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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 brush represent the fine arts.
The Passing of the Academic Torch: A New Century Mark

Today, May 9, 2009, we establish a new tradition to commemorate the 100th anniversary of graduation celebrations on this campus. It marks the 101st graduating class since the very first in 1909, the 42nd graduating class as an institution of higher learning, and the 16th graduating class as a baccalaureate university. The graduating president of the student government, the Crookston Student Association (CSA), will pass a newly-created “Century Torch” to the incoming CSA president. Inscribed on the handle of this new Century Torch are the core values of the campus: Integrity, Excellence, Diversity, Innovation, and Learner Centeredness. These words serve as reminders for what we strive to achieve as we enter a new century of tradition.

The first graduation ceremonies held on the Crookston campus took place in the spring of 1909. That year, eight graduates of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) received diplomas from the residential agricultural high school. Affiliated with the University of Minnesota, the NSWA opened its doors in 1906 and provided “training in the technical and practical business of agriculture and the art of homemaking.” Over the next 62 years 5,433 graduates completed their high school education at the NWSA.

Changing educational needs in the 1960s led to a new role for the campus. In the fall of 1966 classes began for 185 students enrolled at the new University of Minnesota Technical Institute. Associate degrees were offered in three academic divisions: Agriculture, Business, and General Studies. Students of the NWSA and the U of M “Tech” shared the campus for two years.

In the spring of 1968 a torch was passed—figuratively and literally—from the 60th and final graduating class of the NWSA to the first graduating class of the Technical Institute, now an official coordinate campus of the University of Minnesota. From 1968 to 1994, associate’s degrees were granted to 4,693 graduates.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston entered the next stages of its evolution in the early 1990s as it earned approval to offer baccalaureate degrees and as it made national history in 1993 by providing students and faculty members with notebook computers to become the first “Laptop University.” By the end of the academic year in 1994, 20 students had completed bachelor’s degree requirements. These students were recognized at the 86th commencement ceremonies, held that spring on the Crookston campus.

The U of M, Crookston awarded its first “distance” or online bachelor’s degree in 2001. In some cases, commencement now may be the first time a graduate actually sets foot on the campus, making the event all the more special.

In 2002 regional artist David Badman designed and handcrafted a new academic torch, a gift to the campus in recognition of its new academic mission. That torch has been present at all commencement exercises since that time.

Special thanks go to Lew Hanson, maintenance carpenter, U of M, Crookston, and DeBoer Industries of Crookston for creating the new Century Torch and to Paul Dwyer of Munn’s Jewelers for the engraving work. From today onward, this torch will serve as a symbol of the ideals and achievements of all the graduates of this campus.
Commencement Program

Chancellor Charles H. Casey presiding

*The audience is requested to stand.

Prelude: “A Touch of Brass” Ensemble

*Processional: “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar - “A Touch of Brass” Ensemble
   At two p.m., the processional will enter Lysaker Gymnasium led by the Mace-Bearer, William Peterson, M.S. The procession includes Faculty Marshal Bernard Selzler, Ed.D., 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 Color Guard

*National Anthem: “The Star Spangled Banner” sung by audience, led by Deborah Halstad

“At the River” by John Jacobson - UMC Choir directed by George French, Associate Professor of Music/Theatre, accompanied by Michelle Ramstad

Welcome: Charles H. Casey, D.V.M., Chancellor

Greetings from the University of Minnesota Board of Regents: The Honorable Clyde Allen, Jr., Regent

Address: Robert Jones, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for System Academic Administration, University of Minnesota

Presentation of Candidates: Thomas Baldwin, Ed.D., Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic/Student Affairs

Introduction of Candidates: Lynnette Mullins, M.Ed., Assistant Professor, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Department

Conferring of Degrees: The Honorable Clyde Allen, Jr., Regent

Congratulatory Remarks from Alumni Association: Cindy Bigger, Class of 1979, President, University of Minnesota, Crookston, Alumni Association
**Speaking for the Class:** Marshall Johnson, President, Crookston Student Association

**Passing the Torch:** Marshall Johnson to Thomas Haarstick, President-elect, Crookston Student Association

**“Only Time”** by Enya – UMC Choir

**Closing Comments:** Charles H. Casey, D.V.M., Chancellor

*Minnesota Hymn:* “Hail! Minnesota” sung by the audience  
(words on inside of back cover)

