

2018 FALL  
**COMMENCEMENT**

Saturday, December Fifteenth  
Two Thousand Eighteen  
Bresnan Arena, Taylor Center  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

## To Our Guests

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

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

Please remain seated throughout the ceremony.

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

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

Thank you.



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# Program

## 9:00 A.M.

Processional March  
Pomp & Circumstance

Edward Elgar  
Arranged by Dr. Douglas Snapp and Dr. Michael Olson

National Anthem

Jens Forbord, '18  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Greetings

Michael Vekich, Chair  
Board of Trustees  
Minnesota State Colleges & Universities

Welcome to the Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Alumni Association

Lisa Hughes, President

Student Speakers

Thomas Eichten  
Bachelor of Science, Communication Studies  
College of Arts and Humanities

Matou Fofana  
Bachelor of Science, Accounting  
College of Business

Kortani Martin  
Bachelor of Science, Integrated Engineering  
College of Science, Engineering and Technology

Conferring of Degrees  
Interlude Music by Garrett Steinberg

Recessional March \*  
"Hornpipe" (from Water Music)

George Frederic Handel  
Orchestrated by Dr. Douglas Snapp  
Produced by Dr. Michael Olson

Celebration

Kool & The Gang  
Orchestrated by Dr. Douglas Snapp  
Produced by Dr. Michael Olson

Musicians

Amy K. Roisum Foley, Conductor  
Sam Khwice, Trumpet  
Rachel Tschann, French Horn  
Evan Bierer, Saxophone  
Cole Vandermark, Trombone  
Jacob Johnson, Tuba  
Will Keebler, Percussion  
Garrett Steinberg, Keyboard

\*Audience to remain seated.

# Platform Guests

RICHARD DAVENPORT  
President  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

MICHAEL VEKICH, CHAIR  
Board of Trustees  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

LYNN D. AKEY  
Associate Vice President for Institutional Research, Strategy and Effectiveness

MATT CECIL  
Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

ANNE DAHLMAN  
Acting Dean of Global Education

BRENDA L. FLANNERY  
Dean of the College of Business

ROBERT P. FLEISCHMAN  
Associate Vice President for Strategic Partnerships

JEAN HAAR  
Dean of the College of Education

LISA HUGHES  
President of Minnesota State University, Mankato Alumni Association

MARK JOHNSON  
Vice President for Technology and Chief Information Officer

DAVID P. JONES  
Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

MATTHEW LOAYZA  
Interim Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

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

DAARDI SIZEMORE MIXON  
Interim Dean of Library Services

HENRY MORRIS  
Dean of Institutional Diversity

THOMAS NORMAN  
Dean of University Extended Education

KRISTINE RETHERFORD  
Dean of the College of Allied Health and Nursing

KENT STANLEY  
Vice President for University Advancement

STEPHEN STOYNOFF  
Interim Associate Vice President of Research and Dean of Graduate Education

RICHARD J. STRAKA  
Vice President for Finance and Administration

TERI WALLACE  
Interim Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Education

MARILYN WELLS  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

# Procession Participants

## FACULTY HONOR MARSHALS

Daniel Cronn-Mills, Professor,  
College of Arts and Humanities  
Marilyn Fox, Professor,  
College of Business  
Thomas Brown, Assistant Professor,  
College of Science, Engineering and Technology

## JUNIOR HONOR MARSHALS

Sara Knobe,  
College of Arts and Humanities  
Tyler Plotter,  
College of Business  
Taylor Kriz,  
College of Science, Engineering and Technology

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES MARCHING FACULTY

### PROFESSORS

Kimberly Contag  
Daniel Cronn-Mills

Nancy Drescher  
Brian Frink  
Heather Hamilton  
Paul J. Hustoles  
Julie Kerr-Berry  
Charles Lewis  
Richard Liebendorfer  
John Lindberg  
Lee Tesdell  
Leah White

### ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

Bradley Coulter  
Rennesa Jessup  
Sarah Henderson Lee  
Jane McConnell  
Gregory Taylor  
Stephanie Thorpe  
Jennifer Veltsos  
Julie Wulfemeyer

### ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

Alfredo Duplat  
Rachael Hanel  
Danielle Haque  
Aaron Humble  
Kristie Smith

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS MARCHING FACULTY

### PROFESSORS

Yvonne Cariveau  
Marilyn Fox  
Ann Kuzma  
Claudia Pragman  
Harold Thiewes

### ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

Paul Brennan  
Joseph Reising  
Kristin Scott  
Ferdinand Siagian

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY MARCHING FACULTY

### PROFESSORS

Becky Bates  
Paul Eskridge  
Mary Hadley  
Mezbah Rahman  
Christopher Ruhland  
Robert Sorensen  
Patrick Tebbe  
Vincent Zhang

