



CLASS OF 2025 MAY 16, 2025

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD





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## Our Mission

Minnesota State University Moorhead is a caring community promising all students the opportunity to discover their passions, the rigor to develop intellectually and the versatility to shape a changing world.

## Our Purpose

In the simplest and most idealistic terms, our purpose at Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) is to transform the world by transforming lives. Nowhere is this purpose more evident than at Commencement, as our newest graduates prepare to make their marks on the world. They join thousands of MSUM alumni who have experienced the transformative power of higher education and used their education to make our world a better place.

## Our Core Values

As members of the MSUM community, our graduates embody the core values that define MSUM:

### GRIT:

- ▶ We are “scrappy” and resourceful.
- ▶ We have big goals and the tenacity to achieve them.
- ▶ We have the courage to do what’s right.

### HUMILITY:

- ▶ We’re all on the same team and everyone’s role is important.
- ▶ We seek the best ideas and know they can come from anywhere and anyone in our campus community.
- ▶ We don’t take ourselves too seriously.

### HEART:

- ▶ We go the extra mile for our students and each other.
- ▶ We are passionate about our purpose.
- ▶ We are fiercely loyal to MSUM.



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.

# SPRING 2025 COMMENCEMENT GUEST SPEAKERS



## George Soule

George Soule, Minneapolis, has served on the Board of Trustees since 2017. He is an appellate tribal court judge for five Minnesota tribes, including the White Earth Nation. George is a founding partner of Soule & Stull LLC, where he is a civil trial lawyer.

Soule is a member of the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. He is a past president of the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association and a past chair of the Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection, and he served on the board of the Minnesota State University Moorhead Alumni Foundation.

He earned his B.A. from Minnesota State University Moorhead (formerly Moorhead State University) and a juris doctor from Harvard Law School.

Governor Mark Dayton reappointed Soule to the Board of Trustees in 2018. His term ends on June 30, 2030.



## Myles Montplaisir

Myles Montplaisir is best known as the creator and personality behind the You Betcha social channels. Myles and the You Betcha crew create humorous and relatable content that celebrates the quirks and charm of life in the Midwest. Myles has turned his passion for storytelling and regional pride into a full-blown media empire – including podcasts, merchandise, and business partnerships – reaching millions of fans across the country. Myles received a bachelor's degree in exercise science in 2015. He is a former Dragons football player.



## Gary Tharaldson

Gary Tharaldson is a leader of multiple business enterprises, including CEO and founder of Tharaldson Hospitality, Tharaldson Commercial, and Tharaldson Ethanol. He is a visionary entrepreneur and local businessman who has made a lasting mark on the hospitality industry, the regional and national economy, and the lives of thousands of employees.

Tharaldson's journey began in 1982, when he purchased his first Super 8 motel in Valley City, N.D. Since then, he has transformed the American hospitality landscape, developing and operating over 480 hotels, opening one new hotel per month on average over 40 years. His companies currently own 86 operating hotels and continue to develop new properties nationwide.

Tharaldson holds undergraduate degrees in business administration and physical education. Before branching into real estate and launching his lodging dynasty, he was a schoolteacher and insurance salesman. He has appeared in various national publications and received numerous accolades and awards, including the first Hunter Conference Award for Excellence and Inspiration, an award created to celebrate an owner "who has exemplified high standards in leadership, citizenship, and innovation and who has been an inspiration to the industry," according to Hotel Business magazine.

# SPRING 2025 COMMENCEMENT

**Welcome** ..... Mr. Daron Selvig, Master of Ceremonies

**Processional Music** ..... “Crown Imperial-Pomp and Circumstance”  
 Composed by William Walton and Edward Elgar  
 MSUM Wind Ensemble, Directed by Dr. Benjamin Druffel, Assistant Professor of Music

**Staff Bearer** ..... Dr. Jeremy Carney  
 Vice President, Faculty Association

**Presentation of the Colors** ..... MSUM Army & Air Force Color Guard

**National Anthem** ..... MSUM Chamber Singers  
 Directed by Dr. Michael Johnson, Assistant Professor of Music

**Land Acknowledgement Statement** ..... Mr. Jered Pigeon  
 Campus Diversity Officer, Director of Diversity & Inclusion

**Introduction** ..... Dr. Timothy Downs  
 President, Minnesota State University Moorhead

**Greeting** ..... Trustee George Soule  
 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees & Office of the Chancellor

**Commencement Address** ..... Mr. Myles Montplaisir

**Student Speakers** ..... Madison Hanson, 9 a.m. Ceremony  
 Demi Lee Carlisle, Tim Rehn, 2 p.m. Ceremony

**Conferring of Degrees & Presentation of Diplomas** ..... Dr. Timothy Downs  
 President, Minnesota State University Moorhead  
 Dr. Arrick Jackson  
 Provost and Senior VP for Academic & Student Affairs

## 9 – 10:30 a.m. Ceremony

**Dr. Robert Nava**, Dean of Graduate Studies & Extended Learning  
**Dr. Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson**, Dean of the College of Arts & Humanities  
 College Marshal: Dr. Susan Imbarrato, English Department  
**Dr. Ok-Hee Lee**, Dean of the College of Education & Human Services, Associate Vice President of Student Success  
 College Marshal: Dr. Joni Mehrhoff, Speech Language Hearing Sciences Department

## 2 – 3:30 p.m. Ceremony

**Dr. Robert Nava**, Dean of Graduate Studies & Extended Learning  
**Dr. Elizabeth Nawrot**, Dean of the College of Science, Health & the Environment  
 College Marshal: Dr. Craig Jasperse, Chemistry & Biochemistry Department  
**Dr. Adam Goyt**, representing Dr. Peter Sherman, Dean of the College of Business, Analytics & Communication  
 College Marshal: Dr. Theresa Hest, School of Communication & Journalism

**Conferring of Graduate Degrees** ..... Dr. Timothy Downs  
 President, Minnesota State University Moorhead

**The Alma Mater** ..... MSUM Chamber Singers  
 Directed by Dr. Michael Johnson, Assistant Professor of Music

**Recessional** ..... “Coronation March”  
 Composed by John Williams  
 MSUM Wind Ensemble, Directed by Dr. Benjamin Druffel, Assistant Professor of Music

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.

Join us for a celebratory reception after each commencement ceremony in the Comstock Memorial Union Sungarden Lounge. Enjoy cookies and lemonade while connecting with fellow graduates, faculty, and loved ones. We look forward to celebrating your achievement!

Please be advised that photographs will be taken at the event for use on the Minnesota State Moorhead website and in the press, Moorhead marketing materials, and all other Moorhead publications. By entering this event, you consent to Moorhead photographing and using your image and likeness.



## College of Education and Human Services

Dr. Ok-Hee Lee, *Dean*

College Marshal: Dr. Joni Mehrhoff, *Speech Language Hearing Sciences Department*

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

- \*Costa-Osburn, Mavis Marie, Eureka, CA, Early Childhood Education Non-Licensure  
Da Silva, Rafael Quentin, Rochester, MN, Sociology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Fremstad, Ethan Thomas, Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice  
Granroth, Nathan Thoren, Sebeka, MN, Criminal Justice, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Heglund, Emily Marie, Dassel, MN, Criminal Justice; Juvenile Justice, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lopez, Isis Sylvia, Chicago, IL, Criminal Justice; Sociology  
MacLennan, Elliott James, Edmontonton, Canada, Criminal Justice, *Magna Cum Laude*  
\*Mohamed, Asha, Fargo, ND, Early Childhood Education Non-Licensure  
Rustand, Taylor Lynn, Evansville, MN, Criminal Justice, *Cum Laude*  
\*Sours, Zoey Christine, Lisbon, ND, Sociology, Women and Gender Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Uhlenkamp, Brendan, Paynesville, MN, Criminal Justice; Sociology  
Van Der Hagen, Jenna Kathryn, Albany, MN, Criminal Justice, Sociology  
VanVoorhis, CaLee Jo, Becker, MN, Criminal Justice, Sociology; Political Science, *Cum Laude*  
Venske, Casey Edward, Stillwater, MN, Sociology, Criminal Justice, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Weishair, Cati Elle, Ham Lake, MN, Criminal Justice, *Summa Cum Laude*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Alshahmani, Fatima, Moorhead, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education  
Aranda, Emma LuElla, Hitterdal, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Baumhardt, Brooklyn Marie, Breckenridge, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Beckler, Tori Layne, Bismarck, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Bjorge, Nolan Lawerance, Little Falls, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Cum Laude*  
Boman, Kailey Nicole, Barnesville, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Bordwell, Lauren Marie, Baxter, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Christen, Abbie Elizabeth, Albany, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dudley, Dilynn Nicole, Big Lake, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Business Administration, Marketing, *Cum Laude*  
\*Engbretson, Beth Claire, Michigan City, IN, Speech/Language/Hearing Sciences, *Cum Laude*

