

WILLISTON STATE COLLEGE

*SIXTY-FIFTH*

# COMMENCEMENT

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Williston State College is a two-year public state college. It is one of eleven institutions under the jurisdiction of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education.

Williston State College offers transfer programs leading to Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees. Students can complete the first two years of most majors and transfer with junior status to a majority of four-year colleges and universities.

The Associate in Applied Science degree, Program Certificate, and Certificate of Completion are awarded to students completing career-technical programs. Students receiving career-technical training may continue at a four-year college or university and earn an advanced degree.

# Order of Exercises

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<b>Opening</b> .....	Sarah Favorite, Director of Grants and Applied Learning
<b>Marshals</b> .....	Piper Cooper, Aurora Husband
<b>Mace Bearer</b> .....	Robert Benson, Professor
<b>Processional</b> .....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance, March No. 1</i> Edward Elgar (arr. Robert Shafer)
<b>National Anthem</b> .....	Linea Peterson
<b>Presidential Welcome</b> .....	Dr. Bernell Hirning, President
<b>On Stage</b> .....	Dr. Katie Renville, Faculty Senate President Megan Kasner, Vice President for Student Affairs Taylor Olson, President of Williston State College Foundation Board Kevin Black, State Board of Higher Education Hunter Berg, Executive Director for WSC Foundation Dr. Zahi Atallah, Vice President for Academic Affairs Deborah Halvorson, Vice President of Business Services Dr. Bernell Hirning, President
<b>Faculty Recognition</b> .....	Dr. Katie Renville, Jessalyn Obenchain
<b>Student Addresses</b> .....	Jacky Gonzalez Martinez & Ashton Sweet
<b>SBHE Representative</b> .....	Kevin Black
<b>Presentation of Graduating Class</b> .....	Dr. Zahi Atallah, Vice President for Academic Affairs
<b>Presentation of Diplomas</b> .....	Dr. Bernell Hirning, President Kevin Black, State Board of Higher Education Dr. Zahi Atallah, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Maren Furuseth, Professor Kari Lesmeister, Associate Professor
<b>Confirmation of Diplomas</b> .....	Dr. Zahi Atallah, Vice President for Academic Affairs
<b>Recessional</b> .....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance, March No. 1</i> Edward Elgar (arr. Robert Shafer)

# Degrees & Designations

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**ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREES** are awarded to students who completed a minimum of 62 credits with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C). Students complete courses consisting of diverse, introductory-level material in preparation for transfer to baccalaureate programs. The primary areas of emphasis are the humanities and social sciences.

**ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREES** are awarded to students who completed a minimum of 62 credits with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C). As with the Associate in Arts degree, students complete courses consisting of diverse, introductory level material in preparation for transfer to baccalaureate programs. The primary areas of emphasis are mathematics, science, and computer science.

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES** are awarded to students who completed a minimum of 62 credits in academic and career-technical areas with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C).

**PROGRAM CERTIFICATES** are awarded to students who completed coursework in a career-technical program while maintaining a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C).

**CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION** are awarded for completion of a non-credit or credit-based course of study requiring 16 credit hours or fewer. Requirements vary depending on desired outcomes.

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- \* Honor graduates (3.5 or higher GPA) receive a gold cord.
  - Φ Phi Theta Kappa. Active members receive gold stoles.
  - § Student Senators receive green and white cords.
  - || Veterans receive red, white, and blue cords.
  - △ FBLA Collegiate Chapter receive navy and gold cords.
  - = Dual Pathway Graduates (students who have completed their degree and diploma).
  - ρ Posthumous degree.

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**PHI THETA KAPPA's** mission is to recognize the academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders. PTK achieves this by providing leadership and service opportunities, an intellectual climate for the exchange of ideas and ideals, lively fellowship for scholars, and the stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

**STUDENT SENATORS** are advocates for the WSC student body and act as liaisons for students to the college administration, staff, faculty, and alumni. Student Senate offers the WSC student body opportunities for involvement by developing, planning, and executing entertainment, activities, and personal enrichment possibilities.

**FBLA COLLEGIATE CHAPTER** provides students with the opportunity to apply knowledge of business, accounting, information technology, and sport & recreation outside the classroom. This organization allows students to develop personally and professionally through innovative career and leadership development events, and is open to students of all majors.

