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*Commencement
Program
Class of 2007*

*Friday, December 21, 2:00 p.m.
Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse*

Our Mission

*T*he mission of Minnesota State University Moorhead is to foster excellence in teaching and learning. The University strives to provide an educational environment that supports intellectual development, that welcomes diversity, and that develops the skills and talents of women and men so that they have the capacity to live usefully, act responsibly, and be learners all their lives. The academic programs at the University are founded upon a common liberal studies experience and emphasize developing the unique talents of each person. The University provides baccalaureate-level programs in the liberal arts, natural and social sciences, teacher education, business and technology, the fine arts, and professional areas. It provides selected graduate programs in response to regional needs.

*T*he University encourages scholarly and creative endeavors that promote a commitment by faculty and students to their disciplines, to continuing professional development, and to excellence in learning.

*T*he University enhances the quality of life of the region with the professional, cultural, and recreational services offered by its students, faculty, and staff.



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.

Commencement

PROCESSIONAL	TRUMPET TUNES AND VOLUNTARIES BY CLARK, MOURET AND STANLEY Dr. Thomas J. Strait, Associate Professor of Music, Trumpet Mr. Michael Olson, Music Director, First Lutheran Church, Organ
STAFF BEARER	DR. I. KENNETH SMEMO Professor of History
INTRODUCTION	DR. ROLAND E. BARDEN President of Minnesota State University Moorhead
GREETINGS	GAIL M. OLSON, GENERAL COUNSEL Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
WELCOME	THE HONORABLE CAROL WENNER Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees
MUSICAL SELECTION	"NO ONE IS ALONE" (FROM THE MUSICAL "INTO THE WOODS") Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim Travis Kuntz (tenor), senior Music Composition major Mr. Michael Olson, accompanist
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	REPRESENTATIVE BRITA SAILER DFL-District 2B, Minnesota House of Representatives, B.A. Art, MSUM Class of 1975
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES	DR. BETTE G. MIDGARDEN Vice President of Academic Affairs
CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES	DR. ROLAND E. BARDEN 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. KATHLEEN ENZ FINKEN Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND NATURAL SCIENCES BACHELOR OF ARTS; BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.....	DR. RONALD M. JEPSON 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	DR. RICHARD K. ADLER Dean of Graduate Studies
THE ALMA MATER RECESSIONAL	"FANFARE" BY JACQUES LEMMENS 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, in Nemzek.

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Brita Sailer



State Representative Brita Sailer is currently serving her second term in the Minnesota House of Representatives. First elected in 2004, Sailer quickly became involved with energy and environmental issues, emerging as one of the legislature's leading authorities on both issues. In 2007, she led the Minnesota Legislature to pass a nation-leading law making it easier for consumers to recycle electronic waste.

A member of the House Energy Finance and Policy Division, Sailer also helped craft groundbreaking energy policy passed this session. She currently serves on the Environmental Policy, Public Safety and Civil Justice, Telecommunications, Finance committees and divisions, and on the Minnesota Heritage Finance committee that encompasses arts and humanities, as well as other cultural aspects of the State.

A graduate of MSU Moorhead, Rep. Sailer worked for 20 years as a freelance artist in her pottery and painting studios, gave private art lessons, and taught artist-in-residency programs in public schools. While at MSUM, she focused on pottery and drawing, serving an internship in pottery with long-time Minnesota potter, Peter Leach. Sailer opened pottery and painting studios in Montana and Minnesota, subsequently turning primarily to watercolor and drawing media and working out of studios in Long Prairie and Park Rapids. Her pottery, watercolors and drawings are in collections throughout the Upper Midwest and Canada.

Prior to election to the Minnesota House, Sailer held positions in a wide variety of local and statewide groups, including community, church, school, county, township, and political organizations. While serving as a Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District supervisor, she was also the Area 1 Director on the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Sailer has worked in the Solid Waste and Recycling field for the past seventeen years on projects including initiating a successful recycling program at a major Minnesota music festival, waste reduction for commercial, government and residential sectors, and managing the Household Hazardous Waste program for Cass County in Minnesota.

Today, her legislative activities and accomplishments reflect a focus on working with government, private commercial entities and residents specifically in the areas of sustainable energy, telecommunications, natural resources and equitable educational and infrastructure opportunities to balance desirable outcomes with the realities of rural economics.

Sailer has been married to MSUM alum and Frazee native Phil Sailer for 33 years. Together they have two grown sons and last year welcomed a daughter-in-law into their family.



College of Education & Human Services

Dr. Teri L. Walseth, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Karen Danbom, Professor of Elementary & Early Childhood Education

