the creation of the Sault Tribe's first Medication Assisted Treatment Program, the Healing Place, which provides services to individuals diagnosed with opioid and alcohol use disorders.

Austin is the President of the United Tribes of Michigan, Chairman of the Kewadin Gaming Authority, and Vice Chairman of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority. He actively participates in numerous tribal events across Michigan, including Pow-Wows, dedications, elder meetings and luncheons, and membership gatherings. He often serves as an invited speaker to raise awareness about current issues that affect Indigenous populations. LSSU was honored to have him speak at our 2023 commemoration of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Austin resides in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan with his fiancé, Tara, and his two daughters, Emilia and Eden.

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 accompany the LSSU administration, trustees, and faculty are with the Duncan Pipes and Drums of Sault Sainte 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 the LSSU Concert Choir.

The Native American drummers have been a part of our commencement ceremony since 1997, sending out our graduates with an Honor Song. This year, we are proud to welcome Mission Hill 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 2022-2023 recipient of the 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) — 3.50-3.69 grade point average: silver cord
- ★ Magna Cum Laude (with high honor) — 3.70-3.89 grade point average: gold cord
- ◆ Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor) — 3.90-4.00 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

Mariana V. Bezerra

★ Brooklyn Elise Patchin

Bachelor of Arts in English Language Arts Teaching

◆ Mia America Zagordo

Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature

◆ Halle Anne MacLachlan

◆ Makenna Nelson

◆ Wendy Trotter

Bachelor of Arts in Social Science

★ Nicholas Arsenicos

Bachelor of Science in General Studies

Spencer Jordan

▲ Jaden Ann-Marie Mackenzie Wilder

Bachelor of Science in Individualized Studies

Aleister Goodboo-Pether

Bachelor of Science in Political Science

★ Celia The're'se Hacker

Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Social Science

Dakota Payment

Bachelor of Science in Social Science

Regan Michelle Ackroyd

William Dautremont

★ Hunter Stephen Soper

★ Brendin Cryderman

Abigail Jean Legault

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

Associate in General Studies

Erin Dawn Anderson	★ Brendan Gross	Margaret Christine Morris
Rory S. Bailey	★ Ahna Elizabeth Henderson	Kara Abegaile Mosher
▲ Madelyn Baker	Lillianna Horka	Olivia Musselman
Aubree Rayanne Bishop	Marianna Rosabelle Horrigan	▲ Aaliyah Grace Nelson
Ashley Brandow	Rachel Marie Huizinga	Melissa Sue O'Connor
Michael Andrew Buchler	Hannah Elizabeth Jenema	Cierra Danielle Ouradnik
Brooke Louise Burdick	Braedon M. Kemp	▲ Kanton N. Piche-Belleau
Sierra N. Burton	Trace M. Lahti	Shiann Proffitt
Hannah Jordyn Coneset	▲ Chelsey Laitila	▲ Isabella Raginia
Traci Corrigan	★ Skylar Rayne Lamma	Taylor Schnicke
▲ Emily Nicole Courneya	Delaney Joyce MacDowell	★ Quinn M. Socia
Toni Cross-Smith	Desta Janell MacDowell	Veronica Steinmetz
Kelsey Dehanke	◆ Kaitlin Promise Malanowski	★ Olivia Jane Stevens
◆ Arianna Rochelle DeHoyos	Hannah Carra Marble	Ian Paul Sweet
◆ Allison Deiter	◆ Amanda Claire Mathur	★ Alexis Rose Tyslicki
Avery James Dotson	Shawna Ann McDonald	Matisin Marie Wieland
▲ Grace Mae Dumas	Brittany Leighanne McLachlin	Kathleen Elizabeth Woodruff
◆ Kayla Frazier	Katherine Miller	Benjamin Bradley Yeomans
Alexander Chandler French	★ Torin Anson DeLaney Miller	

Associate in Social Work

Haleigh Nicole Proctor-Allen	Jonas Wood
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Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Benjamin Bradley Yeomans

