

2009 SPRING  
**COMMENCEMENT**

Saturday, May Ninth  
Two Thousand Nine  
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  
Jack Carter, '90  
Doug Snapp, Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

### Processional March

Edward Elgar/arrangement by Douglas R. Snapp

### National Anthem

Kimm Julian  
Associate Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

### Greetings

Ruth Grendahl, Vice Chair  
Board of Trustees  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

### Address

Nahum N. Welang  
Bachelor of Arts, English: Creative Writing  
Spring 2009 Graduate  
College of Arts and Humanities

Eric M. Hanson  
Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics / Economics  
Spring 2009 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

RUTH GREINDAHL  
Board of Trustees  
Minnesota State Colleges and  
Universities

CYNTHIA AMOROSO  
President of Minnesota State  
University, Mankato Alumni  
Association

CYRUS AZARBOD  
Professor, College of  
Science, Engineering and Technology

ANNE BLACKHURST  
Dean of the College of Graduate  
Studies and Research

MARILYN DELMONT  
Vice President for Technology and  
Chief Information Officer

JANE F. EARLEY  
Dean of the College of Arts and  
Humanities

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Vice President for Institutional Diversity

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Vice President for Strategic Business,  
Education, and Regional Partnerships

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Professor, College of Arts and  
Humanities

JOHN M. KNOX  
Dean of the College of Science,  
Engineering and Technology

DOUGLAS P. MAYO  
Vice President for University  
Advancement

SCOTT R. OLSON  
Provost and Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

JOAN ROCA  
Dean of Library Services

RICHARD J. STRAKA  
Vice President for  
Finance and Administration

WALTER E. WOLFF  
Interim Assistant Vice President for  
Student Affairs

# Procession Participants

## FACULTY HONOR MARSHALS

Paul J. Hustoles, College of  
Arts and Humanities  
Cyrus Azarbod, Professor,  
College of Science,  
Engineering and  
Technology

## COLLEGE HONOR MARSHALS

John Janc, College of Arts  
and Humanities  
Louis Schwartzkopf, College  
of Science, Engineering  
and Technology

## JUNIOR HONOR MARSHALS

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

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES MARCHING FACULTY

### PROFESSORS

John Banschbach  
Karen Boubel  
David Dickau  
Linda Duckett  
Brian Frink

James Grabowska  
James Johnson  
Mary Susan Johnston  
Julie Kerr-Berry  
John Lindberg  
David McCarl  
David Morano  
Roland Nord  
Richard Robbins  
David Viscoli

### ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

Nanette Johnson-Curiskis  
John Paul  
Amy Roisum Foley  
Kristen Treinen  
Leah White

### ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

Evan Bibbee  
Candace Black  
Heather Camp  
Paula Chiara  
Kristen Cvancara  
James Dimock  
Rachel Droogsma  
Alisa Eimen  
Paul Finocchiaro  
Heather Hamilton  
Jaime Hoffman  
Diana Joseph  
Amy Lauters  
Karen Lybeck  
Laura Odom

Cecilia Pick  
Mavis Richardson  
Esther Smidt  
Amanda Smith  
Steven Smith  
Daniel Stark  
Maria-Claudia Tomany  
Maria Beatriz Torres  
Erik Waterkote  
Brad Widness  
Matthew Willemsen  
Sun Kyeong Yu

### INSTRUCTORS

Matthew Brophy  
Daniel Kuchinka  
Jessica Samens

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

### PROFESSORS

Cyrus Azarbod  
Francis Hannick  
William Hudson  
John Krenz  
Donovan Nielsen  
Russell L. Palma  
Mark A. Pickar  
Leon Tietz  
Charles Waters  
Hai-Sheng Wu

### ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

Gale Allen  
Rebecca Bates  
Steven Case  
Scott Fee  
Marilyn Hart  
William R. Peterson  
Theresa Salerno  
Patrick Tebbe  
John Thoenke  
W. James Wilde  
Hongxia Yin

### ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

Aaron Budge  
Craig T. Evers  
Geoffrey Goellner  
Jonathan Harper  
Jin Park  
Danae Quirk Dorr  
Farid Sabongi  
Yea-Ling Tsao

### LIBRARY FACULTY

Robert Bothmann, Associate  
Professor  
Lynne Weber, Associate  
Professor

### ADMINISTRATIVE and SUPPORT FACULTY

Maria Baxter-Nuamah  
Diane Berge  
Charles Cantale



# College of Graduate Studies

The candidates will be presented by Anne Blackhurst, Dean.

## MASTER OF ARTS

Diana P. Agudelo Cruz, Colombia  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Vickie A. Apel, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Donna Casella

Amy C. Beeman, Mantorville  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Roland Nord

Susan M. Brauhn, Janesville  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

Denise M. Buysse, Truman  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Chui Kian Smidt

Chia-Fang Chang, Taiwan  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Karen E. Conyers, Kansas City, Kansas  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy MacKenzie  
Thesis: *The Credibility of Health Websites: Objectives of Web Designers and Perceptions of Healthcare Professionals*

Karli A. Davis, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Gretchen Perbix  
Thesis: *Developing a Teaching Assistant Manual: A Definition and Practical Implementation of a Modern Genre*

Ahmet Dursun, Turkey  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Stephen Stoyhoff

Janna M. Dziak, La Crosse, Wisconsin  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Treinen  
Thesis: *Same-Sex Partners and Dialectical Tensions within a Banned State*

Solen D. Feyissa, Ethiopia  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Chui Kian Smidt

Heather Grande, Ashland, Wisconsin  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvangara  
Thesis: *Expressions of Intimacy Shared between Sisters: Does Birth Order Make a Difference?*

Benjamin J. Hamborg, Saint Peter  
English  
Advisor: Dr. William Dyer  
Thesis: *A Conveyor Belt for Capitalism: The Patriarch as Western Pawn and Neocolonizer in Gabriel Garcia Marquez's The Autumn of the Patriarch*

Yosuke Hashiya, Japan  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Stephen Stoyhoff

Amy C. Heilman, Saint Peter  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Warren Sandmann

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

Karina Hluhovska, Ukraine  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Catherine A. Hooper, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Gretchen Perbix  
Thesis: *Intersections among Genre, Structuration, Policy, and Procedure at a Nonprofit Homeless Shelter*

Gordana Ivetic, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Warren Sandmann  
Thesis: *Leadership, Emotional Intelligence and Persuasion*

Amelia J. Johnson, Mankato  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Warren Sandmann  
Thesis: *Gendered Commentary and Presentation of Sporting Events: A Content Analysis of Gendered Language Use and Topic by Sport Commentators*

Sarah L. Jones, Hoskins, Nebraska  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: James Dimock  
Thesis: *Visual Critical Rhetoric: Discourse and Power in the Graphic Novel*

Jessica R. Jorgenson, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. William Dyer