- Feist, Jady, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Coaching, *Summa Cum Laude*  
\*Folk, Rhianna Kay, Milbank, SD, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Music, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Forbes, Kaia Joan, Arden Hills, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education; Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gedde, Allison Jane, Wadena, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science  
Grabau, Alexis Kay, Lino Lakes, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Cum Laude*  
\*Halvorson, Kyndra Rae, Hawley, MN, Early Childhood Education  
Hamilton, Abigail Christine, West Fargo, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Cum Laude*  
Hawk, Grace Elizabeth, Dilworth, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Cum Laude*  
Hefling, Abby, Blooming Prairie, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Coaching, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hill, Ashley Lynn, Ashby, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education; Special Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Huus, Makayla Rose, Fergus Falls, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education; Special Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Irsfeld, Madeline Grace, Browerville, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Johnson, Justine, Aitkin, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Johnson, Rachel Leigh, Baudette, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Special Education  
Kehoe, MacKenna Jeanne, Morris, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kelsch, Emily Elizabeth, Linton, ND, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Cum Laude*  
Knoblauch, Jacy Rae, Bemidji, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Lacher, Julia Ruby, Brainerd, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Lengerich, Lily Miyo, Salida, CO, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lombard, Kaelyn Rae, Becker, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Lundeen, Alexis DelRae, Detroit Lakes, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Malterud, Katarina Lee, Bemidji, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Melby, Anna Lynn, Alexandria, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Moske, Sabrina Rose, Alexandria, MN, Early Childhood Education  
Murphy, Abbey, West Fargo, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Cum Laude*  
Neuhalfen, Mackenzie Rae, Moorhead, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

Oconnell, Mckenzie Nicole, Moorhead, MN, Early Childhood Education  
 Oelke, Hannah Ruth, Pequot Lakes, MN, Early Childhood Education  
 Petersen, Grace Madolyn, Sauk Centre, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Peterson, Abigail, Albertville, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education; Special Education, *Cum Laude*  
 Ranz, Abigail Mae, Fertile, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Richey, Danielle Elise, White Earth, MN, Early Childhood Education  
 Riley, Elle, Moorhead, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Cum Laude*  
 Sandven, Ellie, Dawson, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Schedin, Annika Maki, Edina, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education  
 Schneider, Ava, Motley, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Schwanke, Zoe Lee, Verndale, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Cum Laude*  
 Shepersky, Hope Elizabeth, Sebeka, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Smith, Victoria Elizabeth, Fargo, ND, Elementary Inclusive Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Sperr, Hope Elizabeth, Donnelly, MN, Early Childhood Education; Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Tweeton, Avery Kenna, Glyndon, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Voges, Megan Marie, Pequot Lakes, MN, Early Childhood Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Wilhelmi, Makenna Leigh, Bertha, MN, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Zimmerman, Christina, Cloquet, MN, Elementary Inclusive Education; Special Education, Mathematics Elementary Education, *Magna Cum Laude*

## **BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

Anderson, Ashley Faye, Fargo, ND, Social Work; Juvenile Justice, *Cum Laude*  
 Bakken, Garrett Mark, Detroit Lakes, MN, Social Work, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Bjerk, Casey, Mahanomen, MN, Social Work  
 Castellano, Ella Skye, Grand Rapids, MN, Social Work; Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Clapsaddle, Lillie Sue, Hawley, MN, Social Work; Psychology  
 Danielson, Etta Irene, Baxter, MN, Social Work; Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Denoma-Olson, Alana Jean, Elbow Lake, MN, Social Work, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Dolan, Margaret Mary, Lucan, MN, Social Work; Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Erickson, Ana Margaret, Breckenridge, MN, Social Work; Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Freeland, Brooke, Blaine, MN, Social Work; Juvenile Justice, Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Heglund, Emily Marie, Dassel, MN, Social Work, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Held, Jude Stephanie, Breckenridge, MN, Social Work, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Helm, Emily Paige, Fargo, ND, Social Work, *Cum Laude*

Kah, Bernice, Philadelphia, PA, Social Work  
 Levie, Margaret Noel Kakac, Evansville, MN, Social Work, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Malanda, Lahina, Fargo, ND, Social Work  
 Mullikin, Megan Lynn, Dilworth, MN, Social Work; Psychology  
 Norman, Annika, Geneva, IL, Social Work; Psychology  
 Sharp, Victoria, Fargo, ND, Social Work; Art Therapy  
 VanEps, Taylor Jo, Wahpeton, ND, Social Work; Special Education  
 Waterman, Adriana, Fertile, MN, Social Work; Educational Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*

## College of Arts and Humanities

Dr. Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson, *Dean*

College Marshal: Dr Susan Imbarrato, *English Department*

### ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Aanenson, Tyler, Slayton, MN, Liberal Arts

\*Brown, Zoe Alexis, Fergus Falls, MN, Liberal Arts

Cole, Jacob Jasper-Roy, Monticello, MN, Liberal Arts

Larson, Gretchen Marie, Hines, MN, Liberal Arts

Lyon, Nate, Huron, SD, Liberal Arts

McDougall, Cindy Marie, Callaway, MN, Liberal Arts

Phillips, Eden Mae, Alexandria, MN, Liberal Arts

Reese, Emanuel James, Green Bay, WI, Liberal Arts

Storms, Katelyn, St. Cloud, MN, Liberal Arts

Whitlow, Amira Desiree, Blue Earth, MN, Liberal Arts

Williams, Elle, Lino Lakes, MN, Liberal Arts

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Christopherson, Dane Patrick, Sisseton, SD, English; Coaching

Czlapinski, Abigail Leigh, Juneau, WI, English

\*Dibben, Savannah Elizabeth, Lawrence, KS, English, *Summa Cum Laude*

Gracia, Joshua, Dilworth, MN, Spanish, *Summa Cum Laude*

Heselton, Carson Christopher, Faribault, MN, History; Film Production, *Summa Cum Laude*

Ishaug, Cassie Rose, Moorhead, MN, Spanish, *Summa Cum Laude*

Kaese, Arthur John, Fargo, ND, English; Media Arts, *Cum Laude*

Long Feather, Trevan, Bismarck, ND, History

Sebunia, Gabrielle LynnAnne Love, Aurora, MN, English; Women's Studies

Wendt, Kassidy Alise, Buffalo, ND, English; Advertising and Public Relations

Wurscher, Lauryn Victoria, Forest Lake, MN, Spanish

### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Acosta, Victor Mario, Metairie, LA, Film Production

Anderson, Zach, St. Louis Park, MN, Film Production

Cullett, Emma Rylee, Brainerd, MN, Graphic and Interactive Design, *Magna Cum Laude*

Donley, Nicole Danielle, Fergus Falls, MN, Graphic and Interactive Design, *Summa Cum Laude*

Ellingson, Benjamin Elizabeth, Crookston, MN, Animation

\*Iwayemi, Abinfoluwa Lydia, Lagos, Nigeria, Film Production

Jacobson, Samantha, Becker, MN, Art Education; Art, Psychology

Kluth, Jack, Huron, SD, Film Production, *Cum Laude*

Knutson, Michaela Lydia, Fargo, ND, Art

Koerner, Rebecca Jolie, Dilworth, MN, Art Education; Art Therapy, Art, Theatre Arts (NDSU), *Summa Cum Laude*

\*Krull, Jo, Moorhead, MN, Art Education; Special Education, Art, *Summa Cum Laude*

