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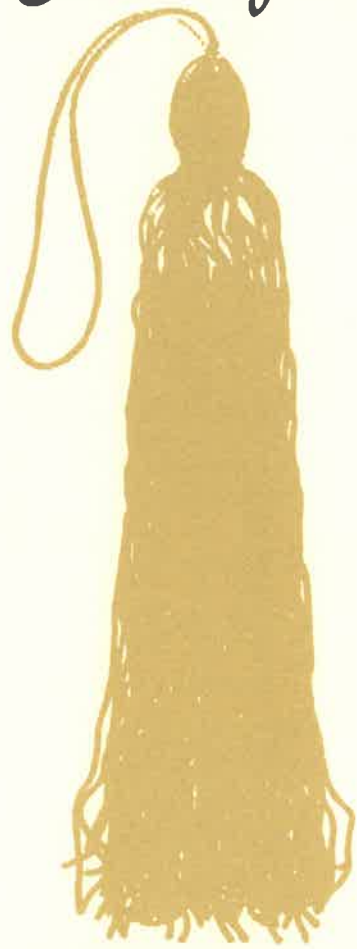
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*Moorhead State University*  
*Commencement Program*  
*Class of 1996*



*December 20, 1996 • 2:00 p. m.*  
*Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse*

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**MOORHEAD**  
**STATE UNIVERSITY**

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# Commencement

PROCESSIONAL "Trumpet Voluntary" by John Stanley  
Dr. Rodney J. Rothlisberger, Assistant Professor, organist

WELCOME  
Dr. Roland Barden, President of Moorhead State University

MUSICAL SELECTION  
"Without a Song" by Vincent Youman  
James M. Howes, class of '98, soloist  
Dr. Rodney J. Rothlisberger, accompanist

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  
Mr. Jim Ellingson, Educator  
Moorhead Public School System  
Class of 1962, 1967  
Moorhead State University Distinguished Alumni, 1996

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES  
Dr. Bette G. Midgarden, Vice President of Academic Affairs

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS  
Dr. Virginia H. Klenk, Dean of Arts and Humanities

BACHELOR OF ARTS BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS BACHELOR OF MUSIC  
Dr. Carol S. Dobitz, Dean of Business and Industry

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK  
Dr. Judith A. Strong, Dean of Natural and Social Sciences

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS MASTER OF SCIENCE SPECIALIST  
Dr. Lawrence L. Reed, Dean of Academic Services

CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES  
Dr. Roland Barden  
Mr. John Tandberg, Registrar

THE ALMA MATER

RECESSIONAL "Marche Romaine" by Charles Gounod  
Dr. Rodney J. Rothlisberger, organist

The audience is asked to stand for the Processional and Recessional

A reception will be held at the north end of the fieldhouse immediately following the Commencement exercises.

**ASSOCIATE IN ARTS**

Boser, Dana Marie  
Becker, MN  
Liberal Arts

Bushaw, Valerie Mae  
Pelican Rapids, MN  
Liberal Arts

Fischer, Jennifer Karen  
Fargo, ND  
Liberal Arts

Hamling, Nicole Ann  
Hankinson, ND  
Liberal Arts

Hansen, Victoria Suzanne  
Urbandale, IA  
Liberal Arts

Hoffman, Jean MaryAnn  
Morris, MN  
Liberal Arts

Irion, Neal Christopher  
Moorhead, MN  
Liberal Arts

McKeever, Danny J.  
Moorhead, MN  
Liberal Arts

Miller, Angela Marie  
Minnetonka, MN  
Liberal Arts

Moberg, Jason Matthew  
Clinton, MN  
Liberal Arts

Olson, Christopher Michael  
Leonard, ND  
Liberal Arts

Restemayer, Jennifer Marie  
Fargo, ND  
Liberal Arts

Schwarz, Jennie Mae  
Bismarck, ND  
Liberal Arts

Swenson, Leisha A.  
Fergus Falls, MN  
Liberal Arts

Tibbetts, Annette Kay  
Hawley, MN  
Liberal Arts

Wetterlin, Aaron Earl  
Glyndon, MN  
Liberal Arts

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Aldana, Jose Ricardo  
Fargo, ND  
History

Ando, Tetsushi  
Moorhead, MN  
Psychology

Barrett, Brian P.  
Moorhead, MN  
Psychology

Bonneville, Jeffrey Paul  
Fargo, ND  
Criminal Justice

Bosch, Dixie Lou Koskela  
Plummer, MN  
Psychology

Christensen, Bradley Jason  
Monroeville, PA  
Political Science

Colon-Ortiz, Vanesa  
Moorhead, MN  
Spanish  
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Cosgrove, Cristin Marie  
Fargo, ND  
English/Mass Communications

