Commencement Exercises

May 18, 1979
2:00 p.m.
University of Minnesota - Crookston
Order of Events

Prelude: Ms. Marilyn Grave

Processional: At two p.m., the processional will enter the Campus Mall led by the Mace-Bearer, Professor Bernard Youngquist. The procession includes Faculty Marshals Professor Bruce Beresford and Professor Karl Bornhoft, the faculty, candidates for degrees, and platform guests. The audience will rise for the processional and remain standing for the National Anthem and the Invocation.

Presentation of Colors: Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard

National Anthem

Invocation: Brent Jacobson, Director, UMC Campus Ministry

"Young in Your Mind" - University of Minnesota Technical College Concert Choir, Professor Robert M. Olson, Director

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Dr. Stanley D. Sahlstrom, Provost

Greetings from University Regents: The Honorable Lloyd H. Peterson, Board of Regents

Presentation of the University’s Outstanding Achievement Award: The Honorable Lloyd H. Peterson, Regent

Address: The Honorable Robert Bergland, Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture

Presentation of Candidates: Professor Erman Ueland, Acting Chairperson, Agriculture Division; Professor Larry Christiansen, Chairperson, Business Division; Professor Emily Minnichsoffer, Chairperson, Home and Family Services Division; Professor Thomas Bloom, Chairperson, Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management Division
Conferring of Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas: The Honorable Lloyd H. Peterson, Regent; Professor Stanley D. Sahlstrom, Provost; Professor Donald Sargeant, Assistant Provost, Academic Affairs

Congratulatory Remarks from Alumni Association: Wayne Omundson, 1978-79 President, University of Minnesota Technical College Alumni Association

Speaking for the Class: Loel Olson, Student Senate President

"Tribute to Graduation" - University of Minnesota Technical College Concert Choir, Professor Robert M. Olson, Director

Benediction: The Reverend Gary Hatcher, Lutheran Church, Mentor, Campus Ministry Committee

Minnesota Hymn: “Hail, Minnesota” sung by audience (words on back page)

*Recessional

Postlude

Reception
All guests are invited to the reception

Candidates for Graduation Spring 1979

The degree, Associate in Applied Science, will be conferred upon those listed below, subject to the completion of all curriculum requirements.

Division of Agriculture

WITH HIGH DISTINCTION
Bouta, Robin Patrick Clontarf
Forsmark, Rebecca Ann Bloomington
Keller, Jeffrey L. Wendell
McVey, Melinda Ann Crookston
Norby, Jeffrey Scott Detroit Lakes
Revier, Deborah Lea Redwood Falls
Shuck, Merle Allen Tintah

WITH DISTINCTION
Benson, Dale Allen Arvilla, ND
Busselman, Douglas D. Lake Benton
Carlson, Sharon Rene* Palisade
Chaput, Kenneth George Grand Forks, ND
Daugharty, Patrick James Bird Island
Enga, Catherine Lynn Mounds View
Erck, Paulette Marie Fisher
Espersen, Thomas Martin* Brainerd
Haren, Larry Duane* Wellsburg, IA
Janisch, Vicki Lynn* Emo, Ontario
Johnson, Colleen Kay Benson
Kyar, Rodney Glenn Crookston
Lee, John Thomas DeGraff
Lee, Mark Edward* McIntosh
Lee, Richard LeRoy Ada

*The audience is requested to remain seated until those in academic costume have recessed.
Meyer, Paul L. ........................ Cass Lake
Munsch, Victor Ray .................... Bluffton
Pavlish, John Henry* ............. Mahnomen
Pexsa, Cindy Marie* ............ Parkers Prairie
Schaumburg, Christa Elaine .... Mahnomen
Schmitz, Douglas Gene ......... Red Lake Falls
Schmitz, Sharon Rose .......... Sauk Centre
Schwanzefeier, Merle Lee .... Hallock
Seifert, Rory Lee ................. Morgan
Seilstad, David Oris .......... Fordville, ND
St. Germain, David Loren ...... Argyle
Wallace, Lewis George .......... Middle River

