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Moorhead State University
Commencement Program
Class of 1996



August 2, 1996 • 8:00 p. m.
Center for the Arts Auditorium

MOORHEAD
STATE UNIVERSITY

Commencement

PROCESSIONAL "Crown Imperial" by William Walton
Michael Olson, Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Roland E. Barden, President of Moorhead State University

MUSICAL SELECTION

"You'll Never Walk Alone" from *Carousel* by Rogers and Hammerstein
Jill L. Sporleder, MS Candidate, class of 1996
Michael Olson, accompanist

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Roland E. Barden

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Douglas A. Hamilton, class of 1971
Senior Producer, KFGO News

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES

Dr. Bette G. Midgarden, Vice President for Academic Affairs

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF ARTS BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Dr. Carol S. Dobitz, Acting Dean of Business & Industry

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Paul Shaker, Dean of Education and Human Services

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS MASTER OF SCIENCE

Dr. Lawrence L. Reed, Dean of Academic Services

EDUCATION SPECIALIST (Tri-College University)

Dr. Jean T. Strandness, Provost

CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES

Dr. Roland E. Barden

Dr. Bette G. Midgarden

Dr. Jean T. Strandness

Mr. John Tandberg, Registrar

THE ALMA MATER

RECESSIONAL "Fanfare" by Jacques Lemens

Michael Olson, organist

The audience is asked to stand for the Processional and Recessional

A reception will be held immediately following the Commencement exercises in the Center for the Arts Gallery and Courtyard.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Burns, Karyn K.
Alexandria, MN
Liberal Arts

Campagna, Theresa
Dilworth, MN
Liberal Arts

Halvorson, Susan Lynn
Warroad, MN
Liberal Arts

Hamling, Nicole Ann
Hankinson, ND
Liberal Arts

Jarson, Danielle Dawn
Isanti, MN
Liberal Arts

Johnson, Lorna Joy
Fargo, ND
Liberal Arts

Lindell, Rebecca Seter
Moorhead, MN
Liberal Arts

Mrachek, Ernest Michael
Mahnomon, MN
Liberal Arts

Nelson, Rochelle D.
Moorhead, MN
Liberal Arts

Sogge, Kari Lea Barnett
Glyndon, MN
Liberal Arts

Sorenson, Julie Sander
Fargo, ND
Liberal Arts

Wentworth, Amy Catherine
Motley, MN
Liberal Arts

Williams, Stacey Rae
Wolsey, SD
Liberal Arts

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Myhers, Kimberly Kaye Coleman
Eagan, MN
Secretarial Science

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Andre, Michael Todd
Fargo, ND
Economics

Boe, Ross James
West Fargo, ND
Sociology

Briggs, Lisa Ann
Detroit Lakes, MN
Music

Carlson, Troy Dale
Thief River Falls, MN
Psychology
CUM LAUDE

Chuang, Hsueh-Fang
Moorhead, MN
Art
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Erickson, Jeremy Scott
St. Peter, MN
Economics

Fish, Marlene Minnie
Psychology
Moorhead, MN

Gonser, Ginger Karin
Fargo, ND
Psychology; English, Women's
Studies
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Harris, Ryan Newton
Brooklyn Park, MN
Theatre Arts

Harveaux, Trevor Robert
Cambridge, MN
Art

Horning, Russell John
Stanton, ND
Speech Communication

Johnson, Brett Alan
Fargo, ND
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Kent, Scott A.
Fargo, ND
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Klein, Andrea Rae
Fargo, ND
English

Kliene, Tim S.
Moorhead, MN
History

Klug, Michael Loren
Lead, SD
Theatre Arts

Laurila, Jessica R.
Moorhead, MN
Psychology; Anthropology

Luoma, Katherine M.
Eden Prairie, MN
Art

Malkasian, Melik V.
Wahpeton, ND
English
CUM LAUDE

McTighe, Patrick Joseph
Appleton, MN
Criminal Justice

Michailidis, Chantel Maria
Sioux Falls, SD
German

Mills, Renee D.
Sheldon, WI
English

Molitor, Jacquelyn R.
Fargo, ND
Sociology, Criminal Justice

Nichtern, Christopher Tim
Starbuck, MN
Criminal Justice

Ohren, Richard Douglas
Perley, MN
Criminal Justice

Onnen, Jennifer Marie
Cokato, MN
Economics; Mathematics
CUM LAUDE

Reierson, Jena Barrett
Frazee, MN
Mathematics

Renfrew, John Edward
West Fargo, ND
Psychology, Criminal Justice

Roufs, Peter Thomas
Duluth, MN
Economics; American Indian
Studies

Schreader, Angela Jean
Christopherson
Brandon, SD
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Schueth, Michael A.
Bismarck, ND
English
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Simon, Christopher
Fargo, ND
Political Science

