

# Conference Schedule



# PASSION *meets* PURPOSE

Upper Midwest Regional Honors Conference 2024

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**Friday, April 5 – Sunday, April 7**



## Conference Schedule

Friday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>								
Locations	Wahl. 101	Wahl. Curriculum Library	MARC 102	MARC 202	MARC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	MARC 402	DuHawk Commons	Ballrooms
1:00 – 4:00 Registration	<b>Registration:</b> ACC Concourse				<b>Poster Set-up:</b> Duhawk Commons			
1:30 - 2:15	<p>Campus Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</p> <p><b>Jake Kohlhaas, PhD</b> Local Host &amp; UMHC Vice President Loras College Honors Program Director</p> <p><b>Lori Silva</b> UMHC State of Iowa Student Representative</p> <p><b>Jim Collins</b> Loras College President</p>							X
2:30 – 3:45 Break Out #1	X	X	X	X	X	X		
4:00 – 5:15 Poster Session #1 Roundtables							X	X
5:30 – 6:30 Dinner	<b>Food Trucks:</b> Loras Parkway							
6:45 – 7:30 Plenary #1	<p>Introduction</p> <p><b>Hannah Busch</b> Junior Class Representative</p> <p>Speaker</p> <p><b>Brad Cavanagh</b> Mayor of Dubuque</p> <p>Invitation to On-Campus Events</p> <p><b>Brian Day</b> Senior Class Representative</p>							X
7:45 – 9:00 On-Campus Activities	<b>Student Films:</b> Ballrooms			<b>Planetarium Show:</b> Planetarium		<b>Games:</b> Duhawk Commons		

## Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

Locations	Wahl. 101	Wahl. Curriculum Library	MARC 102	MARC 202	MARC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	MARC 402	DuHawk Commons	Ballrooms
7:30 – 8:15	<b>Poster Set-up:</b> Duhawk Commons							
8:30 – 9:00	Introduction <b>Daira Chavez Ayala</b> Sophomore Class Representative  Opening Remarks <b>Donna Heald, PhD</b> Loras College Provost							X
9:15 – 10:30 Breakout #2	X	X	X	X	X	X		
10:45 – 12:00 Poster Session #2 Workshops							X	X
12:15 – 1:15	<b>Lunch</b>							X
1:15 – 1:45	Introduction <b>Kurt Kemper, PhD</b> UMHC Communications  3-minute Thesis Competition							X
2:00 – 3:15 Breakout #3	X	X	X	X	X	X		
3:30 – 5:00 Plenary #2	Introduction <b>Art Sunleaf, PhD</b> Vice President for Student Development  Speaker <b>Erin VanLaningham, PhD</b> Professor of English & Director of the NetVUE Scholarly Resources Project  Invitation to Student Reception <b>S.P. Shah</b> Honors Student							X
5:15 – 7:00	<b>Student Social:</b> Fieldhouse				<b>Faculty Social:</b> Breitbach Room			
7:05 Off-Campus Activity	<b>Dubuque Fighting Saints Hockey Game:</b> Dubuque Ice Arena							

## Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Locations	Wahl. 101	Wahl. Curriculum Library	MARC 102	MARC 202	MARC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	MARC 402	DuHawk Commons	Ballrooms
8:00 – 9:15 Plenary #3	<p>Moderator <b>Neely Farren Eller, PhD</b> Honors Committee</p> <p>Panelists <b>Sergio Perez, EdD</b> Director of Center for Inclusion &amp; Advocacy</p> <p><b>Kate Parks, PhD</b> Associate Dean &amp; Dubuque Community School Board President</p> <p><b>Caprice Jones</b> Founder and Director, Dubuque Fountain of Youth</p>							X
9:30 – 10:45 Breakout #4	X	X	X	X	X			
11:00 – 12:00	Business Meeting & State Meetings							X

### Featured Speakers



**Brad Cavanagh**  
Mayor of the City of Dubuque

*Friday Plenary*



**Sergio Pérez, EdD**  
Director of the Center for  
Inclusion & Advocacy

*Sunday Panel*



**Erin Van Laningham, PhD**  
Professor of English &  
Director of the NetVUE  
Scholarly Resources Project

*Saturday Plenary*



**Kate Parks, PhD**  
Associate Dean &  
Dubuque Community School  
Board President

*Sunday Panel*



**Caprice Jones**  
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*Sunday Panel*



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# List of Presentations



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**Breakout Session #1: 2:30 – 3:45 FRIDAY**

