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2016 --- --- UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS COMMENCEMENT



THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS'S
FIFTY-THIRD COMMENCEMENT
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016
1:30 P.M.



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The board of Regents adopted the Regents Seal, shown above, in 1939 as the corporate seal of the University of Minnesota. The Latin motto, "Commune Vinculum Omnibus Artibus," means "a common bond for all the arts." The lamp represents the metaphysical sciences. The telescope represents the physical sciences. The plow represents the industrial arts, and the palette and brushes represent the fine arts.

Dear Families and Friends of the Class of 2016,

It is my pleasure to welcome you, on behalf of the entire University of Minnesota, Morris community, to our 2016 graduation ceremony. We share your pride in this extraordinary group of graduates, and we are delighted that you are able to be with us on this day of celebration. As one of the top public liberal arts colleges in the country, it is our mission to provide talented students access to a distinctive, challenging, and high-quality undergraduate educational experience.

Morris students believe in the importance of actively shaping the communities in which they live. The graduates you see here today have studied abroad; led student organizations; taken part in intercollegiate and intramural athletic competitions and musical, theater, and dance performances; contributed many hours of service to the local community; and participated in creative and scholarly activities mentored by dedicated faculty and staff members. They fulfill the University's mission by leaving here prepared to live their lives as accomplished, knowledgeable, engaged global citizens. Today's graduates leave with the breadth and depth of knowledge that are the hallmarks of a liberal arts education and with the skills they need to fully participate in their careers and professions.

Graduation is a poignant, bittersweet moment. Celebrating the achievements of the graduates and the contributions of families and friends to college success is a cause for joy, even while leaving good friends, cherished teachers, and a campus home is a cause for sadness. Graduation from college is one of life's true milestones and an achievement that will be a source of pride and satisfaction for life.

This year's commencement has that same element of "bittersweet" for me since it will be my last commencement as UMM's chancellor. My ten years here have proved to be the most rewarding of my professional career. The opportunity to work with the students, faculty, and staff who comprise this unique community on the prairie has been an extraordinarily rewarding one for me. I know that our graduates will make us all proud as they leave this university on the Minnesota prairie and go out into the world to make their mark.

We congratulate not only the graduates, but also each and every one of you gathered here today—that powerful network of family and friends that made it possible for these men and women to be successful at this college. I hope your day will be a memorable, exciting, and gratifying one as we celebrate this landmark in the lifelong process of growth and learning of these outstanding students.

Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson

2016 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson presiding

Pre-Commencement Program

Selections by Symphonic Winds

under the direction of Simon Tiller, director of wind ensembles and instrumental conducting

Selections by the Concert Choir

under the direction of Bradley Miller, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities

Processional (please remain seated)

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1..... Edward Elgar, arr. Reed

Student Color Guards: Hector Garcia '17, El Paso, Texas, and Hannah Goemann '17, Wells

Mace Bearer: Heather J. Peters, associate professor of psychology

Student Marshals: Cody Shaffer '17, Staples, and Gabriella Wilke '17, Richmond

Faculty Marshal: Michael Lackey, professor of English

The Star Spangled Banner (please rise)..... Francis Scott Key

Daniel Gilbert '16, Ashland, Wisconsin, and Melissa Trunk '16, Princeton,

accompanied by Symphonic Winds

Welcome and Guest Recognition..... Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson

Remarks..... University of Minnesota Regent Peggy E. Lucas

Introduction of Curtis H. Larson Award Recipient..... Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson

Student Speaker, Curtis H. Larson Award Recipient..... Cory T. Schroeder '16, Bloomington

Musical Selection*America the Beautiful*..... Samuel Augustus Ward, arr. Dragon

Symphonic Winds under the direction of Simon Tiller,

director of wind ensembles and instrumental conducting

Introduction of Speaker Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson

Graduation Address The Honorable R. T. Rybak, former mayor of Minneapolis

Introduction of the Honor Song..... Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sandra K. Olson-Loy

Honor Song..... Northern Wind Singers

In recognition of the campus's origins as an American Indian boarding school, a Native American Honor

Song is performed to recognize and pay tribute to the achievements of our scholars. Please show respect by

standing, men with bared heads. No photographs may be taken at this time. This Honor Song is dedicated

to the Class of 2016. Gabe Desrosiers '05, Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada, is the lead singer and

composer for the Northern Wind Singers (Woodland Ojibwe) and the keeper of the drum.

