



CLASS OF 2024 DECEMBER 19, 2024

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD





#### **Emergency Information**

#### **Our Mission**

Minnesota State University Moorhead is a caring community promising all students the opportunity to discover their passions, the rigor to develop intellectually and the versatility to shape a changing world.

### **Our Purpose**

In the simplest and most idealistic terms, our purpose at Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) is to transform the world by transforming lives. Nowhere is this purpose more evident than at Commencement, as our newest graduates prepare to make their marks on the world. They join thousands of MSUM alumni who have experienced the transformative power of higher education and used their education to make our world a better place.

#### **Our Core Values**

As members of the MSUM community, our graduates embody the core values that define MSUM:

#### **GRIT**:

- ▶ We are "scrappy" and resourceful.
- ▶ We have big goals and the tenacity to achieve them.
- ▶ We have the courage to do what's right.

#### **HUMILITY:**

- ▶ We're all on the same team and everyone's role is important.
- ▶ We seek the best ideas and know they can come from anywhere and anyone in our campus community.
- ▶ We don't take ourselves too seriously.

#### HEART:

- ▶ We go the extra mile for our students and each other.
- ▶ We are passionate about our purpose.
- ▶ We are fiercely loyal to MSUM.



Minnesota State University Moorhead is one of seven comprehensive Minnesota state universities established to provide the citizens of Minnesota access to quality educational programs at moderate cost. Minnesota State University Moorhead's primary responsibility is to provide baccalaureate programs to residents of northwest and west central Minnesota. Through tuition reciprocity agreements, the University also provides educational services to residents of several regional states and one Canadian province.

# FALL 2024 COMMENCEMENT GUEST SPEAKERS



### **Gabe Dannenbring**

Gabe Dannenbring is a proud alumnus of Minnesota State University Moorhead and now serves as a 7th-grade science teacher and coach in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. With a thriving online following of over 2 million across his social media platforms, Gabe has become a trusted voice in education, sharing thought-provoking insights on teaching, personal growth, and cultural topics.

Beyond the classroom, Gabe's influence spans multiple arenas. He starred in Netflix's hit show Surviving Paradise and co-hosts Teachers Off Duty, the nation's largest teacher-focused podcast. Gabe is also a regular contributor to News Nation's Morning in America, where he offers expert commentary on critical issues in education. His work and perspectives have been featured in prominent outlets such as Fox News, Newsweek, Business Insider, and The Financial Post, earning him recognition as a thought leader in education.

In addition to his educational impact, Gabe is a leader in the business of social media, collaborating with dozens of Fortune 500 companies on innovative campaigns that connect brands with diverse audiences.

Known for bridging traditional teaching with the dynamic world of digital engagement, Gabe brings an innovative and forward-thinking approach to every stage he graces.



## **Trustee Roger Moe**

Roger Moe, Erskine, has served on the Board of Trustees since 2014. He is the current president of National Strategies, Inc. He served 32 years in the Minnesota Legislature, including 22 years as Senate Majority Leader. His legislative accomplishments include the creation of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership, the Midwest Higher Education Commission, and the Environmental Trust Fund. He has also served as the Vice President of Coleman/Christison, Inc., and as a mathematics teacher and coach at Ada High School.

Moe is a former member of the Policy Consensus Initiative Board of Directors, Debate Minnesota, the Minnesota Twins Community Fund Governance Committee, and the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board. Senator Moe earned his B.S. from Mayville State University and an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Minnesota for his years of public service.

Governor Tim Walz reappointed Moe to the Board of Trustees in 2020. His term ends on June 30, 2026.

## **FALL 2024 COMMENCEMENT**

Welcome	Mr. Daron Selvig, Emcee
	"Crown Imperial-Pomp and Circumstance" Composed by William Walton and Edward Elgar , Directed by Dr. Benjamin Druffel, Assistant Professor of Music
Staff Bearer	Dr. Oscar Flores Faculty Association President
Presentation of the Colors	NDSU Army ROTC Color Guard
National Anthem	MSUM Chamber Singers Directed by Dr. Michael Johnson, Assistant Professor of Music
Land Acknowledgement Stat	Campus Diversity Officer, Director of Diversity and Inclusion
Introduction	President of Minnesota State University Moorhead
	Trustee Roger Moe es and Universities Board of Trustees & Office of the Chancellor
Commencement Address	Mr. Gabe Dannenbring
Student Speaker	Jaxson Waugh, 9:30 – 11 a.m. Ceremony Mary Rupp, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Ceremony Paighton Volk, 3:30 – 5 p.m. Ceremony
	President of Minnesota State University Moorhead  Dr. Arrick Jackson rost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

#### 9:30 - 11 a.m. Ceremony

Dr. Robert Nava, Dean of Graduate & Extended Learning

College Marshal: Dr. Atif Osmani, Associate Professor in the Paseka School of Business

Dr. Peter Sherman, Dean of the College of Business, Analytics & Communication

College Marshal: Dr. Tammy Fitting, Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics

#### 1-2:30 p.m. Ceremony

Dr. Robert Nava, Dean of Graduate & Extended Learning

College Marshal: Dr. Marci Glessner, Associate Professor in the School of Teaching & Learning Dr. Ok-Hee Lee, Dean of the College of Education & Human Services, Associate Vice President of Student Success

College Marshal: Dr. Lee Vigilant, Professor in the Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice

Dr. Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson, Dean of the College of Arts & Humanities

College Marshal: Dr. Sean Taylor, Professor in the Department of History, Languages & Humanities

#### 3:30-5 p.m. Ceremony

Dr. Robert Nava, Dean of Graduate & Extended Learning

College Marshal: Dr. Dawn Hammerschmidt, Professor in the Department of Health & Human Performance

**Dr. Elizabeth Nawrot,** Dean of the College of Science, Health & the Environment College Marshal: Dr. Linda Winkler, Associate Professor in the Department of Physics & Astronomy

The Alma Mater		MSUM	Chamber	Singers
	Directed by Dr. Michael Johnson,	Assistant	Professor	of Music

Recessional "Coronation March"

Composed by John Williams

MSUM Wind Ensemble, Directed by Dr. Benjamin Druffel, Assistant Professor of Music

When taking pictures in the designated photo area, please be respectful of others wishing to see the program. The audience is asked to stand for the Processional and Recessional.

