

2016 SPRING  
**COMMENCEMENT**

Saturday, May Seventh  
Two Thousand Sixteen  
Bresnan Arena, Taylor Center  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

## To Our Guests

Today we recognize our graduates' accomplishments. This ceremony is an important and meaningful occasion for students, their families and friends, and the faculty and staff of Minnesota State University, Mankato. We offer you the following guidelines to enhance the dignity and smooth flow of the ceremony:

Please withhold applause during the presentation of the degrees until all candidates for graduation have returned to their seats.

Please remain seated throughout the ceremony.

Please do not enter the aisles to take pictures or video of the graduates. Arrangements have been made to have three professional photos taken of each graduate.

When the ceremony has concluded, we ask that you immediately proceed out of the arena. Your cooperation ensures a pleasant, memorable experience for everyone.

Thank you.

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# Program

## 9:00 A.M.

Prelude Music

Processional March

National Anthem

Molly Buhler  
BA, Music, Department of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Greetings

Elise Bourdeau '13  
Board of Trustees  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Welcome to the Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Alumni Association

Dale Wolpers '75, '83, President

Address

Michael P. Torres  
Master of Fine Arts, Creative Writing  
College of Arts and Humanities

Amanda R. Iversen  
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering  
College of Science, Engineering and Technology

Conferring of Degrees

Recessional March \*

\*Audience to remain seated.

# Platform Guests

RICHARD DAVENPORT  
President  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

ELISE BOURDEAU  
Board of Trustees  
Minnesota State Colleges and  
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KIMBERLY CONTAG  
Interim Dean of the  
College of Arts and Humanities

BRIAN FRINK  
Professor,  
College of Arts and Humanities

MICHAEL GUSTAFSON  
Vice President for Strategic Business,  
Education, and Regional Partnerships

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President, Minnesota State  
Student Association

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Vice President for Student Affairs and  
Enrollment Management

BRIAN MARTENSEN  
Dean of the College of Science,  
Engineering and Technology

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Dean of Institutional Diversity

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Professor, College of Science,  
Engineering and Technology

BARRY J. RIES  
Associate Vice President of Research  
and Dean of Graduate Studies

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Dean of Library Services

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Vice President for  
University Advancement

STEPHEN STOYNOFF  
Dean of Global Education

RICHARD J. STRAKA  
Vice President for  
Finance and Administration

DALE WOLPERS  
President of Minnesota State  
University, Mankato  
Alumni Association



# Procession Participants

**FACULTY HONOR  
MARSHALS**  
Brian Frink, Professor, College  
of Arts and Humanities  
Harry Petersen, Professor,  
College of Science,  
Engineering and Technology

**JUNIOR HONOR  
MARSHALS**  
Andrea Rossow, College of  
Arts and Humanities  
Ali Eastman Oku, College of  
Science, Engineering and  
Technology

**COLLEGE OF  
ARTS & HUMANITIES  
MARCHING FACULTY**

**PROFESSORS**  
David Dickau  
Alisa Eimen  
James Grabowska  
Paul J. Hustoles  
Julie Kerr-Berry  
Mika Laidlaw  
Charles Lewis  
John Lindberg  
David McCarl  
John Paul

Todd Shanafelt  
Steven Smith  
Lee Tesdell  
Enrique Torner  
David Viscoli

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS**  
Evan Bibbee  
Kirsti Cole  
Nancy Drescher  
David Engen  
Geoffrey Herbach  
Amy Lauters  
Joshua Preiss  
Sachi Sekimoto  
Daniel Stark  
Kristen Treinen

**ASSISTANT PROFESSORS**  
Edward Avila  
Tonya Butler  
David Gadberry  
Adriana Gordillo  
Jane McConnell  
Michael Olson  
Melissa Rosenberger  
Rebekkah Williams  
Elizabeth Williamsen

**INSTRUCTORS**  
Rachael Hanel  
Laura Pellitier

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE,  
ENGINEERING &  
TECHNOLOGY  
MARCHING FACULTY**

**PROFESSORS**  
Gale Allen  
Rebecca Bates  
Mary Hadley  
In-Jae Kim  
James Rife  
Christopher Ruhland  
Robert Sorensen  
Patrick Tebbe  
Charles Waters  
Jim Wilde  
Youwen Xu  
Qun Zhang  
Mark Zuiker

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS**  
Aaron Budge  
Bradley Cook  
Lee Cornell  
Steve Druschel  
Scott Fee  
Geoffrey Goellner

Michael Lusch  
Brian D. Wasserman

**ASSISTANT PROFESSORS**  
Thomas Brown  
Rachel Cohen  
Mohamed F. Diab  
Mohammed Fanaei  
Dave Guerra  
Puteri Megat Hamari  
SeongJin Kim  
Sunwon Kim  
Elizabeth Pluskwik  
Leah C. Roue  
Robert Sleezer  
Jacob Swanson  
Paul M. Younger

**INSTRUCTORS**  
Paul Nelson  
Yuyoung Park

**LIBRARY FACULTY**  
Kellian Clink  
Joe Holtermann  
Lynne Weber

**ADMINISTRATIVE and  
SUPPORT FACULTY**  
Karen Anderson  
John Bulcock  
Julie Snow



# College of Graduate Studies

The candidates will be presented by Barry J. Ries, Dean.

## MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Eric L. Blix, Minneapolis  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Dr. Roger Sheffer  
Thesis: *Physically Alarming Men*

Benjamin J. Cisewski, Plover, Wisconsin  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Geoffrey Herbach  
Thesis: *The Voyagers*

Bradley N. Cole, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Dr. Roger Sheffer

Thomas W. Delano, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Robbins  
Thesis: *Empire of Myself*

Sean Gilligan, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Robbins  
Thesis: *Pin, Primer, Blue Sunflower*

Heather A. Grandprey, Circle Pines  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: David McCarl  
Thesis: *A Costume Design for "Antigone"*

Melissa K. Hall, North Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Diana Joseph

Dennis S. Herbert, Pottsville,  
Pennsylvania  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Geoffrey Herbach

Kathryn M. Kanne, Mankato  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: John Paul  
Thesis: *The Scenic Design of "The  
Miracle Worker"*

Teagan R. Knoblich, Lindstrom  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Geoffrey Herbach  
Thesis: *Shadowed*

Thomas S. McCormick, Mankato  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Dr. Paul Hustoles  
Thesis: *Serving the Steward: Creating  
Henry Etches in "Titanic: The Musical"*

Lauren R. Moore, Schenectady,  
New York  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Terrill  
Thesis: *Pulpit: Essays*

Elizabeth A. Mouw, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Geoffrey Herbach  
Thesis: *The Deaths of Small Animals*

Reid P. Plumley, Crestwood, Kentucky  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Geoffrey Herbach

Maxwell Reczek, Morton Grove, Illinois  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Diana Joseph

Elise M. Row, Thief River Falls  
Forensics  
Advisor: Dr. Leah White

Jamie-Brooke Ruggio, Oswego,  
New York  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Steven Smith  
Thesis: *The Lighting Design for "The  
Miracle Worker"*

Heidi H. Sampson, Winnebago  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Candace Black  
Thesis: *Fractional Memories*

Jessica M. Santala, Bemidji  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Candace Black

Michael B. Sheeks, North Mankato  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Dr. Paul Hustoles  
Thesis: *Directing "Time Stands Still"*

Michael P. Torres, Pomona, California  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Robbins  
Thesis: *Letters to a Chain-Link Fence*

Luke J. Walchuk, Mankato  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: George Grubb  
Thesis: *The Sound Design of "Antigone"*

Gena L. Wey, Stanchfield  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Candace Black  
Thesis: *A Head Full of Water*

Jordan Wolfe, East Grand Forks  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Dr. Paul Hustoles  
Thesis: *Acting in "Titanic: The Musical"*

Adam V. Yankowy, Des Moines, Iowa  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Dr. Paul Hustoles  
Thesis: *Creating the Role of Frederick  
Barrett in "Titanic: The Musical"*

## MASTER OF ARTS

Juana C. Arias, Saint Peter  
Art  
Advisor: Mika Laidlaw  
Thesis: *Body Memory*

Nigina Boltaeva, Uzbekistan  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

Denise M. Buysse, Truman  
English: TESL  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

Michael J. Cimino, Mankato  
Art  
Advisor: Mika Laidlaw  
Thesis: *House of God*

Danielle N. Dobie, Holmen,  
Wisconsin  
Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. In-Jae Kim  
Thesis: *Constructing a Predictive  
Model for the Winner of "Survivor"*

Chelsie E. Gaspar, Rochester  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. David Engen

Jasmine E. Greenwaldt, Ramsey  
Art  
Advisor: Brian Frink  
Thesis: *Continuum*

Charles S. Hunt, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Roland Nord

Rubaiyat Jabeen, Bangladesh  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Glen Poupore

Russell Jahn, Richfield  
Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. Wook Kim  
Thesis: *A Measure Theoretic  
Approach to Problems of Number  
Theory with Applications to the  
Proof of the Prime Number Theorem*

Michael R. Januszewski, Mankato  
Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. Deepak Sanjel

Titus J. Kennedy, Faribault  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Roland Nord

Sarah M. Lanand, Mankato  
Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. Ruijun Zhao

Jennifer A. Lopez, Owatonna  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Claire A. Lundeby, Post Falls, Idaho  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Roland Nord

Jesse A. Marden, Mankato  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Brown

Melissa M. Mettee, Struthers, Ohio  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Megan N. Moriarty, Rochester  
Art  
Advisor: Amy Toscani  
Thesis: *Lithic*

Elizabeth A. Mouw, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Kirsti Cole

Emily S. Myers, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy MacKenzie

Tara K. Neita, Oviedo, Florida  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Gwen Westerman  
Wasicuna

Damilola O. Olabode, Nigeria  
Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. Ruijun Zhao

Matthew B. Oliver, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Kirsti Cole  
Thesis: *A Theory of Participation:  
Joining the Cast of "Heavy Rain"*

Kendra M. Panning, Shakopee  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Treinen

Kathryn M. Paris, Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Leah White

Jessica F. Possin, New Richland  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Arnold

Lutie E. Ronglien, Saint Bonifacius  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Lee Tesdell

John J. Sandberg, Hutchinson  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Veltsos

Tyler S. Schrandt, West St. Paul  
Art  
Advisor: Elizabeth Miller  
Thesis: *Closed for Business*

Manuel Silva, Gilroy, California  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Roland Nord

Cezara Talmaci, Moldova  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Sydney Y. Temple, Madison  
Wisconsin  
Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. Hongxia Yin

Brian W. Timm, Columbia Heights  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Sachi Sekimoto

Bradley M. Wolfe, Eden Prairie  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Treinen  
Thesis: *Queer Stories of Coming Out  
in the 21st Century*

Yi-Chen Wu, Taiwan  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

## MASTER OF MUSIC

Michael D. Atwood, Saint Peter  
Music  
Advisor: Dr. David Dickau  
Thesis: *Program Notes for a Master's  
Recital in Choral Conducting*