Stephanie J. Krucher, North Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Stephen Stoyhoff

Inna V. Lazar, Ukraine  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Ling Nan N. Meng, Chanhassen  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

Kelly L. Meyer, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Anne O'Meara  
Thesis: *Mother-Daughter Relationships in Two Korean American Immigrant Novels: Kim Ronyoung's Clay Walls and An Na's A Step from Heaven*

Matthew J. Olson, North Mankato  
Art  
Advisor: James Johnson  
Thesis: *All Things Considered*

Lyudmyla Petrenko, Ukraine  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Treinen  
Thesis: *Job Satisfaction, Leadership Communication Style, and Humor in the Workplace: Cross-Cultural Study of Ukrainian and American Organizations*

Binki M. Shrestha, Nepal  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Stephen Stoyloff

Alex J. Swenson, Mankato  
Art  
Advisor: Erik Waterkotte  
Thesis: *Afraid & Controlled*

Christine R. Thompson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Dr. Paul Hustoles  
Thesis: *Muse or Medusa: The Double-Edged Nature of Activism in the History of Community-Based Theatre*

Keith W. Wain, Rochester  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Mary Johnston  
Thesis: *John Donne's Religious Self*

Kristi A. White, Albert Lea  
English  
Advisor: Dr. William Dyer

Leping Yu, China  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Ling Zhang, China  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

## MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Teresa K. Albertson, Ames, Iowa  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Diana Joseph

Douglas R. Bennett, Mankato  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: George Grubb  
Thesis: *Technical Direction for THE HISTORY BOYS*

Kristina M. Bigalk, Minnetonka  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Terrill  
Thesis: *Mother America*

David J. Clisbee, Kansas City, Missouri  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Robbins  
Thesis: *Botched Heroics*

Andrew S. Davis, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Dr. Roger Sheffer  
Thesis: *Death, Rodents, and Other Pests: Some Stories*

Donald S. Fail, Mankato  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Dr. Paul Hustoles

Jeremy A. Johnson, Minneapolis  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Dr. Roger Sheffer  
Thesis: *Nincompoopery*

Chad J. Kuyper, Owatonna  
Forensics  
Advisor: Dr. Leah White

Grant E. Merges, Minnetonka  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Steven Smith  
Thesis: *The Lighting Design for Aristophanes' LYSISTRATA*

Allen W. Shannon, Mankato  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: John Paul

Michael J. Slotemaker, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Candace Black  
Thesis: *A Dreamer's Curse*

Danielle M. Starkey, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Diana Joseph

Andrew D. Umphrey, Mankato  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Dr. Paul Hustoles

Matthew C. Vercant, Cassadaga, New York  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Diana Joseph  
Thesis: *Neatlines*

## MASTER OF MUSIC

Mary K. DeMaris, Sleepy Eye  
Choral Conducting  
Advisor: Dr. Diana Moxness  
Thesis: *Program Notes for a Master's Recital in Choral Conducting*

Joseph S. Kapla, Mankato  
Music  
Advisor: Dr. David Viscoli  
Thesis: *Program Notes for a Graduate Recital in Piano*

Jonathan R. Moeller, Parkers Prairie  
Music  
Advisor: Dr. Paul Moxness  
Thesis: *Program Notes for a Master's Recital in Classical Guitar Performance*

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Yenny R. Ahumada-Quimbay, Colombia  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Contag

Katy L. Benhardus, Minnetonka  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. Gregory Taylor

Naveen Bethi, India  
Computer Science  
Advisor: Dr. Dean Kelley

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

Katie C. Clarke, Dundee  
Environmental Sciences  
Advisor: Dr. Bertha Proctor

Sunil C. Devarapalli, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Gale Allen

Brandon K. Fife, Blackfoot, Idaho  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. James Grabowska  
Thesis: *Ethnic Identity in Latino/  
Hispanic Gangs*

Daniel F. Froehlich, Cadott,  
Wisconsin  
Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. Ernest Boyd

Yafet Girma, Mankato  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Patrick Tebbe

Timothy B. Grittner, Mankato  
Computer Science  
Advisor: Dr. Steven Case  
Thesis: *Concurrent Area Search with  
a Team of Robots*

Jimmie L. Gunn, Jr., Mankato  
Cross-Disciplinary Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Kebba Darboe

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

Richard A. Hillestad, Mankato  
Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

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

Chih-An A. Ko, Bolivia  
Computer Science  
Advisor: Dr. Dean Kelley

Bimala Koju, Nepal  
Computer Science  
Advisor: Dr. Steven Case

Yannick T. Miaffo, Cameroon  
Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Harry Petersen

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

Karla V. Ortiz Osornio, Mexico  
Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Harry Petersen

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*

Hanna Reategui Zirena, Peru  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Contag  
Thesis: *The Metamorphosis of the  
Butterflies in Julia Alvarez's In the  
Time of the Butterflies*

Jairo A. Sotto Burbano, Colombia  
Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Harry Petersen

Brenda J. Stelter, Waseca  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. Gregory Taylor

Cilia M. Thacker, Mankato  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Warren Sandmann

Archana Thota, Eden Prairie  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Dorothy Wrigley  
Thesis: *Germination of Bacillus  
Cereus in the Presence of Nisin*

Hao-Yu Tsai, Taiwan  
Physics  
Advisor: Dr. Hai-Sheng Wu

Stephanie J. Zojonc, Mankato  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Bethann Lavoie  
Thesis: *The utilization of case-based  
learning in changing student  
attitudes toward biology*







# College of Arts and Humanities

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

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Kelly D. Biers, English  
 Kelly D. Biers, French  
 Megan A. Case, Spanish  
 Allison R. Crowley, English  
 Kari E. Ek, Scandinavian Studies  
 Seth B. Flatten, Music Industry  
 Meredith J. Gunderson, Spanish  
 Education K-12  
 Katherine P. Jacobson, Music: Applied  
 (Piano)  
 Sarah M. Karalus, Spanish  
 Micah J. Kronlokken, Theatre Arts  
 Allison S. Kunath, Art  
 Michael R. LaMont, English/  
 Speech Education  
 Ashley E. Marks, Mass Communications  
 Heather E. Martin, Mass  
 Communications  
 Tricia R. Nichols, Music: Applied  
 (Voice)  
 Danelle L. Parsons, Spanish  
 Michelle L. Peterson, English/Speech  
 Education  
 Rosana K. Rashkova-Kosberg, Mass  
 Communications  
 Rosana K. Rashkova-Kosberg, Music  
 Industry