DeWandeler, William Lee  
Park Rapids, MN  
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Erickson, Todd Jason  
Detroit Lakes, MN  
Criminal Justice

Evenstad, Corey Keith  
Moorhead, MN  
Anthropology

Faul, Kelly Melissa Kaye  
Hurdsville, ND  
Psychology

Fercho, Joseph Alexander  
Fargo, ND  
Psychology

Grondahl, Jeffrey Earl  
Fargo, ND  
Speech Communication

Hagen, Cherish R.  
Clearbrook, MN  
English/Mass Communications,  
German

Harrison, Maria Lynette  
Luverne, MN  
Psychology, Criminal Justice

Helmer, Joshua Jeffrey  
Fargo, ND  
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Hennessy, Dawn Robin  
Burnsville, MN  
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Howard, Jesse Dean  
Mandan, ND  
Psychology  
CUM LAUDE

Hurley, Christine Marie  
Fargo, ND  
Criminal Justice;  
American Indian Studies  
CUM LAUDE

Husband, Kristen Ann  
Fargo, ND  
Psychology  
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Johnson, Sandra D.  
Hendrum, MN  
Sociology  
CUM LAUDE

Judah, Grant E.  
Wilton, ND  
Criminal Justice; Social Welfare

Kakac, Mathew Arlan  
Alexandria, MN  
Criminal Justice

Kiernan, Urban Austin  
Moorhead, MN  
Chemistry (Liberal Arts); Zoology  
CUM LAUDE

Knopp, James Robert  
Delano, MN  
History

Krenz, Aaron David  
Moorhead, MN  
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Kutz, LaNae Yvette  
Sykeston, ND  
Criminal Justice

LaPlante, Chad Oliver  
Fargo, ND  
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Libner, Wesley Shane  
Fargo, ND  
Criminal Justice

Lynch, Derek Andrew  
Fargo, ND  
Speech Communication

Martin, Christie Lynn  
Fargo, ND  
English  
CUM LAUDE

McArthur, Andrew David  
Prescott, WI  
Criminal Justice; Sociology

McCaskell, Holly Ann Fournier  
Dilworth, MN  
American Studies; Psychology

McClinton, Sean Thomas  
Moorhead, MN  
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Mellon, Terri Lynn  
Bismarck, ND  
Art

Moffett, Lynette Lea  
Moorhead, MN  
Spanish; Sociology

Moser, Chadd Lee  
Carlos, MN  
Criminal Justice; Political Science

Mugan, Christa Lea  
Fargo, ND  
Art

Nielsen, Troy N.  
Moorhead, MN  
Criminal Justice

Nitschke, Chad A.  
Fargo, ND  
Sociology; Psychology

Norris, Racheal Ann  
Fargo, ND  
Criminal Justice

Ochsner, Laura Jane LaBine  
Moorhead, MN  
Music

Oistad, Ingrid Faye  
Moorhead, MN  
Psychology  
CUM LAUDE

Owada, Naoe  
Sapporo, Japan  
Sociology

Poley, William F., Jr.  
Fargo, ND  
Sociology

Renteria, Jon Freeman  
Fargo, ND  
History

Schwegler, Michelle L.  
Albany, MN  
Political Science

Selle, Brent J.  
Dickinson, ND  
Biology; Chemistry

Simdorn, Maria Rosario Rosell  
Moorhead, MN  
Criminal Justice

Smith, Todd Reyburn  
 Fargo, ND  
 Political Science

Stevenson, Torrie Dawn  
 Watford City, ND  
 Criminal Justice

Sundlie, Jolene Rae  
 Horace, ND  
 Criminal Justice, Sociology

Swendseid, Mary A. Larsen  
 Darwin, MN  
 Psychology; Philosophy

Ulschmid, Susan Lynn  
 Carlisle, MN  
 Psychology, Criminal Justice  
 CUM LAUDE

Wangler, Kevin James  
 Fargo, ND  
 Psychology; German  
 CUM LAUDE

Wink, Shawn Michael  
 Brooklyn Park, MN  
 Criminal Justice

Zimmerman, Carmen Elsie  
 Bismarck, ND  
 English/Mass Communications;  
 Spanish

**BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**

McIntosh, Lorene Ann  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Art  
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Nelson, Sarah Jane  
 Bismarck, ND  
 Art  
 CUM LAUDE

