

2008 FALL
COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, December Thirteenth
Two Thousand Eight
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. A professional DVD will be available for purchase as well.

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

Thank you.

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Program

9:00 A.M.

Prelude Concert

Minnesota Valley Brass Quintet
Gerard Aloisio, Professor of Music
Tom Giles, Emeritus Professor of Music
Stewart Ross, Professor of Music
Dave Schultz, '70, '73
Doug Snapp, Associate Professor of Music
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Processional March

Edward Elgar/arrangement by Douglas R. Snapp

National Anthem

Kimm Julian
Assistant Professor of Music
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Greetings

James Van Houten
Board of Trustees
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Address

Robert Albert Browne
Bachelor of Science, Speech Communication
Fall 2008 Graduate
College of Arts and Humanities

Alecia Jean Prins
Bachelor of Science, Marketing
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish
Fall 2008 Graduate
College of Business

Michael William Witthaus
Bachelor of Science, Biology / Biotechnology
Fall 2008 Graduate
College of Science, Engineering and Technology

Conferring of Degrees

Welcome to the Minnesota State University, Mankato Mankato Alumni Association

Cindy Amoroso, '81, '86, '90, '94, President
Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Association

Recessional March *

*Audience to remain seated.

Platform Guests

RICHARD DAVENPORT
President
Minnesota State University, Mankato

JAMES VAN HOUTEN
Board of Trustees
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CYNTHIA AMOROSO
President of Minnesota State University, Mankato Alumni Association

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Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research

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Vice President for Technology and Chief Information Officer

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Vice President for Institutional Diversity

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Dean of the College of Business

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Vice President for University Advancement

ELLEN MRJA
Professor of Mass Communications

SCOTT R. OLSON
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

JOAN ROCA
Dean of Library Services

ROGER SHEFFER
Professor of English

RICHARD J. STRAKA
Vice President for Finance and Administration

WALTER E. WOLFF
Interim Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs

9:00 A.M. PROGRAM

Procession Participants

FACULTY HONOR MARSHALS

Ellen Mrja, Professor of Mass Communications
Roger Sheffer, Professor of English

COLLEGE HONOR MARSHALS

Harlan Bloomer, College of Arts and Humanities
Miles Smayling, College of Business
James Pierce, College of Science, Engineering and Technology

JUNIOR HONOR MARSHALS

Abby Knott, College of Arts and Humanities
Katherine Vadnais, College of Business
Katherine Lindberg, College of Science, Engineering and Technology

MARCHING FACULTY

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Penny Knoblich
Donald Larsson
Richard Liebendorfer
John Lindberg
Nancy MacKenzie
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Todd Shanafelt
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Paul Sullivan
Dan Swart
Lee Tesdell
Kristen Treinen
Gina Wenger

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Nancy Drescher
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Amy Lauters
Steven Losh
Keith Luebke
Vicki Luoma
Elizabeth Miller
Ramesh C. Misra
Thomas Olach
Hyuna Park
Gretchen Perbix
Melissa Purdue
Farid Sabongi
Susan Schilling
Matthew Sewell
Steve Smith
Gregory Taylor
Christophe Veltsos
Jie Wang
Brian Wasserman

INSTRUCTORS

Shane Bowyer
Lynn Kuechle
Eryn Stehr
Janett Van Veldhuizen

ADMINISTRATIVE and SUPPORT FACULTY

Maria Baxter-Nuamah
Diane Berge



College of Graduate Studies

The candidates will be presented by Anne Blackhurst, Dean.

MASTER OF ARTS

Pamela A. Becker, Janesville
English: TESL
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

Natalie J. Casper, Mankato
English
Advisor: Dr. Mary Johnston

David M. Chapman, Mankato
English: Technical Communication
Advisor: Dr. Roland Nord
Thesis: *Leveraging the Technological Capabilities of the Computer Classroom Environment: Designing, Implementing, and Evaluating a Web-Based Instructional Tool for Technical Communication Classes*

Alan I. Clipperton, Saint James
English: TESL
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

Karen E. Conyers, Kansas City, Kansas
English
Advisor: Dr. Nancy MacKenzie

Jessica K. Crooker, Farmington
English
Advisor: Dr. John Banschbach

Julia A. Curran, Mankato
English: TESL
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

Paul A. Elliot, Saint Peter
English
Advisor: Dr. Donald Larsson

Joel D. Hansen, Mankato
Art
Advisor: Erik Waterkotte

Carl K. Haupt, Brooklyn Park
English
Advisor: Dr. Gretchen Perbix

Barbara J. Hebel, Rochester
Speech Communication
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Treinen

Jaclyn N. Heim, Mankato
English
Advisor: Dr. Lee Tesdell
Thesis: *A Comparison of Comprehension Levels of Traffic Sign Symbols Between International and U.S. Students at a Midwest University*

Vanda Heuring, New London
English
Advisor: Dr. Roland Nord

Molly A. Hoffman, Courtland
English
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

Katie Ischkin, Canada
Speech Communication
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Treinen

Elizabeth I. Jordan-Prince, Shakopee
English
Advisor: Dr. Terrance Flaherty
Thesis: *The Goth Character in Adolescent Fiction*

Matthew D. King, Mankato
Art
Advisor: Todd Shanafelt
Thesis: *Fourth Gear*

Chad J. Kuyper, Owatonna
English
Advisor: Dr. William Dyer
Thesis: *A Flame So Black: Developing a Teaching Method of Racine's Phèdre Using Walter Fisher's Narrative Paradigm*

Allison B. Lund, Mankato
English
Advisor: Dr. Matthew Sewell

Elizabeth A. Madsen, Mankato
Art
Advisor: Erik Waterkotte
Thesis: *Reflections: A collection of Image Transfer Images*

Ann M. Martens, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Art
Advisor: Brian Frink
Thesis: *In-festations*