Wahlert 101	<p><i>Impact of Childhood Trauma on Education and Well-Being of Students and How You Can Help</i></p> <p><b>Sarah Conley, Brian Day, Lori Silva, Kaylie Skoumal, Katie Walsh</b> Loras College</p>
	<p><i>The Power of Stories: How Narratives Can Foster Resiliency</i></p> <p><b>Noah Mursu</b> South Dakota State University</p>
	<p><i>Adolescent Sexual Assault: Impact &amp; Prevention</i></p> <p><b>Em Duffek</b> University of Wisconsin-Whitewater</p>
Wahlert C.L.	<p>Panel: <i>The Honors Community in the Community College</i></p> <p><b>DMACC Students, Faculty, and Staff</b> Des Moines Area Community College</p>
MARC 102	<p><i>Passion Meets Purpose Regarding Advocacy for the Latin American Community, Advocacy Trip to Washington D.C.</i></p> <p><b>Winter Hurst-Leadicker</b> Western Illinois University</p>
	<p><i>Books for Kids</i></p> <p><b>Liberty Foht, Elijah Dertz, Coby Johnson, Isabel Buchanan</b> Loras College</p>
	<p><i>Beneath the Surface: Unmasking Human Trafficking in Our Backyards and Beyond - A Call to Action for Education and Advocacy</i></p> <p><b>Liberty Fischer</b> South Dakota State University</p>
MARC 202	<p><i>Let the Past Teach Us Well: Pro-Anorexia Content and Social Media</i></p> <p><b>Luke Constantino</b> Dakota State University</p>
	<p><i>My Early Life</i></p> <p><b>Tonya Quinn</b> Des Moines Area Community College</p>
	<p><i>Into the Dragon's Den: The Multiple Dragons Present in "Beowulf" and "Saga of the Volsungs"</i></p> <p><b>Karac Richardson</b> South Dakota State University</p>
MARC 3rd	<p><i>Exploring the Moral Development of Honors Students</i></p> <p><b>Noah Roerig &amp; Dr. Katelyn Romsa</b> South Dakota State University</p>
	<p>Panel: <i>Honors Education Redefined: The Justice Challenge Experience</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Rebecca Bott-Knutson, Noah Roerig, Jacob Spreng, Kylie Rosenau, &amp; Nancy Khuu</b> South Dakota State University</p>

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MARC 402	<i>Renewable Energy vs. Fossil Fuels: Which One Should Mexico Choose?</i> <b>Aubrey Coons</b> Graceland University
	<i>Impact of Plant Hormones on Growth</i> <b>Akanksha Denduluri</b> Madison Area Technical College
	<i>Room to Grow: Large-Scale Printmaking Inspired by Northwoods Ecology</i> <b>Catherine Nelson</b> St. Norbert College

**Poster Session #1: 4:00 – 5:15 FRIDAY**

(Concurrent with Table Discussions)

Board #1			
Side A		Side B	
<i>Transcriptional Analysis of MicroRNAs within CD34+ Hematopoietic Stem Cells</i> <b>Jessica Splichal</b> Northern State University	<i>The Role of Histone 3.3K27M Mutation in Foamy Virus Infection of Diffuse Midline Glioma Cells</i> <b>Morgan Fimreite</b> St. Norbert College	<i>Implementation of X-Rays in the South Dakota State University Human Anatomy Lab and the Effects There Within</i> <b>Rylee Honomichl</b> South Dakota State University	<i>The Liver is the Giver</i> <b>Emma Lusk</b> South Dakota State University
Board #2			
Side A		Side B	
<i>Mobile Malware: A Comprehensive Analysis of SMS Scamming</i> <b>Gabe Miller</b> Dakota State University	<i>Principal Component Analysis with Application to Credit Card Data</i> <b>Eleanor Cain</b> South Dakota State University	<i>Abstract Association of Category and Dimension</i> <b>Neha Nagarkar</b> University of Iowa	<i>A Legal Review of Foreign Investment into U.S. Real Estate</i> <b>Nicholas Grote</b> South Dakota State University
Board #3			
Side A		Side B	
<i>Nutritional Impact on Heart Rate During Athletic Performance within Female Collegiate Soccer Players</i> <b>Kendall Kelly</b> Northern State University	<i>Nutrition and Wellness of College Students</i> <b>Keagan Wurth</b> <b>Allen Catour</b> <b>Rory Heer</b> <b>Bernadette Mercurio</b> <b>Bailey Vaughan</b> <b>Paige Jacobs</b> Loras College	<i>A Comparative Analysis of Housing Market Dynamics in the Des Moines Region: Micro and Macro Perspectives using Publicly Available Data Sources</i> <b>David Nguyen</b> Des Moines Area Community College	<i>The Factors Affecting High Speed Rail Development: A Comparative Analysis of Europe and America</i> <b>Jacob Talty</b> Minnesota State University, Mankato