School of Biological Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Biology

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| ▲ Alexis Marlee Adair
Elaine Madison Book | Sydney Lynn Kapushinski
Sean Ryan Madell | ▲ Emily Carolyn Perilloux
Madison Tara Vanwagner |
| ▲ Sydney M. Briney | ◆ Abigail Ruth Marshall | Katelyn Aileen Whitney |
| ◆ Kaylin Marie Burton | ★ Hannah Kathleen McConkey | Kandi Wright |
| Ellie Eaddy | ★ Raven Skyler McKechnie | ◆ Laura Kathryn Yukich |
| Nicholas James Hansen | Molly Mackenzie McKeever | Emma Leigh Zabik |
| Jimi Harris | Lyrical James Mercier | Katelyn Zwiker |
| ▲ Sophie Anna Jaremko | Dylan Lane Moiles | |

Bachelor of Science in Biology and Fisheries and Wildlife Management

- ★ Andrew Steven Pothoven

Associate in Pre-Professional Sciences

Sydney Quinones

Associate of Applied Science in Animal Health

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| ▲ Sophie Anna Jaremko | Katelyn Aileen Whitney |
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Associate of Applied Science in Aquaponics Entrepreneurship

Aleister Goodboo-Pether	Eric Richardsen
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School of Chemistry, Environmental, and Geosciences

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry Pre-Professional

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| ★ Wendy Leisner
Alexandra Mazzella | ▲ Lauren Gabrielle Panco | ▲ Emma Maria Vallecorsa |
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Bachelor of Science in Cannabis Chemistry

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| ◆ Thomas Dennis Brzezinski, Jr.
Alexander Eckman
Jessica Hellebuyck | ▲ Jonathan Hofmeister
Monica Lopez-Garcia
Richard Niswonger | Kaylen Staggs
★ Lanny Stout
Nicholas Michael Tilley |
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▲ — Cum Laude (with honor) ★ — Magna Cum Laude (with high honor) ◆ — Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor)

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

★ Gabriel Gadwood
Nicholas Gordon

James Edward Neuenschwander
Ashley Madison Render

Sage Amanda Schemm

Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry

Jazmyn Friant
Jessica Hellebuyck

Dayle Paulina Kemppainen
Shellaine Rae Wendling

Jenna Jean Wiertalla

Bachelor of Science in Geology

Mia Kate Morgan

Nicholas Strader

Alex Patrick Ware

Bachelor of Science in Integrated Science

▲ Sydney M. Briney

Associate in Cannabis Science

Justin Corbiere
Austin Larr

Sydney Quinones

Kaylen Staggs

Certificate in Cannabis Production

Nicholas Rytting

Certificate in Microscopy and Microanalysis

Alexander Eckman
Jazmyn Friant

Nicholas Gordon
Jessica Hellebuyck

Jenna Jean Wiertalla

College of Business, Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics

Lukenda School of Business

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

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| ▲ Alexander Davidovich Baumann | ◆ Noah James Demers | ▲ Holly Lynn Rickerd |
| ▲ Xander Andre Becenti | Maddisen Rae Hoornstra | ★ Brooke Shirley |
| ▲ Corey Bennington | ◆ Amadeusz Kuczynski | Jayda Bryanna Williams |
| ◆ Cole Mason Craft | Ronald Ledwell, Jr. | |

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

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| ◆ Tamara Dautel | Adam Joseph Miller | Nicholas Sprague |
| Marcie Fierek | ★ Iara Navarro | Jordan Mathew Venegoni |
| Delaney Joyce MacDowell | Alex Reynolds | Joshua Joseph Wildauer |

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Finance and Economics

- ◆ Grant Hindman

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Entrepreneurship

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| ★ Craig Edsall | ★ Alissa Sanville | ▲ Taylor Stacy |
| Wylie Conner Nunn | Justin Joseph Smith | Liberty Jane Wagner |