Tammy K. Hanson, Cannon Falls  
Music  
Advisor: Dr. David Viscoli

Diane J. Turner, McDonough, Georgia  
Music  
Advisor: Dr. David Viscoli

Shigeyuki Yachi, Saint Cloud  
Music  
Advisor: Dr. Amy Roisum Foley

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Tyler J. Achatz, West Linn, Oregon  
Biology

Advisor: Dr. Robert Sorensen

Thesis: *The Utilization of Morphological and Genetic Diagnostic Techniques for the Description of Trematode Species Collected from Waterbirds from Lake Winnibigoshish, Minnesota, USA*

Sri Sai Krishna Akunuru, India  
Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Sudhakar Alapati, India  
Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Ramlah H. Albayyat, Saudi Arabia  
Applied Statistics

Advisor: Dr. Han Wu

Claudia R. Alejo-Cantu, Mankato  
Spanish for the Professions

Advisor: Dr. Adriana Gordillo

Abdulmajeed A. Alsobhi, Saudi Arabia

Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Samah Althubaiti, Mankato  
Applied Statistics

Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

Leslie A. Anorga, Mankato  
Spanish for the Professions

Advisor: Dr. Adriana Gordillo

Suneendra Banda, India  
Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Pravin Bezawada, India  
Engineering

Advisor: Dr. Vincent Winstead

Pawan Bhandari, Nepal  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Advisor: Dr. Craig Evers

Thesis: *A Cross-sectional Study on Patients' Access to Healthcare in a Developing Nation*

Holly K. Bloom, Mankato  
Biology

Advisor: Dr. Robert Sorensen

Lauren F. Borkowski, Saint Charles  
Biology

Advisor: Dr. Penny Knoblich

Mirelly Buitrago-Gonzalez,  
Mooresville, North Carolina

Spanish for the Professions

Advisor: Dr. Alfredo Duplat Ayala

Deisy E. Cañón Lovera, Colombia  
Spanish

Advisor: Dr. Adriana Gordillo

Thesis: *La actitud estoica como táctica de subversión y reconstrucción de la identidad femenina en tres novelas de Piedad Bonnett y Laura Restrepo*

David M. Chapman, Mankato  
Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Christophe Veltsos

Srinivas Chatrathi, India  
Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Vinay Kumar Chikoti, India  
Engineering

Advisor: Dr. Vincent Winstead

Vineela Chirumamilla, India  
Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Michael J. Dannenberg,  
Stephens City, Virginia

Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Advisor: Dr. Harry Petersen

Prabin Dhital, Nepal  
Engineering

Advisor: Dr. Shaobiao Cai

Kumar Venkata R. Edara, India  
Engineering

Advisor: Dr. Nannan He

Rubeena Farheen, India  
Engineering

Advisor: Dr. Han-Way Huang

Qamrunnisa Fnu, India  
Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Mohammed A. Gaafarekhalifa,  
Rochester

Biology

Advisor: Dr. Michael Bentley

Karthik Gilla, India

Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Nishitha Gundala, India

Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Ramya Chowdary Guthikonda, India

Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Maryam A. Hakami, Saudi Arabia

Math: Statistics Option

Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

Drew J. Heiling, Eagle Lake

Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Advisor: Dr. Craig Evers

Danyang Huang, China  
Engineering

Advisor: Dr. Xuanhui Wu

Thesis: *The Concept of Substrate Integrated E-plane Waveguide and Circuits*

Kenneth Idoko, Nigeria  
Applied Statistics

Advisor: Dr. Deepak Sanjel

Pengfei Ji, China

Electrical Engineering

Advisor: Dr. Xuanhui Wu

Thesis: *A 2X2 Polarization Switchable Patch Antenna Array for Polarization Modulation*

Abhilash Reddy Karedla, India

Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Lokesh Katamaneni, India

Information Technology

Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Euisung Kim, Republic of Korea  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Bates

Beverly L. Knudsen, Willmar  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Deepa Oommen

Prathyusha Kokku, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Srinivas Kondapaneni, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Vincent Winstead

Bhargav Ram U Kota, India  
Electrical Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Nannan He

Eric J. Krumm, Good Thunder  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Shannon Fisher  
Thesis: *Effects of Hydrology on the Growth and Recruitment of Stream Fish in the Eastern Broadleaf Province of Minnesota*

Prudhvi Raju Kuchampudi, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Nannan He

Shravani Reddy Kyasaram, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Nathaniel J. Lederman, Monticello, Wisconsin  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Shannon Fisher  
Thesis: *Zooplanktonic Community Dynamics of the Minnesota River with an Ichthyoplankton Gear Comparison*

Pramod K. Maddireddy, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Vincent Winstead

Sumit Mahajan, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Patrick Tebbe

RamBabu Malle, India  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology  
Advisor: Bruce Jones

Revathi Mankala, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Vincent Winstead

Nikhilesh R. Manne, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Vincent Winstead

Lindsey N. McCord, Houston, Texas  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Treinen

Masoumeh Mellati, Mankato  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Penny Knoblich

Shoaib Mohammed, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Rebekka H. Molenaar, Saint Peter  
Applied Statistics  
Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

Lakshmi Teja Mullapudi, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Nannan He

Siva Kumar Raju Nadimpalli, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Qun Zhang

Bharath K. Nalla, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Xuanhui Wu

Harika Nallapati, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Vivek C. Namburu, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Chijioke T. Nnoham, Nigeria  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Deepa Oommen

Nuthan Nomula, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Eric A. Northrup, Le Sueur  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Toma  
Thesis: *Differential Gene Expression of Minnesota (MN) Hygienic Honeybees (Apis mellifera) Performing Hygienic Behavior*

Ivan Carlos Orozco Machado, Venezuela  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Harry Petersen