Nilufer Misirli, Turkey
English: TESL
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Tina J. Mowrey, Mankato
English: TESL
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Deeba S. Rahman, Bangladesh
English
Advisor: Dr. Roland Nord

Steven M. Reller, Mankato
Mathematics
Advisor: Dr. In-Jae Kim
Thesis: *Equivalent Matrix Approximation Problems with Rank Constraints*

Paul S. Trapp, Mankato
Art
Advisor: Brian Frink

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Travis R. Christensen, Mankato
Business Administration
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Elliott

Jeffrey J. Kiecker, Belle Plaine*
Business Administration
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

Christopher P. Ostrowski, Sioux Falls,
South Dakota
Business Administration
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

Michael J. Schlender, Lindstrom
Business Administration
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Elliott

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Kristyn M. Blessing, Calumet,
Michigan
Creative Writing
Advisor: Richard Robbins

Anika L. Cristwell, Mankato
Creative Writing
Advisor: Terry Davis

Sara E. Gronstal, Council Bluffs,
Iowa
Forensics
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills

Ami M. Irmen, Green Bay, Wisconsin
Creative Writing
Advisor: Diana Joseph
Thesis: *Shades of Gray*

Bryan E. Johnson, Fitchburg,
Wisconsin
Creative Writing
Advisor: Diana Joseph

Michael S. Lagerquist, Mankato
Creative Writing
Advisor: Dr. Roger Sheffer

Natalie A. Stowe, Saint Cloud
Creative Writing
Advisor: Candace Black

Darren P. Wieland, Bloomington
Creative Writing
Advisor: Terry Davis
Thesis: *"Chaotic Neutral" A Novel*

MASTER OF MUSIC

Youngju An, Republic of Korea
Music
Advisor: Dr. David Viscoli
Thesis: *Program Notes for a Master's
Recital in Piano Performance*

Adrian A. Barnett, New Richland
Music
Advisor: Dr. Paul Moxness

Ryan P. Perry, Mankato
Choral Conducting
Advisor: Dr. David Dickau

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Louay A. Abu-Shady, Egypt
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Advisor: Dr. Harry Petersen

Dhanushka G. Alahakoon, Sri Lanka
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Dorothy Wrigley

Karen L. Barck, Marshall
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Michael Bentley

Lisa Baudler, Austin
Spanish
Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Contag

Matthew J. Beiswanger, Rochester
Physics
Advisor: Dr. Thomas Brown

Shyam S. Bista, Nepal
Engineering
Advisor: Dr. R A Nair
Thesis: *Spherical Microstrip Array
Antenna for Increased Bandwidth
and Gain*

Lucas E. Bistodeau, Richfield
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Shannon Fisher

Jeffrey D. Burkett, Owatonna
Physics
Advisor: Dr. Russell Palma
Thesis: *Surface Analysis of Genesis
Spacecraft Samples*

Tye B. Davis, Grand Meadow
Engineering
Advisor: Dr. Jin Park

Timothy A. Fay, Grand Meadow
Engineering
Advisor: Dr. Jin Park

Maria D. Fonder, Colombia
Spanish
Advisor: Dr. James Grabowska
Thesis: *M. Argel: A Peaceful Fighter.
The point of view of a Colombian
Indian Poet about the Phenomenon
of Violence in Colombia and Its
Consequences in Colombian
Indian Peoples*

Yafet Girma, Mankato
Engineering
Advisor: Dr. Patrick Tebbe

Nicholas O. Hansen,
Blooming Prairie
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Advisor: Dr. Harry Petersen

Elizabeth A. Harsma, Owatonna
Spanish
Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Contag
Thesis: *(Re)defining the Ecuadorian
Woman: Female Identity in Aminta
Buenano's Mujeres Divinas*

Nathan P. Hensel, Mankato
Computer Science
Advisor: Dr. Dean Kelley

Harshani M. Herath, Chaska
Mathematics
Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

Halyna Hodovanets, Ukraine
Physics
Advisor: Dr. Youwen Xu

Mohammed A. Islam, Bangladesh
Computer Science
Advisor: Dr. Christophe Veltsos

Praneeth R. Jannapu Reddy, India
Computer Science
Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Bates

Joshua J. Jans, Austin, Texas
Cross-Disciplinary Studies
Advisor: Dr. Cecil Keen

Matthew A. Krna, Kansas City,
Missouri
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Ruhland
Thesis: *Plant Interactions and the
Influence of Climate Change on
Litter Decomposition in Antarctic
Tundra*

Samridha Kunwar, Nepal
Physics
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Roberts

James L. Livermont, Rochester
French
Advisor: Dr. John Janc
Thesis: *Une Etude Structuro-
Semantique Du Role De La Femme
Dans Le Theatre En Liberte De
Victor Hugo*

Benjamin P. March, Saint Clair
Computer Science
Advisor: Dr. Christophe Veltsos

Uros Martinovic, Serbia
Mathematics
Advisor: Dr. Deepak Sanjel

Nor M. Nor, Mankato
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Michael Bentley

David P. Paulsen, Dodge Center
Engineering
Advisor: Dr. Muhammad Khaliq
Thesis: *Maximizing Power-Frequency
Limited Yield through Voltage
Selection and Part Binning*

Ryan D. Peck, Mankato
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Hart
Thesis: *Identification of Proteins
Interacting with the Beta One
and Beta Two Subunits of Actin
Capping Protein in Murine
Myocardium*

Pataranut Rujirawat, Logan, Utah
Math: Statistics Option
Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

Bibiana Sanabria Toro, Colombia
Spanish
Advisor: Dr. Karl Heise

Rosalva Ulloa, Lake Crystal
Spanish
Advisor: Dr. James Grabowska

Brian C. Weninger, Holmen,
Wisconsin
Engineering
Advisor: Dr. Patrick Tebbe

Sean M. Wheelock, Tiverton, Rhode
Island
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Bradley Cook
Thesis: *Plant-Soil Feedback as
a Mechanism for the Invasive
Success of Phalaris arundinacea*





