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*Commencement Program*  
*Class of 2009*



*Friday, December 18*  
*Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse*

## Our Mission

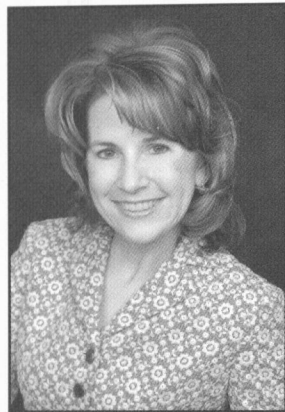
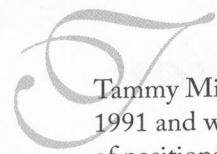
*W* Minnesota State University Moorhead will be a welcoming educational community that offers rigorous courses of study and places high expectations upon its students. Our strong commitment to faculty-mentored undergraduate research and intellectual growth will provide students with continual opportunities for personal and professional achievement. MSUM will continue to foster an environment that encourages students to become versatile, thoughtful, innovative, and engaged leaders who contribute to their professions and their communities.

*W* MSUM values diversity and mutual respect and will strive to instill these ideals throughout the institution. MSUM honors its heritage as a respected, student-focused, public university and will continue to enhance our students' lives at the same time that it contributes to the community and the region. MSUM will offer graduate and professional programs that contribute to the state and region through increased collaboration with local and state business, industry, and human services to assure optimal preparation of graduates.

*W* Minnesota State University Moorhead will build upon a solid foundation of high quality teaching and learning as it commits to a future as the premiere liberal arts and sciences-based university in the region.



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.



Tammy Miller joined Border States as the Accounting Manager in 1991 and was appointed Treasurer in 1992. She has served in a variety of positions at the corporate office, including Corporate Controller, Vice President of Finance, Senior Vice President, and Executive Vice President. In 2003, she relocated to Phoenix, Arizona, where she assumed general management responsibilities for the Southwest Region with branches in Phoenix, Tucson, Albuquerque, Farmington, El Paso, and Juarez, Mexico. Miller was named President in 2005 and CEO in January, 2006. She has been a Border States officer and member of the Board of Directors since 1996 (Board Chair since 2006), and an Executive Council member since its inception in 1997.

Since 2006, under Miller's leadership, Border States' sales have doubled and have grown to nearly \$1 billion, profits have tripled, and the number of employees has increased from 735 to nearly 1,300.

Border States is now the 10th largest electrical distributor in the United States with 57 branch locations in 13 states in the U.S. and in Mexico. Border States is 100% employee-owned through an Employee Stock Ownership Trust. The Company provides products and supply chain solutions to the utility, industrial, and construction markets and is headquartered in Fargo, ND.

In 2007-2008, Miller led the NAED (National Association of Electrical Distributors) as the Board Chair. Miller was the first female to serve as the Board Chair in the 100-year history of NAED. Additionally, Miller serves on the Board of Directors for Affiliated Distributors (A-D is the largest wholesale buying and marketing group in North America), the Board of Directors for the Greater Fargo-Moorhead Economic Development Corporation, the Grant Thornton Business Leaders Council, and Chair of the Elite Distributors Insurance Captive (EDIC) Finance Committee. Miller also serves on a variety of community advisory councils.

In 2009, Miller received the YWCA Women of the Year in Business Award in Fargo, ND. In 2006, she was recognized as one of the most influential women in Fargo-Moorhead.

Tammy has a BS in accounting and a MBA from Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM). She has received two distinguished alumna awards from her alma mater. Tammy is leading MSUM's Major Gifts Initiative to fund scholarships and a new wellness center on campus.

In her spare time, Tammy loves to workout, read, travel, and volunteer.

Tammy and her husband, Craig Palmer, make their home in Fargo, North Dakota and Scottsdale, Arizona.

# Commencement

PROCESSIONAL .....	TRUMPET TUNES AND VOLUNTARIES BY CLARK, MOURET AND STANLEY POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE BY ELGAR Dr. Thomas J. Strait, Professor of Music, Trumpet Mr. Michael Olson, Music Director, First Lutheran Church, Organ
STAFF BEARER .....	MR. HEATH BUTRUM MSUM Student Senate President
NATIONAL ANTHEM .....	LED BY DR. JENNY DUFAULT Associate Professor of Music
WELCOME .....	DR. EDNA MORA SZYMANSKI President of Minnesota State University Moorhead
GREETING .....	THE HONORABLE LOUISE SUNDIN Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees
MUSICAL SELECTION .....	"O DEL MIO AMATO BEN" by Stefano Donaudy Mr. Erin Berns, Senior B.S. Vocal Music Education, May 2010 Mr. Michael Olson, accompanist
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....	MS. TAMMY J. MILLER B.S. Accounting, MSUM Class of 1982 MBA, MSUM Class of 1995
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES .....	DR. DAVID J. CROCKETT Dean of the College of Business and Industry
CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES .....	DR. EDNA MORA SZYMANSKI President of Minnesota State University Moorhead MS. JAYNE M. WASHBURN Registrar
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES BACHELOR OF SCIENCE; BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING; BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK .....	DR. TERI L. WALSETH Dean of the College of Education and Human Services
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES ASSOCIATE IN ARTS; BACHELOR OF ARTS; BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS; BACHELOR OF MUSIC; BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.....	DR. TIMOTHY A. BORCHERS Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND NATURAL SCIENCES BACHELOR OF ARTS; BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.....	DR. MICHELLE L. MALOTT Dean of the College of Social and Natural Sciences
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE .....	DR. DAVID J. CROCKETT Dean of the College of Business and Industry
GRADUATE STUDIES MASTER OF FINE ARTS; MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS; MASTER OF SCIENCE; SPECIALIST .....	DR. RICHARD K. ADLER Dean of Graduate Studies
THE ALMA MATER RECESSIONAL .....	"CROWN IMPERIAL" BY WILLIAM WALTON Mr. Michael Olson, organist

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.

A reception will be held immediately following the Commencement exercises at Nemzek Hall.