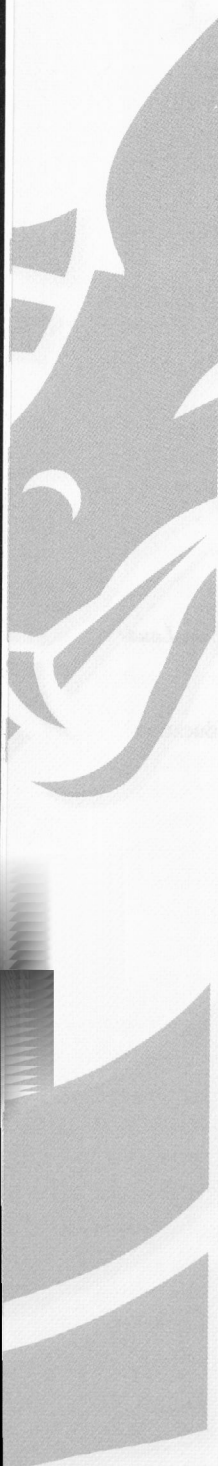
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Abelmann, Amanda Jean, Fargo, ND, Elementary Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
Ahrens, Kari Alissa, Barnesville, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Cum Laude*
Arness, Carrie Jo, Fargo, ND, Elementary Education, *Cum Laude*
Bedard, Louis John, Brainerd, MN, Elementary Education, *Cum Laude*
Beyer, Bradley Allen, Kent, MN, Physical Education, Health Education
Brandt, Merrin Utah, Little Falls, MN, Health Services Administration; Health and Medical Sciences
Busse, Leah Kathryn, Sabin, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
Carney, Stephanie Ann, Fargo, ND, Special Education
Charlton, Betty Marie, Moorhead, MN, Health Education, Physical Education, *Cum Laude*
Christenson, Jennifer Ann, Deerwood, MN, Elementary Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
Christl, Stacey Rae, West Fargo, ND, Elementary Education
Crayne, Amanda Lynn, Tower, MN, Special Education, *Cum Laude*
Donahue, Tyler Patrick, Motley, MN, Health Services Administration
Dunlap, Emily Ann, North Oaks, MN, Elementary Education, *Cum Laude*
Eldred, Abbey Marie, Moorhead, MN, Elementary Education; Coaching
Evavold, Vonnie Kay, Ashby, MN, University Studies
Fehl, Kelsey Ann, Willmar, MN, University Studies, *Cum Laude*
Feland, Karla Kay, West Fargo, ND, Special Education
Frost, Eric Robert, Bloomingdale, IL, Physical Education; Coaching, *Cum Laude*
Garman, Scott Patrick, Buffalo, ND, Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
Geiser, Kendra Anne, New York Mills, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
Haaland, Harmony Iris, Moorhead, MN, Special Education
Hendricks, Chelsea Kay, Alexandria, MN, Health Education, Physical Education; Community Health
Hensch, Danielle Jean, Campbell, MN, Elementary Education, *Cum Laude*
Hepola, Chelsea Brooke, Perham, MN, Elementary Education, *Magna Cum Laude*
Hinman, Carin Elisabeth, Fargo, ND, Elementary Education
Hoffert, Heather Ann, Wyndmere, ND, Health Services Administration, *Cum Laude*
Hudon, Aimee Lynn, Wyoming, MN, Elementary Education, *Magna Cum Laude*
Johns, Jessica M., Salinas, CA, Community Health
Johnson, Bethany Joy, Park River, ND, Elementary Education
Kading, Jenny Anne, Fargo, ND, Elementary Education
Kantrud, Sarah Kae, Ottertail, MN, Elementary Education
Katzenmeyer, Matthew Joseph, Starbuck, MN, Elementary Education
Kemmer, Natasha Mae, West Fargo, ND, Early Childhood Education, *Magna Cum Laude*
Koep, Eric Lee, Clitherall, MN, Elementary Education, *Cum Laude*
Koepp, Trista Rae, Huron, SD, Early Childhood Education
Kolling, Justin Joseph, Staples, MN, Exercise Science; Business Administration
Komrosky, Kristin Ann, Detroit Lakes, MN, Exercise Science; Health and Medical Sciences
Kopel, MaryBeth Jo, Donnelly, MN, Early Childhood Education
Krogh, Heather Michelle, Fargo, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science
Kuzel, Jennifer Lynn, Angus, MN, Elementary Education

Larson, Alyssa Rae, Walker, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
 Lindblad, Ashley Jane, Moorhead, MN, Special Education, *Cum Laude*
 Lindemann, Tyler Grant, Kindred, ND, Physical Education
 Long, Lindsey Kay, Glenwood, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Cum Laude*
 Lunski, Sarah Marie, Fargo, ND, Early Childhood Education, *Cum Laude*
 Mabrouk, Maisa Ameen, Tulkarm, Palestine, Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
 Magnuson, Rachel Laura, Fargo, ND, Elementary Education
 Malone, Laura Rose, Sebeka, MN, Exercise Science; Community Health
 McDonald, Tahnee Jay, Jamestown, ND, Elementary Education, *Cum Laude*
 Miller, Austen Bard, Pelican Rapids, MN, Elementary Education; Coaching
 Moe, James Leslie, West Fargo, ND, Elementary Education
 Morton, John Nicholas, Moorhead, MN, Exercise Science; Coaching
 Nagel, Lindsay Michelle, Bismarck, ND, Elementary Education
 Narlock, Ryan Steven, West Fargo, ND, Exercise Science; Community Health, *Cum Laude*
 Oliver, Cassandra Ann, Fargo, ND, Elementary Education, *Magna Cum Laude*
 Paintner, Sarah Wojtalewicz, Fargo, ND, Elementary Education
 Palmer, Allison Margaret, St. Cloud, MN, Elementary Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
 Pesta, Casey Paul, Moorhead, MN, Physical Education; Coaching
 Petersen, Meredith Garnet, Brookings, SD, Health Services Administration
 Peterson, Corbin Ann, Hugo, MN, Elementary Education
 Powers, Ashley Mae, New London, MN, Elementary Education
 Rittenour, Kelsey Jo, Benson, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Cum Laude*
 Robb, Mallory Anne, International Falls, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Summa Cum Laude*
 Rodgers, Cassie Rose, West Fargo, ND, Elementary Education
 Rund, Natalie Jean, Fergus Falls, MN, Health Services Administration
 Schroeder, Cara Elizabeth, New Germany, MN, Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education
 Shaikoski, Katie Jane, Fergus Falls, MN, Elementary Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
 Sneider, Larissa Camille, Glencoe, MN, Early Childhood Education
 Stroh, Samantha Jill, Bismarck, ND, Elementary Education; Art, *Magna Cum Laude*
 Vian, Heidi Lynn, Sparta, WI, Elementary Education
 Watkins, Alicia Renee, Sunburg, MN, Special Education
 Welter, Katie Jo, Crookston, MN, Exercise Science; Community Health, Coaching
 Wendorff, Jill Kristine, Hutchinson, MN, Elementary Education, *Cum Laude*
 Wickenheiser, Leah Kirsten, Fargo, ND, Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
 Young, Brandon Cody, Frazee, MN, Elementary Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
 Young, Nicole L., Blaine, MN, Elementary Education, *Cum Laude*
 Ziegler, Stephanie Lee, Detroit Lakes, MN, Elementary Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Adhikari, Sita, Kathmandu, Nepal, Nursing, *Cum Laude*
 Baker, Dena Marian, Frazee, MN, Nursing
 Byers Foote, Andrea Kay, Long Prairie, MN, Nursing
 Harren, Jaclyn Marie, Redwood Falls, MN, Nursing
 Helgeson, Bethany Ann, Spicer, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*
 Hoyt, Kelsey Marie, Mayville, ND, Nursing
 Juvland, Trisha Leann, Mounds View, MN, Nursing



