



Commencement

2026

Lake Superior State University

Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Commencement Ceremony

May 2, 2026

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 ProcessionalSault City Community Concert Band
“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D Major”

Faculty and Administrators ProcessionalDuncan Pipes and Drum Band
“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 ColorsUnited States Coast Guard
Sector Northern Great Lakes Color Guard

Introduction of the Distinguished Guests.....Dr. David J. Travis

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

Acceptance of the Distinguished Teaching Award..... To be announced

Introduction of Graduating Student SpeakerDr. Kimberly O. Muller

Program

Student Speaker on Behalf of the Class of 2026★Alana Jewel Miller-Schofield
Fisheries and Wildlife Management Major, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Presentation of Honorary Doctorate RecipientDr. David J. Travis

Commencement SpeakerThomas C. Bailey
Executive Director, Little Traverse Conservancy, Retired

Presentation of Degree CandidatesDr. Kimberly O. Muller
Reader: Adam St. John, Assistant Professor, School of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences

Conferral of DegreesDr. David J. Travis

Closing RemarksDr. David J. Travis

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



Commencement Program



Live Captioning

Alana Jewel Miller-Schofield, *Graduating Student Speaker*



Alana Jewel Miller-Schofield, tribal member from Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, graduates Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management (Fisheries Concentration), a minor in Marine and Freshwater Sciences, and an Associate degree in Natural Resources Technology. She is a member of LSSU's inaugural class of Masters students in the School of Natural Resources' Fisheries and Wildlife Management program, and will continue her research pertaining to sex-specific population characteristics of Nmè (Lake Sturgeon) in the St. Marys River. Conservation of Nmè - the king of all fishes and a culturally significant clan species - is something Alana is extremely passionate about, so contributing to our understanding of Nmè ecology has been extremely rewarding for her. Alana's long-term goal is

to contribute to the research, conservation, and stewardship of natural resources and treaty rights within Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, as a Fisheries Biologist in the tribal Natural Resources Department.

Alana made the most of her time at LSSU, having worked as a Student Hatchery Technician at the Center for Freshwater Research and Education (CFRE) Fish Hatchery during the academic year and summer, and as a Student Research Technician working on projects that advanced knowledge and conservation of coastal wetlands, freshwater mussels, and Lake Sturgeon. In these various positions, Alana worked in collaboration with personnel from state, provincial, federal, and tribal agencies, building her professional network and gaining essential training in the field of natural resources. She also earned a national certification from the Society of Freshwater Science Taxonomic Certification Program, recognizing her proficiency at identifying freshwater benthic macroinvertebrates. Additionally, Alana has been an active member of the LSSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club, volunteering for Atlantic Salmon broodstock and egg-take events at the CFRE Fish Hatchery, donating winter clothing to Seamore's Annex, and representing the club and university at several professional conferences where she presented posters and talks on her research.

While attending LSSU, Alana integrated student-led organizations into her schedule early in her academic journey, and eventually took on leadership roles

such as President of the LSSU Art Club and Vice President of the Conservation Biology Club. She is extremely passionate about the conservation of natural resources and connecting science and arts, and deeply advocates for building relationships across disciplines, especially regarding environmentalism, conservation, and expression through artwork.

Alana is also a three-time recipient of the Kurt Grinnell Aquaculture Scholarship, an international honor awarded to enrolled members of U.S. federally recognized Tribes and members of Metis Aboriginal groups, and First Nations recognized by Canada. She has also been awarded the TC Energy Indigenous Scholarship, the Kim and Nancy Strawe Fisheries & Wildlife Scholarship, and the Detroit Area Steelheaders Fisheries Scholarship. These awards enabled Alana to focus on her studies while school was in session and pursue her passion for fisheries management, conservation, and research.

Alana is the daughter of Serene and Charles Gauthier and Christopher Schofield, sister to Justin Smith, and wife of Torin Miller-Schofield. She wishes to thank her family and friends for always supporting her goals, professors for their guidance, wisdom, and encouragement, and peers for their kindness and willingness to always help out. She values the connections she has built with the LSSU community and looks forward to following their journeys as they enter their careers and make a positive mark on our understanding and appreciation of the world.