## College of Education & Human Services

Dr. Teri L. Walseth, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Deanne Borgeson, Associate Professor of Special Education

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adkins, Jessica Rosalyn, Spring Valley, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ambroz, Grant John, Savage, MN, Physical Education, Health Education; Community Health, *Cum Laude*  
Amundson, Carmen Marie, Ivanhoe, MN, Elementary Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Anderson, Maranda Joy, Enderlin, ND, Community Health, *Cum Laude*  
Bolme, Kari Ann, Fargo, ND, Special Education  
Burchill, Elaine Kathryn, West Fargo, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Burgess, Justyn Lamont, Minneapolis, MN, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning  
Bye, Mollie Marie, Grand Forks, ND, Elementary Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Chatterton, Ryan Daniel, Kenosha, WI, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning, Coaching  
Dempsey, Kelly Taylor, Plymouth, MN, Early Childhood Education  
Dinnel, Michael Jay, Perham, MN, Elementary Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Donner, Allison Bethany, Dickinson, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science  
Flaten, Angela Marie, Warren, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Cum Laude*  
Gabriel, Darin Michael, Hettinger, ND, Exercise Science  
Grussing, Lindsay Kay, Clara City, MN, Early Childhood Education  
Guthrie, Jermaine Kendall, Minneapolis, MN, Physical Education; Coaching  
Hensel, Jennifer Lynn, Frazee, MN, Physical Education, Health Education; Community Health, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hoaby, Lindsay Marie, Fargo, ND, Elementary Education  
Hoffmann, Heidi Ann, Glenwood, MN, Elementary Education  
Jensen, Amy Jo, Sauk Rapids, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Johnson, Amanda Joy, Grand Forks, ND, Elementary Education  
Johnson, Jesse Lee, Bismarck, ND, Physical Education; Coaching, *Cum Laude*  
Kamrowski, Alyssa Mae, Fargo, ND, Exercise Science; Coaching, Community Health  
Kloos, Brittany Gale, West Fargo, ND, Early Childhood Education  
Knudson, Amy Kathleen, Minot, ND, Special Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Krueger, Sara Lynn, Fargo, ND, Early Childhood Education, *Cum Laude*  
Langan, Alissa Gaye, Thief River Falls, MN, Special Education, *Cum Laude*  
Lango, Michael John, Hollister, CA, Exercise Science  
Leggins, Bryce Michael, West Liberty, IA, Physical Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Loll, Lindsey Suzanne, Wahpeton, ND, Early Childhood Education  
Maier, Kasey Lynn, Barrett, MN, Physical Education

Martineau, Robin Dee, Barrett, MN, Early Childhood Education  
Miller, Shannon Howard, Breckenridge, MN, Elementary Education  
Miller, Teri Lynn, Fargo, ND, Early Childhood Education  
Miller, Tracy Ann, Wahpeton, ND, Elementary Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Naab, Ryan Scott, Hanley Falls, MN, University Studies  
Olerud, Erica Gayle, Hunter, ND, Elementary Education  
Olson, Jason Wade, Warroad, MN, Physical Education, Health Education; Coaching  
Olson, Sara Grace, Moorhead, MN, Elementary Education, *Cum Laude*  
Pary, Fay Lora, New York Mills, MN, Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Peterson, Jacob Andrew, Berthold, ND, Physical Education; Coaching, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Porter, Amy Jo, Audubon, MN, Elementary Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Prestholdt, Jenna Leigh, Dawson, MN, Special Education  
Rheault, Nichole Katherine, West Fargo, ND, Elementary Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Rimal, Ayushi, Kathmandu, Nepal, Community Health  
Robasse, Rachael Marie, Buffalo, MN, Exercise Science; Community Health, Coaching, Honors Program  
Sannes, Miriah Jonell, Hawley, MN, Special Education  
Schafer, Elizabeth Ann, Mandan, ND, Elementary Education  
Schmit, Alyson Kay, Wyndmere, ND, Special Education  
Serie, Kayla Marie, Alexandria, MN, Health Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Shelkey, Sierra Nicole, Berthold, ND, Early Childhood Education  
Simms, Karl Edward, Moorhead, MN, Health Services Administration; Management  
Smith, Luke Michael, Mahnomon, MN, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning  
Soule, Shelly Jolene, Lakeville, MN, Physical Education  
Storch, Danielle Anastasia, Finley, ND, Elementary Education  
Strobel, Nancy RaeAnn, Chokio, MN, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education; Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Swenson, Gina Nicole, Baudette, MN, Special Education  
Thompson, Laura Jayne, Fargo, ND, Elementary Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Thorson, Hailey Ann, Moorhead, MN, Elementary Education, *Cum Laude*  
Thronson, Sara Ann, Twin Valley, MN, Special Education  
Trontvet, Leah Jean, Thief River Falls, MN, Elementary Education, *Cum Laude*  
Tvrdik, JoAnn Lorna, Alexandria, MN, Elementary Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Vanderwerf, Molly Ann, Alexandria, MN, Elementary Education; Psychology, *Cum Laude*  
Veeder, Jill Ann, Watertown, SD, Special Education; Psychology, *Cum Laude*  
Wolford, Lucas Cole, Moorhead, MN, Exercise Science  
Zahrbock, Benjamin David, Ortonville, MN, Elementary Education

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Bakken, Gladys Lea, Crookston, MN, Nursing  
Delfs, Jody Lynn, Ellsworth, MN, Nursing  
Mayette, Tiffany, Louisville, KY, Nursing  
Menier, Terra Rose, Crookston, MN, Nursing  
Payne, Sandra Melcher, Sartell, MN, Nursing  
Peterson, Rebecca Ann, Duluth, MN, Nursing  
Rasmussen, Bernadette Rita, Graettinger, IA, Nursing  
Strand, Meghan McRae, Fargo, ND, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*, Honors Program  
Voss, Heidi Miller, Mora, MN, Nursing