Tyson, Virginia Kari  
 Rapid City, SD  
 Art  
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE  
 HONORS PROGRAM  
 GRADUATE

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC**

Lurken, William Garth  
 Nashville, TN  
 Music

Skorseth, Brian James  
 Lakeville, MN  
 Music Industry

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Amick, Michael Edward  
 Fargo, ND  
 Art, Sociology  
 CUM LAUDE

Amundson, James Edwin  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Accounting

Anderson, Alicia Rae  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Art

Anderson, Seth A.  
 Williams, MN  
 Industrial Technology

Anderson, Stacy Lynn  
 Viking, MN  
 Elementary Education

Anderson, Troy David  
 Princeton, MN  
 Special Education

Anselmo, Michael Howard  
 Colbert, WA  
 Computer Information Systems

Arel, Patricia Michele  
 Ada, MN  
 Mass Communications

Bagley, Jennifer Marie  
 Hoyt Lakes, MN  
 Legal Assistant

Bauer, Stacie Marie  
 Elrosa, MN  
 Elementary Education

Bean, Keri A.  
 Williston, ND  
 Mass Communications

Beckermann, Stephen Lee  
 Melrose, MN  
 Elementary Education

Benham, Kyle Donald  
 Chaska, MN  
 Elementary Education

Benson, Kimberly Clapper  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Mathematics

Berg, Stephanie Jo  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Special Education

Billmeier, Amy Joy  
 Morton, MN  
 Elementary Education

Borowicz, Bruce Steven  
 Strandquist, MN  
 Mathematics

Braun, Terrence G.  
 Rosholt, SD  
 Computer Information Systems;  
 Management

Brenna, Kris Ann  
 Fargo, ND  
 Finance

Brostrom, Jason Allen  
 Marshall, MN  
 Mass Communications

Bruce, Kristine Lee  
 Fargo, ND  
 Legal Assistant  
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Butenhoff, Daniel Wayne  
 Barnesville, MN  
 Industrial Technology

Carey, Robin Carol Thorson  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Elementary Education

Cherland, Kirsten Lynn  
 Fairmont, MN  
 Elementary Education  
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Christensen, Kris Eric  
 Morris, MN  
 Management

Christie, Steven Cy  
 Pillager, MN  
 Accounting, Finance

Condit, Kevin Dayton  
 Hatton, ND  
 Art

Cordahl, Kim Leslie  
 Fergus Falls, MN  
 Industrial Technology

Dalen, Jared Louis  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Management

Dalzell, Julie M.  
 Horace, ND  
 Legal Assistant  
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

d'Eustachio, Stephen Michael  
 Fargo, ND  
 Mass Communications

Dobson, Penelope Jo  
 Ironton, MN  
 Physical Education

Dockter, Sandra Kay  
 Streeter, ND  
 Management

Doll, Richard Henry  
 Perham, MN  
 Industrial Technology

Donat, Joel Evan  
 Fargo, ND  
 Management

Duvadie, Ashish  
 Fargo, ND  
 Finance

Eidenschink, Rayna Marie  
 Detroit Lakes, MN  
 Special Education  
 CUM LAUDE

Elden, Melanie Kay  
 Oslo, MN  
 Elementary Education

Enderle, Cheryl Rae Knodle  
 Fergus Falls, MN  
 Accounting  
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Entzi, Jamie Martin  
 Fredonia, ND  
 Elementary Education

Erickson, Kristin Alyssa  
 Paynesville, MN  
 Mass Communications

Evenson, Paul Norman  
 Belgrade, MN  
 Business Administration

Feist, Kim Marie  
 Fargo, ND  
 Elementary Education

Flavin, Michael Richard  
 Little Falls, MN  
 Mass Communications

Foley, Linda G.  
 Wahpeton, ND  
 Legal Assistant

Gagstetter, Amy Bridgette  
 Eden Prairie, MN  
 Social Studies

Gilleland, Christopher Charles  
 Fargo, ND  
 Business Administration  
 CUM LAUDE

Gorecki, Charles Patrick  
 Foley, MN  
 Social Studies

Granberg, Nancy K.  
 Fargo, ND  
 Legal Assistant

Grant, Aline Alice  
 Deer Creek, MN  
 Early Childhood Education

Grein, Casey Dean  
 Lakefield, MN  
 Elementary Education  
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Gross, Brian M.  
 Fargo, ND  
 Mass Communications