College of Arts and Humanities

The candidates will be presented by Jane F. Earley, Dean.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Heidi A. Berens, Spanish
 Casey J. Carmody,
 Mass Communications
 Alyssa L. Christian,
 Mass Communications
 Lynndi A. Decker, Art
 Nicole K. Johannson, English
 Nicole K. Johannson, French
 Cassandra T. Kastner, Spanish
 Kathryn M. Mears,
 Mass Communications
 Harumi Okoshi, Art
 Alecia J. Prins, Spanish
 Stephanie M. Soine, Art
 Bryan N. Taylor,
 Spanish Education K-12
 Rusdon K. Torbenson, English
 Nicole M. Wilmes, Art Education

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Mackenzzy D. Albright, Art
 Kelly R. Barnes, Art Education
 Amber M. Castle, English/
 Speech Education
 Andrew J. Center, Art
 Nicole E. Curry, Dance
 Gayle A. Depuydt, Music
 Jacqueline A. Devine,
 Mass Communications
 Jenna R. Ebersviller, English/
 Speech Education

Trenton A. Ecker,
 Mass Communications:
 Public Relations
 Trenton A. Ecker,
 Speech Communication
 Jessica M. Ekstrand,
 Mass Communications
 Nicole M. Goebel, English/
 Speech Education
 Jessica J. Greene, English
 Bridget E. Hartung,
 Mass Communications
 Sandra L. Hood, Spanish
 Carlene R. Johnson,
 Mass Communications
 Carlene R. Johnson,
 Speech Communication
 Mary A. Nelson, French
 Anne E. Nolte,
 Mass Communications
 Anthony M. Parrish, Art
 Laura K. Pelletier,
 Speech Communication
 Kristina A. Rohde, English/
 Speech Education
 Anna M. Rollings, Art
 Anna M. Rollings, Art History
 Mackenzie A. Ross, Art Education
 Emily A. Sawyer, Spanish
 Amy N. Schlueter, Spanish
 Amelia J. Storm, Spanish
 Ashley A. Topp, English/
 Speech Education

CUM LAUDE

Dustin C. Abraham, English
 Robert A. Browne,
 Speech Communication
 Amanda C. Clemens, Spanish
 Benjamin A. Dlugiewicz,
 Mass Communications
 Aaron C. Engler, English
 Nancy J. Flatau,
 Spanish Education K-12
 Kaitlyn F. Flynn, English
 Lori L. Foland, Music:
 Applied (Instrument)
 Jill M. Fredrickson, Art Education
 Jill M. Fredrickson, Art
 Jessica N. Grund,
 Mass Communications
 Kevin C. Gustafson, Philosophy
 Gregory J. Husak,
 Mass Communications
 Michele M. Kunstleben,
 Spanish Education K-12
 Nicole M. Raines, Spanish
 Jessica L. Ricketts,
 Mass Communications
 Chelsey M. Robideau,
 Mass Communications
 Dylan H. Steiner, Music Industry
 Nathan R. Stone,
 Mass Communications
 Elizabeth M. Vevea,
 Speech Communication
 Katie L. Wenzel, Spanish
 Diane R. Wilson, Spanish
 Megan M. Zabel, English

9:00 A.M. PROGRAM



DEPARTMENT OF ART

*Professor James Johnson,
Chairperson*

Mackenzey D. Albright, BFA, Arco
Kelly R. Barnes, BS, Saint Michael
Jessica M. Barten, BFA, Mankato
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Tonya J. Bottelson, BA, Albert Lea
Eric A. Burton, BS, Maple Grove
Andrew J. Center, BFA, Rochester
Timothy J. Connor, BFA,
Saint Bonifacius
Lynndi A. Decker, BFA, Des Moines,
Iowa
Janine B. Erickson, BA, Nisswa
Molly R. Foeman, BFA, Andover
Jill M. Fredrickson, BFA, New Hope
Jill M. Fredrickson, BS, New Hope
Nicole M. Korte, BFA, Apple Valley
Harumi Okoshi, BFA, Japan
Benjamin D. Olthafer, BA, Mankato
Jennifer J. Page, BA, Pemberton
Jessica M. Paradis, BA, New Ulm
Anthony M. Parrish, BFA, Baxter
Felix T. Rhodes, BFA, Sierra Leone
Anna M. Rollings, BA, Mapleton
Anna M. Rollings, BFA, Mapleton
Mackenzie A. Ross, BS, Hugo
Stephanie M. Soine, BFA, Maynard
Nicole M. Wilmes, BS,
Madison Lake

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Jenna R. Ebersviller, BS, Mineral
Point, Wisconsin
Aaron C. Engler, BFA, Cold Spring
Kaitlyn F. Flynn, BFA, Lakeville
Keri J. Glaeser, BA, Mankato
Nicole M. Goebel, BS, Mankato
Jessica J. Greene, BA, Le Sueur
Rebecca L. Guadagnoli, BS, Hanska
Benjamin M. Heath, BS, Waterville
Nicole K. Johannson, BA, Canada
Jeffrey A. Kvam, BS, Austin
James C. Rice, BA, Burnsville
Kristina A. Rohde, BS, Brandon,
South Dakota
Ashley A. Topp, BS, Coon Rapids
Rusdon K. Torbensohn, BA, Mankato