Sahithya S. Pachipulusu, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Shavan Kumar V. Pachipulusu, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Katie L. Paddock, Plainfield, Illinois  
Communication & Composition  
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Brown

Lakshmi S. Parimi, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Jeremy A. Pasquale, North Mankato  
French  
Advisor: Dr. Evan Bibbee

Jyothi Pasula, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Vincent Winstead

Mohammad Shaha A. Patwary, Bangladesh  
Applied Statistics  
Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

Josh N. Peters, Red Wing  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Rachel Cohen

Adithya Pothuri, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Patrick Tebbe

Sunil Poudel, Nepal  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed



Sumathi Prabhakaran Jeyakumari, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Vincent Winstead

Anand Pydimarri, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Majedur Rahman, Bangladesh  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Nannan He

Vishwatej Rapelli, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Heidi R. Rauenhorst, Olivia  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Alison Mahoney  
Thesis: *A Floristic Study of the Oak  
Leaf Lake Unit of the Swan Lake  
Wildlife Management Area in  
Nicollet County, Minnesota*

Amanda B. Ruskin, River Falls,  
Wisconsin  
French  
Advisor: Dr. Evan Bibbee  
Thesis: *How Multilinguals Perceive  
Linguistic Interference*

Ilma Sheriff, Rochester  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Shubha Shrestha, Nepal  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Satyavathi Sirasanagandla, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Emiel B. Smeenk, Netherlands  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Kelsey J. Smith, Mentor  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Treinen

Raviteja Surapaneni, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Vincent Winstead,

Sri C. Tatineni, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Anna V. Torres Mallma, Peru  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. Adriana Gordillo  
Thesis: *"El espacio como constructor  
de identidad en los cuentos de  
Julio Ramón Ribeyro"*

Erika V. Vasquez, Fort Walton Beach,  
Florida  
Spanish for the Professions  
Advisor: Dr. Alfredo Duplat Ayala

Bradley M. Wolfe, Eden Prairie  
Cross-Disciplinary Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Treinen

Joshua A. Wuollet, Staples  
Math: Statistics Option  
Advisor: Dr. Deepak Sanjel

Joshua A. Wuollet, Staples  
Math: Statistics Option  
Advisor: Dr. Rennesa Jessup

Luis E. Yanez, Ecuador  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. Adriana Gordillo

Letian Zhu, China  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Leah White







# College of Arts and Humanities

The candidates will be presented by Kimberly Contag, Interim Dean.

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Laura Cattrysse, English  
 Nicholas A. Doble, Communication Studies  
 Adam P. Eichten, Music Industry, Audio Production Specialist  
 Marilyn R. Evenmo, Art History  
 Jordan E. Farmer, English  
 Andrew C. Grabowska, Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Chelsea M. Hansen, Music: Applied (Piano)  
 Sophia Jones, Theatre Arts  
 Karen C. Knudsen, English  
 Joni Komperda, Communication Studies  
 Ian F. Lah, Theatre Arts  
 April M. Miller, Mass Media  
 Matthew R. Stairs, Theatre Arts  
 Marysa A. Storm, Mass Media  
 Logan J. Sulentic, Theatre Arts  
 Kim M. Utesch, English  
 Rachael M. Winch, Music Industry

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Hasan S. Al Mashani, Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Nichole M. Beskau, Mass Media  
 Kammie S. Beyer, Communication Studies  
 Matilda D. Buffum, Dance  
 Asha A. Buxton, Mass Media  
 Jovy Cheam, Spanish  
 Katelyn A. Dick, Art  
 Melissa J. Donner, English  
 Tianna M. Ebnert, English  
 Corey J. Ennis, Cognitive Science  
 Andrew B. Halbur, Spanish Education K-12  
 Ma Eum Han, Music  
 Rachel A. Howard, Theatre Arts  
 Rachael R. Igo, English

Darien K. Kjolstad, Communications Arts & Literature Education  
 Tatum I. Klein, Mass Media  
 Bethany A. Kleinhans, Spanish  
 Noel M. Kwiat, Communication Studies  
 Steven M. Labine, Theatre Arts  
 Emily M. Lange, Mass Media  
 Woodlin A. Latocki, Art  
 Luke W. Lonien, Mass Media  
 Kirsten N. Lundquist, Communication Studies  
 Brianna M. McGinty, Spanish Education K-12  
 Amanda M. Motz, Mass Media  
 Amanda M. Motz, Communication Studies  
 Marina R. Nastepniak, Art  
 Hanna I. Newman, Art  
 Heidi P. Parsons, Communication Studies  
 Jack A. Pilney, Communication Studies  
 Kelcie M. Richmond, Mass Media  
 Morgan Romero, Mass Media  
 Kate L. Russell, Art Education  
 Rachel L. Ryberg, Communications Arts & Literature Education  
 Kari L. Scheuble, Communication Studies  
 Tiffany L. Schickling, Communication Studies  
 Kelsey C. Schwartz, Art  
 Emily K. Smith, English  
 Carolyn C. Strauss, Theatre Arts  
 Jillian H. Swan, Art  
 Jillian H. Swan, Art Education  
 Brady R. Taylor, Communication Studies  
 Topaz A. Torres, Art  
 Michael A. Turner, Theatre Arts  
 Katie B. Weikum, Communication Studies

## CUM LAUDE

Kristin M. Ambrose, Theatre Arts  
 John J. Bayerl, Communication Studies  
 Adam R. Birkholz, Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Abigail J. Bisek, Mass Media  
 Molly A. Buhler, Music  
 Alexa L. Chouinard, Dance  
 Amber R. Dahl, Mass Media  
 Jace T. Edwards, Mass Media  
 Mason D. Grove, Art  
 Zach W. Gunby, Mass Media  
 Kelsey L. Gynild, Communication Studies  
 Katrina J. Hanson, Mass Media  
 Britta J. Higginbotham, Philosophy  
 Ceciley J. Johnson, French  
 Mok H. Kim, Communication Studies  
 Ashley C. Kuhlman, Communication Studies  
 Michelle R. Larson, Art  
 Charles W. Libra, Theatre Arts  
 Katelyn R. Mamer, Communications Arts & Literature Education  
 Brady T. Metz, Communication Studies  
 Leticia G. Moreira Lemos, Mass Media  
 Nicole L. Mueller, Art  
 Jaylynn Nash, Art  
 Kaylene K. Newgord, Humanities  
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12:00 P.M. PROGRAM



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## 3:00 P.M.