LaCroix, Alyssa Frances, Pine City, MN, Film Production, *Summa Cum Laude*

Leom, Kate, Milaca, MN, Graphic and Interactive Design

Matthews, Annabelle Rose, Mandan, ND, Art Education; Art, *Magna Cum Laude*

Meyer, McKynzie Jean, Kent, MN, Art Education; Art, *Magna Cum Laude*

Murphy, Kacie Marie, Waconia, MN, Graphic and Interactive Design

\*Muzquiz, Katie Louise, Detroit Lakes, MN, Art Education, Art; Art Therapy

Nubern, Jacob Allan, Lake Elmo, MN, Film Production

\*Ogniewski, Alex Kate, Bagley, MN, Art; Biology

Pontes, Kylie Rae, Albany, MN, Graphic and Interactive Design, *Cum Laude*

Rahman, Thomas, Eagan, MN, Animation

\*Ramirez, Yulissa Sanchez, Milbank, SD, Animation

\*Raube, Brandon Ethan, West Fargo, ND, Animation

Schultz, Bradley David, Blue Earth, MN, Film Production

Stroh, Carissa Mae, Gwinner, ND, Film Production; Graphic Interactive Design, *Cum Laude*

Terhaar, Ellie Cassandra, St. Cloud, MN, Graphic and Interactive Design;

Advertising and Public Relations, Media Analysis, *Magna Cum Laude*

Thai, Tommy Nguyen, West Fargo, ND, Film Production, *Summa Cum Laude*

Tutt, Kalley Rebekah, Hugo, MN, Art

Ugstad, Charlee, Fergus Falls, MN, Art Education, *Cum Laude*

Vaching, Daisy Melody, Vadnais Heights, MN, Animation, *Magna Cum Laude*

Vermillion, Jake David, Shakopee, MN, Film Production, *Magna Cum Laude*

West, Alayna Marie, Buffalo, MN, Animation; Media Arts, *Summa Cum Laude*

Williams, Abbi Louise, Lino Lakes, MN, Film Production

Williams, Dennis Michael, Audubon, MN, Art Education; Art, *Magna Cum Laude*

Wurscher, Lauryn Victoria, Forest Lake, MN, Graphic Interactive Design

Zaiger, Katelyn, Colorado Spring, CO, Film Production, *Summa Cum Laude*

Zeien, Miranda, Horace, ND, Art, *Magna Cum Laude*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Brito, Lucas Leme De Caldas, Miltona, MN, Social Studies

Burnett, Andrew John, Avon, MN, Entertainment Industries and Technology, *Magna Cum Laude*

DeLaRosby, Mitchell Henry, Alexandria, MN, Audio Production and Entertainment Management, *Cum Laude*

Fazio, Chance Joseph, Fergus Falls, MN, Social Studies; Coaching, Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*

Gracia, Joshua, Dilworth, MN, Teaching English as a Second Language, *Summa Cum Laude*

Griffin, Hannah Marie, Moorhead, MN, Teaching English as a Second Language, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Heglund, Christian Matthew, Bemidji, MN, Social Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Ishaug, Cassie Rose, Moorhead, MN, Teaching English as a Second Language, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Kensok, Adam Michael, West Fargo, ND, Entertainment Industries and Technology, *Cum Laude*  
 Kopp, Emily Kay, Beulah, ND, Commercial Music  
 Kurowski, Kayla Cindy, Cottonwood, MN, Music Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 LaRocque, Clay Flying Eagle, Belcourt, ND, Commercial Music, *Cum Laude*  
 Martin, Tyler Cade, Moorhead, MN, Social Studies  
 Morton, Zach Thomas, Glenwood, MN, Entertainment Industries and Technology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Moyer, Noah, Princeton, MN, Audio Production and Entertainment Management  
 \*Nomeland, Alex Sheldon, Thief River Falls, MN, Social Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Poppe Burchett, Emilio, St. Paul, MN, Entertainment Industries and Technology  
 Qualley, Owen, Brainerd, MN, Audio Production and Entertainment Management, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Reisenauer, Troy Phillip, Fargo, ND, Social Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Sand, Sage Solshine, Moorhead, MN, Communication Arts/Literature Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Stewart, Corbin, Rogers, MN, Entertainment Industries and Technology  
 Straub, Darin Michael, Lindstrom, MN, Audio Production and Entertainment Management; Advertising and Public Relations, Entrepreneurship  
 Towers, Rebecca Sue, Lakeville, MN, Social Studies; Geosciences, Anthropology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Ulrich, Sydney Grace, Apache Junction, AZ, Entertainment Industries and Technology; Music, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Vetter, Jacob Robert, Moorhead, MN, Social Studies  
 Wallert, Brianna, Waconia, MN, Entertainment Industries and Technology  
 Zaiger, Katelyn, Colorado Springs, CO, Multimedia Journalism, Film Production; Broadcast Journalism, Mass Communications, *Summa Cum Laude*

## College of Science, Health and the Environment

**Dr. Elizabeth Nawrot, Dean**

College Marshal: Dr. Craig Jasperse, *Chemistry & Biochemistry Department*

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ackerman, Maxwell William, Bagley, MN, Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Bladow, Kilee Kate, Barney, ND, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Boe, Maria Simone, Grand Forks, ND, Biology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Boe, Nicholas, Grand Forks, ND, Biology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Bolgrean, Alexis Jean, Barnesville, MN, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Clemons-Virnig, Alice Marie, Pierz, MN, Leadership and Innovation in Aging Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Cote, Kristen Emelia, Barnesville, MN, Psychology; Women's Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Counts, Sierra Ann, Moorhead, MN, Psychology  
 Dahal, Tapash, Fargo, ND, Biology  
 Dahl, Lisa Therese, Perham, MN, Psychology  
 Dans, Nolan Israel, Crookston, MN, Psychology  
 \*Davis, Chandler Ray, Fargo, ND, Leadership and Innovation in Aging Studies  
 Dehn, Madeline Rachael, Little Falls, MN, Psychology; Educational Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Delisle, Mackenzie Jo, East Grand Forks, MN, Biology  
 Erb, Clarissa Marit, Columbia Falls, MT, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Fuentes, Angel Yaneth, Crookston, MN, Psychology; Neuroscience, Art Therapy  
 Haus, Alexus, Manhattan, KS, Psychology; Juvenile Justice, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Hughes, Shaylee Marie, Detroit Lakes, MN, Psychology, Criminal Justice; Juvenile Justice, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Ikeda, Saki, Yokohama, Japan, Psychology  
 Jens, Natalie Rose, Beaver Dam, WI, Psychology; Business Administration, Speech Language Hearing Sciences, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Jones, Alison Kristine, Brainerd, MN, Anthropology; Geosciences  
 \*Kangas, Jennifer Ann, Two Harbors, MN, Leadership and Innovation in Aging Studies  
 Kemp, Shyrone Cordero, Eight Mile Rock, Bahamas, Psychology  
 Lauf, Madison Marie, Minot, ND, Psychology, Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Lilja, Jacob, Moorhead, MN, Psychology; Neuroscience, *Cum Laude*  
 Mendoza, Patricia Ladine Dela Cruz, Aberdeen, SD, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Murphy, Kaitlyn, Hawley, MN, Leadership and Innovation in Aging Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Notch, Matt, St. Cloud, MN, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Peterson, Sam Marie, Elk River, MN, Anthropology  
 Qualley, Natalie Anna-Marie, West Fargo, ND, Psychology; Educational Studies

Reep, Heather Nichole, Barnesville, MN, Psychology  
 Ricke, Laura Mae, Nevis, MN, Psychology; Special Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Sagen, Katie Marie, Walker, MN, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Schumacher, Bryonna Kaye, Dickinson, ND, Psychology; Art Therapy, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Sorum, Kennedy, Fargo, ND, Anthropology; Teaching English as a Second Language, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Tyce, Kinsley Anne, Thompson, ND, Psychology, *Cum Laude*  
 Tykwinski, Jaelyn Rae, Marshall, MN, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Valdez, Ashanti Selena, Moorhead, MN, Psychology  
 Wegner, Rachel Elizabeth, Alexandria, MN, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Westerman, Yasmine Ariel, Chokio, MN, Psychology; Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Yang, Jerry, Little Canada, MN, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adelman, Jakob Andrew, Graceville, MN, Physical Education, Health Education; Coaching, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Bautch, Ian Hunter, Forest Lake, MN, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
 Berndt, Amber Marie, Park Rapids, MN, Biology, *Cum Laude*  
 Boerboom, Riley Ayn, Fargo, ND, Health Services Administration  
 Bungarden, Jack Preston, Woodbury, MN, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning, Sports Medicine, Wellness  
 Buysse, Emma, Belgrade, MN, Healthcare Management and Leadership, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Castro, Xavier Drake, Kindred, ND, Environmental Geology; Anthropology  
 Chulich, Emily Megan, Fosston, MN, Health and Medical Sciences  
 Christensen, Paige, Blaine, MN, Exercise Science; Sports Medicine, Strength and Conditioning  
 \*Clemons-Virnig, Alice Marie, Pierz, MN, Healthcare Management and Leadership, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Crews, McKenna, Loveland, CO, Biology; Health and Medical Sciences, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Currens, Danielle Alyce, Fargo, ND, Environmental and Human Geography; Environmental Geology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Dahlke, Carson, Bigfork, MN, Biology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Daniels, David, West Fargo, ND, Exercise Science; Sports Medicine  
 \*Davis, Chandler Ray, Fargo, ND, Health Services Administration  
 \*Delisle, Madison Joann, East Grand Forks, MN, Healthcare Management and Leadership  
 Dominguez, Ness, Minneapolis, MN, Biology, *Cum Laude*  
 Duttonhefner, Cassidy, Menoken, ND, Physical Education  
 Eckberg, Lara, Rochert, MN, Biology, *Cum Laude*  
 Fulgham, Joshua Thomas, Fargo, ND, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning, Sports Medicine

