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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 Graduates and Families,

We are so glad you are able to be with us virtually on this important day. Our community shares your joy in honoring this outstanding class of graduates, and I am so pleased we are able to celebrate you today.

I always look forward to this time of year at the University of Minnesota Morris. This is a very special institution with a strong and clear set of values: a commitment to access, appreciation for diversity in all its forms, and belief in the power of education for societal good. The UMN Morris Class of 2020, with its collective achievements, demonstrates the power of these values.

As one of the country's top public liberal arts colleges, UMN Morris provides talented students access to life-changing educational experiences. Our students strive to strengthen their communities, and this year's graduates are no exception. They have studied abroad, led student organizations, taken part in athletic competitions and musical, theatre, and dance performances. They have served the region and participated in creative and scholarly activities alongside award-winning teacher-scholars. And they have overcome unprecedented challenges to completing their degrees. These graduates exemplify our mission, serving as models of institutional values such as reasoned discourse, discovery, intellectual growth, and civic responsibility. They are prepared to continue their lives as engaged and committed global citizens. We are immensely proud of them—all they have accomplished and all they will accomplish.

Today we celebrate not only these outstanding graduates, but also each and every one of you who has stood by them: a powerful network of family and friends that made it possible for these students to succeed. I wish you a memorable and gratifying day as we celebrate together this landmark moment in our graduates' lifelong journeys of growth and learning.

Chancellor Michelle Behr

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES

A

Evan Aanerud, theatre arts, area of concentration: arts management, with distinction, with honors
Ana Abraham, sport management
Nicole Marie Abraham, mathematics, statistics,
Raymond Abraham, Cambridge, elementary education
Bevan Aldrich, anthropology
Francesca Dionne Anariva-Kubes, Spanish
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Kailyn Anderson, psychology
Ryan Anderson, Bellevue, Idaho, chemistry
Wyatt Neal Anderson, Spanish, political science, with high distinction, with honors
Gabe Arreguin, Waseca, management: financial and organizational management
Victoria Camille Asche, English
Emma Marie Atkinson, Annandale, human services: general
Kathryn Rose Auger, elementary education
Gözde Aydin, Ankara, Turkey, biology

B

August Charles Barkmeier, English
Benny Barnack, Lonsdale, elementary education
Jake Barnes, Mora, anthropology
Tony Barrera, Minneapolis, English
Nicholas James Barth, French
Kriss P. Baye, studio art
Christiana Lynn Beard, anthropology
Blake James Bellamy, computer science
Katelyn Bergstrom, anthropology, biology
Sophia Lynn Berkenpas, biology, with distinction
William Kent Biggerstaff, chemistry
Joshua Louis Blackmore, Minnetonka, economics
Maya Mae Bledsoe, French, political science
Faith Ashley Bohnenstingl, Brainerd, biology
Katie Booth, communication, media, and rhetoric, theatre arts
Taylor Erin Braun, Ramsey, elementary education, with distinction
Henry Joseph Bray, political science
Miriah Bridgeman, psychology
Malachy Brink, chemistry: biochemistry
Marius Daniel Brown, philosophy
Dylan Brunetti, Rogers, history, social science: history
Lily Marie Brutger, Cold Spring, art history, studio art, with high distinction
Emily Budig, elementary education, Spanish, with distinction
Kathryn Burquest, elementary education,
Mackenzie Faye Burris, East Grand Forks, biology
Hannah Marie Buysse, English, social science: history, secondary education, with distinction

C

Noelia Caceres, psychology
Daniel Victor Cameron, biology
Jack Malcom Campbell, music
Olivia Marie Carlson, Rogers, art history, studio art, with high distinction

Sara J. Carman, Lutsen, art history, communication, media, and rhetoric, with high distinction, with honors
Michelle Megan Carnicle, biology
Isaiah James Chalmers, human services: human development, psychology
Chongxu Chen, management: global business
Seo Jeong Cho, biology
Mara Lea Christensen, elementary education, with distinction
Camille Chu, economics, management: financial and organizational management
Colleen Virginia Chwalek, Monticello, social science: history, secondary education
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Rachel Mae Curtiss, biology

D

Mary Eva Daly, elementary education
Lexi Dant, sociology
Kyle DeBates, computer science, history
Caitlin Marie Defoe, Red Lake, anthropology, sociology
Carmen Rose Defoe, Red Lake, psychology, sociology
Endegena Messay Desta, statistics
Kaitlyn Brooke Dierks, elementary education
Agnes Anne Dieter, music
Ellie Rose Dixon, human services: general
Quinton Dornisch, environmental studies, statistics, with distinction
Evan Douville, Saint Paul, English
Mitchell Drummer, computer science

