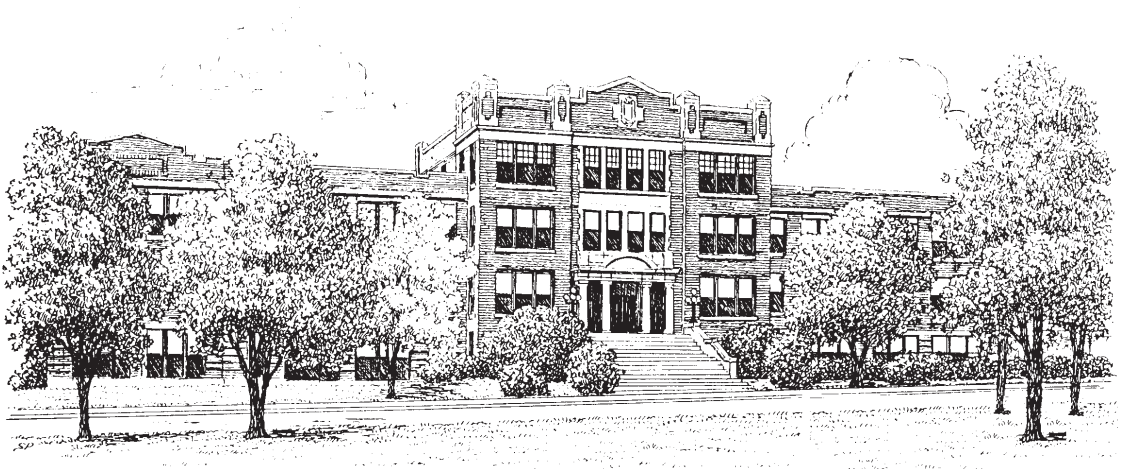


Minot State University Commencement Exercises

Friday, May 16, 2025
10 A.M.
University Dome





Welcome!

Dear Minot State University Honored Graduates, Family, Friends, Faculty, and Staff:

Welcome to the Minot State campus on this very special day. We are honored by your presence and so pleased you are here to participate in MSU's 110th Commencement Exercises.

Today is a wonderful day of celebration, with Commencement focused on the success of this year's graduates. We are pleased to honor their accomplishments and excited to celebrate with everyone attending this joyous occasion. It is a privilege welcoming our new graduates into the MSU alumni family!

As graduates of Minot State University, we look forward to seeing you living a fulfilling and meaningful life, contributing to the welfare of your community, helping others, and succeeding in your chosen field. Your education at MSU has prepared you to move forward, and now it is your turn to make that happen!

Best wishes with the next steps of your life's journey. Please stay in touch and we look forward to seeing you at future MSU events.

Congratulations on your impressive achievements!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven W. Shirley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Steven W. Shirley, Ph.D.
President

UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

SMUDGING CEREMONY

To honor our graduates and Native brothers and sisters, we used sage to smudge the graduation area at 8 A.M. this morning. We ask the creator to bless all who enter the Dome and those walking across the stage that they use their knowledge learned on these grounds and be successful throughout their lives.

PROCESSIONAL..... “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar
Arranged by James Ployhar
MSU Concert Band
Dr. David Rolandson, Conductor

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS..... MariDon Sorum
Erica Bailey

HONORARY STUDENT MARSHALLS..... Hayden Tinker
Ella Gilkerson

FACULTY MARSHALLS Nichol Anderson
Dr. Ruth Chen
Dr. Mary Huston
Dr. Beth Marschner
Jan Repnow

STANDARD BEARERS
Minot State University..... Nicole Reeves
Dakota College at Bottineau..... Gabriel Lima

CANADIAN ANTHEM..... Sung by Kylee Cook

NATIONAL ANTHEM Sung by Kylee Cook

WELCOME Kevin Harmon
Vice President for Student Affairs and Intercollegiate Athletics

INVOCATION Rachel Simonson
LCM Pastor

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST Kevin Harmon
Vice President for Student Affairs and Intercollegiate Athletics

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| STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION | Tim Mihalick State Board of Higher Education Chair |
| INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS | Dr. Steven Shirley President of the University |
| ADDRESS | Craig Schmich 2025 Graduate Student Emmett Espino 2025 Undergraduate Student Dr. Veronica Pinnick Alumnus |
| RECOGNITION OF HONORED GRADUATE | Dr. Steven Shirley President of the University |
| PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES | Dr. Laurie Geller Vice President for Academic Affairs and Director of Graduate School |
| CONFERRING OF DEGREES | Dr. Steven Shirley President of the University |
| PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS..... | Dr. Laurie Geller, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Director of Graduate School Jessica Smestad, Honors Program Director Dr. Alaric Williams, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Carmen Simone, Dean, Dakota College at Bottineau Assisted by Dr. Kristi Berg and Katelynn Albers |
| GRADUATE SCHOOL | BACHELOR OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES |
| HONORS PROGRAM | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE |
| BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION |
| BACHELOR OF ARTS | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING |
| BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS | BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK |
| BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES | DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU |
| "Alma Mater" sung by Kylee Cook..... | Text by Huldah Lucile Winsted Composed by Dr. Emerson Eads Arranged by Dr. Emerson Eads |

WELCOME TO NEW ALUMNI Danielle Rued
MSU Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS Dr. Steven Shirley
President of the University

NATIVE AMERICAN HONOR SONG.....Thunder Butte Drum

A traditional honor song will be performed by Thunder Butte Drum, members of the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation, to culminate commencement activities. As members of sovereign nations, Native American tribes customarily sing honor songs at official gatherings honoring people in ceremony. The honor song is performed as a means of showing respect for people that have achieved a significant milestone in their lives. This song honors all Native American and non-Native Minot State University graduates.

RECESSIONAL..... “Light Cavalry Overture” by Franz von Suppé
Arranged by Henry Fillmore
MSU Concert Band
Dr. David Rolandson, Conductor

The audience is asked to remain in their seats until all the graduates have exited the arena.