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - International Business

- Timo Bakos

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Management

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| Emily Louise Archambault | ★ Marcus Richard Johnson | Alyssa M. Ross |
| Jonelle Emily Beebe | Clairessa Rose Kenwabikise | Dawson Tritt |
| ▲ Blake Thomas Cassidy | Claire Maltby | Liberty Jane Wagner |
| Maddisen Rae Hoornstra | ★ Megan Murray | Skylar Andrew Williams |
| Gina Rebecca Hosking | | |

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Marketing

★ Aliyah Adams
Emma Edwards
Jordyn K. Haller
Rachel Keys

Alexis Ann Lasley
★ Raven Skyler McKechnie
Kingsley Perkins
Benjamin Poli

Kurt Wolfgang Pursche II
Sofia Salazar Cruz
Michael Richard Wagner

Bachelor of Science in Cannabis Business

◆ Allison Cook

Hayden Goldstein

Rachel Keys

Bachelor of Science in Cannabis Business and Finance and Economics

Joseph M. Rizzardi

Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics

▲ Griffin Robert Brown
▲ Blake Thomas Cassidy
◆ Noah James Demers
◆ Easton Hesse

Maddisen Rae Hoornstra
Jakob Palmer Hopkins
◆ Nate Schweitzer

★ Andrew John Soma
Skylar Andrew Williams
Devin D. Womack

Associate in Small Business Administration

★ Aliyah Adams
Slayden Bishop
▲ Blake Thomas Cassidy

Maddisen Rae Hoornstra
Liberty Jane Wagner

Michael Richard Wagner
Skylar Andrew Williams

Certificate in Business Fundamentals

Alexis Ann Lasley

Certificate in E-Marketing

Emily Louise Archambault
Blake Thomas Cassidy
Emma Edwards
Jordyn K. Haller
Rachel Keys

Alexis Ann Lasley
Raven Skyler McKechnie
Wylie Conner Nunn
Kingsley Perkins
Benjamin Poli

Kurt Wolfgang Pursche II
Sofia Salazar Cruz
Jayda Bryanna Williams
Devin D. Womack

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

Certificate in International Business

Liberty Jane Wagner

School of Computer Science and Mathematics

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Engin Umut Donmez

Zachary William Stepp

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

◆ Katie Fuson

Todd Allen Grubbs II

◆ Aaron Woodruff Nachazel

★ Andrew John Soma

Benjamin Bradley Yeomans

School of Engineering and Technology

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Cameron Cook

Daniel James Henderson

Benjamin Patrick

Dominic Nehemiah Pucci

Ian Paul Sweet

Beck Thomas Tapert

Wyatt T. Zulski

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Nikolas Curlett

Ryan Anthony Keup

▲ Katherine Hattie Mendrick

Omar Ahid Nobani

Zeng Vue

Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Brandon Lee Buckmaster

Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology and Mechatronics

▲ Julia Fraile Raton

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Reese Bennett Camp	Wyatt Lee Landreville	Dillion Keith Pohl
Leo J. Dudeck	▲ Katherine Hattie Mendrick	Eli W. Rondeau
Chase Jannetta	Tyler Andrew Mroz	Raul Velasco Garcia
▲ Lezan Koyuncu	Ashleigh Hunter Mrozek	▲ Sara Nicole Waltz
Joseph Kramer		

Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering

Sean M. Bellows	▲ Lezan Koyuncu	▲ Riley James Sponseller
Clayton J. Brown	Joseph Kramer	Beck Thomas Tapert
Michael Andrew Buchler	★ Beau Patrick LaTulip	Raul Velasco Garcia
Mitchell Gorney	Noah Andrew Joseph Murray	
Chase Jannetta		

Associate in General Engineering

Jack Adams	Tasker Merrifield	Ian Paul Sweet
Michael Andrew Buchler	Tyler Andrew Mroz	

Associate in Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Brandon Lee Buckmaster