Kari, Robert Bernt, Moorhead, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*
Kibe, Julius Njure, Nirobe, Kenya, Nursing
Knoshal, DeAnne Marie, Montevideo, MN, Nursing
Kurtti, Renita Elaine, Menahga, MN, Nursing
Lee, In Jin, Dae-gu, Korea, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*
Loberg, Carrie Ann, Staples, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*
Mehrer, Jenna Christine, Detroit Lakes, MN, Nursing, *Cum Laude*
Morth, Myriah Jayne, Wheaton, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*
Oemichen, Jennifer Jean, Great Falls, MT, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*
Oliverius, Ashley Nicole, Monticello, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*
O'Sullivan, Carol Jean, Moorhead, MN, Nursing
Pahl, Colleen Ann, St. Paul, MN, Nursing
Prado, Nichole Hannah, Walker, MN, Nursing, *Cum Laude*
Reynolds, Kayla Marie, Edmore, ND, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*
Rowe, Meg Christine, Dickinson, ND, Nursing, *Cum Laude*
Sand, Tracey Joy Wildflower, Moorhead, MN, Nursing; Community Health, *Summa Cum Laude*
Schmidt, Celine Jewel, Fargo, ND, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*
Smestad, Jennifer Lynn, Bismarck, ND, Nursing
Specht, Traci Ann, Minot, ND, Nursing
Tracy, Amanda Lynn, Fargo, ND, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*
Trygg, Jane Delight, Baldwin, ND, Nursing, *Cum Laude*
Visser, Wanda Lu, Ada, MN, Nursing
Wagner, Alice Toisie, Big Lake, MN, Nursing
Wang, Wendy Kay, Fergus Falls, MN, Nursing

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Anderson, Terri Teresa, Fargo, ND, Social Work
Bakko, Matthew M., Fargo, ND, Social Work, *Summa Cum Laude*
Beaudine, Nikki Marie, Lake Park, MN, Social Work; Community Health, *Summa Cum Laude*
Brehmer, Kristin Anne, Beulah, ND, Social Work, *Magna Cum Laude*
Burrell, Amanda Rae, Fargo, ND, Social Work
Christmann, Nikki Marie, Ashley, ND, Social Work
Dewar, Allison Samantha, Perham, MN, Social Work
Duncan, Joshua Lisle, Fargo, ND, Social Work
Envik, Nicole Annette, Moorhead, MN, Social Work
Erickson, Rachel Anne, Fargo, ND, Social Work, *Magna Cum Laude*
Foote, Kelsey Lyn, Langford, SD, Social Work
Fuhrman, Amber Marie, Bemidji, MN, Social Work
Funseth, Kari Jo, Northwood, ND, Social Work
Gravelle, Amber Brook, Dalton, MN, Social Work, *Cum Laude*
Heer, Erin Lee, New Town, ND, Social Work, *Cum Laude*
Hill, Sarah Dawn, Wahpeton, ND, Social Work
Holkup, Matthew Joseph, Wilton, ND, Social Work
Johnson, Suzanne Marie, Moorhead, MN, Social Work
Keller, Katie Renae, Bismarck, ND, Social Work, *Magna Cum Laude*
King, Melanie Renae, Aberdeen, SD, Social Work
Landberg, Cari Marie, Willmar, MN, Social Work
Lewallen, Amanda Brooke, Bisbee, ND, Social Work, *Magna Cum Laude*

Lohse, Krista Marie, Battle Lake, MN, Social Work; Sociology, *Cum Laude*
Martin, Staci Jean, Moorhead, MN, Social Work, *Cum Laude*
Peppin, Jenna Elizabeth, Buffalo, MN, Social Work
*Pochucha, Chelsie Ann, Dassel, MN, Social Work, *Summa Cum Laude*
Rindahl, Laura Ruth, Sauk Centre, MN, Social Work
Ruther, Tiffany Marie, Perham, MN, Social Work
Warcken, Matthew John, LaMoure, ND, Social Work
Zobel, Khalea Rae, Detroit Lakes, MN, Social Work

College of Arts & Humanities

Dr. Kathleen Enz Finken, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Theodore Gracyk, Professor of Philosophy

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Aberle, Jenny Lynn, Minot, ND, Liberal Studies
Dziengel, Kelsey Marie, Kennedy, MN, Liberal Studies
Gooselaw, Lindsay Anne, Fargo, ND, Liberal Studies
Hemmeln, Travis James, Perham, MN, Liberal Studies
Jensen, Kirk Wesley, West Fargo, ND, Liberal Studies
Mueller Kettering, Jennifer Jill, Lisbon, ND, Liberal Studies
Pierson, Kayla Sue, Fargo, ND, Liberal Studies