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

Mohammed Diab  
Michael Lusch  
Hyekyung Min  
Harry Peterson  
Brandon Rowekamp  
Winston Sealy  
Brian Wasserman

## ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

Shaheen Ahmed  
Lois Anderson  
Thomas Brown  
Rajeev Bukralia  
SeongJin Kim  
Soo Yeon Shin  
Rob Sleezer  
Trent Vorlicek  
Yuezhou Wang

## LIBRARY FACULTY

Kellian Clink  
Nat Gustafson-Sundell  
Heidi Southworth

## ADMINISTRATIVE and SUPPORT FACULTY

John Bulcock  
Julie Snow



# College of Graduate Studies

The candidates will be presented by Stephen Stoyhoff, Dean.

## MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Kristin N. Fox, Mankato  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Melissa Rosenberger

Amber C. Graves, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Candace Black  
Thesis: *Perfect Storms*

Michelle Hilderbrand, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Robin Becker  
Thesis: *Atomic Fish*

Jacob B. Jessup, Johnson City,  
Tennessee  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Dr. Paul Hustoles

Emily M. Johnson, New Richmond,  
Wisconsin  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Diana Joseph  
Thesis: *In Case of Endings*

Amanda R. Malone, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Diana Joseph  
Thesis: *There's Just Some Girls  
Need Savin'*

Anthony Marinos, Australia  
Theatre Arts  
Advisor: Dr. Heather Hamilton  
Thesis: *Creating the Role of O'Brien in  
1984*

Alyssa Striplin, Independence, Missouri  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Geoffrey Herbach  
Thesis: *Cryptid*

## MASTER OF ACCOUNTING

Kieu Cao, Shakopee  
Accounting  
Advisor: Ferdinand Siagian

Dana M. Enfield, North Mankato  
Accounting  
Advisor: Dr. Ferdinand Siagian

Christy K. Kotewa, Fairmont  
Accounting  
Advisor: Dr. Steven Johnson

Erin K. Mesker, Belle Plaine  
Accounting  
Advisor: Dr. Ferdinand Siagian

Michala M. Schramm, Whitewater,  
Wisconsin  
Accounting  
Advisor: Dr. Ferdinand Siagian

Julian S. Skoeries, Mankato  
Accounting  
Advisor: Dr. Steven Johnson

Madeline R. Taylor, Plymouth  
Accounting  
Advisor: Dr. Ferdinand Siagian

Jacob A. Titus, Rochester  
Accounting  
Advisor: Dr. Ferdinand Siagian

Raihan Uddin, Miami Beach, Florida  
Accounting  
Advisor: Dr. Ferdinand Siagian

Melanie H. Wolff, Madison Lake  
Accounting  
Advisor: Dr. Ferdinand Siagian

## MASTER OF ARTS

Kristen J. Bledsoe-Fritz, Canton,  
Michigan  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Roland Nord

Padam B. Chauhan, Nepal  
English  
Advisor: Daniel Schwartz

Kathryn M. Daly, Belle Plaine  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Angelina M. Dudley, Bradenton, Florida  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Abigail Bakke

Bonnie C. Gomez Torres, Colombia  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Paolo Infante

Adrienne Gruenes, Mankato  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Kristi Treinen  
Thesis: *"It's Because You are White":  
A Qualitative Study on the Impact  
of Whiteness and White Privilege in  
Interracial Relationships*

Anastasia J. Humphers-Ginther, Fargo,  
North Dakota  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Veltsos

Khadiza Tul Jannat, Bangladesh  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Anne Kerber  
Thesis: *Self-Disclosure, Gender, and  
Patient Satisfaction in the Doctor-  
Patient Relationship*

Jesse J. LaPorte, Mankato  
Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. In-Jae Kim  
Thesis: *The Vendor in a Retail Setting:  
A Survey*

Marie K. Lechelt, Rochester  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Kirsti Cole

Joseph L. Loeffler, Mankato  
Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. Namyong Lee  
Thesis: *Operational Research: Multi-Period Stowage Policies within a Multi-Zone Storage Framework*

Benjamin M. Matzke, Nicollet  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Deepa Oommen