# College of Business, Analytics & Communication

Dr. Peter Sherman, Dean

College Marshal: Tammy Fitting, Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Aune, Kyle James Beck, Fargo, ND, Political Science

Bryce, Lorraine Veronica, Fargo, ND, Communication Studies, Cum Laude

Cook, Sydney Ann, Hawley, MN, Communication Studies; Psychology, Educational Studies, Magna Cum Laude

Dolyniuk, Sydney Jade, Dickinson, ND, Communication Studies

Emke, Triston Connor, Minot, ND, Economics, Cum Laude

Staehling, Benjamin Christiaan, Baxter, MN, Communication Studies

Thomas, Mufolo Assani, Fargo, ND, Political Science, Cum Laude

Valencia, Andrea, Coon Rapids, MN, Political Science, Criminal Justice

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Adams, Brenden Lon, Fergus Falls, MN, Business Administration

Akbarov, Asadbek, Moorhead, MN, Computer Science

Bartnick, Katelyn, Bismarck, ND, Broadcast Journalism; Entertainment Business

Behm, Josiah William, Appleton, WI, Finance; Psychology, Summa Cum Laude

Bentil, Louis Ekow Arhin, Stafford, VA, Computer Science, Computer Information Technology

Berskow, Abby, Willmar, MN, Business Administration

Boyko, Joshua Aaron, Fargo, ND, Broadcast Journalism; Sports Communication,

Cum Laude

Bresnahan, Kelli Nicole, Elk River, MN, Digital Media Management

Byzewski, Emily, West Fargo, ND, Accounting; Chemistry

Carlson, Kain Ivan-Samuel, Fargo, ND, Finance

Carlson, Shantel Marie, Crosby, MN, Project Management; Construction Management, Summa Cum Laude

Chapman, Luke Glen, Rochester, MN, Operations Management; Project Management, Summa Cum Laude

Clouse, Jenny Leigh, Jamestown, ND, University Studies

Davis, Zachary, Fargo, ND, Operations Management, Cum Laude

Degny, Ehyo Marie Eliane Rolande, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Computer Information Systems

Deppa, Katlin Mae, Paynesville, MN, Business Administration

Egeland, Anna Elizabeth, North Mankato, MN, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude

Eichten, Dustin Robert, Edgeley, ND, University Studies

Falk, Thomas David, Jamestown, ND, Finance; Economics, Cum Laude

Fore, Adrianna, Mora, MN, Project Management, Summa Cum Laude Grunklee, Jacob Wayne, Morris, MN, Accounting

Hassan, Warvin, Moorhead, MN, Mathematics; Computer Science

Hendrickson, Tara Lynn, Menahga, MN, Project Management, Summa Cum Laude Honer, Dawson Loomis, Fargo, ND, Business Analytics

Jackson, Kadin Tali, Moorhead, MN, Project Management; Human Resources

Johnson, Brian David, Moorhead, MN, University Studies

Kaczynski, Kendra, Lidgerwood, ND, Mathematics Education, Summa Cum Laude Kandasamy, Kavivarma, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Computer Information

Technology, Cum Laude

Kendall, Nathan Wade, Park Rapids, MN, Business Administration

Knight, Allisa Kathryn, Brooten, MN, Finance, Cum Laude

Knutsen, Nathan Marshall, Montevideo, MN, Construction Management

Lamont, Anagrace Ellen, Brooklyn Center, MN, Business Administration

Mans, Callie, Bemidji, MN, Business Administration; Human Resource Business Partner, Magna Cum Laude

Marty, Jordan, Cambridge, WI, Project Management; Business Administration, Global Supply Chain Management, Cum Laude

McLean, Colin Marvin, Fargo, ND, Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude

McMahon, Riley Thomas, Fargo, ND, Project Management, Summa Cum Laude

Moxness, Elizabeth Grace, Fergus Falls, MN, Project Management; Operations Management, Global Supply Chain Management, Magna Cum Laude

Nelson, Karen Sue, Moorhead, MN, University Studies, Summa Cum Laude

Nelson, MaryJo Elizabeth, West Fargo, ND, University Studies; Biology, Film

Production, Summa Cum Laude

Nielsen, Sara Munk, Maarslet Aarhus, Denmark, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude

Nsango, Vainqueur, Moorhead, MN, Construction Management

Opdahl, Eric Mikal, Hastings, MN, Project Management

Ostendorf, Amanda Marie, Avon, MN, Mathematics Education, Cum Laude

Oster, Jonathan, West Fargo, ND, Accounting

Papon, Kolsen Guy, Fergus Falls, MN, Accounting, Summa Cum Laude

Piechowski, Katlyn Nichole, Fargo, ND, Digital Media Management

Postiglione, Vitaly Dominic, St. Paul, MN, Project Management, Cum Laude

Prahl, Ashley Lynn, Spicer, MN, Finance, Summa Cum Laude

Prodzinski, Ethan Michael, Winona, MN, Business Administration

Pulczinski, Alaina, Leonard, ND, Business Administration, Cum Laude

Quach, Johnny, Pelican Rapids, MN, Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude

Rund, Nathan, Fergus Falls, MN, Business Administration

Saho, Kebba, Fargo, ND, Computer Information Technology

Sanders, Kasen, Fargo, ND, Digital Media Management, Magna Cum Laude

Schwartz, Hunter, Fargo, ND, Broadcast Journalism; Integrated Advertising and Public Relations

Selvig, Andrew Wade, Thief River Falls, MN, Computer Science, Summa Cum Laude

Shores, Kenneth Winfield, Evansville, MN, Construction Management Sparr, Andrew John, Alexandria, MN, University Studies

Stalboerger, Drew Arthur, Moorhead, MN, Project Management; Construction Management

Steffen, Alli Christine, Granite Falls, MN, Digital Media Management; Marketing Swegarden, Noah James, Minot, ND, Integrated Advertising and Public Relations, Cum Laude

Tulaev, Ogabek, Moorhead, MN, Computer Science, Cum Laude

Walker, Zakary Robert, North Walpole, NH, Operations Management, Summa Cum Laude

Walton, Chloe Ann, Cavalier, ND, Finance

Waugh, Jaxson Jo Dean, Watertown, SD, Project Management

Wetzstein, Austin Daniel, Bismarck, ND, Operations Management, Magna Cum Laude

Wolfe, Ashten Leigh, Fosston, MN, Business Administration, *Summa Cum Laude* Wood, April, Fargo, ND, Integrated Advertising and Public Relations Young, Elizabeth Frances, Reile's Acres, ND, Accounting