*Recessional:* “A Touch of Brass” Ensemble

**Note:** Please remain in your seats until the recessional has left the gymnasium.

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**Student Marshals**

Members of Alpha Lambda Delta – First Year Honor Society

- **Rick Chapin**
- **Austin Czichotzki**
- **Heather Donati-Lewis**
- **Lhakpa Gurung**
- **Elizabeth Kem**
- **Casey Misialek**
- **Shelby Nelson**
- **Holly Wrzos**

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**Safety and Special Needs**

If you have any special needs during today’s event, please contact a university staff person stationed at the exits near the hallway. They can direct you to a variety of university personnel prepared to assist you.

For your safety, please take a brief moment to locate Lysaker Gymnasium’s exits. They are located to either side of the stage which will take you directly outside, and along the west wall which will take you out to the central hallway and then outside.

In the event of an emergency, choose the nearest exit and evacuate the gymnasium quickly and safely. Listen for further instructions from University event staff. Remain outside the building until the “all clear” is given by emergency responders.

**Cell Phones and Pagers**

Out of respect for all in attendance and for this important ceremony, please turn off or set all cell phones and pagers to silent mode.
Candidates for Graduation

Degrees will be conferred upon those listed below, subject to the completion of all curriculum requirements.

* Fall Semester, 2008, graduate  ** Summer Session, 2009, candidate  *** Fall Semester, 2009, candidate

Students who complete a degree program with a minimum grade point average of 3.90 graduate "with high distinction."
Students who complete a degree program with a minimum grade point average of 3.75 graduate "with distinction."

Associate’s Degree

High Distinction

Kirsten Gail Huinker, Waconia, MN................................................................. Dietetic Technician

Distinction

Susanne Marie Graham, Blackfoot, ID.........................Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management

William Charles Becker Jr., Andover, MN.................................Marketing and Management
Cody Lynn Bell, Sebeka, MN .............................................................Agriculture
* Cara Anne Costin, Hallock, MN ......................................................Dietetic Technician
David J. Fite, Grand Forks, ND .........................................................Information Management
Kari Jo Hendrickx, New York Mills, MN.................................Agriculture
John Wayne Iverson, Janesville, WI .........................................................Business
*** Melanie Elizabeth Meyer, Fort Ripley, MN ..................Agriculture
** Leslie Kay Nelson, Lignite, ND .........................................................Agriculture
* Laura Elizabeth Samuelson, Maple Plain, MN ..................Dietetic Technician
* Anna Christine Whelan, Crystal, ND .........................Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management

Sargeant Student Center
Bachelor's Degree

High Distinction

Kenneth Wayne Armstrong III, Fisher, MN ................................................................. Biology; Health Sciences
Danika Lea Kent, Lancaster, MN ................................................................. Animal Science; Equine Science
Anthony Justin McMechan, Pierson, Manitoba, Canada ................................................... Agronomy
Eric Timothy Proulx, Crookston, MN ................................................................. Agronomy
Stephen Gerald Roerick, Upsala, MN ........................................................ Agronomy; Agricultural Business
Kaarina Mae Visness, Karlstad, MN ................................................................ Horticulture

Distinction

Maria Elaine Barchenger, Albany, MN ................................................................. Business Management
Britta Kay Berglund, East Grand Forks, MN ................................................................. Business Management
Jeffrey Dean Chandler, Warren, MN ............................................................. Sport and Recreation Management
Timothy David Garber, Marietta, GA ................................................................. Business Management
Jenae Kim Hanson, Andover, MN ................................................................ Equine Science
Jessica Lee Hanson, Andover, MN ................................................................ Equine Science
Steven Richard Hart, Farmington, MN ................................................................ Natural Resources
Leela S. Hier, Crookston, MN ...................................................................... Information Technology Management
Kari Lynn Hoffman, Syracuse, NY ............................................................. Business Management
Victoria Cholista Kolo, Hibbing, MN .............................................................. Accounting
Megan Elizabeth Kuznia, Stephen, MN ........................................................... Agricultural Business; Agronomy
Lisa Marie Lee, Duluth, MN ............................................................................ Information Technology Management
Megan Ann-Marie Mannila ............................................................................ Accounting
Brandi K. Merriman, Grand Forks, ND ............................................................. Applied Studies
Darin Steven Moen, Alvarado, MN ................................................................ Agricultural Business
Earl B. Nowacki, Georgetown, ND ............................................................. Information Technology Management
Paulo Cesar Perez, Bogota, Columbia ............................................................ Information Technology Management
Daniel J. Peterson, Ogilvie, MN ..................................................................... Animal Science
Ashley Mary Walton, Middle River, MN ........................................................... Biology
James Aaron Williams, Grand Forks, ND ............................................................ Applied Studies