Presentation of Candidates Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean Bart D. Finzel

Chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics Peh Ng

Conferring of Degrees	University of Minnesota Regent Peggy E. Lucas
Musical Selection	<i>Unclouded Day</i> Josiah K. Alwood Concert Choir under the direction of Bradley Miller, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities
Welcome from the University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association	Daniel J. Moore '07, president
Closing Remarks	Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson
Recessional	<i>Procession of the Nobles</i> Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. Leidzen Symphonic Winds under the direction of Simon Tillier, director of wind ensembles and instrumental conducting

The audience is asked to remain seated until all graduates and faculty have departed from the mall.

The commencement ceremony video will be streamed live to
Edson Auditorium in the Student Center.

RECEPTION

A reception in the Student Center's Oyate Hall follows the commencement ceremony. Graduates, families, and friends are cordially invited to stay and enjoy the fellowship of this special occasion.

GALLERY EXHIBITION

The Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Gallery features the 2016 Senior Art Exhibition. It is open to visitors before and after the commencement ceremony.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

With appreciation, we acknowledge the contribution of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters Taften Bilbaugh, NIC Master, and Rebecca Rick, NIC. A special thank you is extended to all the volunteer greeters and ushers, representing students, staff, and members of the University of Minnesota, Morris Retirees Association, who assisted with commencement. Thank you to Brittany Grady '17, Jacksonville, Florida, stage assistant to the Chancellor, and Taylor Montbriand '17, Woodbury, stage assistant to the Dean and Division Chair.

The Morris campus received the vase on the commencement stage as a special gift in honor of the late Sam Schuman, who served as chancellor from 1998 until 2006. Kevin Flicker '74, ceramics teaching specialist, created the vase that was fired in the Morris campus wood-fire kiln.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Assisted listening devices are available upon request at the Information Center in the Student Center.

DVD RECORDING

Graduates and families may request a DVD of the commencement ceremony by calling the Morris Bookstore at 320-589-6141.

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES

A

Victor Anerud, Osteo, economics
Kristina Marlene Abbas, Saint Paul, French, psychology
Whitney Josephine Adrian, Saint Cloud, chemistry
Hyeon Ahn, management: financial and organizational management
Escyllia Grace Allen, Prior Lake, political science
Alexandra Elizabeth Anderson, Osakis, elementary education, with high distinction
Melissa N. Anderson, Saint Paul, biology, mathematics, with honors
Laddie J. Arnold, Saint Paul, history
Emily A. Auch, Benson, mathematics, secondary education

B

Katiré Elizabeth Balzar, North Branch, sociology
Abigail Mary Bangasser, Slayton, liberal arts for the human services, psychology
Jillene Marie Bantau, Elbow Lake, psychology, with distinction
Hollie Rae Bayer, Princeton, elementary education
Brandon R. Beaulieu, Eagan, management: financial and organizational management
Karl Beck, Minneapolis, geology
Cori J. Becker, Sauk Rapids, management: financial and organizational management, sport management
Ashlee Lauren Bednar, Minneapolis, elementary education
Michael Paul Bellefeuille, sociology
Carmen Bergstedt, Hermantown, biology
Ellen Leigh Best, Grand Rapids, biology
Jacob M. Bibeau, economics, management: financial and organizational management

Aspen Rose Billiet, Hutchinson, studio art
Camilla Joy Bjorklund, Farwell, French, music, with distinction
Jordan Kincaid Blank, Red Wing, liberal arts for the human services, psychology, with distinction
Alyssa Rae Bless, psychology
Jacqueline E. Blue, Boise, Idaho, anthropology
Dalton Charles Blumhofer, Willmar, history
Rachel Renee Bohling, Elizabeth, Colorado, chemistry: biochemistry, with high distinction
Gammachis L. Bokku, Robbinsdale, biology
Addison R. Bona, Delano, biology
Laura Kim Borkenhagen, Truman, anthropology, biology, with honors
Miranda Carol Bridgeman, Big Lake, biology
Eden Marie Broberg, Fargo, North Dakota, biology, psychology
Teresa Anne Brockman, Forest Lake, computer science, statistics
Ivie Brooks, Duluth, communication, media, and rhetoric
Aaron C. Brown, San Diego, California, history, social science, with distinction
Kielyr Laramee Brown, liberal arts for the human services, psychology
Melissa Rae Brownlee, Hibbing, economics, management: financial and organizational management
Steven P. Brueske, communication, media, and rhetoric
Drake Burri, biology