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Anderson, Kelsey Jean, Wyndmere, ND, Social Work, *Cum Laude*  
Atwood, Laura Theresa, Muskegon, MI, Social Work  
Beseman, Amanda Renae, Clara City, MN, Social Work, *Cum Laude*  
Colton, Michelle Pauline, Moorhead, MN, Social Work; Psychology  
Dahl, Megan Sue, Fargo, ND, Social Work  
Downs, Sadie Lorraine, Fargo, ND, Social Work  
Eberly, Kristen Lee, West Fargo, ND, Social Work, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Fearing, Nicole LeeAnn, Moorhead, MN, Social Work  
Gilbertson, Jeffrey Todd, Fargo, ND, Social Work; Psychology  
Holland, Matthew James, Moorhead, MN, Social Work  
Kleindl, Renee Lynn, Graceville, MN, Social Work  
Lee, Megan Ann, Williston, ND, Social Work  
Sem, Amanda Kristin, Underwood, MN, Social Work, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Skwira, Ryan Patrick, Holdingford, MN, Social Work  
Sprenkle, Danielle Janice, Fargo, ND, Social Work  
Stuehrenberg, Alyssa Marie, Breckenridge, MN, Social Work, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Torgeson, Tessa Michele, Bismarck, ND, Social Work, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Worsley, Danielle Elisa, Larimore, ND, Social Work  
Younggren, Amanda Lyn, Hallock, MN, Social Work, Gerontology

## College of Arts & Humanities

Dr. Timothy A. Borchers, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Rodney Rothlisberger, Professor of Music

## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Baker, Leah Christine, Antioch, IL, Liberal Arts  
Fink, Adelle Marie, West Fargo, ND, Liberal Arts  
Kleindl, Scott Joseph, Graceville, MN, Liberal Arts  
Laney, Jennifer Nicole, Lake Park, MN, Liberal Arts  
Lindquist, Carol M., Lancaster, MN, Liberal Arts

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Antoine, John Michael, Moorhead, MN, Philosophy; Business Administration  
Beaudoin, Arthur Lee, Jamestown, ND, English  
Best, Matthew Allen, Bismarck, ND, English, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Bjerken, LeAnn Michelle, Chokio, MN, English/Mass Communications  
Bloomingdale, David Alexander, Cooperstown, NY, Film Studies  
Castillo, Rebecca Leigh, Carpentersville, IL, Film Studies  
Collins, Travis Edward, Thief River Falls, MN, English/Mass Communications  
Delaney, William Eugene, Moorhead, MN, Art  
Eckman, Megan Marie, Fargo, ND, Art, English, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Engquist, Jenna Renae, Casselton, ND, Spanish, *Cum Laude*  
Grabill, Daniel Glen, Moorhead, MN, East Asian Studies, Languages, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Heinze, Amber Lyn, Hope, ND, Communication Studies; Mass Communications  
Jacobson, Anthony Ray, Devils Lake, ND, Philosophy; Psychology  
Jensen, Amy Jo, Sauk Rapids, MN, Spanish, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Johnson, Aaron Ross, Moorhead, MN, Film Studies; Business Administration  
Johnson, Ashley Rael, Glyndon, MN, Communication Studies; Mass Communications  
Johnston, Daniel Edward, Waubun, MN, History  
Kvamme, Lacey Brea, Fargo, ND, Art  
Laverdure, Monica Jean, Fargo, ND, Art  
Mansourian, Anthony John, Plymouth, MN, East Asian Studies  
Mickelson, Daniel Benjamin, Park Rapids, MN, History, *Cum Laude*  
Parsons, Amber N., West Fargo, ND, Art  
Pepple, Jason Jay, Fessenden, ND, History; Philosophy  
Richter, Stacey Ann, Sebeka, MN, History  
Romanick, Matthew Aaron, Grand Forks, ND, East Asian Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Triggs, Jay Howard, St. Francis, MN, Theatre Arts  
Utley, Quentin Cody, Bemidji, MN, History

Vik, Megan A., Fargo, ND, Music, *Cum Laude*  
Wagner, Jill Ann, Casselton, ND, English; Psychology, *Cum Laude*  
Wallner, McKensie Marie, Fargo, ND, Art, *Cum Laude*  
Walton, Jeremy Wayne, Greenbush, MN, Theatre Arts, *Cum Laude*  
Wilson-Mattson, Leigh Kristina, Fargo, ND, Communication Studies; Sociology, *Cum Laude*,  
Honors Program, Distinction in Engagement from the College of Arts & Humanities  
Zeiber, Laura Elizabeth, Winona, MN, Art; Leadership Studies  
Zimmerman, Brock Kay, Windom, MN, History; Political Science

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

Hultin, Sarah Jean, Hoople, ND, Art, *Cum Laude*  
Klovstad, Ricky Lee, Underwood, MN, Art  
Odum, Jamie Lynn, Eden Prairie, MN, Art; Art History, *Cum Laude*  
Opp, Jeffrey John, Stanley, ND, Art, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Scheuer, Jennifer Kathleen, St. Cloud, MN, Art; Art History, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Wieser, Kristen Kay, Moorhead, MN, Art; Web Design (NDSU), *Magna Cum Laude*

#### **BACHELOR OF MUSIC**

Durkin, Ian Brady, Inkster, ND, Music Industry, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Leedahl, Kara Marie, Glenwood, MN, Music Industry  
MacFarland, Troy Jameson, Grand Forks, ND, Music Industry  
Mueller, Andrew Jacob, Climax, MN, Music Industry  
Rodriguez, David Charles, Des Moines, IA, Music Industry

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Baird, Sara Lindsay, Dilworth, MN, Social Studies  
Clemenson, Brent Oliver, Renville, MN, Social Studies; Coaching  
Denny, Mitchell Paul, Alexandria, MN, University Studies  
Deutz, Vanessa Justine, Marshall, MN, Art Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Garaas, Stephen James, Fargo, ND, Social Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Grabinger, Jeremy Robert, Jamestown, ND, Spanish Education; English Writing, French  
(Concordia), *Cum Laude*  
Gustafson, Anastasia B., Fargo, ND, University Studies  
Johnson, Trudy Marie, Mora, MN, Art Education  
Kim, Kyungyun, San Diego, CA, University Studies  
Kjono, Dane Robert, Thief River Falls, MN, Social Studies  
Lilla, Matthew Jeffry, Devils Lake, ND, Social Studies  
Pankow, Adam Norman, West Fargo, ND, English Education  
Pender, Courtney Vanae, Glyndon, MN, Social Studies, *Cum Laude*  
Racine, Justin Wade, Minot, ND, Social Studies  
Schmitz, Sonja Rose, Sisseton, SD, English Education