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Arntson, Jesse Allen Lee, Fargo, ND, Communication Studies
Bandy, Mark Stephen, Fargo, ND, Philosophy; Chemistry, *Summa Cum Laude*
Blotsky, Anthony Douglas, Moorhead, MN, East Asian Studies, *Cum Laude*
Botnen, Amy Kathryn, Fargo, ND, Spanish
Brekke, McKay Emilie, Fargo, ND, English
Bullinger, Jessica Marie, Fargo, ND, English
Burnett, Dustin James, Brea, CA, Film Studies; Psychology, *Cum Laude*
Buth, Tracy Ann, Moorhead, MN, History; Religious Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*
Christensen, Nicholas James, Moorhead, MN, Film Studies
Citrowske, Amanda Aron, Porter, MN, Communication Studies; Community Health
Coil, Tanner Everett, Canby, MN, East Asian Studies, *Cum Laude*
Cuypers, Travis L., Fargo, ND, East Asian Studies; International Business, *Summa Cum Laude*
Englar, Charles Christopher, Plymouth, MN, English/Mass Communications
Farren, Justin Lyle, Moorhead, MN, Communication Studies; Spanish, *Summa Cum Laude*,
Distinction in Engagement in the Colleges of Arts and Humanities
Feir, Nathan Gregory, Pelican Rapids, MN, East Asian Studies, *Cum Laude*
*Feirer, Molly Elizabeth, Minneapolis, MN, English, Languages; Psychology, East Asian Studies,
Cum Laude
Feuk, Angela Marie, Montgomery, MN, English
Frahm, Amanda Rose, Fergus Falls, MN, English, *Magna Cum Laude*
Geditz, Tyler Mark, Ipswich, SD, Film Studies, *Cum Laude*
Gustner, Sarah Ann, Little Falls, MN, English
Hager, Kari Jo, Salol, MN, East Asian Studies, *Cum Laude*
Halling, Andrew Peter, Watertown, SD, Film Studies
Hansen, Brian James, Farmington, MN, Spanish; Philosophy
Hellem, Scott Robert, Moorhead, MN, East Asian Studies, *Cum Laude*
Hoang, Alisa Lynn, Maple Grove, MN, East Asian Studies
*Hoffman, Peter Severt, Colton, SD, Philosophy; Music, *Summa Cum Laude*
Hoveskeland, Bret Laverne, Tolna, ND, English/Mass Communications
LeGare, Amanda Dee, Hector, MN, Communication Studies; Mass Communications
*MacMaster, Tess Ruby-Marie, Detroit Lakes, MN, English
Marion, Zachary Daniel, Bemidji, MN, Film Studies

Meindl, Amy Jo, Detroit Lakes, MN, Spanish, *Summa Cum Laude*
Neels, Nicholas Lyle, Ottertail, MN, Art, *Cum Laude*
Omar, Mitchell Hamed, Tioga, ND, English, *Summa Cum Laude*
Pender, Courtney Vanae, Moorhead, MN, History
Peterson, Joanne Carole, Fargo, ND, East Asian Studies, *Cum Laude*
Powell, Levi Bryant, Moorhead, MN, Art
Sheets, Jennifer Alyn, Fargo, ND, Philosophy, English, *Magna Cum Laude*
Steussy, Jessica Rose, Breckenridge, MN, Art
Vu, Amy, Minneapolis, MN, East Asian Studies
Weichman, Christina Marie, Eagan, MN, English
Wollmering, Joseph Frank, Moorhead, MN, Art

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Hehr-Miller, Falan Nicole, West Fargo, ND, Art; Art History
Olson, Travis Lee, Minneapolis, MN, Art, *Magna Cum Laude*
Parsons, Alla, Petrozavodsk, Russia, Art

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Ableidinger, Lewis Dylan, Kensal, ND, Music Performance, *Magna Cum Laude*
Zavalney, Adam Brent, Langdon, ND, Music Industry

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Aase, Kelley Ann Alice, Mt. Bethel, PA, Social Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*
Anderson, Rebecca Jean, Fargo, ND, English Education; Psychology
Bedell, Andrew William, Mahtomedi, MN, English Education; English Writing
Carrier, Katrina Kay, Park Rapids, MN, English Education, *Cum Laude*
Carter, Jeffrey Michael, Santa Clara, CA, English Education
Clark, Terri Lynn, Moorhead, MN, English Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
DiCosimo, Alisha Marie, Burnsville, MN, Social Studies
Eberhard, Kelsey Jo, Franklin, TN, University Studies
Fliehs, Robin Kay, Stratford, SD, Social Studies
Gavin, Mariah Jeanne, Lexington, MN, Social Studies
Grieger, William Rudolph, New York Mills, MN, Social Studies
Hagen, Leah Marie, Moorhead, MN, Art Education
Kline, Witney Marie, Bismarck, ND, Art Education
Larson, Christopher Marvin, Hunter, ND, Social Studies
Meagher, Ashley Elizabeth, Fargo, ND, English Education, *Magna Cum Laude*
Monroe, Alexis Kay, Baldwin, ND, Art Education
Odden, Chelsea Marn, West Fargo, ND, Art Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
Olson, Kari Ann, Crookston, MN, Art Education
Peterson, Gail Marie, Farwell, MN, Social Studies; Business Administration, *Summa Cum Laude*
Pforr, Dylan Aaron, Waconia, MN, Art Education; East Asian Studies, *Cum Laude*
Schmaltz, Austin Lee, Rugby, ND, Art Education
Simonson, Ethan Allen, Austin, MN, Social Studies, *Cum Laude*
Zierden, Jacob Mathias, Avon, MN, Social Studies, *Cum Laude*

College of Social & Natural Sciences

Dr. Ronald M. Jeppson, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Phyllis May-Machunda, Associate Professor of American Multicultural Studies