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Matthew Lee Abraham, Frazee, MN ................................................................. Equine Science
*Jessica L. Aguirre, Rochester, MN ................................................................. Applied Health
***Mohamed D. Ahmed, St. Paul, MN ............................................................ Applied Studies
**Khaldoon Sami Almandalawi, Pittsburgh, PA ............................................ Information Technology Management
Joel Leslie Andersen, Karlstad, MN .............................................................. Natural Resources
Kenneth Wayne Armstrong, Fisher, MN ....................................................... Applied Studies
Theodore J. Arnoldy, Brainerd, MN ................................................................. Accounting
Nathan Alan Aspelin, Alexandria, MN .......................................................... Natural Resources

Phillip Bradley Bahr, East Bethel, MN ............................................................ Animal Science
**Nadine M. Ballweg-Stremick ........................................................................ Applied Studies
*Sara Leigh Beattie, Crookston, MN ............................................................. Business Management
Karine Rochelle Becker, Forest Lake, MN ..................................................... Natural Resources
*Mark Ryan Belanger, Pequot Lakes, MN ....................................................... Business Management
Information Technology Management
Cody Lynn Bell, Sebeka, MN ........................................................................... Agricultural Business
*Martin E. Bender, Crookston, MN ................................................................. Applied Studies
Tiffany Jean Benning, Eagle Bend, MN ............................................................ Animal Science
*Jonathan David Benz, Virginia, MN ............................................................ Natural Resources
Ivan Jacob Berg, McVille, ND ......................................................................... Agricultural Business
Cole R. Bertils, Crookston, MN ....................................................................... Manufacturing Management
Aaron Betcher, Red Wing, MN ........................................................................ Natural Resources
Jesse Ronald Bjur, Cosmos, MN ................................................................. Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management
Sherry Yvonne Boe, Crookston, MN ............................................................... Business Management
***Gregory Steven Borchers, Lakeland, MN .................................................. Natural Resources
John Allen Boucha, Williams, MN ................................................................. Information Technology Management
Ryan Adam Boyer, Cadillac, MI ...................................................................... Natural Resources
*Richard Anthony Breton, Miami, FL .............................................................. Information Technology Management
Matthew Paul Brinkman, St. Joseph, MN ...................................................... Natural Resources
Alex Joseph Brixius, Melrose, MN ................................................................... Natural Resources
*Lloyd Ladd Brokaw, Crookston, MN ............................................................. Applied Studies
*Amy Jo Brown, Lake George, MN ................................................................. Aviation; Natural Resources
Neal Jordan Brown, Kinsey, MT ...................................................................... Aviation; Natural Resources
**Jeremy Charles Buckentin, Norwood, MN ................................................Natural Resources
Peter Ian Burger, San Leandro, CA ............................................................... Business Management
*Samuel J. Burgess, Somerset, WI .................................................................. Agronomy
*Steven Richard Busho, Blooming Prairie, MN ............................................ Business Management
***Timothy D. Butson, Platteville, WI ............................................................ Golf and Turf Management; Horticulture
Henry Blaine Byrd, Wyoming, MN .............................................................. Manufacturing Management