Soule, Tracy Paul
Moorhead, MN
Criminal Justice

Suomala, Lana Katherine
Moorhead, MN
Spanish
CUM LAUDE

Swiatkiewicz, Jeffrey Alan
Spring Lake Park, MN
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Tebbe, Jana Marie
Colton, SD
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Thelen, Andrew Peter
Monticello, MN
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Tripp, David Milton
Clinton, MN
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Walz, Anthony William
Moorhead, MN
Economics; Business
Administration

Wicks, Shadde W.
Fargo, ND
Psychology

Williams, Susan Dawn
Alexandria, MN
English

Withers, Troy Dal
Osakis, MN
Criminal Justice; Psychology

Yon, Robyn Patrick
Forest River, ND
Criminal Justice

Zieska, Brad Andrew
Fargo, ND
Criminal Justice

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Grubb, George Earl
Marshall, MN
Theatre Arts

Hersrud, Michael Don
Moorhead, MN
Art

Lindquist, Kari Christina
Bismarck, ND
Art
CUM LAUDE

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Farrell, Scott Christopher
Larimore, ND
Music Industry

Heston, Charles Colby
Moorhead, MN
Music Industry

Hovland, Terry Lou
Fargo, ND
Music

Hummel, Jo-Anne Cheryl
Jamestown, ND
Music

Lamb, Shane Earl
Fargo, ND
Music

Skorseth, Brian James
Warren, MN
Music Industry

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Abrahamson, Sara Beth
Fargo, ND
Individualized Major:
Elementary Education Non-
Teaching

Amann, Gail K.
Wahpeton, ND
Community Health

Baso, Nicole Dawn
Eagle Bend, MN
Elementary Education

Belitz, Mark William
Hot Springs, SD
Marketing
CUM LAUDE

Berg, Shawn David
Wahpeton, ND
Mass Communications

Bexell, Jason Arthur
Moorhead, MN
Special Education

Birrenkott, Michael Allen
West Fargo, ND
Legal Assistant

Blanchard, Richard Marshall
Vergas, MN
Cytotechnology

Cain, Darren James
Dilworth, MN
Marketing

deNeui, Kenneth Donald
Chokio, MN
Elementary Education
CUM LAUDE

Dziengel, David John
Nillard, MN
Biology

Engle, Aaron James
Duluth, MN
Mass Communications

Faszholz, Alan Lee
Hawley, MN
Mathematics
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Fillipi, Michelle Lynn
Warren, MN
Elementary Education, Special
Education

Flath, Lynae Leah
Fargo, ND
Mass Communications

Foley, Linda G.
Wahpeton, ND
Legal Assistant

Geiszler, Cory Christopher
Rugby, ND
Business Administration

Geringer, Rebecca Ann
Salol, MN
Physical Education

Germundson, Jodi W.
Williston, ND
Accounting

Greenwaldt, Amber Tara
Eagle Bend, MN
Legal Assistant
CUM LAUDE

Guza, Michelle Lea
Ivanhoe, MN
Mass Communications

Harrison, Diana Lynn
Plymouth, MN
Accounting

Helland, Nancy Jean
Mott, ND
Marketing

Hins, Michelle Lanae
Nisswa, MN
International Business; German
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Holland, Mary L.
Moorhead, MN
Special Education

Horvath, Kira Dawn
Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada
Speech/Language/Hearing
Science

Illich, Joseph Robert
West Fargo, ND
Physical Education; Community
Health

Johnson, Ryan C.
Leonard, ND
Finance

Jones, Matthew Curtis
Elk River, MN
Individualized Major:
Sports Administration

Kocher, Keith Harold
Bismarck, ND
Business Administration

Kolden, Debra Lynn
Fargo, ND
Management

Lardy, Eric Michael
Sentinel Butte, ND
International Business, Marketing

Larson, Heather Patricia
Crookston, MN
Individualized Major:
Elementary Education
Non-Teaching

