

2008 SPRING
COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May Tenth
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, Associate 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

Tim Price, Esquire, '71
Deputy to the Senior Vice Chancellor
Office of the Chancellor
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

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Christopher Nathaniel Frederick
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
Spring 2008 Graduate
2007-2008 President of Minnesota State Student Association

Address

Tysen Drew Dauer
Bachelor of Arts
Spring 2008 Graduate
College of Arts and Humanities

Elizabeth Ann Drommerhausen
Bachelor of Science
Spring 2008 Graduate
College of Science, Engineering and Technology

Conferring of Degrees

**Welcome to the Minnesota State University, Mankato
Mankato Alumni Association**

Tim Huebsch, '02
Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Association

Recessional March *

**Audience to remain seated.*

Platform Guests

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President
Minnesota State University, Mankato

TIM PRICE, Esquire
Deputy to the Senior Vice Chancellor
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Vice President for Strategic Business,
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Minnesota State Mankato Alumni
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Professor of Modern Languages

MICHAEL A. MILLER
Interim Vice President for University
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Provost and Vice President for
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Vice President for Student Affairs

9:00 A.M. PROGRAM

Procession Participants

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John Janc,
Professor of
Modern Languages
Jeff Pribyl,
Professor of Chemistry and
Geology

COLLEGE HONOR MARSHALS

Roger Sheffer,
College of Arts and
Humanities
Pavel Kitsul,
College of Science,
Engineering and
Technology

JUNIOR HONOR MARSHALS

Kristina Sukalski,
College of Arts and
Humanities
Tatyana Mamchuk,
College of Science,
Engineering and
Technology

MARCHING FACULTY

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Maria Baxter-Nuamah
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College of Graduate Studies

The candidates will be presented by Anne Blackhurst, Dean.

MASTER OF ARTS

Todd R. Anderson, Mankato
English
Advisor: Dr. Donald Larsson

Sadie F. Arch, Mankato
English
Advisor: Dr. Donna Casella
Thesis: *Metonymic Play in Vera
Chytilova's Daisies: Male
Representation and Female
Community*

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

Magina M. Briggs, White Bear Lake
Speech Communication
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara
Thesis: *Understanding Current
College Students: An Investigation
of Correlations between
Communication, Generation NeXt
Characteristics and Volunteerism*

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

Alan I. Clipperton, North Mankato
English: TESL
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

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

Laura E. Drent, Worthington
Speech Communication
Advisor: Dr. Warren Sandmann
Thesis: *Assessing the Need for
Change: A Curricular Profile of
MnSCU Two-Year State College
Communication Departments*

Janice R. Dunlap, Chaska
English
Advisor: Dr. Terrance Flaherty

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

Lynn K. Gillespie, Minneapolis
Art
Advisor: Brian Frink
Thesis: *Vertigo*

Brian L. Grewe, Jr., White Bear Lake
Speech Communication
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara

Anna J. Hulseberg, North Mankato
English: Technical Communication
Advisor: Dr. Roland Nord

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

Kasey L. Kolander, Lakefield
English: General Studies
Advisor: Dr. John Banschbach
Thesis: *Harry Potter and the Quest to
Become a Heroic Adult*

Nickie A. Kranz, Good Thunder
English
Advisor: Dr. Mary Johnston
Thesis: *Seduction, Abandonment, and
Sorcery in Middle English Lyrics*

Patrick S. Loeb, North Mankato
Speech Communication
Advisor: James Dimock
Thesis: *To Concede or Command?
A Rhetorical Analysis of President
George W. Bush's 2008 State of
the Union Address*

Allison B. Lund, Forest River,
North Dakota
English
Advisor: Dr. Matthew Sewell
Thesis: *Female Friendships as
Replacements for Mother-Daughter
Relationships in Toni Morrison's
The Bluest Eye, Sula and Love*

Jessica S. Miles, North Mankato
English: General Studies
Advisor: Dr. Anne O'Meara

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

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

Michal A. Mussell, Plainview
Art
Advisor: Rea Mingeva
Thesis: *Cheater Cloth*

Carl J. Nelson, Saint Peter
English
Advisor: Dr. Donald Larsson
Thesis: *Capturing the Dead: The Visual
Imagery and Cross-Continuities of
Ambrose Bierce's Civil War Memoir
and Short Stories and Mathew
Brady's Photography*

Jon P. Nibbe, Ormsby
Art
Advisor: Todd Shanafelt
Thesis: *Quiet Conflict*

Ummu G. Ozarslan, Turkey
English: TESL
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck
Thesis: *What Nonnative Speakers
Think about Their Interactions with
Native Speakers*