Abel, Francis Michael* .......... Breckenridge
Anderson, Darwyn Jay ............. Karlstad
Backman, Robert Jon ............. New Rockford, ND
Bailey, Ann Teresa ................. Arvilla, ND
Bartz, Curtis Richard .......... McIntosh
Beattie, Lori Lynn ............... Scandia
Bellefeuille, Douglas M .......... Callaway
Broschofsky, Douglas Joseph ...... Milaca
Carmichael, Linda Jane ........ Edina
Conover, Diana L. ................. Williston, ND
Dahlsad, Edward Harold ....... Borup
Damiani, David James ......... Rosemount
DeMuth, Mark John* ........ St. Cloud
Dickey, Ephraim Howard ........ Leonard
Dittman, Gerald Dean .......... New York Mills
Elgonda, Ram Reddy* ........... India
Erickson, Carolyn Maryette** .... Barnesville
Erickson, Lynn Marie ......... Austin
Ficken, Julie Ann ................. Fertile
Fladmark, Glenn Allen* ........ Pelican Rapids
Fugleberg, James Henry .... Greenbush
Galinski, Rosemary Joan .......... Duluth
Grimm, Duane Allen** .......... Hutchinson
Habeck, Ross Carl ................ Isle
Heiden, Robert Warren .......... Rochester

Hoven, Steven Douglas** ........ Ada
Johnson, Gary Ernest ............ Larimore, ND
Johnson, Peter Reed .......... St. Paul
Jorgensen, Richard Carl** ...... Marinette, WI
Kasper, David Charles .......... Ellendale
Kauppinen, Riitta Liisa** ........ Makenin
Keen, Jana Lee*** ............... Cushing
Larson, Robert William** ...... Bertha
Liekhus, Dawn Marie .......... Fargo, ND
Lohman, Guy Sherman .......... New Ulm
Maronick, Susan Kay .......... Virginia
Martodam, Dennis Ludwig* ...... Wadena
Mahoney, Dennis Joseph** ........ Perham
Medelbo, Mark Leslie .......... Duluth
Meyer, Mark Joseph ............... Parkers Prairie
Montgomery, Kelly L. .......... Carrington, ND
Nix, Timothy J.* .................. Glencoe
Oehlke, Suzanne Elizabeth .... Hastings
Opsahl, Ross Miller* ........... Bloomington
Pederson, Luther Edward* .......... Benson
Perius, Terry Lee ................. Verndale
Pew, Ted Lynn ................. Hayfield
Rach, Timothy Charles .......... Staples
Ramon, Richard Carey .......... Bemidji
Rauvola, Dale Eldon .......... Floodwood
Schatz, Blaine Gerald** ........ Balfour, ND
Schmerhorn, Perry Alden ........ Callaway
Schik, Paul Victor ............... New York Mills
Schoephoester, Kurt Jon ....... Hoffman
Schroder, Nathaniel Lee* .... Moorhead
Schwanberg, Jerry Milton** ...... St. Cloud
Simonson, Kevin Sherman ...... Sargeant
Soukup, Thomas Michael .......... Bemidji
Soupir, James Joseph .......... Windom
Stursa, Tom Allen ................. Sebeka
Terpstra, Randy Jay ............. Ogilvie
Trego, Mark Shaun .... Bagley
Tri, Gerald William** .......... Mounds View
Twait, Daniel Roy ............... Windom
Ulschmid, Jeffrey George .......................... Frazee
Viton, Russell William .............................. Duluth
Vivatson, Richard K.* .............................. Cavalier, ND
Vossen, Ann Marion ................................. Watkins
Warren, Ruth Marie ................................. Embarrass
Ziemer, Steven Gerald .............................. Milaca

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WITH HIGH DISTINCTION

Billing, Bonnie Ann .......................... Grand Forks, ND
Evenson, Betty Elaine .......................... Red Lake Falls
Gold, Cynthia Agnes** .......................... Motley
Hansen, Melinda Marie ......................... Richfield
Keller, Jeffrey Leo*** .......................... Wendell
Lien, Linda Ann ................................. Twin Valley
Mathias, Becky Ann ............................... Perham
Oates, Carolyn Mary .......................... Grand Forks, ND
Ogaard, Louise Angela Maruska .......................... Detroit Lakes
Ramey, Kevin Richard .......................... Crookston
Wilson, DeLila Margaret* .......................... Grand Forks, ND