Prelude Music

Processional March

National Anthem

Matthew Stairs  
BFA Musical Theatre candidate, Department of Theatre and Dance  
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Bachelor of Science, History  
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Conferring of Degrees

Recessional March \*

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### MASTER OF ARTS

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Clinical Psychology  
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Lauren Bahls, Plymouth  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Kristie Campana  
Thesis: *The Effect of an Email  
Intervention Tailored to Highly  
Ambitious Students on University  
Retention*

Eunhye Choi, Republic of Korea  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Sarah Sifers  
Thesis: *The Effectiveness of Camp Oz  
in Children's Grief Process*

Michael J. Creelman, Rogers  
Urban and Regional Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Russell Fricano

Ryan J. Daleiden, Minneapolis  
Urban and Regional Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Beth Heidelberg

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Wisconsin  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Houlihan

Jessica L. Deselms, Mankato  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Lisa Perez  
Thesis: *911, What's My Emergency?  
Emotional Labor, Work-Related  
Rumination, and Strain Outcomes  
in Emergency Medical Dispatchers*

Robert A. Doss, Mankato  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Sarah Sifers

Monica Elizondo, Charlotte, North  
Carolina  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Eric Sprankle

Sandra Garcia, Mankato  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan

Courtney J. Gear, Carrollton, Texas  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter  
Thesis: *Can You Hack It? Validating  
Predictors for IT Boot Camps*

Kathleen G. Hammer, Anoka  
Urban Planning  
Advisor: Dr. Russell Fricano

Marisa E. Hansen, Minneapolis  
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Christopher M. Hedin, Faribault  
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Advisor: Dr. Janet Cherrington-Cuore

John Heffernon, Mesa, Arizona  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Kristie Campana

Mark H. Heirigs, North Mankato  
Sociology: General  
Advisor: Dr. Pedro Thomas  
Thesis: *More Guns, More Problems?  
A Cross-National Examination of  
Homicide*

Jessica Jorgenson, Virginia  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Eric Sprankle  
Thesis: *Mental Health of Gay,  
Lesbian, Bisexual, Heterosexual,  
and Questioning Youth in Rural,  
Micropolitan, and Metropolitan  
Regions in Minnesota: Assessing  
Internalizing and Externalizing  
Self-report Behaviors*

Rob H. Kinzel, Shamong, New Jersey  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter

James S. Kizer, Fayetteville, North  
Carolina  
Gender and Women's Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Laura Harrison  
Thesis: *Representing Autistic  
Masculinity: Hegemonic Gender  
Performances in Contemporary  
Autism Films*

Rebecca J. Lambert, Georgetown,  
South Carolina  
Gender and Women's Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Ana Perez  
Thesis: *Strategies of Student Activism: A  
Qualitative Study Examining Racial  
and Social Justice Organizing on a  
Midwest College Campus*

Logan J. Michels, Colfax, Wisconsin  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Kristie Campana  
Thesis: *Prudence and Persistence:  
Personality in Student Retention*

Inas M. Miloud, Libyan Arab  
Jamahiriya  
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Advisor: Dr. Laura Harrison

Ethan C. Nelson, White Bear Township  
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Advisor: Dr. Beth Heidelberg

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Wisconsin  
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Sociology: General  
Advisor: Dr. Sarah Epplen  
Thesis: *Examining Early Childhood  
Gender Socialization through  
Children's Picture Books*

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Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter  
Thesis: *Training Coping Techniques to  
Reduce Statistics Anxiety*

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Urban and Regional Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Beth Heidelberg

Jerusha Sanjeevi, Mankato  
Clinical Psychology  
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Ashley R. Steckler, Bismarck, North  
Dakota  
Sociology: General  
Advisor: Dr. Vicki Hunter  
Thesis: *Finding Parenthood –  
Parental Identity through Assisted  
Reproductive Methods and the  
Implications for Efficacy Based and  
Worth Based Self-Esteem*

Cameron A. Tyrrell, Sandy, Utah  
Gender and Women's Studies  
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Thesis: *Are They Listening?: Revisiting  
Male Privilege and Defensive  
Learning in a Feminist Classroom*

Felicia J. VandeNest, Chaska  
Clinical Psychology  
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Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Kristie Campana

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Gender and Women's Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Shannon Miller  
Thesis: *Sexing while a Survivor: Black  
Queer Desire*

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Public Administration  
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Thesis: *The Enforcement of the  
2008 Decree on General  
Public Procurement Procedures  
and Service Delegation in  
Burkina Faso: Its Influence on the  
Management System*

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Geography  
Advisor: Dr. Phillip Larson

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Ethnic and Multi-Cultural Studies  
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Perspective on How Student  
Engagements Enrich and Enhance  
Multicultural Awareness on the  
Campus of Minnesota State  
University, Mankato*

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# University-Wide Honors and Distinctions

Baccalaureate students who have achieved high cumulative grade point averages wear gold medallions with colored satin ribbons. Gold ribbons signify summa cum laude (3.8 to 4.0 grade point average), purple ribbons signify magna cum laude (3.5 to 3.79 grade point average), and purple and gold ribbons signify cum laude (3.3 to 3.49 grade point average).