BACHELOR OF ARTS

- Appel, Stacy Noelle, Blaine, MN, Biology; Psychology
Bakewicz, Rebekah J., Long Prairie, MN, Political Science; Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*
Bakko, Matthew M., Fargo, ND, Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*
Balken, Nicole Lynn, Fargo, ND, Biology; Chemistry
Bentz, Sarah Marie, Fargo, ND, Psychology, Criminal Justice
*Blaha, Alissa Jean, Owatonna, MN, Anthropology, *Cum Laude*
Bodin, Geraldene Marie, Kindred, ND, Sociology
Brandel, Lea Marie, Cokato, MN, Economics, *Summa Cum Laude*
Bybee, Elizabeth Joy, Henning, MN, Political Science; Communication Studies
Carpenter, Meta Anne, Minneapolis, MN, Anthropology
Chalise, Saugat, Kathmandu, Nepal, Biology
Czapiewska, Zuzanna Maria, Paynesville, MN, Legal Studies, Philosophy; Spanish
*Dyer, Sean Thomas, Moorhead, MN, Anthropology; Art, *Cum Laude*
Entzminger, Michael Paul, Gackle, ND, Biology
Glarum, Brooke Janae, Mandan, ND, Psychology; Sociology
Grandbois, Joseph Jon, Hawley, MN, Criminal Justice
Grossman, Gena Louise, Moorhead, MN, American Studies; Music
Gurung, Bishwa Prakash, Pokhara, Nepal, Sociology
Hassebrock, Brandi Dawn, Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice; Social Welfare, *Cum Laude*
Heer, Erin Lee, New Town, ND, Sociology, Gerontology, *Cum Laude*
Henjum, Melanie Elizabeth, Pennock, MN, Biology, *Summa Cum Laude*
Hesse, Kellie Jean, Morris, MN, Psychology; Philosophy
Hill, Sarah Dawn, Wahpeton, ND, Criminal Justice
Huber, Jacqueline Marie, Bismarck, ND, Biology
Inomata, Shiho, Miyagi, Japan, Economics
Johnson, Crystal Michelle, Wahpeton, ND, Gerontology
Kannel, Casey Edwin, Colfax, WI, Criminal Justice; Sociology
Killoran, Mary Elizabeth, Fargo, ND, Psychology
Ladd, Hallie Lee Anne, Palisade, MN, Biology
Laughlin, Kyle Eugene, Willmar, MN, Criminal Justice
Lee, Jeffrey Arthur, Benson, MN, Criminal Justice
Leitch, Maraigh Brianna, Brainerd, MN, Anthropology
Leon, Love Marie Ann, Finley, ND, Sociology
Lilleboe, Kristen Marie, Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice, Sociology, *Magna Cum Laude*
Lipp, Amanda Marie, West Fargo, ND, Biology
Malheim, Ashley Lynn, Forman, ND, Psychology
Mathson, Scott Jeffrey, Harwood, ND, Biology
Meyhoff, Tate Michael, Mandan, ND, Sociology
Morrissey, Lindsey Ann, Glenwood, MN, Psychology; Sociology
O'Brien, Kari Marie, Sabin, MN, Biology; Art, *Cum Laude*
Olson, Michael James, Hendrum, MN, Economics

Omdahl, Gretchen Leigh, Robbinsdale, MN, Gerontology; Psychology
 Oni, Oluwakemi Omolade, Oakdale, MN, Biology, Chemistry; Marketing
 Oxtan, Adrian Rodney, Moorhead, MN, Psychology; Philosophy
 Pederson, Melissa Sue, Morris, MN, Biology; Chemistry
 Planteen, Jeremy Matthew, Moorhead, MN, Anthropology, *Magna Cum Laude*
 *Pochucha, Chelsie Ann, Dassel, MN, Gerontology, *Summa Cum Laude*
 Rothmeier, Karissa Kay, Redwood Falls, MN, Criminal Justice
 Roysel, James Charles, Bismarck, ND, Economics
 Schulz, Daniel Steven, Mora, MN, Criminal Justice
 Shonkwiler, Tracy Lynn, Moorhead, MN, Psychology
 Shuck, Christine Nicole, Kennedy, MN, Psychology
 Smolley, Jordan Kristine, Clarkfield, MN, Political Science; Mass Communications, *Cum Laude*
 Spiess, Rachel Lea, Moorhead, MN, Biology
 Tennant, Ryan Lawrence, Aberdeen, SD, Biology, *Cum Laude*
 Thompson, Stephanie Marie, Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice
 Volk, Amanda Elizabeth, Casselton, ND, Psychology; Marketing, *Cum Laude*
 Walin, Cleo Zappa, Minneapolis, MN, Sociology
 Wanzek, Stacy Marie, Cleveland, ND, Biology; Chemistry
 Watterud, Jessica Rachel, Crosby, ND, Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*
 White, Jesseca D., Liberty, MO, Criminal Justice

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Agyeman-Budu, David N., Tamale, Ghana, Physics
 Allmaras, Joshua Roger, Fargo, ND, Life Science Education
 Brandel, Lea Marie, Cokato, MN, Mathematics; Finance, *Summa Cum Laude*
 Chakradhar, Ashish, Bhaktapur, Nepal, Chemistry, *Magna Cum Laude*
 Claerbout, Nicholas James, Wheatland, ND, Geosciences
 Flick, Timothy Jerome, Moorhead, MN, Physics
 Hase, Kelly James, Martin, ND, Mathematics Education
 Janjua, Saad Zafar, Islamabad, Pakistan, Physics
 Katti, Nandini Rajendra, Fargo, ND, Life Science Education
 Lealos, Sadie A., Audubon, MN, University Studies
 Leitch, Maraigh Brianna, Brainerd, MN, Geosciences
 Malvin, William Park, Dilworth, MN, Geosciences
 Manocha, Amit, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, University Studies
 Nadoyama, Yuko, Okinawa, Japan, Chemistry
 Walter, Brittain Christine, Roseau, MN, Mathematics Education