Associate in Mechatronics

Brandon Lee Buckmaster

Certificate in Space Mission and Operations

Noah Andrew Joseph Murray

College of Great Lakes Ecology and Education

School of Education

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

Traci Corrigan
Kelsey Dehanke

◆ Allison Deiter

◆ Kayla Frazier

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

▲ Bethany Jean Dyer

David Scott Miller

▲ Ethan Woodruff Nachazel

Bachelor of Science in Teacher Education

★ Brooke Baker
★ Rayanne Nicole Bigelow
◆ Ila Bisson
◆ Donille Dilone' Cabanaw
▲ Nichole Cheney
★ Tyla Bryn Coates

◆ Kaitlyn Ann Edington
◆ Brooke Landis
◆ Kaitlin Promise Malanowski
Shawna Ann McDonald
◆ Mercedes LeeAnn Myers

★ Brenna Jolene Pavey
★ Elizabeth Rometti
▲ Hope Sydney Swenor
★ Sarah Nicole Wachholz

Associate in Early Childhood Education

◆ Miranda Marie Allen

McKenzie Gail Denis

★ Ashley Stille

Certificate in Social Emotional Learning

Allison Deiter

Kayla Frazier

School of Natural Resources

Bachelor of Science in Conservation Biology

★ Katelynn Grace Baker
Roy Bowman

Parker Jay Burggren
Mia Kate Morgan

★ Samuel Rimatzki

Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife Management

▲ Connor Arnold
Brittnay Sue Bellville
★ Taylor Gross
★ Hunter Blaine Hinds
Kylie Hoffman
Marion Hunt
Noah Kemler
Collin James Mahaffy

Kyler L. Maurer
Madeline Irene Mazzella
Elizabeth Christine McLean
★ Torin Anson DeLaney Miller
Samuel William Offringa
▲ Cody Ogden
▲ Gwendolyn Lenore Phillips
Elliana Prow

Andrew J. Roemer
Megan Michelle Russell
▲ Abbigail Elizabeth Schrader
Robert Schwartz, Jr.
Mikala S. Stoppa
Kathleen Brynn VanWormer
Nicholas Ronnie Vines
★ Clay Avery Wilton

Bachelor of Science in Parks and Recreation

◆ Alayna Schulte

Amiya Grace Twork

★ Alexis Rose Tyslicki

Associate in Geospatial Technology

Sage Amanda Schemm

Nicholas Strader

Associate in Natural Resources Technology

Patrick Tucker Bickings
Roy Bowman
Robert Landis II
★ Torin Anson DeLaney Miller

▲ Gwendolyn Lenore Phillips
Elliana Prow
★ Samuel Rimatzki

◆ Alayna Schulte
Amiya Grace Twork
★ Alexis Rose Tyslicki

Certificate in Geographic Information Systems

Emily Carolyn Perilloux
Samuel Rimatzki

Nicholas Strader

Alexis Rose Tyslicki

College of Health and Emergency Responders

School of Criminal Justice, Fire Science, and Emergency Services

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

◆ Emma Bali	★ Dalton Duane Graham	Antonia Nordeen
▲ Jerzie K. Belleville	◆ Alyssa Jo Hewitt	▲ Natalie Marie Nowak
Aubree Rayanne Bishop	★ Ashley Nicole Kabke	Angeline Parker
Alexandria Elaine Bowyer	Adam Klimsza	▲ Emalee Ann Pascoe
Steven Michael Canales	Kristofer Stathi Kritselis	Marisa Lynn Perry
Logan Harris Corey	Trace M. Lahti	Haleigh Nicole Proctor-Allen
Avery James Dotson	Adam Lambert	Michael James Rand III
Jared Fenlon	Desta Janell MacDowell	Justin Zachary Sherwood
▲ Emileigh Fouts	★ Faith Marie Mason	Kaitlyn Anne Smith
Alexander Chandler French	Brittany Leighanne McLachlin	Samuel Sobeck
◆ Delaney Goodell	Jillian Emma Michaels	Jalissa Swinson

