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Norman is chief executive officer of Minneapolis-based THOR Construction, Minnesota's largest minority-owned business.

MORRIS, Minnesota (February 28, 2017)—Alumnus Ravi Norman '98, chief executive officer of Minnesota's largest minority-owned business, THOR Construction, will serve as the [2017 Commencement](#) speaker at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Morris's 54th commencement exercise will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 1:30 p.m. on the campus mall.

Norman possesses more than 16 years of expertise in the areas of strategic management, organizational development, and commercial finance. His dynamic leadership style consists of an optimal mix of macro business strategy, management and organizational theory, operational execution, transparent intents, proactive communication, and measurable outcomes. Norman has collaborated with several Fortune 500 corporations and nonprofits to develop innovative solutions to maximize diversity and inclusion within the supply chain. His corporate experience includes Norwest Bank, Wells Fargo & Co., and Highland Banks, and his formal education includes degrees in economics, business management, finance, and strategy.

"I am pleased and honored that Mr. Norman has accepted our invitation to serve as this year's Commencement speaker," said Chancellor Michelle Behr. "He is a shining example of the power and value of Morris's liberal arts education. Our graduates are well prepared for life and career. Mr. Norman has certainly lived this promise to the fullest."

The public is invited to attend the commencement ceremony or to watch it streamed online at morris.umn.edu. Additional information is available at morris.umn.edu/commencement.

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