### **College of Social & Natural Sciences**

Dr. Michelle L. Malott, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Derald Rothmann, Professor of Mathematics

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Beilke, Cody James, Tower City, ND, Criminal Justice; Sociology  
Benson, Tyler Michael, Moorhead, MN, Criminal Justice; Sociology  
Bergee, Kayla Jean, Glyndon, MN, Mathematics, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Bertram, Ceara Lois, Ashby, MN, Criminal Justice; Psychology  
Binstock, Char Lee, Mandan, ND, Biology, Distinction in Engagement from the College of  
Social and Natural Sciences  
Boerhave, Jacob Galen, Fergus Falls, MN, Biology, *Cum Laude*  
Bollman, Samuel David, Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice  
Bonkoski, Tyson Sean, Moose Lake, MN, Biology; Chemistry  
Bystrak, Chelsea Morgan, Sykesville, MD, Psychology  
Charon, Renee Ann, Glyndon, MN, Political Science; Psychology  
Dangol, Shambhu, Kathmandu, Nepal, Biology  
Dodds, Jessie Claire, Baudette, MN, Psychology  
Engels, Jadi Louise, New Rockford, ND, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Fleck, Melissa Jean, Richfield, MN, Psychology  
Gibson, Casey Scott, Moorhead, MN, Criminal Justice  
Gloege, Melissa Ann, Ortonville, MN, Criminal Justice  
Harper, Mary Adele Adams, Park Rapids, MN, Anthropology; American Indian Studies  
Harstad, Kristina Nicole, Detroit Lakes, MN, Psychology, Distinction in Engagement from  
the College of Social and Natural Sciences  
Hoefler, Katharine Elizabeth, Stillwater, MN, Criminal Justice; Sociology  
Iverson, Petra Ann, Minneapolis, MN, Psychology  
Jesse, Jennifer Rose, Bismarck, ND, Criminal Justice  
Johnson, Alexandra LaRue, Ogden, IA, Biology; Geosciences  
Kindle, Rachel Ann, Roscoe, SD, Political Science  
Kne, Adam Michael, Moorhead, MN, Criminal Justice  
Kramer, Kyle Joseph, Phillips, WI, Biology  
Lien Nyberg, Alyssa Ruth, Hawley, MN, Biology, Gerontology  
Lippert, Steven Craig, Ventura, CA, Biology  
Maristuen, Joshua John, Detroit Lakes, MN, Criminal Justice; Psychology  
Markham, Kelly Brian, Medford, MN, Biology  
Mena, Juan Antonio, St. Paul, MN, Criminal Justice; Sociology  
Michel, Barbara Loraine, New Prague, MN, Biology; German (Concordia),  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Morberg, Sara Ann, Warren, MN, Psychology

Mornes, Michael Fletcher, Stillwater, MN, Psychology  
 Muse, Natalee Jade, Bismarck, ND, Criminal Justice; Sociology  
 Nadeau, Jonathan James, Belcourt, ND, Criminal Justice  
 Novak, Andrea Marie, Austin, MN, Sociology  
 Olds, Barbara Ann, Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice; Psychology  
 Olson, Anthony Scott, Thief River Falls, MN, Political Science  
 Patshkowski, Amanda Jo, Wyndmere, ND, Criminal Justice  
 Petersen, Caroline Lee, Fargo, ND, Political Science  
 Reed, Michael David, West Fargo, ND, Sociology; Business Administration  
 Rennich, Jennifer Lynn, Mandan, ND, Psychology; Spanish, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Rudolf, Kyle T., Fargo, ND, Anthropology  
 Serie, Kayla Marie, Alexandria, MN, Biology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Sondrol, Trista Ann, Wahpeton, ND, Criminal Justice  
 Spanswick, Andrea Joy, Perham, MN, Psychology; Community Health, *Cum Laude*  
 Stevens, Kalyn Rae, Fargo, ND, Anthropology; History  
 Swanberg, Bonnie Ellen, New York Mills, MN, Biology  
 Thomas-Goddard, Melissa Sue, Newport, TN, Biology  
 Tofstad, Stacy Ellen, Fertile, MN, Criminal Justice; Sociology  
 Torgeson, Tessa Michele, Bismarck, ND, Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Tougas, Nicholas James, Moorhead, MN Criminal Justice  
 Walz, Colton Dean, Shelly, MN, Chemistry, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Wicklund, Christina Grace, Rochester, MN, Chemistry; Biology  
 Wiese, Adam John, Bismarck, ND, Anthropology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Zitzow, Robin Anne, Hunter, ND, Anthropology

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Amundson, Allison Nichole, Moorhead, MN, Mathematics  
 Boerhave, Jacob Galen, Fergus Falls, MN, Life Science Education, *Cum Laude*  
 Engquist, Jenna Renae, Casselton, ND, International Studies; Political Science, *Cum Laude*  
 Ferragut, Lauren Michelle, Fargo, ND, Geosciences  
 Ferry, Jonathan Simon, Benson, MN, Sociology, Criminal Justice  
 Grabinger, Jeremy Robert, Jamestown, ND, Life Science Education; English Writing, French  
 (Concordia), *Cum Laude*  
 Haak, Andrew Jon, Mandan, ND, Biochemistry and Biotechnology; Chemistry,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Michel, Barbara Loraine, New Prague, MN, Life Science Education; German (Concordia),  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Moore, Karen K., Eden Prairie, MN, University Studies, *Cum Laude*  
 Nordick, Joshua Robert, Wahpeton, ND, Life Science Education  
 Norland, Cristina Joy, Bismarck, ND, International Studies; Political Science,  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Pestel, Nicholas James George, Bath, United Kingdom, Geosciences  
 Prissel, Tabb Christopher, Aberdeen, SD, Geosciences; Astronomy, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Ross, Krystle Marie, Sauk Centre, MN, Mathematics Education; Coaching  
 Serie, Kayla Marie, Alexandria, MN, Life Science Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Sharma, Abhilasha, Kathmandu, Nepal, International Studies; Women's Studies  
 Shrestha, Deepsha, Kathmandu, Nepal, Physics; Mathematics  
 Smith, Ross Emory, Fargo, ND, Physics  
 Thomas-Goddard, Melissa Sue, Newport, TN, Life Science Education