C

Cong Cai, economics
Charles H. Cain, Woodbury, mathematics, statistics, with high distinction
Maggie Marie Casale, Inver Grove Heights, computer science
Collin P. Casperson, Glenwood, communication, media, and rhetoric
Maxwell Russell Cavanaugh, psychology
Ramsey M. Ceballos, Huntsville, Alabama, geology
Anthony D. Ceroll, management: financial and organizational management
Josh P. Chapman, Lindstrom, computer science
Steven D. Chaussee, political science
Yinying Chen, economics, management: financial and organizational management
Yejin Cho, Seoul, South Korea, mathematics, statistics
Katherine Chojnacki, Eagan, English, with distinction
Breanna Clark, Golden Valley, biology
Jodi Jean Clark, Becker, mathematics, secondary education
Katelyn J. Claseman, Rogers, biology
Shelby Alexandria Colburn, Huntington Beach, California, biology

Maja L. Coomes, Wahkon, management: financial and organizational management, sport management, with high distinction
Zachary Dane Robinson Copic, Zimmerman, computer science
Gabrielle C. Crain, Scandia, English, with high distinction
Travis Crego, Maple Grove, communication, media, and rhetoric
Marissa Sue Cummins, Owatonna, biology, with distinction

D

Haley Nicole Dagle, East Bethel, psychology
Nahan Wesley Dalman, Pelican Rapids, environmental science, geology
Sam Daniewicz, Woodbury, psychology
Celena M. Davis, Ivanhoe, history
Michael Marquise Davis, Minneapolis, geology
Brooke M. Decker, Maple Lake, elementary education, with distinction
Silvio Defant, English, theatre arts
April K. Dennison, Rochester, biology, with distinction
Bailey Donald Denzer, computer science
Nicole M. Deziel, English, environmental studies
Alicia Marie Doerr, Stillwater, chemistry, with distinction
Adam Joseph Doms, economics, management: financial and organizational management
Connor Stephen Doyle, sport management
Timothy Jon Dudding, Morris, economics
Emily R. Dumbeck, Baxter, psychology
John Paul Duran, Salinas, California, communication, media, and rhetoric
Brady Dutchak, Dickinson, North Dakota, sport management

E

Lisa Marie Earley, Wykoff, chemistry: biochemistry, with high distinction
Jacob Taylor Eberhardt, mathematics, secondary education, with distinction

Kennedy L. Eichers, Melrose, elementary education, with distinction
Emily Rose Ellingworth, Kasson, psychology
Cody Heath Emrick, Sundance, Wyoming, sport management
Annie R. Erickson, Ogema, management: financial and organizational management
Taylor J. Evansen, Hastings, psychology, with high distinction

F

Zhongyu Fan, economics
Mackenzie R. Farah-Frick, psychology
Andrew Rene Fellows, Iraan, Texas, social science
Henry Fellows, computer science
Nathan Douglas Ferrey, Mahtomedi, chemistry: biochemistry
Jennifer Finger, Northfield, history
Rachel Mayfred Forrest, Shawano, Wisconsin, studio art
Daniel M. Fossen, Burnsville, economics, political science
Teja Cheyanne Foy, Crete, Illinois, psychology
Amanda Lynn Frost, Virginia, sociology
Carissa Anne Fuller, Zimmerman, area of concentration: exercise science
William Theodore Fust, Plymouth, sport management