Anthony C. Peavy, Bondurant, Iowa  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Justin Rudnick  
Thesis: *To Pass or Not to Pass? Constructing and Negotiating Biracial Identity*

Philip M. Robey, Stewartville  
Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. Namyong Lee

Yen Thi Hoang Vo, Vietnam  
English  
Advisor: Glen Poupore  
Thesis: *Effects of Integrated and Independent Speaking Tasks on Learners' Interactional Performance*

Matthew D. Wilson, Fife, Washington  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Veltsos

Riley Zahn, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Justin Rudnick  
Thesis: *Productive Paddles and Productive Power: An Exploration of Transgender Individuals' Negotiation of Identity through BDSM Practices*

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Madesh Chennappa, India  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

Samantha J. Christian, Le Sueur  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

Samira Dzanic, Eden Prairie  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

Ellie J. James, Elysian  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

Nicholas D. Snider, Brooklyn Park  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

## MASTER OF MUSIC

Stephen F. Elfstrand, Mankato  
Music  
Advisor: Dr. Amy Roisum Foley

Brady L. Krusemark, North Mankato  
Wind Band Conducting  
Advisor: Dr. John Lindberg

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Sujan Adhikari, Nepal  
Applied Statistics  
Advisor: Dr. Deepak Sanjel

BoHyun Ahn, Republic of Korea  
Electrical Engineering  
Advisor: Ryan Shirk  
Thesis: *Robust Power Interface for Smart Grid with Renewable Energy Source-to-Grid Functionality*

Sayeda Naeyna Alam, Bangladesh  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Veltsos

Jacob P. Ambrose, Mankato  
Applied Statistics  
Advisor: Dr. Han Wu

Santhosh Annambhotla, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Daniel Schwartz

Leslie A. Anorga, Mankato  
Spanish for the Professions  
Advisor: Kimberly Contag

Arun Babu, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Cyrus Azarbod

Sidi M. Bah, Guinea  
Manufacturing Engineering Tech  
Advisor: Dr. Craig Evers

Saroj Bhetawal, Nepal  
Electrical Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Puteri Megat Hamari

Hannah C. Bierbaum, Oak Grove  
Communication & Composition  
Advisor: Dr. Kirsti Cole

Marina Buciu, Moldova  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Timothy Secott  
Thesis: *Comparative Analysis of Low Molecular Weight Fraction of Conditioned Media Derived from Starvation-Dormant and Anaerobically-Dormant Mycobacterium avium subsp. paratuberculosis*

Betsy Carpenter, Pine City  
Communication & Composition  
Advisor: Dr. Kirsti Cole

Sai Prasanna Chowdavaram, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Cyrus Azarbod

Janoj Dhungana, Nepal  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Mahbubur Syed

Wajiha Fida, Pakistan  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Daniel Schwartz

Robert E. Fischer, Centralia, Missouri  
Communication & Composition  
Advisor: Dr. Laura Jacobi

Alicia E. Freeman, St. Paul  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. John Krenz

Sule U. Gimba, Nigeria  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Cyrus Azarbod

Ankit Goel, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Daniel Schwartz

Niraj Gupta, Nepal  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Daniel Schwartz

Brandan M. Heinze, Mankato  
Mathematics and Statistics  
Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

Yahya Jabri, Morocco  
Electrical Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Puteri Megat Hamari

Yang Jiao, China  
Mathematics and Statistics  
Advisor: Dr. Han Wu

Mubasser Kamal, Bangladesh  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Cyrus Azarbod

Dahee Kim, Republic of Korea  
Applied Statistics  
Advisor: Dr. Deepak Sanjel

Thevaraja Mayooran, Sri Lanka  
Mathematics and Statistics  
Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman  
Thesis: *Copula Theory and Regression Analysis*

Dylan T. Meyer, North Mankato  
Physics  
Advisor: Dr. Igor Kogoutiuk  
Thesis: *Band Filling and Temperature Effects on Electrical Conductivity in Strongly Correlated Hybridized Electron Systems*

Jacob A. Michels, Hanska  
Applied Statistics  
Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

Priscilla J. Mudd, Apple Valley  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. Gregory Taylor

Sahithi Nannapaneni, India  
Electrical Engineering  
Advisor: Vincent Winstead  
Thesis: *Modeling of Small-Scale Wind Power System with Virtual Synchronous Generator*

Joshua A. Niere, Woodbury  
Environmental Science  
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Ruhland  
Thesis: *The Effects of Surface Albedo and Initial Lignin Concentration on Photodegradation of Sorghum Bicolor Litter*