E

Lauren Mae Eckert, biology
Drake Leon Egan, environmental science
Megan Ruth Ellingboe, biology
Victoria Marie Evens, Cold Spring, gender, women, and sexuality studies, music, with distinction
Hannah Elizabeth Ewing, Delano, psychology

F

Adam Farag, sport management
Angela Feather, Colton, South Dakota, psychology
Jodi Lynette Femrite, elementary education
Preston Michael Fifarek, Valdez, Alaska, biology, history
Shelby Russel Floan, mathematics, secondary education, with honors
Matthew Flock, economics, management: financial and organizational management
Meghan Florip, political science
Kyle Timothy Fluto, computer science
Melissa Rae Foell, studio art
Tess Renee Fonder, biology
Nathan Kyle Foss, computer science, psychology
Paige Marie Friedrich, biology

Charles W. Fuller, biology
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G

Hannah Godzala, Coon Rapids, management: global business
Rebecca Gomez, biology
Katie Goose, psychology
Archer Gordon, political science
Madeline Ruth Gould, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, English, secondary education, with high distinction
Gunnar Paul Grammond, social science: history, secondary education, with distinction
Josiah Robert Gregg, mathematics, political science, with distinction, with honors
Kitana Ann Kiralyn Grimmer, Alexandria, biology
Ryan James Gross, biology
Angela Marie Gudahl, anthropology, psychology

H

Sophia Lilly Hall, studio art
Ethan Roy Hamer, Roseville, computer science
Andrew Handshy, philosophy
Amanda Hansmann, biology, with high distinction
Alexi Edward Harmon, biology, history
Melissa Ann Haseman, chemistry: biochemistry, with distinction
Jubair Hassan, Dhaka, Bangladesh, computer science
Megan Mary Hassing, Albertville, English, secondary education
Charles Hassinger, Aniak, Alaska, sociology
Bryn Rose Hatten, Champlin, biology, secondary education
Michael Jeffrey Head, Kasson, sport management
Rebecca Hedlund, environmental studies
Parker James Heidorn, statistics
Layne Victoria Herrmann, English, Native American and indigenous studies
Heather Renae Herzig, management: financial and organizational management
Kedrick James Hill, computer science
Bailey Sophia Hintz, music
Brooke Carolyn Hogan, Cannon Falls, environmental science
Rebecca Louise Holland, elementary education, with distinction
Parker Steven Holm, Saint Michael, geology
Jacob Edward Hopperstad, anthropology, history
Tzu Han Huang, chemistry, with high distinction
Averi Elizabeth Hutton, Little Falls, biology
Dongbin Hwang, mathematics, statistics

I

Olivia Kimberly Illi, communication, media, and rhetoric

J

Adrianna Danielle Jackson, Cloquet, biology, Native American and indigenous studies
Preston Jackson, geology
Levi E. Jahnke, music, secondary education, with distinction
Justice James Jensvold, elementary education
Brady James Jergenson, Morris, elementary education
Trent Jerome, sport management

Emily Lynn Job, environmental science
Allison Grace Johnson, environmental studies
Autumn Chan Johnson, East Bethel, political science, sociology
Chloe Johnson, English
Hannah Helen Rose Johnson, Duluth, Native American and indigenous studies, with distinction
Jacob Johnson, anthropology, history
Jade M. Johnson, biology
Mac Johnson, biology
Nathan Johnson, Worthington, psychology
Tucker Johnson, mathematics
Andie Shaton Jones, psychology
Geordi Jones, theatre arts
Leah A. Judd, computer science
Matthew Justin, psychology

K

Melissa Kamrowski, Kimberly, Wisconsin, physics, with distinction
Sheila Karl, chemistry: biochemistry
Adam D. Keifer, history
Caleb Joseph Kemp, social science: history
Hanna Joe Kennedy, chemistry
Erica G. Keoke, Native American and indigenous studies
Ana Gabriela Kircher, human services: human development
Jared Kistner, geology
Erin Levi Kiyukanpi, Native American and indigenous studies
Jordan R. Knipfer, Monticello, psychology
Sara Rose Knipfer, statistics, area of concentration: actuarial science
Liam Ryan Koehler, computer science
Avery David Koranda, computer science, with distinction
Christina Lorraine Kotten, Becker, biology
Alyssa M. Kraft, theatre arts
Katie Kubat, sociology
Cole Patrick Kvistero, area of concentration: exercise science