# College of Education & Human Services

Dr. Ok-Hee Lee, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Lee Vigilant, Professor in the Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Amedi, Shaveen, Moorhead, MN, Criminal Justice; Juvenile Justice

Belch, Sierra Nicole, West Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice; Juvenile Justice, Sociology, Psychology

Brault, Joel Alan, Alexandria, MN, Criminal Justice

Dick, Courtenay Paige, Reile's Acres, ND, Criminal Justice, Sociology, Magna Cum

Ford, Aleisha, Killeen, TX, Criminal Justice

Gooding, Lily Lee, Moorhead, MN, Criminal Justice; Anthropology, Summa Cum Laude, Honors Program

Krause, Brittany Ann, Fergus Falls, MN, Criminal Justice

Nightingale, Shelby Nicole, Lincoln, NE, Early Childhood Education Non-Licensure, Summa Cum Laude

Rupp, Mary, Campbell, MN, Criminal Justice, Psychology; Juvenile Justice, Summa Cum Laude

Shelstad, Brady Edward, Little Falls, MN, Criminal Justice

Sinner, Elise Noel, Minot, ND, Criminal Justice; Music

Tensen, Nina, Glenwood, MN, Criminal Justice, Cum Laude

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Anderson, Kate Noelle, Fargo, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, Summa Cum Laude

Beack, Sarah Mei, Frazee, MN, Early Childhood Education

Becker, Charles Allen, Stewartville, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Special Education, Magna Cum Laude

Bitzer, Sailor McCall, West Fargo, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, Magna Cum Laude

Braaten, Julia Mary, Roseau, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, Summa Cum Laude Collins, Diane Uwimbabazi, Fargo, ND, Early Childhood Education

Evensen, Abigail Louise, Fargo, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, Summa Cum Laude

Fernandez, Stephanie Ann, Cobden, MN, Early Childhood Education

Fry, Bailee Jo, Moorhead, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, Cum Laude

Gildea, Rebecca Marie, Moorhead, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education

Hauger, Mackenzie Donna, Moorhead, MN, Early Childhood Education, Cum Laude

Henderson, Skye Lynn, Dickinson, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, Summa Cum Laude

Herdina, Madyson Ann, Olivia, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, Summa Cum Laude

- Hilala, Hadeel, Corona, CA, Elementary Inclusive Education; Special Education, Summa Cum Laude
- Hinds, Elizabeth Jean, Bowbells, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education; Special Education, Magna Cum Laude
- Holaday, Lucie Ann, West Fargo, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, Magna Cum Laude
- Houska, Katelin LaRae, Glyndon, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Cum Laude* Hudalla, Emersyn Claire, Browerville, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Jensen, Claudia, Rochester, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, Cum Laude Johnson, Skye Alivia, Hawley, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, Magna Cum Laude
- Kingland, Sarah Elizabeth, Owatonna, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, Summa Cum Laude
- Klein, Megan Audrey, Bismarck, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, Summa Cum Laude
- Knutson, Ashley Rose, Moorhead, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science
- Knutson, Brynne JoAnna, Hawley, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education
- Kramer, Ana, Horace, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, Summa Cum Laude Larson, Grace Elizabeth, Waconia, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, Magna Cum Laude
- Lee, Madison, Belgrade, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Special Education, Summa Cum Laude
- Linbo, Madison Starr, Willmar, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education; Coaching, Summa Cum Laude
- Miller, Taylor Rose, Bejou, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, Magna Cum Laude
- Olson, Greta Christine, Fertile, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, Magna Cum Laude
- Paulson, Ryley, Pelican Rapids, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, Magna Cum
- Polejewski, Kayla Marie, Marshall, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, Summa Cum Laude
- Preble, Aynsley Lynn, Belgrade, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Special Education, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Sandeen, Ann Florence, Cannon Falls, MN, Early Childhood Education; Special Education, Summa Cum Laude
- Sandven, Ellie, Dawson, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, Magna Cum Laude
- Schommer, Mara Louise, Woodville, WI, Elementary Inclusive Education; Special
- Sjoblom, Arianna Nicole, West Fargo, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education; Special Education, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Stark, Morgan Fay, Elbow Lake, MN, Early Childhood Education, Magna Cum Laude

Strege, Isabelle Anne, Fergus Falls, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, Summa Cum Laude

Strom, Alexa Elizabeth, Fargo, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science Vasquez, Alyzabeth Ryan, Litchfield, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Magna Cum Laude* 

Volk, Jaidyn Leigh, Pembina, ND, Early Childhood Education; CoachingWalz, Maci Lynn, Bismarck, ND, Elementary Inclusive EducationWilmesmeier, Julia Rose, Alexandria, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science;Special Education, Summa Cum Laude

#### **BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

Busby, Sara Rose, Felton, MN, Social Work
Dahl, Kayliana Beverly, Ada, MN, Social Work, Summa Cum Laude
Dehler, Andrea, Wahpeton, ND, Social Work; Psychology
Haverinen, Samantha, Princeton, MN, Social Work; Psychology, Cum Laude
Hunt, Carson Treonne, St. Peter, MN, Social Work, Summa Cum Laude
Kotschevar, Myra Kate, Albany, MN, Social Work, Summa Cum Laude
Leskey, Ashlynn Marie, New Ulm, MN, Social Work, Magna Cum Laude
Nehlar, Roseline Sundaymah, Moorhead, MN, Social Work
Ponting, Journey Leigh, Montrose, MN, Social Work; Juvenile Justice
Puckett, Stephani Mae, Valley City, ND, Social Work
Rojas, Jessica Marie, Pelican Rapids, MN, Social Work; Health Services
Administration

Thompson, Abby Jean, Chisholm, MN, Social Work, Summa Cum Laude Thompson, Ethan Tyler, Oklee, MN, Social Work, Magna Cum Laude Villa, Myrla Denis, Rock Springs, WY, Social Work, Summa Cum Laude Welle, Audrey, Melrose, MN, Social Work Zak, Kelly Lynn, Moorhead, MN, Social Work

## College of Arts & Humanities

Dr. Kyja Kristiansson-Nelson, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Sean Taylor, Professor in the Department of History, Languages & Humanities

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Mattheis, Kayla Renae, Moorhead, MN, English Quick, Faithe Hannah, Northfield, MN, English; Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude* Drew, Theodore, Moorhead, MN, English, *Magna Cum Laude* 