Amber L. Rahe, North Mankato
Art
Advisor: Brian Frink
Thesis: *Through the Eyes of Giants*

Jessica J. Rodning, Saint Peter
Speech Communication
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara

Gwen E. Skar, Sioux Falls,
South Dakota
English: Literature
Advisor: Dr. Donna Casella
Thesis: *Kate McPhelim Cleary:
Struggles within the Domestic Sphere*

Paul S. Trapp, Mankato
Art
Advisor: Brian Frink

Geoffrey D. Wood, Island Heights,
New Jersey
English
Advisor: Dr. Donna Casella
Thesis: *The Family, the Outsider, and
the National Body in the Films of
Takashi Miike*

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Jessica A. Benjamin, Poughkeepsie,
New York
Creative Writing
Advisor: Diana Joseph
Thesis: *Perfect Little Boxes*

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

Melissa H. Brandt, Rochester
Creative Writing
Advisor: Terry Davis
Thesis: *Dog Year*

Antoinette K. Cole, Chicago, Illinois
Creative Writing
Advisor: Diana Joseph
Thesis: *Lullaby Girls*

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

Jenny Y. Cropp, Mankato
Creative Writing
Advisor: Candace Black
Thesis: *Food for the Dead*

James W. Dunnan IV, Mankato
Creative Writing
Advisor: Terry Davis
Thesis: *The Cover*

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

Bryan E. Johnson, Mankato
Creative Writing
Advisor: Diana Joseph

Anna C. Kelley, Dubuque, Iowa
Creative Writing
Advisor: Richard Terrill
Thesis: *Weight and Measure*

Kathleen N. Lacey, Hopkins
Creative Writing
Advisor: Dr. Roger Sheffer
Thesis: *The Dead Woman's Library*

Sarah S. Langdon, Saint Peter
Creative Writing
Advisor: Candace Black
Thesis: *Notes From an Insomniac*

Bronson J. Lemer, Harvey,
North Dakota
Creative Writing
Advisor: Richard Terrill
Thesis: *The Last Rodeo:
A Year Lost in Iraq*

Nathan G. Melcher, Hopkins
Creative Writing
Advisor: Terry Davis
Thesis: *Earthlings*

Luke T. Rolfes, Mankato
Creative Writing
Advisor: Dr. Roger Sheffer
Thesis: *Breathe Tough*

Dylan T. Schultz, Algona, Iowa
Creative Writing
Advisor: Richard Robbins
Thesis: *The Clawhammer
Collaboration*

Britt K. Steiger, Jackson, Wisconsin
Creative Writing
Advisor: Richard Robbins
Thesis: *Other Plans*

Natalie A. Stowe, Mankato
Creative Writing
Advisor: Candace Black

Jonathan M. Surdo, Minneapolis
Creative Writing
Advisor: Richard Robbins
Thesis: *Rat Trap*

MASTER OF MUSIC

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

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Muhammad Abdul-Wahab, Mankato
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Michael Bentley
Thesis: *The Distribution of Peyer's
Patches During Yersinia
Enterocolitica Infection in Mice*

Robert W. Bade, Mankato
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Brock McMillan

John T. Bealka, Stillwater
Spanish
Advisor: Dr. Gregory Taylor

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

Pabina Bista, Tehachapi, California
Environmental Sciences
Advisor: Dr. Bertha Proctor
Thesis: *Assessing the Water Quality
of Maple River, Minnesota Using
Macroinvertebrate Community
Data*

Kurt E. Brown, Jamaica
Computer Science
Advisor: Dr. Hamed Sallam

Joseph W. Camplin, Northfield
Math: Statistics Option
Advisor: Dr. Pavel Kitsul

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

Michelle D. Dodge, Trego,
Wisconsin
Speech Communication
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara

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

Timothy B. Grittner, Mankato
Computer Science
Advisor: Steven Case

Rinku Gurung, Nepal
Environmental Sciences
Advisor: Dr. Bertha Proctor

Elizabeth A. Harsma, Owatonna
Spanish
Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Contag

Halyna Hodovanets, Ukraine
Physics
Advisor: Dr. Youwen Xu

Matthew S. Inman, Mankato
Physics
Advisor: Dr. Thomas Brown
Thesis: *The Effect of the Use of
Online Homework on Problem
Solving Ability of Introductory
Physics Students*

Mohammed A. Islam, Bangladesh
Computer Science
Advisor: Steven Case

Ravikiran Koduri, India
Multidisciplinary Studies
Advisor: Dr. Christophe Veltsos

Daniel G. Kuchinka, Montgomery
Speech Communication
Advisor: Dr. Warren Sandmann

Dheeraj Kumar, Eagan
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Dorothy Wrigley