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Marissa A. Baumann, Music Industry  
 Nikki M. Bergdale, Spanish  
 Nicole M. Cromer, Music: Education  
 Nicole L. Dady, Mass Communications  
 Amanda E. DeCurtins, Speech  
 Communication  
 Justin E. Erickson, English  
 Briana G. Farrell, Open Studies  
 Mollie A. Fischer, Theatre Arts  
 Angela M. Flaherty, Open Studies  
 Kimberly K. Halpin, Speech  
 Communication  
 Joshua B. Hebrink, Mass  
 Communications  
 Heidi L. Hemmer, Speech  
 Communication

Kelsey A. Henderson, Theatre Arts  
 Heather M. Henrich, Art  
 Kaitlin E. Johnson, Dance  
 Nia S. Jonesz, Mass Communications  
 Nathan J. Klein, Philosophy  
 Nathan J. Krier, Art  
 Sarah E. Kutcher, Mass Communications  
 Kelli A. Lageson, Mass Communications  
 Myra S. Lintner, Music: Education  
 Thomas D. Lyon, Spanish  
 Lisa M. Mayer, Art History  
 Robert J. Meyman, Cognitive Science  
 Chad R. Myhre, English  
 Michael J. Nelson, Speech  
 Communication  
 Anthony M. Parrish, Art  
 Hope E. Peck, Art  
 Kiki M. Polzin, Mass Communications  
 Malinda A. Quittem, Mass  
 Communications  
 Jessica K. Rasmussen, Spanish  
 Megan M. Rihn, Cognitive Science  
 Amanda M. Rozmiarek, Theatre Arts  
 Tristin L. Rupp, Theatre Arts  
 Brittany L. Russell, Spanish  
 Jacilyn R. Siebenaler, Mass  
 Communications  
 Arden J. Skoglund, Music: Education  
 Amanda A. Slowinski, French  
 Jayme K. Sunde, Mass Communications  
 Travis S. Tillotson, Music: Applied  
 (Piano)  
 JoNae F. Villeneuve, Theatre Arts  
 Nahum N. Welang, English  
 Amy C. Wenzel, Mass Communications  
 Meghan C. Whittaker, Art History

## CUM LAUDE

Grant S. Anderson, Speech  
 Communication  
 Katherine L. Anderson, Mass  
 Communications  
 Kelly K. Beck, Mass Communications  
 Lindsay L. Case, English

Raquel A. DeVito,  
 Mass Communications  
 Holly A. Eiden, English  
 Andrea L. Everson, Mass  
 Communications  
 Elizabeth L. Goracke, Speech  
 Communication  
 Olivia N. Grant, Art  
 Launa V. Helder, Theatre Arts  
 Rachel A. Herzfeldt, Speech  
 Communication  
 Brittany L. Hustad, Mass  
 Communications  
 Kailey M. Jackson, Spanish  
 Andrew S. Jaeger, Spanish  
 Ashley S. Jans, Spanish  
 Tyler J. Jensen, Art  
 Sara M. Jump, Dance  
 Abigail L. Kakeley, Art History  
 Staci L. Lipps, Dance  
 Jacob K. Mariette, English  
 Thomas C. Myers, Art  
 Jacleen R. Olson, Theatre Arts  
 Lindsey R. Phillips, Spanish  
 Shiva Pradhan, Art  
 Jennifer M. Prokopowicz, Mass  
 Communications  
 Nicholas A. Rice, English/Speech  
 Education  
 Jessica L. Ricketts, Mass  
 Communications  
 Matthew J. Riggs, Mass  
 Communications  
 Ericha A. Runge, Music  
 Ericha A. Runge, Music: Education  
 Alyssa J. Siems Roberson, Mass  
 Communications  
 Melissa M. Siltman, French  
 Anne E. Sweeney, English  
 David J. Tapia, Speech Communication  
 Emily A. Wacek, English/Speech  
 Education  
 Kasey L. Wassenaar, Mass  
 Communications  
 Kara A. Zabilla, English/Speech  
 Education

9:00 A.M. PROGRAM



## DEPARTMENT OF ART

*Professor James Johnson,  
Chairperson*

Matthew J. Bright, BFA, Eden Prairie  
Eric A. Burton, BS, Maple Grove  
Brianna M. Clark, BA, Rockford  
Jonathan J. Coon, BFA, Mankato  
Joseph D. Doherty, BFA, Champlin  
Tierney C. Endres, BFA, Sheboygan,  
Wisconsin  
Kristin G. Gabrielson, BFA, Rochester  
Mark A. Gewerth, BFA, Mankato  
Danielle R. Gill, BA, Albany  
Matthew D. Gorrie, BFA, Egan  
Olivia N. Grant, BFA, Owatonna  
Heather M. Henrich, BFA,  
Storm Lake, Iowa  
Tyler J. Jensen, BFA, Minnetonka  
Abigail L. Kakeley, BA, Mankato  
Alisha K. Klason, BFA, Delano  
Naomi Kobayashi, BFA, Japan  
Nathan J. Krier, BFA, Mankato  
Allison S. Kunath, BFA, Hopkins  
Lisa M. Mayer, BA, Belle Plaine  
Natasha B. Moen, BFA, Benson  
Thomas C. Myers, BFA, Mankato  
Megan R. O'Toole, BS, Plymouth  
Anthony M. Parrish, BFA, Baxter  
Hope E. Peck, BFA, Lewiston  
Shiva Pradhan, BFA, Nepal  
Alicia J. Reinecke, BA, Byron  
Brit D. Ryan, BFA, Zumbrota  
Christina M. Schroepfer, BFA,  
Sleepy Eye  
Kelly K. Teale, BFA, Woodbury  
Nicholas J. Vermeire, BFA, Marshall  
Meghan C. Whittaker, BA, Canada

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

*Professor John Banschbach,  
Chairperson*

Kelly D. Biers, BA, Sturgis,  
South Dakota  
Maggie B. Busse, BA, Arlington  
Lindsay L. Case, BS, Sleepy Eye  
Leah M. Christensen, BA, Woodbury  
Shannon M. Claybaugh, BA, Waseca  
Allison R. Crowley, BA, Owatonna  
Holly A. Eiden, BA, Cologne  
Justin E. Erickson, BFA, Braham  
Kristen A. Erickson, BA, Mankato  
Christopher K. Glazer, BA, Mankato  
Brendan R. Guffey, BS, Champlin  
Jamie L. Hagen, BA, Mankato  
Michael R. LaMont, BS, North  
Mankato

Lisa P. Lamor, BA, Mankato  
Andrew P. Makepeace, BA,  
Minnetonka  
Jacob K. Mariette, BFA, Mankato  
Jennifer L. Miller, BS, Eagle Lake  
Chad R. Myhre, BA, Chanhassen  
Michael W. Nelson, BS, Waltham  
Matthew B. Oliver, BA, Mankato  
Aaron C. Olson, BA, Roseville  
Brittney E. Peters, BA, Wauwatosa,  
Wisconsin  
Michelle L. Peterson, BS, Mankato  
Nicholas A. Rice, BS, Mapleton  
Farin R. Sandoz, BS, Fairmont  
Anne E. Sweeney, BA, Mankato  
Emily A. Wacek, BS, Owatonna  
Nahum N. Welang, BA, Cameroon  
Kara A. Zabilla, BS, Saint Paul

## DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS

*Professor Jane McConnell,  
Chairperson*

Ashley K. Anderson, BA, Beresford,  
South Dakota  
Katherine L. Anderson, BS, Crystal  
Kelly K. Beck, BS, Ham Lake  
Leah M. Christensen, BA, Woodbury  
Nicole L. Dady, BA, Wells  
Raquel A. DeVito, BS, Bloomington  
Kyle J. Edel, BS, Montgomery  
Andrea L. Everson, BS, Green Bay,  
Wisconsin  
Jonathan J. Gildner, BS, Chanhassen  
Brittney P. Hansen, BA, Mankato  
Joshua B. Hebrink, BS, Clara City  
Rachel M. Heiderscheidt, BS,  
Sleepy Eye  
Catherine L. Hooper, BS, New Ulm  
Brittany L. Hustad, BA, Dawson  
Nia S. Jonesz, BS, Mankato  
Heather R. Kressin, BS, Rose Creek  
Sarah E. Kutcher, BS, Mankato  
Per D. Kvalsten, BS, Durbin,  
North Dakota  
Elyse L. Kyro, BS, Egan  
Kelli A. Lageson, BS, Albert Lea  
Rachel M. Laitala, BS, Bloomington  
Amber M. Law, BS, Sturgeon Lake  
Jenna L. Lehmann, BS, Burnsville  
Amy C. Magruder, BA, Worthington  
Kyle J. Manikowski, BS, Egan  
Ashley E. Marks, BS, Marshall  
Heather E. Martin, BA, Lewiston  
Brian M. McCorquodale, BS, Franklin  
Katie A. Munk, BS, Austin

Whitney A. Nelson, BS, Estherville,  
Iowa  
Angela M. Noble, BS,  
Blooming Prairie  
Kiki M. Polzin, BS, Lambertton  
Jennifer M. Prokopowicz, BS, Elk River  
Malinda A. Quittem, BS, Mankato  
Rosana K. Rashkova-Kosberg, BS,  
Mankato  
Katie L. Rein, BS, Shakopee  
Jessica L. Ricketts, BS, Maple Grove  
Matthew J. Riggs, BS, Oakdale  
Erica R. Ronning, BS, Mankato  
Rachel C. Ryan, BS, Lakeville  
Aaron P. Schulz, BS, Bloomington  
Jacilyn R. Siebenaler, BS, Hastings  
Alyssa J. Siems Roberson, BS,  
Zumbro Falls  
Tami L. Sorenson, BS, Geneva  
Kaitlin E. Stevens, BS, Brooklyn Park  
Jayme K. Sunde, BS, Waseca  
Teri J. Totushek, BS, Hutchinson  
Anthony J. Vossler, BS, Sioux Falls,  
South Dakota  
Kasey L. Wassenaar, BS, Sioux Falls,  
South Dakota  
Amy C. Wenzel, BA, White Bear Lake  
Madeline J. Zabee, BS, Saint Cloud  
Timothy J. Zick, BS, Osage  
Katie M. Zierhut, BS, Bloomington

## DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

*Professor James Grabowska,  
Chairperson*

Nikki M. Bergdale, BA, Ellendale  
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Ryan T. Lindsey, BSME, Eden Prairie  
Jeffrey S. Marlowe, BS  
Civil Engineering, Fairfax  
Nathan E. Mueller, BSME, Mankato  
Joseph R. Nuttall, BSME, Mauston,  
Wisconsin  
Phillip C. Olson, BSME, Faribault  
Michael R. Petersen, BS  
Civil Engineering, Richfield  
Michael D. Peterson, BSME,  
West Concord  
Jesse S. Quam, BSME, Clarks Grove  
Daniel D. Reeves, BSME, Lakeville  
Daniel J. Roche, BS Civil Engineering,  
Naperville, Illinois  
Matthew P. Simones, BSME, Carver  
Michael L. Trombley, BSME, Woodbury  
Ben A. Wegner, BSME, Red Wing  
Brian M. Welch, BS Civil Engineering,  
Mankato  
Bradley K. Wiyninger, BSME,  
Lester Prairie

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

*Professor Mark Pickar,  
Chairperson*

Chad J. Anderson, BS, Lakeville  
Ryan P. Wickland, BS, Tomahawk,  
Wisconsin



# Program

## 12:00 P.M.

### Prelude Concert

Minnesota Valley Brass Quintet  
Gerard Aloisio, Professor of Music  
Tom Giles, Emeritus Professor of Music  
Stewart Ross, Professor of Music  
Jack Carter, '90  
Doug Snapp, Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

### Processional March

Edward Elgar/arrangement by Douglas R. Snapp

### National Anthem

Kimm Julian  
Associate Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

### Greetings

Ruth Grendahl, Vice Chair  
Board of Trustees  
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### Address

Kaula M. Grossman  
Bachelor of Science, Family Consumer Science  
Spring 2009 Graduate  
College of Allied Health and Nursing

Ashley A. Parr  
Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education  
Spring 2009 Graduate  
College of Education

### Conferring of Degrees

### Welcome to the Minnesota State University, 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  
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Professor, College of Allied Health  
and Nursing

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Student Affairs

# Procession Participants

## FACULTY HONOR MARSHALS

Johnson Afolayan,  
College of Education  
Karen Willette-Murphy,  
College of Allied  
Health and Nursing

## COLLEGE HONOR MARSHALS

Nancy Geistfeld Thomas,  
College of Allied  
Health and Nursing  
Jacqueline Lewis, College  
of Education

## JUNIOR HONOR MARSHALS

Chelsey Buley, College  
of Allied Health and  
Nursing  
Tricia Soupir,  
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### PROFESSORS

Mary Bliesmer  
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Sherry Folsom-Meek  
Sonja Meiers  
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John A. Romas  
Garold Rushing  
Marcia Stevens  
Mary Visser  
Patricia Young

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Marlene Tappe  
James Wise

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Cindra Kamphoff  
Theresa Mackey  
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Robert Pettitt  
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Daria Paul Dona

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Kathleen Foord  
Candace Raskin  
Jerry Robicheau  
John Seymour

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Anne Dahlman  
Lilly Duran  
Terry Fogg  
Karen Hurlbutt  
Deborah Jesseman  
Jill Louters  
Jodi Meyer-Mork  
Jennifer Pepperell  
Marsha Traynor  
Carol R. Werhan

## LIBRARY FACULTY

Barb Bergman,  
Associate Professor  
Diane Richards,  
Assistant Professor

## ADMINISTRATIVE and SUPPORT FACULTY

Maria Baxter-Nuamah  
Diane Berge  
Charles Cantale



# College of Graduate Studies

The candidates will be presented by Anne Blackhurst, Dean.