#### **BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**

Crockett, Samuel Ray, North Mankato, MN, Animation, Summa Cum Laude Goetze, Sara Alexandra, Hewitt, MN, Film Production; Media Arts, Summa Cum Laude

Hannon, Sam, St. Anthony, MN, Graphic and Interactive Design Jenny, Dayna, Moorhead, MN, Graphic and Interactive Design; Business Administration

Melcher, Agracia Belle, Middle River, MN, Animation

Mortenson, Ava Jean, Kennedy, MN, Graphic and Interactive Design, Magna Cum Laude

Nevland, Payton Leigh, Fargo, ND, Art Education

Solberg, Emilee Marie, Fergus Falls, MN, Art Education; Art Therapy, Art Vosburg, Lucas Brayden, Fargo, ND, Graphic and Interactive Design; Art Zavesky, Jordyn Joy, Huron, SD, Graphic and Interactive Design; Film Production, Integrated Advertising and Public Relations, Summa Cum Laude

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Deglman, Crystal, Princeton, MN, Teaching English as a Second Language, Communication Arts/Literature Education, Summa Cum Laude

Dingmann, Dylan, Grand Rapids, MN, Entertainment Industries and Technology Froemming, Alexis Marie, Alexandria, MN, Communication Arts/Literature Education, *Magna Cum Laude* 

Kallstrom, Emily Rose, Osakis, MN, Social Studies Teacher Education, Summa Cum Laude

Kulmie, Anesa Kay, Grantsburg, WI, Teaching English as a Second Language, Summa Cum Laude

Mahnke, Kenley Ann, West Fargo, ND, Social Studies Teacher Education, Summa Cum Laude

Maker, Jenna Danielle, Hunter, ND, Social Studies Teacher Education, Political Science. Summa Cum Laude

Mattson, Jordan Nicole, Chanhassen, MN, Social Studies Teacher Education Severud, Noah, Grand Forks, ND, Communication Arts/Literature Education; Audio Production and Technology, Special Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  Stangl, Ryan Michael, Pierz, MN, Music Education, *Cum Laude*Wheeler, Elizabeth, Casselton, ND, Teaching English as a Second Language, *Summa Cum Laude* 

# College of Science, Health & the Environment

Dr. Elizabeth Nawrot, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Linda Winkler, Associate Professor in the Department of Physics & Astronomy

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Babcock, Mickalyn Faith, Green Bay, WI, Psychology

Berskow, Carlie Jo, Spicer, MN, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude

Bogenreif, Carlie Marie, Fargo, ND, Psychology

Deutz, Adrid Mary, Marshall, MN, Psychology; Sociology, Magna Cum Laude

Eastwood, Madeline Jean, Fergus Falls, MN, Psychology; Juvenile Justice, Cum Laude

Hanlon, Jasper, Cold Spring, MN, Psychology; Art Therapy, Cum Laude

Hearon, Finley, Chaska, MN, Chemistry; Biology

Huesers, Abigail, St. Joseph, MN, Psychology

Johnson, Pierce David, Cook, MN, Anthropology; Geosciences, Cum Laude

Jones, Hannah Marie, Moorhead, MN, Psychology; Neuroscience, Summa Cum Laude

Pfingsten, Marinda Mae, Fergus Falls, MN, Psychology

Puckett, Stephani Mae, Valley City, ND, Psychology

Reiten, Caitlin Lee, Litchville, ND, Psychology; Art Therapy, Neuroscience, *Magna Cum Laude* Rezac, Emma Jean, Big Lake, MN, Psychology; Special Education

Stirewalt, Olivia Nicole, Brainerd, MN, Psychology; Neuroscience, Summa Cum Laude

Thompson, Abby Jean, Chisholm, MN, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude

Wick-Zeman, Sam Michael, Duluth, MN, Biology

Winterowd, Justine Audrey, Casselton, ND, Leadership and Innovation in Aging Studies. Summa Cum Laude

Wolff, Kelly Ann, Arthur, ND, Psychology; Art Therapy, Cum Laude

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Al Moweil, Shahad Safa, Moorhead, MN, Biology; Public Health, *Cum Laude* Babcock, Mickalyn Faith, Green Bay, WI, Exercise Science; Coaching, Sports Medicine, Strength and Conditioning

Baumann, Brooke Morgan, Howard Lake, MN, Biology

Cichy, Macie Christine, Henning, MN, Physical Education, Health Education, Summa Cum Laude

Davila, Daniel Marcos, Vale, NC, Exercise Science, Cum Laude

Erickson, Halle Christine, West Fargo, ND, Health and Medical Sciences; Psychology, Neuroscience, *Summa Cum Laude* 

Gardin, Nikolas Kenneth, Underwood, MN, Physical Education, Health Education; Strength and Conditioning

Imdieke, Luke Alan Daniel, Osakis, MN, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning, Sports Medicine, Magna Cum Laude

Kartes, Cole Aaron, West Fargo, ND, Exercise Science; Sports Medicine, Strength and Conditioning

Lang, Landon Kim, Rothsay, MN, Physical Education

Martin, Brett Moore, Germantown, WI, Physical Education, Health Education

Naso, Roksan, Moorhead, MN, Biology; Public Health

Nestor, Tanner Michael, Glenwood, MN, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning, Summa Cum Laude

Olek, Alivia Genevieve, Moorhead, MN, Health Services Administration, Leadership and Innovation in Aging Studies, *Magna Cum Laude* 

Parsons, Jordan, St. Paul, MN, Exercise Science

Peterson, Sam, Elk River, MN, Geosciences, Anthropology

Rokes, Brooklyn Emmy, Parkers Prairie, MN, Biology, Summa Cum Laude

Schaub, Jack Michael, Moorhead, MN, Physical Education, Health Education

Schellberg, Caitlynn Rueby, Ortonville, MN, Health Service Administration, Magna Cum Laude

Stueven, Adnew, Northome, MN, Exercise Science; Coaching, Sports Medicine

Volk, Paighton Sierra, Bismarck, ND, Biology; Public Health, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Magna Cum Laude

Wieland, Kylie Rose, Mandan, ND, Human Health Sciences; Health and Medical Sciences. Summa Cum Laude

Winterowd, Justine Audrey, Casselton, ND, Health Services Administration, Summa Cum Laude

Wishard, Matthew John, Randall, MN, Exercise Science; Sports Medicine, Strength and Conditioning