Samridha Kunwar, Nepal
Physics
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Roberts

Dale W. LaRue, Saint Charles
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Advisor: Dr. Harry Petersen

Nhan D. Le, Vietnam
Computer Science
Advisor: Dr. David Haglin
Thesis: *Finding Minimal Infrequent
Itemsets on a Cluster*

Vijay K. Mesala, India
Engineering
Advisor: Dr. Gale Allen

Shirley G. Nieto-Flores, Peru
Spanish
Advisor: Dr. James Grabowska

Jonathan E. Olson, New Ulm
Spanish
Advisor: Dr. James Grabowska

Matthew K. Perlik, Medina, Ohio
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Brock McMillan
Thesis: *Aspects of Wind Turbine
Induced Bat Mortality and Hoary
Bat Prey Use in Southwestern
Minnesota*

Tung S. Pham, Vietnam
Computer Science
Advisor: Steven Case

Akhlaqur Rahman, Bangladesh
Engineering
Advisor: Dr. Qun Zhang
Thesis: *Performance Optimization
for Fiber Optical Communication
System*

Rebecca J. Rick, Janesville
Speech Communication
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara

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

Vinayak Saklani, India
Engineering
Advisor: Dr. Muhammad Khaliq
Thesis: *Electrical Characterization of
Ultrathin Gate Dielectric for Sub
80nm CMOS Technology*

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

Paul A. Steevens, Mankato
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Advisor: Dr. Harry Petersen
Thesis: *The Effects of E20 on
Materials Used in Automotive Fuel
System Components*

Kumiko Suzuki, Japan
Math: Statistics Option
Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

Corey M. Thibeault, Mankato
Engineering
Advisor: Dr. Patrick Tebbe

Archana Thota, Eden Prairie
Biology
Advisor: Dr. Dorothy Wrigley

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

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

Whitney B. Winkels, Owatonna
Speech Communication
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara

Amanda M. Young, Kearney,
Nebraska
Speech Communication
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills





College of Arts and Humanities

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

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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Heidi A. Berens, Spanish
Alicia A. Brush, Spanish
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Mass Communications
Starrla G. Cray,
Mass Communications
Tysen D. Dauer, German
Tysen D. Dauer, Humanities
Sean A. Flanders, English
Kaitlin A. Hernandez, Spanish
Nicole K. Johannson, English
Nicole K. Johannson, French
Korrine M. Johnson, Music: Education
Cassandra T. Kastner, Spanish
Ian S. Laird, Art
Heidi E. Larson, Theatre Arts
Deborah L. Lindell, Theatre Arts
Sheena E. Mensing, Art Education
Priscilla J. Mudd, Spanish Education
K-12
Mandy R. Nelson, Spanish
Bronson L. Pettitt,
Mass Communications
Michael A. Pettman, Music
Andrew J. Pyzyk, Spanish
Emily C. Reining, English
Karen J. Rubbert,
Mass Communications
Paige G. Schuette, Mass
Communications
Sarah M. Shearer, English
Christy L. Smiland,
Speech Communication
Ryan A. Stubbe, Philosophy
Jamie L. Ta, Mass Communications
Rebecca L. Unetic, Music

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Mass Communications

Joan M. Austin Gruter, English
Jenna E. Bauer, Art
Elizabeth J. Brolsma, Art Education
Andrea J. Brummund, English
Andrea J. Brummund, Art
Lucas J. Brun, German
Sheena C. Curry,
Mass Communications
Trenton A. Ecker, Mass
Communications: Public Relations
Trenton A. Ecker,
Speech Communication
Jessica M. Ekstrand,
Mass Communications
Sarah M. Erickson,
Mass Communications
Ryan B. Finnegan,
Speech Communication
Heather A. Folsom, Theatre Arts
Joseph H. Ford, Theatre Arts
Nataly N. Giammona, English/
Speech Education
Heather M. Hagen, Music Industry
Bridget E. Hartung,
Mass Communications
Amanda S. Herlund, Art
Kelly C. Hogan, Art Education
Emely M. Iverson,
Speech Communication
Emely M. Iverson, Spanish
Laura M. Izuno, Music: Education
Kathryn J. Jenney, Spanish
Carlene R. Johnson,
Mass Communications
Carlene R. Johnson,
Speech Communication
Cammi L. Kennedy,
Mass Communications
Karissa M. Kettner,
Mass Communications
Amber R. King, Spanish
Claire E. Lloyd, Theatre Arts
John H. Maiers,
Mass Communications
Khouri N. Markos, Spanish