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE

We invite you to join the commencement conversation on Facebook, Instagram, and X before, during, and after the ceremony. Please be sure to tag Minot State University and use the hashtag #MSUclassof25.



PHOTOGRAPHS

A photographer will photograph degree candidates as they cross the stage and a posed headshot immediately after. We ask that guests please remain in their seats during the ceremony as there will be ample time afterward to take pictures on the stage if desired. Degree candidates will receive information regarding ordering photographs from The Grad Team. | www.thegradteam.com

GRADUATE SPEAKER

CRAIG SCHMICH is the son of Paul and Becky Schmich.

He graduated from Lincoln High School in Lincoln, California, where he finished with a 2.0 GPA and an uncertain future. After high school, he attended junior college but faced academic dismissal twice. Rather than giving up, he made the decision to turn his life around. He went on a major health journey, losing over 150 pounds, and worked hard to return to college athletics and academics with a new mindset and purpose. After restarting his education, he went on to earn a 3.5 GPA and was named to the VPAA Honor Roll twice. He also earned NSIC All-Academic Team honors three times between 2022 and 2024 while competing as a collegiate athlete. He completed his bachelor's degree at Minot State University and is graduating with a Master of Science in Sports Management.

Outside of school and athletics, he has always found ways to give back to the community. In Lincoln, he coached youth baseball for kids ages 10-14 and served as a high school baseball coach for three years. He also coached youth basketball and two seasons of middle school basketball. Since moving to Minot, he has continued his involvement in youth sports by coaching baseball for three summers, giving private lessons to young athletes in the community, and serving as the Graduate Assistant for the Minot State University baseball program.

He credits his success to the many people who supported him along the way—family, friends, coaches, professors, and mentors—who believed in him during the toughest times. His journey has shaped him into a determined, disciplined, and passionate person who is excited to make a lasting impact in the world of college athletics.

He enjoys spending time with family and friends, staying active, coaching, and helping young athletes grow both on and off the field. Today, Craig is proud to be graduating with a master's degree—something he once thought would never be possible—and is excited for what's next in his coaching career.

UNDERGRADUATE SPEAKER

EMMETT ESPINO is from Fairfield, California. His journey can be described as diverse, as he was homeschooled for most of his upbringing before attending Armijo High School. Growing up in the North Bay Area, he had a lot of different experiences. While his path to higher education was unique, it shaped his discipline, independence, and ability to adapt. These are qualities that carried over into his college years at Minot State University.

At MSU, football was a huge part of his life. He was fortunate to serve as a team captain and lead our team to the winningest season in NCAA history. He is proud to say he left it better than he found it, as they have a lot better in store for them. During his career, he somehow managed to be the only player he knew of to get a sack and give up a sack in the same game. He was fortunate enough to play both sides of the football. This gave him a lot of versatility as an athlete and as a person. The football experience taught him the value of leadership, perseverance, and teamwork. It wasn't just about playing the game, but it was about bringing people together, setting a standard, and pushing past limits they didn't even know they had.

Beyond football, he found other ways to get involved on campus. For four years, he served as MSU Life entertainment director, organizing events that brought energy and excitement to the student body. That role allowed him to connect with different people, think creatively, and learn how to manage large-scale events. These skills will benefit him no matter where his career takes him. He also took on a leadership role in student government, serving as the vice president of finance. That position gave him hands-on experience in budgeting and decision-making at an organizational level.

Academically, he graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in Finance and Accounting. Numbers didn't always make sense to him, but when dollar signs were attached, they did. He enjoyed the challenge of accounting. His goal is to build a career in either finance or accounting, where he can apply what he has learned and continue growing.

But above all, his biggest accomplishment isn't a title, an award, or a position—it's simply starting something and finishing it. Whether it was football, leadership roles, or his education, he committed himself to each endeavor and saw it through. That mindset will stay with him no matter where life takes him.

He is excited for what's ahead, and is grateful for the experiences, challenges, and people who have shaped his journey so far.

ALUMNI SPEAKER

DR. VERONICA PINNICK is a proud Minotian and North Dakotan. She graduated from Minot High School in 2000 and earned a Bachelor of Arts in with a major in Chemistry from Minot State University in 2004. Following graduation, she attended Texas A&M, where she completed a doctorate in analytical chemistry in 2009. There she learned how to build scientific instruments to study the chemistry of materials, on her home planet, Earth.

Upon completing her Ph.D., Dr. Pinnick had offers from major companies around the country including a lucrative offer from tech giant, Intel. Instead, she took a shot at a postdoctoral fellowship at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. It was there that she had a chance to work on the development of a mass spectrometer for another planet – Mars. The work Pinnick conducted on a highly advanced mass spectrometer for NASA eventually led to her being hired full time at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in 2011.

Since then, Dr. Pinnick has led many science and engineering teams to explore the solar system. Her projects have ranged from Earth-observing satellites like the Plankton, Aerosol, Ocean Ecosystem (a.k.a. PACE, launched in 2024) to a rotocraft copter called Dragonfly, set to launch to explore Saturn's moon Titan in 2028. She is also passionate about technology development, working on robotics for Mars and ocean worlds like Jupiter's moon Europa and Saturn's moon Enceladus. She is still very much looking forward to the launch of her first mission, the Rosalind Franklin Rover to Mars in 2028!

Pinnick speaks proudly and passionately about her work and that of her fellow scientists. "I take education and public outreach seriously and take every opportunity I can to spread the word about what we scientists and engineers are doing with your tax dollars," Pinnick said. "We are doing such amazing science, such amazing engineering, and honestly, awe-inspiring exploration that I can hardly help snapping up every opportunity I can to be an ambassador to the public. I want you to be as excited about what we're doing as we are."

