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ONE HUNDREDTH

Commencement Program



August 19, 1983 / 8:00 p.m.

Center for the Arts Auditorium
Moorhead State University
Moorhead, Minnesota

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Commencement

MOORHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
Moorhead, Minnesota

Friday, August 19, 1983
8:00 p.m.
Center for the Arts Auditorium

PROCESSIONAL "Trumpet Voluntary" by Jeremiah Clarke

WELCOME
Dr. Roland Dille, President, Moorhead State University

MUSICAL SELECTION
Suite in a (Op. 10) by Christian Sinding
Tempo giusto
Dr. Vernal E. Richardson, Asst. Prof., Department of Music, Violinist
Nancy Harris, Assoc. Prof., Department of Music, Accompanist

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER
Dr. William M. Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Dr. Roland Dille, President

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES
Dr. William M. Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE BACHELOR OF ARTS
Dr. Lawrence W. Byrnes, Dean of Education and Regional Services

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK
Dr. David C. Nelson, Dean of Business, Industry, and Applied Programs

MASTER OF SCIENCE
Dr. William M. Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES
Dr. Roland Dille, President
Mr. Don Engberg, Registrar

"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"

RECESSIONAL "Trumpet Tune" by Henry Purcell

The audience is asked to stand for the Processional and Recessional

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

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Nygaard, Dale Gerald
Dilworth, Minnesota
Liberal Arts

Rust, Kathryn Janet
Minnetonka, Minnesota
Liberal Arts

Sulaiman, Khider Ali
Moorhead, Minnesota
Liberal Arts

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Aanerud, Clay Allan
Waubun, Minnesota
Career Education

Bjorgan, Maureen Kay
Red Lake Falls, Minnesota
Early Childhood Education

Fish, Susan Pederson
Moorhead, Minnesota
Medical Records Technology

Goodwin, James Dennis
White Earth, Minnesota
Career Education

Higgins, Janet Dell
Woodworth, North Dakota
Accounting

Lepird, Jack Andrew
West Fargo, North Dakota
Business Administration

Nord, Naomi Ann
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota
Secretarial Science

Swiers, Jennifer Lee
Bejou, Minnesota
Early and Exceptional
Education

Tennessen, Kristi Sue
Madison, Minnesota
Accounting

Warren, Wally Ann
Ogema, Minnesota
Career Education

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Adams, Norman William
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
History
Cum Laude

Adler, John Patrick
Moorhead, Minnesota
Theatre Arts

Arnold, Linda Diane
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
Psychology, Criminal Justice

Bachmeier, Leigh Ann
Moorhead, Minnesota
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Benham, Rick Frank
Park Rapids, Minnesota
Mathematics

Brown, Kenneth Edward
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
Geography

Cameron, Kenneth Scott
Hallock, Minnesota
Criminal Justice

Chan, Alfred Karho
Kowloon, Hong Kong
Economics

Cossette, Thomas Pierre
Fargo, North Dakota
Geography

Drengson, Julie Ann
Pierz, Minnesota
History, Anthropology
Magna Cum Laude

Entagh, Morteza
Tehran, Iran
Biology

Fenning, Kathryn Elizabeth
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
Anthropology

French, Debra Jeanne
Richfield, Minnesota
Physical Education

Green, Timothy Lee
Fargo, North Dakota
Art

Hesch, Mary Beth
Devils Lake, North Dakota
Psychology

Kays, Christopher Jon
Thief River Falls, Minnesota
Theatre Arts

Kowanko, Christopher David
Moorhead, Minnesota
Art
Summa Cum Laude

Kramer, Jr. David Michael
Fargo, North Dakota
Biology

Krein, Beverly Leroy
Moorhead, Minnesota
History
Cum Laude

Larson, Richard Arnold
Moorhead, Minnesota
History

Mathison, Joy Elizabeth
Ortonville, Minnesota
Criminal Justice

Mercier, Julie Fay
Moorhead, Minnesota
Sociology

Miller, Gregory David
Mantorville, Minnesota
Speech Communication

Nelson, Mark Nolan
Comstock, Minnesota
Psychology

Norberg, Jon Russell
Staples, Minnesota
Economics
Summa Cum Laude

Nordseth, Adaire Kaye
Canby, Minnesota
Criminal Justice; Sociology,
Psychology

Olund, Lynn William
New Rockford, North Dakota
Individualized Major: Criminal
Justice