Ayodele E. Olufemi, Nigeria  
Mathematics and Statistics  
Advisor: Dr. Deepak Sanjel

Melissa J. Oubre, Courtland  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Phillip Larson  
Thesis: *Predicting Invasive Carp Habitat Suitability in the Minnesota River, Minnesota*

Raka Paul, India  
Physics  
Advisor: Dr. Analia Dall'Asen  
Thesis: *Comparative Study of CV3 carbonaceous chondrites Allende and Bali using micro-Raman spectroscopy and SEM/EDS*

Pahalawatthage K. Perera, Sri Lanka  
Manufacturing Engineering Tech  
Advisor: Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal  
Thesis: *Inspection Process Flow Development For A Warehouse*

Steven P. Piroso, Mankato  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Penny Knoblich

Sai Krishna R. Pulusu, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Cyrus Azarbod

Jill R. Rezac, Hutchinson  
Communication Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Deepa Oommen

Sneha Salla, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Cyrus Azarbod

Oumar Sanogo, Mali  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Allison Land  
Thesis: *Determination of the SIVmac Vif-Human APOBEC3B Interaction*

Tharuka D. Senevirathne, Sri Lanka  
Electrical Engineering  
Advisor: Ryan Shirk

Sandarsh Sridhar, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Daniel Schwartz

Aaron R. Stokke, Chaska  
Physics  
Advisor: Dr. Analia Dall'Asen  
Thesis: *Compositional and Topographical Characterization of Carbonaceous Chondritic Meteorites Moss and Murray using micro-Raman Spectroscopy and SEM/EDS*

Sodiq O. Tijani, Nigeria  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Cyrus Azarbod

Kelly L. Wray, Rosemount  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Contag

Pavankumar Yakkali, India  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Daniel Schwartz

Mohammad Safath Zaman, Bangladesh  
Information Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Cyrus Azarbod

## PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTERS

Martin R. Asao, Watertown  
Engineering Management  
Advisor: Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal

Nicole M. Dills, St. Francis  
Engineering Management  
Advisor: Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal

Christina M. Peloquin, Oak Grove  
Engineering Management  
Advisor: Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal

Brady M. Sabatino, Monticello  
Engineering Management  
Advisor: Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal

Jacob C. Willson, Minneapolis  
Engineering Management  
Advisor: Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal





# College of Arts and Humanities

The candidates will be presented by Matt Cecil, Dean.

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Lindsay Abram, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Katherine C. Albers, Dance  
Christian Caskey, Communication Studies  
Rachel M. Dreist, Dance  
Jeffrey J. Fennern, Mass Media  
Jens P. Forbord, Music: Education  
Autumn C. Goetting, Dance  
Elizabeth M. Guss, Spanish  
Britney R. Hein, Mass Media  
Caisha S. Johnson, Theatre Arts  
Shayli N. Kalmon, Communication Studies  
Michelle I. Manivel, Spanish  
Claire H. Paulsen, Philosophy, Politics & Economics  
Sara M. Schultz, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Christina M. van Essen, Communication Studies

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Claire Achen, Dance  
Abdullah S. Bachelani, Film and Media Studies  
Ryan R. Bachman, Communication Studies  
Ryan R. Bachman, Mass Media  
Alycia L. Bond, Art Teaching  
Dana J. Bunker, Theatre Arts  
Ryan M. Carter, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Harris B. Deno, Art  
Hannah J. Dye, Communication Studies  
Erin J. Ellingboe, Communication Studies  
Jordan C. Grossenburg, English  
Austin J. Hassebroek, Art  
Olivia C. Hunt, Mass Media  
Shanna M. Matejcek, Communication Studies  
Emily Helen V. Mettler, English  
Daniel R. Peluso, Art

Olivia L. Sirek, Art  
Emily M. Spieker, Art  
Kayla Swart, Art  
Katie M. Van Deinse, Theatre Arts  
Michelle M. Vlasak, Art  
Alexander J. Wieland, Music Industry  
Kirby Y. Wong, Mass Media  
Shuk Ping Wong, Communication Studies

