Commencement 1999

May 21
2:00 p.m.

University of Minnesota
Crookston Campus
Order of Events

Prelude: George French, Organist

*Processional: At two p.m., the processional will enter the campus mall led by the Mace-Bearer, Richard Christenson. The procession includes Faculty Marshal Robert Smith, the faculty, candidates for degrees, and platform guests. The audience will rise for the processional and remain standing for the National Anthem.

*Presentation of Colors: Grand Forks Air Force Base Color Guard

*National Anthem: “Star Spangled Banner”
UMC Choir, George French, Director
(the audience is requested to sing with the UMC Choir)

Welcome: Donald Sargeant, Chancellor

“When You Believe” by Stephen Schwartz
UMC Choir

Greetings from University Regents: The Honorable Patricia Spence, Regent

Address: Invited Speaker, Jesse Ventura, Governor of Minnesota

Presentation of Candidates: Douglas Knowlton, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees: Donald Sargeant, Chancellor; the Honorable Patricia Spence, Regent

Speaking for the Class: Barbara Sabino, Crookston Student Association Forum President

Passing the Torch: Barbara Sabino to Shon Naslund (Crookston Student Association Forum President-elect)

"Walkin' Down That Glory Road" by Mark Hayes UMC Choir

*Minnesota Hymn: "Hail, Minnesota" sung by the audience, led by the UMC Choir (words on back page)

*Retrieval of the Colors: Grand Forks Air Force Base Color Guard

*Recessional

Reception
Everyone is invited to the reception being held in Brown Dining Room.

Candidates for Graduation
Spring Quarter, 1999

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

Associate Degree

Summa Cum Laude

Shelli Anne Brown, Bertha .................................................. Early Childhood Education
Randall Clay Montonye, Crookston .................................. Marketing and Management
Neil A. Wiese, Humboldt ..................................................... Agricultural Business

Magna Cum Laude

Robert Gene Balstad, Jr., Fosston* ....................................... Agronomy/Soils
Gwendolyn Augusta Mars, Dilworth* ..................................... Horticulture
Amy Jo Motteberg, Mentor .................................................. Information Management
Jeremy William Price, Groton, SD ........................................... Agricultural Aviation

Cum Laude

Leah Mae Isaacson, Fisher ..................................................... Information Management
Lisa Dee Gandrud, Duluth** .................................................. Horticulture
Karolyn Elizabeth Joop, Borup ............................................. Dietetic Technician, Business
Amanda Marie Larson, Adams, ND ......................................... Business
Deanna Kay Laturnus, Munich, ND* ........................................ Dietetic Technician
Steven James Lex, New York Mills .......................................... Marketing and Management
Jamie Scott Quiring, Munich, ND .......................................... Marketing and Management

*The audience is requested to stand.
Bachelor of Science Degree

Summa Cum Laude

Todd J. Dick, Munich, ND ..................................................... Food Processing Management
Patrice Renee Gerber, Ada* .................................................. Health Management
Steven Douglas Hannah, Fisher ............................................ Information Networking Management
Renae L. Hartwig, Swanville ................................................ Plant Industries Management
Tiffani Jacqueline Jacobs, Pequot Lakes ......................... Equine Industries Management
Kevin G. Leiran, Badger ......................................................... Business Management
Louann Carol McGlynn, Mentor* ........................................ Business Management
Randall Clay Montanye, Crookston .................. Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Mgmt
Tamilee Dawn Nennich, Bagley ............................................. Animal Industries Management
Craig Michael Petterson, Grand Forks, ND .................. Applied Studies
Amy Lynn Robbin, Bertha* .................................................. Equine Industries Management
Rebecca Kathleen Thoof, Mina, SD .............. Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Mgmt
Christy Leigh Ungerecht, Northome .................. Agricultural Industries Sales & Mgmt
Scott D. Wagner, Chicago, IL ................................. Information Networking Management
Darren James White, Manitou, MB** .................. Plant Industries Management
Neil A. Wiese, Humboldt** ................................................ Plant Industries Management