Ostby, Robert Scot
Breckenridge, Minnesota
Psychology, Sociology

Pallansch, Patrick James
Jamestown, North Dakota
Biology

Pancratz, Greg Carl
Fargo, North Dakota
Philosophy; Political Science

Petrie, Loretta Marie
Moorhead, Minnesota
Psychology
Cum Laude

Pluth, Lori Lynn
Staples, Minnesota
Individualized Major: Family
Development

Pribula, Mari Ellen
Alvarado, Minnesota
Speech Communication

Quam, Jeffrey Scott
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
Biology

Riedesel, Edward H.
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
Philosophy; History

Schempp, Robert Gerard
Minot, North Dakota
Anthropology

Sheeley, Charles Roland
Mapleton, Minnesota
Criminal Justice

Sittauer, Mary Ann
Fargo, North Dakota
Sociology; Women's Studies

Sizemore, Gary Lee
Everett, Washington
Art

Trevino, Leonides
Moorhead, Minnesota
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Weber, Darcee Ann
Britton, South Dakota
Anthropology; Women's
Studies

Williams, Kenneth Stephen
Moorhead, Minnesota
Political Science; History

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Westling, Ellen Jean
Browerville, Minnesota

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Akhavan, Ramin
Moorhead, Minnesota
Business Administration

Allen, Eugene Webster
Moorhead, Minnesota
Accounting

Anderson, Sonjia Marie
Fargo, North Dakota
Business Administration,
Marketing

Anderson, Timothy Scott
Moorhead, Minnesota
Business Administration

Appel, John Louis
Browns Valley, Minnesota
Physical Education; Health

Arnold, James Wallace
Sauk Centre, Minnesota
Business Administration;
Computer Science

Astrup, Michael O.
Fargo, North Dakota
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Backen, Rebecca Jean
Minot, North Dakota
Business Administration,
Management

Bahrami, Khosrow
Moorhead, Minnesota
Computer Science

Beaudry, Lee Kevin
Argyle, Minnesota
Business Administration

Beck, Ellen Delmore
Sanborn, North Dakota
Mass Communications;
Psychology

Beckman, Susan Marie
Underwood, Minnesota
Special Education
Summa Cum Laude

Benidt, Gregory Everett
Rochester, Minnesota
Accounting, Business
Administration
Cum Laude

Bly, Victor Phillip
McIntosh, Minnesota
Hotel-Motel-Restaurant
Management; Management

Boldt, Randy Duane
Moorhead, Minnesota
Accounting

Brakke, Kari Rue
Aneta, North Dakota
Special Education

Brooks, Gary James
New Rockford, North Dakota
Business Administration

Cawelti, Peggy Jo
Underwood, Minnesota
Individualized Major: Mentally
Handicapped

Clark, Sandra Johnson
Fargo, North Dakota
Accounting

Clower, John Michael
Fargo, North Dakota
Accounting

Cole, Niles Allen
Wheaton, Minnesota
Finance, Accounting

Cornell, Cindy Wurl
Fargo, North Dakota
Business Administration

Crummy, Mary Ione
Warren, Minnesota
French (Education)

DeBruyckere, Arlyn Mathew
Minneota, Minnesota
Chemistry, Physical Science
(Education)

Delmore, Frances Elisabeth
Fargo, North Dakota
Mass Communications

Devia, Luisa Beatriz
Fargo, North Dakota
Office Administration;
Spanish

Dickson, William Bruce
Fargo, North Dakota
Accounting

Doering, Diane Marie
Crystal, Minnesota
Medical Technology;
Chemistry

Duginski, Jane Christine
Moorhead, Minnesota
Accounting
Cum Laude

Dunford, Charles Scott
Fargo, North Dakota
Business Administration

Eldred, Thomas Leo
Moorhead, Minnesota
Physical Education

Eng, Geraldine Marie
St. Paul, Minnesota
Hotel-Motel-Restaurant
Management

Engelsgaard, Beth Ann
Fosston, Minnesota
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Estes, M. Jo-Anne
Wahpeton, North Dakota
Mass Communications;
Marketing
Magna Cum Laude