Members of Phi Kappa Phi wear white satin ribbons decorated with an ancient Greek pattern to symbolize the classical roots of the society. Phi Kappa Phi honors outstanding academic achievement among undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty members.

Graduates of the University's Honors Program wear gold stoles and medals signifying their achievement of the program competencies of leadership, research and global citizenship. The mission of the honors program is to provide students with exceptional learning opportunities, mentoring relationships and a community of scholars that foster their development as future leaders in a global society.

Members of the Golden Key International Honor Society wear solid blue and gold honor cords or gold honor stole. Membership in Golden Key is conferred upon students who exhibit exceptional scholarship and leadership potential.

International Scholars wear a purple and gold sash with a global emblem. These graduates have gained unique global perspectives either by studying abroad or joining our university from other nations.

Members of the Maverick Army Reserve Officer Training Program (ROTC) wear the red, blue and white cord. The Maverick Army ROTC program trains, develops and commissions students to become 2nd Lieutenants in the Army Reserve, National Guard and Active Army. The graduating students signify the dedication, leadership, teamwork, critical thinking and problem solving required to become future leaders in the Army.

In recognition of their scholarly achievement, each student who presents at the Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is awarded a medal. A solid green ribbon is in recognition of participation at the URC while a green and gold ribbon highlights recipients of the Foundation Awards.



## Presidential Scholars

Each year, Minnesota State University, Mankato seeks incoming first-year and transfer students who demonstrate top academic performance; strong leadership skills; and a commitment to community involvement. Funding for Presidential Scholarships comes from business, estates and individuals through Minnesota and the nation. Minnesota State Mankato honors graduates of the Presidential Scholarship program.

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# Program Honors and Distinctions

**Note:** Academic program honors and distinctions are listed in this program. You may see graduates wearing various colored cords or sashes not listed here. These cords or sashes may indicate participation in or affinity to a particular non-academic campus group or organization.

**Alpha Lambda Delta** is an honor society for first year students earning a 3.5 or higher grade point average in their first year. Alpha Lambda Delta's mission is to encourage superior academic achievement, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society. ALD members wear red and gold honor cords.

**Alpha Mu Gamma** is a national collegiate honor society for students majoring or minoring in world languages. Minnesota State Mankato's Beta Zeta chapter was chartered in 1961. The purposes of the Society are to recognize achievement in the field of world-language study; to stimulate a desire for linguistic attainment; to encourage a continuing interest in the study of world languages, cultures and civilizations; and to foster sympathetic understanding of other peoples and international friendship.

Members of the **Alpha Delta** chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, wear gold and blue honor cords. Membership in Alpha Phi Sigma is conferred upon Law Enforcement or Corrections majors who exhibit exceptional scholarship and leadership potential.

Members of the Pi Psi chapter of **Beta Beta Beta** Biological Honor Society, wear green and red honor cords and/ or gold medallions. Since its founding in 1922, more than 430 Tribeta chapters have been established in the United States. Membership in Tribeta is conferred to faculty and students dedicated to strong scholastic achievement, the understanding of biological study and extending the boundaries of human knowledge.

**Beta Gamma Sigma** is the international honor society recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs accredited by AACSB International-The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Membership in the Society is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive and is denoted by the wearing of blue and gold honor cords.

**Gamma Sigma Alpha** National Academic Greek Honor Society is committed to the leadership, academic achievement and excellence of Greek members everywhere. We seek to promote success in all academic achievement among the Greek community at Minnesota State. Gamma Sigma Alpha members wear red and gold honor cords.

Members of **Delta Sigma Pi**, an international co-educational business fraternity, wear entwined purple and gold honor cords. Membership in Delta Sigma Pi is conferred upon College of Business students who exhibit scholarship excellence and superior leadership potential.

Members of **Eta Sigma Gamma**, a national health honor society strives in promoting the discipline by elevating the standards, ideals, competence and ethics of professionally prepared men and women in Health Education. They recognize academic achievement and support health education advocacy initiatives. Eta Sigma Gamma members wear gold and green cords.

Members of **Gamma Theta Upsilon**, the International Geographical Honor Society, wear honor cords (one each of blue, gold, and brown) representing the three domains of geography: brown for the Earth, light blue for the Sea, and gold for the sunlight in the Sky. Gamma Theta Upsilon activities support geography knowledge and awareness.

Members of **Lambda Alpha**, the National Collegiate Honor Society for Anthropology, wear a white satin stole with gold lettering. The purpose of this society is to encourage and stimulate scholarship and research in Anthropology by recognizing and honoring superior achievement in the discipline among students, faculty and other persons engaged in the study of Anthropology.

**Lambda Pi Eta** honor graduates wear scarlet and white honor cords as symbols of their commitment to scholarship and their demonstrated leadership in communication studies. Lambda Pi Eta is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association (NCA). Founded in 1985, Lambda Pi Eta stands for Logos (logic and reasoning), Pathos (emotion) and Ethos (personal ethics and character).

Members of the Maverick Chapter of the **National Residence Hall Honorary** wear royal blue and white honor cords. These graduates have made outstanding contributions to the residence halls at Minnesota State during their college careers.



The mission for **NorthStar STEM Alliance** is to help underrepresented students receive a baccalaureate degree in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in a five-year period. The Alliance is a partnership with fourteen higher education institutions and three community partners. The NSSA members wear navy blue and white cords.