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Board #4			
Side A		Side B	
<p><i>The Real Life of Big Brothers Rodeo Clown - The Story of Jason Dent aka Whistle-Nut</i></p> <p><b>D.J. Christensen</b> Des Moines Area Community College</p>	<p><i>Investigating the Effects of a Double Knockout of Upregulated Genes During Lethal Antibiotic Treatment</i></p> <p><b>Jacob Spreng</b> South Dakota State University</p>	<p><i>Do Online Proctoring Software Abide by Standard Data Protections?</i></p> <p><b>Tristan Stapert</b> Dakota State University</p>	<p><i>Identifying the Effects of Virtual Reality Simulation in the Nurse Education Lab</i></p> <p><b>Nancy Khuu</b> South Dakota State University</p>

**Table Discussions: 4:00 – 5:15 FRIDAY**

(Concurrent with Poster Session #1. Table Discussions will be held in two 35-minute rounds)

Table #1
<p><i>Why Take a Gap Year before Attending Medical School?</i></p> <p><b>Brooke Anandel &amp; Aidan Forberg</b> Minnesota State University, Mankato</p>
Table #2
<p><i>Computer Design: 8-bit CPU</i></p> <p><b>Grace Onesime Zongo</b> Madison Area Technical College</p>
Table #3
<p><i>Insights for Advising Honors Student Research: Effort, Resources, Innovation, and Returns on Investment</i></p> <p><b>Ethan Snow</b> South Dakota State University</p>
Table #4
<p><i>Experiences of a Servant Leader</i></p> <p><b>Griffin Obrigewitch</b> Dickinson State University</p>
Table #5
<p><i>International Students in Honors</i></p> <p><b>S.P. Shah</b> Loras College</p>
Table #6
<p><i>Community Based Learning in Honors</i></p> <p><b>Maggie Baker</b> Loras College</p>



**Plenary #1: 6:45 – 7:30 FRIDAY**

**Brad Cavanagh**

Mayor of the City of Dubuque

Brad Cavanagh was elected as Mayor in November 2021 following two years of service on the Dubuque City Council.

Brad is a social worker with over 20 years of experience working in a variety of practice settings. Prior to being elected Mayor, he spent a decade at Loras College in Dubuque as an associate professor of social work. He holds a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in social work from Saint Louis University.

As Mayor, Brad serves on the boards of multiple Dubuque organizations. He is a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, and is President-elect of the Iowa League of Cities.

**Breakout Session #2: 9:15 – 10:30 SATURDAY**

Wahlert 101	<i>The Effect of Cyber Systems on Democratic Backsliding</i> <b>Alexander Deak</b> Dakota State University
	<i>An Ounce of Prevention: Mass Shootings</i> <b>Emma Mrozinski</b> University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
	<i>Political Ideologies &amp; Household Structure</i> <b>Keierica Washington</b> University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Wahlert C.L.	Panel: <i>A.I. Use and Student Learning</i> <b>Roshit Niraula, Klara Lybeck, &amp; Dr. Leah White</b> Minnesota State University, Mankato
MARC 102	<i>Exploring the United States Midwest Crime Data</i> <b>Trey Sholes</b> South Dakota State University
	<i>Unraveling the Factors of Criminal Behaviors in Female Offenders</i> <b>Bahati Nabindu</b> Graceland University
	<i>Internal Affairs Research</i> <b>Ella Branham</b> University of South Dakota