## College of Business & Industry

Dr. David J. Crockett, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Lee Dexter, Professor of Accounting

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adhikary, Prashansa, Kathmandu, Nepal, Management  
Ali, Souleymane Oumarou, Niamey, Niger, Computer Information Systems; Business Administration  
Anderson, Shelly Ann, Wahpeton, ND, Finance  
Andres, Benjamin Joseph, Pierz, MN, Business Administration  
Aston, Cady Jane, Breckenridge, MN, Marketing  
Baxter, Teila Mae, Bemidji, MN, Graphic Communications; Mass Communications, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Beiningen, Trevor James, Canby, MN, Construction Management  
Berndt, Christopher David, Wahpeton, ND, Operations Management, *Cum Laude*  
Berseth, Thomas Michael, Colfax, ND, Graphic Communications; Mass Communications  
Billy, Ashley Rose, Bloomington, MN, Accounting, *Cum Laude*  
Bingaman, Shaun Michael, North Pole, AK, Industrial Technology  
Blumler, Beau J., Valley City, ND, Construction Management  
Bolland, Brian Robert, Henning, MN, Computer Information Systems  
Boprie, Jr., Ronald John, Wyndmere, ND, Mass Communications  
Brackett, Andrew Scott, McClusky, ND, Operations Management  
Brandt, Alex Benson, Groton, SD, Computer Science, Physics; Mathematics  
Brown, Eric William, Park Rapids, MN, Graphic Communications  
Busse, Mark A., Langdon, ND, Operations Management  
Cameron, Eric James, Warroad, MN, University Studies  
Capouch, Nicholas Robert, Barnesville, MN, Mass Communications  
Carda, Megan Christine, Park River, ND, Mass Communications  
Carlsrud, Brianne Leigh, Fargo, ND, Mass Communications, *Cum Laude*  
Centko, Jenny Lee Ballard, Fergus Falls, MN, Finance, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*  
Chapman, Christina Marie, White Bear Lake, MN, Graphic Communications  
Chisholm, Austin Patrick, Twin Valley, MN, Management  
Conn, Shanna Mary, Herman, MN, Mass Communications, *Cum Laude*  
Conroy, Robb Donovan, Wheaton, MN, Marketing  
Cook, Brandon David, Wahpeton, ND, Construction Management  
Dang, Qi, Moorhead, MN, Accounting, Finance  
Dangol, Mila, Kathmandu, Nepal, Management  
Dangol, Rashmi, Kathmandu, Nepal, Business Administration  
Dettman, Amanda Rae, Hutchinson, MN, Mass Communications  
Devkota, Pratigya, Kathmandu, Nepal, Finance

DeWitte, Emilie Susan, Webster, SD, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*  
Dickelman, Brady James, Moorhead, MN, Finance  
Dowers, Tami Joy, Thief River Falls, MN, Marketing  
Dziengel, Kelsey Marie, Hallock, MN, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*  
Eisenbeisz, Paige Emilie, Bowdle, SD, Paralegal; Accounting, *Cum Laude*  
Emineth, Krista Lee, Fargo, ND, Accounting  
Engberg Gerdes, Dayna Michelle, Fargo, ND, International Business  
Gagelin, Jordan Robert, Fargo, ND, Graphic Communications  
Gill, Adam John, Breckenridge, MN, Mass Communications  
Gleave, Brandi Jane, Stanley, ND, Accounting  
Gordon, Jesse Daniel, Crosby, MN, Marketing  
Grandbois, Benjamin Earl, Hawley, MN, Construction Management  
Griewe, Jessica Marie, Twin Valley, MN, Paralegal; Spanish, *Cum Laude*  
Hadley, Aaron James, Becker, MN, Business Administration  
Halland, Corey Russell, Glyndon, MN, Accounting, *Cum Laude*  
Hamilton, Christopher Ryan, Fergus Falls, MN, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*  
Haney, Chris Alvin, Fargo, ND, Operations Management  
Heaton, Leshel Noel, Pelican Rapids, MN, Accounting  
Hehr, Makell Renae, West Fargo, ND, Business Administration  
Heidorn, Amanda Rachel, Perham, MN, Management  
Henning, Danielle May, Milnor, ND, Accounting  
Henrich, Garrett Jon, Madison, MN, Business Administration, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hesford, Allison Ann, Bismarck, ND, Mass Communications, *Cum Laude*  
Hiedeman, Todd Timothy, Campbell, MN, University Studies  
Hoots, Brian Daniel, Moorhead, MN, Business Administration  
Huether, Ashley Rachael, Fargo, ND, Business Administration  
Imholte, Kyle Henry, Detroit Lakes, MN, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ingersoll, Chad Steven, Moorhead, MN, Construction Management  
Isachsen, Emmy Lee, Eden Prairie, MN, Mass Communications  
Ishikawa, Miwa, Saitama, Japan, Finance  
Jackson, Andrew B., Fargo, ND, Computer Science  
Janz, Scott Lucas, Mandan, ND, Mass Communications; Marketing, *Cum Laude*  
Jarabek, Kimberly Lynn, Fargo, ND, Graphic Communications; Mass Communications  
Jaroszewski, Nicholas Ryan, Moorhead, MN, Business Administration  
Johnk, Kendall Rae, Moorhead, MN, Business Administration, French (Concordia)  
Johnson, Mary Joan, Chisholm, MN, Accounting, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kainz, Elise Marie, Minot, ND, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kelbert, Rebecca Michelle, Nesakoro, WI, Business Administration  
Keller, April Lynn, Fargo, ND, Paralegal  
Kleingartner, Dustin Thomas, Jamestown, ND, Industrial Technology