**Order of Omega** is a Leadership Honor Society that recognizes students that have attained a high standard of leadership in inter-Greek activities. They strive to bring together the most representative fraternity and sorority members, and to create an organization which will help mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate affairs. Order of Omega members wear ivory and gold honor cords.

**Phi Alpha**, the National Social Work Honor Society, provides an opportunity for closer bonds among students of social work and promotes humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high academic standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Members of Phi Alpha wear gold honor chords.

Members of the Epsilon Lambda chapter of **Phi Sigma Pi**, the National co-educational Honor Fraternity, wear purple and yellow stoles. This honor fraternity is for students earning a 3.0 or higher grade point average after the completion of 12 credits. Membership in Phi Sigma Pi is conferred upon several academic majors with the mission to uphold the three values of scholarship, leadership and fellowship.

Members of **Phi Upsilon Omicron**, an Honor Society in Family Consumer Science, wear purple, yellow, and white honor cords. Membership in Phi Upsilon Omicron is conferred upon Family Consumer Science majors who exhibit superior scholarship and leadership potential.

Members of **Pi Delta Phi**, the National French Honor Society, wear red, white and blue honor cords. This honor society recognizes outstanding scholarship in the French language and its literature, increases the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking world, and stimulates and encourages French and francophone cultural activities.

Members of the Upsilon Alpha chapter of **Pi Sigma Alpha**, the national political science honorary society, wear brass-finish medallions on broad red ribbons; red, black and white honor cords; or both. The purpose of Pi Sigma Alpha is to encourage excellence in the study of political science, international relations and public administration; to promote social and educational opportunities, as well as scholarly activity for students in these fields.

Members of **Psi Chi**, the National Honor Society in Psychology, wear double cords with tassels of blue and gold along with blue, white, and gold medallions. Psi Chi membership signifies high standards of personal behavior, superior grade point average, and high class rank. The purpose of Psi Chi is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of its members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology.

**Sigma Nu** is an undergraduate college fraternity with a mission to develop ethical leaders inspired by the principles of Love, Honor and Truth, to foster the personal growth of each man's mind, heart and character, and to perpetuate lifelong friendships and commitment to the Fraternity. Members of Sigma Nu wear Gold, Black, and White cords.

Members of the School of Nursing's Honor Society Chapter of **Sigma Theta Tau International** (STTI), Mu Lambda, wear orchid and white honor cords. The mission of STTI is to improve the health of people worldwide through the development of nursing knowledge and nurse leaders. Criteria include high grade point average and class rank, academic integrity, and professional leadership potential.

Members of the Chi Iota chapter of **Sigma Tau Delta**, the International English Honor Society, wear cardinal and black honor cords. Sigma Tau Delta has conferred distinction upon outstanding students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies since 1924.



# Symbolism and Tradition

## Procession

A traditional academic procession introduces the commencement exercises at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The wearing of distinctive apparel as an indication of scholarship and academic rank dates back to the 1300s and was adopted in the United States circa 1900.

## Gown

The Minnesota State University, Mankato President's Academic Gown has been specially constructed of heirloom-quality materials for use during formal academic occasions. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple, falling in straight lines from an elaborate yoke. The master's gown is distinguished by its longer sleeves. The doctoral gown is purple, elaborately decorated with velvet panels down the front and three bars of matching velvet on the bell-shaped sleeves.

## Mortarboard and Tassel

The square "Oxford cap" or mortarboard of serge or broadcloth is worn for most degrees, although a soft tam is also permitted. The tassel that hangs to the side is switched from the right to the left at the moment the degree is awarded. The color of the tassel indicates the college or area from which a student will receive his or her degree.

## Hood

The hood is to be worn by graduates of the College of Graduate Studies and Research. The color of the hood worn by Master's and Doctoral graduates indicates the degree. The velvet edging on the hoods indicate the speciality of study.

## Mace

The Minnesota State University, Mankato mace has been made entirely from Minnesota materials in recognition of the value and beauty of the state's natural resources and people. A university mace symbolizes both the university's power to overcome ignorance and prejudice by seeking truth, and the power of the university's president to protect the university and its community from forces opposed to those goals. The mace used in today's ceremony was commissioned and donated to Minnesota State by Fred and Karin Bock. The mace was created by Phil Swan '68.

## Presidential Medallion

The Minnesota State University, Mankato Medallion is a round bronze piece that features the University seal and is worn around the neck of the President. The University seal is the official representation of Minnesota State University, Mankato, and use of it or its image is reserved for only the most dignified of occasions.

## Minnesota State University, Mankato Flag

The Minnesota State University, Mankato flag features the University seal against a field of purple, one of the designated colors of the University. The flag was commissioned in honor of the October 2003 Inauguration of Dr. Richard Davenport to symbolize the President's chosen direction for his term. The seal is the official representation of Minnesota State University, Mankato and is used sparingly and with dignity. It represents our past and our future and symbolizes our strength and global perspective.

## International Flags

The international flags represent countries and sovereign nations of our students. The four American Indian flags represented are: Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux (Dakota) Community; Grand Portage Chippewa; Upper Sioux Community; and Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

## Honor Guard

The special honor guard presenting our national colors is from the Military Science Department, Army ROTC, Minnesota State University, Mankato.



# Minnesota State University, Mankato Alumni Association

Congratulations on your graduation! And welcome to the Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Association, a powerful network of over 116,000 alumni. Our mission is to engage alumni, friends and students in ways that benefit its members and Minnesota State Mankato, through opportunities that stimulate a lifetime of interest, loyalty and support.

