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*Commencement Program*  
*Class of 2014*



*Thursday, December 18*  
*Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse*



MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
MOORHEAD.

# Our Vision

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.

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.

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.**

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.

## **Representative Ben Lien**

*B.A. Political Science, Class of 2008*



Ben Lien is the State Representative from Moorhead. His district, 4A, is comprised of the entire city of Moorhead and Oakport Township. Ben will serve his second term in the Legislature after his re-election in 2014. Ben grew up in Moorhead, attended Moorhead Senior High School and graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in political science and minoring in history. During the last legislative session, he served on the House of Representatives Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee. Ben would like to continue serving on the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee because of his passion for higher education as a driver

of personal success for students and economic development for his district. He enjoys spending free time with his family, listening to music and traveling. Ben is most appreciative and honored by the opportunity to deliver the commencement speech for the fall graduating class of 2014.

## **Trustee Michael Vekich**

*Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees & Office of the Chancellor*



Michael M. Vekich, St. Louis Park, is CEO of Vekich Associates in Minneapolis; as well as chairman, president and chief operating officer of Skyline Exhibits in Eagan. Previously, he was the CEO of Vekich Arkema and Company, managing partner of Grazzini Paquay and Company, and a consultant with Haskins and Sells. Vekich earned his bachelor of arts degree in accounting and business administration from the University of Minnesota. He is vice chair of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority Commission, vice chair of the Minnesota Board of Accountancy, and serves on a number of corporate and civic boards.

Vekich was a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2002, and served as chair for four years. He also was a member of the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee and a founding member and vice chair of the Minnesota Higher Education Services Council.

Gov. Tim Pawlenty appointed Vekich to the Board of Trustees in 2010 for a six-year term ending June 30, 2016.

# Fall 2014 Commencement

WELCOME .....MR. LAWRENCE SCHWARTZ  
Master of Ceremonies

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 of Fargo, Organ

STAFF BEARER .....DR. THEODORE GRACYK  
Faculty Association President

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS .....TRI-COLLEGE ARMY ROTC

NATIONAL ANTHEM .....LED BY DR. JENNY DUFAULT  
Professor of Music

INTRODUCTION .....DR. ANNE E. BLACKHURST  
President of Minnesota State University Moorhead

GREETING.....THE HONORABLE MICHAEL VEKICH  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees & Office of the Chancellor

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....MN REPRESENTATIVE BEN LIEN  
B.A. Political Science, Class of 2008

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.....DR. ANNE E. BLACKHURST  
President of Minnesota State University Moorhead

DR. MICHELLE L. MALOTT  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE; BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK..... DR. OK-HEE LEE  
Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Services

## COLLEGE OF ARTS, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS; BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS;  
BACHELOR OF MUSIC; BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.....DR. TIMOTHY A. BORCHERS  
Dean of the College of Arts, Media and Communication

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

BACHELOR OF ARTS; BACHELOR OF SCIENCE;

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING.....**DR. JEFFREY J. BODWIN**  
Acting Dean of the College of Science, Health and the Environment

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... **"CON TE PARTIRO – TIME TO SAY GOODBYE"**  
Composed by Quarantotto, Sartori & Peterson  
Mr. Erik Hagfors, Sophomore, B.M. Jazz Studies  
Mr. Michael Olson, Accompanist, Piano

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND INNOVATION**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.....**DR. MARSHA L. WEBER**  
Dean of the College of Business and Innovation

**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS; BACHELOR OF ARTS;

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.....**DR. RANDY L. CAGLE**  
Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences

**GRADUATE STUDIES**

MASTER OF ARTS; MASTER OF FINE ARTS;

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION; MASTER OF SCIENCE.....**DR. OK-HEE LEE**  
Interim Dean of Graduate Studies

THE ALMA MATER ..... **LED BY MR. ERIK HAGFORS**  
Sophomore, B.M. Jazz Studies

RECESSIONAL ..... **"CROWN IMPERIAL" BY WILLIAM WALTON**  
Mr. Michael Olson, Organ

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 Education & Human Services

Dr. Ok-Hee Lee, Interim Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Shawn Ginther, Professor of Social Work

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Amundson, Megan Amanda, Elbow Lake, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Anderson, Annalisa Marie, Breckenridge, MN, University Studies

Anderson, Lorie Ann, Thief River Falls, MN, Early Childhood Education; Special Education, *Cum Laude*

Armstrong, Allison Joy, Waconia, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education; Spanish, *Cum Laude*

Artz, Kelsey, Bottineau, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science

Becker, Andrea Elizabeth, St. Paul, MN, Special Education

Benson, Dennell Elizabeth, Fairview, MT, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Spanish, *Summa Cum Laude*

Bentler, Trista Jean, Albertville, MN, University Studies, *Cum Laude*

Beyer, Sarah Patricia, Sidney, MT, Speech/Language/Hearing Science

Brausen, Cassandra Dee, Remer, MN, Early Childhood Education; Special Education

Campbell, Jordyn Lou, Fairmount, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

Cossette, Erica Marie, Bismarck, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education; Language and Literacy, *Cum Laude*

Dau, Meghan Kathleen, Wasilla, AK, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

Dobmeier, Jessica Faye, Barnesville, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, Early Childhood Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Eide, Lindsay Ann, New Prague, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education; Language and Literacy, *Cum Laude*

Erickson, Hanna Marianne, Fargo, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Gallup, Kaela Rae, Elk River, MN, Early Childhood Education; Special Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

Gardner, Matthew E., Lakeville, MN, Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Gartner, Erika Renee, Litchfield, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Cum Laude*

George, David Alan, Battle Lake, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Gleisberg, Samantha Ileene, Woodbury, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education

Haman, Ashley Catherine, Roseau, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Hauge, Kayla May, West Fargo, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Cum Laude*

Haugen, Andrea Rose, Moorhead, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Magna Cum Laude*



Heilman, Nora Anne Marie, Vining, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science

Hellmann, Stephanie Rose, Holdingford, MN, Early Childhood Education; Special Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

Hendrickx, Chelsey Marie, New York Mills, MN, Early Childhood Education; Geosciences

Hooker, Josette Eliza, Bismarck, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education; Theatre Arts, Special Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

Hosch, Katie Marie, Fergus Falls, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

Hubert, Sarah Ann, Fargo, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Hulterstrum, Eric John, Litchfield, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education