Klemetson, Brady Dale, Badger, MN, Marketing  
 Klinkhammer, Lindsey Marie, Mahanomen, MN, Mass Communications  
 Knutson, Jonathan Lewis, Bismarck, ND, Construction Management  
 Koenen, Mark Steven, West Fargo, ND, Construction Management  
 Kohl, Chelsea Anne, Sisseton, SD, Paralegal, *Cum Laude*  
 Kram, Alyssa Corrine, Fargo, ND, Mass Communications, *Cum Laude*  
 Krause, James David, Carrington, ND, Finance  
 Krueger, Tina Marie, Wadena, MN, Marketing  
 Lammler, Justin Armond, Alexandria, MN, Construction Management  
 Lara, Ruben Anselmo, Ada, MN, Graphic Communications, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Longtine, Steve Richard, Moorhead, MN, Computer Science  
 Mack, Chad Eugene, Watertown, SD, Construction Management, *Cum Laude*  
 Manecke, Sarah Elizabeth, Fosston, MN, Accounting  
 McPherson, Miranda Kay, Jamestown, ND, Marketing  
 Mensah, Kwadwo Twumasi, Accra, Ghana, Finance  
 Moen, Brady James, Bemidji, MN, Graphic Communications  
 Moran, Jennifer Rose, Napoleon, ND, Business Administration  
 Moser, Jonathon David, Medina, ND, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Myhre, Aaron Scott, Red Lake Falls, MN, Finance; Economics  
 Nelson, Evan Joseph, Isanti, MN, Business Administration  
 Nelson, Kelli Jo, Glyndon, MN, Accounting  
 Nelson, Matthew Eugene, Park Rapids, MN, Construction Management, *Cum Laude*  
 Ness, Mia Tamika, Fargo, ND, Graphic Communications; East Asian Studies,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Neumiller, Cody Allen, Fessenden, ND, Finance, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Newman, Jayd Matthew, Little Falls, MN, Construction Management  
 Overbo, Laura Beth, Fargo, ND, Paralegal  
 Palar III, Kenneth William, Proctor, MN, Accounting, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Peterson, Tanner Joe, Ashby, MN, Accounting  
 Plaster, Kayla Lyn, Brandon, MN, Business Administration  
 Pogatchnik, Joshua Adam, Detroit Lakes, MN, Computer Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Rahman, Nazeea A., Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Finance; Marketing  
 Restad, Casey Peter, Pelican Rapids, MN, Accounting  
 Roder, Erick John, Fergus Falls, MN, Mass Communications  
 Romanick, Matthew Aaron, Grand Forks, ND, Graphic Communications, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Sabbe, Reed Allen, Wahpeton, ND, Business Administration  
 Sauter, Kimberlee Sarah, Bismarck, ND, Mass Communications, *Cum Laude*  
 Schilke, Britta Marie, Rugby, ND, Business Administration  
 Schwan, Garrett James, Minot, ND, Business Administration, Finance  
 Seeger, JoAnne Michelle, Dent, MN, Business Administration  
 Seiler, Adam Isaac, Mc Intosh, SD, Business Administration

Semler, Joshua Lynn, Madison, MN, Mass Communications  
 Severson, Brooke Marie, Milnor, ND, Accounting  
 Shaffer, Heidi Katherine, Jamestown, ND, Mass Communications  
 Shrestha, Paresh, Kathmandu, Nepal, Graphic Communications  
 Sigdel, Sulav, Kathmandu, Nepal, Finance  
 Steedsman, Colton Duane, Harvey, ND, Mass Communications  
 Stein, Krystal Jo, Warroad, MN, Marketing  
 Strand, Casey John, Amenia, ND, Operations Management  
 Swenson, Laura Ann, Pequot Lakes, MN, Mass Communications; Sociology  
 Switajewski, Sean Thomas, Brainerd, MN, International Business, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Theisen, James Patrick, Sauk Centre, MN, Construction Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Upreti, Anju Kumari, Sarlahi, Nepal, Accounting  
 VanDam, Neil Alexander, Park River, ND, Finance, *Cum Laude*  
 VanLith, Kayla Rae, Becker, MN, Business Administration  
 Wasness, Dave Gehard, West Fargo, ND, Finance  
 Wateland, Sarah Nadine, Las Vegas, NV, Marketing  
 Weber, Jacob Alan, Mandan, ND, Mass Communications; Marketing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Wicaksono, Hutomo, Jakarta, Indonesia, Graphic Communications, *Cum Laude*  
 Wimmer, Kyle John, Albany, MN, Construction Management, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Wolford, Lucas Cole, Moorhead, MN, Business Administration  
 Wright, Cammie Leigh, Bismarck, ND, Mass Communications; Political Science  
 Zibell, Geoffrey Arthur, Wheaton, MN, Management  
 Zima, Tyler John, Waubun, MN, Mass Communications; Marketing

## *Graduate Studies*

Dr. Richard K. Adler, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Boyd Bradbury, Associate Professor, Educational Leadership

### **MASTER OF FINE ARTS**

Huyck, Mary E., Fargo, ND, Creative Writing

"Exploratory Surgery: A Collection of Poems"

Dr. Thomas Tammara, Advisor

Larson, Julie M., Moorhead, MN, Creative Writing

"Song of the Dweller: A Collection of Poems"

Dr. Thomas Tammara, Advisor

### **MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS**

Bougary, Azhar A., Missoula, MT, Liberal Arts

"Between Two Lands, A Memoir"

Dr. Alan Davis, Advisor

Zosel, Joshua R., Fargo, ND, Liberal Arts

"Batman vs. Superman: Differing Perspectives Within American Society"

Dr. Sean Taylor, Advisor

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

DeMers, Teresa M., Moorhead, MN, Counseling and Student Affairs

"Internet Counseling: What Does the Future Hold at CACREP Accredited Counselor Training Programs?"