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MARC 202	<i>The Formula for The Mind</i> <b>Jy Smith</b> Graceland University
	<i>The Garden of Eden Project</i> <b>Melody Alo</b> Graceland University
	<i>The Science of Love</i> <b>Yasmin Yusman</b> Graceland University
MARC 3rd	Workshop: <i>Generative AI and "ChatGPTs": What Does AI Mean for YOU as a Honors Student?</i> <b>David Nguyen</b> Des Moines Area Community College
	<i>Rethinking the Math Classroom</i> <b>Derek Mills</b> Dakota State University
MARC 402	<i>Analysis of the Continued LinkedIn Data Breaches</i> <b>Alex DeLaigle</b> Dakota State University
	<i>Analysis of the Difficulties and Failures of Traditional Legal Frameworks to Regulate International Cyberspace</i> <b>Enoch Martin</b> Dakota State University
	<i>Social Media: Adolescents and Mental Health</i> <b>Emily Helgeson</b> Dakota State University

**Poster Session #2: 10:45 – 12:00 SATURDAY**

(Concurrent with Workshops)

Board #1			
Side A		Side B	
<i>The Mismanagement of Autism in the General Education Classroom</i> <b>Randi Schuster</b> Northern State University	<i>Transgender Relationships Upholding Safety and Trust (TRUST)</i> <b>Ayden Romer</b> Madison Area Technical College	<i>Analyzing Security Risks in Precision Farming Equipment</i> <b>Joseph Boyd</b> Dakota State University	<i>Natural Language Processing, Understanding Slang and Colloquial Speech</i> <b>Beau Miller</b> Dakota State University

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Board #2			
Side A		Side B	
<p><i>Regional Anatomy and Clinical Implications of the Temporal Styloid Process</i></p> <p><b>Joseph Anders</b> South Dakota State University</p>	<p><i>The First Dorsal Interosseous Muscle of the Hand: A Meta-Analysis of Overlooked Morphological Variations</i></p> <p><b>William Wilson</b> South Dakota State University</p>	<p><i>Opioid Metabolism through CYP Enzymes</i></p> <p><b>Meghan Haan</b> <b>Joshua Reineke</b> <b>Wenfeng An</b> South Dakota State University</p> <p><b>Jennifer Ball</b> Center for Family Medicine</p>	<p><i>PAK2 is a Negative Regulator of Proliferation and Macropinocytosis in Bone-Marrow Derived Macrophages</i></p> <p><b>Bidhi Kasu</b> South Dakota State University</p>
Board #3			
Side A		Side B	
<p><i>Governments Collaborating with Organized Crime: Justifiable from a Utilitarian Perspective?</i></p> <p><b>Earl D'Souza</b> St. Norbert College</p>	<p><i>Unleash Your Words: Embrace the Courage to Publish</i></p> <p><b>Tuesday Davis</b> Des Moines Area Community College</p>	<p><i>Utilizing Professional Writing in a Community-Based Setting</i></p> <p><b>Mel Gerbitz</b> University of Wisconsin-Whitewater</p>	<p><i>Creating a Solution: Addressing the Need for Creative Curricula in the K-12 Classroom</i></p> <p><b>Kayla Jensen</b> Northern State University</p>
Board #4			
Side A		Side B	
<p><i>Synthesis of Coumarin-SDNP Fluorescent Probe for the Detection of Hydrogen Sulfide</i></p> <p><b>Nate Laurent</b> Bemidji State University</p>	<p><i>Study of the Link Between Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the Pulmonary System</i></p> <p><b>Shelbi Engler</b> South Dakota State University</p>	<p><i>Users' Guide to Anatomy Tutoring: Instructional Tools for a New Anatomy Tutor</i></p> <p><b>Kennedy Roland</b> South Dakota State University</p>	<p><i>A Comparative Study of Anatomical Learning Experiences via Virtual Reality and Cadaver Prosections across Student Roles</i></p> <p><b>Libby Gregg</b> South Dakota State University</p>

**Workshops: 10:45 – 12:00 SATURDAY**

(Concurrent with Poster Session #2)

Ballrooms – Workshop #1: 10:45 – 11:20
<p><i>Upper Midwest Honors Journal</i></p> <p><b>Melissa Berninger</b> University of South Dakota</p>
Ballrooms – Workshop #2: 11:25 – 12:00
<p><i>What is Rigor?</i></p> <p><b>Ashley Singleton, Leah White, Marielle Calanza, Jacob Talty, Carter Logan</b> Minnesota State University, Mankato</p>

