The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, faculty, staff and the graduating class of Lake Region State College welcome you to the seventy-ninth commencement.
Program

Processional  ................................................................. Kyle Ternes, Pianist

Welcome  ......................................................... Dr. Doug Darling, President

Greetings from the State Board of Higher Education  ................. Dr. Casey Ryan
Member, State Board of Higher Education

Introduction of Student Speakers  ..................................... Lloyd Halvorson
Vice President, Academic & Student Affairs

Student Commencement Address  .................................... Members of the 2021 Graduating Class
Breonna Rance and Thomas Doboyou

Special Musical Selection  ........................................... Devyn Halvorson, Soloist
"A Million Dreams" Written and Produced by Benji Pasek, Justin Paul, Joseph Trapanese, and Alex Lacamoire

Recognition of Student Award Winners  .............................. Lloyd Halvorson
Vice President, Academic & Student Affairs

Greetings from Community College Foundation  ......................... Dan Ness
President, Community College Foundation

Presentation of Candidates  ........................................... Cindy Brown, Assistant Professor

Conferring of Degrees  ............................................... Dr. Doug Darling, President

Closing  ................................................................. Dan Johnson, Registrar

Recessional  ............................................................... Kyle Ternes, Pianist

We enhance lives and community vitality through quality education.

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Lake Region State College was founded in the fall of 1941 as an extension of Devils Lake Public Schools. The college developed gradually over the next two decades into a junior college with a liberal arts curriculum supplemented by a few business courses. In the early 60s, there was a dramatic change in the mission, nature, and size of the institution. Many vocational, technical, and career-oriented programs were introduced, and adjustments were made to the liberal arts transfer program to align courses with baccalaureate degree programs at four-year colleges and universities.

Lake Region State College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges. The college operates under policies established by the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education and the North Dakota State Board for Career and Technical Education.

The college has received support since 1959 from the Community College Foundation of Devils Lake which is dedicated to the advancement of the college. It provides support in the form of funding for scholarships, instructional programming, and renovations; support for athletics and staff development programs and support of community and legislative advocacy.

The college is committed to serving the educational needs of the citizens of North Dakota, with a special commitment to the people of the Lake Region and the northeast quadrant of the state.

Lake Region State College Chief Executive Officers

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The academic procession that officially preludes commencement ceremonies is one of the oldest and most colorful customs that links 21st century education with its origins. To signal the achievements of students, institutions of higher learning conduct a formal ceremony to award appropriate degrees earned at the conclusion of prescribed study. The action of taking the degree, as well as the designation of the day itself, is commencement. Centuries ago, it is likely that students began (commenced) their work on the day of commencement. Academic apparel, often called regalia, worn at commencement, is of medieval origin. It was worn by scholars, who were often clergy, to distinguish themselves from the merchants and other townspeople. By this apparel they were recognized as belonging to the teaching guild, the Guild of the Master of Arts.

Today, instructors and graduates wear gowns similar to the overcoats of early professors. Individuals who have completed masters and doctorate degrees may also wear a “hood” colored to denote the field of study and the university which granted the degree. The cap, called mortarboard, suggests the shape of a book. A tassel attached to a button atop the mortarboard is worn on the left side after the degree is conferred.

The color of the tassel generally indicates the subject studied:
- Red/White—Associate in Arts Degree (A.A.)
- Red/White—Associate in Science Degree (A.S.)
- Blue—Trade Division
- White—Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)
- Gold—Business Division
- Black—Usually worn by Instructor/Staff

Graduates who are members of the academics honors group, Phi Theta Kappa, are distinguished with gold colored stoles, and graduates who are international students wear sashes with insignia from their home country.

To honor Lake Region State College students from countries other than the United States, the commencement event includes a Parade of Nations flag display. Also recognized in the flag display are Native American nations.