College of Business & Industry

Dr. David J. Crockett, Dean

College Marshal: Dr. Shelton Gunaratne, Professor of Mass Communications

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Aaberg, Heidi Jill, West Fargo, ND, Management, *Cum Laude*
Abbott, Danielle Marie, Amherst, WI, Mass Communications
Abraham, Jancy, Lino Lakes, MN, Mass Communications
Althoff, Matthew Thomas, Mooreton, ND, Finance, Accounting
Baker, Rebecca Ann, Anoka, MN, Finance, Business Administration
Barchenger, Elizabeth Faye, Albany, MN, Accounting; Music, *Summa Cum Laude*
Barnett, Roger Donald, Fargo, ND, Accounting
Beito, Kaylee Jean, Roseau, MN, Finance, *Cum Laude*
Berndt, Jeremiah Edward, East Bethel, MN, Graphic Communications
Bewley, Brittany Louisa, Sauk Rapids, MN, Mass Communications
Binegar, Shelby Elise, Bismarck, ND, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*
Blotsky, Anthony Douglas, Moorhead, MN, International Business; Economics, *Cum Laude*
Bobb, Nicholas Michael, Fargo, ND, Business Administration
Botnen, Amy Kathryn, Fargo, ND, Accounting
Brew, Derrick Brandon, Dickinson, ND, Construction Management
Bryan, Travis James, Fargo, ND, Accounting
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Clark, Amy Marie, Bertha, MN, Paralegal, Criminal Justice; Sociology, *Summa Cum Laude*
Colbert, Jeremiah Richard, Jamestown, ND, Business Administration
Cribb, Aaron James, Breckenridge, MN, Construction Management
de-Souza, Jr., Richard Halm, Chaska, MN, Finance
DiAllesandro, Angelo Rafael, Dilworth, MN, Business Administration
Dobitz, Katie L., Regent, ND, Mass Communications
Dockter, Chad Dean, Linton, ND, Finance, *Cum Laude*
Ehrich, Travis Timothy, Owatonna, MN, Mass Communications
Engquist, Kadie Lynn, Herman, MN, Accounting, *Cum Laude*
Fabre, Jesse Justin, Moorhead, MN, Industrial Technology
Finck, Tiffi Corrina, Lehr, ND, Marketing
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Fox, Guy Brandon Thornton, West Fargo, ND, Construction Management, *Cum Laude*
Frolek, Luke Ryan, Lidgerwood, ND, Paralegal
Gast, Kevin Michael, Moorhead, MN, Finance; Management
Gast, Matthew Darrell, Breckenridge, MN, Construction Management
Geditz, Tyler Mark, Ipswich, SD, Mass Communications, *Cum Laude*
Geldert, Ashley Lynn, Annandale, MN, Management
Gessell, Amber Lea, Moorhead, MN, Finance; Economics, *Cum Laude*
Giem, Tina-Jean Nicole, New London, MN, Management; Communication Studies
Gilbert, Tyler Thomas, Cambridge, MN, Construction Management

Green, Brandon Jacob, West St. Paul, MN, Business Administration
Grindall, Shaun Kenneth, Detroit Lakes, MN, Industrial Technology
Gross, Jessica Ellen, Jamestown, ND, Finance
Gross, Krista Marie, Fargo, ND, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*
Grubb, Kendra Alison, Bismarck, ND, Mass Communications, *Summa Cum Laude*
Gussiaas, Kirk Bruce, Carrington, ND, Management
Hanson, Carl Victor, Fosston, MN, Accounting
Haukness, Gabriel Andrew, Moorhead, MN, Graphic Communications
Heisler, Donald Virgil, Detroit Lakes, MN, Operations Management
Heit, Jesse Louis, Breckenridge, MN, Mass Communications; Computer Science
Helfrich, Jesse Michael, Killdeer, ND, Graphic Communications; Marketing, *Cum Laude*
Hendrickson, Sarah Rose, Fargo, ND, Business Administration
Hoggarth, Aubrey Ann, Little Falls, MN, Business Administration
Holthusen, Cassandra Rose, Thief River Falls, MN, Business Administration
Hunnisett, Philip Anthony, Solihull, England, University Studies
Jacobson, Jason Robert, Fargo, ND, Mass Communications
Javed, Arslan, Lahore, Pakistan, Computer Science
Johnson, Crystal Michelle, Wahpeton, ND, Mass Communications
Johnson, Gary Lee, Moorhead, MN, Graphic Communications
Johnson, Megan Elise, Hitterdal, MN, Accounting, Finance, *Cum Laude*
Johnson, Molly Park, Detroit Lakes, MN, Mass Communications
Johnson, Trent Bradley, Bismarck, ND, Business Administration
Jorgensen, Ryan Dennis, Fergus Falls, MN, Accounting
Joshi, Kailash Raj, Kathmandu, Nepal, Accounting
Kamijo, Mai, Hikone, Japan, Marketing
Kapping, Russell Paul, Buffalo Lake, MN, Industrial Technology
Keney, Jennifer Mary, Great Falls, MT, Mass Communications
Kharel, Prajwal, Kathmandu, Nepal, Accounting; Computer Information Systems
King, Jaclyn Nicole, Moorhead, MN, Mass Communications
Knudson, Cary Elizabeth, Maple Grove, MN, Mass Communications, *Cum Laude*
Koep, Craig Francis, Parkers Prairie, MN, Finance, *Summa Cum Laude*
Koepe, Kristopher David, Britton, SD, Business Administration
Koppy, Loren Michael, Fargo, ND, Computer Science, *Magna Cum Laude*
Krabbenhof, Jena Lynn, Breckenridge, MN, Finance
Kruse, Darren Christoffer, West Fargo, ND, Construction Management
Kupfer, Justine Marie, New York Mills, MN, Accounting, *Cum Laude*
Kusler, Adam Lee, Aberdeen, SD, Graphic Communications; Mass Communications
LaRocque, Timothy Jerome, Plymouth, MN, Mass Communications
Larson, Brent Paul, Osakis, MN, Graphic Communications, *Magna Cum Laude*
Larson, Dawn Marie, Moorhead, MN, Paralegal, Criminal Justice
Larson, Jeremy William, Harwood, ND, Construction Management
Lausten, Maggie Nicole, New York Mills, MN, Mass Communications, *Summa Cum Laude*
Lenius, Tracy May, Detroit Lakes, MN, Business Administration
Lewis, Melissa Lynne, Minot, ND, Computer Information Systems; Computer Science, *Cum Laude*
Lill, Heather Janel, Battle Lake, MN, Mass Communications
Maas, Jennifer Ann, Ortonville, MN, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*
Machart, Craig Allen, Park River, ND, Operations Management
Malmquist, Ryan William, Grove City, MN, Management