Gulseth, Mark Kevin  
 Callaway, MN  
 Physical Education

Gunther, Renee Christine  
 Fairmont, MN  
 Mass Communications

Hager, Nicole Lea  
 Battle Lake, MN  
 Business Administration

Halvorson, Christopher John  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Elementary Education

Haner, Farida Yustanti  
 Fargo, ND  
 Finance

Hanson, Timothy Bruce  
 Willmar, MN  
 Elementary Education

Harris, Ulysses Kevin, Jr.  
 Andover, MN  
 Mass Communications; Marketing

Heinzen, Brian Matthew  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Finance

Hoffert, Jessica M.  
 Rugby, ND  
 Mass Communications

Holmberg, Marcus Adam  
 Minneapolis, MN  
 Finance; German

Huotari, Heidi Jane  
 Sabin, MN  
 Early Childhood Education

Hurni, Amy Carole  
 Princeton, MN  
 Legal Assistant

Ingstad, Jessica Ann  
 Coon Rapids, MN  
 Speech/Language/Hearing  
 Sciences

Isokawa, Ryuta  
 Miyagi, Japan  
 Mass Communications

Jacobs, Lori Ann  
 Fergus Falls, MN  
 Special Education; Early  
 Childhood Education

Jensen, Paula May  
 Ashby, MN  
 Accounting

Jorgenson, Janine Marie  
 Wadena, MN  
 Early Childhood Education

Kallio, Renee Lynn  
 Two Harbors, MN  
 Accounting  
 CUM LAUDE

Kawafune, Michiru  
 Chiba, Japan  
 Mass Communications

Kennedy, Matthew Brandon  
 Webster, SD  
 Elementary Education  
 CUM LAUDE

Kern, Collete Marcelene  
 Madison Lake, MN  
 Physical Education

King, Matthew Russell  
 Perham, MN  
 Mass Communications

Klein, Rebecca Ann  
 Munich, ND  
 Speech/Language/Hearing  
 Sciences  
 CUM LAUDE

Kopacek, Kyle Stanley  
 Olivia, MN  
 Physical Education

Kramber, Logan Lee  
 Glenwood, MN  
 Special Education

Krolak, Jason Paul  
 Minneapolis, MN  
 Management

Kung, Ling-Shao  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Marketing

Kunza, Michael Jahn  
 Perham, MN  
 Elementary Education

Larson, Melissa Lynn  
 Atwater, MN  
 Elementary Education

Latterell, Darin Joseph  
 Kelliher, MN  
 Finance

Lenssen, Matthew Henry  
 Browns Valley, MN  
 Physical Science

Lettau, Patrick Dean  
 Maynard, MN  
 Finance

Liebl, Gail Dawn  
 Mahnomon, MN  
 Mass Communications  
 CUM LAUDE

Loiseau, Caroline Johanne  
 Moorhead, MN  
 French

Luther, Jason Gary  
 Casselton, ND  
 Accounting

Mack, Stacie Maria  
 Anamoose, ND  
 Elementary Education, Special  
 Education

Malone, Timothy Maurice  
 Deer Creek, MN  
 Physical Education, Health  
 Education

Maresh, Kristen M.  
 Apple Valley, MN  
 Finance

Markuson, Brady Cameron  
 Henning, MN  
 Finance

Martinez, Eric  
 Fargo, ND  
 Social Studies; Multicultural  
 Studies

Mastin, Lynn Ann  
 Park Rapids, MN  
 Management

Melin, Julie Marie  
 Elbow Lake, MN  
 Elementary Education

Miller, Tamara Kay  
 Watertown, SD  
 Elementary Education

Moe, Michelle Kristin  
 Fergus Falls, MN  
 Special Education

Moe, Nathan Aaron  
 Rosemount, MN  
 Physical Education; Community  
 Health

Monsebroten, Todd Neil  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Finance

Moos, Karen Rae  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Accounting

Morris, Danielle Christine Hall  
 Fargo, ND  
 Special Education

Mostue, Ryan Paul  
 Pelican Rapids, MN  
 Computer Science

Nauman, Travis Dale  
 Gettysburg, SD  
 Finance

Neal, Jason Phillip  
 Saint Cloud, MN  
 Elementary Education

Neighborgall, April Dawn  
 Fargo, ND  
 Graphic Communication;  
 Mass Communications

Nelson, Darin Robert  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Accounting

Nguyen, Long Manh  
 Rapid City, SD  
 International Business, Finance  
 CUM LAUDE