Jensen, Katherine Estelle, Chaffee, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education

Kartes, Stephanie Felicia, Mandan, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education

Kath, Mariah Ann, Wahpeton, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education

Kinrade, Sarah Beth, Fergus Falls, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education; Mathematics Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Kloos, Lindsay Nicole, West Fargo, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Magna Cum Laude*

Knudson, Lindsey Jo, Madison, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Kroke, Kaia Nathalie, Fargo, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education

Kysilka, Maggie LaVonne, Thompson, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education

Larson, Breann Lynn, Breckenridge, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, Early Childhood Education; Coaching, Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Lee, Youngshin, Goyang City, South Korea, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Cum Laude*

Lobnitz, Kelly Nicole, Grand Rapids, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

Longtin, Alexis Annette, Riverdale, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Cum Laude*

Marthe, Brianne, West Fargo, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Magna Cum Laude*

Martinsen, Alexis DeWitz, Minot, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Summa Cum Laude*

Meier, Brittany Ann, Mandan, ND, Early Childhood Education; Special Education, *Cum Laude*

Pankow, Vivian Frances, Farmington, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Cum Laude*

Peper, Sarah Anne, Alexandria, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Peschong, Alyssa LaShae, Milbank, SD, Elementary Inclusive Education; Special Education

Peterson, Carly Shay, Stephen, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Roline, Kelli Lynn, Verndale, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Schindler, Aaron Matthew, Barnesville, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Cum Laude*

Schobinger, Sara Eileen, Fargo, ND, Early Childhood Education

Schultz, Candace Lynn, Grygla, MN, Early Childhood Education  
 Smith, JaKayla JoAnna, Oakes, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Sorenson, Molly Kay, Isanti, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education; Extension Education (NDSU), *Cum Laude*  
 Stauffer, Abby Lynn, Alexandria, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education  
 Thomforde, Haley Michelle, Apple Valley, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Cum Laude*  
 Vandenheuvel, Kayla Marie, Elko, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Voeller, Courtney Danielle, West Fargo, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education  
 Wangen, Abigail Lee, Hawick, MN, Early Childhood Education; Special Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Ward, Taryn Marie, Graceville, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Weatherly, Casandra Jo, Glencoe, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science  
 Weeding, Chelsie AnnMarie, Thief River Falls, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Cum Laude*  
 Yonkovich, Rachel, Aberdeen, SD, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Young, Caitlin, Moorhead, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Special Education

## **BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

Ament, Stephanie Paige, Bluffton, MN, Social Work, *Cum Laude*  
 Amini, Helei, Kabul, Afghanistan, Social Work; Psychology  
 Andrews, Megan Ann, Clearwater, MN, Social Work  
 Buckle, Kerry Dean, Fargo, ND, Social Work  
 Cahlin, Cristie Lynn, Detroit Lakes, MN, Social Work  
 Colosky, Alyssa Jean, Pelican Rapids, MN, Social Work, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Elledge, Amy Lyn, Fargo, ND, Social Work  
 Erickson, Kylie Jo, Olivia, MN, Social Work  
 Estenson, Alexandra Ann, Moorhead, MN, Social Work, *Cum Laude*  
 Henning, Lindsey Megan, Stanley, ND, Social Work  
 Herding, Kirsten Ashley, Wahpeton, ND, Social Work; Psychology  
 Kromer, Joel Richard, Hudson, WI, Social Work  
 Lundin, Hailey Rose, Park Rapids, MN, Social Work; Sociology, Psychology  
 Maesse, Tracy Lynn, Moorhead, MN, Social Work  
 May, Jordan Anthony, Fargo, ND, Social Work  
 Mushel, Benjamin Augustine, Little Falls, MN, Social Work  
 Myogeto, Brooke Ann, West Fargo, ND, Social Work  
 Olson, Alyssa Faye, Fargo, ND, Social Work; Sociology  
 Peterson, Oriana Ruth, Litchville, ND, Social Work  
 Puetz, Sheyenne Lauren, Wyndmere, ND, Social Work

Rotert, Megan Renee, West Fargo, ND, Social Work, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Simons, Rachel Ann, Pierz, MN, Social Work  
Stangl, Brianna Lynn, Watertown, SD, Social Work  
Stine, Jeffrey Robert, Moorhead, MN, Social Work, *Cum Laude*  
Svare, David Earl, Pelican Rapids, MN, Social Work  
Swenson, Chelsey Lee Marie, Big Stone City, SD, Social Work, *Cum Laude*  
Young, Christa Jo, Perham, MN, Social Work  
Zuniga-Laducer, Zachary Joaquin, Chicago, IL, Social Work



## College of Arts, Media & Communication

Dr. Timothy A. Borchers, Dean

College Marshal: Allen Sheets, Professor of Graphic Design

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Barone, Adam Thomas, Moorhead, MN, Film Production; English Writing

Barth, Stacy Kay, Bismarck, ND, Art

Burchatz, Kayla Anne, Watertown, SD, Theatre Arts; Music

Calabrese, Christian Anthony, Fargo, ND, Film Production; Theatre Arts

Chan, Hiu Tung, Hong Kong, China, Theatre Arts, Communication Studies

Dobler, Saralynn Mae, St. John, ND, Art; Marketing

Hanabusa, Hiroshi, Chiba, Japan, Art, *Cum Laude*

Jacobson, Sara Marie, Frazee, MN, Communication Studies

Kojetin, Joseph Michael, New Hope, MN, Film Production

Laducer, Maggie Rae, Belcourt, ND, Communication Studies; Leadership Studies

Lee, Gentry, Horace, ND, Communication Studies; Leadership Studies

Libby, Sarah Michelle, Osseo, MN, Music

Mangahas, Kalista Nichole, Fargo, ND, Communication Studies

Nupdal, Briana Lynn, Hallock, MN, Communication Studies; Leadership Studies, *Cum Laude*

Peterson, Benjamin George, Bismarck, ND, Art

Schmiesing, Nicole Marie, Sauk Centre, MN, Communication Studies, English; Leadership Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*

Simonson-Leifeld, Christa Lyn, Apple Valley, MN, Theatre Arts

Snyder, Jacob Vernon, Wadena, MN, Communication Studies; Leadership Studies

Tipp, Gisselle Stephanie, Las Vegas, NV, Art

Wegscheid, Yvonne Clarie, Perham, MN, Art, *Cum Laude*

Wolf, Elizabeth Lynne, Beulah, ND, Art

Zander, Erica Nikita, Maple Lake, MN, Theatre Arts, *Cum Laude*

### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Allbee, Cara Marie, Watertown, SD, Art

