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### **WSC Honors Graduates with Commencement and Pinning Ceremonies Friday**

WILLISTON, N.D. – WSC’s Fifty-Seventh commencement ceremony will be May 11, 2018 in the Well at 10:00 a.m. where Representative Gary Sukut will speak to over 150 graduates.

“While we have 411 total anticipated conferred degrees, we are excited to have 152 students participating in the graduation ceremony,” explained Kathren Hoffman, WSC Registrar, Research Analyst. “Degrees are awarded after we compute and record final grades.”

Graduates from WSC often earn more than one degree. For the 2017-2018 academic year (fall to summer) 411 degrees are anticipated to be awarded for 242 graduates. 242 Associates in Arts or Associates in Science, 78 Associates of Applied Sciences, 52 Certificates, 39 Certificates of Completion.

Of the 242 students anticipating graduation, nearly 20% received either the Williams or Regional County Scholarships.

This year's honor students (3.5 or higher GPA) will be recognized with gold tassels. WSC has also incorporated five recognition groups to this year's commencement.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), WSC's honor society, will wear gold stoles.

Active Minds is a national organization dedicated to utilizing the student voice to raise mental health awareness among college students. Active Minds students will wear blue and green cords.

Student Senators, student liaisons to college administration, staff, faculty, and alumni, will wear green and white cords.

Veterans will be recognized with red, white, and blue cords.

Teton LEAD students have completed 40 hours of service learning during the academic year and will be recognized in the commencement program.

In addition to Representative Gary Sukut’s commencement speech, Arren Romeril and Daria Ferguson will be the student speakers. Amanda Davis, Assistant Professor of Math & Science and Dr. Kyle Norris, Assistant Professor of Music both will be recognized for Tenure and Crystal Hotchkiss, NDUS CTS Student Records Business Analyst will give the campus address.

WSC Foundation will host a community BBQ for graduates, alumni, families, and friends on the Front Drive immediately following the ceremony.

To conclude the day of graduation, WSC Nursing Program will host their annual Pinning Ceremony in the Well at 2:30 p.m. where eighteen nursing students will receive their ceremonial pin, recite the Florence Nightingale Pledge and understand the history and significance behind the pinning ceremony.

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