Larson, Jill Marie
Hendricks, MN
Marketing

Lasher-Wahl, Darcie
McClusky, ND
Legal Assistant

Loeslie, Rachel Lee
Warren, MN
Mass Communications

Losing, Delvin Jay
Jamestown, ND
Mass Communications; Political
Science

Luebke, Carrie Ellen
Sebeka, MN
Art

Lunde, Lynette Jeanine
Halstad, MN
Legal Assistant

Manuel, Jeffrey Frederick
Fargo, ND
Accounting

Merth, Barbara Marie
West Fargo, ND
Management

Miller, James David
Fargo, ND
Management

Myrvik, Jason Wayne
Fargo, ND
Finance

Nedved, Tara Renae
Kimball, SD
Mass Communications

Nelson, Brian A.
Lake Park, MN
Computer Information Systems
CUM LAUDE

Oquist, Matthew Troy
Elk River, MN
Legal Assistant

Paxton, Zachariah John
Marshall, MN
Business Administration

Perbix, Leah Katherine
Wayzata, MN
Elementary Education
CUM LAUDE

Perkins, Chadd Allen
Dawson, MN
Technology Education

Peterson, DeEna M.
Cambridge, MN
Legal Assistant

Sandberg, Robert Norman
Little Falls, MN
Energy Management, Finance
CUM LAUDE

Schauer, Daniel Paul
Moorhead, MN
Elementary Education

Schmidt, Jody Lynn
Wilton, ND
Legal Assistant

Schmidt, Pamela Jayne
Fargo, ND
Marketing

Schnathorst, Pamela Lee
Detroit Lakes, MN
Legal Assistant

Schulz, Angela Nolte
Moorhead, MN
Music

Sele, Lara Ann
St. Paul, MN
Mass Communications

Seneesirikul, Katherine Margaret
Rockford, MN
Social Studies

Shaw, Valerie Esther
Richville, MN
Special Education

Sorensen, Jeffrey Grant
Kalispell, MT
Business Administration

Sorensen, Shelly Lynn
Ada, MN
Special Education
CUM LAUDE

Spaeth, Teresa Ann
Mahnomon, MN
Accounting

Stedman, Bradley Lynn
West Fargo, ND
Accounting
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Steichen, Gary Lee
Hawley, MN
Industrial Technology

Swanson, Heather A.
Warren, MN
Graphic Communication;
Mass Communications

Tait, Brenda Jeanne
Valley City, ND
Mass Communications

Thoreson, Solveig Ehren
Fargo, ND
Marketing

Traynor, Philip Steven
Apple Valley, MN
Management

Vasek, Karyn Christine
East Grand Forks, MN
Legal Assistant
CUM LAUDE

Verbout, Lisa Marie
Grygla, MN
Accounting

Vetter, Sally A.
Fargo, ND
Accounting
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Weatherston, Samantha K.
Fargo, ND
Graphic Communication; French

Weber, Valerie J.
Fargo, ND
Marketing

Youngblood, Mark Laurence
Fargo, ND
Legal Assistant
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Barnes, Karen Ruth
East Grand Forks, MN
Social Work

Canning, Thomas Martin
Fargo, ND
Social Work

Dahlin, Amy L. Myrah
West Fargo, ND
Social Work

Farr, Natalie Marie
Edina, MN
Social Work

Geurts, Jan Marie
Eagle Lake, MN
Social Work

Gira, Mary Louise
Fargo, ND
Social Work

Jenson, Linda Colleen Boen
Moorhead, MN
Social Work

Opp, Stephanie Kay
Oakes, ND
Social Work

Peterson, Gayle Lynn
Salol, MN
Social Work

Quick, Jill M.
Perham, MN
Social Work
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Stadler, Leora E.
Pelican Rapids, MN
Social Work

Weickert, Craig Laurel
Perham, MN
Social Work

Zimprich, Jennifer Louise
Fargo, ND
Social Work

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Martinson, William E.
Fargo, ND
Business Administration

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS

Peterson, Jodi Ann
Moorhead, MN
Liberal Arts

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Olson, Lisette L.
Forest Lake, MN
Music

Schraufnagel, Colleen M.
Red Wing, MN
Special Education

Schraufnagel, Scott B.
Red Wing, MN
Special Education

Strom, Alice H.
Northfield, MN
Special Education

Witt, Patsy Lauritsen
Shelly, MN
Special Education

TRI-COLLEGE UNIVERSITY SPECIALIST

Thompson, Rodney K.
Moorhead, MN
Educational Administration

Wanek, Deborah Nelson
Fergus Falls, MN
Educational Administration

The University Mace

As the official symbol of the university's power and authority, this staff is carried in academic processions by the university president or his designee. Lyle Laske, Professor of Art at Moorhead State University, crafted the staff for the university in memory of his colleague and friend, Dr. Roy Boe, who served as an associate professor of art from 1967 to his death in 1976. 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 which symbolizes the medieval northern world. The staff rests in a base that is a solid, circular piece of rosewood.