Dr. Duane Halbur, Advisor

Gunderson, Sheri K., Jamestown, ND, Nursing

"Preparation of Graduating Nursing Students for End-of-Life Care"

Dr. Barbara Matthees, Advisor

Halvorson, Miles M., Fargo, ND, Counseling and Student Affairs

"Mindfulness and Empathy: The Role of Cognitive Reappraisal in Listening to the Client's Story"

Dr. Duane Halbur, Advisor

Moshier, Tracy A., Duluth, MN, Nursing

"Literature Review for Well-Being Services Branch of the Comprehensive Study of Education and Related Services on the White Earth Indian Reservation"

Dr. Tracy Wright, Advisor

Paulson, Andrea J., Horace, ND, Educational Leadership

"Educational Leadership Portfolio"

Dr. Boyd Bradbury, Advisor

Sobolik, Jason M., Fargo, ND, Educational Leadership

"Autobiographical Self-Study: A Portfolio of Educational Leadership Competencies"

Dr. Dennis Van Berkum, Advisor

Underwood, Michael T., Hawley, MN, Educational Leadership

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Dr. Boyd Bradbury, Advisor

Urban, Karen A., Fargo, ND, Nursing

"The Physiological Factors of Advanced Heart Failure Patients Experiencing Dyspnea in an Outpatient Heart Failure Clinic"

Dr. Barbara Matthees, Advisor

Weber, Vera A., Hazel Run, MN, Educational Leadership

"Educational Leadership Portfolio"

Dr. Boyd Bradbury, Advisor

White, Dorothy A., Fargo, ND, Counseling and Student Affairs

"Establishing Guidelines for the Use of Therapy Dogs in Schools"

Dr. Duane Halbur, Advisor

Zitzow, Wendy E., Vergas, MN, Special Education

"Preparing Pre-Service Special Education Teachers for Developing the Individual Education Plan"

Dr. Deanne Borgeson, Advisor

### **SPECIALIST**

Doll, Angela K., Ada, MN, Educational Leadership

"Response to Intervention in Rural School Districts: An Administrator's Point of View"

Dr. Dennis Van Berkum, Advisor

### **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 doctorate 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 60 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.

### **Distinction in Engagement**

Students graduating with Distinction in Engagement have distinguished themselves in meaningful ways in the areas of learning, service, and citizenship beyond the requirements of major programs of study and the Dragon Core general education program. Through this co-curricular program students complete six engagement projects, write a self-reflective paper, and prepare and present a professional resume.

### **Honor Societies**

**Delta Mu Delta** honor society is an academic society for students who major in Business. The requirements for membership in Delta Mu Delta are (1) completion of the junior year, (2) a major in one of the business disciplines, and (3) a minimum GPA of 3.20. The honor pin is triangular in shape and features a ship with full sail and the Greek letters for Delta Mu Delta.

**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 (1) 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.

**Phi Kappa Phi** is a national academic honor society founded in 1897. MSUM's Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1982. The requirements for membership to Phi Kappa Phi are (1) not more than 1% of the junior class plus a grade point average of at least 3.75, or (2) not more than 5% of the senior class plus a grade point average of at least 3.85, or (3) graduate students in the final year of their program who are in the top rank of all MSUM graduate students. The honor pin appears as a gold octagon on a vertical bar. In the center of the octagon is a small globe, also gold, with a horizontal black band with the Greek letters for Phi Kappa Phi.

**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.

**Pi Sigma Alpha** is a national honor society for political science majors. The requirements for membership in the Mu Xi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha are (1) completion of 10 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 members name, chapter, and date of induction on the back.

**Psi Chi** is an honorary society for psychology majors that was founded in 1929. 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 3 semesters of college, and 9 semester hours of psychology courses, the MSUM chapter requires a minimum GPA of 3.25 in psychology courses. Members of Psi Chi wear a gold stole that displays the Psi Chi emblem of the Greek letters Psi and Chi.

**Sigma Theta Tau International** is an honorary society for nursing majors, and was founded in 1922. MSUM belongs to the Xi Kappa chapter. The founders chose the name from the Greek words Storga, Tharos, and Tima meaning "love," "courage" and "honor". The founder's vision for the society helped bring recognition to nursing as a science. Membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to community leaders who demonstrate exceptional achievement in nursing. The requirements for membership are (1) student rank in the top 35% of their class, and (2) a GPA of at least 3.0.

**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 Iota 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.

**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 3 years or the equivalent, of college Spanish, including at least three semester hours of a third year course in Hispanic literature of Hispanic culture and civilization; 2) a minimum GPA of 3.0 in Spanish; 3) student rank in the upper 35% of their class. The Greek words, /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 that depicts lions and castles in the checkered corners of the crest.

**Alpha Upsilon Alpha**, the honor society of the International Reading Association, has as its purpose the recognition and encouragement of scholarship, the development of personal and professional leadership qualities, and service to the field of reading---with special emphasis at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Established in 1985, the honor society derives its name from the Greek words Anagnosis (reading), Uptrophia (scholarship), and Archon (leadership). The requirements for Alpha Tau chapter of Alpha Upsilon Alpha are 1) complete at least two semesters of undergraduate coursework, 2) overall GPA of 3.0, 3) complete at least one course in reading and or language arts and earned a 3.0 in that course, 4) recommended by a literacy faculty member at MSUM. All members must be members of the International Reading Association. The motto of the Honor Society is: *Lege sapere aude-dare* to be wise. The Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society honor cords are 2 woven cords (one maroon and one silver) woven together with a single knot. They are worn with the academic attire.

**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) completed two academic years of study toward a degree in Construction, (2) obtained an overall scholastic average in the upper twenty percent of his or her incoming class, (3) studied at the present institution for the preceding six months, (4) demonstrated leadership, character, and personality traits which will give promise of reflecting credit upon Sigma Lambda Chi, (5) participated in one or more extracurricular activities, and (6) worked in some phase of the construction industry.

#### **International Students Graduation Sash**

In special recognition of graduating international students, a satin sash is worn that depicts their home country's flag and colors.