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Wisconsin

DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS

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Perdido Key, Florida
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Jessica N. Grund, BS, Renville
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Angeline M. Gullickson, BS,
Apple Valley
Sally M. Haase, BS, Cleveland
Brittney P. Hansen, Sioux Falls,
South Dakota
Bridget E. Hartung, BS, Mitchell,
South Dakota
Kristen R. Hebert, BS, Lakeville
Ashley L. Helmer, BS, Lakeville
Christine L. Hickey, BS, Farmington
Gregory J. Husak, BA, Mankato
Jamie L. Jacobson, BS, Coon Rapids
Christopher J. Jagerson, BS,
North Mankato
Amanda A. Johnson, BA,
Maple Grove
Carlene R. Johnson, BS,
South Saint Paul
Halee R. Johnson, BS, Kasson
Joseph E. Johnson, BS, Lino Lakes
Matthew A. Johnston, BS, Mankato
Per D. Kvalsten, BS, Durbin,
North Dakota
Michael O. Laue, BS, Owatonna
Robert A. Lawson, BS, Amboy
Chris J. McKeown, BS, Aurora,
South Dakota
Kathryn M. Mears, BA, Spirit Lake,
Iowa
Christopher A. Nitz, BS, Plymouth
Anne E. Nolte, BS, Murray,
Nebraska
Brent A. Norland, BS, Oronoco
Jason D. Norton, BS, Apple Valley

Holly M. Pahl, BS, Rochester
Nicholas J. Prachar, Maplewood
Daniel S. Rasmussen, BS, Eagan
Katie L. Rein, BS, Shakopee
Allison M. Reul, BS, Morristown
Jessica L. Ricketts, BS, Maple Grove
Chelsey M. Robideau, BS, Olivia
Nicole E. Schneider, BS, Farmington
Kyle A. Smith, BA, Redwood Falls
Matthew S. Snyder, BS, Excelsior
Jennifer L. Sodomka, BA, Burnsville
Tami L. Sorenson, BS, Geneva
Nathan R. Stone, BS, Plymouth
Michael S. Strey, BA, Dassel
Teri J. Totushek, BS, Hutchinson
Michael D. Triemert, BS, Saint Paul
Jason M. Uttenhove, BS,
New Prague
Anthony J. Vossler, BS, Sioux Falls,
South Dakota
Amanda J. Wilcox, BS, Lindstrom

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

*Professor James Grabowska,
Chairperson*

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Heidi A. Berens, BA, Rothschild,
Wisconsin
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Woodbury
Christopher R. Ferguson, BA,
Madison Lake
Nancy J. Flatau, BS, New Ulm
Oscar M. Gonzalez, BA, Fairmont
Brittney P. Hansen, Sioux Falls,
South Dakota
Sandra L. Hood, BA, Aurora, Illinois
Nicole K. Johannson, BA, Canada
Amanda A. Johnson, BA,
Maple Grove
Cassandra T. Kastner, BA, Mankato
Timothy J. Kirk, BA, Burnsville
Michele M. Kunstleben, BS, Avon
Kathryn A. Lacher, BS, Mankato
Bianca S. Mallas, BA, Edina
Mary A. Nelson, BA, Mankato
Nicole R. Pfeifer, BS, New Ulm
Alecia J. Prins, BA, Redwood Falls
Nicole M. Raines, BS, Fridley
Lacey A. Roben, BA, North Mankato
Emily A. Sawyer, BS, Burnsville
Amy N. Schlueter, BA, Brooklyn Park
Casey M. Stanek, BS, Winona
Amelia J. Storm, BA, Fargo,
North Dakota

Amanda E. Strop, BS, New Prague
Bryan N. Taylor, BS, Andover
Anna K. Wencil, BA, Owatonna
Katie L. Wenzel, BS, Hugo
Diane R. Wilson, BS, Mapleton
Nathaniel A. Wyrick, BA, Lubbock,
Texas
Jeffrey N. Zurfluh, BA, Rosemount

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

*Professor Karen Boubel,
Chairperson*

Braden P. Ashworth, BS, Fergus Falls
Gayle A. Depuydt, BA, Mankato
Lori L. Foland, BM, Canton,
South Dakota
Sarah N. Frahm, BA, Mankato
Mealah M. Heidenreich, BS,
Chicago, Illinois
Kyle D. Skinner, BS, New Hope
Dylan H. Steiner, BS, North Mankato

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

*Professor Richard Liebendorfer,
Chairperson*

Christopher D. Alspach, BS, Milford,
Iowa
Joshua J. Arnold, BS, North Mankato
Tyler L. Caspers, BS, Prior Lake
Kevin C. Gustafson, BS, Owatonna

DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH COMMUNICATION

*Professor Daniel Cronn-Mills,
Chairperson*

Jenna L. Braun, BS, Faribault
Robert A. Browne, BS, Mankato
Nicole K. Burgess, BS, Courtland
Matthew W. Clay, BS, Mankato

Melissa L. Cornelius, BS, Rogers
Tyler S. Dettmann, BS, Emmetsburg,
Iowa
Trenton A. Ecker, BS, Mankato
Andrew D. Elvin, BS, Saint Paul
Laura E. Hinrichs, BS, Crystal
Carlene R. Johnson, BS,
South Saint Paul
Kyra A. Krohn, BA, Kasota
Jeff R. Longhurst, BS, Mankato
Brittany G. Meis, BA, Rush City
Jennifer L. Ott, BS, Lino Lakes
Laura K. Pelletier, BS, Mankato
Brian S. Perna, BS, Apple Valley
Joseph M. Peterson, BS, Mankato
Allison M. Reul, BS, Morristown
Ashley E. Ryan, BS, Mankato
John R. Schad, BS, Glencoe
Brooklyn M. Stevenson, BS, Marcus,
Iowa
David J. Swanson, BS, Woodbury
Elizabeth M. Vevea, BS, Isanti
Chelsea R. Walent, BS,
North Mankato
William Yang, BS, Volo, Illinois

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

*Professor Paul Hustoles,
Chairperson*

Jessica N. Bowers, BS, Annandale
Nicole E. Curry, BS, Normal, Illinois
Lucille J. Hinton, BFA, Mankato
David S. Japuntich, BS, Saint Paul
Kelly E. Mohn, BS, Woodbury
Adam B. Moore, BFA, Lakeville
Benjamin D. Olthafer, BA, Mankato
Benjamin D. Olthafer, BS, Mankato