Thomas C. Bailey, *Honorary Doctorate, Commencement Speaker*



Thomas C. Bailey served as Executive Director of the Little Traverse Conservancy for 34 years, overseeing some 60,000 acres of land conservation and recreational land acquisition for the conservancy as well as state and local park and recreation agencies. He was co-founder of Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy and the Top of Michigan Trails Council. He was appointed by Governor John Engler to the Michigan Water Resources Commission and later to the Technical Advisory Board of the Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund. Governor Rick Snyder appointed him to the Blue Ribbon Panel on Michigan State Parks and Outdoor Recreation and in 2015 to an eight-year term on the Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University, which he chaired for two years. He has served on the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee and a number of national, state and local non-profit boards and committees.

His work in conservation began at an early age. A co-developer of the plan for including Isle Royale National Park in the National Wilderness Preservation System, he first testified before the U. S. Senate's Interior Committee at the age of 17. He went on to serve as a National Park Ranger at Isle Royale National Park, Michigan

and Grand Portage National Monument, Minnesota. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Park and Recreation Resources from Michigan State University in 1976 and completed graduate studies in land use, resource economics, and environmental law. He worked for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for six years, administering state and federal grants for water pollution control and in the state's hazardous waste program.

Bailey is the author of a book published by Michigan State University Press, "A North Country Almanac: Reflections of an Old-school Conservationist in a Modern World", a collection of essays written over his 34 years as executive director of the Little Traverse Conservancy.

In recognition of his work, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission presented him with the Thomas L. Washington Award for Lifetime Commitment to Conservation and Outdoor Recreation in December of 2019. He was inducted into the Michigan Environmental Hall of Fame in 2012.

He lives near Petoskey, Michigan with his wife, artist Heidi A. Marshall.

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 musicians who accompany the LSSU administration, trustees, and faculty are with the Duncan Pipes and Drum band of Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario. They have been piping in our processional for more than 60 years. We are very grateful for their commitment and dedication.

The singing of the Canadian and the United States national anthems is performed by the LSSU Concert Choir.

The playing of Pomp and Circumstance is performed by the Sault City Community Concert Band.

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 recipient of the previous year's Distinguished Teaching Award. The marshal this year is Professor Koral C. Brady, Assistant Professor in the Lukenda School of Business. 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 Business, Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics

Lukenda School of Business

Master of Business Administration

Brendan Adams
Joseph Leo Barr
Nikita Marie Becks
Jason Belisle
Nicholas James Cassel

Paolo DeMarco
Ciara Aisling Johnson
Samantha Lee
Joseph Nolan
Justin Pollard

Tamara Santana
Molly Grace Schembri
Kathleen Spencer
Logan Swedberg
Jesston Whitley

College of Arts and Sciences

School of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing

▲ Victoria Berlin
▲ Maggie Chism

★ Matthew Espinosa

◆ Aimee Spring

Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature

★ Nathan Thomas Piche

▲ Zoe Williams

Bachelor of Arts in English Language Arts Teaching

◆ Isabella Norden

Bachelor of Arts in Language Arts

Shelby Dawn Eavou

Bachelor of Science in General Studies

Margaret Jamie McKinney

Rebekah Olds

Jaimee Vizina

Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Social Science

Dakota Payment

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

Bachelor of Science in Social Science

Regan Michelle Ackroyd
Jacob Bole

Blaise Andrew Brzuchalski
★ Caeden Collins

Mindi Espinosa
Harold H. Newfer III

Associate in General Studies

▲ David Jerome Anderson
▲ Maranda Mae Andrews
Abigail V. Beaudoin
Chloe Boyko
Grace Bradford
★ Isaac D. Brindley
Eliza L. Brown
◆ Christopher Connors
★ Grace Corbin
★ Amber Marie Curtis
▲ Angela Felisa Davis
Hannah Nora Dutz
Olivia L. Evans

▲ Hailey Lynn Florence
David Fort
▲ Morgan Groover
Brayden Heemer
Jacob E. Kasprzak
▲ Madison LaBonte
Paige Lauren Labre
Iyana Langdon
Paige Marchand
Brandon Mason
★ Madison Matthews
James Mertz