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Anderson, Megan Elise, Roseau, MN, Nursing Bachmann, Kendra Rae, Rochert, MN, Nursing Bachmann, Taylor Ann, Frazee, MN, Nursing Bell, Tina Nicole, Pelican Rapids, MN, Nursing Beske, Danielle Marie, Fargo, ND, Nursing Carlson, Emily Noel, Two Harbors, MN, Nursing Donahoe, Tess Canas, Spicer, MN, Nursing Enerson, Melissa Ann, Cavalier, ND, Nursing Flaa, Corey James, Fargo, ND, Nursing Gibson, Kate Barrett, Minneapolis, MN, Nursing Gigstead, Emily Ann, Detroit Lakes, MN, Nursing Kolstad, Sarah Terese, Sauk Centre, MN, Nursing Mongare, Dorothy Cheruto, Vail, AZ, Nursing Murray, Katie Pierce, Proctor, MN, Nursing Omaya, Eunice, Fargo, ND, Nursing Rainwater, Gabriell Marie, Moorhead, MN, Nursing Schaust, Hannah, Paynesville, MN, Nursing Thompson, Jiyoung, Grand Forks, ND, Nursing, Cum Laude Veches, Erin Laura, Becker, MN, Nursing Werven, Tanner Hale, Svold, ND, Nursing White, Allyson Paige, Fargo, ND, Nursing

### **Graduate Studies**

**Dr. Robert Nava,** Dean of Graduate & Extended Learning College Marshals:

Dr. Atif Osmani, Associate Professor in the Paseka School of Business

Dr. Marci Glessner, Associate Professor in the School of Teaching & Learning

Dr. Dawn Hammerschmidt, Professor in the Department of Health & Human Performance

#### **MASTER OF ARTS**

Holmquist, Abigail, Shoreview, MN, Criminal Justice "The Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Juvenile Delinquency" Dr. Geraldine Sloan, Advisor

Johnson, Isaiah, Moorhead, MN, Criminal Justice "Mass Shootings in the United States: An In-depth Study of the Tragedy" Dr. Lee Vigilant, Advisor

Watkins, Richard, Faribault, MN, Criminal Justice "Mental Health and Police Response- Criminal Justice Training Cirriculum" Dr. Joel Powell, Advisor

#### **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Adjei Danso, Frank, Horace, ND, Business Administration "The Impact of Agile Project Management on Entrepreneurial Ventures: A Case Study Analysis" Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Arnhalt, Lucas, Horace, ND, Business Administration "The Company of Tesla" Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Bergquist, Carson, Grey Eagle, MN, Business Administration "A Research Paper on Apple: An Assessment of Apple's Current Brand" Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Constance, Adrian, Boise, ID, Business Administration "Corporate Analysis of Sanofi Inc." Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor Gustavson, Ashley, North Mankato, MN, Business Administration "Pfizer Corporate Analysis" Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Hagan, Laura, Fargo, ND, Business Administration "Hershey's Strategic and Business Thesis" Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Houma, Pa Momodou, Rogers, MN, Business Administration "Comprehensive Corporate Analysis of Exxon Mobil Corp" Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Jensen, Betsy, Stephen, MN, Business Administration "Company Analysis of Archer Daniels Midland Co." Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Mastel, Katie, Otsego, MN, Business Administration w/Healthcare "HCA Corporate Analysis" Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Merigold, Amanda, Fenton, MO, Business Administration w/Healthcare "Redefining Healthcare: An Evaluation of Johnson and Johnson's Business Model and It's Impact on the Healthcare Industry"

Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Omar, Asrar, Fridley, MN, Business Administration "Analysis of Aldi Store Company" Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Riedel, Ryan, Blaine, MN, Business Administration "Walmart: A King of Retail" Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Stolte, Megan, Punta Gorda, FL, Business Administration
"Sustaining Innovation: A Corporate Analysis of Apple Inc.'s Business Strategy and
Key Drivers"

Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

White, Alec, Fargo, ND, Business Administration "Danaher - A Corporate Analysis" Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor Yusuf, MohamedNadir, Willmar, MN, Business Administration "Green and Sustainable Operations and Supply Chain Management" Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

#### **MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION**

Cheung, Allen, Alhambra, CA, Healthcare Administration "Leadership Education in Respiratory Therapy" Dr. Brandi Sillerud, Advisor

Hammer, Rachel, Burnsville, MN, Healthcare Administration "Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Health Care System Food Pantry" Dr. Brandi Sillerud, Advisor

Knight, Terri, Maplewood, MN, Healthcare Administration "The Long-term Care Dilemma: A Shortage of Quality and Affordable Care for Our Aging Population" Dr. Heather Winkler, Advisor

McCowan, Maiah, Bismarck, ND, Healthcare Administration "Consolidation and Restructuring in Home Health" Dr. Jim Sterling, Advisor

Pearson, Katelyn, Welch, MN, Healthcare Administration "Implementation of New Hire Individualized Training to Achieve Increased Staff Coverage for Specialized Areas in an Inpatient Setting" Dr. Brandi Sillerud, Advisor

Smieja, Katie, Underwood, MN, Healthcare Administration "Radiology Policy Review and Research" Dr. Brandi Sillerud, Advisor

Yednock, Jennifer, Bishop, CA, Healthcare Administration "Research Assistance on Healthcare Leaders' Attitudes and Perceptions on Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and AI-enabled Tools in Healthcare Settings" Dr. Brandi Sillerud, Advisor

Yenser, Antonia, Mankato, MN, Healthcare Administration "Achieving CAHME Accreditation Status at Minnesota State University Moorhead" Dr. Brandi Sillerud, Advisor

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Al-Juhari, Alea, Fargo, ND, School Psychology "Adolescent Anxiety and the Effects of Coping Cat" Dr. Lisa H. Stewart, Advisor

Andrusko, Pamela, Coon Rapids, MN, Educational Leadership "Professional Portfolio" Dr. James Johnson, Advisor

Autumnstar, Jennifer, Fargo, ND, Special Education "The Brain Is the Body: A S.M.A.R.T. Approach to Self-Regulation and Learning" Dr. Marci Glessner, Advisor

Ayers, Trista, Ponsford, MN, Educational Leadership "Professional Portfolio" Dr. James Johnson, Advisor

Ayo-Soremi, Wuraola, Isolo, Lagos, Educational Leadership "Professional Portfolio" Dr. James Johnson, Advisor