Marquardt, Paul Robert, Edina, MN, Mass Communications
Mathiason, Brittany Leigh, Grafton, ND, Mass Communications
Meidinger, Linsey Jean, Wishek, ND, Marketing, Management, *Cum Laude*
Meindl, Amy Jo, Detroit Lakes, MN, Management, International Business, *Summa Cum Laude*
Mergen, Catherine Donna, Avon, MN, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*
Meslow, Kelly Owen, Walcott, ND, Management
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Middendorf, Nancy Linda, Melrose, MN, Mass Communications, *Cum Laude*
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Murray, Joshua Joseph, International Falls, MN, Computer Science, *Magna Cum Laude*
Murray, Sean Francis, Fargo, ND, Accounting, *Cum Laude*
Neels, Nicholas Lyle, Ottertail, MN, Mass Communications, *Cum Laude*
Nisbet, Daniel Patrick, East Grand Forks, MN, Graphic Communications; Art
Nocho, Serenia Michelle, Grand Forks, ND, Paralegal
Nolan, Katie Marie, West Fargo, ND, Mass Communications
Norris, Jacob William, Fargo, ND, Mass Communications
Nygard, Daniel Edward, Moorhead, MN, Accounting, *Cum Laude*
O'Brien, Sean Joseph, Valley City, ND, Construction Management
Olson, Larry Allen, Moorhead, MN, University Studies
Overbeck, Ryan Michael, Fargo, ND, Construction Management
Pagnac, Bennett Jon, Moorhead, MN, Graphic Communications
Paulson, Craig Everett, Moorhead, MN, University Studies
Pfeifer, Steven Les, Fargo, ND, Marketing
Pound, Elizabeth Ann, Remer, MN, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*
Powers, Amanda Sue, New London, MN, International Business
Powers, Craig Alan, Moorhead, MN, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*
Pressley, Sharon Theresa, Fargo, ND, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*
Pritschet, Brent James, Bismarck, ND, Business Administration
Privratsky, Jason Ray, Mott, ND, Management
Raschick, Jenna Leigh, Lester Prairie, MN, Mass Communications
Reed, Daniel Charles, Hillsboro, ND, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*
Reul, Kirk Robert, Perham, MN, Operations Management
Roach, Whitney Leigh, Lisbon, ND, Mass Communications; Health and Medical Sciences
Roderick, Jolene Marie, Moorhead, MN, Graphic Communications
Saylor, Teresa Rae, Wishek, ND, Management, Marketing
Scheving, Cory James, Crookston, MN, Mass Communications
Schock, Christopher Arloe, Harwood, ND, Construction Management
Schumacher, Andreas, Kassel, Germany, International Business
Seguin, Todd Paul, Fargo, ND, University Studies
Sherpa, Tenzing, Kathmandu, Nepal, Accounting
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Sorenson, Gerald Keith, Fargo, ND, Operations Management, *Cum Laude*
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Graduate Studies

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MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Neuteboom, Robert, Fargo, ND, Creative Writing
"Who Runs Away – A Collection of Short Stories"
Elizabeth Severn, Advisor

Prough, Colby, Fargo, ND, Creative Writing
"Summer Camp"
Lin Enger, Advisor

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS

Vinje, Rebecca, Detroit Lakes, MN, Liberal Arts
"Finding My Way: A Creative Non-fiction Memoir"
Mark Vinz, Advisor

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Aanonsen, Aaron, Sheboygan, WI, Educational Leadership
"Educational Leadership Portfolio"
Dr. Boyd Bradbury, Advisor

Anderson, Amy, Borup, MN, Special Education
"Assistive Technology Resource Manual for Early Childhood Special Educators and Parents"
Dr. Deanne Borgeson, Advisor

Barthel, Laurie, Long Prairie, MN, Special Education
"Methodologies for Teaching Children in the Autism Spectrum"
Dr. Deanne Borgeson, Advisor

Bickler, Jill, Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction
"Support for Novice Teachers"
Dr. Lynn Mahlum, Advisor

Dahmen, Matthew, Moorhead, MN, Educational Leadership
"Educational Leadership Portfolio"
Dr. Dorothy Suomala, Advisor

Eriksmoen, Karen, Fargo, ND, Special Education
"Preparation for a Transition IEP Meeting: A Meeting Planner for Parents, General Education Teachers, and Administrators"
Dr. Deanne Borgeson, Advisor

Herath, Ludmi, Fargo, ND, Public, Human Service and Health Administration
"An Assessment of International Student Recruiting Strategy at Minnesota State University Moorhead,
North Dakota State University and Concordia College"
Barry Halm, Advisor

Kennedy, Jodi, Moorhead, MN, Reading
"The Classroom Teacher's Role in Motivating Intermediate-level Students to Read Recreationally"
Dr. Peggy Rittenhouse, Advisor

Langlie, Teri, Dilworth, MN, Curriculum and Instruction
"Balanced Literacy in an Unbalanced World"
Dr. Steven Grineski, Advisor

Lenarz, Barbara, Alexandria, MN, Nursing
"Perceptions of Online Learning and Competency Levels in Nursing Graduates"
Dr. Barbara Matthees, Advisor

Lubinski, Jenny, Fergus Falls, MN, Counseling and Student Affairs
"The Effects of Lower Socioeconomic Status on Academic Achievement"
Dr. Duane Halbur, Advisor

McKenzie, Justin, Fargo, ND, Curriculum and Instruction
"Support for Novice Teachers"
Dr. Lynn Mahlum, Advisor

Rademacher, Melissa, Oxbow, ND, Counseling and Student Affairs
"Career Decidedness and the Decision to Participate in Cooperative Education"
Dr. Wesley Erwin, Advisor