Gurung, Ashise, Fargo, ND, Physical Education  
 Haugen, Reid Arthur Niccolo, Lakeville, MN, Geosciences, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Heiser, Isaac Raymond, Fargo, ND, Health and Medical Sciences, Biology; English Writing, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
 \*Hermes, Liberty, Langford, SD, Biochemistry and Biotechnology  
 Hespe, Carson Stewart, Perham, MN, Geosciences; Cultural Ecology  
 Hillers, Logan, Kerkhoven, MN, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Health and Medical Sciences, *Cum Laude*  
 Homes, Cole, Jamestown, ND, Exercise Science; Sports Medicine, Strength and Conditioning, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Huss, Nicholas Raymond, Alexandria, MN, Exercise Science; Sports Medicine, Wellness, Strength and Conditioning  
 Hussein, Hussein Wehelie, Moorhead, MN, Health and Medical Sciences; Chemistry  
 \*Ismael, Layth Mohammed, Moorhead, MN, Health and Medical Sciences; Chemistry  
 Johnson, Zach, Moorhead, MN, Exercise Science  
 Kaiser, Emily Ann, Glenwood, MN, Physical Education; Coaching, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Kangas, Jennifer Ann, Two Harbors, MN, Health Services Administration  
 Kelsch, Leah, Bismarck, ND, Exercise Science; Wellness, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Kiefer, Miranda Christine, Monticello, MN, Biology  
 Kowalzek, Melisse Rose, Pierz, MN, Biology, *Cum Laude*  
 Kraft, Madison Lay, Fargo, ND, Biology  
 Lubken, Evan Ray, Dickinson, ND, Biology; Chemistry, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Maii, Loreen, Wadena, MN, Health and Medical Sciences; Neuroscience  
 Maisuk, Joshua Michael, Ham Lake, MN, Chemistry Education; Geosciences  
 Merseth, Olivia Marie, Mankato, MN, Exercise Science  
 Moen, Abigale Margret, Detroit Lakes, MN, Physics, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Mogen, Gunnar, Velva, ND, Health and Medical Sciences  
 \*Murphy, Kaitlyn, Hawley, MN, Healthcare Management and Leadership, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Nemmers, Claire Ann, Fairmont, MN, Engineering Physics  
 Noel, Justice James, Fargo, ND, Exercise Science; Biology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Omar, Asha Ahmed, Moorhead, MN, Biology  
 Perna, Chris Lee, Fargo, ND, Geosciences  
 \*Peterson, Sam Marie, Elk River, MN, Geosciences  
 Piche, Danielle Marie, Frazee, MN, Chemistry Education, Life Science Education, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Rickard, Jay Robert, Zimmerman, MN, Physical Education  
 Rivenes, Bryn, West Fargo, ND, Biology  
 Schissel, Aidan James, Brooklyn Park, MN, Biology  
 Sheets, Denver, Williston, ND, Environmental Geology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Soderberg, Kaitlyn Pearl, Moorhead, MN, Health Education, Physical Education  
 Sorensen, Gunnar Roy, Moorhead, MN, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning, Sports Medicine, *Magna Cum Laude*



Stewart, Mia Grace, Pelican Rapids, MN, Biology; Business Administration, Public Health, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Stuber, Mackenna Emily, Cambridge, MN, Healthcare Management and Leadership  
 Stucke, Kaylie, Marshall, MN, Biochemistry and Biotechnology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Sullivan, Amber Kathryn, New Ulm, MN, Biology, *Cum Laude*  
 Taylor, Rae, Freeport, Bahamas, Exercise Science; Strength and Conditioning, Sports Medicine  
 Teigen, Natalie Jean, Ramsey, MN, Environmental Geology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Van Dusen, Alexys Grace, Hawley, MN, Healthcare Management and Leadership  
 Vander Wal, Kolby Andrew, Argusville, ND, Exercise Science  
 Von Bank, Abigail Jennifer, Moorhead, MN, Earth Science Education; Environmental Geology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Watson, Emily, Rochester, MN, Physics; Computer Science, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Westlin, Amber Grace, Thief River Falls, MN, Exercise Science; Sports Medicine, Strength and Conditioning, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Weyer, Tanner Boyd, Lake Park, MN, Physics; Computer Science, *Cum Laude*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

\*Abdi, Ayan Mohammad, Moorhead, MN, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Abdi, Idman Mohamed, Moorhead, MN, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Andrews, Torie Marie, Danvers, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Arondah, Otto Sartegnon, Lome-Tokoin, Togo, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Ayemhokhai, Amen Atse, Jattu, Nigeria, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Berkowitz, Madisyn Marie, Centerville, MN, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
 Bialke, Amanda Jean, Delano, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Bina, Jenna, Andover, MN, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Blythe, Ayana Mae-Leigh, Moorhead, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Boonchanh, Lisa, Warroad, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Brown, Zoe Alexis, Fergus Falls, MN, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
 Bukowiec, Kiara Rae, Perham, MN, Nursing  
 Candelaria, Christina Marie, Park Rapids, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Covert, Kristin Lynn, Fargo, ND, Nursing  
 Crosby, Cheryl Evelina, Princeton, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Ekhator, Isoken Jennifer, Fargo, ND, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Enge, Ashley Ann, Ellendale, ND, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Fofana, Mohamed, Bamako, Mali, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Forseen, Jacob Andrew, Blackduck, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Freeman, Amie Avery, Ramsey, MN, Nursing  
 \*Friedt, Ashlee Lin, Glenwood, MN, Nursing  
 Fulmer, Terri Lynn, Warroad, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Girdler, Clara Jean, Red Lake Falls, MN, Nursing  
 Gress, Laura, West Fargo, ND, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Haiby, Kaytlin Reyna, Blackduck, MN, Nursing

Hanfler, Lauren Lynn, Little Falls, MN, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
 Heschke, Kirsten Elizabeth, Pierz, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Hoffman, Sara Jeanne, Richmond, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Huck, Olivia Jean, Crookston, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Hylton, Jaset Anneta, Lenaxa, KS, Nursing  
 \*Isingo, Martha Elimboto, Wichita, KS, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*James, Madisyn, Fargo, ND, Nursing; Business Administration, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Johnson, Ariel Rae, Ada, MN, Nursing  
 \*Johnson, Karey Nicole, Goodridge, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Johnson, Terryn Elizabeth, Kindred, ND, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Judd, Joslynn Makayla, Wadena, MN, Nursing; Psychology, Biology  
 \*Kaneah, Massa, Fargo, ND, Nursing  
 \*Kigen, Joan Cheptoo, Mankato, MN, Nursing  
 Korynta, Jaime Marie, West Fargo, ND, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Lake, Amanda Marie, Sebeka, MN, Nursing  
 \*Lebrija, Olivia Ione, Chokio, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Lyberg, Faith Sheridan, Humboldt, MN, Nursing  
 \*Mack, Noelle Eve, Grand Forks, ND, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Maii, Loreen, Wadena, MN, Nursing  
 Massey, Schae, Fargo, ND, Nursing  
 \*McCarthy, Riley Ann, Bemidji, MN, Nursing  
 \*Meech, Anna, New York Mills, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Meyer-Crossley, Alexis Ann, Moorhead, MN, Nursing  
 Mireles, Teylor Brianne, Barnesville, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Monokajo, Kiden Hannah, Fargo, ND, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Morrison, Isaac, Detroit Lakes, MN, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Mubena, Jacinta Nyambura, Florissant, MO, Nursing  
 Muchow, Samantha Anne, Fergus Falls, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Mukasa, Michelle, Fargo, ND, Nursing  
 Munganga, Priscille Nabwinja, Bujumbura, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nursing  
 \*Munoz, Kaitlin Jade, Fargo, ND, Nursing  
 \*Nguyen, Hung Tien, Hampton, VA, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
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 \*Okoye, Onyedika Anthonia, Lagos, Nigeria, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
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 Reep, Heather Nichole, Barnesville, MN, Nursing  
 \*Rich, Courtney Marlena, Spicer, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
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 \*Rodrigues, Scarlet Lucy Leandrina, Nakuru, Kenya, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Shipilova, Vasilina, Auckland, New Zealand, Nursing; Psychology, Biology, Health and Medical Sciences, *Cum Laude*  
 Sieczkowski, Kimberly, Woodbury, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*