Magna Cum Laude

Patti Lynn Blackwell, Thief River Falls* ... Equine Industries Management
Matthew Conrad Dahl, Hallock .............................. Business Management
Jo A. Gast, Beltrami*** .................................................. Information Networking Management
Chad Allan Ingeman, Kennedy** ................... Plant Industries Management
Penny Jo Lippert, Michigan, ND** .................. Applied Studies
Lane Brian Loeslie, Warren** ........................................ Business Management
Gwendolyn Augusta Mars, Dilworth* .................. Plant Industries Management
Mark Richard Martens, Madison, SD**** ... Animal Industries Management
Jay Daniel Michalski, Red Lake Falls ................ Plant Industries Management
Sheila Lee Myrld, Crookston ..................... Information Networking Management
Trish Tanaya Nelson, Crookston ................. Information Networking Management
Lisa Luann Pedersen, Hartland ..................... Food Processing Management
Justin Allen Phillips, Thief River Falls**** Agricultural Industries Sales & Mgmt
Bruce Allen Ramstorff, Ada ............................. Food Processing Management
Barbara June Sabino, Queens, NY .................. Business Management
Elsie Lynn Simonton, Sidney, MT** ...................... Information Networking Management
Andrew Thomas Skeyvet, Crookston** ...................... Information Networking Management

Cum Laude

Jacey Layne Clauzon, Crookston ...................... Business Management
Paige Gerda Guetter, Argyle** ................. Environmental & Natural Resource Mgmt
Clayton Harold Hoyt, Tolna, ND .................. Plant Industries Management
Leah Mae Isaacson, Fisher** .................................. Health Management
Deanne R. Johnson, Thief River Falls ................. Applied Management
Karolyn Elizabeth Joop, Borup .............................. Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Mgmt
Cum Laude (Continued)

Steven James Lex, New York Mills ...................... Information Networking Management
Leslie Ann Maker, Erie, ND ................................ Business Management
Manjeet Kur Malhi, Winnipeg, MB ...................... Business Management
Stacy Lane Myhrer, St. Hilaire* ......................... Applied Management
Christopher Wayne Noble, Arco ......................... Environmental & Natural Resource Mgmt
Plant Industries Management
Marcy J. Obermeyer, South Sioux City, NE .......... Information Networking Management
Mark Patrick Olsonowski, Hallock .................. Plant Industries Management
Jamie Scott Quiring, Munich, ND .................... Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Mgmt
Cynthia Lee Tyler, Crookston ......................... Business Management
Carolyn M. Weber, Crookston ......................... Agricultural Industries Sales & Mgmt
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Sarah Dawn Wilson, Mentor*** ......................... Information Networking Management

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Kimberly Lu Anderson, Naytahwaush** .......... Plant Industries Management
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Callie Rae Avelsgard, Menahga ......................... Equine Industries Management
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Kate Rose Caughley, Fort Ripley .................. Agricultural Industries Sales & Mgmt
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Patricia Lynn Christlieb, Osage ...................... Business Management
David James Clauson, Crookston ................... Information Networking Management
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Lancy Daniel Crandall, Park Rapids ............... Environmental & Natural Resource Mgmt
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Andrew Joseph Dumas, Grand Forks, ND* .......... Business Management
Joel Alan Ekberg, Herman ...................... Agricultural Industries Sales & Mgmt
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Travis Joseph Zemke, Glenwood ................................................ Environmental & Natural Resource Management
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* Fall Quarter, 1998, graduate
** Winter Quarter, 1999, graduate
*** Summer Session, 1999, candidate
**** Fall Semester, 1999 candidate

Students who complete a degree program with a minimum grade point average of 3.75 graduate "summa cum laude." Students who complete a degree program with a minimum grade point average of 3.50 graduate "magna cum laude." Students who complete a degree program with a minimum grade point average of 3.25 graduate "cum laude."
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(minimum of 32 credits completed with GPA of 3.70 or better)

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Abbreviations:  
CANR - Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources  
CBT - Center for Business and Technology  
CHHS - Center for Health and Human Services  
CLE - Center for Learning Enhancement  
CLF - Center for Learning Foundations

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Batten, Connie, MEd, Program Manager, CBT  
Brorson, Bruce, MS, Associate Professor, Senior Associate for Technology, Red River Trade Corridor  
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Academic Costume

The history of academic dress reaches back to the early days of the oldest universities. A statue 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, there was on May 16, 1895, at Columbia University, a conference of representatives of the governing boards of interested institutions. 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.

Undergraduate candidates who have earned graduation honors at the University of Minnesota, Crookston are recognized by an honor medal worn around the neck.

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 Student Association Forum 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.

The Regents’ Medallion

The five-foot Regents’ Medallion is displayed at commencements and other official events of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. On the face of the medallion, silk screened in the University’s colors of maroon and gold, is the seal of the regents. An antique lamp represents the metaphysical sciences; a telescope, the physical sciences; a plow, the industrial arts; and a palette with brushes, the fine arts. The Latin motto, Omnibus artibus commune vinculum, means “a common bond for all the arts.”

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 more peaceful, for it now is a staff borne by, carried before, or placed near a dignitary as an insignia 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.
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 that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

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.

Disability accommodations will be provided upon request. Please contact a Student Marshal for assistance.

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