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

LaDonna D. McGohan,  
Rochester  
Nursing Practice  
Advisor: Dr. Sonja Meiers  
Project: *Ambulatory Care Nursing Professional Development Model*

Natalie Rosen, Spring Park  
Nursing Practice  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Willette-Murphy  
Project: *The Development of an Evidence-Based Model for Psychiatric Advanced Nurse Private Practice*

Laura M. Vesel, Blaine  
Nursing Practice  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Willette-Murphy  
Project: *A Collegial Mentoring Program: Job Satisfaction and Intent to Stay in Nursing Faculty*

Ellen D. Vorbeck, Mankato  
Nursing Practice  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Willette-Murphy  
Project: *Impact of Surgical Stomas on Individuals' Sleep and Response to Sleep Hygiene Intervention*

## MASTER OF ARTS

Quentin M. Allen, Saint Louis, Missouri  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

Adam M. Armstrong, Westby, Wisconsin  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker  
Thesis: *A Comparison of Electrocardiogram Changes in Athlete and Non-Athlete College Students*

Adele M. Burk, Saint Peter  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

Matthew A. Cunningham, Phoenix, Arizona  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Aaron J. Haddy, Mankato  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Cindra Kamphoff

Thomas A. Inkrott, Ottawa, Ohio  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker  
Thesis: *Increasing Upper Body Performance through Lower Body Exercises*

Jonathan A. Kent, Plainfield, Illinois  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

Jolynne D. Kroeger, Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Robert Pettitt  
Thesis: *Metabolic Effects of Non-Caffeine Ingredients in Red Bull during or Subsequent to Heavy Exercise*

Marceline L. Marquardt, Champlin  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Sherry Folsom-Meek

Laura S. Mount, Elgin, Illinois  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Mary Visser

Matthew C. Mullen, Corning, Iowa  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

Katija A. Opitz, Mankato  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker  
Thesis: *The Effect of a Group-Mediated Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention on Dietary Choices of a Phase IV Cardiac Rehabilitation Program*

Erin D. Palmer, Cumming, Iowa  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker

Lydia Rich, Summer, Iowa  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Robert Pettitt

Melissa A. Richardson, Stoughton, Wisconsin  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker  
Thesis: *An Analysis of the Electrical Signals of the Resting Heart among College Students and Cardiac Rehabilitation Patients*

Jeffrey Y. Ryder, Medford, New Jersey  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Soonhwan Lee

Robin L. Timmons, Shoreview  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Sherry Folsom-Meek

Shane T. Wampler, Mankato  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

Sang Hyok Yoon, Republic of Korea  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Todd M. Knutson,  
New Prague  
K-12 Licensure  
Advisor: Dr. Anne Dahlman

Rebecca L. Reinhardt, Mankato  
5-12 Licensure  
Advisor: Dr. Anne Dahlman

Jennifer E. Wilson, Le Sueur  
5-12 Licensure  
Advisor: Dr. Anne Dahlman

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Janice M. Ahlers, Mankato  
Special Education:  
Learning Disabilities  
Advisor: Dr. Gail Zahn

Lucinda L. Allevan, Delavan  
Teaching and Learning:  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Foord

Michael F. Altomari, Mankato  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Holly Breitkreutz

Vera G. Azarova, Russian Federation  
Educational Studies: Early Childhood  
Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Sandell

Michelle L. Backes, Avon  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Walter Roberts

Amy M. Backler, North Mankato  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Judith Luebke

Vineela Battini, India  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. Bikash Nandy

Sarah A. Beaham, Northfield  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Holly Breitkreutz

Jessica L. Beck, Montevideo  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Bonnie Lund

Lorie K. Becker, Livingston, Montana  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. Bikash Nandy  
Thesis: *Administrators' Perceptions of Oral Health Care Resources and Barriers in Montana's Assisted Living Facilities*

Dana A. Bengtson, Burnsville  
Special Education:  
Emotional Behavior Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Johnson

Bonnie A. Berglund, Le Sueur  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Bonnie Lund

Cindy A. Binder, Indianola, Iowa  
Health Science  
Advisor: Kevin Luebke

William E. Blevins, Abingdon, Virginia  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

Kristi L. Boerner, Fairmont  
Educational Studies: Literacy  
Advisor: Dr. Maureen Prens

William K. Bowser, Mankato  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Chelsey S. Brielmaier  
Educational Studies: Literacy  
Advisor: Dr. Peggy Ballard

Elizabeth S. Briggs, White Bear Lake  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Busch

Michelle L. Brueske, Elk River  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

Alison E. Bruflat, Marshfield, Wisconsin  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Pepperell

David A. Buckley, Mankato  
Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Scott Wurdinger

Nicholas J. Burns, Bloomington  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

David M. Chiarito, Mankato  
Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

Angela R. Christian, Le Center  
Nursing  
Advisor: Dr. Donna Brauer  
Thesis: *Development of the dimension of social causality in a tool to measure nurses' conceptions of risk about childbirth*

Shayna L. Collins, Waseca  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Karin Lindstrom Bremer

Sarah E. Corbin, Shakopee  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Richard Auger

Chelsea L. Corcoran-Quadt, Cambridge, Maryland  
Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Jasper Hunt

Andrea L. Dallmann, Nicollet  
Teaching and Learning:  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Foord

Trina J. Ellis, Buffalo  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Pepperell

Stephen M. Fox, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Holly Breitkreutz

Sarah B. Garrett, Mendota Heights  
Library Media Education  
Advisor: Dr. Deborah Jesseman

Amanda J. Gerdts, Mankato  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Diane Coursol

Leah A. Hack, Rosemount  
Special Education: Emotional Behavior Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Gail Zahn

Nargiz Hajiyeva, Azerbaijan  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau  
Thesis: *Impact of Imagine Education Program on Conflict Resolution on the Program Participants*

Scott R. Hanson, Faribault  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Candace Raskin

Jeffrey P. Heimerl, Golden Valley  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Suzannah Armentrout

Jennifer R. Helgeson, Parkers Prairie  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Richard Auger

Cha Her, Brooklyn Park  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Lewis

Jody R. Hissam, Burnsville  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Richard Auger

Keri A. Hokanson, Saint Louis Park  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Richard Auger

Kristine L. Hoppe, Blue Earth  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Bonnie Lund

Lynn R. Jasper, Chanhassen  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Richard Auger

Chandra M. Johnson, Mankato  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Lewis

Laura A. Johnson, Hanska  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Hargrove

Jada A. Jokumsen, Butterfield  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Bonnie Lund

Jennifer L. Jonsson, Canada  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Bonnie K. Kalis-Frisk, Mankato  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. M Larsen