Nienaber, Tammy Lynne  
 Fargo, ND  
 Mass Communications  
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Nikolas, Scott Thomas  
 Fargo, ND  
 Mass Communications

Olson, Bryant Jay  
 Underwood, MN  
 Marketing

Opp, Shannon Nicole  
 Fargo, ND  
 Elementary Education

Ordahl, Anette M.  
 Horace, ND  
 English; Mass Communications  
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Pauly, Deborah Karch  
 Crystal, MN  
 Health Education

Pederson, Cynthia Kay  
 West Fargo, ND  
 Social Studies

Perdaems, Jennifer Lou  
 South Heart, ND  
 Elementary Education  
 CUM LAUDE

Pilger, Laurel Diane  
 Moorhead, MN  
 Accounting  
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Pistorius, Stacy Marie  
 Rosholt, SD  
 Elementary Education  
 CUM LAUDE

Quam, Jennifer Kay  
Wyndmere, ND  
Finance

Radtke, Becky Lynn  
Correll, MN  
Finance; Accounting

Rath, Danette Jennifer  
Buffalo Lake, MN  
Mass Communications

Rechtzigel, Brian Carl  
Albert Lea, MN  
Marketing

Reif, Jennifer Lynn  
Fargo, ND  
Speech/Language/Hearing  
Sciences

Rising, Gregory Harold  
Fargo, ND  
Finance

Roe, Megan Joan  
Bozeman, MT  
Social Studies;  
American Indian Studies  
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Roney, Brian Paul  
Center, ND  
Computer Information Systems;  
Computer Science

Rosendahl, Kim Jeffrey  
Madison, MN  
Physical Education;  
Athletic Training  
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Ruoff, Paula Marie Sherva  
Wheaton, MN  
Special Education

Ruud, Terry Edward  
Moorhead, MN  
English

Sadlowsky, Stacy Ann  
Avon, MN  
Business Administration;  
Accounting

Schaffer, Meredith Lynn  
Aberdeen, SD  
Elementary Education

Schauer, Stacy Lee  
Bismarck, ND  
Mass Communications

Schrock, Douglas Lloyd  
Fergus Falls, MN  
Mass Communications  
CUM LAUDE

Schumacher, JoLynn Veronica  
Fargo, ND  
Special Education; Early  
Childhood Education

Schussler, Diana Dee Johnson  
Moorhead, MN  
Art

Schwartz, Randi Janell  
Bismarck, ND  
Special Education

Schwarz, Kimberly Sue  
Jamestown, ND  
Elementary Education

Selseth, Jacob John  
Deephaven, MN  
Energy Management; Marketing

Shea, David M.  
Fargo, ND  
Graphic Communication;  
Mass Communications

Shea, Jody Suzanne  
Bison, SD  
Mass Communications

Sheppard, Jeremy Todd  
Isanti, MN  
Physical Education

Sherman, Bradley Scott  
Rapid City, SD  
Finance

Shermock, Mary Anne  
Excelsior, MN  
Accounting

Simon, Parnell Robert  
Fargo, ND  
Finance

Simonson, Jeffrey Cleve  
Highmore, SD  
Accounting  
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Sipe, Raymond Norman  
Moorhead, MN  
Finance