G

John R. Gabriel, Brooklyn Center, secondary education, social science
Bethany J. Gangestad, Little Falls, psychology
Yukai Ge, management: global business
Emanuel Gebreab, Eagan, sociology
Brennan W. Gensch, Shorewood, computer science
Blake John Gerold, Hastings, chemistry
Haley K. Gessell, anthropology
Daniel Gilbert, Ashland, Wisconsin, music
Samuel Gill, Northfield, history, political science, with distinction
Jacob Andrew Gindt, Woodbury, economics, philosophy, political science, with high distinction
Lauren Kathryn Girtz, Princeton, area of concentration: allied health sciences
Holly N. Godding, Clarissa, biology
Dylan Woodrow Goetsch, Shakopee, anthropology, Latin American area studies
Phillip C. Golde, music, secondary education
Justin Gordon, sport management
Paul M. Granaas, chemistry: biochemistry
Alaina D. Grant, Delano, biology
Morton G. Greenslit, Mound, physics
Kallie Jane Grote, North Branch, English, secondary education
Molly J. Grove, Minneapolis, computer science, mathematics
Kimberley Kay Gruhn, Parkersburg, Iowa, studio art
Mingyu Guo, Shanghai, China, economics
Dalton J. Gusaas, computer science, history

H

Paul W. Hagen, economics
Tessa K. Hagen, Blaine, psychology, with distinction, with honors
Chloe E. Hanson, Lake Park, chemistry: biochemistry
Peter F. Hanson, Bloomington, computer science
Emily Kathryn Harlan, Delano, biology, environmental science
Thomas Harren, Eagle Bend, computer science, with high distinction
Jenna N. Hartelt, English
Jessica Kathreen Hauff, Humboldt, South Dakota, studio art

Sean Haugen, Coon Rapids, geology
Severina Louise Hein, Plymouth, English
Hanna Joy Henderson, Buffalo, biology
Jonathan James Henry, Bemidji, environmental science
Christian R. Hermansen, Rochester, economics
Molly Judith Hesse, Watkins, elementary education, with high distinction
Kevin Robert Heysse, Saint Cloud, mathematics
Daniel Highberg, Saint Michael, political science
Caitlin Hirschberger, Roseville, English
Tammy A. Hoemberg, Blaine, chemistry
Melanie Marie Hoffman, Saint Cloud, psychology
Alexandra B. Holten, Austin, biology
Laura A. Hoppe, Wyoming, Latin American area studies, Spanish, with distinction, with honors
Rebecca Rose Hopperstad, Savage, elementary education
Caitlyn Horsch, Woodbury, biology, environmental science
Katherine Lynn Hosch, Fridley, environmental science
Sai Hotung, management: global business, Spanish
Meara Hove, Falcon Heights, psychology, area of concentration: writing and communication
Zhanglei Huang, economics
Natalie M. Hughes, Saint Cloud, economics, mathematics
Kahsha M. Hyde, biology

I

Olivia Yasemin Ilgar, Litchfield, anthropology
Gabriella Francesca Illi, Mahtomedi, French

J

Drewe V. Jefferson, English
Kiersty K. Jehoich, Saint Cloud, psychology
Katherine Elizabeth Jenny, studio art
Alayna Marie Johnson, Poplar, Wisconsin, biology, environmental studies
Isaac Johnson, studio art
Kelsey Jopp, Champlin, English: creative writing, management: global business, with high distinction
Shannon Jordan, Staunton, Virginia, psychology
Gregory Alan Juelke, elementary education, with distinction

K

Aliaksandr Kachan, Minsk, Belarus, psychology, with honors
Jacob A. Kahn, Maple Grove, economics, management: financial and organizational management
Katelyn L. Kamann, Howard Lake, economics, management: financial and organizational management, with high distinction
Kaitlin Marie Kamm, Saint Peter, human services: general
Maria Louise Keeler, Shoreview, biology, psychology
Marisa Keidel, Waconia, biology
Dongwook Kim, Busan, South Korea, management: global business
Yuna Kim, Gimhae, South Korea, management: financial and organizational management
Eric Reid King, New London, chemistry
Michelle Lynne King, Maple Grove, physics, with distinction
Katelyn M. Klassen, New Ulm, elementary education, with distinction
Kyle Jones Klausing, Saint Louis Park, history, Latin American area studies, Spanish
Brittani M. Klaverkamp, Saint Cloud, music, secondary education