## CUM LAUDE

Sarah A. Cain, Communication Studies  
Thomas M. Cox, Cognitive Science  
Kadiatou Diallo, French Teaching  
Bailey N. Eidahl, Art  
Frank C. Funwi, Mass Media  
Samantha J. Gruis, Art  
Madeline C. Hayden, Mass Media  
Nolan T. Hewitt, Philosophy  
Brittany J. Kjelden, Art  
Brigitta M. Kocs, Spanish  
Cody R. Koss, Music Industry  
Kourtney T. Krogman, French  
Devin M. Lehman, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Nathan J. Lustig, Film and Media Studies  
Samuel D. Maertens, English Literature  
Michael S. McClellan, Art  
Ugochi R. Nwachukwu, Philosophy, Politics & Economics  
Danyielle Oladimeji, Mass Media  
Margaret L. Philbrick, Communication Studies  
Mary Pine, Mass Media  
Abigail J. Rohan, Mass Media  
Rachel M. Skic, Communication Studies  
Trystin Smith, Art  
Mikeayla B. Stadler, Mass Media  
Jessica J. Staples, Theatre Arts  
Shaylea A. Sullivan, Spanish  
Emily R. Sweeny, Dance  
Madeleine L. Winkler, Communication Studies  
Don R. Zheng, Mass Media

## DEPARTMENT OF ART

*Professor Brian Frink,  
Chairperson*

Afi J. Anyide-Ocloo, B.A., Rochester  
Elena Beglit, B.A., Moldova  
Alycia L. Bond, B.S., West Concord  
Zachary P. Brue, B.A., Coon Rapids  
Harris B. Deno, B.F.A., Shoreview  
Bailey N. Eidahl, B.F.A., Mitchell, South Dakota  
Jenna D. Goede, B.F.A., Mankato  
Samantha J. Gruis, B.A., Eagle Lake  
Austin J. Hassebroek, B.F.A., Shakopee  
Megan Hoffman, B.A., Burnsville  
Megan E. Hoffman, B.A., Rosemount  
Brittany J. Kjelden, B.F.A., Aberdeen, South Dakota  
Abbie B. Lindhorst, B.F.A., Brooklyn Park  
Trevor J. McCauley, B.F.A., Lakeville  
Michael S. McClellan, B.F.A., Stewartville  
Ernest S. Norris, Jr., B.F.A., Brooklyn Park  
Juyeon Park, B.F.A., Republic of Korea  
Daniel R. Peluso, B.F.A., Chanhassen  
Lauren E. Peterman, B.A., Swedesburg, Iowa  
Tycen K. Rhodes, B.F.A., New Hope  
Melissa M. Runquist, B.A., Woodbury  
Eric S. Ryan, B.F.A., Bloomington  
Lindsey N. Schaefer, B.F.A., Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin  
Olivia L. Sirek, B.F.A., New Richmond, Wisconsin  
Trystin Smith, B.F.A., Ethan, South Dakota  
Emily M. Spieker, B.F.A., Worthington  
Elizabeth A. Stensland, B.F.A., Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Alexandra M. Stoffel, B.S., Lakeland  
Kayla A. Swart, B.S., Henderson  
Bethany L. Thalman, B.S., Woodbury  
Michelle M. Vlasak, B.F.A., Montgomery  
Kylie M. Wilcox, B.F.A., Harris



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

*Professor Christopher Brown,  
Chairperson*

Elizabeth A. Anderson, B.S.,  
North Branch  
Ryan R. Bachman, B.S., Oakdale  
Denis B. Beard, B.S., Golden Valley  
Sontiana L. Brandts, B.S., St. James  
Sarah A. Cain, B.S., Alpha  
Mitchel C. Carlyle, B.S., Chanhassen  
Christian Caskey, B.S., Medina  
Hannah M. Christensen, B.S.,  
Mankato  
Jacob J. Cooper, B.S., Hastings  
Zachary E. Dodge, B.S., Trevor,  
Wisconsin  
Hannah J. Dye, B.S., Mendota Heights  
Marissa S. Eddy, B.S., Apple Valley  
Thomas H. Eichten, B.S., Elk River  
Erin J. Ellingboe, B.S., Shakopee  
Zachary Everett, B.S., Chanhassen  
Jacob R. Froehlich, B.S.,  
Good Thunder  
Tara J. Haggerty, B.S., Apple Valley  
Mackenzie S. Hanson, B.S.,  
Bloomington  
Christopher D. Hawkinson, B.S.,  
Montrose  
Breanna N. Hill, B.S., Le Sueur  
Alec G. Holland, Jr., B.S., Ellendale  
Megan E. Kalal, B.S., Apple Valley  
Shayli N. Kalmon, B.S., Mellen,  
Wisconsin  
Joshua A. King, B.S., Eden Prairie  
Matthew J. Kroening, B.S., Rosemount  
Savannah T. Krueger, B.S., Lakeville  
Jacob M. Kuhlman, B.S., Lakeville  
Courtney M. Lee, B.S., Plummer  
Rachel H. Lerom, B.S., Bloomington  
Madison N. Martin, B.S., Minneapolis  
Shanna M. Matejcek, B.S., Faribault  
Kaleb J. McGuire, B.S., New Brighton  
Austin L. Nelson, B.S., Lakeville  
Tochukwu R. Okafor, B.S.,  
Brooklyn Park  
Michael J. Palme, B.S., Mankato  
Matthew L. Peterson, B.S., Burnsville  
Margaret L. Philbrick, B.S.,  
Buffalo Lake  
Samantha A. Piekarski, B.S., Lakeville  
AJ Rasmussen, B.S., Albert Lea  
Ashley L. Russ, B.S., Corcoran  
Nicholas C. Santjer, B.S., Chanhassen  
Casey W. Schulz, B.S., Glencoe  
Bailey M. Sheridan, B.S., Crystal  
Vivian Sifah, B.S., Mankato

