Commencement

2002

May 11 • 2:00 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
Crookston
Order of Events

Prelude: George French, Music Director

"Processional: “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edgar Elgar - UMC Instrumental Ensemble
At two p.m., the processional will enter Lysaker Gymnasium led by the Mace-Bearer, Robert Smith. The procession includes Faculty Marshal David Hoff, 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: AFROTC Detachment 610 UND/UMC Color Guard

"National Anthem: “Star Spangled Banner” - UMC Choir and Chamber Choir; Ciara Myers, Student Director (the audience is requested to sing along with the choir)

Welcome: Donald Sargeant, Chancellor

“Down to the River to Pray” (American Folk Hymn) and “For the Beauty of the Earth” by John Rutter; Amy Lampi and Joshua Kietzman, Student Directors

Greetings from University Regents: The Honorable William E. Hogan, II, Regent

Address: Mark G. Yudof, President, University of Minnesota

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

Conferring of Degrees: Donald Sargeant, Chancellor; the Honorable William E. Hogan, II, Regent
Bachelor of Science Degree

High Distinction

Gianna Marie Anderson, Springfield, MN ............ Information Technology Management
Luciana Forati, Santa Fe, Argentina .................. Sport and Recreation Management
**Kerry Dillon Schaar, Crookston, MN .............. Early Childhood Education
*Emily Jeanne Spinler, Owatonna, MN .............. Natural Resources
*Angela Rose Swanson, Brainerd, MN ............... Early Childhood Education
Elizabeth A. Morken Tollefson, Crookston, MN .......... Scientific and Technical Communication

Distinction

**Amanda Lynn Breuer, Goodhue, MN .................. Health Management
*David J. Cathell, Wellsville, OH ..................... Applied Studies
**Carrie Ann Fontaine, Crookston, MN .............. Business Management
*Barbara A. Hoef, Paynesville, MN .................... Applied Health
Ryan Scott Knutson, Reynolds, ND ..................... Agricultural Business
*Daniel A. Kramer, Grand Forks, ND ............... Information Networking Management
Deanna L. Patenaude, Crookston ....................... Applied Studies
Dana Marie Prudhomme, Crookston, MN .......... Scientific and Technical Communication

*Pamela Sue Smith, Bemidji, MN ..................... Health Management
**Sandra Marie Waxvik, Crookston, MN .......... Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management
Marnie Lynn Wirth, Munich, ND ..................... Business Management

Eric Jon Albrecht, Hibbing, MN ....................... Business Management
Sharon Jean Altepeter, Crookston, MN .......... Scientific and Technical Communication
Twylla J. Altepeter, Crookston, MN .......... Applied Studies

*Names marked with an asterisk indicate graduates with a Bachelor’s Degree with Distinction.

**Names marked with a double asterisk indicate graduates with a Bachelor’s Degree with High Distinction.

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Sara Ann Hamre, Erskine, MN .......................... Marketing and Management
**Lisa Marie Hiemenz, Clearwater, MN ................. Dietetic Technician
*Jamie Marie Hoffenkamp, Aitkin, MN .................. Equine Science
Brett Thomas Jacobs, Big Bend, MN .................... Marketing and Management
*David Joel Johnson, Valley City, ND .................. Agricultural Aviation
*April Marie Kessler, Big Falls, MN ..................... Equine Science
Joshua Harvey Kietzman, Akeley, MN .................. Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management
Elizabeth Jo Larson, Adams, ND ....................... Marketing and Management
Katy Jo Lundbohm, Roseau, MN ......................... Marketing and Management
**Chris David Maurstad, Warren, MN ................... Business
**Rachel Anna Morken, Fisher, MN ..................... Marketing and Management
Amy Lou Nelson, Erskine, MN ............................ Marketing and Management
Amy Katherine Peterson, Crookston, MN ............. Marketing and Management
*Tony Roy Peterson, Cavalier, ND ...................... Agricultural Business
Sophonie Petithomme, Miami, FL ....................... Marketing and Management
Angela Lee Pomerening, Oakdale, MN .................. Animal/Dairy Science
*Deeptha Reddy, Chennai, India ......................... Marketing and Management
Brian Edward Ronholdt, Murdock, MN ................. Animal/Dairy Science
*Jill Avis Rosevold, Mayville, ND .................... Horticulture
Matthew Joseph Schanilec, Forest River, ND ........ Agricultural Aviation
**Julie LeSande Schlossberg, Minneapolis, MN ........ Equine Science
Rachel Elizabeth Sundbom, Clearbrook, MN .......... Horticulture
Angela Marie Sylvester, Crookston, MN ............. Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management
Mandy Joann Uhrich, Grand Forks, ND ............... Agriculture
*Kari Ann Vallager, Crookston, MN .................... Dietetic Technician
Ryan James Van Eps, Fisher, MN ....................... Agriculture
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*** Fall Semester, 2002, candidate

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Academic Costume

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the 14th and 15th centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge universities in England. This academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an 1895 Intercollegiate Code. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires, and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are undergraduates, bachelors, and masters (or doctors). The distinction between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach.

Black is the most common color for academic gowns. There is no trimming on the gowns for the bachelor’s or master’s degrees. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same color across the sleeves. The color in the master’s costume is restricted to the hood worn around the neck and down the back. This is edged with velvet or a color which indicates the subject area of the degree received, and is lined with silk in the colors of the institution which granted the degree.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood lined, like the master’s hood, with the colors of the degree-granting institution and trimmed with the color of the subject area of the degree received. Gowns have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and the front.

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 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

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, 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.

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

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