Joseph E. Kleckner, Ramsey, communication, media, and rhetoric, English

Justin Bradley Klow, history

Jayce Koester, Eagen, English, political science

Broce S. Kokesch, Palisade, biology, geology; with distinction, with honors

Garrison Paul Komaniecki, Rochester, chemistry; biochemistry, with high distinction, with honors

Christian Korlath, Zimmerman, sport management

Emmet Josef Kowler, Minneapolis, theatre arts

Kayla Hope Kraemer, Brainerd, area of concentration: exercise science

Joseph K. Kretchman-Grande, Orono, German studies, history, secondary education, social science

Mathea Joy Krogstad, Crystal, psychology, statistics, with honors

Kristine Marie Krueger, Cold Spring, biology

Jordyn Elisa Kunde, psychology

Peter Geiger Wilkes Kvale, Duluth, environmental studies

L

Emma LaChance, LITTLETON, Colorado, biology

Ernest Ellsworth Lafferty, geology

Michelle Jo Lagarde, Minneapolis, environmental science, geology

Reed W. Larsen, history

Karisa Sue Lehmann, Mankato, communication, media, and rhetoric, area of concentration: journalism

Mariah Joy Lehrer, Prior Lake, biology

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Aaron D. Lemmon, Alexandria, computer science

Ming Li, economics

Fei Lin, psychology

Matthew Linder, Lake Elmo, computer science

Paden Lindsay, Rothsay, history

Duan Liu, Zhengzhou, Henan, China, economics, statistics

Siqing Liu, economics

Laura Ann Lofness, biology

Sydney Suzanne Long, psychology

Lech Lor, Minneapolis, economics, management: financial and organizational management

Yanyu Lu, economics, statistics

Jacob Anthony Lutchten, Rogers, biology

M

Huiting Ma, Shanghai, China, art history

Zhenzhen Ma, psychology

Hasan Mustata Malik, economics

Patrick J. Malone, Maplewood, communication, media, and rhetoric

Elizabeth J. Mark, Vadnais Heights, elementary education

Andrew Paul Marshall, Hayfield, chemistry; biochemistry

Jessica A. Martineau, Roseville, sociology

Christopher Masanz, economics

Tara Mathiesen, Saint Augusta, psychology

Michael Kevin Maudal, New Ulm, chemistry; biochemistry

Katherine J. Mayberry, biology

Kellen McArthur, Ogema, White Earth, geology

Hunter Sean McFall-Boegeman, Dundas, chemistry; biochemistry

Henry Thomas Megarry, Minneapolis, computer science

Rogelio Meraz, San Antonio, Texas, social science

Mikayla Michaletz, Aitkin, elementary education, with distinction

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Clare Marie Keil Miller, Hudson, Wisconsin, physics, with distinction, with honors

Natasha C. Miller, Saint Paul, anthropology; statistics

Preston James Miller, computer science

Brian S. Mitchell, Saint Paul, computer science

Rachel Ann Moe, Chula Vista, California, art history

Adam Garri Molde, theatre arts

Jillian Eleanor Moldestad, Golden Valley, psychology; statistics

Shawn Daniel Montag, Murdock, chemistry

Perry Vincent Moore, philosophy

Olivia Rae Mora, Santa Rosa, California, communication, media, and rhetoric

Tanner R. Mork, Lester Prairie, geology

Taylor Morris, Cokato, liberal arts for the human services, psychology, with high distinction

Samantha Catherine Moyer, Oronoco, political science

Hunter Lee Muklebust, economics, management: financial and organizational management

Brenda E. Muthoni, psychology

N

Lynsey Marie Nass, history

Jeffrey M. Natsyin, Brainerd, psychology

Elizabeth Naul-Maurer, Cambridge, English, with distinction

Karla R. Nelson, Aberdeen, South Dakota, psychology

Sarah Jean Nelson, New London, psychology, with distinction

Seh D. Nelson, Spicer, biology

Jonas Newhouse, Minneapolis, theatre arts

Daniel P. Nida, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, English, with distinction

Momoko Belle Nishikido, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, statistics, area of concentration: international studies

Samantha Nokleby, Montevideo, elementary education

Taylor H. Nordby, Harvey, North Dakota, management: financial and organizational management