Smith, Rachael Ann LaVerne, Sebeka, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Staebner, Caitlin Marie, Fargo, ND, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
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 Storry, Klaire Louise, Staples, MN, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
 Swanson, Ashlyn Marie, Fargo, ND, Nursing  
 Swegarden, Jayda Marie, Lake Park, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Thompson, Kessa, Reiles Acres, ND, Nursing, *Cum Laude*  
 Ulness, Liana Kae, Moorhead, MN, Nursing; Biology  
 \*Walton, Kayla Dawn Marie, Dilworth, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Weber, Mackenzie Sue, Appleton, WI, Nursing  
 Wells-Shepherd, Allisson Lorene, Fergus Falls, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Woidyla, Anna Lucille, Osakis, MN, Nursing  
 \*Yarber, Jessica, Moorhead, MN, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Zarak, Carleigh Grace, Fargo, ND, Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Zingelman, Tayler, St. Michael, MN, Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*

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 \*Gallardo, Marissa Nicole, Northfield, MN, Communication Studies  
 Heglund, Christian Matthew, Bemidji, MN, Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
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 Johnson, Lucas Noal, Ramsey, MN, Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Koehn, Jason Brian, Parkers Prairie, MN, Mathematics  
 Lambrecht, Hanna Mary, Buffalo, MN, Political Science  
 Rabi, Salihu Ibrahim, Abuja, Nigeria, Political Science  
 Schneiderhan, Shawn Joseph, Alexandria, MN, Communication Studies  
 Schnell, Calli Jane, Fargo, ND, Communication Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Sherman, Roberto Wins, Fargo, ND, Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Spears, Reagan Marie, Glencoe, MN, Political Science; Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Stuvland, Maddalyn Ann, Barnesville, MN, Communication Studies; Media Analysis, Advertising and Public Relations, *Summa Cum Laude*

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Abdulkarim, Ahmed, Fargo, ND, Construction Management  
 \*Allmon, Michael, Grand Rapids, MI, Operations Management  
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 Arutyunov, Nicholas Arcen, Moorhead, MN, Mathematics-Actuarial Science; Statistics  
 Aune, Kaitlyn, Dent, MN, Business Administration  
 \*Austin, Josh Gerald, Fargo, ND, Operations Management  
 Bah, Alhaji Amadu, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Computer Science  
 Bare, Ismail Abdikadir, Moorhead, MN, Computer Information Technology  
 Bazant, Stephen, Minneapolis, MN, Project Management  
 Beuckens, Grant Zackary, Elbow Lake, MN, Digital Media Management; Business Administration, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Biakpa, Eric Lionel, Moorhead, MN, Finance, *Cum Laude*  
 Blomquist, Joshua Chester Douglas, Plymouth, MN, Accounting  
 Botz, Alexander Xavier, Bismarck, ND, Computer Science  
 Brandt, Jourdan Ray, Detroit Lakes, MN, Finance, *Magna Cum Laude*

\*Brecht, Dan Lee, Watertown, SD, Operations Management  
 Brosius, Jacob Franklin, Fargo, ND, Business Administration, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Bucholz-Lipp, Stevin Vaughn, Breckenridge, MN, Project Management  
 Carlisle, Demi Lee, Johannesburg, South Africa, Business Analytics, Economics, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Chwala, Bo Hunter, Stanley, WI, Finance  
 Collins, Kevin Michael, Moorhead, MN, Global Supply Chain Management; Operations Management, *Cum Laude*  
 Cossette, Garrett, Audubon, MN, Digital Media Management  
 Dahl, Macey Marie, Prior Lake, MN, Digital Media Management, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Dalman, Charlotte Grace, Georgetown, MN, Project Management, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Dickerson, Stephanie Karen, Richville, MN, Digital Media Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Dietel, Kierstyn Ann, Belle Plaine, MN, Business Administration; Entrepreneurship  
 Dougherty, Austin Michael, Omaha, NE, Computer Science, Cybersecurity  
 Dutervil, Fransly, Moorhead, MN, Computer Science  
 Edgren, Linnea Karina, Lerum, Sweden, Business Administration; Economics, *Cum Laude*  
 Engebretson, Ethan Alan, Fargo, ND, Computer Information Technology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Eshete, Nate, Fargo, ND, Computer Information Technology  
 Evans, Evelyn, Bourbonnais, IL, Business Administration, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Felling, Emily Ann, Belgrade, MN, Advertising and Public Relations; Media Analysis, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Fisher, Peyton Richard, Fargo, ND, University Studies  
 \*Fissehay, Eyobel Afom, Moorhead, MN, Project Management, Global Supply Chain Management; Operations Management, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Fitzgerald, Mary Kay, Minneapolis, MN, Global Supply Chain Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Flores, Jose Richard, St. James, MN, Operations Management  
 Gaidamukha, Kseniia, Saint-Petersburg, Russian Federation, Business Administration, Business Analytics, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Gast, Carson James, West Fargo, ND, Construction Management; Business Administration, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 George, Cyrinus, St. Michael, MN, Finance  
 Gibson, Reilly, Chokio, MN, Finance, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Graham, Brett David, Detroit Lakes, MN, Construction Management  
 Graham-Blackman, Karissa, Fergus Falls, MN, Digital Media Management; Project Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Greaves, Steve, New Brighton, MN, Global Supply Chain Management, *Cum Laude*  
 Greenwaldt, Blake, Raymond, MN, Construction Management  
 \*Hanson, Kaitlyn Rae, Thief River Falls, MN, University Studies, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Hanson, Kylie Lynn, Warren, MN, Business Administration, *Magna Cum Laude*

\*Harder, Paul David, International Falls, MN, Construction Management  
 Hardy, Kristen Nicole, Jackson, WI, Mathematics-Actuarial Science; Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Haugh, Chloe, Minneapolis, MN, Project Management  
 Herbel, Micah Oliver, Fertile, MN, Construction Management; Business Administration  
 \*Hiatt, Nathaniel Benjamin, Blaine, MN, Global Supply Chain Management; Project Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Himley, Adysen Mae, Benson, MN, Business Administration, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Hovden, Christopher Rodney, Pelican Rapids, MN, Broadcast Journalism; Audio Production and Technology, Music, Mass Communications, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Hughes, Joey, Sioux Falls, SD, Business Analytics  
 Isac, Yusuf, Fargo, ND, Computer Information Technology  
 \*Jenkins, Jordan Elise, Mascotte, FL, Business Administration  
 Johnson, Brian James, Belcourt, ND, Project Management; Operations Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Johnson, Christian Alexander, Menahga, MN, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Johnson, Faith, Dawson, MN, University Studies; Special Education  
 Johnson, Jaxen Michael, Walhalla, ND, Business Administration  
 Jutz, Matthew Stephen, Lake Park, MN, Finance  
 \*Kantola, Austin Brad, Cokato, MN, Construction Management, *Cum Laude*  
 Kapajika, Jean Beya, Fargo, ND, Cybersecurity, Computer Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Kees, Trista Lavon, Alexandria, MN, Construction Management  
 Kelly, Brian Thomas, Brooklyn Park, MN, Construction Management  
 Kelzer, Noah, Rogers, MN, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Kersey, Erica Lynn, Inyokern, CA, Project Management; Operations Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*King, Emma Renee, Fennimore, WI, Mathematics Education; Special Education, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Kragenbring, Abbie Jean, Atwater, MN, Mathematics-Actuarial Science, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Kramer, Abigail, Sauk Rapids, MN, Digital Media Management; Project Management  
 Kramer, Edison John, Akeley, MN, Construction Management  
 \*Krusemark, Ellie Kathryn, Benson, MN, Business Administration, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Kuhle, Landon James, Sioux Falls, SD, Project Management; Operations Management, *Summa Cum Laude*, Honors Program  
 Kumi, Shadrack, Fargo, ND, Computer Science  
 \*Kunz, Emily Lois, Fergus Falls, MN, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Lake, Spencer David, Sebeka, MN, Construction Management  
 LaMotte, Austin, Apple Valley, MN, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*  
 Larson, Colby Arthur, Rothsay, MN, Accounting, *Cum Laude*  
 Leinen, Sharon Gail, Breckenridge, MN, University Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Mages, Olivia Rae, New London, MN, Accounting, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Martey, Daniel Nii, Tema, Ghana, Computer Science