Currently, Pinnick is an Integration and Test Manager at NASA Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION SPEAKER

TIM MIHALICK, Chair of the State Board of Higher Education, was appointed to fill the remainder of an open term vacated by a previous member. Mihalick was also appointed to a four-year term.

Tim is a senior vice president at First Western Bank & Trust, responsible for business development and facilities. Prior to that, he was part of IRET and its affiliated companies for over 36 years before his retirement, serving as the president and CEO during his last eight years at IRET. Throughout the years, he has been involved in numerous civic organizations dedicated to Minot's betterment. He is a current member and past chair of the MSU Board of Regents and a past board member of Trinity Health and the Minot Family YMCA.

An Ohio native, Tim attended Minot State University and obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration in 1981. During his college career, he played football for four years and participated in track for two. He was inducted into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995 and received the MSU Alumni Golden Award in 2014.

Tim and his wife, Laura, have been married for over 40 years and are both committed to civic engagement. Laura, who also attended MSU, is a past member of the Minot Public School Board. The Mihalicks have two adult children living in Minot.

WITH DISTINCTION

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Rebekah Abern
Laramie Paige Ammerman
Shiloh Bette Ballantyne
Mikkel Dawn Benjamin
Brooklyn Rose Morgan Benno
Kendal Braun
Brooklyn Brugger
Milena Cernjanski
Drew Kirsten Feist
Nicole Marion Ferebee
Andrea Forde
Grant Charles Gabbert
JoHannah Grosz
Melaina Haagenson

Jakob Heggie
Payton Curtis Jerome
Madison K. Kastrow
Halle Michelle Keller
Reese A. Kurtz
Taylor Manderle
Riley Martin
Brynn Neumann
Yonatan Neyshtadt
Bailey Norris-Pott
Manuela Pacheco Martínez
Brayden George Kenten Pawluk
Amanda Pelster
Jellie Lenn Perez

Jadyn Sue Sandy
Whitney Schepp
Sadie Marie Scherger
Seungjun Song
Sophie Jane Sparrow
Alexa Lynn St. Pierre
Alyssa St. Pierre
Madelaine St. Yves
Jihao Tao
Georgia Mae Tepleski
Julie Van Den Bussche
Kevin Aloysius Vandal
Breana Williams
Madeline Ann Wilmot

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Kelby Armstrong
Olivia Eleanor Bervig
Tea Boeckel
Isabella Christine Boedicker
Ivana Cole
Kylee Noelle Cook
Aspen Cooper
Brenna Dick
Jentry Dutton
Dalen Andrew Engg
Keith Epperson
Jaxon Gunville
Faith Hauck
Addyson Ernie Hughes
Isabella Rian Johnson
Sophia Keeling
MiKayla Faye Kippen
Eun Jeong Ko

Brittney Kuklis
Casey Larson
Morgan Layton
Kaylee Lippert
Emma Loyd
Berkley Lundeen
Risinu Kaveen Magamage
Kaylie Alyssa Moody
Ana Sofia Rose Morelli
Alexa Munoz Sakar
Erin Murphy
Arik J. Napoles
Payton Everett O'Connor
Breanna Olson
Emma Christine Olson
Jennifer Paavola
Kylie Paczkowski
Whitni Donn Peck

MiKayla A. Pfaff
Connor Pfennig
Dallas Reese
Brent Riddle
Sidra Rae Sadowsky
Annie Rose Scheeler
David Schneibel Jr.
Quinn William Joseph Sullivan
Diarra Lynn Thompson
Tambraye Trotter
Joshua Tu
Carson Ullmer
Sid Ullyott
Brendon Iver Watson
Zoe Rae Weishaar
Cayden White
Emma Grace Williams

CUM LAUDE

Firas M. Aldarawcheh Jr.
Jacob Dawson Anthony
Reid Dalton Arnold
Alexandra Baker
Alissa Joyce Baker
Alissa Barber
Shawn Michael Duane Bennett
Haylie Biever
Katyrie Viola Brown
Luke Browning
Tenlee Cancade
Alyssa Chandler
Taylor Cormier
Elysa Ann Crough
Dylan Albert DeBold
Dominic Salvador Demma
Ramon Bryant Duran
Brady Rex Dutcher
Gage Richard Eastlick
Emmett Espino
Callie Evett
Reegan Floyd
Trista Geffre
Gage Gehring
Anna Gray
Godwin Great
Adamas Greenwell

Jackson Gridley
Jenna K. Hardy
Allisen B. Haxton
Emma Nicole Heggedal
Kaylee Melissa Hofmann
Zoe Adair Homeniuk
Alex Jimenez
Wayne Joint
Jennifer Kary
Abbygayle Kelley
Gloria Nyantakiwaa Kennedy
Kaif Mansoor Khan
Saif Mansoor Khan
Mila Kim
Kaitlynn Jayde Kinhead
Gunnar Shea Kozlowitz
Danielle May Kress
Samantha Patricia Lien
Emily Rose Loegering
Abygayle Lohse
Maria Eugenia Teixeira Machado
Dawson Macleary
Hanna Magnuson
Devin J. Marton
Chesare Faith McLaughlin
Calsey McLellan
Maura Elizabeth Mills

Kyle Mischke
Emma Christine Mogen
Derek Lee Morse
Paetyn Nowacki
Brittany Orjuela
Peter Andrew Panales
Alejandra Daniela Paredes Villasante
Olivia Penticoff
Trinetta Pretty Weasel
Alaijah Maylee Reiswig
Jenna Retterath
Ankita Rijal
Adam Randal Schepp
Mackenna Rose Schuett
Cassidy Shipman
Tre Alyn Sortland
Taylor Steeves
Audrey Sundahl
Reese Terrel
Dawit Ashenafi Tesfaye
Brythan Franklin Paul Thomas
Aristide N. Vonan
Tam Minh Vu
Madelen Wick
Keely-Shae Willard
Sue Williams
Courtney Zayik