Brian Nyakundi, Brooklyn Park, chemistry; biochemistry

Christina Nyquist, Cokato, biology, with distinction

Corrie Elisabeth Nyquist, Cokato, biology, environmental science

O

Jeremy O'Hara, Baxter, Iowa, psychology

Aisling Kate O'Neill, art history, statistics

Ashley Irene Olsen, Rockford, music

April Olson, biology

Nahan S. Olson, Minneapolis, sport management

Jacob P. Opdahl, Minnetonka, computer science, with high distinction

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Lauren Lee Ott, Princeton, biology

P

Hannah E. Palmer, Cambridge, psychology

Yinan Pan, economics

Jasmine Lee Paron, Shakopee, communication, media, and rhetoric, environmental studies

Tristane Paulson, Shoreview, biology

Abigail G. Pausitan, New Ulm, biology, psychology, with high distinction

Ross D. Penning, Harrisburg, South Dakota, management: financial and organizational management

Nathan P. Perfetti, philosophy, statistics

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Leah K. Peterson, Onamia, elementary education
Mariah M. Peterson, anthropology, liberal arts for the human services
Shain P. Powers, Grand Rapids, sport management
Sandra L. Pratt, Sisseton, South Dakota, theatre arts

R

Claire Elizabeth Rabine, Andover, geology
Kristin Marie Rachor, computer science, with distinction
Emma J. Randolph, Eagan, secondary education, studio art, with distinction
Madeline J. Rauma, Golden Valley, communication, media, and rhetoric, with distinction
Luke William Raymond, Sandstone, mathematics
Andrea Renville, Rapid City, South Dakota, liberal arts for the human services, psychology
Peter O'Neill Rerick, psychology, with distinction
Niccolas A. Ricci, computer science
Michelle P. Richotte, Park Rapids, psychology
Anthony Rinken, Westminster, Colorado, communication, media, and rhetoric
Joe Roggenbuck, Osakis, sport management
Ricardo L. Rojas, Champlin, economics
Haylee Michel Rowlette, Castle Rock, Colorado, biology

S

Tyler D. Sachariason, Montevideo, management: financial and organizational management
Samantha Jo Salathe, Perham, area of concentration: health sciences
Mariah Pearl Sazue, Crow Creek Sioux Indian Reservation, South Dakota, sport management
Keely Jennifer Scheetz, El Paso, Texas, chemistry
Ellie Kristi Schendzielos, Saint Cloud, English
Taylor S. Schertler, Minneapolis, biology
Nathan James Schmid, Burnsville, secondary education, social science, Spanish, with high distinction
Jourdan Schnabel, Monticello, secondary education, Spanish
Meghan E. Schnetzer, Chaska, chemistry: biochemistry
Jason Schoumaker, Inver Grove Heights, biology
Cory T. Schroeder, Bloomington, history, Latin American area studies, Spanish
Katie Schwanke, Lakeville, social science
Allison Schwartz, Andover, Spanish
Atsushi Seki, political science
Timothy Sheehan, Minneapolis, chemistry
Samantha Shelstad, Lino Lakes, liberal arts for the human services, psychology
Ruoyu Shen, statistics
Keisuke Shibata, Tokyo, Japan, management: global business
Jessa L. Sigurdson, Buffalo, biology
Evan James Sima, theatre arts
Benjamin Kelly Simondet, Sauk Rapids, computer science
Gabriel Sommer Smith, Maplewood, economics, political science
Joy Lynn Smith, Cass Lake, psychology
Matthew W. Smith, chemistry: biochemistry, with high distinction
Zachary Mark Smith, Mora, biology, environmental science
Isaac Smolund, computer science
Anna R. Somberg, Shoreview, English
Tyler John Sorensen, environmental studies

Cassandra Lynn Sowada, Oakdale, American Indian studies, Spanish
Brandon N. Stock, Willmar, computer science
Sean R. Stockholm, Stillwater, computer science, mathematics
Bailey Ann Stottrup, Princeton, liberal arts for the human services, with distinction
Sarah A. Streng, Fulda, chemistry
Amy Christine Sund, Fergus Falls, biology
Emily R. Sunderman, Cambridge, secondary education, Spanish, with high distinction
Najla Rose Swanson, Missoula, Montana, elementary education, with high distinction
Hannah Mae Sweet, Saint Paul, biology, with distinction