Martin, Jackson Brandon, Dassel, MN, Construction Management, *Cum Laude*  
 Materi, Carcie Jo, Breckenridge, MN, Accounting; Marketing, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 McCoy, Wyatt Dan, Sweetwater, TX, Operations Management  
 Meyer, Cole George, Barnesville, MN, Accounting, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Miller, Ethan Fredrick, Moorhead, MN, Business Administration; Sustainability  
 Mois, Dyson Henry, Detroit Lakes, MN, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Moore, Carrie Lyn, Austin, MN, Project Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Morris, Preston Scott, Moorhead, MN, Computer Science, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Moske, Rosalee Jane, Moorhead, MN, Accounting, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Muratsubaki, Ami, Tokyo, Japan, Business Analytics, *Cum Laude*  
 Myers Rolle, Aaliyah Lorraine, Nassau, Bahamas, Computer Information  
 Technology, *Cum Laude*  
 Myers, Justin Alexander, Cottage Grove, MN, Construction Management  
 Nava, Judah Josiah, Dallas, OR, Computer Science; Mathematics, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Nelson, Regan Elizabeth, Moorhead, MN, Digital Media Management  
 \*Niyonkuru, Diane, Fargo, ND, Computer Information Technology  
 \*Nodine, Alexis Renee, Vincennes, IN, Project Management; Global Supply Chain  
 Management  
 O'Connor, Brynn, Clear Lake, MN, Mathematics-Actuarial Science; Statistics,  
 Economics, Mathematics, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Oduong, Ibrahim Isaac Wayodi, Kisumu, Kenya, Computer Information Systems,  
*Cum Laude*  
 Oeltjen, Grace Marie, Villard, MN, Business Administration, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Olson, Isabel Avery, Aberdeen, SD, Accounting, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Orange, Richard, Aledo, TX, Project Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Orbeck, Emma Marie, St. Martin, MN, Business Administration  
 Overson, Braden Slade, Barrett, MN, Business Administration  
 \*Oyesanya, Omobolaji Oluwaseun, Albertville, MN, Operations Management,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Paulson, Dominic, Mapleton, ND, Business Administration  
 \*Persoon, Benett Scott, Fargo, ND, Construction Management  
 Phillips, Maxwell Jackson, Wadena, MN, Project Management; Operations  
 Management, *Cum Laude*  
 Rabi, Salihu Ibrahim, Abuja, Nigeria, Computer Science  
 Rausch, Grace Brianna, Cottonwood, MN, Business Administration,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Reiser, Madison Sue, Oakes, ND, Digital Media Management, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Rhodes, Jackson Lee, Detroit Lakes, MN, Business Administration  
 Richardson, Ayla Judith, Fargo, ND, Digital Media Management, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Sallah, Pa Omadou, Banjul, Gambia, Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Schaefer, Madison, Champlin, MN, Finance  
 Schaitberger, Tyler Allen, Baxter, MN, Digital Media Management; Film Production,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 \*Schmit, Emma Carol, Pillager, MN, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*

Schneider, Jacob Allen, Stanley, WI, Business Administration  
 \*Schrock, Allison, Fargo, ND, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*  
 Serrao, Adla Mae, Moorhead, MN, Digital Media Management; Marketing,  
 Advertising and Public Relations, Mass Communications  
 Severtson, Drew Stanley, Dilworth, MN, Business Administration; Graphic  
 Interactive Design, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Shell, Elise, Chicago, IL, Project Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Simondet, Nora Elizabeth, Farmington, MN, Business Administration  
 Siverson, Callie Jean, Montevideo, MN, Computer Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Smith, Sophia, Coon Rapids, MN, Finance  
 \*Smith, William Darus, Fargo, ND, Project Management  
 Snodgrass, Caylee, St. Cloud, MN, Business Administration, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Soderstrom, Kyle Richard, Owatonna, MN, Construction Management, *Summa*  
*Cum Laude*  
 Spandary, Andrew Alak, Chicago, IL, Finance  
 Spears, Reagan Marie, Glencoe, MN, Multimedia Journalism, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Steele, Cole Michael, Milota, MN, Accounting, Finance, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 \*Strehlow, Elijah Russell Herman, St. Paul, MN, Project Management  
 Sweeney, Mia, Bemidji, MN, University Studies  
 Ternes, Isabella, Baldwin, ND, Multimedia Journalism, Sustainability;  
 Photojournalism, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Toure, Kigninlinman Abdoul Ange, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Finance, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Twidwell, Connor Richard, Breckenridge, MN, Construction Management, *Cum Laude*  
 Unke, Niels Denis, Fargo, ND, Project Management, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Wagner, Dylan Michael, Evansville, MN, Business Administration, *Cum Laude*  
 \*Warcken, McKenna Elise, Brooklyn Park, MN, Accounting  
 White, Alec, Wauwatosa, WI, Finance, *Cum Laude*  
 Williams, Andi Marie, Little Fork, MN, Construction Management  
 Yassin, Selman Muhedin, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Computer Science; Economics,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Youngs, Kaila, Mound, MN, Business Administration, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Yusuf, Kehinde, Moorhead, MN, Construction Management; Business  
 Administration  
 Zaiger, Katelyn, Colorado Springs, CO, Multimedia Journalism; Broadcast  
 Journalism, Mass Communications, *Summa Cum Laude*

## Graduate Studies

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### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Alier, Matuor, Fargo, ND, Educational Leadership

“The Role of School Leadership in Promoting and Supporting Cultural Diversity and Inclusion in the Classroom”

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“Lived Experiences of Role Identity and Perceived Stress in Fargo-Moorhead Area School Counselors”

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Andres, Joshua, Moorhead, MN, Educational Leadership

“Understanding the Experiences of Secondary Students Identified as In-School Truant and Their Perceived Contributing Factors to Truancy: When and What Caused the Disconnection”

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Bettcher Erickson, Nicolle, Willmar, MN, Educational Leadership

“The Impact of Educators’ Perceptions of Neurodivergence on their Self-Efficacy in Teaching Middle and High School Students With ADHD and Autism in Rural Minnesota”

Dr. Michael Coquyt, Advisor

Burgess, Kristin, Gaylord, MN, Educational Leadership

“Phenomenological Study of Disabled Student Experiences Related to Inclusive Learning Environments in Public Higher Education”

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“Superintendents’ Ability to Meet a Naloxone Statute: A Mixed Methods Study During a Minnesota Opioid Overdose Death Epidemic”  
Dr. Ximena Suarez-Sousa, Advisor

Vastila, Shayna, Brainerd, MN, Educational Leadership  
“A Qualitative Look at Relationships from a Teachers’ Perspective”  
Dr. Andrew Burklund, Advisor

Weber, Bridget, North Branch, MN, Educational Leadership  
“Motivations and Challenges of First-Generation College Students From Rural Areas to Pursue a Master’s Degree”  
Dr. Michael Coquyt, Advisor

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“Exploring the Skills Gap and Implications of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Graduates and Professional Laboratory Staff”  
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Anderson, Ivy, St. Paul, MN, Criminal Justice  
“Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)”  
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“Leading A Culture of Success”  
Dr. Joel Powell, Advisor

Kpelapauue, Lucinda, Fargo, ND, Criminal Justice  
“Gender Disparity in Sentencing”  
Dr. Lee Vigilant, Advisor

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Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