Bachelor of Science in Fire Science - Generalist

▲ Elizabeth Renee Bednard	◆ Kyren Turk Kain	Collin Rhyse Parker
▲ Jason Cossette	★ Charlize Rae Lopez	◆ Kelly Ann Provencial
▲ Benjamin Phillip Evans		

Associate in Criminal Justice - Corrections

Rhiannon Ruth Faye Arquette	▲ Chelsey Laitila
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Associate in Criminal Justice - Homeland Security

◆ Emma Bali	Alexander Chandler French	Desta Janell MacDowell
Steven Michael Canales	★ Dalton Duane Graham	Brittany Leighanne McLachlin
Logan Harris Corey	★ Jaden Hallesy	▲ Kanton N. Piche-Belleau
Avery James Dotson	Trace M. Lahti	Kaitlyn Anne Smith
▲ Emileigh Fouts	Adam Lambert	Samuel Sobeck

Associate in Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement

◆ Emma Bali
Brittnay Sue Bellville
Aubree Rayanne Bishop
Steven Michael Canales
Avery James Dotson
▲ Emileigh Fouts
Alexander Chandler French
◆ Delaney Goodell

★ Dalton Duane Graham
★ Jaden Hallesy
★ Brady Hanna
◆ Kyren Turk Kain
Kristofer Stathi Kritselis
Trace M. Lahti
Desta Janell MacDowell

Brittany Leighanne McLachlin
Jillian Emma Michaels
Angeline Parker
▲ Kanton N. Piche-Belleau
Michael James Rand III
Kaitlyn Anne Smith
Samuel Sobeck

Associate in Fire Science

▲ Elizabeth Renee Bednard
▲ Benjamin Phillip Evans
★ Mariana M. Johnson

◆ Kyren Turk Kain
Austin LaCoursiere
★ Charlize Rae Lopez

▲ Kathryn Mitchell
◆ Kelly Ann Provencial
★ Ryan James Todd

Associate of Applied Science in Paramedic Technology

▲ Elizabeth Renee Bednard
▲ Benjamin Phillip Evans

◆ Kyren Turk Kain
Austin LaCoursiere

★ Charlize Rae Lopez
◆ Kelly Ann Provencial

School of Kinesiology and Psychology

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

▲ Noah Boman
Matthew Clarke
Sarah Ann Eles
Stephen Edward Hines

Nicole Lynn Houghland
▲ Maila Jokinen-Packer
★ Katelyn Nicole Moore

Madison Martina Pott
Aubrey Erin Shepherd
★ Maggie Shermak

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

★ Madison Gertrude Anderson
Rhiannon Ruth Faye Arquette
★ Anne Kathleen Bowes
Terra Chancey
Toni Cross-Smith

★ Sawyer I. Dowd
Vanessa Ann Friisvall
★ Skylar Rayne Lamma
★ Alexandra Terese Menard

Kara Abegaile Mosher
Hailey Pallin
Leanesse Marie Rasaiah
★ Brynn Mae Warner

Associate in Health/Fitness Specialist

Nicole Lynn Houghland
★ Katelyn Nicole Moore

Madison Martina Pott
Aubrey Erin Shepherd

★ Maggie Shermak

School of Nursing

▲ Madelyn Baker
Breanna C. Borowicz
Ashley Brandow
Brooke Louise Burdick
Sierra N. Burton
Hannah Jordyn Coneset
▲ Emily Nicole Courneya
Brooke Dziobak
★ Ahna Elizabeth Henderson
Lillianna Horka

Marianna Rosabelle Horrigan
Rachel Marie Huizinga
Hannah Elizabeth Jenema
Lorena Klann
▲ Grace Anne Krzycki
Hannah Carra Marble
◆ Amanda Claire Mathur
Katherine Miller
Margaret Christine Morris
Melissa Sue O'Connor