Cassandra L. Masters, Mass
Communications: News-Editorial
Cassandra L. Masters, Mass
Communications: Public Relations
Lisa M. Mayer, Art History
Sara N. Meska, Music Industry
Amy L. Miller,
Speech Communication
Amy L. Miller, English
Mary A. Nelson, French
Cassandra J. Neumann, Art
Laura A. Pace, Music: Education
Kati K. Pioske, Mass Communications
Elizabeth A. Rau, Spanish
Meghan A. Ray,
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Taren K. Reker, English
Natalie S. Roberts, Spanish
Melanie J. Rhode, Spanish
Lindsay E. Roth, Art
Amy N. Schlueter, Spanish
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Keri M. Stangler,
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Keri M. Stangler, Spanish
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Marria L. Thompson, Art
Marria L. Thompson, Art History
Kyle D. Uhler, Mass Communications
Holly M. VandenBerg, Open Studies
Abigail R. Ward, English/
Speech Education
Chelsea L. Winchester, Art Education
Patrick A. Winzenburg,
Speech Communication
Michael R. Zeman, English/
Speech Education

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Mass Communications
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Mass Communications
Amanda C. Clemens, Spanish

Nathan C. Cook, Art
Benjamin A. Dlugiewicz,
Mass Communications
Jena B. Ellerbusch, English
Bradley J. Freihoefer, Philosophy
Jessica J. Greene, English
Adam B. Gruendemann,
Music: Education
Ashley K. Gullikson,
Mass Communications
Ashley K. Gullikson,
Speech Communication
Zachariah W. Hacker,
Speech Communications
Michael J. Hanzelka,
Mass Communications

Christopher J. Jagerson,
Mass Communications
Salumeh Javid, Music
Andrew W. Johnson,
Mass Communications
Brittany E. Katuin, Theatre Arts
Jaime B. Killion, Spanish
Jaime B. Killion,
Mass Communications
Amber R. Konz, Spanish
Daryl R. Lawrence, Scandinavian
Studies
Katharine A. Moeller, Theatre Arts
Alyssa L. Proulx, Art
Amanda M. Reinarts,
Mass Communications

Chelsey M. Robideau,
Mass Communications
Amy D. Shell, Theatre Arts
Shane E. Solomon, Theatre Arts
Nathan R. Stone,
Mass Communications
Amy J. Waller, French
Kristina A. Welch, English
Kristina A. Welch, Philosophy
Luke D. Wetzel, German
Brian R. Wollum,
Mass Communications



DEPARTMENT OF ART

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Chairperson*

Jenna E. Bauer, BFA, Chaska
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Belle Plaine
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Amanda S. Herlund, BFA,
Maplewood
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Jodi L. Hovden, BFA, Owatonna
Nicole M. Korte, BFA, Apple Valley
Ian S. Laird, BFA, New Ulm
Katelyn M. Lubbers, BA, Andover
Shannon K. Marzahl, BFA, Belmont,
Wisconsin
Lisa M. Mayer, BA, Belle Plaine
Sheena E. Mensing, BS, Blue Earth
Rebecca D. Meyer, BA, Mankato
Nora E. Myers, BFA, Mankato
Benjamin J. Nelson, BFA, Woodbury
Cassandra J. Neumann, BFA,
Medford
Benjamin D. Olthafer, BA, Mankato
Julianne M. Prior, BFA, Mankato
Alyssa L. Proulx, BFA, Apple Valley
Amanda M. Reichelt, BA, Lakeville

Jonathan A. Robertson, BFA, South
Saint Paul
Lindsay E. Roth, BFA,
Inver Grove Heights
Kayla S. Thompson, BFA, Albert Lea
Marria L. Thompson, BA, Eagle Lake
Chelsea L. Winchester, BS, Trimont
Hanna K. Wolfsteller, BS, Annandale

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

*Professor John Banschbach,
Chairperson*

Elizabeth A. Armon, BS, Blue Earth
Joan M. Austin Gruter, BA, Mankato
Collene E. Bach, BA, Victoria
Adrienne K. Basch, BA, Shoreview
Andrea J. Brummund, BA, Sleepy Eye
Matthew T. Bynum, BS, Mankato
Jonathan R. Colburn, BS, Lake Crystal
Tysen D. Dauer, BA, Mankato
Jena B. Ellerbusch, BS, Faribault
Sean A. Flanders, BA, Rochester
Nataly N. Giammona, BS, Mankato
Jason A. Giroux, BA, North Mankato
Jessica J. Greene, BA, Le Sueur
Nicole K. Johannson, BA, Canada
Lisa A. Johnson, BS, Waseca
Aalex E. Kells, BS, Westbrook
Matthew J. McCabe, BA, Madelia
Amy L. Miller, BA, La Crosse,
Wisconsin
Andrew T. Miller, BA, Sioux Falls,
South Dakota