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“Artificial Intelligence: Changing the Landscape of Accounting”  
Dr. Shawn Stumphf, Advisor

Gonzalez, Natalie, San Diego, CA, Business Administration  
“Corporate Analysis of Coca-Cola”  
Dr. Gokce Serdar, Advisor

Johanson, Alexis, Osakis, MN, Business Administration  
“An In-Depth Analysis of the 3M Company”  
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“MBA 695 Plan B”  
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“Industry 4.0: The Rewards and Roadblocks”  
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“The SLP’s Role in Implementing Response to Intervention (RTI) in the School Setting”  
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“Examination of the Intervention Strategies for Unilateral Neglect Following Right Hemisphere Damage”  
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“Daisy Murillo’s Analysis of Self”  
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“The Impact of Melodic Intonation Therapy on Speech Recovery in Non-Fluent Aphasia”  
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“Use of the Sound Partners Curriculum With Two Students Who Are in a Level IV Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Classroom”  
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“Integrating Speech-Language Pathology in Lactation Consultation: Enhancing Collaborative Care”  
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“A School-Based Counseling Small Group for Elementary-Aged Students With Poor Attendance”  
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Turner, RoseMilove, Fergus Falls, MN, Social Work  
“The Effectiveness of Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy”  
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Weets, Haley, Detroit Lakes, MN, Social Work  
“Adapting Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) for Native American Youth”  
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Williams, Cacey, Fargo, ND, Social Work  
“Restoring Balance: Accelerated Resolution Therapy in Trauma Treatment”  
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Look, Rachael, Cottage Grove, MN, Educational Leadership  
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Dr. Christopher Mills, Advisor

MacDonald, Brenna, St. Paul, MN, Educational Leadership  
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Markuson, Heather, Moorhead, MN, Educational Leadership  
“Professional Portfolio”  
Dr. Christopher Mills, Advisor

Miron, Mike, Hugo, MN, Educational Leadership  
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Nelson, Hailey, Eden Prairie, MN, Educational Leadership  
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Nycklemoe, Lena, Fergus Falls, MN, School Psychology  
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Oatis, Jana, Park Rapids, MN, School Psychology  
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Dr. Lisa H. Stewart, Advisor

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## Majors and Minors

The Commencement Program lists all majors and minors which have been completed. If a student has completed two majors, the majors are separated by a comma (English, History); if a student has completed a major and a minor, the major and minor are separated by a semi-colon (English; History). If a student has earned a minor via the Tri-College University, the home institution is listed after the minor and placed in parentheses, i.e. French (Concordia).

## Graduate Candidates

Candidates receiving graduate degrees are listed in the program. The listing also contains the title of their thesis or project and their faculty advisor. Each candidate that participates in the ceremony is wearing the appropriate master's or specialist hood. The color of the velvet edging on the hood represents the academic discipline and the silk lining (red and white) represents Minnesota State University Moorhead.

## Academic Honors

Students who complete at least 45 credits at MSU Moorhead as candidates for baccalaureate degrees may graduate with the following honors:

<b>CUM LAUDE</b> .....	representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher
<b>MAGNA CUM LAUDE</b> .....	representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.60 or higher
<b>SUMMA CUM LAUDE</b> .....	representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or higher

Such honors are computed from the cumulative grade point average earned in all courses at MSU Moorhead. The graduates who have earned these honors will have the achievement listed on their academic transcripts. The CUM LAUDE graduates wear white honor cords. The MAGNA CUM LAUDE graduates wear red honor cords. The SUMMA CUM LAUDE graduates wear red and white honor cords.

## Honors Program Graduates

The MSU Moorhead Honors Program exists to award and encourage superior academic performance. Students who have earned a 3.50 grade point average during their freshman year are invited to participate in the Honors Program. Those who complete the rigorous Honors Program curricular requirements are listed in the Commencement Program and have the achievement listed on their academic transcripts.

## Honor Societies

**Alpha Kappa Delta**, the National Sociology Honor Society, seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and other social and intellectual activities to help improve the human condition. Membership is open to undergraduates who are sociology majors, at least juniors, rank in the top 35% of their class or have at least a 3.5 overall GPA, have at least a 3.0 GPA in sociology courses prior to initiation, and have completed at least four sociology courses.

**Alpha Phi Sigma**, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, recognizes academic excellence of undergraduate criminal justice majors who maintain a GPA of 3.5 or above, are nominated by faculty, and are in the top 35% of their class. The goals of Alpha Phi Sigma are to honor and promote academic excellence, community service, educational leadership, and unity.

**Alpha Upsilon Alpha**, the honor society of the International Reading Association, was created in 1985 to recognize and encourage scholarship, the development of personal and professional leadership, and service to the field of reading at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The Greek letters chosen for this honor society are significant: They come from the words *Anagnosis* (reading), *Upotrophia* (scholarship) and *Archon* (leadership). The society motto, which is attributed to Horace, says it all: "*Lege sapere aude*," or "Read, dare to be wise."

Membership in Alpha Upsilon Alpha brings a sense of scholarly accomplishment in the field of reading and language arts. Members are acknowledged for having excelled in their chosen field of study, and are recognized as professionals committed to the importance of reading and language arts in education.

**Beta Beta Beta (βββ) National Biology Society** is an academic society for students who major in Biology. The requirements for membership in the Omega Mu chapter of Beta Beta Beta are (1) at least three biology courses in the biology major, and (2) a minimum GPA of 3.0 in those courses. The honor pin displays three Greek letters, Beta Beta Beta, and a coiled serpent. The first Beta stands for the Greek word BALANNOS, which means acorn; it represents life in and on the ground. The second Beta stands for the Greek word BOUDETASE, which means little bird; it represents life in the air. The third Beta stands for the Greek word BOAX, which means fish; it represents life in the water. All three words may be summed up in one word BIOS, meaning life. The coiled serpent in the center of the pin is an ancient symbol of wisdom. Graduating students who are members of Beta Beta Beta may wear the red and green cords symbolic of the Society.

**Beta Gamma Sigma (ΒΓΣ)** honor society was founded in 1913 as an academic society for students who major in Business or Accounting. Students ranking in the top 10 percent of the baccalaureate program at schools accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – are eligible for this invitation. AACSB Accreditation is known, worldwide, as the longest standing, most recognized form of accreditation a business program can earn. The blue and gold honor cord worn by Beta Gamma Sigma members features a gold (metal) key charm attached to the knot above the tassel on one end of the blue cord.

**Chi Sigma Alpha** is a member of Chi Sigma Iota, which is an international honor society that values academic and professional excellence in counseling. We promote a strong professional identity through members (professional counselors, counselor educators, and students) who contribute to the realization of a healthy society by fostering wellness and human dignity. The membership requirements include, “Those who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a scale of 4.0 and are deemed promising for endorsement as a professional counselor whose ethical judgment and behavior will be exemplary” (CSI Bylaws, Article 4.1). Members of Chi Sigma Alpha wear blue and white honor cords and/or a white stole that displays the Chi Sigma Iota emblem and Greek Letters.

**Financial Management Association (FMA)** honor society was founded in 1974 and remains the only national honor society specifically for finance students. The group is dedicated to the ongoing development of financial theory and sound, ethical financial practices. To qualify for membership, students must maintain a GPA above 3.5 in their finance coursework and earn a major, minor, or certificate in finance at MSUM. Honor society inductees wear a silver sash with the logo of FMA printed in blue.

**Golden Key International Honour Society** is the world’s largest collegiate honor society founded in 1977, comprised of more than 2 million undergraduate, graduate and alumni members. Membership into the Society is by invitation only and applies to the top 15% of college and university sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as top-performing graduate students in all fields of study, based solely on their academic achievements. With over 400 student chapters worldwide, Golden Key recognizes highly motivated academic achievers who will become leaders and contributors to society in the future. Golden Key offers many additional member-only privileges that highlight the three pillars of Academics, Leadership and Service.

**Lambda Epsilon Chi “LEX”** is a national honor society recognizing academic excellence for Paralegal students. Invitations for membership are extended to those students who are declared majors in MSUM’s Paralegal Department and who have met the following criteria: (1) completion of at least two-thirds of the course requirements for the major, and (2) cumulative GPA of 3.5 in Paralegal courses.