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Boen, Michele Joy ................................. Strandquist
Brekken, Christine Joyce .......................... Crookston
Ellingworth, Krystal Dawn ......................... Shelly
Erickson, William Brian .......................... Greenbush
Feltman, Cheryl Ann .......................... Grafton, ND
Fincher, Rhonda Roseland*** .......................... Newfolden
Gruhot, Deborah Theresa .......................... Argyle
Hams, David Stanley .......................... Red Lake Falls
Honek, Janet Marie ................................. Moorhead
Kaltenburg, Connie Rae .......................... Crookston
Kappes, Kim Edward*** .......................... Borup
Larson, Linda Louise* .......................... Murdock
Lulay, Cathey Marie .......................... Grand Forks, ND
Normandin, Candice*** .......................... Crookston
Olson, Loel Ray*** .......................... Karlstad
Osborne, Timothy Mark*** .......................... Crookston
Peterson, James Robert .......................... Mentor
Pitsenburger, Penny Eileen .......................... Solway
Raebel, David Anton* .......................... Red Lake Falls
Russell, Cynthia Laverne*** .......................... Grand Forks, ND
Satre, Debra Lea ................................. Hoffman
Scholberg, Barbara Jo .......................... Ortonville
Tucker, Susan Marie .......................... St. Thomas, ND
Wiger, Mary Kay ................................. Ada

Bates, Leanne Dawn .......................... Stephen
Bengtson, Byron Lee** .......................... Karlstad
Bogenschutz, Sharee Lynn .......................... Albert Lea
Boucher, Thomas Michael .......................... Crookston
Busch, Jeffrey Randell*** .......................... Newfolden
Carlson, Peggy Jo*** .......................... Grand Forks, ND
Coauette, David John*** .......................... Crookston
Cords, Cheryl Lynn ............................. Fisher
Dahlstrom, David Stuart .......................... Thief River Falls
Dosmann, Tammy Marie .......................... Grafton, ND
Erie, Douglas Darwin .......................... Grafton, ND
Fincher, Michael Day*** .......................... Newfolden
Ganyo, Roxanne Mary*** .......................... Grand Forks, ND
Haaland, Elaine Christina* .......................... Gary
Hagl, Pamela Jean .......................... Red Lake Falls
Hanstad, Bruce David .......................... Christine, ND
Hapka, Della Marcel* .......................... Argyle
Hausner, Dawn Marie .......................... Mahnomen
Johnson, Bruce Curtis** .......................... Fargo, ND
Johnson, Douglas Mark .......................... Grafton, ND
Johnson, Rhody Horton ............... Edina
Mathiason, Judy Lorraine ........ Crookston
Melbye, Mary Jo*** ............. Crookston
Mykleseth, Jerome Allen .......... Stephen
Nelson, Judith Ann ........ Washburn, ND
Nelson, Sherrie Lorraine .... Thief River Falls
Nowacki, Timothy Lee ............ Hallock
Ogaard, Mark Jeffrey ........ Crookston
Olson, Julie Ann* .......... East Grand Forks
Pawlowski, Anne Marie ......... Warren
Persson, Timothy John*** .... Eldred
Postier, Steven Daniel .......... Clearbrook
Radi, Michael Dallas .......... Crookston
Rowland, Steven Robert*** ..... Karlstad
Soderholm, Shelly Ka .......... Hoffman
Stock, Catherine M,*** .... Mahnomen
Strom, Rosetta Jean ............ Crookston
Tanke, Jay Kenneth .......... Grafton, ND
Thole, Jeffrey Michael .......... Bird Island
Thompson, Renee Marie .... Finley, ND
Weiss, Linda Susan .......... Red Lake Falls
Widner, John Earl** .......... Argyle

Division of Home & Family Services

WITH HIGH DISTINCTION

Anderson, Cynthia Agnes ........ Stephen
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Szklarski, ReNae Bernadette .... Stephen