Farris, Theresa Thompson
Fargo, North Dakota
Business Administration

Ferderer, Jane Marie
Roseau, Minnesota
Theatre Arts
Magna Cum Laude

Ferris, Perry Lance
Barnesville, Minnesota
Business Administration

Fetting-Ham, Charlene Caye
Finley, North Dakota
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Fitcher, Kelly Marie
Granite Falls, Minnesota
Medical Technology;
Chemistry

Fitzgerald, John Patrick
Fargo, North Dakota
Mass Communications

Fortin, Barbara Ann
Moorhead, Minnesota
Management

Fugere, Amy Jo
Belfield, North Dakota
Elementary Education; Child
Development and Family
Relations (NDSU)

Gitter, Jeff Peter
Bismarck, North Dakota
Mass Communications

Grafstrom, Valerie Ann
Salol, Minnesota
Elementary Education

Gray, Gerald Paul
Jamestown, North Dakota
Business Administration;
Management

Green, Timothy Howard
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Gregoire, Jean Marie
Cottonwood, Minnesota
Speech, Language and
Hearing Science

Guerrero, Ted A.
Moorhead, Minnesota
Individualized Major: Human
Services—Social Work and
Minorities

Hagen, Arla Hektner
Wahpeton, North Dakota
Special Education

Haugrud, LeAnn Carleen
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota
Art (Education)

Hellekson, Denise Marie
Moorhead, Minnesota
Individualized Major:
Counseling Theory

Hendrickson, Bonnie Lynn
Cottage Grove, Minnesota
Elementary Education;
Learning Disabilities, Reading
Magna Cum Laude

Herrick, Kristy Jo
Windom, Minnesota
Individualized Major:
Personnel Services

Holler, Jacquelyn Cecile
Browerville, Minnesota
Elementary Education

Houchin, Clay F.
Cathay, North Dakota
Finance; Accounting

Hought, Dorinda Svihl
Barnesville, Minnesota
Accounting
Cum Laude

Howell, Sandra Fahrnkopf
West Fargo, North Dakota
Elementary Education

Husen, Andrea Jean
Moorhead, Minnesota
Business Administration

Ista, DeNae Kae
Ada, Minnesota
Distributive Education

Iverson, Bonnie Jo
Luverne, Minnesota
Medical Technology;
Chemistry

Jacobson, Julie Michele
Morris, Minnesota
Mass Communications

Jensen, Jay Michael
Fargo, North Dakota
Accounting; Economics
Magna Cum Laude

Johnson, Carla Joy
Kensington, Minnesota
Mass Communications

Johnson, Debra Ann
Moorhead, Minnesota
Marketing, Business
Administration

Johnson, Judy Ann
Donnybrook, North Dakota
Accounting

Johnson, Karen Ann
Brandon, Minnesota
Industrial Illustration; Mass
Communications

Johnson, Margaret Susan
Moorhead, Minnesota
Mass Communications
Cum Laude

Kawlewski, Glen Anton
Henning, Minnesota
Hotel-Motel-Restaurant
Management

Kistner, Kristin Margaret
Fargo, North Dakota
Elementary Education; Music

Knueppel, Ronald Robert
Hanover Park, Illinois
Computer Science

Koski, Linda Ann
Park River, North Dakota
Elementary Education

Kremer, Michael Peter
Wheaton, Minnesota
Mass Communications
Cum Laude

Krzyzaniak, Annette Marie
Winger, Minnesota
Vocational Rehabilitation
Therapy

Kudelka, Lisa Jane
Forman, Minnesota
Individualized Major:
Personnel Services

Kuntz, Tim Leo
Moorhead, Minnesota
Individualized Major:
Consumer Physical Education

Laney, Marlene Diana
Verona, North Dakota
Business Administration

Larson, Barbara Jean
Garfield, Minnesota
Industrial Illustration; Art,
Mass Communications