Karishma Kamath, India  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

Amy B. Kietzer, Lake Crystal  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Busch

Katie M. Kleinschmidt, Saint Peter  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. John Seymour

Beth L. Knoll-Fleming, Mankato  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Busch

Marcy J. Koch, North Mankato  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Richard Auger

Dax M. Larson, Bloomington  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

Susan A. Leffler, Waconia  
Special Education: Learning  
Disabilities  
Advisor: Dr. Robert Miller

Holly M. Lindner, Mankato  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Bruce Poburka

Matt D. Loy, Essex, Massachusetts  
Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Jasper Hunt

Monica M. Lunt, San Bernardino,  
California  
Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

Samatha Madhavarapu, India  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. M Larsen

Kirsten J. Markiewicz, Mankato  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Hargrove

Amy C. Martin, Winthrop  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke

Cathleen C. Mattice, Minneapolis  
Special Education:  
Emotional Behavior Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Steven Robinson

Laurina Melton, Minneapolis  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Diane Coursol

Jody L. Missling, Winnebago  
Teaching and Learning:  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Foord

Lucky S. Mohamud, Bloomington  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

Funwi B. Negane, Cameroon  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Holly Breitreutz

Chinyere H. Nwankwo, Oakdale  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. John Romas

Setsuko Odachi, Japan  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Pepperell

Sara L. Orthaus, Hugo  
Special Education:  
Emotional Behavior Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Todd Busch

Brijesh R. Panchal, India  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker

Sherley J. Perumala, India  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. John Romas

Kathy L. Ploeger, Pierson, Iowa  
Library Media Education  
Advisor: Dr. Deborah Jesseman

Venkat K. Podduturi, India  
Health Science: School Health  
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke

Graham Prather, Louisville, Kentucky  
Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Jasper Hunt

Kazi M. Rahman, Bangladesh  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. Marge Murray-Davis

Jennifer M. Reed, Mankato  
Educational Studies: Literacy  
Advisor: Dr. Peggy Ballard

Meghan R. Reedy, New Ulm  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. John Romas

Christopher S. Reinarts, Sleepy Eye  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker

Kathryn L. Ryan Martens, Mankato  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Richard Auger

Wendy L. Sandstrom, Waseca  
Special Education:  
Learning Disabilities  
Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry

Jamie L. Schlagel, North Branch  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

Jeffrey L. Schone, New Ulm  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Lewis

Jackie L. Schueller, Dawson  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Bruce Poburka

Isabel F. Sehe, Mankato  
Special Education: Learning Disabilities  
Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry

Jenae D. Service, Belle Plaine  
Special Education:  
Emotional Behavior Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Robert Miller

Chera L. Sevcik, North Mankato  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. M Larsen  
Thesis: *Variables Affecting  
Contraceptive Choice among  
University Women at a  
Midwestern, Mid-sized University:  
A Descriptive Study*

Lynda J. Shanks-Cavanaugh, Farmington  
Special Education: Learning Disabilities  
Advisor: Dr. Steven Robinson

Rebecca A. Simmons, Hutchinson  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Bruce Poburka

Cambria L. Simonsen, Mankato  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

Stephanie M. Snidarich, Minneapolis  
Special Education:  
Emotional Behavior Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Steven Robinson

Kristina A. Thomas, Amboy  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Hargrove

Kristina J. Thomas, Janesville  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. M Larsen

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Heights  
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Thomas N. Truedson, Richfield  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Robert Pettitt

Gretchen H. Tuck, Minneapolis  
Special Education:  
Learning Disabilities  
Advisor: Dr. Steven Robinson

Lisa R. Vanderveen, New Market  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. John Seymour

Stacey A. Vangelder, Fairmont  
Nursing  
Advisor: Dr. Sonja Meiers  
Thesis: *Complexity of Representation  
of People in Nurses Caring for  
Laboring Women: A Validation  
Study*

Lisa M. Walker, Shakopee  
Health Science: School Health  
Advisor: Dr. Marlene Tappe

Brandon R. Wells, Arlington,  
Wisconsin  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Mary Visser

Marguerite J. Wentzel, Emmetsburg,  
Iowa  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Pepperell

Andrea R. Westphal, Mankato  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker

Eric N. Wilmeth, Roseville  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Rayla Allison  
Thesis: *Motivation and the Non-  
Scholarship Football Athlete: A  
Comparative Study of Motivational  
Orientation by Position*

Lindsey L. Wilson, Woodbury  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Karin Lindstrom Bremer

Elizabeth M. Zeman, Owatonna  
Educational Studies: Literacy  
Advisor: Dr. Peggy Ballard

Elizabeth A. Zika, Durand, Wisconsin  
Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Bruce Poburka

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Gretchen S. Anderson, Rochester  
Nursing  
Advisor: Dr. Sandra Eggenberger  
Thesis: *Caregivers' Perceptions and  
Differences of Caregiver Role  
Strain in Online and Face to Face  
Support Groups: A Pilot Study*

Jennifer A. Ellstrom, Hutchinson  
Nursing  
Advisor: Dr. Norma Krumwiede  
Thesis: *Exploring the Awareness,  
Attitudes and Advocacy of  
Nurses Regarding the Health  
Risks of Carbon Monoxide with  
Recreational Boating*

Christine L. Klein, Brantwood,  
Wisconsin  
Nursing  
Advisor: Dr. Sue Bell  
Thesis: *Oncology Nurses' Grief: A  
Study of Grief in Nurses Working  
in Hospital Oncology and  
Medical-Surgical Settings*

Kimberly R. Kopitzke, Savage  
Nursing  
Advisor: Dr. Sandra Eggenberger

Michaela A. McLain, Mayer  
Nursing  
Advisor: Dr. Sandra Eggenberger  
Thesis: *Knowledge of Human  
Papillomavirus and Vaccine among  
College Age Women*

April E. Mueller, Okoboji, Iowa  
Nursing  
Advisor: Dr. Sue Bell  
Thesis: *Gender Differences in Parental Coping Following the Death of a Child from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS): A Pilot Study*

Rebecca L. Wertish, Big Lake  
Nursing  
Advisor: Dr. Sonja Meiers

## SPECIALIST

Jeff L. Adams, Janesville  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Randal C. Adams, Owatonna  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Ryan D. Arndt, Canby  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Kevin S. Bjerken, Shakopee  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Dean D. Dahl, Northfield  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Heather A. Forse, Coon Rapids  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Mary L. Gangelhoff, Sleepy Eye  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Mary T. Hawkins, Owatonna  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Paul R. Hellquist, Savage  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Trevor A. Hemphill, Lakeville  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Ann M. Hoffman, Belle Plaine  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Karsta M. Hurd, Chaska  
Educational Administration: General  
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Denise J. Lage, Owatonna  
Educational Leadership  
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Michael P. Levang, Lakeville  
Educational Leadership  
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Jenny O. Marietta, River Falls,  
Wisconsin  
Educational Administration: General  
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Robin L. Medill, Wilmont  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Amy E. Meitz, Minneapolis  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Jamie K. Melchert, Menlo Park,  
California  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Shari A. Mensink, Owatonna  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Roxane H. Mitchell, Faribault  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Jean Haar