Kara Abegaile Mosher
Harold H. Newfer III
Emily Oakes
Laney Pasemko
Rayce Rizzo
Carlos Saints
Riley James Scott
★ Mackenzie Sloan
Lydia Nicole Slosar
Jessie Alyse Turner
Emily K. Van Daele
Mandy Lynn Vassar

Associate in Social Work

▲ Katelyn I. Watson

Associate in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

▲ Katelyn I. Watson

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Nora Smoes

Michael Wright

Certificate in Acting

Joelene Michele Melgar

Michael Wright

School of Biological Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Leslie Rose Adams
▲ Amelia Boggs
Hannah Callaway

Brenden Conger
Gaven Dibble
Alyssa N. Kozlowski

Sydney Quinones
Rourke Ryan
Katelyn Zwiker

Associate in Pre-Professional Sciences

Alyssa N. Kozlowski

◆ Skylar Ann Miklusicak-Whitney

Marina Lyn Pine

Associate of Applied Science in Animal Health

Gaven Dibble

School of Chemistry, Environmental, and Geosciences

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry Pre-Professional

Betty Kovas

Alexandra Mazzella

Bachelor of Science in Cannabis Chemistry

Marlee Fox
Taylor Gustafson
Matthew Hinson

★ Tiffany Marie Miller-Schroden
Sydney Quinones
▲ Jackson Christensen Rund

Riley James Scott
David Stone
Matthew C. Treiber

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

Elizabeth R. Angell

Kendall Richard Smith

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

Autumn Kristine Brown
Susan Hannah Bullington
Hannah Callaway
★ Grace Corbin

★ Shane Patrick Coykendall
▲ Asia Kachuk
◆ Ethan Meehle

Jessica Montemayor
Alaina Ilene Ormsbee
Joseph Rivera

Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry

Katlynn Anderson
Collen Dibble
★ Hannah Haataja

Natalie Anne Maus
◆ Anna Parsons

Arik Christian Sanders
★ Aaron Smith

Bachelor of Science in Geology

Jack Boase

Ella Moses

▲ Addison Grace Zabik

Associate in Cannabis Science

Marlee Fox

Riley James Scott

Matthew C. Treiber

Associate in Chemistry

★ Shane Patrick Coykendall

Certificate in Cannabis Production

Victoria Patricia Davis

David Stone

Matthew C. Treiber

Certificate in Microscopy and Microanalysis

Autumn Kristine Brown
Hannah Callaway
Grace Corbin
Shane Patrick Coykendall

Grace Garrison
Hannah Haataja
Natalie Anne Maus

Ella Moses
Anna Parsons
Arik Christian Sanders

College of Business, Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics

Lukenda School of Business

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

▲ Gleb Davidovich Baumann
Tate Garver
▲ Trinity Gay

Noah James Kilmark
◆ Allyson Lancour
★ Amy Lehigh

Connor Milburn
Alex Reynolds
▲ Rayna Silverstein

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

◆ Luke Antonacci
Alexis Armitage
Michael Brown
★ Rebecca Ann Delacruz
▲ Robert Edwards
Trevor Ken Englund

Tate Garver
Mauro Greco
★ Brendan Gross
Brandon Hagyard
Delaney Joyce MacDowell

Daichi Nishisu
Taylor Pratt
Alex Reynolds
◆ Grant Riley
▲ Alexander Teleguine

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Entrepreneurship

Ryan Beck
Logan Einertson

★ Andrew Ordiway

▲ Avery James Timm

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - International Business and Business Administration - Marketing

Erica Smith

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Management

★ Joseph Lee Allen
★ Hope Brandt
★ Evan Bushy
▲ Monica Chartier
★ Colleen Ekrut

Angelo John Greenburg
Carlee Johnson
▲ Casey Kiteley
Paige Lauren Labre
Andrew Langford