Michael W. Nelson, BS, Waltham
Emily C. Reining, BA, Caledonia
Taren K. Reker, BA, Adrian
Ryan P. Schneider, BA,
Inver Grove Heights
StacyLee H. Scofield, BA,
Winnebago
Sarah M. Shearer, BA, Sioux Falls,
South Dakota
Timothy J. Taggart, BA, Northfield
Joan M. Tradup, BS, Plainview
Abigail R. Ward, BS, Dassel
Kristina A. Welch, BA, Willis, Texas
Michael R. Zeman, BS, Albert Lea

DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS

*Professor Jane McConnell,
Chairperson*

Douha S. Abd El-Fatah, BA, Egypt
Jeneen M. Anderson, BA, Osseo
Jenna R. Anderson, BA, Mankato
Jennifer L. Armon, BS, Blue Earth
Cathryn E. Arnst, BA, Shorewood
Brita J. Askevold, BS, Granada
Regina A. Barna, BS, Mankato
Tamara J. Barum, BA, Rosemount
Jeremy S. Behnke, BA,
Minnesota Lake
Bridget A. Berg, BS, New Ulm
Jennifer M. Brooks, BA, Maple Plain
Casey J. Carmody, BS, Pipestone
Starrla G. Cray, BA, Mankato

Sheena C. Curry, BA, Chatfield
 Benjamin A. Dlugiewicz, BS,
 Madelia
 Alex J. Dow, BS, Eden Prairie
 Megan M. Ecker, BS, Mankato
 Trenton A. Ecker, BS, Mankato
 Stephanie M. Eischens, BS,
 Silver Lake
 Jessica M. Ekstrand, BA, Blaine
 Sarah M. Erickson, BA,
 New Brighton
 Anna L. Gatzke, BS, Eagan
 Timothy B. Green, BS, New Prague
 Ashley K. Gullikson, BS, Newport
 Michael J. Hanzelka, BS,
 Mounds View
 Bridget E. Hartung, BS, Mitchell,
 South Dakota
 Kristen R. Hebert, BS, Lakeville
 Ashley L. Helmer, BS, Lakeville
 Abbie A. Hill, BS, Onamia
 Jamie L. Jacobson, BS, Coon Rapids
 Christopher J. Jagerson, BS,
 North Mankato
 Andrew W. Johnson, BS, Edina
 Carlene R. Johnson, BS, South
 Saint Paul
 Matthew A. Johnston, BS, Mankato
 Molly M. Kaul, BS, Eagle Lake
 Cammi L. Kennedy, BS, Mankato
 Karissa M. Kettner, BS, Nicollet
 Jaime B. Killion, BA, Mankato
 Derek M. Koenen, BS, Marshall
 Caroline S. Kornowicz, BS,
 Brooklyn Park
 Michael O. Laue, BS, Owatonna
 Michael D. Leech, BS, Mankato
 John H. Maiers, BS, North Mankato
 Cassandra L. Masters, BS, Mankato
 Chris J. McKeown, BS, Aurora,
 South Dakota
 Joseph R. Morin, BS, Fridley
 Ashley K. Nelson, BS, Altura
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College of Graduate Studies

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MASTER OF ARTS

Adam W. Christ, Baltimore,
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Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
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Tyler J. Eustice, Blue Earth
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Victoria R. Gomarko, Sauk Centre
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker
Thesis: *Healthy Lifestyle Choices
between Active and Sedentary
Subjects*

Robert P. Hastings, Reno, Nevada
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Cindra Kamphoff

Kerri A. Holz, Minneapolis
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
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Brenden L. Huber, Huron,
South Dakota
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Joseph Walsh

Lisa L. Knutson, Madison Lake
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Soonhwan Lee
Thesis: *An Analysis of Major League
Baseball Management Positions
and the Effect of Gender on
Leadership*

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Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
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MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Holly E. Nester, Wabasso
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Special Education:
Emotional Behavior Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Beth Handler

Mahamud M. Ahmed, Mankato
Health Science: Community Health
Advisor: Jill Barr
Thesis: *Quality of Healthcare
Interpreters for Somalis with Limited
English Proficiency*

A.F.M. Sharful Alam, Mankato
Experiential Education
Advisor: Dr. Scott Wurdinger

Maria V. Alexandrova, Russian Federation
Health Science
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke
Thesis: *Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination Awareness Accessibility and Application among Selected College Students*