L

Gracie Laddusaw, chemistry
Max Williams Landy, German studies, political science
Damian Lange, sport management
Abby Langel, history
Abbie Larsen, Le Center, human services: human development
Lucas Joseph Larson, Winona, history, social science: history, secondary education, with distinction
Matt Laur, human services: criminal justice
Christopher Thomas Lawrence, psychology
Montana Marie Lawrence, political science, studio art
Sydney L. LeBlanc, history
Ruth E. Lee, studio art
Tayler J. Lehmann, management: global business
Daniel Le-Tran, Saint Paul, environmental studies
Changhong Li, mathematics, secondary education
Michael (Xiaochen) Li, Morris, political science, with honors
Luke Ronald Lippert, chemistry
Anqi Liu, economics
Kate Livermore, Waconia, physics, Spanish, with distinction
Sydney Allison Loechler, Saint Charles, biology, gender, women, and sexuality studies

Joseph David Loija Jr., Zimmerman, management: financial and organizational management
Brooke Lorentz, Sauk Rapids, mathematics, psychology, with distinction
Mikayla Jade Lucci, social science: history, secondary education, with high distinction
Cornelia Murray Lutz, English

M

Sam Madden, communication, media, and rhetoric
Michael Madsen, English
Cidavia Joa Marchand, Sauk Rapids, psychology
Mackenzi Marquette, biology
Anastasia Nicole Masieniec, anthropology
Justin Michael Masloski, management: financial and organizational management
Michelle Marisse Mathias, French, psychology, with high distinction
Rachel Elizabeth Mathias, Heron Lake, elementary education
Megan Marie Mathison, Andover, biology, with high distinction
Quinn Maynor, studio art
Morgan Grace McAlpin, communication, media, and rhetoric
Hannah Elizabeth Marie Mein, Roseville, psychology
Molly Belle Melduskova, Atlantic City, New Jersey, psychology
Trent Russell Merkins, Cottonwood, computer science
Megan Christine Merschman, elementary education
Grace Miller, environmental studies, with distinction
Morgan Alene Miller, social science: history, secondary education, with distinction
Taylor Miller, environmental studies
Makayla Marie Moate, political science
Abenezer Kedir Monjor, computer science
Francisco Elias Montanez, computer science, statistics
Isabel Montemayor, psychology, with distinction
Kerri Mueller, environmental science, with distinction, with honors
Christina Munoz-Pinon, anthropology, history
Tina Marie Myrum, Bertha, anthropology, psychology

N

Claire Naslund, Thief River Falls, biology
Amelia Marie Nelson, anthropology, biology, environmental studies, with distinction
Kerri Nelson, Ham Lake, English
Dakota Jerome Neppel, management: financial and organizational management
Nicole Newham, Moose Lake, area of concentration: biomedical science studies
Izzy Norconk, psychology
Jeph Novak, Coon Rapids, English
McKenna Marie Nye, biology

O

John T. O'Dougherty, geology
Maya Xiumei O'Loughlin, statistics
Connor Joseph Oldenburg, communication, media, and rhetoric, political science, social science: history, with distinction
Kimberly Olurankinse, biology

P

Caitlin Elizabeth Papke, chemistry
Tahni Rae Parisien, human services: social justice
Nick Dale Pasche, art history
Kiona Skye Paske, Rochester, Native American and indigenous studies, psychology, social science: psychology
Sierra Michelle Paske, Rochester, area of concentration: forensics, Native American and indigenous studies
Anika Elizabeth Paulson, psychology
Paige Pederson, Warren, environmental studies
Zhannan Peng, economics
Anna Louise Perrault, North Branch, economics, management: financial and organizational management
Alli Petersen, environmental science
Nicole Danielle Peterson, studio art
Alyssa Deanna Pieper, biology
Taylor Andrew Piottter, environmental studies, statistics, with distinction
Dora M. Porter, sociology
Marquel Elaine Porter, Woodbury, psychology

R

Sunanda Rajput, Delhi, India, biology
Aaron Ramirez, biology
Katie May Rasmussen, biology
Annica Reddemann, biology
Kaitlyn Reinhardt, biology, with distinction
Tracy Rheingans, biology
Denise Ann Riffey, Morris, human services: general
Benjamin Robertson, biology
Emily Eileen Ann Robinson, chemistry, with high distinction
Shanda K. Rodriguez, biology
Miranda Rosequist, Akeley, studio art
Brenna Christine Rubendall, human services: social justice, with high distinction