HUMANITIES

*Professor William D. Dyer,
Director*

LIBERAL STUDIES

*Connie Miller,
Coordinator*

Katherine L. Amundson, AA,
Prior Lake
Jill A. Anderson, AA, Elk River
Ashley D. Avery, AA, Waseca
Kathryn J. Carlson, AA, Mankato
Baekwi Chung, AA,
Republic of Korea
Dakota A. Darsow, AA,
Maple Grove
David L. Folden, AA, Faribault
Heather M. Galle, AA, Jordan
Jennifer L. Ibrahim, AA, Anthem,
Arizona
Jack D. Jensen, AA, Bloomington
Christopher P. Judd, AA, Morristown
Darius D. Knox, AA, North Mankato
Anthony D. Lambrecht, AA,
New Prague
Latosha N. Lewis, AA, Le Sueur
Lawrence V. Lipsey, AA, Mankato
Danielle C. Loder, AA, Saint Paul
Debra J. Meissner, AA,
North Mankato
Jon P. Michaletz, AA, North Mankato
Craig S. Morgan, AA,
Brooklyn Center
Elyse M. Morrow, AA, Chaska
Traci L. Nelson, AA, Hadley
Megan K. Pihlaja, AA, Wabasha
Kelsey C. Preble, AA, Blaine
Nicole M. Richter, AA, Mankato
Brittany R. Schlangen, AA, Richmond
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Kelly Krumwiede
Andrew Phemister
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Sherrise Truesdale
Dennis Waskul
Forrest Wilkerson
Mark Windschitl

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College of Graduate Studies

The candidates will be presented by Anne Blackhurst, Dean.

MASTER OF ARTS

Cameron J. Aisenbrey, Nevada,
Iowa

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Soonhwan Lee

Thesis: *Player Identification and
Brand Equity in the Collegiate
Sports Setting*

Bret C. Aman, Freeman,
South Dakota

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker

Thesis: *Group-Mediated Cognitive-
Behavioral Intervention Program in
a Cardiac Rehabilitation Program:
Physical Functioning*

Ashley L. Arends, Blue Earth

Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. Barbara Carson

Charles M. Baldo, Orchard Park,
New York

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Cindra Kamphoff

Thesis: *Sport Termination: Analysis
of Track & Field Student-Athletes'
Athletic Identity, Academic
Motivation and Career Exploration
Across Gender, Class Levels and
NCAA Divisions I, II, and III*

Elizabeth K. Beckman, Iowa City,
Iowa

History

Advisor: Agnes Odinga

Thesis: *Perceptions of the Maasai,
1880s to the Present*

Katie E. Bye, Mankato

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

Angela M. Christenson, Mankato

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Houlihan

Thesis: *Naturalistic Observation
of Commands and Compliance
between Nursing Home Staff
and Residents with Cognitive
Impairments*

Megan J. Clifford, Stanchfield

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan

Thesis: *Naturalistic Observation
of Commands and Compliance
between Nursing Home Staff
and Residents with Cognitive
Impairment: Implications for Staff
Training*

Nathaniel T. Dvorak, Dubuque, Iowa

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter

Michael B. Elhard, Burnsville

Urban Planning

Advisor: Dr. David Laverny-Rafter

Jessica Gertz, Mankato

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Jennifer L. Gill, Mankato

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter

Thesis: *Examining Job Embeddedness
in Public Sector Employees*

Kerri A. Holz, Waupun, Wisconsin

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Judith N. Jeremie, Brooklyn,
New York

History

Advisor: Dr. Christopher Corley

Jeremy N. Jones, Hastings

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Lisa Perez

Christopher C. Kleinschmidt,
Saint Peter

Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. William Wagner

Thesis: *Transhumanism: Another Hero
for Progress*

Jeffrey A. Long, Benton, Kentucky

Political Science

Advisor: Dr. Tomasz Inglot

Jamie M. Marlborough, Menasha,
Wisconsin

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Suzannah Armentrout

Marceline L. Marquardt, Champlin

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Sherry Folsom-Meek

Justine L. Martin, Mankato

Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. Steve Buechler

Thesis: *Civil Libertarians or Radical
Militant Librarians? The American
Library Association Framing
Campaign Against the USA Patriot
Act*

Mahlia A. Matsch, Hastings

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Ryan M. Meulemans, Shakopee

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Joey L. Morris, Spirit Lake, Iowa

Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. H Graham

Thesis: *Child Homicide*

Gabriel C. Nelson, Okemos,
Michigan

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Sarah Sifers

Thesis: *With Friends like These:
Parental Control as a Moderator
between Close Friend Support and
Conduct Disorder*

Josie L. Nelson, Medina, Ohio

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Kyle A. Neubauer, Ames, Iowa

Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. Steve Buechler

Thomas R. Nixon, Mankato

Political Science

Advisor: Dr. Eiji Kawabata

Thomas M. Olson, Eagle Lake

Urban Planning

Advisor: Dr. Raymond Asomani-
Boateng

Lisa M. Paulson, Lino Lakes

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

Beth E. Peters, Winner, South Dakota

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Aimee S. Pierce, Saint Louis, Missouri

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter

Thesis: *Older Adults and Professional
Development Trends: Data from the
Field*

Briana K. Ploog, Madison Lake

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker

Michael N. Reynolds, Hawick

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Houlihan

Thesis: *Analysis of Topographical
Trends in Publications by
Behavioral Researchers*

Amanda M. Rovnak, New Richland

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Ray M. Sin, Singapore

Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. Steve Buechler

Dashanne P. Stokes, Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania

Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. Paul Prew

Thesis: *The Peace Corps and the
American Empire: A content
Analysis of American Cultural
Imperialism*

Robin L. Timmons, Shoreview

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Sherry Folsom-Meek

Lindsey N. Toman, Oshkosh,

Wisconsin

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker

Joseph S. Wanzek, Ames, Iowa

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Houlihan

Thesis: *A Behavioral Spike in
Momentum: Behavioral Momentum
in Girl's High School Volleyball*