Bourgoin, Bristy Mary, Pillager, MN, Art Education

Kleindl, Jorddan Katherine, Fargo, ND, Art Education; Art

Kohout, Carly, Wahpeton, ND, Graphic Design, *Cum Laude*

Larson, Breanne Claire, Chaska, MN, Art, *Cum Laude*

Olson, Amanda Janette, Big Lake, MN, Art Education; Art, *Magna Cum Laude*

Prouty, Morgan Nicole, Crosslake, MN, Art; Art History, *Cum Laude*

Richard, Alex James, Burnsville, MN, Graphic Design

Sepulveda, Christina Nicole, Highland, CA, Art

## **BACHELOR OF MUSIC**

- Andersen, James Lee, Moorhead, MN, Music Industry, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kietzman, Daniel Brian, Edgeley, ND, Music Industry, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lien, Adam Jeffery, Chatfield, MN, Music Industry, *Magna Cum Laude*

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

- Abbott, Richard James, Grand Forks, ND, Mass Communications  
Al-Bakshy, Narjes, Dammam, Saudi Arabia, Multimedia Journalism  
Anderson, Abby, Oberlin, KS, Graphic Communications  
Block, Chantz Marlin, Sidney, MT, Graphic Communications; English Writing  
Brien, Jordan Michael, Belcourt, ND, Graphic Communications  
Brown, Dillon John, Fargo, ND, Graphic Communications  
Bundy, Melanie A., Downing, WI, Mass Communications; Film Production, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Chambers, Tanner John, New London, MN, University Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dawson, Alanna Jayne, Headingley, Canada, Music Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Evenson, Ethan Michael, Devils Lake, ND, Advertising; Media Analysis  
Foltz, Garrett James, Detroit Lakes, MN, Advertising and Public Relations  
Green, Shawn Michael, Irving, CA, Advertising and Public Relations; Media Analysis  
Gulseth, Jessica Lona, Twin Valley, MN, Broadcast Journalism  
Gunnerson, Andrea Marie, Plymouth, MN, Advertising  
Hanson, Alyssa Nicole, Bismarck, ND, Graphic Communications  
Hanson, Jordan Lee, Moorhead, MN, Graphic Communications  
Hedberg, Emalee, Fargo, ND, Graphic Communications; Mass Communications, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hedstrom, Darla Marie, New York Mills, MN, Mass Communications; Graphic Communications  
Johnson, Hailey, Moorhead, MN, Advertising, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Koehmstedt, Nicolette Leigh, West Fargo, ND, Graphic Communications; Mass Communications  
Laske, Madalyn, Fargo, ND, Multimedia Journalism, *Cum Laude*  
Lewis, Morgan Beth, Detroit Lakes, MN, Graphic Communications  
Lindo, Stephanie Samantha, Cedar Rapids, IA, Mass Communications; Marketing  
Markey, Ross Jacob, Fargo, ND, Music Education  
Marquardt, Robin Joe, Watertown, SD, Graphic Communications; Film Production, *Cum Laude*  
McMullen, Maureen Elizabeth, Fargo, ND, Multimedia Journalism  
Pavicic, Anna Delaine, Fargo, ND, Graphic Communications; East Asian Studies, *Cum Laude*  
Persons, Colin Mackenzie, St. Paul, MN, Public Relations  
Peterson, Taylor Philip, Glyndon, MN, Advertising  
Redman, Adam Joseph, North St. Paul, MN, Graphic Communications; Leadership Studies, English Writing



Riskey, Brock Gilbert, Minto, ND, Graphic Communications  
Ronnevik, Keely Marie, Fergus Falls, MN, Photojournalism; Mass Communications,  
Advertising, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Serrano-De Leon, Aristides, Arecibo, Puerto Rico, Broadcast Journalism, *Cum Laude*  
Smith, Alison Marie, Edgeley, ND, Photojournalism, Documentary Journalism,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Smithson, Shelly Jean, Fargo, ND, Mass Communications  
Tobolaski, Ariel Elizabeth, Alexandria, VA, Broadcast Journalism  
Ugelstad, Lauren Marie, Mapleton, ND, Mass Communications  
VanDenEykel, Brandon Mykel, Frazee, MN, Music Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Vedder, Lisa Ann, Breckenridge, MN, Graphic Communications; Mass  
Communications, *Cum Laude*  
Wahlberg, Kyle, Fargo, ND, Mass Communications  
Walswick, Chad Jeffrey, Halstad, MN, University Studies  
Whitcomb, Jeffrey James, Buffalo, MN, Photojournalism  
Yungbauer, Dale Joseph, Bertha, MN, Music Education, *Summa Cum Laude*





## College of Science, Health & the Environment

Dr. Jeffrey J. Bodwin, Acting Dean

College Marshal: James Gemar, Professor of Physical Education

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Anderson, Beth Ann, Clarkfield, MN, Psychology, Criminal Justice

Arumarajah, Joyanah Euniciah, Bismarck, ND, Psychology

Bakken, Andrea Grace Witte, Moorhead, MN, Psychology

Edie, Victoria May, Fargo, ND, Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*

Fajar, Akira, Seattle, WA, Psychology; Communication Studies

Fuder, Sarah Ann, Breckenridge, MN, Anthropology, *Magna Cum Laude*

Gagnon, Brooke Mary, Buffalo, MN, Biology, *Summa Cum Laude*

Horst, Miranda Justine, Stanley, ND, Psychology

Huyler, Katherine Alexandria, Nassau, Bahamas, Psychology

Ishikawa, Misae, Tokyo, Japan, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*

King, Phillip Peter Ross, Lisbon, ND, Biology; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, *Cum Laude*

Knott, Kallen Rayne-Raven, Faribault, MN, Psychology, *Cum Laude*

LeGare, Sara Ann, Hector, MN, Biology

Lopez, Irene Marie, Andover, MN, Biology

McGerr, Shayna, Pine River, MN, Psychology; Philosophy

Peters, Darac Michael, West Fargo, ND, Biology, *Cum Laude*

Radeke, Leena, Becker, MN, Anthropology; Geosciences

Schweer, Benjamin William, Clarkfield, MN, Anthropology

Seedorff, Nicholas James, Hiawatha, IA, Biology; Chemistry, *Summa Cum Laude*

Trisko, Erin Margit, Otsego, MN, Biology, *Summa Cum Laude*

Vang, Kimberly, St. Paul, MN, Biology

Walsh, Rachel Elsie, Fitchburg, WI, Biology; Spanish, *Summa Cum Laude*, Honors Program