GRADUATE SCHOOL CITATION OF EXCELLENCE

Madelynn Behm
Cortney Savo

MSU LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Shawn Bennett
Kendal Braun
Brooklyn Brugger
Krysten Glab
Brooklyn Hanelt
Kaylee Hofmann

MiKayla Kippen
Cody Leonard
Conner Meldrim
Hannah Murray
Emerald Okotie
Colby Opp

Maelyn Sanders
Jadyn Sandy
Brek Thompson
Hayden Tinker
Sadie Weninger

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Dr. Laurie Geller, Director of Graduate School

EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREES

Megan Allard – Dunseith, ND
School Psychology
Avarie Carlson – Minot, ND
School Psychology
Jomaira Hernandez Gonzalez – Toa Alta, Puerto Rico
School Psychology
Katherine Jensen – Rapid City, SD
School Psychology
Kristine Schneider – Lacey, WA
School Psychology
Taylor Smock – Columbia, NY
School Psychology

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Ensley Nicole Anderson – Minot, ND
Special Education
Lindsey Biocic – Oronoco, MN
Special Education
Kelsy Elizabeth Brazier – Middle River, MN
Special Education
Mikayla Chromy – Minot, ND
Special Education
Joseph Lee Elizawright – San Francisco, CA
Special Education
Wendy Jam – Billings, MT
Special Education
Kayla Suzanne Maki – Lavina, MT
Special Education
Autumn Mullins – Minot, ND
Special Education

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREES

Julyana R. DuBray – White Shield, ND
Education
Kiah Nicole Hove – Minot, ND
Education
Matthew Kuske – Minot, ND
Education
Allison Muncaster – Crosby, ND
Education
Laurny Elisabeth Heide – Noonan, ND
Education

Tienna D. Johnson – Wilton, ND
Education
Angelia Muha – Edgerton, KS
Education
Sydney Nelson – Minot, ND
Education
Rayson Renfrow – Minot, ND
Education
Adetutu Segun – Minot, ND
Education
Michael Stein – Minot, ND
Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREES

Rianna Faith Aasen – Winnipeg, MB
Speech Language-Pathology
Meghan Blaine Ackerman – Dickinson, ND
Speech Language-Pathology
Abigail Amissah – Valley City, ND
Information Systems
Magdalen Virginia Lucia Anderson – Minot, ND
Speech Language-Pathology
Ricky Apodaca – Albuquerque, NM
Sports Management
Emmanuel E. Arrah – Camaroon
Information Systems
Madelynn G. Behm – Grand Forks, ND
Speech Language-Pathology
Lauren Amy Blight – Oakville, MB
Sports Management
Monica M. Bravo – Minot, ND
Speech Language-Pathology
Carolyn L. Carroll – Dickinson, ND
Special Education
Luke Charley – Minot, ND
Special Education
Anthony William Cheng – Minot, ND
Management
Cole Hunter Clementich – Minot, ND
Sports Management
Parker Ray Collett – Las Vegas, NV
Management
Alyssa Corr – Birtle, MB
Speech Language-Pathology
Samantha Irene Creighton – Minot, ND
Special Education