Michael J. Wilson, Indianola, Iowa

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Cory L. Woods, Chino, California

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Vinai Norasakkunkit

Brian M. Zins, North Mankato

Physical Education (Non-Teaching)

Advisor: Garold Rushing

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Teresa A. Hoverson, Belle Plaine

K-12 licensure

Advisor: Dr. Daria Dona

Deserea C. Lau, Janesville

5-12 licensure

Advisor: Dr. Sandra Mullins

Cindy C. Milbrath, Madison,

Wisconsin

5-12 licensure

Advisor: Dr. Anne Dahlman

Joshua A. Otto, New Prague

5-12 licensure

Advisor: Dr. Deborah Jesseman

Jaime L. Schommer, Victoria

5-12 licensure

Advisor: Dr. Debra Anderson

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Irfan H. Bangash, Pakistan

Public Administration

Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Granberg-
Rademacker

Aurora C. Buss, Cottonwood

Public Administration

Advisor: Dr. Avra Johnson

Laura Elvebak, Mankato

Public Administration

Advisor: Dr. Avra Johnson

Nicholas P. Lyons, Hibbing

Public Administration

Advisor: Dr. Avra Johnson

Angela R. Meier-Azzam, Lakeville

Public Administration

Advisor: Dr. Avra Johnson

Shin Watanabe, Japan

Public Administration

Advisor: Dr. Eiji Kawabata

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Lisa M. Abdo, Lino Lakes

Talent Development and

Gifted Education

Advisor: Dr. Beth Handler

A.F.M. Sharful Alam, Mankato

Experiential Education

Advisor: Dr. Scott Wurdinger

Veronica Alba, Mankato

Rehabilitation Counseling

Advisor: Dr. Gerald Schneck

Bobbi M. Anderson, Cologne

Sociology: Corrections

Advisor: Dr. Joe Davis

Angela B. Armstrong, Owatonna
Teaching & Learning:

Curriculum and Instruction

Advisor: Dr. Debra Anderson

Evan J. Bartusek, Hanlontown, Iowa
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Lorie K. Becker, Saint Peter
Health Science: Community Health
Advisor: Dr. Bikash Nandy

Scott W. Bernard, Le Center
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim
Thesis: *The Effects of Sport
Specialization on High School
Volleyball Players in the Midwest*

Marcus J. Bjorklund, Maple Grove
Experiential Education
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

Joseph C. F. Bohlke, Minneapolis
Rehabilitation Counseling
Advisor: Dr. Gerald Schneck

Trina E. Bolton, Apple Valley
Ethnic and Multi-Cultural Studies
Advisor: Maricela DeMirjyn

Mary J. Bradley, North Mankato
Gerontology
Advisor: Dr. Bikash Nandy

Lynn E. Broberg, Waseca
Special Education:
Learning Disabilities
Advisor: Dr. Robert Miller

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Geography
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Advisor: Dr. John Seymour

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Library Media Education
Advisor: Dr. Deborah Jesseman

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Learning Disabilities
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Johnson

Daniel R. Cape, Lewisville,
North Carolina
Educational Leadership
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Todd T. Card, Hutchinson
Education Technology
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Advisor: Dr. Changjoo Kim

Melanie R. Cleveland, Fridley
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Communication Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Busch

Kristine S. Culligan, Eagan
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Piush M. Dahal, Nepal
Geography
Advisor: Dr. Changjoo Kim

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Communication Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Hargrove

Jody L. Diemer, Okabena
Special Education:
Learning Disabilities
Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry

Julie A. Dlouhy, Nicollet
Teaching and Learning: Curriculum
and Instruction
Advisor: Patricia Hoffman

Cheryl E. Donely, Eagan
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Brianne M. Eggers, Montevideo
Gerontology
Advisor: Dr. Leah Rogne

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Learning Disabilities
Advisor: Dr. Robert Miller

Daniel D. Fjeld, Franklin
Geography
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Alabama
Sociology: Corrections
Advisor: Dr. Sherrise Truesdale
Thesis: *Residential Treatment of
Eleven to Eighteen-Year Old
Juvenile Sex Offenders: Parental
Involvement and Its Impact on
Treatment Progress*

Amanda C. Frank, Mapleton
Counseling and Student Personnel
Advisor: Dr. Richard Auger

Jessica L. Frantzen, Owatonna
Special Education:
Emotional Behavior Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Gail Zahn

John M. Gillum, Muncie, Indiana
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Advisor: Dr. Scott Wurdinger

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Teaching and Learning:
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Communication Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Bonnie Lund

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Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