Rachel M. Skic, B.S., Stewartville  
Sidney F. Sohre, B.S., Garden City  
Jessica L. Stead, B.S., Richfield  
Jordan A. Taylor, B.S., Vancouver,  
Washington  
Marleny E. Thompson, B.S.,  
Columbia Heights  
Christina M. van Essen, B.S.,  
Netherlands  
Madeleine L. Winkler, B.S., Plymouth  
Shuk Ping Wong, B.S., Hong Kong

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

*Professor Geoff Herbach,  
Chairperson*

Caitlin M. Galagan, B.S., Alden  
Jordan C. Grossenburg, B.A., Dundas  
Ryan P. Kopelke, B.A., Mankato  
Samuel D. Maertens, B.A., Mankato  
Emily Helen V. Mettler, B.A.,  
Long Prairie  
Abby A. Pinke, B.S., St. Peter  
Richard F. Rieke, B.A., New Ulm  
Christopher J. Skaar, B.A., Mankato  
Hannah B. Sorenson, B.A., Duluth  
John A. Stalter, B.A., Mankato  
Bryan L. Wurdeman, B.A., Lakefield  
Sophia J. Yunk, B.A., Blaine

## DEPARTMENT OF MASS MEDIA

*Professor Charles Lewis,  
Chairperson*

Ryan R. Bachman, B.S., Oakdale  
Margaret J. Belde, B.S., South St. Paul  
Charlie N. Brown, B.S., Joplin,  
Missouri  
Breanna R. Butler, B.A., St. Michael  
Celeste G. Devine, B.S.,  
Laguna Niguel, California  
Haley J. Diggan, B.S., Savage  
Jeffrey J. Fennern, B.S., New Ulm  
Frank C. Funwi, B.S., Minneapolis  
Andrew N. Gerber, B.S.,  
North Mankato  
Madeline C. Hayden, B.S., Burnsville  
Britney R. Hein, B.A., Apple Valley  
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# Program

## 12:00 P.M.

**Processional March**  
Pomp & Circumstance

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**Conferring of Degrees**  
Interlude Music by Garrett Steinberg

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"Hornpipe" (from Water Music)

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Counselor Education & Supervision  
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Thesis: *Working Mothers: The Relationship Between Intensive Mothering and Work-family Conflict*

Antonia J. Felix, Farmington  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Melissa Krull  
Thesis: *My Truth, My Telling: Experiences of Black Women Principals in a Poetry-themed Workshop on Race and Gender*

Aaron M. Peterson, Becker  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Jason Kaufman  
Thesis: *The Confidence to Engage: Conflict Engagement Styles of Academic and Student Affairs Deans in a Large, Midwestern State College and University System*

Kenneth O. Turner, Brooklyn Park  
Educational Leadership  
Advisor: Dr. Timothy Berry  
Thesis: *African-Centered Pedagogy: Exploring Black Male Identity and Achievement through an African-Centered Lens*

## DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

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School Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Shawna Petersen-Brown

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School Psychology  
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Educational Leadership  
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Urban Planning  
Advisor: Dr. Miriam Porter

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Wisconsin  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Jeffrey Buchanan  
Thesis: *Evaluation of a Cognitive Training Program for Older Adults with Mild to Moderate Cognitive Decline*

Jaclyn A. Essandoh, Ghana  
Urban Planning  
Advisor: Daniel Schwartz

Elizabeth B. Gibson, Eagan  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Eric Sprankle  
Thesis: *Transgender Individuals among  
an Online Adult Baby Diaper Lover  
Community Sample: An Exploratory Study*