*Andrea Catherine Carlson, Sioux Falls, SD .................................................. Applied Health
Charles Allen Carlson, Oak Grove, MN ........................................................ Natural Resources
*Andrew James Carrlson, Dent, MN .............................................................. Natural Resources
*Hae-Yoon Choi, Seoul, South Korea ............................................................. Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management
Benjamin Michael Clayton, Grand Rapids, MN ........................................... Agronomy
Richelle Dawn Copiak, Calgary, Alberta, Canada ........................................... Business Management
Vanessa Page Copiak, Calgary, Alberta, Canada ......................................... Business Management
*Trissilyn Lauren Clayton, Chicago, IL ........................................................... Sport and Recreation Management
*Cara Anne Costin, Hallock, MN ................................................................. Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management
**Travis John Coulson, Crescent City, CA ................................................... Applied Studies
D

*Lee Kenneth Dahl, Lakota, ND ...................................................... Plant Industries Management
*Katherine Jean Delohery, Grand Forks, ND .................................. Early Childhood Education
Brian Paul Denny, Verndale, MN .................................................... Manufacturing Management
Cory Duane Detloff, Bertha, MN .................................................... Agricultural Education; Natural Resources
Scott Ried Diers, Elk River, MN ...................................................... Aviation
Spencer T. Dobson, Crookston, MN ................................................ Communications
Mitchell Austin Dolfuss, Burbank, CA .............................................. Applied Studies
**Sarah Kathleen Domoradzki, Waconia, MN .................................... Business Management
Kristine Ellen Doorn, Duluth, MN ....................................................... Applied Health
Joseph Allen Duerr, Andover, MN .................................................... Manufacturing Management
**Tyler C. Dugan, Irvine, CA ............................................................... Applied Studies

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*Dustin Jon Ecker, Fergus Falls, MN .................................................. Information Technology Management
Marybeth Louise Eckstrom, Hines, MN ............................................ Agricultural Business
**Darcy Lynn Edwards, Glasgow, MT .............................................. Manufacturing Management
Erick Lloyd Elgin, Mora, MN ............................................................. Natural Resources
*Sheena Marie Engelbert, Bruce Crossing, MI .................................... Equine Science
***Chase Karl Enghauser, Minnetonka, MN ...................................... Business Management
*William Joseph Enlow, Crookston, MN .......................................... Applied Studies
Michael James Enright, East Grand Forks, MN ................................ Plant Industries Management
Amber Kristen Erdmann, Crookston, MN .......................................... Health Sciences
Jade Rodney Estling, Warroad, MN .................................................... Agronomy
Meghan Denise Estvold, Lakota, ND ................................................ Horticulture

F

**Monica Rae Fallon, Crookston, MN ................................................ Business Management
***Mohamed Ali Farah, Eden Prairie, MN ....................................... Manufacturing Management
Brandon Mark Faris, Mandan, ND .................................................... Applied Studies
**Bruce Franklin Felts, Bemidji, MN ................................................... Biology
Kris Kollen Ferden, East Grand Forks, MN ....................................... Natural Resources
Kyle James Finke, Maple Lake, MN .................................................. Natural Resources
Mathew James Finken, Granite Falls, MN .......................................... Natural Resources
*Ryan John Fisher, Plummer, MN .................................................... Agronomy
Kirstin Norby Fjosee, Olympia, WA .................................................... Equine Science
**Heather Rae Foreman, Arden, Manitoba, Canada ......................... Health Sciences
Eldo Luke Fosness, Bertha, MN ......................................................... Natural Resources
*Ashley Lynne Fraase, Buffalo, ND .................................................. Agricultural Business
Joshua Jarrell Franklin, Baton Rouge, LA ......................................... Sport and Recreation Management
Jacob W. Fritz, Mapleton, MN ........................................................ Natural Resources

G

Adam Mark Genereux, Warroad, MN ................................................ Business Management; Sport and Recreation Management
***Lisa Anne Gentele, Omaha, NE ..................................................... Natural Resources
*Nicole K. Gerszewski, Minto, ND .................................................... Accounting
Jennifer Ann Gillespie, Hitterdal, MN ................................................ Agronomy
Derek Thomas Gold, Motley, MN .................................................... Business Management
Christopher Lee Goodrich, Climax, MN .......................................... Business Management
Lisa Ann Hagl, Red Lake Falls, MN ................................................. Health Management
*Randal Arend Haken, Slayton, MN .................................................. Natural Resources
**Aaron Joseph Halstad, Fertile, MN ....................................................... Business Management;
                                           Information Technology Management
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*Matthew Lee Hann, Crookston, MN ..................................................... Business Management
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*Seth Aaron Hanson, Crookston, MN .................................................... Agricultural Education; Animal Science
Carissa Christine Harris, Thief River Falls, MN .................................... Business Management
**Jenelle Marie Hartmann, Red Lake Falls, MN ........................................ Business Management
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Kari Jo Hendrickx, New York Mills, MN ............................................. Agricultural Education; Animal Science
*Jacob Wayne Hindberg, Danvers, MN ................................................ Aviation
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                                           Sport and Recreation Management