S

Hannah Rhea Warain Sajulga, Chaska, area of concentration: public health
Kallan Sandahl, environmental science
Alexi Sandberg, English
Janeille Schaubhut, Royalton, environmental science
Benjamin Nathan Schonberg, music
Nora Schulz, English, Latin American area studies, with high distinction
Whitney Schwartz, Marshall, management: global business
Sam Score, computer science
Zach Seeman, biology
Piyapon Nathaniel Seneesirikul, Bangkok, Thailand, management: financial and organizational management
Dylan Scott Severson, biology
Sarah Marie Severson, chemistry, English, with high distinction
Charlot Shaw, computer science
Nathan Scott Sheridan, sport management
Jiaqi Shi, statistics
Mary K. Shoemaker, human services: general
Jade Ashley Simonton, psychology

Michael J. Small, Wadena, communication, media, and rhetoric,
 computer science, with high distinction
 Mah-Koonce Smith, music
 Parker Smith, political science
 Lauren Elizabeth Solkowski, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, French,
 sociology, with high distinction
 Michael Sopcyk, elementary education, with distinction
 Amia Spates, biology
 Jamin Stagg, chemistry, physics
 Zachary Stahman, psychology, with distinction
 Rachel Stai, biology, with high distinction
 Quin Stangeland, geology
 Megan Sophia Steblay, Ramsey, English: creative writing,
 environmental science, with high distinction
 Daniel Stein, sociology, statistics
 Elizabeth Rose Stevens, computer science
 Emma Alice Stockinger, chemistry: biochemistry
 James Dean Sukanen, political science
 Alaina Marie Swanson, Pennock, physics
 Courtney Brooke Swenson, biology

T

Ananya Teklu, computer science
 Jackson Tenor, computer science, with high distinction
 Eleanor Thell, Bloomington, history, with distinction
 Kylie Toso, economics

U

Rachel M. Ulrich, chemistry: biochemistry
 Ethan Michael Uphoff, computer science, with distinction

V

Abby Van Kempen, Elbow Lake, environmental science
 Braden VanVleet, history
 Siarhei Yurievich Velichynski, economics, management: financial
 and organizational management
 McKenna Sue Vininski, biology, statistics
 Melissa Voss, area of concentration: journalism
 Trina Vue, English: creative writing

W

Lalania Rae Walker, human services: criminal justice, psychology
 Natalie Elenore Wallraff, Blaine, communication, media, and
 rhetoric, theatre arts

Dandan Wang, economics
 Mariah Guess Wanna-Nelson, psychology, Spanish
 Mia Olivia Wassink, communication, media, and rhetoric
 Joe Wehr, biology, area of concentration: exercise science
 Hunter Lee Welch, computer science
 Joshua Westfield, mathematics, statistics
 Collin James Westgard, biology, environmental studies
 Cain P. Whelan, history
 Katarina Wilke, Richmond, human services: social justice,
 sociology, with high distinction
 Merle Wolf, anthropology, environmental studies
 Michelle Marie Wolney, Columbia Heights, anthropology,
 sociology, with distinction
 Chengyi Wu, economics

X

Yao Xiao, economics, environmental studies
 Laly Xiong, computer science
 Pa Houa Xiong, sociology
 Bill Xu, chemistry, mathematics

Y

Xuejiao Yang, statistics
 Ya-Sokee Yang, philosophy
 Yuhao Yang, economics
 Chris Yannayon II, sociology, psychology
 Yancie Rochelle Yezak, psychology
 Chelsea Young, communication, media, and rhetoric
 Alex Jean Yunker, psychology, sociology

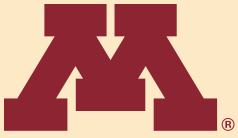
Z

Zion Zaloudek, music
 Kai Zang, computer science
 Kayla Zeck, East Grand Forks, biology, psychology, with distinction
 Jingshi Zeng, Shenzhen, China, mathematics, statistics, with high
 distinction
 Guangyi Zhang, economics, management: global business
 Jiadi Zhang, psychology
 Ke Zhang, management: financial and organizational management
 Xinyue Zhang, psychology, statistics
 Lingyu Zhong, economics
 Carol Jeanette Zurn, environmental science, geology

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” earned a University of Minnesota grade point average (GPA) of 3.90 or higher; those graduating “with distinction” earned a GPA from 3.75 to 3.89.

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