Wilding, Alicia Renee, Ortonville, MN, Psychology

Zeren, BryAnn, Nome, ND, Anthropology; Art History

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ackerman, Megan Marie, Buffalo, MN, Exercise Science; Biology, Health and Medical Sciences

Baxter, Sadie Kay, Hawley, MN, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning, *Summa Cum Laude*

Breker, Eric Zeke, Lidgerwood, ND, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning

Cieslak, Jordan Alexander, Hazen, ND, Mathematics Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

DeTienne, Pamela Marie, Wheatland, ND, Community Health, *Magna Cum Laude*

Dugger, Shayna Kay, Detroit Lakes, MN, Exercise Science; Coaching, Strength and Conditioning

Edie, Victoria May, Fargo, ND, Health Services Administration; Management, Entrepreneurship, *Magna Cum Laude*

Emerson, Kaitlyn Mary, Little Falls, MN, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning, Coaching, *Magna Cum Laude*

Figliola, Shayne Stephen, Austin, MN, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning

Gustafson, Riley Michael, Carlos, MN, Physical Education, Health Education, *Cum Laude*

Heinze, Kyle Scott, Wimbledon, ND, Physical Education, Health Education

Hendon, Kendall, San Jose, CA, Exercise Science

Hickel, Ian Roy, Borup, MN, Geosciences

Hughes, Jordan Cody, Dalton, GA, Mathematics Education

Hunstad, Ally Jo, Pillager, MN, Health Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

Jandro, Kelsey Jo, Fargo, ND, Exercise Science; Health Education, Strength and Conditioning, *Cum Laude*

Johnson, Jaime Lynn, Fargo, ND, Health Services Administration

Johnson, Kaitlyn Marie, Fargo, ND, Health Education, Physical Education, *Summa Cum Laude*

Johnson, Miho Shimoda, Waite Park, MN, Community Health

King, Phillip Peter Ross, Lisbon, ND, Life Science Education, *Cum Laude*

Kline, Mitchell John, Pine River, MN, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning, Coaching

Koppang, Zachary Christian, Grand Forks, ND, Physical Education, Health Education

Litch, Kaylee Donn, Moorhead, MN, Exercise Science; Psychology, Coaching

McNamer, Adam Timothy, Brooklyn Center, MN, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning

Miller, Stephanie Darlene, Perham, MN, Exercise Science; Coaching, Strength and Conditioning

Nelson, Brianna Lyn, Frazee, MN, Exercise Science

Neupane, Priyanka, Kathmandu, Nepal, Health Services Administration

Notch, Samantha Jean, Melrose, MN, Mathematics Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

Nye, Britta Lynn, Lakeville, MN, Exercise Science

Oxendahl, Whitney J., Fargo, ND, Sustainability, *Summa Cum Laude*

Palmquist, Anne Elizabeth, Grantsburg, WI, Exercise Science; Health and Medical Sciences

Ramsey, Ryan Alan, Battle Creek, MI, University Studies

Schaan, Sarah Roselyn, Fargo, ND, Community Health

Schulte, Kyle Robert, Olivia, MN, Health Services Administration; Business Administration, Coaching, *Summa Cum Laude*

Seedorff, Nicholas James, Hiawatha, IA, Exercise Science, *Summa Cum Laude*

Sullivan, Holly Barbara, Fort Peck, MT, Mathematics

Wanner, Zachary Tyler, Mandan, ND, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning

Wieber, Brock Matthew, Lidgerwood, ND, Exercise Science; Coaching  
Wienckowski, Huston James, West Fargo, ND, Geosciences  
Wiese, Terra Marie, Wahpeton, ND, Biochemistry and Biotechnology; Chemistry,  
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
Woinarowicz, Janessa Lea, Drayton, ND, Exercise Science; Business Administration

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Anderson, Michele Lee, St. Louis Park, MN, Nursing  
Berndt, Bobbie Jo Annette, Perham, MN, Nursing  
Brustad, Stephanie Jill, Fargo, ND, Nursing  
Chenze, Jessica Lee, Lake Park, MN, Nursing  
Faucher, Michelle Ann, St. Michael, MN, Nursing  
Fuller, Michelle Lee, Crosby, MN, Nursing  
Gmach, Jessica Lynn, Eagan, MN, Nursing  
Greendahl, Joann, Bemidji, MN, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
Heinonen, Kristen Mary, Cokato, MN, Nursing  
Herron, Emily Lynn, Albert Lea, MN, Nursing  
Kahlhamer, Joy Rose, St. Cloud, MN, Nursing  
Kallinen, Brian Paul, Menahga, MN, Nursing  
Long, Angela Marie, Cottage Grove, MN, Nursing  
Luckow, Kathleen Monica, Crookston, MN, Nursing  
Maurstad, Stacey Herman, New Folden, MN, Nursing  
Norris, Teri Kathryn, Meridian, ID, Nursing  
Peterson, Amy Kristeen, Maple Grove, MN, Nursing  
Schritz, Meagan Leigh, Barnesville, MN, Nursing  
Stoks, Laura Marie, Porter, MN, Nursing  
Tesch, Ann Beverley, Nelson, MN, Nursing  
Waldal, Annie Beth, Crookston, MN, Nursing  
Westlund, Nicole Marie, Long Prairie, MN, Nursing



## College of Business & Innovation

Dr. Marsha L. Weber, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Sheri Erickson, Professor of Accounting