Marie Cutaia – Minot, ND
Special Education

Daisy Emanuelle De Boer – Apeldoorn, Netherlands
Sports Management

Annmarie J. DeCoteau – Belcourt, ND
Special Education

Daniel Thomas Duarte – Redding, CA
Sports Management

Michaela Erfle – New Salem, ND
Speech Language-Pathology

Fotabong Brain Tataw – Tucson, AZ
Information Systems

Julia Rae Friesen – Warman, SK
Speech Language-Pathology

Hailey Marie Graner – Minot, ND
Sports Management

Kirsten Lauren Gutenber – Brandon, MB
Speech Language-Pathology

Mackenzie Hanavan – Chillicothe, OH
Special Education

Sierra Nicole Legare – Wolf Point, MT
Speech Language-Pathology

Jorie Tess Holsten – Mohall, ND
Speech Language-Pathology

Emma Sue Howe – Velva, ND
Speech Language-Pathology

Jennifer Christina Howison – Fort Gratiot, MI
Special Education

Jeremiah Johnson – Jacksonville, FL
Sports Management

Jenna N. Johnston – Regina, SK
Speech Language-Pathology

Nicy Joy – Minot, ND
Information Systems

Shane Ryan Kary – Placentia, CA
Sports Management

Sheila Keehr – Sauk Rapids, MN
Special Education

Lance Adon Kennedy – Morris, AL
Management

Helen Klepka – Winnipeg, MB
Special Education

Amy Laing – Portage la Prairie, MB
Speech Language-Pathology

Ana Laura Loza – Minot, ND
Information Systems

Kaela MacNaughton – Brooks, AB
Speech Language-Pathology

Michelle Joan Manire – Ray, ND
Speech Language-Pathology

Jerrad Mason – Minot, ND
Sports Management
Management

Kate Massey – Minot, ND
Speech Language-Pathology

Rachel McLean – Sutton, ON
Speech Language-Pathology

Stefany Metcalf – Minot, ND
Management

Matthew Robert Meuwissen – Grand Forks, ND
Disability Human Services
Management

Caitlyn G. Miller – Lakota, ND
Speech Language-Pathology

Rachel Moosman – Boulder, UT
Speech Language-Pathology

Alicia Murillo – Corning, CA
Speech Language-Pathology

Markus G. Nehlsen – Minot, ND
Management

Kassandra Elise Neuman – Bismarck, ND
Management

Naimbai Njerakey – N'Djamena, Chad
Management

Princewill E. Nomeh – Dallas, TX
Information Systems

Jamie Janelle Odum – Morden, MB
Speech Language-Pathology

Alisha O'Hara – Brandon, MB
Speech Language-Pathology

Maria Paula Pacheco Martinez – Minot, ND
Sports Management
Management

Maria Christine Parks – Elkhorn, WI
Special Education

Blake Patterson – Ellensburg, WA
Sports Management

Lauren Picard – Minot, ND
Speech Language-Pathology

Melissa Podruchny – Minot, ND
Speech Language-Pathology

Genevieve B. Poitra – White Shield, ND
Management

Alexis C. Radke – Mandan, ND
Speech Language-Pathology

Grace Ransiear – Velva, ND
Speech Language-Pathology

Daryl Vincell Rice Jr. – Tyrone, GA
Management

Jameson A. A. Rudolphina – Willemstad, Curacao
Management

Travis William Rybchinski – Bottineau, ND
Sports Management

Janie Renee Savelkoul – Mohall, ND
Speech Language-Pathology

Cortney Lynn Savo – Minot, ND
Disability Human Services

Craig Landon Schmich – Lincoln, CA
Sports Management
Iryna Shkarbanov – Holly Springs, NC
Special Education
Kiera Shwaluk – Portage la Prairie, MB
Speech Language-Pathology
Alexis Grace Smith – Zuhl, ND
Speech Language-Pathology
Rachael Smith – Hamilton, ON
Speech Language-Pathology
Shelby J. Stein – Minot, ND
Management
Rukhsar Tasnuv – Minot, ND
Management

Andrew Toland – Donora, PA
Management
Chandra D. Verble – Norris City, IL
Special Education
Howard Wade Jr. – Minot, ND
Sports Management
Samuel Wedar – Minot, ND
Sports Management
Haley Lillian Wickham – Waskada, MB
Speech Language-Pathology
Christina A. Williams – Nashville, NC
Special Education

HONORS PROGRAM

Jessica Smestad, Director

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Trey Burk – Minot, ND
Bachelor of Arts - Professional Communication

- **Alejandra Daniela Paredes Villasante** – Lima, Peru
Bachelor of Arts - Biology

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
School of Business, Math, and Technology
School of Education and Behavioral Sciences
School of Health and Science

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

- Azhar Ahmad** – Minot, ND
Applied Business Information Technology
Emily Halain Gardiner – Minot, ND
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
Tristan Jensen – Detroit Lakes, MN
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
Paige Juneau – Minot, ND
Interpreting & Sign Language Studies
- **Emily Rose Loegering** – Casselton, ND
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
 - Shannon Lovelace** – Fargo, ND
Applied Business Information Technology
 - **Bailey Norris-Pott** – Tisdale, SK
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
 - Mackenzie Smith** – Mountain Iron, MN
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies

BACHELOR OF ARTS

- Venissa Xorla Adeti** – Accra, Ghana
Biology
Hezou Merveille Ago Bazaa – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Kelby Armstrong** – Minot, ND
Biology
 - **Alexandra Baker** – West Sussex, England
Psychology
 - Morgan Baker** – Winnipeg, MB
Psychology
 - **Shawn Michael Duane Bennett** – Grafton, ND
Psychology
 - **Olivia Eleanor Bervig** – Williston, ND
History
 - Jasmine Michelle Blizzard** – La Verne, CA
Psychology

- Grayson Luke Bonilla** – Helena, MT
Biology
- Brianna E. Bonn** – Minot, ND
Art
- Ciera Bower** – Surrey, ND
Chemistry
- **Katyrie Viola Brown** – Eagle River, AK
Biology
 - **Luke Browning** – St. Michael, MN
Biology
 - **DeShawn Carter** – Minneapolis, MN
Psychology
 - **Caydee Clementich** – Minot, ND
Psychology
 - **Ivana Cole** – Rugby, ND
Music
 - **Ann Conlin Watterud** – Williston, ND
Professional Communication
 - **Tara Nicole Czemerer** – Dysart, SK
Biology
 - **Valeria Santiago de la Villa** – Carolina, PR
English
 - **Deborah Anne Doyle** – Minot, ND
Psychology
 - **Ramon Bryant Duran** – Hollister, CA
Professional Communication
 - **Gage Richard Eastlick** – Lincoln, CA
Professional Communication
 - **O'Malley Eslinger** – Minot, ND
Biology
 - **Callie Evett** – Turtle Lake, ND
Psychology
 - **Tianna M. Frazier** – Minot, ND
Biology
 - **Grant Gathman** – Williston, ND
Professional Communication
 - **Godwin Great** – Delta State, Nigeria
Professional Communication
 - **Siriana Aurora Gudiño** – Ceres, CA
Professional Communication
 - **Faith Hauck** – Minot, ND
Biology
 - **Clayton Hawkins** – Las Vegas, NV
Professional Communication
 - **Zoe Adair Homeniuk** – Austin, TX
Professional Communication
 - **Colton Horn** – Minot, ND
Biology
 - **Addyson Ernie Hughes** – Minot, ND
Biology
 - **Gabriel M. Johnson** – Bothell, WA
Psychology
 - **Wayne Joint** – Lemoore, CA
Psychology
 - **Orion James Keplin** – Belcourt, ND
Psychology
 - **Peyton Evangeline Lammerding** – Arlee, MT
Biology
 - **Morgan Layton** – Minot, ND
Psychology
 - **Cody Scott Leonard** – Bottineau, ND
Biology
 - **Hanna Mackeprang** – Mesa, AZ
Chemistry
 - **Dawson Macleary** – Cheyenne, WY
Biology
 - **Daniel Mathis** – Chipley, FL
Art
 - **Dylan Andrew McDonald** – Lemoore, CA
History
 - **Mia McKee** – Winnipeg, MB
Psychology
 - **Ethan E. Miller** – Minot, ND
Biology
 - **Jasmine Joy A. Molina** – Waipahu, HI
Chemistry
 - **Lauren McClurg** – Philadelphia, PA
Psychology
 - **Kalie Marie Paulus** – Napa Valley, CA
Professional Communication
 - **Addison Peterson** – Minot, ND
Psychology
 - **Cannon Mark Potts** – Bend, OR
Biology
 - **Dallas Reese** – Tacoma, WA
Art
 - **Nicholas Ritchie** – Minot, ND
Geology
 - **Tania Roerick** – Minot, ND
English
 - **Sophie Jane Sparrow** – Mercer, ND
Psychology
 - **Taylor Steeves** – Minot, ND
History
 - **Jake Vincent Swirple** – Dearborn Heights, MI
Psychology
 - **Tambraye Trotter** – Rolla, ND
Biology
 - **Kevin Aloysius Vandal** – Perth, ND
Music
 - **Skylyn R. Walker** – Minot, ND
Biology
 - **Warren David Walker** – Willow City, ND
Chemistry
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- **Paetyn Nowacki** – Fertile, MN
Social Work
- Kasandra Pachak** – Hunter, ND
Social Work
- **Olivia Penticoff** – Woodbury, MN
Social Work
- Madison Peterson** – Dickinson, ND
Social Work
- **Jenna Retterath** – Washburn, ND
Social Work
- McKenna Sue Rolland** – Glenburn, ND
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- **Cassidy Shipman** – Frazee, MN
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ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