Roberta M. Mondati, Shakopee  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Mary S. Overlie, Saint Peter  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Gary W. Prantner, Byron  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Michael E. Radant, Apple Valley  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Kelly L. Reagan, White Bear Lake  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Heather N. Reighard, Minnetrista  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Larry D. Ronglien, Minnetonka  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Peggy A. Severs, Farmington  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Laura A. Shae, West Concord  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Valerie M. Smith, Menlo Park,  
California  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Sheila M. Stalberger, Dundas  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

David D. Standke, Farmington  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Marc J. Stangler, Byron  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Mark D. Szybnski, Saint Peter  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Bill P. Tschida, Watertown  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss

Rebecca J. Wallerick, Inver Grove  
Heights  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Jerry Robicheau

Brandon M. Yoney, Austin  
Educational Administration: General  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Weiss







# College of Allied Health and Nursing

The candidates will be presented by Harry Krampf, Associate Dean.

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Matthew E. Anderson, Recreation,  
Parks and Leisure Services  
Susan E. Bareis, Community Health  
Brooke E. Berge, Dental Hygiene  
Angela K. Borth, Family Consumer  
Science  
Betsy L. Brugman, Family Consumer  
Science Education  
Stephanie K. Burchill, Dental Hygiene  
Rachel M. Cameron, Nursing  
Maegan R. Cunniff, Nursing  
Anna C. Dapper, Nursing  
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# Program

## 3:00 P.M.

### Prelude Concert

Minnesota Valley Brass Quintet  
Gerard Aloisio, Professor of Music  
Tom Giles, Emeritus Professor of Music  
Stewart Ross, Professor of Music  
Jack Carter, '90  
Doug Snapp, Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

### Processional March

Edward Elgar/arrangement by Douglas R. Snapp

### National Anthem

Kimm Julian  
Associate Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

### Greetings

Ruth Grendahl, Vice Chair  
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Bachelor of Science in Political Science  
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Bachelor of Science, Finance  
Spring 2009 Graduate  
College of Business

Rachel A. Johnston  
Bachelor of Science in Social Work  
Spring 2009 Graduate  
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

### Conferring of Degrees

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

Cindy Amoroso, '81, '86, '90, '94, President  
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### Recessional March \*

\*Audience to remain seated.

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Laurie Strunk  
Beth Wielde-Heidelberg  
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# College of Graduate Studies

The candidates will be presented by Anne Blackhurst, Dean.

## MASTER OF ARTS

Ashley L. Arends, Blue Earth  
Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. Barbara Carson

Thesis: *Influence of Parental/Child  
Relationship on Alcohol Use among  
Young Adults*

Ann L. Beacom, Pine Island  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter

Thesis: *Career Stages, Job  
Embeddedness, and Turnover  
Intentions in Public Sector  
Employees*

Brittany J. Bechthold, Mankato

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Barry Ries

Erika A. George, Birmingham,  
Alabama

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Barry Ries

William B. Gerber, Mankato

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter

Natalie M. Gordon, Jamaica

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Michael T. Guerber, Mankato

Urban Planning

Advisor: Dr. Beth Heidelberg

Tracey M. Hammell, Mankato

History

Advisor: Dr. Lori Lahlum

Thesis: *Women and the Forests:  
Minnesota Clubwomen and their  
Work to Save Minnesota Forests,  
1900-1940*

Charles D. Harm, Mankato

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Kristie Campana

Kylee J. Heston

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Houlihan

Nicole L. Hofman, Sioux Falls,  
South Dakota

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan

Kendra J. Homan, North Mankato

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Houlihan

Rebekah S. Huber, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Sarah Sifers

Thesis: *Teacher Support as a  
Moderator of Behavioral Outcomes  
for Youth Exposed to Stressful Life  
Events*

Timothy P. Ibsch, Mapleton

Urban and Regional Studies

Advisor: Dr. Janet Cherrington-Cuore

Apee O. Jobi, Brooklyn Park

Political Science

Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Veceli

Ashley E. Johnson, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Thesis: *The Relationships among  
Identification, Embeddedness,  
and Turnover Intentions at the  
Organizational and Occupational  
Levels*

Kyle A. Knutson, Lakeville

Urban Planning

Advisor: Dr. Beth Heidelberg

Stephen W. Lagle, Defiance,  
Missouri

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Lisa Perez

Nicholas A. Larson, Cedar Rapids,  
Iowa

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Sarah Sifers

Thesis: *The Impact of Gender and  
Spirituality on Depression, Self-  
Harm, Suicidality in Children and  
Adolescents*

Kari A. Leiting, Worthington

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Barry Ries

Matthew A. Lust, Fredericksburg,  
Virginia

Sociology: General

Advisor: Dr. Dennis Waskul

Thesis: *Living Bodies, Living Faith:  
The Body and Embodiment in  
Disability and Religion*

Jessica M. Martinez, Rosemount

Women's Studies

Advisor: Dr. Maria Bevacqua

Zachary R. Nelson, Brooklyn Park

Urban Planning

Advisor: Dr. Raymond

Asomani-Boateng

Carly J. Ostrom, Minnetonka

Clinical Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan

Luke A. Simmering, Hesston, Kansas

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter

Andrew D. Skelton, Mankato  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter  
Thesis: *Applicant Reactions to  
Selection Systems: A Field Study*

Shayla M. Syverson, Kerkhoven  
Urban Planning  
Advisor: Dr. Beth Heidelberg

Elizabeth R. Tauer, Kasota  
Sociology: General  
Advisor: Dr. Leah Rogne  
Thesis: *Reexamining Choice:  
Women's Infant Feeding Decisions  
in Contemporary Society*

Thomas A. Terrio, Plymouth  
Urban Planning  
Advisor: Dr. Beth Heidelberg

Roman D. Thieler, Germany  
Political Science  
Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Vieceli  
Thesis: *Sanctions: A Failure or  
Success? The Case of Myanmar*

Toua T. Vang, Oakdale  
Urban Planning  
Advisor: Dr. Raymond  
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Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Sarah Sifers

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Samuel Y. Woods, Saint Paul  
Urban Planning  
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Jacquelyn B. Wright, Mankato  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Barry Ries

Nicholas A. Zarns, Princeton  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Kristie Campana

## **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

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Business Administration  
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Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Elliott

Sarah A. Harstad, Eagle Lake  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

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Business Administration  
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Ahmed M. Loffy, Mankato  
Business Administration  
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Sarah M. Roelli, Mankato  
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Christopher M. Stith, Belle Plaine  
Business Administration  
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Richard J. Straka, Mankato  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Elliott