Gina K. Anderson, North Mankato
Health Science: School Health
Advisor: Dr. Marge Murray-Davis
Thesis: *A Study of Mankato Area Parent and Student Attitudes and Perceptions Related to Sexual Risk Behaviors and Sexuality Education*

Sarah E. Anderson, Lindstrom
Counseling and Student Personnel
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Amy M. Backler, North Mankato
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Andrew C. Bezon, Mankato
Experiential Education
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Bemadette L. Bien, Burnsville
Health Science: Community Health
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke
Thesis: *Assessment of a BMI Notification Program in a Suburban School District and a Profile of Reported Healthy Weight Related Behaviors for Elementary Students*

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Counseling and Student Personnel
Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Lewis

Olga P. Brusilovsky, Eden Prairie
Health Science: Community Health
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke
Thesis: *Effectiveness of Behavioral Modification MOVE (Managing Overweight and Obesity for Veterans Everywhere) Program at Minneapolis Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital*

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Thesis: *Professional Development in Outdoor Education: A study investigating the certifications, experiences and competencies of Wilderness Education Association graduates*

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Special Education:
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Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry

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Dawn N. Evans, Saint Peter
Health Science: Community Health
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Thesis: *The Relationship between Gambling Behaviors and Academic Performance*

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Health Science: School Health
Advisor: Dr. Marge Murray-Davis

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Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
Advisor: Dr. Cindra Kamphoff
Thesis: *Effects of Imagery and Cognitive Self-Management on the Self-Confidence of Female Collegiate Soccer Players*

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Communication Disorders
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Elizabeth D. Haire, Bremerton,
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Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry

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Special Education:
Emotional Behavior Disorders
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Johnson

Carly L. Hopper, North Mankato
Health Science: Community Health
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke
Thesis: *Perceived Benefits of Hatha
Yoga for Women Aged 60
and Older Regarding Balance,
Mobility, Fall Prevention, and
Functional Health Status*

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Health Science: Community Health
Advisor: Dr. M Larsen
Thesis: *Determinants of Adolescent
Smoking Cessation in the United
States: The Influence of Gender,
State of Change, Quit Attempts,
Confidence in Quitting, Nicotine
Dependence, Health Professional
Advice and Mandatory Program
Attendance*

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Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
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Betty Wambui Wariari, Kenya
Community Health
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Thesis: *HIV/AIDS Education in Secondary Schools in the Developing Countries is Considered a "Social Vaccine": A Case Study of Nairobi, Kenya*

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Curriculum and Instruction
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Ida M. Banks, Dodge Center
Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Norma Krumwiede

Jessica C. Braun, Saint Peter
Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Mary Bliesmer
Thesis: *Utilization of Community Social Supports by the Informal Caregiver: Impact on Esteem, Family Support, Finances, Schedule, and Health: A Pilot Study*

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

Susan A. Heying, Sartell
Nursing Science
Advisor: Dr. Donna Brauer
Thesis: *Atrial Fibrillation and Uncertainty: An Age Comparison Study*

Cheryl D. Huls, Hutchinson
Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Young
Thesis: *The Relationship of Social Support and Perception of Quality of Life in Persons with Heart Failure*

Treena M. Jirik, Lonsdale
Nursing Science
Advisor: Dr. Marcia Stevens
Thesis: *Management of Type 1 Diabetes: Perceptions of Parents and Adolescents*

Julie K. Kircher, Sanborn
Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Norma Krumwiede
Thesis: *Emergency Department Utilization of Nurse Practitioners in Minnesota Critical Access Hospitals*

Christine L. Klein, Brantwood, Wisconsin
Nursing Science
Advisor: Dr. Sue Bell

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

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Nursing Science
Advisor: Dr. Sue Bell

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

Terri J. Malecek, Redwood Falls
Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Sue Bell
Thesis: *The Relationship between Inadvertent Hypothermia and the Location of the Forced-Air Warming Device on the Post-Operative Surgical Patient*

Faith M. Pollock, Maple Grove
Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Norma Krumwiede
Thesis: *Relationship of Health Literacy and Self-Efficacy in the Self-Management of Diabetes in Elderly Persons*

SPECIALIST

Timothy P. Ciavarrri, Jordan
Education Administration: General
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Education Administration: General
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

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Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Mark D. Head, Lino Lakes
Education Administration: General
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Nathaniel M. Johnson, Saint Paul
Education Administration: General
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Richard P. Lowney, Osceola, Wisconsin
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Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

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Education Administration: General
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Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

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Joseph C. Trepanier, Lakeville
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