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Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
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Advisor: Dr. Patricia Hargrove
- Darla M. Hiller Kellner, Waseca
Special Education:
Learning Disabilities
Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry
- Rachel L. Hollerich, Good Thunder
Teaching and Learning:
Curriculum and Instruction
Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Foord
- Josh E. Hovden, Owatonna
Special Education:
Emotional Behavior Disorders
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Experiential Education
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson
- Tanya M. Hurt, Minneapolis
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Educational Leadership
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South Dakota
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Educational Leadership
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Special Education:
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Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry
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- Lindsey R. Keil, Golden Valley
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- Jessica E. Kirschner, North Mankato
Counseling and Student Personnel
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- Troy R. Kogel, Sioux Falls,
South Dakota
Anthropology
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Schirmer
- Jaime L. Kozisek, Pine City
Sociology: Corrections
Advisor: Dr. Steven Vassar
Thesis: *Political Participation: A
Correlation of Religious Affiliation,
Age, Race, Gender, and Level of
Education*
- Angela L. Kudelka, New Ulm
Sociology: Human Services, Planning
and Administration
Advisor: Dr. Steve Buechler
Thesis: *Can Beggars Be Choosers?
The Social Organization of a
Minnesota Food Shelf*
- Sara R. Kuglin, Mankato
Counseling and Student Personnel
Advisor: Dr. Richard Auger
- Cortney L. Kuhlmann, Burnsville
Special Education:
Emotional Behavior Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Richard Kiefer-O'Donnell
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Rehabilitation Counseling
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- Michelle L. Lewison, Owatonna
Special Education:
Emotional Behavior Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Gail Zahn
- Judy E. Lucas, Owatonna
Health Science: Community Health
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke
Thesis: *Relationships between
Motivation and Healthy Lifestyle
Behaviors in a Sample of Female
College Students*
- Laura A. Marsala, Lakewood,
Colorado
Experiential Education
Advisor: Dr. Jasper Hunt
- Krista M. Mastel, Forest Lake
Anthropology
Advisor: Dr. Susan Schalge
Thesis: *Modernity and Tradition: An
Exploration of Honor and Shame
in the Modern San Francisco Bay
Area Greek Community*
- Jessica A. McLaughlin, Mankato
Sociology: Human Services, Planning
and Administration
Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Greer
Thesis: *An Examination of Self-
Reported Data Inquiring Whether
Correlations Exist between
Exposure to Violence and
Victimization, and the Presence of
Negative Behaviors in Adolescents*
- Aimee J. Mediger, Apple Valley
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau
- Kathleen R. Menne, Good Thunder
Counseling and Student Personnel
Advisor: Dr. John Seymour
- Nicole C. Meulemans, Shakopee
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim
Thesis: *Factors Influencing the
College Choice Decisions of
Student-Athletes at Two-Year
Institutions*
- Mary F. Morgan, Faribault
Counseling and Student Personnel
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Advisor: Dr. Deborah Jesseman

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Special Education: Learning
Disabilities
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Johnson

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History
Advisor: Dr. Lori Lahlum
Thesis: *Unnatural Wilderness: The
Construction of the Ideal American
Landscape*

Josie L. Pitts, Rice Lake, Wisconsin
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Advisor: Dr. Jasper Hunt

Tasha M. Purcell, Henderson,
Nevada
Experiential Education
Advisor: Dr. Jasper Hunt

Elizabeth A. Quick, Plummer
Educational Studies: Literacy
Advisor: Dr. Peggy Ballard
Thesis: *The Relationship between
Familiar Rereading at Home and
Growth in Reading Achievement
for First Grade Students Identified
for Title I*

Kristi D. Reis, Mankato
Counseling and Student Personnel
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

Emily M. Resch, Foreston
Communication Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Hargrove

Anne E. Rickbeil, Worthington
Experiential Education
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Eric W. Risland, Rush City
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Kelly J. Ritter, Bloomington
Communication Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Hargrove

Curt C. Robertson, Mora
Rehabilitation Counseling
Advisor: Dr. Glen Peterson

Hanifa Sait, India
Communication Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Hargrove

Cassandra A. Sassenberg,
Saint Peter
Sociology: Human Services, Planning
and Administration
Advisor: Dr. Barbara Keating
Thesis: *Intimate Partner Violence
at Minnesota State University,
Mankato*

Meighan K. Sather, Lakeville
Rehabilitation Counseling
Advisor: Dr. Gerald Schneck

Justin C. Sawyer, North Branch
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Toni Schulz, Mankato
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Communication Disorders
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Special Education:
Learning Disabilities
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Kimberly A. Scranton, Prior Lake
Communication Disorders
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Isabel F. Sehe, Mankato
Special Education:
Learning Disabilities
Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry

Tami A. Skinner, Saint Peter
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Stacy L. Sletten, Bloomington
Rehabilitation Counseling
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Phemister

Mindi K. Sorensen, White Bear Lake
Special Education:
Learning Disabilities
Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry

Cindy R. Sparrow, Kimberly,
Wisconsin
Geography
Advisor: Dr. Forrest Wilkerson

Jennifer A. Stoesz, Waseca
Teaching and Learning: Curriculum
and Instruction
Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Foord

Amber L. Stoltenburg, Mankato
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Cindra Kamphoff
Thesis: *Transitioning Out of Sport:
The Psychosocial Effects of Career-
Ending Injuries on Collegiate
Athletes*

Heidi J. Thompson, Bloomingdale,
Illinois
Communication Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Bruce Poburka

Jacob M. Timm, Farmington
Special Education:
Learning Disabilities
Advisor: Dr. Gail Zahn

James B. Timmerman, Saint Peter
Special Education:
Emotional Behavior Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry

Bryan M. Ulrich, Mankato
Experiential Education
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

Amy L. Ulwelling, Waseca
Communication Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Hargrove

Jamie L. VanGeest, Montgomery
Counseling and Student Personnel
Advisor: Dr. Diane Coursol

Shannon M. Vasseur, Elk River
Library Media Education
Advisor: Dr. Deborah Jesseman

Amy J. Veches, Plymouth
Rehabilitation Counseling
Advisor: Dr. Glen Peterson

Shari D. Vogt, Richmond
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Mary Visser
Thesis: *Relationships between Off-Ice
Performance Tests, Anthropometric
Measures, and On-Ice Acceleration
Speed in Elite Women's Ice
Hockey Players*

Deann L. Wenner, New Ulm
Communication Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Bonnie Lund

Brittany J. Wiger, Mankato
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Anne M. Willaert, Kasota
Health Science: Community Health
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke

Lisa M. Wyckoff, Prior Lake
Special Education:
Learning Disabilities
Advisor: Dr. Robert Miller

Patrick L. Zahourek, Le Mars, Iowa
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Wen Jing Zhao, China
Ethnic and Multi-Cultural Studies
Advisor: Dr. Kebba Darboe

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Ida M. Banks, Dodge Center
Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Donna Brauer

Yvonne M. Gratz, Saint James
Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Sonja Meiers

Valery A. Hoover, Sartell
Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Sonja Meiers
Thesis: *Uncertainty of Family
Members: In the Coronary
Angiography Setting*