Bartels, Anna, Plymouth, MN, School Psychology "School Based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: The Use of C.A.T. Project With a Middle School Student" Dr. Lisa H. Stewart. Advisor

Bauer, Emily, Moorhead, MN, Counseling "The Importance of Adopting a Neurodiversity Affirming Approach: A Training for School Counselors" Dr. Taryn Akgul, Advisor

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Cancino, Robert, Rockford, MN, Educational Leadership "Professional Portfolio" Dr. Boyd Bradbury, Advisor

Cannella, Liliana, Grand Rapids, MN, School Psychology "Using a Modified Check-In-Check-Out Intervention as Supplemental Support to Increase Consistency of Positive Behavior" Dr. Lisa H. Stewart, Advisor

Cote, Lacey, Moorhead, MN, Curriculum & Instruction "Professional Portfolio" Dr. Michael Coquyt, Advisor

Coyle, Nolan, Wadena, MN, Special Education "A 'How to Guide' of Tier 2 Reading Interventions" Dr. Marci Glessner, Advisor

Cruickshank, Ali, Solon Springs, WI, School Psychology "Improving 1st Grade Early Reading Skills Using Functional Phonics" Dr. Lisa H. Stewart, Advisor

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Green, Allison, Hawley, MN, Special Education "Early Intervention Parent Guide" Dr. Marci Glessner, Advisor

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Heil, Brooke, Harvey, ND, Counseling "Plan B" Dr. Taryn Akgul, Advisor

Heinen, Deion, Fargo, ND, Special Education "Stigma in Special Education With Solution Focused Lens" Dr. Marci Glessner, Advisor

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Kamarainen, Adara, Eagan, MN, School Psychology "Examining the Effect of UFLI Reading Intervention With 1st Grade Students" Dr. Lisa H. Stewart, Advisor

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Kunkel, Abigail, Norwood Young America, MN, School Psychology "The Effectiveness of the University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) Intervention Program for Three First-Grade Students Struggling in Reading" Dr. Lisa H. Stewart, Advisor

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Lindahl, Aaron, Redwood Falls, MN, Educational Leadership "Professional Portfolio" Dr. James Johnson, Advisor

Lodwick, Kierra, Fargo, ND, School Psychology "Check-In Check-Out as a Tier 2 Behavioral Intervention for Two First-Grade Students" Dr. Lisa H. Stewart, Advisor

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Meece, Mikayla, Alexandria, MN, Special Education "Student Centered: Task Box Instruction" Dr. Marci Glessner, Advisor

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"An Overview of the Behaviors That Can Occur for Special Education Teachers and Speech-Language Pathologists in the Absence of Communication Devices to Assist Students With Developmental Disabilities" Dr. Marci Glessner, Advisor

O'Brien, Dylan, Shakopee, MN, Curriculum & Instruction "Professional Portfolio" Dr. Michael Coquyt, Advisor

Ogren, Ty, Grand Forks, ND, Counseling "Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) Interventions for Group Therapy for College Students Experiencing Depression"

Dr. Jessica Brown, Advisor

Oliver, Megan, Fergus Falls, MN, School Psychology "The Use of Coping Power to Reduce Problematic Behavior With a 4th Grade Male Student"

Dr. Lisa H. Stewart, Advisor

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Ostendorf, Megan, Pequot Lakes, MN, Counseling "Increasing Self-Esteem in Early Adolescents" Dr. Taryn Akgul, Advisor

Paulson, Katelyn, Detroit Lakes, MN, Curriculum & Instruction "Professional Portfolio" Dr. Kristen Carlson, Advisor

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Romereim, Brenda, Wahpeton, ND, Special Education "Progress Monitoring: Importance, Challenges and Solutions" Dr. Marci Glessner, Advisor

Roskamp, Nichol, Glencoe, MN, Educational Leadership "Professional Portfolio" Dr. James Johnson, Advisor

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Sparks, Sarah, Shakopee, MN, Special Education

"Creating and Implementing Jr. Glomies (Unified) Program in Middle School to Increase Inclusion Within Our Schools"

Dr. Marci Glessner, Advisor

Spillum, Mary, Hawley, MN, Special Education

"The Collaborative Guide: Paraprofessional Pathways"

Dr. Marci Glessner, Advisor

Stockamp, Macy, Elk River, MN, Special Education

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Wassermann, Samantha, Buffalo, MN, School Psychology

"Improving First Grade Sight Word Fluency Using the Reading Racetrack Intervention"

Dr. Lisa H. Stewart, Advisor

Weis, Andrew, Savage, MN, Curriculum & Instruction

"Professional Portfolio"

Dr. Michael Coquyt, Advisor

Weiss, Mariah, Bismarck, ND, Special Education

"Understanding Disabilities: Developing an Inclusive High School Curriculum With Peer Interaction"

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Zoretich, Zoe, Two Harbors, MN, Curriculum & Instruction "Professional Portfolio" Dr. Michael Coquyt, Advisor

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#### **Majors and Minors**

The Commencement Program lists all majors and minors which have been completed. If a student has completed two majors, the majors are separated by a comma (English, History); if a student has completed a major and a minor, the major and minor are separated by a semi-colon (English; History). If a student has earned a minor via the Tri-College University, the home institution is listed after the minor and placed in parentheses, i.e. French (Concordia).

#### **Graduate Candidates**

Candidates receiving graduate degrees are listed in the program. The listing also contains the title of their thesis or project and their faculty advisor. Each candidate that participates in the ceremony is wearing the appropriate master's or specialist hood. The color of the velvet edging on the hood represents the academic discipline and the silk lining (red and white) represents Minnesota State University Moorhead.

#### **Academic Honors**

Students who complete at least 45 credits at MSU Moorhead as candidates for baccalaureate degrees may graduate with the following honors:

CUM LAUDE	representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher
MAGNA CUM LAUDE	representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.60 or higher
SUMMA CUM LAUDE	representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or higher

Such honors are computed from the cumulative grade point average earned in all courses at MSU Moorhead. The graduates who have earned these honors will have the achievement listed on their academic transcripts. The CUM LAUDE graduates wear white honor cords. The MAGNA CUM LAUDE graduates wear red honor cords. The SUMMA CUM LAUDE graduates wear red and white honor cords.