Katlyn M. Hanson, Hartville, Missouri  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Eric Sprankle  
Thesis: *Evaluating Stigmatizing Attitudes  
among Clinicians toward People  
with ABDL and Pedophilic Interests*

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History  
Advisor: Dr. Lori Lahlum  
Thesis: *The Female Voice of  
Enfranchisement: A Reassessment of  
Woman Suffrage in Iowa*

Kathryn Ira, Spillville, Iowa  
Clinical Psychology  
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Thesis: *Bullying in Senior Living  
Facilities: Resident Perspectives*

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California  
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Thesis: *An Examination of Inattentional  
Blindness in Law Enforcement*

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MA Sociology: College Teaching  
Emphasis  
Advisor: Sara Eppelin  
Thesis: *More Than Cracking Backs:  
Exploring Patient-Careers in  
Chiropractic Care*

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Urban Planning  
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Thesis: *Car-less Cities*

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Thesis: *Motivations, Expectations and  
Experiences of Genital Piercings  
in the Transgender Community: An  
Exploratory Study*

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Thesis: *College Males' Attitudes  
toward Sexually-Explicit Material: An  
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Discharge and Contaminant Loads  
in Agricultural Drainage Systems,  
Blue Earth River Watershed, South-  
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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 (minimum cumulative of 3.8), purple ribbons signify magna cum laude (minimum cumulative of 3.5 admitted before Fall 2015; minimum cumulative of 3.6 admitted Fall 2015 or later), and purple and gold ribbons signify cum laude (minimum cumulative of 3.3 admitted before All 2015; minimum cumulative 3.4 admitted Fall 2015 or later)

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Program Honors and Distinctions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Members of **Education Minnesota** wear gold honor cords to exhibit student involvement, service to the community and the profession, scholarship and leadership potential. The members of the Education Minnesota Student Program believe that the active participation of students in education in the development of educational policy is essential for sound education in a democratic society.

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

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

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

**Lambda Pi Eta** honor graduates wear scarlet and white honor cords as symbols of their commitment to scholarship and their demonstrated leadership in communication studies. Lambda Pi Eta is the official communication studies honor society of the

**National Communication Association (NCA)**. Founded in 1985, Lambda Pi Eta stands for Logos (logic and reasoning), Pathos (emotion) and Ethos (personal ethics and character).

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

Members of the **National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA)** wear royal blue and white honor cords. NSNA student leaders honor cords are royal blue, white and gold. The mission of NSNA is to mentor and prepare students for licensure as registered nurses, and to convey the standards, ethics and skills that students will need as responsible and accountable leaders and members of the profession.

The mission for **NorthStar STEM Alliance** is to help underrepresented students receive a baccalaureate degree in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in a five-year period. The Alliance is a partnership with 14 higher education institutions and three community partners. The NSSA members wear navy blue and white cords.

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

**Phi Alpha**, the National Social Work Honor Society, provides an opportunity for closer bonds among students of social work and promotes humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high academic standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Members of Phi Alpha wear gold honor 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. This honor society recognizes outstanding scholarship in the French language and its literature, increases the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking world, and stimulates and encourages French and Francophone cultural activities.

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

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

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

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

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



# Symbolism and Tradition

## Procession

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

## Gown

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

## Mortarboard and Tassel

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

## Hood

The hood is to be worn by graduates of the College of Graduate Studies and Research. The color of the hood worn by Master's and Doctoral graduates indicates the degree.

## 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.

## Presidential Medallion

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

## Minnesota State University, Mankato Flag

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

## Podium Backdrop Flags

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

## Honor Guard

The special honor guard presenting our national colors is from the Department of Military Science, Maverick Battalion, Army ROTC.



# Minnesota State University, Mankato Alumni Association

Congratulations on your graduation! And welcome to the Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Association, a powerful network of over 123,000 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. To ensure that you continue to receive the magazine and to stay up-to-date with our alma mater, we invite you to update your contact information with us via e-mail at [alumni@mnsu.edu](mailto:alumni@mnsu.edu) or by logging onto the Alumni website at [www.mnsu.edu/alumni](http://www.mnsu.edu/alumni).