Colin Mueller
▲ Rayna Silverstein
★ Kyle Sweeney
Hailey Grace Warner

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Marketing

◆ Tayla Maree Brasier
Tyson Sean Edmondson

Christian S. Murphy

Catherine O'Brien

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

Bachelor of Science in Cannabis Business

Alex Cramer
Victoria Patricia Davis

★ Rebecca Ann Delacruz
▲ Jackson Christensen Rund

Gavin Trom

Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics

★ Blake Humphrey
★ Tyler Brian Jamison
★ Charles Johnson
Noah James Kilmark

Cullum P. LeBaron
◆ Grant Riley
Domenic Rizzo
Charles Stephen

★ Donald Strazzinski, Jr.
▲ Samantha Suhrcke

Associate in Small Business Administration

★ Joseph Lee Allen
Carlee Johnson

Catherine O'Brien
★ Andrew Ordiway

★ Kyle Sweeney

Associate in Technical Accounting

★ Joseph Lee Allen

Certificate in Business Entrepreneurship

Grant Riley

Certificate in E-Marketing

Tayla Maree Brasier
Rebecca Ann Delacruz

Tate Garver
Mauro Greco

Brendan Gross
Catherine O'Brien

School of Computer Science and Mathematics

Bachelor of Science in Computer Networking

Joshua Sullivan

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Stefan Andrei
★ Benjamin Michael Davis
Jackson Quinn Ellinger

◆ Kain Reinhardt
★ David Rivard

Colin Thomas
▲ Hannah M. Toutant

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

Bachelor of Science in Data Science

Valeriya Varnakova

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Mason Fern Roznowski

Daniel Louis Twining

Associate in Computer Networking

◆ Kain Reinhardt

Associate in Computer Science

Joshua Sullivan

★ Rusty Trim

Valeriya Varnakova

Certificate in Space Mission and Operations

Daniel Louis Twining

Madeleine M. Whip

School of Engineering and Technology

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Cameron Cook

Joshua Elliot Rodriguez

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Pascal Milan Klimes

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology

William Peltier

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology and Mechatronics

Avery Petersen

Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Tyler Engel

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

Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology and Mechatronics

Leo Mandoka

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Tristan Greenlee
Sydney R. Johnson

Mallory McCoy

Jameson Padraig McKnight

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics Engineering

▲ Lydia Renne Knapp

◆ Valentina Parodi

★ Madeleine M. Whip

Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics

Joshua Damsteegt

Hunter Aaron Nowakowski

William Peltier

Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering

▲ Jordi Fraile Raton

Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering

Christopher A. Bohm II
Cole Brehm

▲ Samuel R. Harman
Jameson Padraig McKnight

Nathan R. Parrish

Associate in General Engineering

Daniel Louis Twining

Associate in General Engineering Technology

Kyle Cameron Stevens

Associate in Mechatronics

▲ Jordi Fraile Raton

Hunter Aaron Nowakowski

College of Great Lakes Ecology and Education

School of Education

Bachelor of Science in Teacher Education

- ◆ Brooke Baker
- ▲ Jayna Bearss
- ▲ Hana Belonga
- ★ Brooklynn Besteman
- ★ Ila Bisson
- Megan Jane Booms
- ◆ Sangeeta Chaudhuri
- ▲ Nichole Cheney
- ▲ Elexandrya Marie Cottle
- ★ Reagan Elaine Erickson
- ▲ Keagan Fischer
- ◆ Marissa Huffman
- ◆ Makenzie Leigh Jacobson
- ◆ Jacobie Briann Koning
- ★ Sydney Larsen
- ★ Madison Matthews
- ▲ Makayla Linn Mcdaniels
- ★ Joelene Michele Melgar
- ◆ Melissa C. Meyer
- ▲ Shaylee Michael
- ◆ Mercedes LeeAnn Myers
- ★ Laci Paidl
- ★ Megan Robinson
- ★ Allison Pauline Ross
- ◆ Robin Jo Schafer
- ◆ Erika G. Silverstone
- Gabriella J. Smith
- Emily Spierling
- ★ Delaney Stec
- ★ Ashley Stille
- ◆ Micaela Stubinsky
- ★ Amber Trombley
- ◆ Julia Vincenza Westerby
- ◆ Gracie Wickham
- ★ Heidi Yiirs
- ◆ Haley Marie Zerlaut

Associate in Early Childhood Education

- ▲ Hana Belonga
- Megan Jane Booms
- Abigail C. Hetrick
- ◆ Brianna G. Petersen

Certificate in Social Emotional Learning

Ricardo Jose Russell, Jr.