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**Paul Daniel Mehrkens, Thief River Falls, MN ............................................ Information Technology Management
*Beau James Mertens, Motley, MN ............................................................... Natural Resources
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*Taylor James Michels, Pelican Rapids, MN .................................................. Agricultural Business
**Rupert Miller Jr., Mansfield, OH ................................................................. Manufacturing Management
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Linda Kay Knutson Morgan, Crookston, MN .................................................. Sport and Recreation Management
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Joseph C. Narlock, Grand Forks, ND ............................................................. Agronomy
Nicholas Dennis Nelson, Cold Spring, MN ..................................................... Business Management
***Shena L. Nelson, Roseau, MN ................................................................. Manufacturing Management
Toni Beth Nelson, Dilworth, MN ..................................................................... Applied Studies
*Wanda Kathryn Nelson, Thief River Falls, MN ................................................. Early Childhood Education
*Scot James Niebuhr, West Salem, WI ............................................................. Manufacturing Management
Shirley Ann Nielsen, Crookston, MN ............................................................... Accounting
**Christa Lynne Nitsch, Becker, MN .............................................................. Communication
*Jerome Donald Novak, Fifty Lakes, MN ........................................................ Information Technology Management

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***Daniel Robert O’Neill, Hancock, IA ........................................................... Applied Studies
Gregory Harold Opdahl, Rochester, MN ........................................................ Applied Health
Jacob Ryan Osland, Mayville, ND ................................................................. Agronomy
Jaclyn Ann Otterson, Hallock, MN ............................................................... Biology

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***Michael Palmer, Grand Rapids, MN ............................................................. Natural Resources
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Brian Jerome Pauly, Glenwood, MN ............................................................... Natural Resources
**Travis Lane Pederson, Cando, ND ............................................................... Agronomy
Matthew David Pelzer, St. Cloud, MN ........................................................... Business Management
*James L. Perry, Crookston, MN ............................................................... Information Technology Management
Ashley Teresa Peterson, Becker, MN ............................................................ Business Management
Kyle Richard Peterson, Eagle, MN .............................................................. Golf and Turf Management
Jonathan Noel Pritchard, Kettering, OH ......................................................... Business Management
Megan Marie Purrrington, Ada, MN ............................................................. Early Childhood Education

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R

JaNae Marie Rasmussen, Crookston, MN ................................................................. Early Childhood Education
**Matthew E. Rau, Fergus Falls, MN ................................................................. Applied Health
*Jason M. Raupp, Reedsburg, WI ................................................................. Sport and Recreation Management
Andrea Lynn Reed, Williston, ND ................................................................. Information Technology Management
Aaron Ross Regier, Hackensack, MN ................................................................. Equine Science
**Tyler Thomas Reiner, Sanborn, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
Kenny William Robertson, Granville, OH ................................................................. Natural Resources
Delano Delgado Robinson, Bloomington, IL ................................................................. Business Management
Abigail Joy Rogge, Wadena, MN ................................................................. Business Management
Joshua Richard Roiko, Osage, MN ................................................................. Early Childhood Education
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***Jenny Rae Roskos, Grand Rapids, MN ................................................................. Animal Science
Steven George Rudnik, Grafton, ND ................................................................. Agricultural Business