Siarhei Sulimau, Belarus  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Elliott

Nicholas J. Teigland, Mankato\*  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Elliott

## **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Peter D. Conniff, Mankato  
Public Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
Granberg-Rademacker

Matt W. Davis, Montello, Wisconsin  
Public Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
Granberg-Rademacker

Gaynor M. Gordon, Jamaica  
Public Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
Granberg-Rademacker

Takehito Kamata, Japan  
Public Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Avra Johnson

Pius T. Kubei, Bloomington  
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Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
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Ryan M. Kupcho, Saint Peter  
Public Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
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Kyle J. Mestad, Burnsville  
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Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
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Mary E. O'Connor  
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Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
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Christian Okoh, Saint Peter  
Public Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
Granberg-Rademacker

Sang Yang, Saint Paul  
Public Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Eiji Kawabata

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Mridusha S. Allen, Nepal  
Ethnic and Multi-Cultural Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Kebba Darboe

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Sociology: Corrections  
Advisor: Dr. Joe Davis  
Thesis: *Prostitution: Understanding  
and Addressing Street Prostitution  
in Minneapolis*

Wayne M. Boerner, Mankato  
Geography  
Advisor: Dr. Forrest Wilkerson  
Thesis: *A spatial study of red cedar  
(Juniperus virginiana) and smooth  
sumac (Rhus glabra) encroachment  
on Minneopa State Park's native  
prairie*

Katherine M. Brosch, Mankato  
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Advisor: Dr. Wayne Allen

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Women's Studies  
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Beatrice M. Makori, Kenya  
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Jessica M. Martinez, Rosemount  
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Krista M. Mastel, Forest Lake  
Anthropology  
Advisor: Dr. Susan Schalge

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Advisor: Dr. Susan Schalge

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Ethnic and Multi-Cultural Studies  
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History  
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Corley

Jennifer L. Reed, Saint Peter  
Sociology: Human Services, Planning  
and Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Pedro Thomas  
Thesis: *Treatment Facility "Trauma":  
The Implications of Resource  
Availability on Job Distress*

Rachael R. Rich, Otsego  
Ethnic and Multi-Cultural Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Wayne Allen

Sanjay Sarkar, India  
Gerontology  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan

Jennifer R. Snyders, Larchwood, Iowa  
Geography  
Advisor: Dr. Martin Mitchell  
Thesis: *History and Range Expansion  
of Wild Turkeys (Meleagris  
Gallapavo) in Minnesota*

Ryan E. Swafford, Mankato  
Geography  
Advisor: Dr. Donald Friend  
Thesis: *Spatiotemporal Variations of  
Outdoor Allergenic Fungi*

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Ethnic and Multi-Cultural Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Wayne Allen

Brianne M. Wolters, Montevideo  
Gerontology  
Advisor: Dr. Leah Rogne

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## College of Business

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Ashley E. Fretty, Accounting  
Amy M. Hinzman, Accounting  
Anna G. Holst, Management  
Mariel D. Korton, Accounting  
Mildred H. Lau, Finance  
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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.

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.



## 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 Scholar program.

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Victoria Diane Bergmann  
Presidential Endowment  
Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education

Laurie Ann Colson  
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Bachelor of Science, Biology: Human Biology

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Bachelor of Science, Economics

Hanna Jama Issa  
HickoryTech Presidential Scholar  
Bachelor of Science, Nursing

Emily Meridith Wilde  
Presidential Endowment  
Bachelor of Science, Clinical Lab Sciences/  
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# 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, cultures and civilizations; and to foster sympathetic understanding of other peoples and international friendship.

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

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

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

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.

**Gamma Sigma Alpha** National Academic Greek Honor Society is the premier organization committed to the academic success of fraternity and sorority members and to aligning with the academic missions of the institutions that house chapters. The Society strives to uphold the high ideals of scholastic achievement, and therefore, only students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above at the start of their junior year or 3.5 or higher in any semester during their junior or senior year are eligible. Gamma Sigma Alpha members wear red and gold honor cords.

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

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

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

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.

**Sigma Nu** is an undergraduate college fraternity with a mission to develop ethical leaders inspired by the principles of Love, Honor and Truth, to foster the personal growth of each man's mind, heart and character, and to perpetuate lifelong friendships and commitment to the Fraternity. Because of its military heritage, Sigma Nu retains many military trappings in its chapter ranks and traditions, and places much importance on the concept of personal honor. Members of Sigma Nu wear Gold, Black, and White cords.

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

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



# Symbolism and Tradition

## Procession

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

## Gown

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

## Mortarboard

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.



# Minnesota State University, Mankato Alumni Association

Congratulations on your graduation! And welcome to the Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Association, a powerful network of approximately 101,000 alumni. Our mission is to engage alumni, friends and students in ways that benefit its members and Minnesota State Mankato, through opportunities that stimulate a lifetime of interest, loyalty and support.

As an alumna/us, you're a vital participant in the future of the University. To help you to maintain the connections you've built here at Minnesota State University, Mankato, we'll soon send you your first issue of TODAY, the University magazine for alumni and friends and the Alumni Reporter, our monthly e-newsletter. To ensure that you continue to receive the magazine and the e-newsletter and to stay up-to-date with our alma mater, we invite you to update your contact information with us via e-mail at [alumni@mnsu.edu](mailto:alumni@mnsu.edu) or by logging onto [www.MSUgrads.com](http://www.MSUgrads.com), the alumni on-line community. At [www.MSUgrads.com](http://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 101,000 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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## VOLUNTEERS

The Office of Alumni Relations would like to thank the staff and students, whose time and energy helped to make today's ceremonies possible.

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## Miscellaneous Information

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

**Jazzman's Café** in the Centennial Student Union is open today from 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**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. - 3:00 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](http://www.gradimages.com).

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

**Many great Photo Opportunities** are available outside (weather permitting): Alumni Arch; Bell Tower; Stone Pillars (corner of Stadium and Ellis); MSU mound (corner of Stadium and Warren); Fountain (in front of the Library), etc.



# College Receptions

## College of Allied Health and Nursing Pre-Commencement Ceremony Reception

9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. - Ostrander Auditorium

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 or Doctoral Degree.

\* The School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony was held Friday, May 8, 2009.

## College of Business Ice Cream Social Reception

4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - Highland Marketplace

Graduates, family and guests invited.

## College of Education Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony

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

Reception immediately following ceremony

\* Baccalaureate Degree Pinning Ceremony was held Friday, May 8, 2009.

## College of Science, Engineering and Technology Reception

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - Main level of Ford Hall in the student study area

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

## College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Reception and Recognition Ceremony

12:15 P.M. - 2:00 P.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.



Certified Emergency Medical Technicians and/or First Responders are members of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Security staff.

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