School of Natural Resources

Bachelor of Science in Conservation Biology

- ▲ Maisie Anne Buhro
- ▲ Grace Garrison
- ▲ Kennedy Johnson
- Rex Scheele
- Caitlin Jane Skrodenis
- Brittany Kae Velting

Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife Management

Abigail Aldea	Sarah Lynn Gremmer	Elizabeth Christine McLean
Dominic Betke	Elijah M. Herriman	★ Alana Jewel Miller-Schofield
◆ Kylah M. Buikema	♣ Carli Huhn	Madison Moran
Brendan Joseph Burpee	Colton Dale Isenhardt	Madison Olson
Aiden Duane Cardwell	Brynn Bailee Jannetta	Blake Patterson
Alisha Denué	Alaina Kecskes	★ Jordyn Reed
★ Janelle Docter	♣ Kelsie Kemerling	Anthony Lee Savoie
♣ Hunter Eurich	♣ Kennedy Konkle	◆ Lauren Schagel
Rowan Faust	♣ Breanna L. McFarlane	◆ Elizabeth Shaffer
Kevin Fischer	♣ Cavan McIntyre	◆ Gerald Trinklein
♣ Audrey George		

Bachelor of Science in Parks and Recreation

Patrick Tucker Bickings	Aaron Kennedy	Melissa Annabel Lee
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Associate in Geospatial Technology

★ Grace Corbin

Associate in Natural Resources Technology

Roy Bowman	Melissa Annabel Lee	Ella Moses
Aaron Kennedy	★ Alana Jewel Miller-Schofield	Alaina Ilene Ormsbee
♣ Kennedy Konkle		

Certificate in Geographic Information Systems

Jack Boase	Jessica Montemayor	Joseph Rivera
Grace Corbin	Alaina Ilene Ormsbee	Lauren Schagel
Angelo John Greenburg	Blake Patterson	Addison Grace Zabik
Ethan Meehle		

College of Health and Emergency Responders

School of Criminal Justice, Fire Science, and Emergency Services

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Caden Alexander	▲ Jacob M. Kochanski	▲ Kanton N. Piche-Belleau
Kelsey Cooper	Iyana Langdon	Sean Piotrowicz
Jared Fenlon	Brandon Mason	Kyra Shepherd
Brayden Heemer	Brittany Leighanne McLachlin	Jason Slusher
Samantha Marie Kalis	◆ Anna Parsons	Howard Wagner
Adam Klimsza	◆ Audrey Pearson	

Bachelor of Science in Fire Science - Generalist

★ Maribel Adai Bautista-Pablo	Eamonn Joyce	Jacob Orr
Tucker Combs	Logan McNabb	Collin Rhyse Parker
▲ Vann Gardner	Grady Nash	▲ Samantha Marie Taylor
▲ Aidan Hughes		

Associate in Criminal Justice - Homeland Security

Caden Alexander	Grady Nash	Kyra Shepherd
Brayden Heemer	◆ Audrey Pearson	Jason Slusher
Eamonn Joyce	Sean Piotrowicz	Howard Wagner
Brittany Leighanne McLachlin		

Associate in Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement

Michael Bazinau	Iyana Langdon	Jason Slusher
Kelsey Cooper	★ Jackson Lee Mesner	Tiffeney E. Stratton
Jason F. Elliott	Sean Piotrowicz	Jordan Troxel
Molly Rae Jackman	Kyra Shepherd	

Associate in Fire Science

★ Maribel Adai Bautista-Pablo	Logan McNabb	Oliver Anthony Wisniewski
▲ Vann Gardner	▲ Samantha Marie Taylor	

Associate of Applied Science in Paramedic Technology

▲ David Jerome Anderson
★ Maribel Adai Bautista-Pablo

Logan McNabb
▲ Samantha Marie Taylor

★ Colin Michael Thompson
★ Lillian Rose Tracey

Certificate in MCOLES

Jason F. Elliott

School of Kinesiology and Psychology

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Marcus Boase
Brooke Allyson Brazeau
▲ Trista L. Bupp
★ Nevaeh Cyr
◆ Tessa Deal
Tamiya Fields
★ Emily Fleming
◆ Sophia Gibbs

Alyandra Gonzales Flora
Marcus Harris
Drew William Hess
Stephen Edward Hines
Bryan David Huggins
★ Grace Kreps
★ Sarah Lamb
Emma Elizabeth LeBlanc