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Education Administration: General
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Brian R. Williams, Estherville, Iowa
Education Administration: General
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Communication Disorders
Nicole S. Black, Community Health
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Sarah J. Bush, Dental Hygiene
Joy K. Clemmensen, Nursing
Tracy A. DeVries, Nursing
Tiffany L. Eichner, Dental Hygiene
Cassandra M. Hennen, Nursing
Elizabeth J. Hewitt,
Community Health
Jeffrey T. Hobbs,
School Health Education
Jeffrey T. Hobbs, Physical Education
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Cassandra A. Hrdlicka, Nursing
Kristin L. Johnson, Physical Education
(Non-Teaching)
Malorie L. Johnson,
Communication Disorders
Maranda S. Johnson,
Family Consumer Science
Matthew M. Johnson, Physical
Education (Non-Teaching)
Colleen B. Kietzer, Alcohol and
Drug Studies
Sara M. Kietzer, Dental Hygiene
Kjelsey A. Kluge, Community Health
Nicole M. Mehls, Dental Hygiene
Amber M. Moon, Recreation, Parks
and Leisure Services
Lisa A. Neubert, Athletic Training
Tia Nowacki, Athletic Training
Sarah J. Priem, Nursing
Ashley J. Purfeerst, Physical Education
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Tara A. Bauman,
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Chantel R. Cook, Dental Hygiene
Rebecca C. Croft, Physical Education
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Karene L. Fisk, Nursing
Amanda K. Fogelson, Nursing
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Jennifer M. Ireland,
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Charya S. Mey, Nursing
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Jannah J. Morsching, Dental Hygiene
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Kathleen R. Nelson, Dental Hygiene
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Dave Schultz, '70, '73
Doug Snapp, Associate Professor of Music
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Processional March

Edward Elgar/arrangement by Douglas R. Snapp

National Anthem

Kimm Julian
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**Audience to remain seated.*

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The candidates will be presented by Anne Blackhurst, Dean.

MASTER OF ARTS

Ina Acharya, Nepal
Political Science

Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Vieceli

Thesis: *Problems and Prospects of Democracy in Nepal: A Historical Perspective*

Lance W. Andrews, Seven Fields,
Pennsylvania

Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Thesis: *Tournament Validity: Are Some Tournaments a Better Test of Player Ability Than Others?*

Ashley L. Arends, Blue Earth

Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. Barbara Carson

Andrea M. Aukrust, New Ulm

Urban Planning

Advisor: Beth Heidelberg

Nathaniel T. Dvorak, Dubuque, Iowa

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Lisa Perez

Michael L. Feikema, Brookings,
South Dakota

History

Advisor: Dr. Erwin Grieshaber

Rochelle M. Fischer, New Ulm

Urban Planning

Advisor: Beth Heidelberg

Daniel K. Fung, Malaysia

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Kevin Filter

Thesis: *On the Relation between Positive Behavior Support and Applied Behavior Analysis: An Empirical Investigation of Behavioral Professionals' Perspectives*

Jessica Gertz, Mankato

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Erin K. Haberman, Heron Lake

Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. Steven Vassar

Thesis: *The Effects of Religious Exposure from Youth and Into Adulthood: A Study of Religiosity*

Alfred L. Haugen, Princeton

Urban Planning

Advisor: Dr. David Laverny-Rafter

Judith N. Jeremie, Brooklyn, New York

History

Advisor: Dr. Christopher Corley

Denise M. Johnson, Eagle Lake

Urban Planning

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Jeremy N. Jones, Mankato

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Lisa Perez

LaNelius D. Jones, Mankato

Urban and Regional Studies

Advisor: Dr. Anthony Filipovitch

Liesa A. Klein, Mankato

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan

Thesis: *Reliability and Validity of the Pyramids and Palm Trees Test*

Melissa A. Lenz, Oconomowoc,

Wisconsin

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Barry Ries

Jeffrey A. Long, Paducah, Kentucky

Political Science

Advisor: Dr. Tomasz Inglot

Matthew A. Lust, Fredericksburg,
Virginia

Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. Steve Buechler

Mahlia A. Matsch, Savage

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Ali A. Mayow, Mankato

Urban and Regional Studies

Advisor: Dr. David Laverny-Rafter

Michael A. Pate, Mankato

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Kimberly O'Farrell

Thesis: *From Satisfaction to Support: Job Status and Satisfaction with Professional Development Opportunities Predict Perceived Organizational Support*

Beth E. Peters, Winner, South Dakota

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Chad L. Peters, Kasota

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Barry Ries

Aimee S. Pierce, Saint Louis, Missouri

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter

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

Alissa R. Reiersen, Detroit Lakes

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Sarah Sifers

Thesis: *Family Structure's Impact on Academic Achievement and Interpersonal Relations*

Trisha A. Rosenfeld, Arlington
Urban and Regional Studies
Advisor: Beth Heidelberg