# Associate in Arts Degrees

Lily Dawn Adams *	Billings, MT	Abby Leigh Maetche *	Olds, AB, CAN
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Peyton L Alford	Parshall , ND	Michelle Mattila *	Williston, ND
Brailey Anderson *	Fairview, MT	Claire Ann Minchuk *	Regina, SK, CAN
Olivia J. Balerud Long *	Williston , ND	Alyssa Mireles	Sidney, MT
Zada Ballew	Crosby, ND	Jaelyn Modine *	Alexander, ND
Lucia Bellido Sabina	San Cristobal de La Laguna, Canary Islands, ESP	Jared Montz II	Williston, ND
		Sofia De'Lyn Morales * $\phi$	Williston, ND
		Dylan Morgan *	Williston, ND
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Jasmine Brunelle *	Williston, ND	Michelle N Nkomo * $\phi$	Williston, ND
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Wyatt Carlson	Cody, WY	Aaralyn Mabel Osburn *	Williston, ND
Hezil Cases $\phi$	Williston, ND	MaKenna Overy * $=$	Williston, ND
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Adelle Jace Cotton *	Williston, ND	Aerial Isabel Quarles	West Monroe, LA
April Crafton * $\phi$	Williston, ND	Aira Mae Quibrál	Williston, ND
Jaeleigh Davidson	Froid, MT	Adelaide Rambo	Gillette, WY
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Kallee Hopes *	Fairview, MT	Angela Wold =	Williston, ND
Karlee Rose Hoyt	Williston, ND	Brooklyn Rae Ziegler $\phi$	Williston , ND
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Luisa Maria Delgado	Richardton, ND	Lainey Powell =	Alexander, ND
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# Associate in Applied Science Degrees

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Jacqueline Gonzalez  
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Crosby, ND  
Fort Collins, CO  
Culbertson, MT  
Traralgon, Victoria, AUS  
Sidney, MT  
Williston, ND  
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Jude Louise Saguin Gabutan *	Williston, ND
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# Program Certificates

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Jerron Alex Rau Cartwright, ND  
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# Certificates of Completion

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## **CYBERSECURITY**

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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)**

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## **DIESEL TECHNOLOGY**

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## **DIESEL TECHNOLOGY**

### *HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE SYSTEMS*

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### *METAL INERT GAS*

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Jerron Alex Rau                                Cartwright, ND  
Drew Scott                                     Williston, ND  
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Dylan Gierke                                 Mandan, ND  
Gabriel Hobbs                                Williston, ND  
Jerron Alex Rau                                Cartwright, ND  
Drew Scott                                     Williston, ND  
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Terry Olson

# About our Speakers

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**Kevin Black** serves as the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Creedence Energy Services, a leading specialty chemical provider in the oil and gas industry with operations in North Dakota, Montana, Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

Kevin has previously served higher education as a Trustee of the NDSU Development Foundation, Minot State Board of Regents, and past chair of the UND Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board. Kevin also serves on the board of the Minot Chamber EDC, Minot Sunrise Rotary Club, and the North Dakota Petroleum Council, and he was appointed by Governor Doug Burgum to serve on the North Dakota Economic Development Foundation in 2019.

Kevin earned a degree in Industrial Engineering & Management from NDSU in 2010, and he resides in Minot, ND, with his wife Kalli and three children Reagan, Rawley, and Reese.

**Jacky Gonzalez Martinez** is graduating from Williston State College with an Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science in Business Management degree. Jacky is a first-generation student. During her time at Williston State, she has been actively involved in multiple student organizations and has held many campus leadership positions. She is an active member of PTK, Student Senate, and the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). She has served as President of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Treasurer of Student Senate, and the Fundraising Chair for Future Business Leaders of America. Jacky has also been involved with the Boys and Girls Club of the Mondak and was awarded the 2025 Boys and Girls Club Montana Youth of the Year. Jacky's future plans include transferring to North Dakota State University, majoring in Finance.

**Ashton Sweet** came to Williston State from Houston, Texas. He is graduating from Williston State College with an Associate of Applied Sciences in Business Management and an Associate of Arts Degree. While at Williston State College, he has been a part of the baseball team, serving as a team captain. He has also worked as a tutor in the Communication Lab and as a student worker in the Learning Commons. While in Williston, Ashton has been involved with New Hope church. Through this involvement, he supported the local community by volunteering to clean the nursing homes in Williston. Ashton's future plans include transferring to Coppin State University, a Division 1 school, to play baseball while continuing his academic career.



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