

Supreme Court

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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CHIEF JUSTICE

I am writing to personally invite your students, or specific classes, to attend the South Dakota Supreme Court's March Term of Court at Augustana University in Sioux Falls on March 18 and 19, 2026. As our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, one of the most meaningful ways students can appreciate this milestone is by seeing our state's judicial system in action.

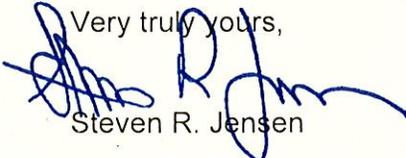
The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in an anticipated three cases the morning of Wednesday, March 18, and three cases the morning of Thursday, March 19. The sessions will be held in Hamre Recital Hall in Fryxell Humanities Center, 2120 S. Grange Ave., Sioux Falls. Oral arguments begin at 9 a.m. CDT both mornings. You are welcome to stay for all the arguments, or you may leave during a break if students are unable to stay for the entire morning.

Prior to court both days, Court personnel will discuss the state court system and explain what attendees will see that day in the court process, who is involved in the cases, and what happens after oral arguments are heard. The judicial primer will begin at 8:30 a.m. CDT.

Following oral arguments both days, students can ask questions of the Supreme Court Justices. The judicial Q&A will begin at approximately 11:15 a.m. and end around noon CDT.

Summaries of the cases that will be heard by the Court each day will be posted in early March on the Supreme Court's website at <https://ujs.sd.gov/supreme-court>. Booklets containing a schedule of the cases to be heard, a short synopsis of each case, biographical information on the Supreme Court justices, and a short summary of appellate procedure will also be available online as well as provided onsite.

If you plan to bring students to attend either day of Court or have any questions, please contact Teresa Moore by email at tmoores@augie.edu with the date you plan to attend, the name of your school, approximate number of attendees, and the name of your contact person no later than Friday, March 13, 2026. As we reflect on 250 years of American democracy, I hope you will consider bringing your students to observe one of the institutions that has helped sustain it.

Very truly yours,

Steven R. Jensen