As an alumna/us, you're a vital participant in the future of the University. To help you to maintain the connections you've built here at Minnesota State University, Mankato, we'll soon send you your first issue of TODAY, the University magazine for alumni and friends and the Alumni Reporter, our monthly e-newsletter. To ensure that you continue to receive the magazine and the e-newsletter and to stay up-to-date with our alma mater, we invite you to update your contact information with us via e-mail at [alumni@mnsu.edu](mailto:alumni@mnsu.edu) or by logging onto the Alumni web site at [www.mnsu.edu/alumni](http://www.mnsu.edu/alumni)

We celebrate this proud day with you, and look forward to your continued association with Minnesota State Mankato!

Best regards,

Dale Wolpers, '75, '83  
President, Alumni Association



## University History

Mankato Normal School opened as the state's second teacher training school in 1868 in downtown Mankato with 27 students. Tuition was free in return for a student's pledge to teach two years in Minnesota's schools. Old Main was constructed in 1870, and this marked the beginning of the Valley Campus that would serve the institution for a century. In the 1880s, the school expanded and curriculum grew. In 1921 the school became Mankato State Teachers College, and in 1927 the institution awarded its first four-year degree, a bachelor of education.

In the late 1950s, the school was renamed Mankato State College, and construction began on the 300-acre Highland Campus. The College maintained two locations for several years. In 1975, the College received full university status. Four years later consolidation on the Highland Campus was complete. In 1998, for the fifth time in its 130-year history, the University adopted a new name to reflect expanded service to Minnesota and the nation. Minnesota State University, Mankato continues to gain renown for the quality of its programs and the breadth of its service.

Dr. Richard Davenport, appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, assumed his responsibilities as the University's twelfth president on July 1, 2002. Under Dr. Davenport's leadership, the University has embraced new strategic priorities; engaged in an academic master planning process; examined its commitment to diversity, and begun to take action to become a more inclusive and welcoming campus; and told our story further and wider than ever before, to legislators, leaders, parents, and alumni throughout the state and the nation.

Minnesota State Mankato offers more than 130 undergraduate programs and more than 75 graduate programs, including masters, specialist and doctoral programs. Our 15,000 students — including more than 1,100 international students from more than 90 countries — and 2,000 faculty and staff represent cultural diversity and a rich mix of intellectual and creative perspectives. Our 116,000+ alumni live and work around the globe, making professional and personal contributions that bring the proud Maverick tradition to new heights.

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## Miscellaneous Information

**Beverages** are available for purchase in the Concession Stand.

**Jazzman's Café** in the Centennial Student Union is open today from 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M..

**Einstein's Bagels** in Myers Field House hallway is open today from 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

**Roses** are available for purchase in the hallway outside the arena. Proceeds go to the Asian American Affairs Association.

**Live web streaming** services are provided by Minnesota State Mankato's Division of Information Technology Services.

**Live captions** for each commencement ceremony can be viewed at <http://link.mnsu.edu/mavtubelive>

**Lost and Found Area** is located in Myers Field House - Room MF129.

**Photo Opportunities** are available (weather permitting): Alumni Arch; Bell Tower; Gateway/Stone Pillars; Minnesota State mound (corner of Stadium and Warren); Fountain (in front of the Library); Flame (in front of Wigley Administration building), etc.

**GradImages** will be taking individual and family portraits for graduates and their families in the Myers Field House from 7:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. No appointment is necessary and portrait sittings are free. GradImages will also be taking three candid photographs of the graduates during the ceremony. You may place orders at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com).



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# College Receptions

## College of Allied Health and Nursing

Pre-Commencement Ceremony for CAHN Graduate (Master's) Students and Families

9:00 –10:00 A.M. Ostrander Auditorium

The ceremony includes special recognition and/or hooding for students receiving their Master's degree.

## College of Allied Health and Nursing

Pre-Commencement Receptions:

- Family Consumer Science:  
10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M., CSU Ballroom North
- Health Science: 10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M., CSU 245
- Human Performance:  
10:00–11:00 A.M., 1700 Highland Center
- Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services:  
11:15 A.M. –11:30 A.M., Myers Field House during line-up
- Speech, Hearing and Rehabilitation Services:  
10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M., 103 Armstrong Hall

All graduates will receive a CAHN pin and have an opportunity to meet with faculty from the college departments.

## School of Nursing

Pre-Commencement Reception Celebrating RN-to-BS Completion and Masters Degree Graduates

10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

Centennial Student Union 253, 254, 255

This reception is for the above graduates and their guests to meet with faculty from the School of Nursing and receive a CAHN pin.

## College of Arts and Humanities

Reception

10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

CSU Hearth Lounge

Graduates and their guests are invited to join the department faculty and staff for refreshments and conversation.

## College of Business

Pre-Commencement Reception and Recognition

12:15 P.M. Reception

12:45 P.M. Recognition Ceremony

CSU Ostrander Auditorium

Graduates, family and friends are invited to join faculty and staff at a reception and recognition ceremony. Each graduate will be recognized and receive a university graduation pin. The ceremony includes special recognition and/or hooding for students receiving their Master's degree.

## College of Education

Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Hooding Ceremony

Earley Center for Performing Arts, Ted Paul Theatre

Reception immediately following ceremony

## College of Science, Engineering and Technology

Reception

10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

Main level of Ford Hall - Student Commons area

Graduates, family and guests are invited to join faculty and staff for refreshments.

## College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Reception and Recognition Ceremony

12:00 P.M. Dessert Reception

12:30 P.M. Recognition Ceremony

CSU Ballroom

Graduates, family and friends are invited to join faculty and staff at a reception and recognition ceremony. Each graduate will receive special recognition and a College of Social & Behavioral Sciences graduation pin.



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