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ahern, Keegan Michael, Minneota, MN, Construction Management  
Anderson, Eric Robert, Baudette, MN, Business Administration  
Anderson, Matthew Roy, Thief River Falls, MN, Computer Information Systems  
Benusa, Michael David, Moorhead, MN, Accounting  
Bisping, Trevor Thomas, Edina, MN, Construction Management  
Bjorklund, Aann Marie, Underwood, MN, Business Administration  
Bloch, Andrew Michael, Champlin, MN, Operations Management  
Butte, Eric Lewis, Brooklyn Center, MN, Operations Management  
Chandonnet, Shelly Lyn, Zimmerman, MN, Operations Management  
Cohn, Mark Maurice, Blaine, MN, Construction Management  
Deutsch, Shannon Mary, Apple Valley, MN, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Dewald, Darla Rae, Dawson, ND, Accounting  
Dieken, Emily Ann, Clara City, MN, Business Administration; Music Business and Entertainment  
Evazich, Stacy M., Burnsville, MN, Construction Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Feng, Xidong, Beijing, China, Accounting, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Frank, Katie Marie, Eden Valley, MN, Accounting, Finance, *Cum Laude*  
Freeman, Sarah Ann, Jamestown, ND, Computer Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Galasso, Anthony Douglas, Fergus Falls, MN, Computer Information Technology  
Gerardy, Brett Anthony, Plummer, MN, Accounting  
Ghale, Karma Gyalpo, Kathmandu, Nepal, Accounting  
Ghale, Rajesh, Kathmandu, Nepal, Accounting  
Griffin, Zachary Jordan, Howard City, MI, Finance, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Gurung, Sonam, Kathmandu, Nepal, Accounting  
Hanneman, Danielle Kara, Breckenridge, MN, Finance  
Hansen, Justin Scott, East Bethel, MN, Operations Management  
Hawk, Jared David, Dilworth, MN, Construction Management  
Hedin, Katie Marie, Moorhead, MN, Business Administration  
Hendrickson, Will Matthew, Eagan, MN, Construction Management, *Cum Laude*  
Hieb, Brian, Watertown, SD, Business Administration  
Hoheisel, Sierra Marie, Little Falls, MN, Accounting, *Cum Laude*  
Juen, Robert William, Hudson, WI, Operations Management  
Juve, Dillon Austin, Erskine, MN, Finance; Accounting  
Khadbaatar, Munkh-Erdene, Erdenet, Mongolia, Computer Information Technology, Computer Information Systems



Lienemann, Todd Douglas, South St. Paul, MN, Operations Management  
 Lo, John, Lexington, MN, Operations Management  
 Lucas, Marilyn Lee, Lake City, MN, Operations Management  
 Mbibi, Chidindu Collins, Brooklyn Center, MN, Operations Management  
 Meyer, Melissa Ann, Melrose, MN, Business Administration  
 Morales, Tyler Jordan, Fargo, ND, Computer Information Technology  
 Moser, Preston Benjamin, Morris, MN, Operations Management  
 Muchow, Rebecca Lynn, Elbow Lake, MN, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Munankarmi, Purnima, Kathmandu, Nepal, Computer Information Technology  
 Nmoka, William Omojate, Igbanke, Nigeria, Operations Management  
 Nolden, Paul Robert, Andover, MN, Construction Management, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Novak, Jordan John, New York Mills, MN, Construction Management  
 Ouattara, Adama, Moline, IL, Finance, *Cum Laude*  
 Parvi, Dean Edwin, Ramsey, MN, Finance  
 Pekarek, Kaylee Marie, Moorhead, MN, Business Administration  
 Plante, Justin Alexander, Kindred, ND, Construction Management  
 Pradhan, Samir, Kathmandu, Nepal, Business Administration  
 Pyne, Bryan Christopher, Chaska, MN, Operations Management  
 Rajbhandari, Sauraj, Kathmandu, Nepal, Computer Information Systems; Business Administration  
 Ramberg, Sarah Kathryn, Williams, MN, Operations Management  
 Robischon, Austin James, Sauk Centre, MN, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Rorvig, Amy Elizabeth, McVille, ND, University Studies  
 Seeger, Tyler Wade, Underwood, MN, Accounting, *Cum Laude*  
 Simpson, Jeremy Jojo, Accra, Ghana, Computer Information Systems; Business Administration, Management  
 Sojos, Paul Hermel, Lauderdale, MN, Construction Management  
 Suedel, Michelle Lynne, Fargo, ND, Computer Information Technology; Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Swedberg, Cameron Samantha, Alexandria, MN, Business Administration  
 Thompson, Kayla, Watertown, SD, Business Administration  
 Uggerud, Jacob Shane, Alexandria, MN, Business Administration  
 Wagner, Andrew Mark, Fargo, ND, Computer Information Technology; English Writing  
 Walsh, Tyler James, Miliona, MN, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Wayne, Ryan Thomas, DeSoto, TX, Construction Management  
 Wiener, Maggie Jane, Sauk Centre, MN, Business Administration  
 Wilson, Trent Lane, Fergus Falls, MN, Accounting  
 Yamba, Edward, Accra, Ghana, Accounting  
 Zibell, Trent William, Wheaton, MN, Accounting  
 Zylstra, Justin Vonn, Spicer, MN, Construction Management



## College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Dr. Randy L. Cagle, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Andrew Conteh, Professor of Political Science

### ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Andersen, Susan Marie, Moorhead, MN, Liberal Arts

Sazama, Keisha Lee, Perham, MN, Liberal Arts

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Alfstad, Skyler John, Fargo, ND, Women's and Gender Studies

Anderson, Michael David, Ada, MN, Criminal Justice; Coaching

Bailey, Erica Lynn, Chaska, MN, English, Anthropology

Bartos, Molly Rae, Waubun, MN, Criminal Justice

Baymler, Paul Douglas, Wadena, MN, Gerontology, *Cum Laude*

Buresh, Erica Marie, Apache Junction, AZ, English

Dau, Meghan Kathleen, Wasilla, AK, Spanish, *Magna Cum Laude*

Estenson, Alexandra Ann, Moorhead, MN, Criminal Justice, American Multicultural Studies; American Indian Studies, Sociology, *Cum Laude*

Ganske, Andrew, Fort Pierre, SD, Criminal Justice

Hallman, Zebulon Clark, Volga, SD, Economics

Harper, Brian Charles, Renville, MN, History

Jackson, Trent Dean, Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice; Sociology, *Cum Laude*

Jetvig, Emily Nicole, Hawley, MN, English/Mass Communications, *Summa Cum Laude*

Johnson, Devin Jerome, Moorhead, MN, Criminal Justice, Political Science

Johnson, Hailey, Moorhead, MN, English; Art, *Summa Cum Laude*

Kiges, Hannah, Hastings, MN, English

Kutzer, MacKenzie Layne, Campbell, MN, English, *Magna Cum Laude*, Honors Program