**Student Awards**

**Richard D. Knoke Leadership Award**  
Phillip Maritato  
Devils Lake, ND

**Glenn H. Larson Drama Award**  
Ahava Johnson  
Dickinson, ND

**Lloyd Jones Memorial Music Award**  
Jalen Haadem  
Pekin, ND

**Writing Excellence Award**  
Rhiannon Giguere  
Pembina, ND

**All North Dakota Academic Team**  
Rhiannon Giguere  
Pembina, ND

Breonna Rance  
Webster, ND

Mya Halverson  
Cando, ND

Amanda Lang  
Devils Lake, ND

**Who's Who at Lake Region State College**  
Braden Armbrister  
McLean, TX

Frederick Bannier  
Franklin, WI

Kayla Byrne  
Mt Prospect, IL

Thomas Doboyou  
Mapleton, ND

Beau Feltman  
Grafton, ND

Rhiannon Giguere  
Pembina, ND

Chris Hendrickson  
Lakota, ND

Hannah Lundeby  
Osnabrock, ND

Phillip Maritato  
Devils Lake, ND

Breonna Rance  
Webster, ND

**Student Senators 2020-2021**

Breonna Rance, *President*  
Webster, ND

Phillip Maritato, *Vice President*  
Devils Lake, ND

Jalin Haadim, *NDSA Representative*  
Pekin, ND

Morningstar Bjornson, *Marketing*  
Devils Lake, ND

Thomas Doboyou, *Activities Coordinator*  
Mapleton, ND

Rhiannon Giguere  
Pembina, ND

Chantelle Kenna  
Cavalier, ND

Michael Roed  
Devils Lake, ND

Erin Sondrol  
Buxton, ND

**Honorary Degrees**

Dr. J.K. Galloway  
November 18, 1974  
Associate Degree

Willard Greenleaf  
November 22, 1976  
Associate Degree

Fred Hoghaug  
May 10, 1991  
Associate Degree
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1941 — Devils Lake Junior College and Business School established with thirty-eight registered students. College located in Pershing Building, the original high school building constructed in 1915.

1942 — First class graduates — Katherine Genevieve Kearney and Margaret Lovelle Woll.

1946/47 — Sixty-three full-time students almost equally divided between business and liberal arts. Additional forty-two students in aviation program and sixteen students attend night classes. Sixteen students from St. Mary’s Hospital nurse training program take academic courses.

1959 — Community College Foundation established to support development of the college. State aid to two-year colleges approved at 200 dollars per full-time student.

1960 — Seventy acres of state-owned land acquired to build a new campus. College now known as Lake Region Junior College.

1965/66 — Move to new campus after having held classes in various locations, including Masonic Temple, Mercy Hospital, vacated Weather Bureau Building and American Legion dining room. New campus includes classrooms and offices, auditorium, gymnasium, student union with cafeteria, library, and two residence halls. Enrollment now stands at 305 full-time students.


1981/82 — College re-christened Lake Region Community College. Instructional operations begin on Grand Forks Air Force Base.

1984 — July 1: Governance of college assumed by North Dakota State Board of Higher Education.

1985 — Administrative supervision of college transferred to North Dakota State School of Science-Wahpeton.

1987 — Administrative supervision of college transferred to University of North Dakota, and college’s name changed to UND-Lake Region.

1991 — UND-Lake Region celebrates its 50th anniversary.


1999 — College granted independent status within North Dakota University System and officially becomes Lake Region State College.


2004 — Grand opening of Leevers Welcome Center.

2009 — Renovation of Theater Playhouse addition completed.

2011 — College receives ten-year continued accreditation from Higher Learning Commission. Cumulative contributions to Community College Foundation stand at $4.8 million.

2012 — Official spring headcount sets new record at 2,021.

2013 — The North Dakota Legislature appropriated funds for the construction of new technical center at Lake Region State College. The project added 24,000 new square feet of educational space and renovated current space in the college’s technical center.

2014 — The new technical education center opens for fall semester classes. Later in 2014 the State Board of Higher Education approved LRSC naming the building Bergstrom Technical Center after longtime college supporters Mrs. Bill (Anne-Marit) Bergstrom and Renard & Candace Bergstrom.

2016 — LRSC celebrates its 75th anniversary with various activities throughout the year.

2018 — Official fall headcount sets new record at 2,072.

2020 - March — COVID-19 pandemic results in LRSC moving remaining Spring 2020 and Summer courses online and cancellation of the 2020 graduation ceremony. Most faculty and staff were sent home to work remotely as adjustments were made to college classrooms and campus operations. Incorporating pandemic restart protocols, LRSC opened with face-to-face instruction Fall 2020.

2021 — College receives ten-year continued accreditation from Higher Learning Commission. The Curtis & Annette Hofstad Agricultural Center opened to students in January. The facility was constructed in 2020 thanks to legislative-authorized construction of the $3 million facility. The building is named for Curt and Annette Hofstad, long-time Lake Region residents and friends of LRSC.
We enhance lives and community vitality through quality education.