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Liberal Arts - Psychology

ASTEP COLLEGE TO CAREER CERTIFICATES

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ASTEP Certificate

Gavyn David Herfendal – Bismarck, ND
ASTEP Certificate

Jenna Leigh Holman – Dickinson, ND
Certificate - Technical Studies
ASTEP Certificate

Nicholas James Poolman – Bismarck, ND
ASTEP Certificate

Paige Renee Walth – Stirum, ND
ASTEP Certificate

THE UNIVERSITY'S HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Since 1913, Minot State University has steadily evolved in fulfilling its commitment to serving North Dakota and creating opportunities for its citizens. Today, the University offers a wide array of undergraduate programs in the liberal arts, the professions, and graduate education.

Originally established as a two-year normal school devoted to preparing teachers for service in the prairie schools of northwestern North Dakota, the institution soon expanded its offering in response to the needs of the region, a pattern repeated many times in Minot State's subsequent history. Those who governed the institution recognized the need to add teacher preparation programs in the fine arts, liberal arts and sciences, and professional fields.

In 1924, the institution attained the authority to offer the baccalaureate degree, and programs in the liberal arts began at Minot State. Programs in the sciences, humanities, fine arts, and social sciences were developed. Later, programs in special education, speech-language pathology, business, and nursing were added. In 1964, the school's name changed to Minot State College, and its mission expanded to include graduate education at the master's level.

In 1987, Minot State College became Minot State University and today offers master's degrees in speech-language pathology, education, information systems, management, sports management, music, science, special education, and a specialist degree in school psychology.

Minot State University boasts a modern campus. During the last two decades, 14 of its 17 academic and administrative buildings have been constructed or undergone extensive remodeling or expansion. These include Model Hall, Memorial Hall, MSU Dome, Herb Parker Stadium, Gordon B. Olson Library, Student Center, Administration Building, Cyril Moore Science Center, Hartnett Hall, Swain Hall, Student Wellness Center, Old Main, Facilities Management Building, and Crane Hall.

MSU MISSION

Mission Statement

Minot State University is a public university dedicated to excellence in education, scholarship, and community engagement achieved through rigorous academic experiences, active learning environments, commitment to public service, and a vibrant campus life.

Vision

Minot State University will:

- Deliver high-quality education where, when, and how it is needed to a diverse, multi-generational student population.
- Prepare students and the institution for the evolving social and technological challenges of the world.
- Inspire scholarship and creative activity among students, faculty, and staff.
- Empower graduates with a distinctive combination of professional expertise and broad-based education to support varied careers and productive lives.

UNIVERSITY MEDALLION

The tradition of the chief officer of an educational institution wearing a medallion dates back to the Middle Ages when a seal was used to mark documents as important. Because the actual possession was so significant, the seal was usually worn around the neck for safekeeping. Wearing the seal eventually became a symbol of authority.

The Minot State University Presidential Medallion worn by President Steven Shirley is a replica of the seal created when the institution celebrated its 75th year in 1988. Minot State University gained university status in 1987, and the seal was created to recognize that achievement. The seal incorporates 1913, the year of the institution's founding, and the words "teaching, research, service," the three purposes of the University. A book is depicted to signify knowledge. Minot State University's location within North Dakota is indicated by the illustration of a prairie rose, the state flower, and wheat, one of the state's significant agricultural products. The medallion has been worn by MSU Presidents Gordon B. Olson, H. Erik Shaar, and David Fuller. President Shirley is now entrusted with the cast bronze medallion. He wears it as part of his attire during formal ceremonies, such as commencements, attended by faculty in full academic regalia.

UNIVERSITY MACE

A world symbol of tradition and a bond to centuries of academic rituals, a university mace is used only for formal events. Such rituals and symbols provide a university with community pride while establishing an enduring tie to the past. The University Mace, carried today by Dr. Mark Singer, was also created for the University's 75th anniversary and to symbolize the University's tradition as an established institution of higher education. It was designed and handcrafted by Byron Verbitsky, an MSU employee at the time. The mace is meticulously carved of mahogany wood. Crowned by the University Seal, it has three posts below representing the teaching, service, and research purposes of the University. The number 75 marks the University's attainment of its first three-quarters of a century in 1988.

DEGREES

Associate in Applied Science degrees are two year vocational-technical education programs through Dakota College at Bottineau. AAS degrees require at least 60 credits.

Associate degrees consist primarily of diverse, introductory-level courses in academic and professional areas and require at least 60 semester hours. A full-time student can generally complete an associate degree in two years.

Baccalaureate degrees require a minimum of 120 semester hours, made up of academic courses in general education, major, minor, concentration, and/or elective areas. Majors may be in humanities, social sciences, sciences, mathematics, or in the professions. A baccalaureate degree can usually be earned in four years by a full-time student.