Larter, Colin Richard, Alexandria, MN, Criminal Justice, Sociology

Lee, Dave Wayne, Ortonville, MN, Criminal Justice

Lual, Daniel Nhial, Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice; Sociology

Lucero, Kathryn Ann, Fargo, ND, Philosophy, Women's and Gender Studies; English Writing, *Cum Laude*

Marsh, Brita Ann, Detroit Lakes, MN, Criminal Justice

Millner, Ashley Lynn, Pierz, MN, Criminal Justice, Psychology; Sociology, Juvenile Justice, *Cum Laude*

Montgomery, Ross William, West Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice; Coaching, Sociology

Nessen, Parker Allan, Thief River Falls, MN, Criminal Justice; Sociology

Olson, Alyssa Faye, Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice; Sociology

Palmer, Clare Sojourner Harris, Moorhead, MN, Sociology

Ryan, Kyler Michael, Fergus Falls, MN, History, *Magna Cum Laude*



Schares, Emily Juneal, Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice  
Syltie, Lana Clarisse, Porter, MN, English/Mass Communications  
Ventzke, Nicole Lyn, Moorhead, MN, Criminal Justice; Sociology  
Welte, Laura Kaitlin, Bismarck, ND, English  
Wester, Elizabeth Anne, West Fargo, ND, English

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Ashbridge, Catherine Michelle, Rogers, MN, Communication Arts and Literature  
Teacher Education; Music  
Boschee, Charles Delane, Pelican Rapids, MN, Social Studies Teacher Education,  
*Cum Laude*  
Brammer, Kelly Rae, Moorhead, MN, Paralegal; Psychology, *Cum Laude*  
Brown, Crystal Marie, West Fargo, ND, Paralegal, *Cum Laude*  
Enkhbat, Solongo, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, International Studies  
Erickson, Rachel Beth, Fargo, ND, Communication Arts and Literature Teacher  
Education  
Erlandson, Kali Jo, Alexandria, MN, Paralegal, *Cum Laude*  
Garrison, Lacey Renae, St. John, ND, Social Studies Teacher Education  
Hallman, Zebulon Clark, Volga, SD, Paralegal  
Kaiser, Zachary Lyle, Henning, MN, Social Studies Teacher Education  
Kasper, Michael Joseph, Fargo, ND, University Studies  
Kristianson, Summer Leigh, Wahpeton, ND, Paralegal, *Cum Laude*  
Lindstrom, Martin Harris, Oak Grove, MN, Teaching English as a Second Language,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Maahs, Julie Jean, Birch Hills, Canada, Social Studies Teacher Education, *Summa  
Cum Laude*  
Refshaw, Rachel Ann, Mahnomen, MN, Communication Arts and Literature  
Teacher Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Schornack, Bethany Mary, New York Mills, MN, Communication Arts and  
Literature Teacher Education, *Cum Laude*  
Wateland, Kelly John, Wahpeton, ND, Social Studies Teacher Education

## **Graduate Studies**

Dr. Ok-Hee Lee, Interim Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Nancy Paul, Program Coordinator of Speech-Language Pathology

### **MASTER OF ARTS**

O'Connell, Kathrina Marie, Lake Park, MN, Teaching English as a Second Language  
"Language Analysis of Leveled and Graded Readers for English Learners"

Dr. Linda Houts-Smith, Advisor

Swenson, Amy M., Fargo, ND, Teaching English as a Second Language

"Student Designed Language Goals to Improve Attitudes, Motivation, and Attention of English Language Learners"

Dr. Linda Houts-Smith, Advisor

### **MASTER OF FINE ARTS**

Anderson, Valerie Theresa, Barnesville, MN, Creative Writing

"Carry On: A Collection of Short Stories"

Dr. Alan Davis, Advisor

Natale, Richard, Des Moines, IA, Creative Writing

"Love, High School, and Other Things Worse Than the Apocalypse"

Dr. Alan Davis, Advisor

### **MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION**

Blum, Eric, Sabin, MN, Healthcare Administration

"A Review of Family Healthcare's Patient Population by Geographic Location, Unmet Community Needs with Expansion to Include Break-Even Analysis, Location, and Demand for Services"

Dr. Melanie Schicker, Advisor

Dr. Brandi Sillerud, Advisor

Hasbrouck, Angela, Moorhead, MN, Healthcare Administration

"Revise and Improve the Home Improvement and Structural Alterations Program and the Major Medical Equipment Program at the Fargo VA Hospital"

Dr. Melanie Schicker, Advisor

Dr. Brandi Sillerud, Advisor

Nelson, Brittany A., Fargo, ND, Healthcare Administration

"HRSA Needs Assessment and Price Recommendation for CHSI"

Dr. Melanie Schicker, Advisor

Dr. Brandi Sillerud, Advisor

Olson, Paige, Menahga, MN, Healthcare Administration

"Act on Alzheimer's"

Dr. Melanie Schicker, Advisor

Dr. Brandi Sillerud, Advisor

Schultz, Gwen M., Mandan, ND, Healthcare Administration

"Marketing and Business Plan Sanford Health/HESI"

Dr. Melanie Schicker, Advisor

Dr. Brandi Sillerud, Advisor

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Ahl, Alecia, Pelican Rapids, MN, Curriculum and Instruction

"The Benefits of a Kindergarten- Fifth Grade School: Through the Eyes of Parents and Teachers"

Jennifer Hendrickson, Advisor

Alton, Nicholas, Detroit Lakes, MN, Educational Leadership

"Educational Leadership Portfolio"

Dr. Julie Swaggert, Advisor

Baumgardner, Stephanie A., Salina, Kansas, Curriculum and Instruction

"Self Regulating Student Emotions Through the Use of a Safe Place"

Dr. Deanne Borgeson, Advisor

Baumgartner, Lindsey, Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction

"The Use of Six-Minute Solution Passages to Increase Reading Fluency"

Shannon Dahlberg, Advisor

Blickenstaff, Logyn K., Moorhead, MN, Curriculum and Instruction

"Teacher Efficacy with English Language Learners"

Dr. Teresa Shume, Advisor

Bong, Tamara Benson, St. Michael, MN, Nursing

"Self-Reported Abuse of Emergency Department Registered Nurses in a Central Minnesota Suburban Hospital"