Spiess, Keenan Murray  
Fargo, ND  
Physical Education

Splonskowski, Lana Marie  
Bismarck, ND  
Speech/Language/Hearing  
Sciences

Steinke, Jonathan David  
Deerwood, MN  
Elementary Education

Stich, Sherrey Lynn  
Boise, ID  
Speech/Language/Hearing  
Sciences

Stoakes, Karisa Jo  
Luverne, MN  
Health Education

Treib, Shelley Constance  
West Fargo, ND  
Accounting

Trogstad, Sarah Marie  
Fargo, ND  
Social Studies; French

VanEngelenhoven, Daniel Turner  
West Fargo, ND  
Accounting

Velde, Sarah Ellen  
Alexandria, MN  
Early Childhood Education

Wagner, Sara Beth  
Mandan, ND  
Mass Communications

Wald, Jessica Marie  
Bismarck, ND  
Marketing

Warzecha, Steven Allen  
Royalton, MN  
Accounting, Finance

Weets, Marty David  
Audubon, MN  
Accounting

Weis, Alison Kay  
Delano, MN  
Speech/Language/Hearing  
Sciences

White, Troy A.  
Fargo, ND  
Mass Communications

Wold, Todd Randall  
Binford, ND  
Accounting

Wood, Elizabeth Deborah  
Bismarck, ND  
Speech/Language/Hearing  
Sciences

Zahn, Molly Ann  
Minnetonka, MN  
Management

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
NURSING**

Hamilton, Sharron Patricia  
Grand Forks, ND  
Nursing

Krejci, Jeanne Marie  
Frazee, MN  
Nursing

Olson, Rebecca Lynn  
Fargo, ND  
Nursing

Riley, Jeanne Anne  
Frazee, MN  
Nursing

**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

Dahl, James Henry  
Fergus Falls, MN  
Social Work

Erickson, Tamara Kay Norr  
Fargo, ND  
Social Work

Fischer, Jennifer Lee  
Bismarck, ND  
Social Work; Psychology

Gabbert, Cynthia Marie  
Fargo, ND  
Social Work

Gaikowski, Maria Eileen  
Fargo, ND  
Social Work

Graham, Traci Lee  
Frazee, MN  
Social Work

Kakac, Mathew Arlan  
Alexandria, MN  
Social Work

Ortez, John Reuben  
Moorhead, MN  
Social Work

Ulfers, Laura Mary  
Beach, ND  
Social Work

Williams, Joyce Marie  
Detroit Lakes, MN  
Social Work  
CUM LAUDE

Wyne, Dawn Marie  
Fargo, ND  
Social Work

**MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS**

Edwards, Deanna Lynea  
Moorhead, MN  
Liberal Arts

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Bartholomay, Joel R.  
Fargo, ND  
School Psychology

Gallo, Michael Paul  
Moorhead, MN  
Elementary Education

Kerkhoff, Barbara K.  
Moorhead, MN  
Counseling & Student Affairs

Kray, Melanie Ann Steinhoff  
Windom, MN  
School Psychology

Perreault, Laurie Jo  
Champlin, MN  
Special Education

Peterson, Heather Marie  
Raymond, MN  
School Psychology

Rustad, Lavonne Gail Carlson  
Fargo, ND  
Music Education

Sporleder, Jill Lynn  
Moorhead, MN  
Music Education

Strandberg, Tammy J.  
Strathcona, MN  
School Psychology

Swartz, Connie Hoerner  
Fargo, ND  
Reading

VonSchriltz, Dwight James Matthew  
Fargo, ND  
School Psychology

Ziegler-Johnson, Adeline T.  
Fargo, ND  
School Psychology

**SPECIALIST**

Carlson, Jill Annette Christianson  
Climax, MN  
School Psychology

Wilson, Denise C.  
Fergus Falls, MN  
School Psychology

## *The University Mace*

As the official symbol of the university's power and authority, this staff is carried in academic processions by the university president or his designee. Lyle Laske, Professor of Art at Moorhead State University, crafted the staff for the university in memory of his colleague and friend, Dr. Roy Boe, who served as an associate professor of art from 1967 to his death in 1976. The staff is sculpted from Brazilian rosewood rubbed and polished to a deep luster. Its tips are cast in bronze and gold plated. The top piece on the staff, also in rosewood, is shaped in a universal form which symbolizes the medieval northern world. The staff rests in a base that is a solid, circular piece of rosewood.

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

## *The Presidential Medallion*

The Presidential Medallion serves as a sign of the educational mission of Moorhead State University. The President's commitment to the University's purposes is renewed in each solemn academic function, when it is appropriate to wear the medallion and be recharged by its symbols.

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

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

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

Astronomy is represented by the nine planets of the solar system, with Earth, its moon and Saturn distinguishable from the other planets. A primitive

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

## *Centennial Banners*

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

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

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

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

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

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

## *Faculty Members Retiring*

### *This Fall*

Lyle Laske, Professor, Art

Milton Legg, Professor, Mathematics

Melva Moline, Associate Professor,  
Mass Communications

## *Academic Honors*

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

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

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

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

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

## *Academic Attire*

The caps and gown worn at formal academic events in American colleges are the direct descendants of the everyday costumes worn in the universities of Medieval England when each school had its peculiar dress so that an Oxford student could be distinguished from a Cambridge student, or a divinity student from a layman. Because of the tremendous growth of American colleges, and the confusion that would result if each were to adopt a distinctive costume, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was organized. The Bureau has established a uniform

code that over 700 institutions have adopted.

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

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

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

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

Arts and Letters—White  
Business Administration—Brown  
Education—Light Blue  
Humanities—Scarlet  
Law—Purple  
Music—Pink  
Philosophy—Blue  
Science—Golden Yellow  
Social Work—Citron

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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