#### **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.

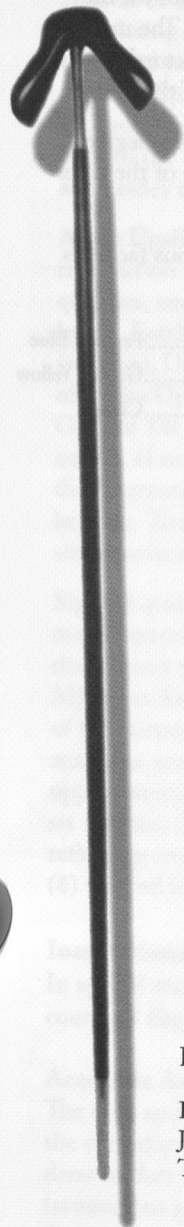
The hoods for all degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree and have an edging or trim of velvet, the color of which indicates the academic

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 being graduated.

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

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



### 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 her designee. Lyle Laske, Associate Professor Emeritus of Art at Minnesota State University Moorhead, 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.

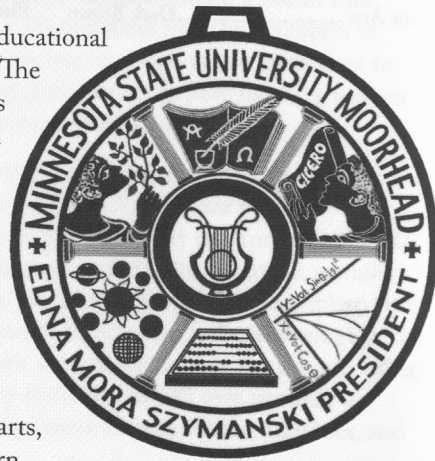
The staff was presented to President Edna Mora Szymanski in 2008. This year, the staff bearer is Heath Butrum, Student Senate President.

### The 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.

The medallion presented to Edna Mora Szymanski upon her inauguration was designed and cast in bronze by P. Richard Szeitz, a faculty member in the MSUM art and design department from 1966 to 1994.

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).



### Faculty Retiring at the end of Fall Semester 2009:

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The Original

### The Dragon

MSU Moorhead's dragon was born in the fire that devastated Old Main, the school's central building, on February 9, 1930. Legend has it that Flora Frick, a prominent physical education professor at the time, came up with the school mascot when she saw the football team running out of a temporary dressing room below the campus heating plant. It was a cool fall morning, and when she saw the frosty exhalations of a serpentine line of stampeding football players, she said: "They look just like dragons!"

MSUM adopted the dragon in the spring of 1930 by a vote of the student body. The original mascot, an oriental-style dragon rising up on its haunches, stood alone as the university's symbol for several years. In the late 1930s, however, it was upstaged by the cartoon-like "Denny the Dragon."

After that, an assortment of dragons, ranging from the funny to the fierce, were used to represent the University. None of them commanded enough presence to eclipse the others—until the current design was created by Haley Johnson. Johnson was a senior art major when she conceived the updated dragon in 1987, MSU Moorhead's centennial year, and her version was adopted as the official symbol.



1930-1940s



1970-1980s



1987-Present



The MSUM logo was designed by Curtis Dorschner (BFA Graphic Design, 2000).



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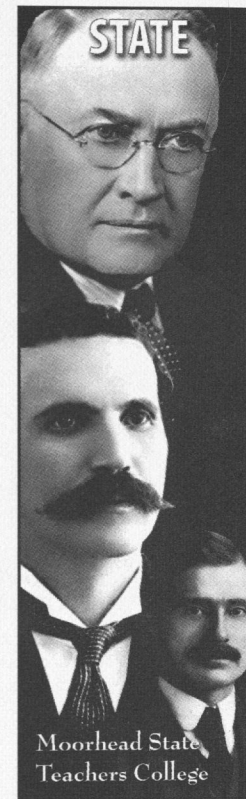
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The Minnesota State University Moorhead banners feature the founder and the ten presidents of this institution from its founding as Moorhead Normal School to the present Minnesota State University Moorhead.



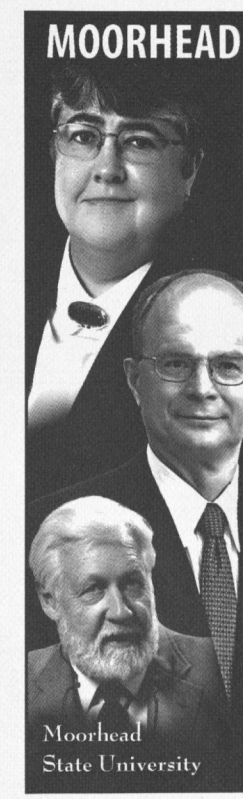
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1885  
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1923-1941  
  
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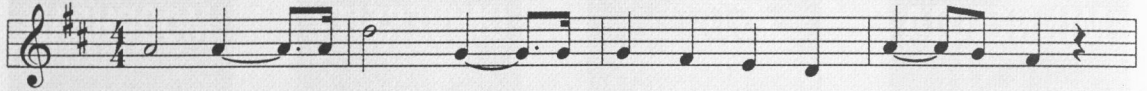
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1968-1994

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## Alma Mater

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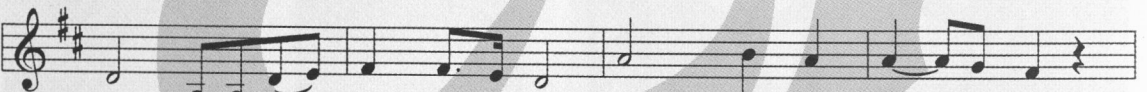
Seek - ers — of truth built a place of light and li - ber - ty.



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.



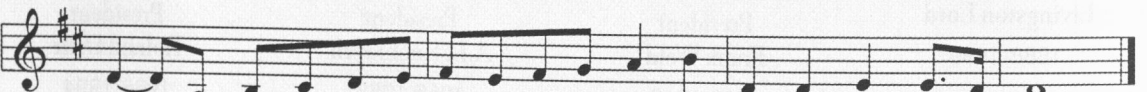
Hail, M S U — Moor - head to Thee. With love and loy - al - ty.



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.