Dr. Barbara Matthees, Advisor

Bruning, Linda, Minneapolis, MN, Educational Leadership

"Educational Leadership Portfolio"

Dr. Julie Swaggert, Advisor

Buttino, Lee Ann Nicole, West Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction

"Incorporating Social Emotional Learning in a Second Grade Classroom Using the *Responsive Classroom* Approach"

Dr. Lynn Mahlum, Advisor

Carlson, Alison M., Grenora, ND, School Psychology

"Duet Reading with a Sixth Grade Student with Emotional Disturbance and Learning Disabilities"

Dr. Olivia Melroe, Advisor

Crane, Valerie A., West Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction

"The Use of Embedded Picture Mnemonics to Increase Letter Naming Fluency"

Dr. Lynn Mahlum, Advisor

DeHaven, Benjamin, Watford City, ND, Curriculum and Instruction

"Student Perception of Various Assimilation Strategies: Working with Transient Students in Western North Dakota"

Debra Pullen, Advisor

Dobervich, Eric, Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction

"The Effect E-Portfolios have on 7th Grade Higher Order Thinking Skills in a STEM Life Science Classroom"

Dr. Michael Coquyt, Advisor

- Dotzler, Katie, Aitkin, MN, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Utilizing Technology in the Classroom for Learning Enhancement"  
 Jennifer Hendrickson, Advisor
- Duchscher, Amy Marie, Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Stimulating the Brain Through Physical Activity in the Classroom"  
 Shannon Dahlberg, Advisor
- Dullum, Lisa K., Williston, ND, Educational Leadership  
 "Educational Leadership Portfolio"  
 Dr. Michael Coquyt, Advisor  
 Dr. Julie Swaggert, Advisor
- Ehlenfeldt, Karrie, Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Utilizing Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading Focused on  
 Literacy Strategies and Informational Text, to Increase Standardized Testing Scores"  
 Debra Pullen, Advisor
- Eisenbarth, Kayla, Bismarck, ND, Counseling and Student Affairs  
 "L.I.V.E.: A Curriculum for Eighth Grade Students"  
 Dr. Lisa Karch, Advisor
- Finn, Teri S., Cass Lake, MN, Nursing  
 "Sleep Quality and Academic Performance in Nursing Students"  
 Dr. Tracy Wright, Advisor
- Flaten, Andrea, West Fargo, ND, Educational Leadership  
 "Educational Leadership Portfolio"  
 Dr. Michael Coquyt, Advisor  
 Dr. Julie Swaggert, Advisor
- Garbe, Lori K., Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Teacher's Efficacy with English Language Learners"  
 Dr. Teresa Shume, Advisor
- Grund, Jennifer, Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Effects of Using Background Knowledge to Increase Student Comprehension for  
 English Language Learners"  
 Shannon Dahlberg, Advisor
- Hansen, Chontelle M., Moorhead, MN, Special Education  
 "Effects of Oral Language Program on Kindergarten Phonological Awareness and Early  
 Literacy Skills"  
 Debra Pullen, Advisor
- Harpster, Elizabeth A., West Fargo, ND, Special Education  
 "Structuring the Unstructured: Using Reading and Writing Workshop in a Special  
 Needs Classroom"  
 Dr. Lynn Mahlum, Advisor
- Heston, Mya L., Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "The Effects of Sight Word Interventions on Reading Fluency"  
 Dr. Lynn Mahlum, Advisor

- Hulm, Lisa Marie, Bismarck, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Word Wall Instruction Used to Increase Student Fluency"  
 Jennifer Hendrickson, Advisor
- Hunt, Amber, Aitkin, MN, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Conversations in Literature Groups"  
 Jennifer Hendrickson, Advisor
- Jacobson, Amanda, Munich, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "The Effect of Number Structure on Addition Computation"  
 Dr. Teresa Shume, Advisor
- Kline, Gena K., Red Wing, MN, Nursing  
 "APRN Professional Nursing Practice Work Environment: A Conceptual Model"  
 Dr. Tracy Wright, Advisor
- Kliver, Emily N., Alexandria, MN, Special Education  
 "The Effects of Alternative Seating on On-Task Behaviors for Students with Autism  
 Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Cognitive Disabilities"  
 Debra Pullen, Advisor
- Kliver, Michael A., Alexandria, MN, Special Education  
 "The Impact of Reinforcement on the Motivation for ASD Students to Complete  
 Assigned Tasks"  
 Debra Pullen, Advisor
- Knudsen, Heidi, West Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Peer Mentoring ELL Newcomers Students to Increase Their Oral Language  
 Proficiency"  
 Shannon Dahlberg, Advisor
- Kuehn, Stephanie, West Fargo, ND, Educational Leadership  
 "Educational Leadership Portfolio"  
 Dr. Julie Swaggert, Advisor
- Larson, Jena, Crosby, MN, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Communication with My Middle School Parents"  
 Jennifer Hendrickson, Advisor
- LeClair, Leah R., Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "The Use of Alphabet Tracing Books to Increase Letter Naming Fluency"  
 Dr. Lynn Mahlum, Advisor
- Marohl, Jessica Lynn, Fargo, ND, School Psychology  
 "Use of the Great Leaps K-2 Supplemental Reading Intervention to Develop the  
 Early Literacy Skills of a Kindergartner"  
 Dr. Mary Dosch, Advisor
- Martin, Mary, West Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Access to Technology and Writing Success"  
 Dr. Lynn Mahlum, Advisor
- McNabb, Kathleen Jo, Moorhead, MN, Counseling and Student Affairs  
 "Self-Analysis: Live Your Best Life"  
 Dr. David Paul, Advisor