T

Junkai Tang, economics
Sarah Jean Terpstra, Ogilvie, area of concentration: healthcare management administration
Reid Duncan Thomas, Champlin, political science
Darian Thompson, Watertown, South Dakota, history
Emily L. Thomsen, Coon Rapids, environmental science, with distinction
Weiming Tian, biology
Abigaile H. Tietz, Moorhead, biology
Derek A. Toso, Little Falls, economics, mathematics, with distinction
Melissa Mae Trunk, Princeton, music, psychology

V

Andrew D. Van Ruler, Edgerton, psychology
Mai Bao Vang, biology
Sheeher Vang, management: financial and organizational management
Tong Vang, Walnut Grove, chemistry: biochemistry
Lauren R. Velde, English
Erik Vergiels, Fergus Falls, history, social science
Zachary D. Vink, computer science

W

Abigail Jane Walsh, Hastings, chemistry, with high distinction, with honors
Patrick T. Walsh, Montevideo, economics
Amanda Walz, Saint Joseph, biology
Amelia Walz, Saint Joseph, psychology
Qianyu Wang, economics
Ellery D. Wealot, Dodge Center, management: financial and organizational management, with distinction
Taylor Victoria Welle, Sartell, liberal arts for the human services, psychology
Matthew R. Wever, biology
Bo Whitley, Burnsville, psychology
Erica Ruth Wietgreffe, Britton, South Dakota, biology
Zachary Leighton Wilkie, elementary education
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Rachel E. Wingenbach, mathematics, statistics
Jacob T. Wirz, Saint Cloud, sport management
John H. Wood, Eagle Bend, psychology
Sayge Claire Wooldridge, Hill City, South Dakota, geology
Marissa Wraalstad, Coon Rapids, biology
Ryan A. Wynn, Pine River, mathematics

Y

Shingo Yamane, Clara City, economics, management: global business
Kolee Yang, Walnut Grove, biology
Ye Yang, economics, management: financial and organizational management
Xuepeng Yu, Ningbo, China, economics

Z

Martin Zais, Hudson, Wisconsin, environmental studies
Yanjie Zhang, economics
Jordan Marie Zickermann, Blaine, psychology
Justin T. Ziegler, studio art
Saskia Mullins Zinn, Duluth, French, German studies

CURRICULUM, DISTINCTION, AND HONORS REQUIREMENTS

Degrees will be conferred as indicated on the students listed in this program subject to completion of all curriculum requirements. Candidates graduating “with high distinction” have a University of Minnesota grade point average (GPA) of 3.90 or higher; those graduating “with distinction” have a GPA from 3.75 to 3.89. They wear gold cords, gifts from the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Seniors graduating “with honors” must complete twelve credits in the Honors program, including an interdisciplinary capstone project presented before a panel of three faculty members from different academic disciplines. They must also have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher at graduation. They wear Honors medallions in recognition of their accomplishment.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

American academic regalia—robes, caps, insignia, and emblems used by colleges and universities to identify themselves—indicate the academic rank of wearers. The custom began in Great Britain where robes and hoods designed for warmth were common clothing at the earliest universities. In 1895, the Academic Costume Code standardized American academic regalia, specifying style and usage of caps, gowns, hoods, and colors to represent degrees.

The fields of learning colors are as follows: white for arts, letters, humanities; khaki for business, accounting, commerce; copper for economics; light blue for education; brown for fine arts and architecture; silver for oratory and speech; crimson for journalism; purple for law; lemon for library science; pink for music; dark blue for philosophy; sage green for physical education; gold for psychology; peacock blue for public administration; salmon pink for public health; golden yellow for science; citron for social work; scarlet for theology; orange for engineering.

Masters, specialists, and doctors wear hoods lined with the official colors of the university from which the degree is granted. Tassel colors indicate the academic program area. Gown sleeves distinguish educational levels: bachelor, long pointed; master, oblong; and doctor and specialist, bell-shaped.

MACE

Once a medieval symbol of war, the mace has emerged from its history to become a symbol of peaceful leadership. As an emblem of order and authority, the ceremonial staff is carried by a senior faculty at the head of official processions, inciting the pomp and pageantry of university ceremonial occasions.



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