◆ Skylar Ann Miklusicak-Whitney
◆ Martina Oviedo
★ Brooke Rivers
▲ Kennedy Rose Sabin
Vanessa Swerdon
★ Colin Michael Thompson
Reece Matthew VanderWulp
Joshua Westrate

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Abigail V. Beaudoin
▲ Marlee Jane DePeel
Vanessa Ann Friisvall
Morgan Fox
▲ Morgan Groover

◆ Rhiannon Haraway
◆ Makenzie Leigh Jacobson
◆ Keeli Rene Kennedy
Haylie Loiselle

Kara Abegaile Mosher
★ Janine Napoletano
Leanesse Marie Rasaiah
▲ Katelyn I. Watson

Associate in Health/Fitness Specialist

Brooke Allyson Brazeau
◆ Tessa Deal
★ Emily Fleming
◆ Sophia Gibbs

Bryan David Huggins
◆ Skylar Ann Miklusicak-Whitney
◆ Martina Oviedo
★ Brooke Rivers

▲ Kennedy Rose Sabin
Vanessa Swerdon
Reece Matthew VanderWulp

School of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- ▲ David Jerome Anderson
- ▲ Maranda Mae Andrews
- ▲ Olivia Boutorwick
 - Chloe Boyko
 - Grace Bradford
 - Francis Anthony Breen IV
 - Eliza L. Brown
 - Toni Cross-Smith
- ★ Amber Marie Curtis
- ▲ Angela Felisa Davis
 - Hannah Nora Dutz
 - Olivia L. Evans
- ▲ Hailey Lynn Florence
 - Cassidy Rae Gough
 - Paige Johnson
 - David Nicholas Klym
- ▲ Madison LaBonte
- ◆ Makena Lockwood
 - Katelyn C. Lovins
 - Paige Marchand
- ▲ Willow Lois Mae McNabb
 - Emily Oakes
- ▲ Uwaoma Osumili
 - Maryssa Sarah Parish
- Laney Pasemko
- Candace Robbins
- Carlos Saints
- ★ Mackenzie Sloan
 - Lydia Nicole Slosar
 - Nicholas Smart
- ★ Lindsey Tonello
 - Jessie Alyse Turner
 - Emily K. Van Daele
 - Mandy Lynn Vassar
 - Eva Lynn Wilson

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:

◆ **Grant Riley**
Business Administration
Finance and Economics

◆ **Lauren Schagel**
Fisheries Wildlife Management

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:

◆ **Tayla Maree Brasier**
Business Administration-Marketing

★ **Charles Johnson**
Finance and Economics

◆ **Allyson Lancour**
Accounting

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:

▲ **Maranda Mae Andrews**
Nursing

▲ **Cavan McIntyre**
Fisheries and Wildlife Management

◆ **Lauren Schagel**
Fisheries and Wildlife Management

▲ **Angela Felisa Davis**
Nursing

◆ **Skylar Ann Miklusicak-Whitney**
Kinesiology

▲ **Rayna Silverstein**
Accounting
Business Administration-Management

★ **Emily Fleming**
Kinesiology

★ **Alana Jewel Miller-Schofield**
Fisheries and Wildlife Management

Jason Slusher
Criminal Justice

▲ **Vann Gardner**
Fire Science-Generalist

Madison Olson
Fisheries and Wildlife Management

◆ **Micaela Stubinsky**
Teacher Education

◆ **Sophia Gibbs**
Kinesiology

◆ **Valentina Parodi**
Mechanical Engineering and
Robotics Engineering

▲ **Samantha Marie Taylor**
Fire Science-Generalist

▲ **Carli Huhn**
Fisheries and Wildlife Management

▲ **Jackson Christensen Rund**
Cannabis Business
Cannabis Chemistry

Daniel Louis Twining
Mathematics

▲ **Breanna L. McFarlane**
Fisheries and Wildlife Management

▲ — 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:

Abigail V. Beaudoin
Psychology

◆ **Rhiannon Haraway**
Psychology

Kara Abegaile Mosher
Psychology

▲ **Marlee Jane DePeel**
Psychology

◆ **Makenzie Leigh Jacobson**
Psychology
Teacher Education

★ **Janine Napoletano**
Psychology

▲ **Morgan Groover**
Psychology

◆ **Keeli Rene Kennedy**
Psychology

▲ **Katelyn I. Watson**
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:

▲ **Maranda Mae Andrews**
Nursing

▲ **Hailey Lynn Florence**
Nursing

▲ **Uwaoma Osumili**
Nursing

Chloe Boyko
Nursing

▲ **Madison LaBonte**
Nursing

Laney Pasemko
Nursing

Toni Cross-Smith
Nursing

Katelyn C. Lovins
Nursing

Carlos Saints
Nursing

★ **Amber Marie Curtis**
Nursing

Paige Marchand
Nursing

Jessie Alyse Turner
Nursing

▲ **Angela Felisa Davis**
Nursing

▲ **Willow Lois Mae McNabb**
Nursing

Mandy Lynn Vassar
Nursing

Hannah Nora Dutz
Nursing

Emily Oakes
Nursing

Eva Lynn Wilson
Nursing

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Awards

Lukenda School of Business

Outstanding Baccalaureate Graduate	◆ Tayla Maree Brasier
Outstanding Regional Student Graduate	◆ Allyson Lancour
Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Achievement Award	◆ Grant Riley

School of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences

Outstanding Senior	★ Nathan Thomas Piche
Outstanding English Language Literature Graduate	◆ Aimee Spring
Georgegeen Gaertner Award	▲ Victoria Berlin

School of Biological Sciences

Outstanding Senior	Brenden Conger
Outstanding Biology Graduate	▲ Amelia Boggs

School of Chemistry, Environmental, and Geosciences

Outstanding Biochemistry Pre-Professional Graduate	Betty Kovas
Outstanding Cannabis Chemistry Graduate	★ Tiffany Marie Miller-Schroden
Outstanding Chemistry Graduate	Kendall Richard Smith
Outstanding Environmental Science Graduate	◆ Ethan Meehle
Outstanding Forensic Chemistry Graduate	★ Hannah Haataja
Outstanding Geology Graduate	▲ Addison Grace Zabik

School of Computer Science and Mathematics

Outstanding Computer Science Graduate	◆ Kain Reinhardt
Outstanding Mathematics Graduate	Daniel Louis Twining

School of Criminal Justice, Fire Science, and Emergency Responders

Outstanding Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Graduate	▲ Kanton N. Piche-Belleau
Outstanding Criminal Justice Regional Center Graduate	Brandon Mason
Outstanding Criminalistics Graduate	◆ Anna Parsons
Outstanding Fire Science Graduate	★ Maribel Adai Bautista-Pablo
Outstanding Paramedic Technology Graduate	★ Maribel Adai Bautista-Pablo

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Awards

School of Education

Outstanding Senior	◆ Erika G. Silverstone
Outstanding Senior	◆ Micaela Stubinsky
Outstanding Early Childhood Education Graduate	◆ Brianna G. Petersen
Outstanding Elementary Education Graduate	◆ Haley Marie Zerlaut

School of Engineering and Technology

Outstanding Senior	★ Madeleine M. Whip
Outstanding Electrical Engineering Graduate	Pascal Milan Klimes
Outstanding Electrical Engineering Technology Graduate	Avery Petersen
Outstanding Manufacturing Engineering Technology Graduate	Tyler Engel
Outstanding Mechanical Engineering Graduate	▲ Lydia Renne Knapp
Outstanding Mechatronics Graduate	▲ Jordi Fraile Raton
Outstanding Robotics Engineering Graduate	◆ Valentina Parodi

School of Kinesiology and Psychology

Outstanding Kinesiology Graduate	◆ Martina Oviedo
Outstanding Kinesiology Graduate-Human Performance	Vanessa Swerdon
Outstanding Kinesiology Graduate-Rehabilitation Science	◆ Sophia Gibbs
Outstanding Kinesiology Graduate-Sport and Fitness Management	★ Sarah Lamb
Outstanding Psychology Graduate	◆ Rhiannon Haraway
Russell and Marquette Bruce Scholarship	◆ Martina Oveido