Michelle L. Lange, Chaska
Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Mary Bliesmer

Jill R. Lembke, Albert Lea
Nursing Science
Advisor: Dr. Sue Bell

Donna M. Lewis, Lake Crystal
Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Sandra Eggenberger

SPECIALIST

Jennifer E. Alwin, Ellsworth,
Wisconsin
Education Administration: General
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Mymique Y. Baxter, North Mankato
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Tracy L. Bertrand, Sleepy Eye
Education Administration: General
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Lori K. Bird, Owatonna
Education Administration: General
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Anne L. Dickau, Mankato
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Jason A. Djuren, Brevard,
North Carolina
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Scott Wurdinger

Shelly A. Fessler, White Bear Lake
Education Administration: General
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Martha A. Fridgen, Inver Grove
Heights
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Ann M. Lacourse, Sleepy Eye
Education Administration: General
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Rodney S. Levake, Faribault
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Kristie T. Rydland, Chaska
Curriculum and Instruction
Advisor: Dr. Debra Anderson
Thesis: *Minnesota Dance Team as a
Sport*

Kristine R. Scallon, Eagan
Education Administration: General
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Diane L. Schrupp, Springfield
Education Administration: General
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Michael D. Scott, Chaska
Education Administration: General
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar





College of Allied Health and Nursing

The candidates will be presented by Kaye Herth, Dean.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Heidi A. Berens, Communication Disorders
Angela K. Borth, Family Consumer Science
Maria L. Callahan, Nursing
Jacklyn J. Deutsch, Nursing
Elizabeth A. Gemberling, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services
Lindsay M. Harrison, Nursing
Annie R. Jaunich, Nursing
Brooks A. Kashani, Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Alyson R. Krech, Nursing
Jaclyn R. Kujawa, Nursing
Andrea N. Moldstad, Nursing
Nichole M. Price, School Health Education
Nichole M. Price, Physical Education (Teaching)
Ashley J. Purfeerst, Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Heidi S. Rusch, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services
Lisa A. Schmitz, Nursing
Sulena Shrestha, Nursing

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Amanda M. Barth, Nursing
Ashley N. Buckentin, Community Health
Callie R. Cable, Family Consumer Science
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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.

University Scholars, who are graduates of the University's Honors Program, wear gold stoles. The mission of the Honors Program is to provide top students with opportunities to pursue alternatives to general education, to meet at least weekly in small groups, and includes seminars, interdisciplinary seminars, service-learning, practicum, and a Senior Capstone Project.

Members of the **Golden Key International Honor Society** wear solid blue and gold honor cords. 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.

Program Honors and Distinctions

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 and cultures; and to foster understanding of other peoples.

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.

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 **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. The society was founded in 1928 and became a national organization in 1931.

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 University, Mankato during their college careers.

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. Pi Delta Phi was founded in 1906 and installed the Mankato chapter, Nu Alpha, in 2001. 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.

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 doctor's gown is black, elaborately decorated with velvet panels down the front and three bars of matching velvet on the bell-shaped sleeves.

Mortarboard

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 specialty 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, a Minnesota State University, Mankato alumnus from Prior Lake, Minnesota.

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.

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.

Honor Guard

The special honor guard presenting our national colors is from the Military Science Department, Army ROTC, Minnesota State University, Mankato. The flags displayed represent countries and sovereign nations of our students.



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 businesses, estates, and individuals throughout Minnesota and the nation. Minnesota State Mankato honors graduates of the Presidential Scholarship program.

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Minnesota State University, Mankato Alumni Association

Congratulations on your graduation! And welcome to the Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Association, a powerful network of approximately 100,000 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 or by logging onto www.MSUgrads.com, the alumni on-line community. At www.MSUgrads.com you can find Minnesota State Mankato friends and contact them, read up on the latest University news, register for events, network with fellow alumni and much more!

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

Best regards,

Cindy Amoroso, '81, '86, '90, '94
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 150 undergraduate programs in six undergraduate colleges, and 82 masters, advanced certificate and doctoral programs in the College of Graduate Studies and Research. Our 14,000 students — including 500 international students from 68 countries — and 1,300 faculty and staff represent cultural diversity and a rich mix of intellectual and creative perspectives. Our 100,000 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

Pop and Water is available for purchase in the Concession Stands. The stands will close 15 minutes prior to each ceremony.

Roses are available for purchase in the hallway outside the arena. Proceeds go to the Hmong Student Association.

Barnes and Noble Campus Bookstore kiosk is located in the hallway outside the arena.

DVD and live web streaming services are provided by Minnesota State Mankato's Division of Information Technology Services. For information on purchasing a DVD of today's ceremony, order forms are available at the Information Table outside of the Arena or you may contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 507-389-3235.

Chappel Graduation Images will be taking individual and family portraits for graduates and their families in the Myers Field House from 7:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. No appointment is necessary and portrait sittings are free. Chappel will also be taking three candid photographs of the graduates during the ceremony. You may place orders at www.gradimages.com.

Campus Maps are available at the Information Tables outside of the Arena.

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



College Receptions

College of Allied Health and Nursing Pre-Commencement Ceremony Reception

9:00 - 11:00 A.M. - CSU 284 ABC

Each graduate will be recognized and receive a College of Allied Health and Nursing Graduation pin. The ceremony also includes special recognition and/or hooding for students receiving their Graduate Degree.

College of Business Holiday Cookie Reception

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - CSU 253-254-255

Graduates, family and guests invited.

College of Education Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony

9:00 - 10:00 A.M. Hooding Ceremony - Performing Arts Recital Hall

Reception immediately following ceremony

* Baccalaureate Degree Pinning Ceremony was held on Friday, December 12, 2008.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

9:30 - 11:00 A.M. - CSU Ballroom

Each graduate will be recognized and receive a College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Graduation pin. The ceremony also includes special recognition and/or hooding for students receiving their Graduate Degree.



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