**Lambda Pi Eta** is the official honor society for communication studies students. It is sponsored by the National Communication Association (NCA). Students must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA and a 3.25 GPA for communication studies courses. The pin features the Greek words lambda, pi, and eta which stand for Aristotle’s three forms of proof: logos, pathos, and ethos.

**Phi Alpha** is a national social work honor society which was established in 1960. The purpose of Phi Alpha is to promote humanitarian goals and ideals and to provide a closer bond among students of social work. The membership requirements include excellence in scholarship, with a minimum GPA of 3.25 and achievement in social work.

**Pi Kappa Lambda**, the national honor society in music, was established in 1918 at Northwestern University in Illinois to provide an organization dedicated to the furtherance of music in education and education in music in colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning which offer music degree programs. Election to the Epsilon Iota chapter (established at MSUM in 1982) requires that students be outstanding in scholarship and musicianship, and that candidates in their junior year be in the top 10% of their class, that seniors be in the top 20%, and that graduate students have satisfactorily completed the requirements of their degrees. The insignia pin of Pi Kappa Lambda is a gold Grecian lyre with symbols of music and drama (panpipes and mask with foils) on each side of the three strings of the lyre.

**Pi Sigma Alpha** is a national honor society for political science majors. The requirements for membership in the Alpha Eta Mu chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha are (1) completion of ten 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 honor cords are red and white.

**Psi Chi** is an honorary society founded in 1929 for psychology majors. Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the Association for Psychological Science. The MSUM Chapter of Psi Chi was established in the Psychology Department in 1984. In addition to the national membership requirements of a 3.0 GPA, class rank in the top 35%, completion of three semesters of college, and nine semester hours of psychology courses, the MSUM chapter requires a minimum GPA of 3.25 in psychology courses. Members of Psi Chi wear a medallion that displays the Psi Chi emblem of the Greek letters Psi and Chi.

**Sigma Delta Pi**, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society (*La Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispánica*), is devoted exclusively to students of Spanish in four-year colleges and universities. It was established on November 14, 1919, at the University of California in Berkeley. Upsilon Sigma, the local chapter of SDP was organized at MSUM in the fall of 2000. Requirements for membership are (1) completing at least three years or the equivalent of college Spanish, including at least three semester hours of a third-year course in Hispanic literature or Hispanic culture and civilization, (2) a minimum GPA of 3.0 in Spanish, and (3) student rank in the upper 35% of their class. The Greek expression, *Spanias Didagei Proagomen*, stand for the motto, “Let us follow after Spain’s inspiration.” The honor pin and cord hearken back to the colors on the Spanish national flag and the coat of arms of Castilla y León, both which depict lions and castles in the checkered corners of the crest.

**Sigma Lambda Chi** is an international and academic honor society for students majoring in construction management. It is known for being a society of leaders in construction. Chapters are located throughout the United States and Australia. It was founded as an honorary society on April 30, 1949 at Michigan State University in East Lansing Michigan. In 1991, Sigma Lambda Chi became a member of the Association of College Honor Societies, Inc. Requirements for membership are (1) complete two academic years of study toward a degree in Construction, (2) obtain an overall scholastic average in the upper 20% of his or her incoming class, (3) study at the present institution for the preceding six months, (4) demonstrate leadership, character, and personality traits which will give promise of reflecting credit upon Sigma Lambda Chi, (5) participate in one or more extracurricular activities, and (6) work in some phase of the construction industry.

**Sigma Phi Omega**, the National Gerontology Honor Society, recognizes academic excellence of those who study gerontology and aging. Local chapters serve as links within their respective communities to promote interaction between gerontology educators, students, alumni, and local professionals. Membership is open to undergraduates who are gerontology majors and who are in at least their second term of enrollment with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.

**Sigma Pi Sigma (ΣΠΣ)** is the physics honor society and was founded in 1921. Election to ΣΠΣ is earned by a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrated excellence in at least two of four categories; research work, outreach participation, Society of Physics Students involvement or outstanding academic achievement in physics. ΣΠΣ exists to honor and encourage physics scholarship, to be of service to the various communities it may influence, and to be a fellowship of persons who have shared in the traditions and culture of physics. The name ΣΠΣ comes from the first letters that compose the society motto Σκενιζ Πρόστατηζ Συνεσώζ which translated from Greek is “investigation, the forerunner of knowledge”. The official insignia and key consists of a voltmeter, lamp and dynamo. The voltmeter symbolizes the high accuracy which is the hallmark of careful experiments, the lamp is the symbol of knowledge (Σοφία in Greek) and the dynamo represents the creative energy that is so necessary to productive research. The MSUM Sigma Pi Sigma chapter was founded in 1974.

**Sigma Theta Tau International** is an honorary society for nursing majors, and was founded in 1922. The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. Founded in 1922, the name Sigma Theta Tau comes from the Greek words storgé, thárros, and timé, meaning “love,” “courage,” and “honor.” STTI became incorporated in 1985 as Sigma Theta Tau International Inc. STTI membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship and to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing. With more than 135,000 active members in more than 85 countries, Xi Kappa Chapter at Large includes MSU Moorhead, North Dakota State University, Jamestown University and Concordia College.

**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 Inter-collegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was organized. The Bureau has established a uniform code that over 700 institutions have adopted.

There are three types of gowns and three types of hoods for bachelors, masters, and doctors. The bachelors gown has a long pointed sleeve, whereas the masters gown has a long closed sleeve, square at the end. The doctors gown is characterized by a voluminous bell-shaped sleeve with three velvet bars.

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

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

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

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

## Minnesota State University Moorhead Presidents



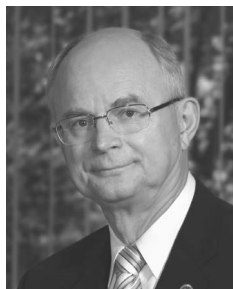
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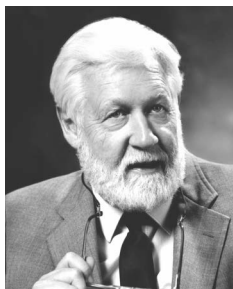
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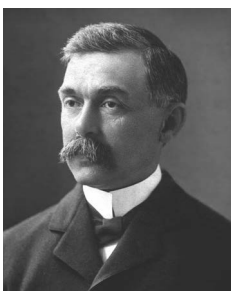
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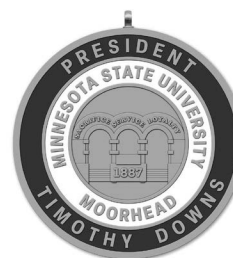
## Academic Marks

### University Seal

Minnesota State University Moorhead's Seal represents its history, mission, and distinctive characteristics. It is reserved for official and ceremonial use. In the University's early history, Old Main was the largest and most impressive building in the area. A fire in 1930 destroyed most of the school's main building, except the arches of Old Main. Those arches became a significant symbol of the school's ability to survive and were incorporated into the University Seal.

### University Mace

The University President or his designee carries this staff in ceremonial processions to symbolize the University's authority. Lyle Laske, Professor of Art Emeritus, crafted the staff for the University. The staff is sculpted from Brazilian rosewood, rubbed and polished to a deep luster. Its tips are cast in bronze and gold plated. The top piece on the staff, also in rosewood, is shaped in a universal form that symbolizes the medieval northern world. The staff rests in a base that is a solid, circular piece of rosewood. The staff was presented to President Roland Dille in 1978.



### Presidential Medallion

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

### College Marshals

The College Marshals are senior faculty representing their colleges.



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

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

Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson (2014)

Brian Wisenden (2013)

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David Mason (1994)

Evelyn Lynch (1992)

Delmar Hansen (1987)

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

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

Russell Colson (2010)

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

#### *Criteria*

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

### **Congratulations!**

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## Alma Mater

Dan Preston  
rev. C.E.R.

Charles Gounod  
arr. Charles E. Ruzicka

Where flows the ri - ver through prai - ries to the val - ley North,  
Seek - ers of truth built a place of light and li - ber - ty.  
That from its por - tals their sons and daugh - ters might go forth,  
Through - out the na - tion till the truth be spread that sets us free.  
Hail, M S U Moor - head to Thee. With love and loy - al - ty.  
We pass the torch from the past to the fu - ture bright.  
Hail, hail, Al - ma Ma - ter Ans - w' - ring e - ver to our coun - try's call,  
E - ver chang - ing, e - ver con - stant, e - ver true, our Al - ma Ma - ter.



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