Larson, Laurie Jean
Alexandria, Minnesota
Management

Leier, Karen Louise
Linton, North Dakota
Accounting

Lepird, Jack Andrew
West Fargo, North Dakota
Physical Education; Health
Education

Light, Karen Ann
Moorhead, Minnesota
Special Education

Lowe, James Steven
Valley City, North Dakota
Mass Communications

Maidment, Julie Wayne
Goodridge, Minnesota
Business Administration

Martel, Patty Jo
Harvey, North Dakota
Elementary Education;
Learning Disabilities

McAllister, Steven Ross
Moorhead, Minnesota
Management

Merrill, Kathern Retzlaff
Glyndon, Minnesota
Individualized Major:
Marketing Management

Moberg, Phyllis Berg
Fargo, North Dakota
Accounting

Moran, Mary Ellen
Jamestown, North Dakota
Mass Communications

Mork, Kari Emilie
Hatton, North Dakota
Marketing

Morkeñ, Leslie Dean
Pekin, North Dakota
Individualized Major:
Community Recreation
Services/Leisure Studies

Morrison, Carol Mahin
Wahpeton, North Dakota
Elementary Education;
Learning Disabilities

Myers, Julianne
Albert Lea, Minnesota
Computer Science;
Mathematics Cum Laude

Nelson, Darin Scott
Tuttle, North Dakota
Management

Nelson, Eric Jon
St. Louis Park, Minnesota
Mathematics (Education)

Nelson, Teresa Lynn
Lisbon, North Dakota
Elementary Education

Nielson, Debbie Jonelle
Warren, Minnesota
Finance
Magna Cum Laude

Norberg, Jon Russell
Staples, Minnesota
Finance
Summa Cum Laude

Nordin, Julie Ann
Moorhead, Minnesota
Business Administration; Music

Nunemaker, Paula June
Fridley, Minnesota
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Olson, Charley Nicholas
Perley, Minnesota
Industrial Education

Olson, John Francis
Wahpeton, North Dakota
Business Administration

Olson, Rebecca Ann
Moorhead, Minnesota
Elementary Education

Otto, Paul Edward
Mahnomon, Minnesota
Chemistry; Zoology

Owens, Dale Owen
Moorhead, Minnesota
Elementary Education; Learning
Disabilities, Reading

Palmer, Susan Marie
Provo, Utah
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Parenteau, Joseph Jay
Brooks, Minnesota
Individualized Major: Cinematic
Communications

Peterson, Kimberly Ann
Valley City, North Dakota
Medical Technology; Chemistry,
Mathematics, Biology

Plys, Richard Joseph
Moorhead, Minnesota
Business Administration

Pribula, Mari Ellen
Alvarado, Minnesota
Business Administration

Puffe, Jim Alan
Moorhead, Minnesota
Mass Communications

Qualey, Carmen Edwardson
Moorhead, Minnesota
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Randorf, Connie Frances
Crookston, Minnesota
Mass Communications;
Marketing

Ranz, Colleen Olson
Fertile, Minnesota
Accounting

Ree, Marc Raymond
Henning, Minnesota
Industrial Illustration

Reget, Howard Charles
Wayzata, Minnesota
Finance

Reisenauer, Sherry Lynn
Moorhead, Minnesota
Individualized Major: Visual
Communications Production
Summa Cum Laude

Rollins, Joyce Alice
Motley, Minnesota
Distributive Education

Samuelson, Sherryl Dekko
Fargo, North Dakota
Business Administration

Sandell, Pamela Kay
St. Paul, Minnesota
Mass Communications

Schlicht, Jayne Bot
Fargo, North Dakota
Special Education

Schmitz, Judith Kleingartner
Hawley, Minnesota
Early and Exceptional Education
Cum Laude

Schulist, Susan Carol
Park Rapids, Minnesota
Individualized Major:
Entertainment
Promotions/Management

Schumacher, Caren Miner
Fargo, North Dakota
Individualized Major: Marketing
Research; Marketing

Schumaker, Julie Mae
Dickinson, North Dakota
Industrial Illustration

Schwagerl, Beverly Herberg
Beardsley, Minnesota
Business Administration,
Marketing