Ray, Valerie, West Fargo, ND, Music Education
"The Boy's Changing Voice"
Dr. Rodney Rothlisberger, Advisor

Shepersky, Valerie, Menahga, MN, Counseling and Student Affairs
"Patients' Representations of their Therapists"
Dr. Wesley Erwin, Advisor

Sorvig, Dorinda, Red Lake Falls, MN, Nursing
"Students' Perceptions of Effective and Ineffective Nursing Instructors"
Dr. Barbara Vellenga, Advisor

Specht, Stephanie, Hawley, MN, Special Education
"Response to Intervention: An Introduction and Guidebook for Educators and Administrators"
Dr. Steven Street, Advisor

Vrtis, Brian, Detroit Lakes, MN, Counseling and Student Affairs

“Safe Zone, Safe Space, and Ally Programs: Awareness and Perceptions of People Who Identify as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender”

Dr. Duane Halbur, Advisor

Wahl, Ronica, Detroit Lakes, MN, Nursing

“Current Trends in the Management and Treatment of Adults with Pharyngitis:
A Review of the Literature”

Dr. Jane Bergland, Advisor

Winter, Jennifer, Dilworth, MN, Special Education

“Parents’ Perceptions of the Importance of Play in Young Children”

Dr. Deanne Borgeson, 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 who participates in the ceremony will receive a master's 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 LAUDErepresenting a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher

MAGNA CUM LAUDErepresenting a cumulative grade point average of 3.60 or higher

SUMMA CUM LAUDErepresenting 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 with an asterisk in front of their name 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 BOUD-ETASE, 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.

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) top 5% of junior class, or (2) top 10% of graduating seniors, or (3) top 10% of 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 American Psychology Society. The MSUM Chapter of Psi Chi was established in the Psychology Department in 1984. In addition to the national membership requirements of (1) a 3.0 GPA, (2) class rank in the top 35%, (3) completion of 3 semesters of college, and (4) 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 small gold pin in the shape of the Greek letter Psi over the letter 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 His-

pánica/), 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 depicts the famous Spanish coat of arms with lions in two corners and castles in the other corners as is displayed on the Spanish flag.

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 his 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.

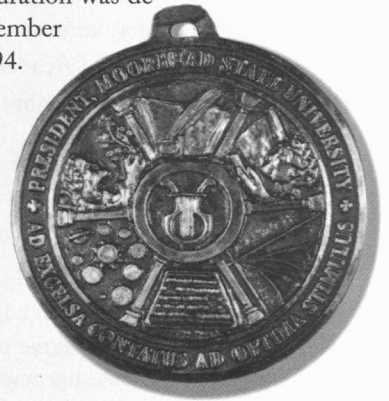
The staff was presented to then President Roland Dille in 1978. This year, the staff bearer is Dr. I. Kenneth Smemo, Professor of History.

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 re-charged by its symbols.

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



Faculty Retiring at end of fall Semester 2007:

Dieter G. Berninger	Professor, American Multicultural Studies
Shelton A. Gunaratne	Professor, Mass Communications
Kathleen G. Scott	Judicial Affairs Officer
I. Kenneth Smemo	Professor, History



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



Minnesota State University Moorhead is an equal opportunity educator and employer and is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all Minnesota State University Moorhead sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Registrars Office 2-weeks in advance at 218.477.2565 (Voice) or 800-627-3529 (MRS/TTY).

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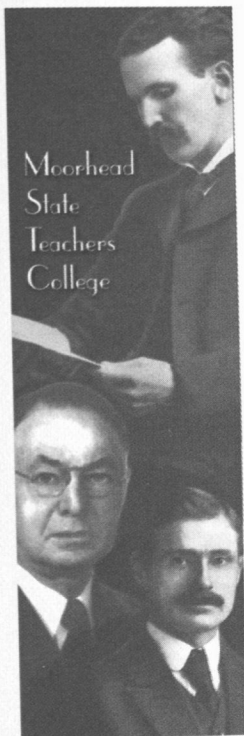
The Minnesota State University Moorhead banners feature the founder and the nine presidents of this institution from its founding as Moorhead Normal School to the present Minnesota State University Moorhead.

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



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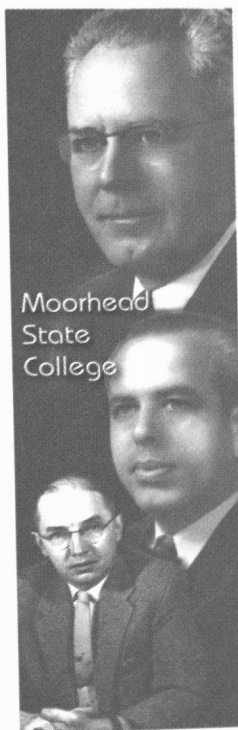
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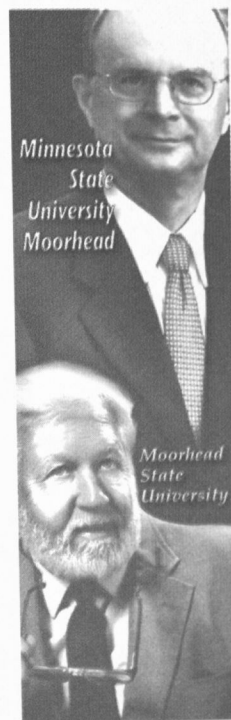
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Where flows — the ri - ver through prai - ries to the val - ley North,



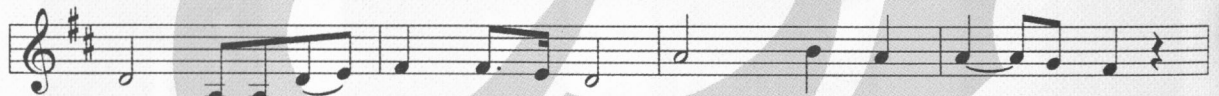
Seek - ers — of truth built a place of light and li - ber - ty.



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.