Aaron C. Sedey, Maple Plain
Urban Planning
Advisor: Dr. Anthony Filipovitch

Cassie A. Shacklett, Mankato
Clinical Psychology
Advisor: Dr. Sarah Sifers
Thesis: *The Impact of Family
Environment and Family Structure
on Conduct Problems*

Ray M. Sin, Singapore
Sociology: General
Advisor: Dr. Steve Buechler

Ashley M. Stanoch, Roseville
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Advisor: Dr. Jonathan Page
Thesis: *Cognitive Processes in
Professional Police Drivers:
Does Stress Affect Attentional
Narrowing?*

Dashanne P. Stokes, Mankato
Sociology: General
Advisor: Dr. Paul Prew

Benjamin J. Swenson, Mankato
History
Advisor: Dr. Humberto Loayza
Thesis: *To "Dethrone the
Cottonocracy:" Daniel Webster, the
Liberty Party, and the Emergence of
Northern Nationalism, 1830-45*

Alexis P. Tange, Plentywood,
Montana
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Advisor: Dr. Lisa Perez
Thesis: *Personality as Moderator
of the Relationship between Job
Stressors and Need for Recovery*

Atul Upadhyay, Nepal
Political Science
Advisor: Dr. Eiji Kawabata

Becca J. Van Otterloo, Mankato
Clinical Psychology
Advisor: Dr. Barry Ries
Thesis: *Assessing College Students'
Knowledge and Attitudes towards
Older Adults*

Desiree R. Wiesen, Dover,
New Hampshire
Sociology: General
Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Greer
Thesis: *From Grassroots to Business
Suits: The Professionalization of the
Battered Women's Movement*

Cory L. Woods, Mankato
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
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MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

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Earth Science
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Public Administration
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Public Administration
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Anthropology
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Schirmer
Thesis: *A Monument Mosaic:
Merging Indian Oral Tradition and
Scientific Method*

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Advisor: Dr. Barbara Carson

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Advisor: Maricela DeMirjyn

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Thesis: *Madness as Resistance?:
Representations of Categorical
Madness in Brontë's Jane Eyre and
Rhys' Wide Sargasso Sea*

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Probation: A Case Study on the
Effectiveness of the People Learning
a Cooperative Existence Program
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Thesis: *The Exploration of Creating
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Thesis: *The Titunwun Lakota
Alphabet: "I Recreate Myself
Through the Language."*

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Thesis: *The Integration of Retail
Site Location Analysis, Spatial
Interaction Models, and GIS*

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Thesis: *Urban Expansion and
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Area Using Satellite Remote
Sensing and US Census Data*

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Urban Traffic and Commuting
Pattern Analysis in the Twin Cities
Metropolitan Area*

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Anthropology
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Thesis: *Stress Indicators in a
Southwest Population: Dental
Asymmetry and Linear Enamel
Hypoplasia within the Mimbres of
Cameron Creek, Galaz, Gila, and
Warm Springs Sites*

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Regeneration at Jewel Cave
National Monument, South
Dakota, USA*

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Thesis: *Psychological Meaning for
Caregivers Regarding Placement
of Their Family Member with
Alzheimer's Disease into a Nursing
Home*

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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.

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.

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.

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 cords.

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 **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.



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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HickoryTech Presidential Scholar
2008 Bachelor of Science
Management

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Bachelor of Science
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2008 Bachelor of Science
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Katelyn Elizabeth Ruter
HickoryTech Presidential Scholar
2008 Bachelor of Science
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Elizabeth Marie Kern
William Flies Presidential Scholar
2008 Bachelor of Science
Elementary Education

Andrew Russell Sturm
TCF Financial Corporation Presidential Scholar
Bachelor of Science
Economics



Minnesota State University, Mankato Alumni Association

Congratulations on your graduation! And welcome to the Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Association, a powerful network of more than 105,000 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,

Cynthia Vlasich, '78
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 of study, 16 pre-professional programs, and 82 graduate programs. The University has six colleges, 1,600 faculty and staff, and more than 14,000 students-the highest in a decade-including 1,600 graduate and professional students and over 500 international students from 68 countries. Alumni number 105,000 worldwide.

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John Janc, Professor of Modern Languages will hood the Recipients of Master of Fine Arts degrees at the 9:00 A.M. ceremony.

Maureen Prens, Acting Dean of Education, will hood the Recipients of Specialist degrees at the 12:00 P.M. ceremony.



DVD and live web streaming services provided by Ted Johnson and Jerry Anderson of Minnesota State Mankato's Division of Information Technology Services. For information on purchasing a DVD of today's ceremony, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 507-389-3235.

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