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***Rhoda Salah, Minneapolis, MN ................................................................. Health Management
Holly Jean Sandberg, Rochert, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
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*Patrick Lee Schmitz, Kenyon, MN ................................................................. Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management
Benjamin Joseph Schneider, Cold Spring, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
*Cheryl Elizabeth Schob, Thief River Falls, MN ................................................................. Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management
Ryan Christopher Scholl, Little Falls, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
Mark Alan Schuler, Cedar Park, TX ................................................................. Manufacturing Management
***Nicolas Schulwitz, Berlin, Germany ................................................................. Business Management
*Heather Marie Severance, Waterbury Center, VT ................................................................. Applied Studies
Jason L. Sieler, Bismarck, ND ................................................................. Natural Resources
*Brent Lowell Skjolden, Aneta, ND ................................................................. Natural Resources
*Aaron Taylor Smith, Cedar Rapids, IA ................................................................. Business Management
Henry Lee Smith, Arvilla, ND ................................................................. Applied Studies
***Tyler Anthony Smith, East Grand Forks, MN ................................................................. Applied Studies
***Julie A. Snider, Rice Lake, WI ................................................................. Animal Science; Equine Science
*Monica L. Snyder, Jordan, MN ................................................................. Equine Science
Jacob Dwight Solberg, Silver Bay, MN ................................................................. Sport and Recreation Management
Tu Lynn Sommerfeld, Crookston, MN ................................................................. Early Childhood Education
***Adam Douglas Sparby, Grygla, MN ................................................................. Agricultural Business
Matthew William Sperling, Crookston ................................................................. Business Management
*Joshua John Staples, Morris, MN ................................................................. Agricultural Systems Management
**Crystal Nicole Starr, Bisbee, ND ................................................................. Animal Science
Shawna Ann Steinbrink, Crookston, MN ................................................................. Accounting; Business Management
*Ben Rick Stenberg, North Branch, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
Charles Gerome Stoeke, Prior Lake, MN ................................................................. Manufacturing Management
*Chase Jordan Stockwell, Plummer, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
Adam Michael Stoe, Badger, MN ................................................................. Agronomy
**John G. Stone, Lakeville, MN ................................................................. Golf and Turf Management
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BD: Business Department  
MSTD: Math, Science and Technology Department  
NRD: Natural Resources Department

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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.

International Flags

The University of Minnesota, Crookston places value on diversity and provides students with many opportunities to gain global and diverse perspectives. Many students travel from other countries to the Crookston campus to earn an education and to share their experiences. A colorful reminder of our global society, the international flags on display represent each graduate’s home country or country of origin.

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, *Commune Vinculum Omnibus Artibus*, 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.

The Torch

A tradition unique to the U of M, Crookston is the presence of the academic torch at special ceremonies. The symbolic light of the torch represents the educational philosophy of the University of Minnesota. See Page 1 for a history of this tradition on the Crookston campus.
Bachelor Degree Programs

Bachelor of Science Programs
Accounting
Agricultural Business
  Sustainable Development
Agricultural Education
  Agricultural Science and Technology Education
  Natural and Managed Environmental Education
Agricultural Systems Management
  Bio-fuels and Renewable Energy Technology
  Farm and Ranch Management
  Power and Machinery
  Precision Agriculture
Agronomy
  Agronomic Science
  Crop Production
Animal Science
  Animal Science
  Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Applied Studies
  Respiratory Care
Aviation
  Agricultural Aviation
  Law Enforcement Aviation
Biology
Business Management
  Business Aviation
  Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management
  Management
  Marketing
Communication
  Computer Software Technology
Criminal Justice
  Corrections
  Law Enforcement
Early Childhood Education
  Primary Education
  Program Management
Equine Science
  Equine Science
  Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Golf and Turf Management
  Health Management
  Health Sciences Pre-Professional
    Pre-Chiropractic
    Pre-Dentistry
    Pre-Medicine
    Pre-Occupational Therapy
    Pre-Optometry
    Pre-Pharmacy
    Pre-Physical Therapy
Horticulture
  Environmental Landscaping
  Production Horticulture
  Urban Forestry
Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management
  Food Service Administration
  Hotel and Restaurant Management
  Resort and Spa Management
Information Technology Management
Natural Resources
  Natural Resource Aviation
  Natural Resource Law Enforcement
  Natural Resources Management
  Park Management
  Water Resource Management
  Wildlife Management
Organizational Psychology
  Consumer Services Settings
  Industrial Settings
  Sport and Recreation Management

Bachelor in an Applied Field Program
Applied Health
  Manufacturing Management
  Quality Management

Bachelor Programs Online
Applied Health
  Applied Studies
  Business Management
  Manufacturing Management
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.
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