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

Best regards,

Lisa Hughes  
President, Alumni Association



## University History

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

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

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

Minnesota State Mankato offers more than 130 undergraduate programs and more than 85 graduate programs, including masters, specialist and doctoral programs. Our 15,000 students — including more than 1,100 international students from approximately 90 countries — and 2,000 faculty and staff represent cultural diversity and a rich mix of intellectual and creative perspectives. Our 121,000+ alumni live and work around the globe, making professional and personal contributions that bring the proud Maverick tradition to new heights.

Minnesota State Mankato is on the Internet at [www.mnsu.edu](http://www.mnsu.edu).



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## Miscellaneous Information

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

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

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

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

**Live web streaming** services are provided by Minnesota State Mankato's IT Solutions.

**Live captions** for each commencement ceremony can be viewed at [link.mnsu.edu/mavtubelive](http://link.mnsu.edu/mavtubelive)

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

**Breast-feeding/Lactating Room** for nursing mothers is located in Taylor Center – Room TC171.

**Photo Opportunities** are available (weather permitting) outside: Alumni Arch, Bell Tower, Gateway/Stone Pillars, Minnesota

State mound (corner of Stadium and Warren), Fountain, Flame (in front of Wigley Administration building) etc.

**Grad Images** will be taking individual and family portraits for graduates and their families in Myers Field House from 7:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. No appointment is necessary and portrait sittings are free. Grad Images 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).

GradImages® is the official photographer for this event. Your photographs will be available online for viewing as soon as possible. Check them out at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com).

# College Receptions

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

**Saturday, December 15, 2018  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

### **CSU 253/4/5**

Graduating students in the College of Allied Health and Nursing will be honored at a program in Centennial Student Union 253/4/5 on Saturday, December 15.

The program which begins at 9:00 a.m., will include hooding of the Master's students and awarding the college pin to all Masters and Undergraduates attending. Graduates are asked to wear their cap and gown. Note: School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony was held Friday evening.

## School of Nursing Pre-Commencement Ceremony Reception Celebrating RN-to-BS Completion and Master's Degree Graduates

**Saturday, December 15, 2018  
10:00 – 11:00 A.M.**

### **Centennial Student Union 245**

The reception provides an opportunity for RN-to-BS Completion graduates and their guests to meet with faculty from the School of Nursing and receive a College of Allied Health and Nursing pin. Graduates are asked to wear their academic attire to the reception. Nursing Masters students will be hooded at the 9:00 am College of Allied Health and Nursing Pre-Commencement Ceremony for CAHN Graduate (Masters) students and families. Masters students and guests are also welcome to attend the School of Nursing reception.

## College of Arts and Humanities Reception

**Saturday, December 15, 2018  
10:30 A.M. – Noon**

### **CSU Hearth Lounge**

Graduates and their guests are cordially invited to join the department faculty and staff for refreshments, immediately following the Commencement ceremony.

## College of Business Reception Saturday, December 15, 2018

College of Business Graduation Celebration and Luncheon

**Saturday, December 15, 2018  
11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

### **CSU Ostrander Auditorium**

This celebratory event invites graduates, family and friends to join the College of Business faculty and staff for a pinning and special luncheon event immediately following the University Commencement ceremony. College of Business leadership will recognize each graduate and will bestow university pins, and in the case of MBA and Master of Accounting (MAcc) students, conduct a hooding ceremony.

## College of Education Pinning Ceremony

**Friday, December 14, 2018**

**2:00 p.m. – Reception and Registration (CSU Ballroom)**

**2:30 – 3:30 P.M. – Pinning Ceremony (CSU Ballroom)**

Bachelor of Science in Teaching Graduates and Graduate Level Initial Licensure graduates and guests are all invited to attend the reception and pinning ceremony.

## College of Education Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony

**Saturday, December 15, 2018  
9:00 – 10:00 A.M. – Hooding Ceremony**

### **Ceremony**

Reception immediately following ceremony.

## Earley Center for Performing Arts, Ted Paul Theatre

Graduates receiving their Doctorate, Master's Degree, Specialist Degree and guests, are all invited to attend the Hooding Ceremony and Reception. Invitations will be emailed. Academic attire required.

## College of Science, Engineering and Technology Reception

**Saturday, December 15, 2018  
10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**Main level of Ford Hall – Student Commons area**

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

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

**Saturday, December 15, 2018  
9:30 A.M. Reception**

**10:00 A.M. Recognition Ceremony**

### **Ceremony**

### **CSU Ballroom**

Graduates, family and friends are invited to join faculty and staff for refreshments. During the program, each graduate receives special recognition and a College of Social and Behavioral Sciences graduation pin.

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