WITH DISTINCTION

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Hesby, Danielle Leslie*** .... Bagley
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Ihrke, Darlene Harriet .... Greenbush
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Miller, Marlene Faye ........ Crookston
Nelson, Sally Ann ........ Crookston
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Oien, Jodi Lynn .......... Maplewood
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Schouviller, Elizabeth Ann .... Callaway

Appel, Donna May .......... St. Hilaire
Bye, Randy Ervin .......... McVille, ND
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Denison, Danny Lee .......... Shelly
Drew, Michael John .......... Winsted
Gerzina, Joseph N .......... Biwabik
Students who complete a degree program with a minimum grade point average of 3.75 graduate “with high distinction.”

Students who complete a degree program with a minimum grade point average of 3.25 graduate “with distinction.”

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**Visiting Professor from Berkshire College of Agriculture, Maidenhead, England
Academic Costume

The history of academic dress reaches back to the early days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. It is still a question whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or in civilian dress. Gowns were necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars. Hoods served as head cover until they were replaced for that purpose by the skull cap. This was superseded by a headdress more similar to those now recognized as “academic.”

Over the many years of development, a great diversity of academic apparel made its appearance. When American colleges and universities decided to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel over a half century ago, it seemed to them best to agree on some definite system which all might follow. Accordingly, a conference of representatives of the governing boards of interested institutions was held on May 16, 1895, at Columbia University. The outgrowth of that meeting was the establishment of “The Academic Costume Code.” The “code” has been revised several times since its initial approval. The most recent change was in 1959.

The long pointed sleeve to the gown indicates a bachelor’s degree; the long closed sleeve with a slit near the upper part of the arm indicates a master’s degree, and the open sleeve marks a doctor’s degree. Bachelors’ and masters’ gowns are black and without trim. Candidates for degrees lesser than the bachelor’s wear gowns of another color. Hoods also denote each different degree. They vary in shape, size, and length. The larger and more elaborate designate the doctoral level. The shell of the hood matches the color of the gown, and is lined with the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The velvet border of the hood is of a color indicative of the field of learning to which the degree pertains. The hoods worn at commencement are for degrees which have already been received.

The Oxford cap, proper for all degrees, is worn both indoors and outdoors with academic costume. The colored tassel is also symbolic of the degree to be conferred and conforms to the hood trimming.

Under graduate candidates who have earned graduation honors at the University of Minnesota Technical College are recognized by an insignia worn on the right shoulder.

National Anthem

Star Spangled Banner

O say! Can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hail’d at the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro’ the perilious flight,
O’er the ramparts we watch’d, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does the Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

The Mace

The Mace is used for all University of Minnesota Commencements. The word “mace” is from Middle English and was originally used to refer to the implement for breaking armor during the Middle Ages. Today its use is much more peaceful, for it now is a staff borne by, carried before, or placed near a dignitary as an ensign of his dignity and authority. First designed in 1961 for the inauguration of O. Meredith Wilson, the original mace is made of aluminum and topped by a crystal ball, which symbolizes the illuminating quality and the clarity of thinking that characterizes education. The crystal ball is topped by a star representing Minnesota, the North Star State. The staff, weighing forty pounds, is carried by the most senior professor of the college.
The Torch

A tradition unique to UMC is the presence of the torch at special ceremonies. It was designed and constructed in 1968, used in the last Commencement of the Northwest School of Agriculture, and then passed from the student council president to a representative of the college Student Senate to symbolize the shift in educational responsibility from the high school to the college. Its light represents knowledge symbolic of the educational philosophy of the University of Minnesota.

University of Minnesota
Hymn

HAIL, MINNESOTA

Minnesota, hail to thee! Hail to thee, our college dear!
Thy light shall ever be a beacon bright and clear;
Thy sons and daughters true will proclaim thee near and far;
They will guard thy fame and adore thy name;
Thou shalt be their Northern Star.

Like the stream that bends to sea, like the pine that seeks the blue,
Minnesota, still for thee thy sons are strong and true;
From thy woods and waters fair, from thy prairies waving far,
At thy call they throng with their shout and song,
Hailing thee their Northern Star.