#### **Honors Program Graduates**

The MSU Moorhead Honors Program exists to award and encourage superior academic performance. Students who have earned a 3.50 grade point average during their freshman year are invited to participate in the Honors Program. Those who complete the rigorous Honors Program curricular requirements are listed in the Commencement Program and have the achievement listed on their academic transcripts.

#### **Honor Societies**

**Alpha Kappa Delta,** the National Sociology Honor Society, seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and other social and intellectual activities to help improve the human condition. Membership is open to undergraduates who are sociology majors, at least juniors, rank in the top 35% of their class or have at least a 3.5 overall GPA, have at least a 3.0 GPA in sociology courses prior to initiation, and have completed at least four sociology courses.

**Alpha Phi Sigma,** the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, recognizes academic excellence of undergraduate criminal justice majors who maintain a GPA of 3.5 or above, are nominated by faculty, and are in the top 35% of their class. The goals of Alpha Phi Sigma are to honor and promote academic excellence, community service, educational leadership, and unity.

**Alpha Upsilon Alpha**, the honor society of the International Reading Association, was created in 1985 to recognize and encourage scholarship, the development of personal and professional leadership, and service to the field of reading at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The Greek letters chosen for this honor society are significant: They come from the words *Anagnosis* (reading), *Upotrophia* (scholarship) and *Archon* (leadership). The society motto, which is attributed to Horace, says it all: "*Lege sapere aude*," or "Read, dare to be wise."

Membership in Alpha Upsilon Alpha brings a sense of scholarly accomplishment in the field of reading and language arts. Members are acknowledged for having excelled in their chosen field of study, and are recognized as professionals committed to the importance of reading and language arts in education.

Beta Beta Beta ( $\beta\beta\beta$ ) National Biology Society is an academic society for students who major in Biology. The requirements for membership in the Omega Mu chapter of Beta Beta Beta are (I) at least three biology courses in the biology major, and (2) a minimum GPA of 3.0 in those courses. The honor pin displays three Greek letters, Beta Beta Beta, and a coiled serpent. The first Beta stands for the Greek word BALANNOS, which means acorn; it represents life in and on the ground. The second Beta stands for the Greek word BOUDETASE, which means little bird; it represents life in the air. The third Beta stands for the Greek word BOAX, which means fish; it represents life in the water. All three words may be summed up in one word BIOS, meaning life. The coiled serpent in the center of the pin is an ancient symbol of wisdom. Graduating students who are members of Beta Beta Beta may wear the red and green cords symbolic of the Society.

Beta Gamma Sigma (B $\Gamma\Sigma$ ) honor society was founded in 1913 as an academic society for students who major in Business or Accounting. Students ranking in the top 10 percent of the baccalaureate program at schools accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – are eligible for this invitation. AACSB Accreditation is known, worldwide, as the longest standing, most recognized form of accreditation a business program can earn. The blue and gold honor cord worn by Beta Gamma Sigma members features a gold (metal) key charm attached to the knot above the tassel on one end of the blue cord.

Chi Sigma Alpha is a member of Chi Sigma Iota, which is an international honor society that values academic and professional excellence in counseling. We promote a strong professional identity through members (professional counselors, counselor educators, and students) who contribute to the realization of a healthy society by fostering wellness and human dignity. The membership requirements include, "Those who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a scale of 4.0 and are deemed promising for endorsement as a professional counselor whose ethical judgment and behavior will be exemplary" (CSI Bylaws, Article 4.1). Members of Chi Sigma Alpha wear blue and white honor cords and/or a white stole that displays the Chi Sigma Iota emblem and Greek Letters.

**Financial Management Association (FMA)** honor society was founded in 1974 and remains the only national honor society specifically for finance students. The group is dedicated to the ongoing development of financial theory and sound, ethical financial practices. To qualify for membership, students must maintain a GPA above 3.5 in their finance coursework and earn a major, minor, or certificate in finance at MSUM. Honor society inductees wear a silver sash with the logo of FMA printed in blue.

Golden Key International Honour Society is the world's largest collegiate honor society founded in 1977, comprised of more than 2 million undergraduate, graduate and alumni members. Membership into the Society is by invitation only and applies to the top 15% of college and university sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as top-performing graduate students in all fields of study, based solely on their academic achievements. With over 400 student chapters worldwide, Golden Key recognizes highly motivated academic achievers who will become leaders and contributors to society in the future. Golden Key offers many additional member-only privileges that highlight the three pillars of Academics, Leadership and Service.

**Lambda Epsilon Chi** "LEX" is a national honor society recognizing academic excellence for Paralegal students. Invitations for membership are extended to those students who are declared majors in MSUM's Paralegal Department and who have met the following criteria: (1) completion of at least two-thirds of the course requirements for the major, and (2) cumulative GPA of 3.5 in Paralegal courses.

**Lambda Pi Eta** is the official honor society for communication studies students. It is sponsored by the National Communication Association (NCA). Students must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA and a 3.25 GPA for communication studies courses. The pin features the Greek words lambda, pi, and eta which stand for Aristotle's three forms of proof: logos, pathos, and ethos.

**Phi Alpha** is a national social work honor society which was established in 1960. The purpose of Phi Alpha is to promote humanitarian goals and ideals and to provide a closer bond among students of social work. The membership requirements include excellence in scholarship, with a minimum GPA of 3.25 and achievement in social work.

**Pi Kappa Lambda**, the national honor society in music, was established in 1918 at Northwestern University in Illinois to provide an organization dedicated to the furtherance of music in education and education in music in colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning which offer music degree programs. Election to the Epsilon lota chapter (established at MSUM in 1982) requires that students be outstanding in scholarship and musicianship, and that candidates in their junior year be in the top 10% of their class, that seniors be in the top 20%, and that graduate students have satisfactorily completed the requirements of their degrees. The insignia pin of Pi Kappa Lambda is a gold Grecian lyre with symbols of music and drama (panpipes and mask with foils) on each side of the three strings of the lyre.

**Pi Sigma Alpha** is a national honor society for political science majors. The requirements for membership in the Alpha Eta Mu chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha are (I) completion of ten semester credits in political science including one 300-level class, (2) a minimum of 3.0 GPA in political science courses, and (3) a cumulative GPA of 3.0. The honor pin is a small gold pin with the honor society's Greek letters on the front and the honor cords are red and white.