Master's degrees require a minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate credit. A master's degree is generally completed in one or two years of study beyond the baccalaureate degree.

Specialist's degrees require three full years of study beyond the baccalaureate degree. The specialist degree in school psychology at MSU requires 71 graduate semester hours, which includes a full year of internship.

SCHOOL COLORS

Huldah Lucile Winsted, a member of the original 1913 faculty, looked out her window in Old Main and saw beautiful red geraniums blooming en masse and chose the colors of the plant for the school's colors. Those colors have been Minot State University's traditional colors ever since and still are reflected in the name of the student newspaper Red and Green, and in a variety of publications and areas on campus. Winsted taught geography and served as dean of women for many years. She was published and quite well known for her poetry. In addition, Winsted is credited for being the first librarian at MSU and for donating many of the early volumes that established the library at the institution.

INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

Flags are displayed representing MSU's graduating international students. MSU proudly hosts over 243 students from over 49 different countries around the globe. Cultural diversity significantly enriches an educational experience for all students, and MSU's strategic priorities include fostering a welcoming atmosphere that encourages global understanding through education abroad, cultural programming, and support of international students and scholars.

GRADUATION HONORS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WITH HONOR: Baccalaureate candidates wearing a gold sash emblazoned with the word Honors are graduating with honors and have met the Minot State University cumulative grade point average (GPA) requirement. Students graduating Cum Laude must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50. Students graduating Magna Cum Laude must have a minimum of 3.75 cumulative GPA. Students graduating Summa Cum Laude must have a 3.90 minimum cumulative GPA.

A.U.G.I.T.E. GEOLOGY CLUB: The goal of the geology club is to inspire students regarding their academic pursuits by inviting scholarly and professional speakers, organizing field trips such as rock collecting and excursions to Falkirk Mine, and participating in community outreach events, including Halloween in the Dome and the Science Open House. Students from this organization are wearing a gold stole with the club's name.

ACCOUNTING CLUB: The Accounting Club is a student organization that brings accounting and other business majors together to learn more about the accounting profession and how it pertains to businesses. Students representing this organization can be seen wearing a pine green cord.

BETA GAMMA PHI SCIENCE CLUB: The organization is dedicated to serving the children of North Dakota by demonstrating the excitement and relevance of science, while also recognizing students' commitment to both the field of science and the surrounding communities in the Minot area. Students invest significant time and effort visiting various schools, preparing and presenting demonstrations, and volunteering at events such as the Native American Science Fair, Science Open House, and Science Olympiad. Students representing this organization can be seen wearing a green and white cord.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB: The Criminal Justice Club is a group of students with an active interest in criminal justice affairs. It promotes awareness and interest to those who participate in the many activities sponsored by the club, such as outreach events and volunteering for the community. The goal of the Criminal Justice Club is to supplement what students are learning in the classroom by providing them with real life demonstrations in a social setting. Students with honors representing this organization are wearing a blue stole with white lettering.

DECA: Collegiate DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management at colleges and universities around the globe. Minot State's DECA Club is very active in the community and competes at state and national events, giving students even more experiences. Students representing this club are wearing a dark blue stole with the DECA logo.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA): Future Business Leaders of America is comprised of local, state, and national collegiate students across the country and is dedicated to inspiring and developing the next generation of leaders by preparing members for careers in business and business-related fields. Academic competitive events are held at the state and national level. Professional development activities and leadership skills are accentuated by completing real world projects and scenarios. The Minot chapter has a long history of excellence at the state and national level in competitive and professional development events. Students from this organization are wearing a royal blue stole with the program name.

HONORS CONCENTRATION: A concentration in honors requires the completion of 15-16 semester hours within the program. Students participating in the honors concentration engage in lively seminar discussions, conduct independent study and research, participate in community service projects, and earn public recognition for their achievements. They must have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher and must enroll in eight or more credits each term. Students earning the concentration are wearing a gold medal with a red ribbon.

MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS: Minot State University student-athletes are proud to represent the institution on its athletic teams in the NCAA D-II and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). Our student-athletes are proud to represent Minot State University on its athletic teams, as well as the time and dedication they exhibit toward their team and their sport. They do this all while maintaining full-time enrollment, remaining in good academic standing, and fulfilling all NCAA eligibility requirements. The students graduating with honors representing this organization are wearing red stoles embroidered with the MSU Beaver logo.

MINOT STATE ESPORTS: Minot State Esports is a combined organization of a student club (Minot State Esports Club) and a varsity competitive program at MSU (Minot State Esports). They wish to recognize substantive contributions to both MSU Esports and academics among our competitors, shout casters, and other student leaders. Students from this organization are wearing red stoles embroidered with the Esports logo.

MSU CHEERLEADING TEAM: The Minot State Cheerleading Team provides strong and spirited public appearances at MSU and other community events, where they get the crowds going with cheers, dances, and stunts. The students graduating representing this club are wearing a red stole with white lettering.

MSU LIFE: In alignment with Minot State University's strategic priorities, MSU Life promotes and supports a vibrant and inclusive campus community through a variety of social, recreational, and educational programming. Members of this organization receive hands-on leadership experience in event coordination, marketing, and management by organizing over 100 can't-miss student events each academic year. Graduates proudly representing this organization can be seen wearing a white stole with a red MSU Life logo.

NATIONAL STUDENT SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION (NSSLHA): Minot State NSSLHA is a club comprised of undergraduate and graduate students interested in the study of communication disorders. The club places a strong focus on community and campus involvement, participating in campus events throughout the year. Members volunteer in the community at least once a month. The MSU club is closely connected with other North Dakota NSSLHA chapters and meets the requirements to be certified by the National NSSLHA. The students graduating representing this club are wearing a teal and blue cord.