### 3-Minute Thesis: 1:15 – 1:45 SATURDAY

<i>Generational Awareness of American Folklore</i> <b>Addison Jensen</b> University of South Dakota
<i>The Hypothenar Muscles: Typical Anatomy, Aberrations, and Clinical Implications</i> <b>Trey Heiderscheidt</b> South Dakota State University
<i>Do Online Proctoring Software Abide by Standard Data Protections?</i> <b>Tristan Stapert</b> Dakota State University
<i>Autobiography: Memoir of a Student Leader</i> <b>Wilfried Tapsoba</b> Madison Area Technical College
<i>Brokeback Mountain</i> <b>Tuesday Davis</b> Des Moines Area Community College

### Breakout Session #3: 2:00 – 3:15 SATURDAY

Wahlert 101	<i>The Medical Mistreatment of Women of Color</i> <b>Reagan Altman</b> Graceland University
	<i>The Whitewashing of The Spectrum</i> <b>Maniya Watkins</b> Graceland University
	<i>Hip Hop Hypocrisy – Diversifying Female Rap</i> <b>P.J. McDaniel</b> Graceland University
Wahlert C.L.	<i>Panel: The Leadership Challenge: Utilizing Leadership Literature to Enhance the Honors Student Leadership Experience</i> <b>Abigail Dunlavy, Amelia Vokaty, Isabella Pankratz, Hamza Ali, &amp; Nathan Bylander</b> South Dakota State University
MARC 102	<i>Emergency Healthcare Billing and Adverse Medical Outcomes</i> <b>Jillian Hough</b> Graceland University
	<i>Wearable Medical Devices to Address Chronic Diseases in Sub-Saharan African Countries</i> <b>Wilfried Tapsoba</b> Madison Area Technical College
	<i>Immigrant Farmworkers and Healthcare</i> <b>Ainsley Boucher</b> South Dakota State University

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MARC 202	Community Service on Campus - Discerning Vocation <b>Bethany Kreklow</b> St. Norbert College
	Young Adults in the Community <b>Sydnee Hubner</b> South Dakota State University
	Revolutionizing Representation: The Lincoln Statue at Minnesota State University, Mankato <b>Carter Logan</b> Minnesota State University, Mankato
MARC 3rd	Panel: Cultivating Critical Thinkers: Insights from Honors Students <b>Hanna Holmquist, Leo Ostigaard, Kay Arntson, &amp; JaLeigha Kambeitz</b> South Dakota State University
MARC 402	Designing A Creative Honors Seminar on an Applied Topic: The Impact of Social Psychology in Popular Culture <b>Pirita See</b> South Dakota State University
	Panel: Best Practices to Engage Honors Students in Honors Classes <b>Dr. Christine Larson, Colin Marsh, Mason Pulse, et al.</b> South Dakota State University

### Plenary #2: 3:30 – 5:00 SATURDAY

**Erin VanLaningham, PhD**

Professor of English &  
Director of the NetVUE Scholarly Resources Project

Erin VanLaningham is Professor of English at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. She is the recipient of the Budde Teaching Award and her research fields include the British novel, aesthetics and gender studies, and the scholarship of vocation.

Dr. VanLaningham also directs the Scholarly Resources Project for NetVUE and cohosts the NetVUE podcast, *Callings*. Erin recently edited the volume *Called Beyond Ourselves: Vocation and the Common Good* (Oxford 2024) and co-edited *Cultivating Vocation in Literary Studies* (Edinburgh 2022).

### Plenary #3: 8:00 – 9:15 SUNDAY

**Sergio Pérez, EdD**

Director of the Center for Inclusion & Advocacy

Sergio Pérez (he/him/el) holds a BA in Political Science and International Studies from Loras College and M.S.Ed in Student Affairs Administration and Higher Education from the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse. He recently earned a doctorate degree in higher education and leadership studies from Edgewood College. As the Loras Director of Inclusion & Advocacy he was named a member of the BizTimes Rising Stars Class of 2019. Under his leadership the Loras College Center for Inclusion & Advocacy was awarded the 2019 NASPA Region IV Award for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and was awarded Honorable Mention for the 2020 NCAA Inclusion Award. Sergio is also involved with Iowa's League of United Latin American Citizens as the state's Deputy Director for Youth and a member of the LULAC National LGBT+ Affairs Committee.

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**Kate Parks, PhD**

Associate Dean

Dubuque Community School Board President

Dr. Parks is Associate Dean of the School of Science and Health and has taught sociology at Loras College since 2007. She graduated from Loras in 1998, with majors in Sociology, History, and German. She earned her Ph.D. from Texas A&M University after living in Austria as a Fulbright Teaching Assistant.