Simon, Thomas Peter
Mahnomon, Minnesota
Accounting

Singleman, Joni Lee
Breckenridge, Minnesota
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Sipe, Todd Howard
Crookston, Minnesota
Finance

Stahlberg, Dawn Marie
Alexandria, Minnesota
Special Education

Steffens, Marlys Ann
Wahpeton, North Dakota
Hotel-Motel-Restaurant
Management

Stockert, Jeffrey Allen
Dickinson, North Dakota
Accounting

Stokes, Shelly Gwyn
Minot, North Dakota
Computer Science
Summa Cum Laude

Strehlow, Susan Jane
Bowman, North Dakota
Music (Education)

Strom, Keith Guy
Breckenridge, Minnesota
Marketing

Swanstrom, Scott Andrew
Fargo, North Dakota
Mass Communications; Speech
Communication

Swenson, Shanda Marie
Moorhead, Minnesota
Art (Education)

Tandberg, Kimberly Jan
Northwood, North Dakota
Accounting

Tessmer, Norma Jean
Campbell, Minnesota
Accounting

Thoennes, Allan John
Barnesville, Minnesota
Computer Science; Business
Administration

Thompson, Krislyn Koch
Bismarck, North Dakota
Accounting

Thompson, Sally Ann
Bismarck, North Dakota
English (Education)

Thorson, Cheryl Lynn
Fertile, Minnesota
Early & Exceptional Education

Velaski, Brian Joseph
East Grand Forks, Minnesota
Finance
Cum Laude

Veldman, Gregg Peter
Moorhead, Minnesota
Marketing

Von Bank, Denise Rae
Bismarck, North Dakota
Individualized Major: Early
Childhood Education

Waite, Elaine Gail
Guelph, North Dakota
Elementary Education

Walsh, Penny Marie
Mylo, North Dakota
Mass Communications; Speech
Communication

Walter, Debra Bailey
Fergus Falls, Minnesota
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Webster, Tad Richard
Spring Valley, Minnesota
Mass Communications

Wegner, Terry Darrell
Fergus Falls, Minnesota
Individualized Major:
Recreational Kinesiology

Wehrung, Lora Jane
Fargo, North Dakota
Accounting

Werre, Jeffrey Scott
Moorhead, Minnesota
Industrial Technology; Business
Administration

Werre, Lori Marquart
Moorhead, Minnesota
Vocational Rehabilitation
Therapy

Westling, Ellen Jean
Browerville, Minnesota
Art
Cum Laude

Wheeler, Robert James
Moorhead, Minnesota
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Wollin, Thomas John
Greenbush, Minnesota
Business Administration;
Marketing

Worner, Laura Jean
Fargo, North Dakota
Elementary Education

Wright, Stephen August
Crookston, Minnesota
Social Studies (Education)

Wulf, Sandra Lynn
Maple Grove, Minnesota
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING**

Roers, Mary Boeddeker
Garfield, Minnesota

Swenson, Gail Nelson
Moorhead, Minnesota
Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Bala, Jerzy
Killeen, Texas
Major: Criminal Justice

Brandt, Bonita Larson
Moorhead, Minnesota

Cole, Karla Kae
Frazee, Minnesota
Minor: Sociology

Erickson, Janna Kay
Crookston, Minnesota

Jacobson, Jean Marie
Moorhead, Minnesota

Mullen, Denise LuRay
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Pribula, Cathey Ann
Grafton, North Dakota

Roers, Mary Boeddeker
Garfield, Minnesota

Thompson, Leslie Ann
Fargo, North Dakota

Thoreson, Susan ReNae
Sabin, Minnesota

Total, Monica Helen
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Magna Cum Laude

Werre, Lori Marquart
Moorhead, Minnesota

Wilde, Shawn David
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Asper, Nancy Bjoralt
Bemidji, Minnesota
Speech/Language Pathology
and Audiology

Bartz, David Clarence
Bismarck, North Dakota
Elementary Education

Bergseth, Norma Altman
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
Special Education