NORTH DAKOTA CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (NDCPD): The NDCPD is an organization that provides services and support to individuals with disabilities and their families. One of the ways they do this is by providing preservice training to undergraduate and graduate students at MSU. In addition to coursework, NDCPD offers a rigorous leadership opportunity known as the Interdisciplinary Scholar Program. Students (undergraduate and graduate) from seven disciplines on campus are nominated by their department chairs or faculty. The seven disciplines include special education, regular education, communication sciences and disorders, social work, nursing, school psychology, and addiction studies. The students graduating representing this club are wearing a royal blue cord representing leadership.

NURSING STUDENT ASSOCIATION (NSA): The MSU-NSA chapter's purpose and function is to contribute to nursing education with regards to providing the highest quality of care while working with others to further the education and profession of nursing. The group represents the MSU Nursing Department on campus and in the communities and reflects the professionalism of nursing via volunteering at many local events. MSU-NSA promotes cultural diversity and participation through a wide array of activities, introduces students to legislative activities, and shows how students can have direct impact on standards of health care. Students wearing blue, light blue, and silver cords with an NSA charm receive honors from this organization.

OMICRON TAU CHAPTER OF SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING: The Omicron Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing was established in 1998 at Minot State University. It is one of roughly 530 chapters located in more than 90 countries. The mission of STTI is to advance world health and celebrate nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. The local chapter provides opportunities for education, participation in community and global outreach projects, scholarship support, and leadership development activities. The students with honors representing this organization are wearing purple and white cords.

RESIDENCE LIFE AND HOUSING: The student staff positions for the Residence Life and Housing office are recognized co-curricular experiences. Students learn leadership, self-awareness, wellness, and occupational skills. The students representing this organization are wearing red and white cords.

ROGER LOOYENGA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: The Roger Looyenga Leadership Development Program is an invitation-only program based on faculty nominations and vetted by the Leadership Development Committee. The program is capped at 18 students per year. In addition to a substantial community service project, there are seminars in leadership development which help students on a contemplative journey of self-awareness and self-management. The students with honors representing this organization are wearing a red sash emblazoned with the program name.

SIGN ON: Established in 2017, Sign On is dedicated to learning and educating others about American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf culture. The organization connects with the Deaf community in Minot through monthly activities during the academic year and advocates for the rights of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing individuals. Members of this organization can be seen wearing a turquoise color cord.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS: The MSU Student Ambassadors are an elite organization of students who believe in service first. Ambassadors proudly serve their peers, University, and community. The main duty and responsibility of the student ambassador is to conduct campus tours for prospective/incoming students. Other duties include assistance with orientation and registration, MSU functions and receptions, and hometown high school visits. Student Ambassadors are wearing a red and black cord.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA): The Student Government Association’s mission is to promote the general welfare of the students, increase student involvement within the University, and provide an official voice through which student opinion may be expressed. The senate is committed to fostering communication between the students, faculty, staff, and administration of Minot State University to promote and support a vibrant and inclusive campus community. Members of this organization can be seen wearing a gray rectangle pin with red lettering.

STUDENT SOCIAL WORK ORGANIZATION (SSWO): The Student Social Work Organization’s purpose, per their constitutional bylaws, is “encouraging professional development and social experience for social work majors and those interested in social justice.” Active members of SSWO can be seen wearing a teal stole with white lettering.

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (POWER): TRIO is funded by the US Department of Education and designed to serve first-generation, income-eligible, and/or disabled students working towards their first bachelor’s degree. Students from this organization are wearing a gold medallion with the TRIO logo.

VETERANS: Minot State University thanks our military veterans for their service to our country and dedication to preserving our freedom. Veteran degree candidates are recognized by wearing a red, white, and blue cord.

REGALIA AND THE HISTORY OF THE HOOD

Academic regalia originated in European universities between the 12th and 13th centuries. In England during the second half of the 14th century, statutes of certain colleges forbade excess in apparel and prescribed the wearing of a long gown with a hood by faculty and students. By this time, the hood was separated from the gown, and by the 15th century, it was seen not just as a means to keep one warm, but also as a token of graduation. Undergraduate hoods were a somber black with no lining, while graduate and high-born hoods had the option of a furred or fur-lined hood. By the 16th century, undergraduate hoods were abandoned, and the mortarboard was adopted. These may have come from the squarish cap worn by the masons of the Middle Ages, or perhaps were suggested by the shape of the books which occupied so much time of the scholar. Today, the gowns of bachelor’s and master’s are black, and some undergraduates can be seen wearing a gold stole representing MSU honors. Students receiving their master’s degrees still wear hoods with colors, which over time have become distinctive to each discipline to distinguish them from their colleagues in other fields of learning. Tradition holds that as the candidate is awarded their master’s degree, the candidate’s mentor and others in authority place the hood over their robe.

Minot State University graduate candidates wear a hood lined in red and green, and edged with the color representing the scholarly field of the wearer:

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| Light Blue...Speech-Language Pathology | Tan...Information Systems |
| Light Blue...Special Education | Tan...Management |
| Light Blue...Education | Tan...Sports Management |
| Light Blue...Education Specialist in School Psychology | Pink...Music Education |

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BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Regents is an advisory board dedicated to the development of Minot State University. This select group of influential individuals fills an important role in the University's ongoing strategic planning process through direct representation on planning committees established at each organizational level. The Regents also provide leadership in raising financial resources for specific campus priorities and serve as strong ambassadors for the University in the community and with its numerous and varied constituencies.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association traces its beginning to the first 18 students who completed the one-year elementary teaching program in 1914. Today, the Association serves MSU and the alumni through a variety of programs. It maintains a separate database of address records of graduates and former students, publishes the alumni Connections magazine (free subscription), hosts events in Minot and around the nation, and encourages gifts to the University.

DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

The MSU Development Foundation is an independent, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization which has been established for the purpose of soliciting, receiving, and managing resources for the benefit of Minot State. The foundation seeks funding from all appropriate external sources to supplement state appropriations, strengthen endowments, enhance scholarship opportunities, and ensure the highest level of educational programming at Minot State University.

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