While she always knew she wanted to teach, she did not expect to run for office – which she did in 2019 earning a seat on the Dubuque Community School Board. She was re-elected in 2023 and currently serves as the board president.

In recent years, Dr. Parks has been part of the efforts on campus around vocational exploration, as a facilitator for professional development and as a member of the Pathways to Participation NetVUE grant team. Her teaching and research interests focus on education, racial inequality, and gender inequality. She also enjoys knitting and listening to podcasts.

**Caprice Jones**

Founder and Director, Dubuque Fountain of Youth

As a child growing up on the south side of Chicago, Caprice stood out as one who had high potential. By six years old he had been offered a scholarship to attend the University of Chicago Lab school. He also had delivered his first Dr. King “I Have A Dream Speech.” But there also was a time of turmoil in Caprice’s early childhood that would plague him for decades. He soon thrust into the fast lanes of urban crime that spiraled him downward into two decades of criminal institutions. Caprice would spend 15 years of his life in prison. But it would be where he discovered a lot about not only himself but ultimately who he was created to truly be. Caprice discovered a fondness for writing poetry, which turned into 3 spoken word books.

It would be during his incarceration that he would begin to see the importance of education and also the priority of manhood. He gained knowledge of God in the personal relationship aspect and at that time he would gain knowledge of his true purpose. Caprice was released from prison and began to seek to be the change he wanted to see in Chicago – he worked as a mentor for his first two years out. He mentored ex-offenders during a summer job program. Caprice would go on to form a grass-roots movement in Chicago called “I Must Be the Change I Seek to See In Chicago”.

**Breakout Session #4: 9:30 – 10:45 SUNDAY**

Wahlert 101	<p><i>Spatially Analyzing the Effectiveness of Bluff-protection Structures Along the Ozaukee Country Lake Michigan Bluff Line</i></p> <p><b>Beto Patino Luna</b> University of Wisconsin-Whitewater</p>
	<p><i>Spatial Visualization: It’s Not Just for Mathematicians</i></p> <p><b>Colin Marsh &amp; Dr. Christine Larson</b> South Dakota State University</p>
Wahlert C.L.	<p>Panel: <i>Honors Student Organizations: A Benefit for All</i></p> <p><b>Megan Nelson &amp; Jaritza Cazares Cruz</b> South Dakota State University</p>

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MARC 102	<i>The Role of Literature within Civic Unrest</i> <b>Andrew Coats</b> University of Dubuque
	<i>The Impact of Citizen Science Projects for Endangered Wildlife</i> <b>Erin Thomas</b> South Dakota State University
MARC 202	<i>Deacetylated Sialic Acid Sensitizes Lung and Colon Cancers to Novel Cucurbitacin-Inspired Estrone Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR)</i> <b>Matthew Schell</b> South Dakota State University
	<i>The Hypothenar Muscles: Typical Anatomy, Aberrations, and Clinical Implications</i> <b>Trey Heiderscheidt</b> South Dakota State University
	<i>Artificial Intelligence &amp; Writing Capability</i> <b>Jacob Wagner</b> University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
MARC 3rd	Panel: <i>Opportunities in Disguise: Alumni Perspectives on Finding Purpose through Honors</i> <b>Hanna Holmquist, Noah Roerig, Ethan Snow, Matilyn Kerr, Maddie Dulas, Nick Arens</b> South Dakota State University (with alumni)

**Special Thanks To:**

*The National Collegiate Honors Council*

*The UMHC Executive Council*

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## UMHC Representatives

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### **State Representatives**

#### **Illinois**

Faculty/Staff: **Lorette Oden** (Western Illinois University)

Faculty/Staff: (vacant)

Student: (vacant)

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Student: **Lori Silva** (Loras College)\*

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Faculty/Staff: (vacant)

Student: (vacant)

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Faculty/Staff: (vacant)

Student: (vacant)

#### **North Dakota**

Faculty/Staff: **Jessica Smestad** (Minot State)

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Student: (vacant)

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Faculty/Staff: **Kristi Bockorny** (Northern State University)\*

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Student: **Noah Mursu** (South Dakota State University)\*

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Faculty/Staff: **Julia Haseleu** (Madison College)

Faculty/Staff: (vacant)

Student: (vacant)

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