- Migler, Jessica Irene Sagisser, Abercrombie, ND, Counseling and Student Affairs  
 "Instructional Manual for Implementing Metropolitan State University Preview Day"  
 Dr. Lisa Karch, Advisor
- Moe, James, West Fargo, ND, Educational Leadership  
 "Educational Leadership Portfolio"  
 Dr. Michael Coquyt, Advisor  
 Dr. Julie Swaggert, Advisor
- Myszkowski, Peter A., Rochester, MN, Educational Leadership  
 "Educational Leadership Portfolio"  
 Dr. Julie Swaggert, Advisor
- Olson, Rebekah Y., Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Self Regulating Student Emotions Through the Use of a Safe Place"  
 Dr. Deanne Borgeson, Advisor
- Poliak, Elizabeth, West Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Integrating Movement to Enhance Student Attitude and Behavior"  
 Dr. Teresa Shume, Advisor
- Powers, Laura, West Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "The Use of Vocabulary Games to Increase Vocabulary Comprehension"  
 Dr. Deanne Borgeson, Advisor
- Proctor, Tara, Aitkin, MN, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Using Star Early Literacy and Teacher Reading Assessment in Kindergarten"  
 Jennifer Hendrickson, Advisor
- Soehren, Sean M., Dickinson, ND, School Psychology  
 "Increasing Compliance of Challenging Students Using Mystery Motivator and Sure I  
 Will Behavioral Interventions"  
 Dr. Olivia Melroe, Advisor
- Spanier, Lindsay S., Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Effects of Small Group Reinforcement When Learning Math Through BUILD"  
 Dr. Deanne Borgeson, Advisor
- Strandemo, Kimberly F., Fargo, ND, Educational Leadership  
 "Educational Leadership Portfolio"  
 Dr. Julie Swaggert, Advisor
- Suryawanshi, Siddhi, Fargo, ND, Special Education  
 "A Parent Survey of Strategies and Supports Used for Their Children with Autism  
 Spectrum Disorder"  
 Debra Pullen, Advisor
- Swaggert, Angela, St. Francis, MN, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Early Parental Involvement in Book Reading and Sharing and Its Effect on  
 Kindergarten Phonological Awareness Skills"  
 Dr. Layna Cole, Advisor
- Swenson, Amber Rose, Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
 "Using Word Processors in the Classroom During Writer's Workshop to Motivate and  
 Improve the Quality of Student Writing"  
 Dr. Lynn Mahlum, Advisor



Swier, Jason, Watertown, SD, Curriculum and Instruction  
"Effect of a Flipped Classroom on English Language Learner Student Performance  
and Satisfaction"

Dr. Deanne Borgeson, Advisor

Taffe, Matthew, Moorhead, MN, Educational Leadership  
"Educational Leadership Portfolio"

Dr. Julie Swaggert, Advisor

Taralson, Kayla, West Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction  
"IPad Use in Second Grade: A Teacher's Perspective"

Dr. Teresa Shume, Advisor

Tubbs, Carmen, Fargo, ND, Educational Leadership  
"Educational Leadership Portfolio"

Dr. Julie Swaggert, Advisor

Weiser, Lori L., Dilworth, MN, Curriculum and Instruction  
"Building Sublexical Fluency in Kindergarten"

Dr. Deanne Borgeson, Advisor

Williams, Jeffrey D., Maple Grove, MN, School Psychology  
"The Effects of a Goal-Setting Intervention on the Rate of Homework Completion"

Dr. Mary Dosch, Advisor

Zacher, Tiffany, Moorhead, MN, Curriculum and Instruction  
"Improving Student Fluency Through the Use of Strategy Groups"

Shannon Dahlberg, 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 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 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.


## HONOR SOCIETIES

**Alpha Kappa Delta** seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities to help improve the human condition. Sociology students are nominated by MSUM professors for membership if they are an officially declared sociology major; at least a junior (third year) by standards; rank in the top 35% of their class in general scholarship or have at least a 3.3 overall GPA; have at least a 3.0 GPA in sociology courses prior to initiation; and have completed at least four regular sociology courses. Students are inducted into the society each spring.

**Alpha Phi Sigma** is a National Criminal Justice Honor Society. APS recognizes academic excellence of undergraduate criminal justice majors who maintain a GPA of 3.5 or above, nominated by faculty, and 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), Uprotrophia (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 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.



**Beta Gamma Sigma** honor society is 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 that a business program can earn. Since its founding as an honor society in 1913, more than 625,000 outstanding business and accounting graduates at all academic levels have earned recognition through lifetime membership in Beta Gamma Sigma. The blue and gold honor cord worn by Beta Gamma Sigma members feature a gold (metal) key charm attached to the knot above the tassel on one end of the blue cord signifying the wearer as a member of Beta Gamma Sigma.

**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.

**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 Grade Point Average 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 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.

**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 member's name, chapter, and date of induction on the back.

**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 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 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.



**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 twenty percent 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** is the national honor society for students who major in gerontology. The purpose of SPO is to recognize 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 majoring in gerontology and who are in at least their second term of enrollment with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3. Members of Sigma Phi Omega wear a blue and gold honor cord and a pin that bears the SPO emblem of the Greek letters Sigma, Phi, and Omega.

**Sigma Pi Sigma** is the physics honor society and was founded in 1921. Election to SPS 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. SPS 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 SPS comes from the first letters that compose the society motto Skeyiz Prostanth Sunesewz 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 (Sophia 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. 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.



## 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.....	Dark Blue
Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Social Work .....	Citron

## Academic Marks

### UNIVERSITY SEAL



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 her 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.

### 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.

## Past MSUM Presidents



Edna Szymanski 2008-2014



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## **Minnesota Carnegie Professors of the Year (CASE)**

Minnesota State University Moorhead is extremely proud to recognize the following State and U.S. Professors of the Year

### **Minnesota State Professors of the Year**

Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson (2014)

Brian Wisenden (2013)

Martin Grindeland (2008)

Ellen Brisch (2007)

Mark Wallert (2005)

Jim Bartruff (2001)

Andrew Conteh (1999)

David Mason (1994)

Evelyn Lynch (1992)

Delmar Hansen (1987)

Administered by CASE (The Council for Advancement and Support of Education) and sponsored by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the Minnesota State Professor of the Year award recognizes professors for their influence on teaching and their commitment to undergraduate students.

### **U.S. Professor of the Year**

Russell Colson (2010)

The U.S. Professor of the Year awards program, created in 1981, celebrates outstanding instructors across the country. Also, sponsored by CASE and the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching, it is the only national initiative specifically designed to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring. Only four national winners are recognized each year.

### *Criteria*

Extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching, which is demonstrated by excellence in the following areas: impact on and involvement with undergraduate students; scholarly approach to teaching and learning; contribution to undergraduate education in the institution, community and profession; and support from colleagues and current and former undergraduate students.

**Congratulations!**

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## Alma Mater

Dan Preston  
rev. C.E.R.

Charles Gounod  
arr. Charles E. Ruzicka



Where flows— the ri - ver through prai - ries to the val - ley 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, 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.



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