Cierra Danielle Ouradnik
Shiann Proffitt
▲ Isabella Raginia
▲ Brooke Ann Richard
Tayler Schnicke
Veronica Steinmetz
★ Olivia Jane Stevens
★ Lauren Louise Throop
Kathryn Eileen Welsch
Kathleen Elizabeth Woodruff

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:

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| ◆ Allison Cook
<i>Cannabis Business</i> | ◆ Kaitlin Promise Malanowski
<i>Teacher Education</i> | ◆ Mia America Zagordo
<i>English Language Arts Teaching</i> |
| ◆ Tamara Dautel
<i>Business Administration</i> | | |

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:

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| ◆ Allison Cook
<i>Cannabis Business</i> | ◆ Noah James Demers
<i>Accounting</i>
<i>Finance and Economics</i> |
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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:

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| Ashley Brandow
<i>Nursing</i> | ★ Beau Patrick LaTulip
<i>Robotics Engineering</i> | ◆ Alayna Schulte
<i>Parks and Recreation</i> |
| Hannah Jordyn Coneset
<i>Nursing</i> | ★ Hannah Kathleen McConkey
<i>Biology</i> | Nicholas Ronnie Vines
<i>Fisheries and Wildlife Management</i> |
| Chase Jannetta
<i>Mechanical Engineering</i>
<i>Robotics Engineering</i> | Haleigh Nicole Proctor-Allen
<i>Criminal Justice</i> | Liberty Jane Wagner
<i>Business Administration-Entrepreneurship</i>
<i>Business Administration-Management</i> |

Honors

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

★ Madison Gertrude Anderson
Psychology

★ Skylar Rayne Lamma
Psychology

★ Brynn Mae Warner
Psychology

★ Anne Kathleen Bowes
Psychology

★ Alexandra Terese Menard
Psychology

★ Sawyer I. Dowd
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:

Ashley Brandow
Nursing

▲ Grace Anne Krzycki
Nursing

★ Lauren Louise Throop
Nursing

★ Ahna Elizabeth Henderson
Nursing

◆ Amanda Claire Mathur
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:

★ Madison Gertrude Anderson
Psychology

◆ Allison Cook
Cannabis Business

◆ Abigail Ruth Marshall
Biology

Awards

Lukenda School of Business

Outstanding Baccalaureate Graduate	◆Grant Hindman
Outstanding Regional Student Graduate	◆Tamara Dautel
Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Achievement Award.....	◆Nate Schweitzer

School of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences

Outstanding Senior	★Brooklyn Elise Patchin
Outstanding Political Science Graduate	★Celia The're'se Hacker
Georgegeen Gaertner Award.....	★Brooklyn Elise Patchin
Outstanding English Language Literature Graduate	◆Halle Anne MacLachlan

School of Biological Sciences

Outstanding Senior	◆Laura Kathryn Yukich
Outstanding Biology Graduate	★Andrew Steven Pothoven
Outstanding Animal Biology Graduate	★Raven Skyler McKechnie
Outstanding Pre-Medical Graduate	◆Kaylin Marie Burton
Outstanding Pre-Medical Graduate	◆Abigail Ruth Marshall
Outstanding Pre-Veterinary Graduate	▲Sophia Anna Jaremko
Outstanding Pre-Veterinary Graduate	▲Emily Caroline Perilloux

School of Chemistry, Environmental, and Geosciences

Outstanding Biochemistry Graduate	▲Emma Maria Vallecorsa
Outstanding Cannabis Chemistry Graduate	◆Thomas Dennis Brzezinski, Jr.
Outstanding Geology Graduate.....	Nicholas Strader

School of Computer Science and Mathematics

Outstanding Mathematics Graduate.....	★Andrew John Soma
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School of Criminal Justice, Fire Science, and Emergency Responders