**Psi Chi** is an honorary society founded in 1929 for psychology majors. Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the Association for Psychological Science. The MSUM Chapter of Psi Chi was established in the Psychology Department in 1984. In addition to the national membership requirements of a 3.0 GPA, class rank in the top 35%, completion of three semesters of college, and nine semester hours of psychology courses, the MSUM chapter requires a minimum GPA of 3.25 in psychology courses. Members of Psi Chi wear a medallion that displays the Psi Chi emblem of the Greek letters Psi and Chi.

**Sigma Delta Pi**, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society (*La Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispánica*), is devoted exclusively to students of Spanish in four-year colleges and universities. It was established on November 14, 1919, at the University of California in Berkeley. Upsilon Sigma, the local chapter of SDP was organized at MSUM in the fall of 2000. Requirements for membership are (1) completing at least three years or the equivalent of college Spanish, including at least three semester hours of a third-year course in Hispanic literature or Hispanic culture and civilization, (2) a minimum GPA of 3.0 in Spanish, and (3) student rank in the upper 35% of their class. The Greek expression, *Spanias Didagei Proagomen*, stand for the motto, "Let us follow after Spain's inspiration." The honor pin and cord hearken back to the colors on the Spanish national flag and the coat of arms of Castilla y León, both which depict lions and castles in the checkered corners of the crest.

**Sigma Lambda Chi** is an international and academic honor society for students majoring in construction management. It is known for being a society of leaders in construction. Chapters are located throughout the United States and Australia. It was founded as an honorary society on April 30, 1949 at Michigan State University in East Lansing Michigan. In 1991, Sigma Lambda Chi became a member of the Association of College Honor Societies, Inc. Requirements for membership are (1) complete two academic years of study toward a degree in Construction, (2) obtain an overall scholastic average in the upper 20% of his or her incoming class, (3) study at the present institution for the preceding six months, (4) demonstrate leadership, character, and personality traits which will give promise of reflecting credit upon Sigma Lambda Chi, (5) participate in one or more extracurricular activities, and (6) work in some phase of the construction industry.

**Sigma Phi Omega**, the National Gerontology Honor Society, recognizes academic excellence of those who study gerontology and aging. Local chapters serve as links within their respective communities to promote interaction between gerontology educators, students, alumni, and local professionals. Membership is open to undergraduates who are gerontology majors and who are in at least their second term of enrollment with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.

Sigma Pi Sigma (ΣΠΣ) is the physics honor society and was founded in 1921. Election to  $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$  is earned by a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrated excellence in at least two of four categories; research work, outreach participation, Society of Physics Students involvement or outstanding academic achievement in physics.  $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$  exists to honor and encourage physics scholarship, to be of service to the various communities it may influence, and to be a fellowship of persons who have shared in the traditions and culture of physics. The name  $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$  comes from the first letters that compose the society motto  $\Sigma$ κεψιζ  $\Pi$ ροστατηζ  $\Sigma$ υνεσεωζ which translated from Greek is "investigation, the forerunner of knowledge". The official insignia and key consists of a voltmeter, lamp and dynamo. The voltmeter symbolizes the high accuracy which is the hallmark of careful experiments, the lamp is the symbol of knowledge ( $\Sigma$ οφια in Greek) and the dynamo represents the creative energy that is so necessary to productive research. The MSUM Sigma Pi Sigma chapter was founded in 1974.

Sigma Theta Tau International is an honorary society for nursing majors, and was founded in 1922. The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. Founded in 1922, the name Sigma Theta Tau comes from the Greek words storgé, thárros, and timé, meaning "love," "courage," and "honor." STTI became incorporated in 1985 as Sigma Theta Tau International Inc. STTI membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship and to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing. With more than 135,000 active members in more than 85 countries, Xi Kappa Chapter at Large includes MSU Moorhead, North Dakota State University, Jamestown University and Concordia College.

#### **Academic Attire**

The caps and gowns worn at formal academic events in American colleges are the direct descendants of the everyday costumes worn in the universities of Medieval England when each school had its peculiar dress so that an Oxford student could be distinguished from a Cambridge student. Because of the tremendous growth of American colleges, and the confusion that would result if each were to adopt a distinctive costume, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was organized. The Bureau has established a uniform code that over 700 institutions have adopted.

There are three types of gowns and three types of hoods for bachelors, masters, and doctors. The bachelors gown has a long pointed sleeve, whereas the masters gown has a long closed sleeve, square at the end. The doctors gown is characterized by a voluminous bell-shaped sleeve with three velvet bars.

The hoods for all degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree and have an edging or trim of velvet, the color of which indicates the academic discipline or faculty to which the degree pertains. The bachelors hood is not worn by candidates for the baccalaureate degree but only by those upon whom this degree has been previously conferred. The masters hood is considerably longer, has a wider velvet edging, and exposes more of the lining. The doctors hood has wide panels at the side. It has the widest velvet edging, greatest length, and fullest exposure of the lining.

The black mortarboard cap with tassel is worn with each type of gown. Those holding a doctor's degree are privileged to wear a gold tassel. Masters and bachelors wear tassels that are either black or of the color appropriate to the academic discipline in which they are graduating.

Some of the colors which may be observed at this commencement and which symbolize various faculties are as follows:

Arts and Humanities	White
Business Administration	Light Brown
Education	Light Blue
Fine Arts	Dark Brown
Law	Purple
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy	
Public Administration	
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron

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### **Academic Marks**





Minnesota State University Moorhead's Seal represents its history, mission, and distinctive characteristics. It is reserved for official and ceremonial use. In the University's early history, Old Main was the largest and most impressive building in the area. A fire in 1930 destroyed most of the school's main building, except the arches of Old Main. Those arches became a significant symbol of the school's ability to survive and were incorporated into the University Seal.

#### **University Mace**



The University President or his designee carries this staff in ceremonial processions to symbolize the University's authority. Lyle Laske, Professor of Art Emeritus, crafted the staff for the University. The staff is sculpted from Brazilian rosewood, rubbed and polished to a deep luster. Its tips are cast in bronze and gold plated. The top piece on the staff, also in rosewood, is shaped in a universal form that symbolizes the medieval northern world. The staff rests in a base that is a solid, circular piece of rosewood. The staff was presented to President Roland Dille in 1978.

#### **Presidential Medallion**



The Presidential Medallion serves as a sign of the educational mission of Minnesota State University Moorhead. The President's commitment to the University's purposes is renewed in each solemn academic function, when it is appropriate to wear the medallion and be recharged by its symbols.

#### **College Marshals**

The College Marshals are senior faculty representing their colleges.

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