School of Natural Resources

Outstanding Conservation Biology Graduate	▲ Kennedy Johnson
Outstanding Fisheries and Wildlife Graduate	★ Alana Jewel Miller-Schofield
Outstanding Outdoor Recreation Graduate	Melissa Annabel Lee

School of Nursing

Outstanding BSN Graduate	★ Amber Marie Curtis
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Interdisciplinary

Outstanding Native American Graduate	Brynn Bailee Jannetta
Senator Philip A. Hart Scholar	▲ Kennedy Konkle
Senator Philip A. Hart Scholar	◆ Anna Parsons
Senator Philip A. Hart Scholar	◆ Lauren Schagel

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Honor Ushers

Our honor ushers are juniors and seniors 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.

▲ **Maranda Mae Andrews**
Nursing

Kenedy Hagan
Nursing

Ese Osumili
Nursing

▲ **Angela Felisa Davis**
Nursing

◆ **Makenzie Leigh Jacobson**
Psychology

Brianna G. Petersen
Teacher Education

Ava Donmyer
Teacher Education

▲ **Willow Lois Mae McNabb**
Nursing

Anthony Pirochta
Fisheries and Wildlife Management

Anirudh Gupta
Biology

★ **Alana Jewel Miller-Schofield**
Fisheries and Wildlife Management

◆ **Lauren Schagel**
Fisheries and Wildlife Management

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.

Roger Calven, 1959
Cedarville, Michigan

Patrick Gabrion, 1976*
Hallowell, Maine

Sara Nelson, 1976*
Lansing, Michigan

Patricia Caruso, 1975
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Joyce (Crawford) Henderson, 1967
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Austin T. Roads, 1977
Middle Island, New York

Stuart Clark, 1974
Johannesburg, Michigan

Roger Horton, 1971
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Susan Smith Long, 1976*
Saline, Michigan

Arthur Disbrow, 1953
Troy, Ohio

Mitch Irwin, 1974
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Michael Srock, 1975
Ypsilanti, Michigan

Melinda Dougherty, 1974
Ludington, Michigan

Frederic Johnson, 1976*
Oscoda, Michigan

Peter Tampas, 1961
Hancock, Michigan

Randy Dougherty, 1975
Ludington, Michigan

Walter Keskinen, 1973
Johannesburg, Michigan

Cynthia Williams, 1976*
East Lansing, Michigan

Jim Fallis, 1974
Las Vegas, Nevada

*50th Year Inductee

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Dr. Seth A. McCall

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Dr. Yong Zeng

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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 2025-26 selection committee members are:

Koral C. Brady*
◆ Tayla Maree Brasier
Joshua Damsteegt
★ Janelle Docter
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◆ Ethan Meehle
◆ Skylar Ann Miklusicak-Whitney
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★ Nathan Thomas Piche
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2024-25	Koral C. Brady	2005-06	James W.T. Moody	1987-88	Dimitri Dillani
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2016-17	Dr. Joseph D. Susi II	1997-98	Dr. Gary R. Johnson	1979-80	Dr. Bernard J. Arbic
2015-16	Janice Repka	1996-97	Paul R. Duesing	1978-79	Dr. Steven J. Person
2014-15	Dr. John H. Roesé	1995-96	Dr. M. Carole Connaughton	1977-78	Larry A. Schneider
2013-14	Herbert D. Henderson	1994-95	Dr. Madan Saluja	1976-77	Dr. Thomas M. Kelly
2012-13	Deborah Choszczyk	1993-94	Carol A. Campagna	1975-76	Dr. Arthur E. Duwe
2011-12	Dr. Ashley H. Moerke	1992-93	Dr. Sally A. Childs	1974-75	Thomas Mickewich
2010-11	Dr. H. Russell Searight	1991-92	James P. Madden	1973-74	Gerald M. Samson
2009-10	Dr. Andrew H. Jones	1990-91	Dr. William L. Haag	1972-73	David Blair
2008-09	Dr. Thomas A. Allan	1989-90	Dr. Susan H. Ratwik	1971-72	Margaret Howe
2007-08	Dr. Kathy A. Berchem	1988-89	Dr. David J. Behmer	1962-63	C. Ernest Kemp
2006-07	Dr. MaryAnne P. Shannon			1957-58	Raymond R. Chelberg

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