Outstanding Criminal Justice Homeland Security	◆Emma Bali
Outstanding Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Graduate.....	★Dalton Duane Graham
Outstanding Criminal Justice Regional Center Graduate.....	◆Alyssa Jo Hewitt
Outstanding Fire Science Graduate.....	◆Kyren Turk Kain
Outstanding Paramedic Technology Graduate	◆Kelly Ann Provencal

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

Awards

School of Education

Outstanding Senior ♦Donille Dilone' Cabanaw
Outstanding Early Childhood Education Graduate ★Ashley Stille
Outstanding Elementary Education Graduate ♦Brooke Landis

School of Engineering and Technology

Outstanding Senior ▲Sara Nicole Waltz
Outstanding Computer Engineering Graduate..... Daniel James Henderson
Outstanding Electrical Engineering Graduate..... ▲Katherine Hattie Mendrick
Outstanding Manufacturing Engineering Technology Graduate..... Brandon Lee Buckmaster
Outstanding Mechanical Engineering Graduate..... ▲Lezan Koyuncu
Outstanding Robotics Engineering Graduate..... Chase Jannetta

School of Kinesiology and Psychology

Outstanding Kinesiology Graduate ★Katelyn Nicole Moore
Outstanding Kinesiology Graduate-Human Performance..... Madison Matrina Pott
Outstanding Kinesiology Graduate-Rehabilitation Science ★Maggie Shermak
Outstanding Psychology Graduate ★Madison Gertrude Anderson

School of Natural Resources

Outstanding Conservation Biology Graduate ★Samuel Rimatzki
Outstanding Fisheries and Wildlife Graduate..... ▲Abbigail Elizabeth Schrader
Outstanding Parks and Recreation Graduate ♦Alayna Schulte

School of Nursing

Outstanding BSN Graduate..... ♦Amanda Claire Mathur

Interdisciplinary

Faculty Association Award for Academic Excellence ♦Laura Kathryn Yukich
Outstanding Native American Graduate ★Sawyer I. Dowd

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.

Matthew Arman
Environmental Science

Kenedy Hagan
Nursing

Aimee Spring
Creative Writing

Tayla Brasier
Business Administration-Marketing

Lena Pleaugh
Nursing

Ashley Stille
Teacher Education

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
Dafer, Michigan

Jim Fallis 1974
Las Vegas, Nevada

Walter Keskinen 1973
Johannesburg, Michigan

Alex Bozymowski 1975
Jones, Michigan

Karyn Fay 1975
Hubbell, Michigan

J. Roger Malette 1965
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Donald Brown 1966
Bellefontaine, Ohio

Cindy Huston Gallaway 1975
Lewiston, Michigan

Mark Mercer 1973
Petoskey, Michigan

Roger Calven 1959
Cedarville, Michigan

Neil Gallaway 1975
Lewiston, Michigan

William Nelson 1975
Lansing, Michigan

Patricia Caruso 1975
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Joyce (Crawford) Henderson 1967
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Gary Shindorf 1973
Lapeer, Michigan

Stuart Clark 1974
Johannesburg, Michigan

Kathleen Hinds 1975
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Jeanne Shindorf 1975
Lapeer, Michigan

Arthur Disbrow 1953
Troy, Ohio

Mitch Irwin 1974
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Dr. Courtney J. Weber

School of Biological Sciences

Chair: Dr. Jason M. Garvon

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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 2024-25 selection committee members are:

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 1995-96 Dr. M. Carole Connaughton
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 1992-93 Dr. Sally A. Childs
 1991-92 James P. Madden
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 1988-89 Dr. David J. Behmer
 1987-88 Dimitri Dillani

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 1985-86 Robert M. Money
 1984-85 Dr. Margaret A. Malmberg
 1983-84 Michael J. Flynn
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 1981-82 Dr. Timothy J. Sawyer
 1980-81 Dr. Edeltraute Vialpando
 1979-80 Dr. Bernard J. Arbic
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 1977-78 Larry A. Schneider
 1976-77 Dr. Thomas M. Kelly
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