Blank, Karla L.
Moorhead, Minnesota
Counseling and Guidance

Bry, Anne Coffey
Mandan, North Dakota
Speech/Language Pathology
and Audiology

Cassavant, Sandra Kay
Bemidji, Minnesota
Special Education

Christensen, Don Jon
Browns Valley, Minnesota
Music Education

Corbeil, Joseph Dwight Leo
Moorhead, Minnesota
Industrial Education

Fitzgerald, Mary Carol
Dilworth, Minnesota
Speech/Language Pathology
and Audiology

Fridgen, Marvilyn Christenson
Moorhead, Minnesota
Speech/Language Pathology
and Audiology

Helpenstein, Sheila Darlene
Ashley, North Dakota
Speech/Language Pathology
and Audiology

Hoaglund, Darla Charlene
Fergus Falls, Minnesota
Remedial Reading

Holm, Bonnie Gibbs
Lynd, Minnesota
Special Education

Joens, Ethel Barsness
Eagle Butte, South Dakota
Speech/Language Pathology
and Audiology

Johnson, Kathleen Elaine Marie
Minot, North Dakota
School Psychology

Maxam, Sandra Kay
Fargo, North Dakota
Special Education

Minge, Vera Haugen
Big Lake, Minnesota
Special Education

O'Keefe, Judy Sand
Fargo, North Dakota
Counseling and Guidance

Pender, Debra Marie
Barnesville, Minnesota
School Psychology

Reinhiller, Noel Hamann
Moorhead, Minnesota
Special Education

Saltness, Lori Jo Wigen
Battle Ground, Washington
Speech/Language Pathology
and Audiology

Widley, Robyn Rae
Fargo, North Dakota
Special Education

Wieck, Frederick William II
Fargo, North Dakota
Counseling and Guidance

MASTER OF SCIENCE (Tri-College University)

Bauste, Wayne Arden
Argyle, Minnesota
Educational Administration

Berg, Thomas Charles
Moorhead, Minnesota
Educational Administration

Hanson, Richard Dale
Lake Park, Minnesota
Educational Administration

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bergeson, Steven Jeffrey
Moorhead, Minnesota

Crook, Thomas Reed
Moorhead, Minnesota

Donahue, Kevin Gerard Joseph
Fargo, North Dakota

Heisinger, Michael John
Fargo, North Dakota

Rasmussen, Jr., Henry Elmer
Alexandria, Virginia

FIFTH YEAR PROGRAM

Berg, Julie Larson
Wahpeton, North Dakota

Foss, Carol Ann
Bismarck, North Dakota

Kalla, Margaret Tisher
Wheaton, Minnesota

Nesius, James Anthony
Lake Park, Minnesota

Sussenguth, Joan Wangsness
Breckenridge, Minnesota

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, or a divinity student from a layman. Because of the tremendous growth of American colleges, and the confusion that would result if each were to adopt a distinctive costume, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was organized. The Bureau has established a uniform code which over 700 institutions have adopted. Harvard, practically alone, still clings to its own traditional costumes.

There are three types of gowns and three types of hoods for bachelors, masters, and doctors. The bachelor's gown has a long pointed sleeve whereas the master's gown has a long closed sleeve, square at the end. The doctor's gown is characterized by a voluminous bell-shaped sleeve with three velvet bars. The colors of the bars are usually the colors of the faculty which granted the degree, but may be black.

The hoods for all degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree and have an edging or trim of velvet, the color of which indicates the academic discipline or faculty to which the degree pertains. The lining is exposed when the hood is worn. The bachelor's hood is not worn by candidates for the baccalaureate degree but only by those upon whom this degree has been previously conferred. The master's hood is considerably longer, has a wider velvet edging, and exposes more of the lining. The doctor's hood has wide panels at the side and is easily recognized since, of the three types of hoods, it has the widest velvet edging, greatest length, and fullest exposure of the lining.

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

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

Arts and Letters — White
Business Administration — Brown
Education — Light Blue
Humanities — Scarlet

Music — Pink
Philosophy — Blue
Science — Golden Yellow
Social Work — Citron

Academic Honors

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

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

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

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

Such honors are computed only from the cumulative grade point average earned at Moorhead State University.