The staff was presented to then President Roland Dille in 1978. This year, the staff bearer is Dr. Derald Rothmann, Professor, Mathematics and Senior Faculty Member.

The Presidential Medallion

The Presidential Medallion serves as a sign of the educational mission of Moorhead State University. 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.

The medallion presented to Roland Barden upon his inauguration was designed and cast in bronze by P. Richard Szeit, a faculty member in the MSU art department from 1966 to 1994.

The seal's Latin inscription translates to "Striving for excellence, stimulating toward the very best." The design incorporates images of the seven liberal arts, representing the disciplines of learning in the modern university. Originally, those disciplines were divided into the Trivium (logic, grammar, rhetoric) and the Quadrivium (astronomy, arithmetic, geometry and harmony).

On the medallion, logic is symbolized by a "scholar laureate," who holds a flowering branch representing the intrinsic logic of nature. Grammar is represented by a book, quill and inkwell, the traditional instruments of creating and holding literary works. Rhetoric is symbolized by a speaker holding a scroll of Cicero, the classical orator. The communication arts, from traditional to high technology, as well as the social sciences, also fall within this discipline.

Astronomy is represented by the nine planets of the solar system, with Earth, its moon and Saturn distinguishable from the other planets. A primitive abacus represents arithmetic; contemporary applications include

accounting, statistics-based economics and business. The path of a projectile and its graphic representation, with appropriate analytic formulas, symbolize the physical sciences. Space explorations are rooted in the formulas; images of high and low trajectories refer to the challenge of education selecting its aim. Harmony is placed at the center of the temple of learning, symbolized by columns. Each of the arts and humanities is challenged to invoke both harmony and dynamics, to discover truth and create beauty in our lives.

Centennial Banners

The four banners on stage were created as part of the University's centennial celebration, with one banner for each of Moorhead State's four names.

The Moorhead State Normal School banner, dated 1887, begins the series with a representation of Old Main, the dominant and, for many years, only classroom building on campus.

Moorhead State Teachers' College (1921) is depicted by flames that represent the great fire of 1930 when the campus was all but destroyed, but also symbolizes the eternal flame of learning.

The Moorhead State Symbol, the dragon, dominates the Moorhead State College banner (1957).

Finally, Moorhead State University (1975) is represented by the buildings that comprise our current campus and suggest a modern, comprehensive university.

Banner concept: Ron Matthies, former Director of University Relations at MSU; Banner design: Pat Johnson, former Art Director at MSU.

Faculty Members Retiring

This Year

Thomas Collins, Professor, Biology

Marjorie Corner, Professor, English

David Flint, Professor, Political Science

Charlotte Iiams, Professor, Elementary Education

Clyde Kale, Professor, Industrial Studies

Nicholas Kowanko, Professor, Chemistry

Donald McRaven, Professor, Art

Timothy Ray, Professor, Art

Academic Honors

Students who complete at least 96 credits at Moorhead State University as candidates for baccalaureate degrees may graduate with the following honors:

CUM LAUDE—representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or better

MAGNA CUM LAUDE—representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.60 or better

SUMMA CUM LAUDE—representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or better

Such honors are computed only from the cumulative grade point average earned at Moorhead State University. Wearers of the red and white cord are Summa Cum Laude graduates. The purple honor cords indicate membership in Sigma Theta Tau International, a nursing honor society for students majoring in nursing and graduating at the top 30% of their class.

Academic Attire

The caps and gown 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, or a divinity student from a layman. 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 colors of the bars are usually the colors of the faculty which granted the degree, but may be black.

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 lining is exposed when the hood is worn. 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 and is easily recognized since, of the three types of hoods, 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 being graduated.

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

Arts and Letters—White

Business Administration—Brown

Education—Light Blue

Humanities—Scarlet

Law—Purple

Music—Pink

Philosophy—Blue

Science—Golden Yellow

Social Work—Citron

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*Moorhead State University
Alma Mater*

Dan Preston
rev. Lois Selberg

Charles Gounod
arr. Charles Ruzicka
calligraphy, Mark Hatlen



Where flows the ri - ver through prai - ries to the fro - zen North,



Seek - ers of truth built a place of light and li - ber - ty



That from its por - tals their sons and daugh - ters might go forth,



Through - out the na - tion till the truth be spread that sets us free.



Hail, hail, Moor - head State to Thee. With love and loy - al - ty



We pass the torch from the past to the fu - ture bright.



Hail, hail, Al - ma Ma - ter Answ' - ring e - ver to our coun - try's call,



E - ver chang - ing, e - ver con - stant, e - ver true, our Al - ma Ma - ter.