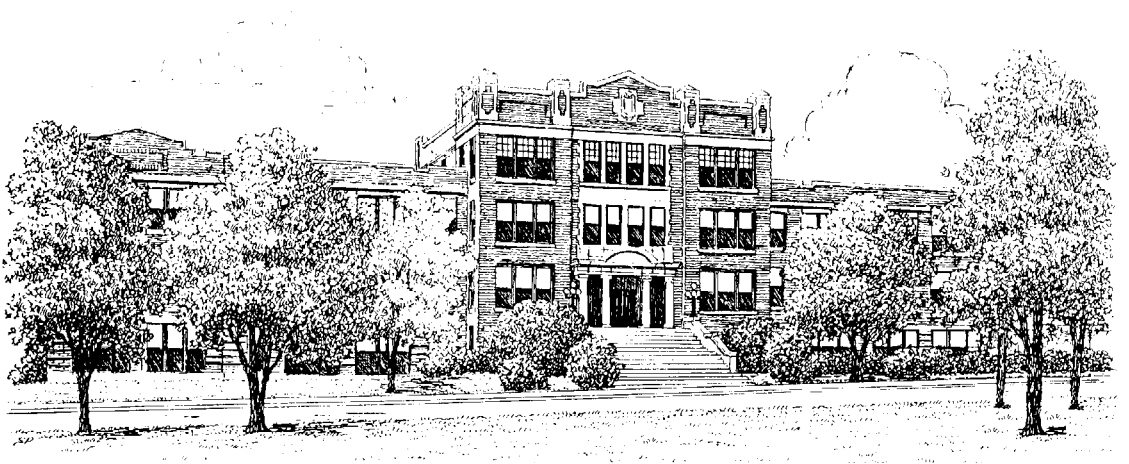


**Minot State University  
Commencement Exercises**

**Friday, May 15, 2026**

**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 for MSU's 111th 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 "S. W. Shirley".

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. Charles Young, Conductor

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

HONORARY STUDENT MARSHALLS.....Connor Erickson  
Wongie Ngoma

FACULTY MARSHALLS..... Dr. Mary Huston  
Dr. Jynette Larshus  
Dr. Beth Marschner  
Dr. Katherine McCarville  
Jan Repnow

## STANDARD BEARERS

Minot State University..... Abby Moll  
Dakota College at Bottineau.....Brady Carpenter

CANADIAN ANTHEM.....Sung by the MSU Concert Choir

NATIONAL ANTHEM.....Sung by the MSU Concert Choir

WELCOME.....Kevin Harmon  
Vice President for Student Affairs and Intercollegiate Athletics

INVOCATION.....Rachel Simonson  
Spiritual Wellness Coordinator

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST.....	Kevin Harmon Vice President for Student Affairs and Intercollegiate Athletics
STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION.....	Tim Mihalick
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS.....	Dr. Steven Shirley President of the University
ADDRESS.....	Kale Smith 2026 Graduate Student Conner Meldrim 2026 Undergraduate Student Dr. Jeff Sather 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. Daniel Ringrose, Interim Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Corey Gorder, Dakota College at Bottineau Dean Assisted by Dr. Kristi Berg and Dr. Sophia Rammell
GRADUATE SCHOOL	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
HONORS PROGRAM	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
BACHELOR OF ARTS	BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS	ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES	DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU
BACHELOR OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES	

“Alma Mater” .....Sung by the MSU Concert Choir  
John Swedberg, Conductor  
Text by Huldah Lucile Winsted  
Composed and 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. Charles Young, 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 #MSUclassof26.

### **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 Gemar Photography. [www.gemarphotography.com](http://www.gemarphotography.com)



# GRADUATE SPEAKER

**KALE SMITH** is a dedicated educator and advocate in the field of deaf education, committed to supporting children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. Originally from Canton, South Dakota, Kale currently resides in Devils Lake, North Dakota, where he serves as a Teacher of the Deaf and Deaf Mentor at the North Dakota School for the Deaf.

Kale's educational journey reflects his strong commitment to teaching and learning. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Dakota State University and a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education from South Dakota State University. Through his academic experiences, Kale developed a passion for inclusive education and the importance of ensuring that all students have access to meaningful language and learning opportunities.

Throughout his graduate studies, Kale has focused on the critical importance of early language access for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. His work emphasizes the role of Deaf mentors and the impact of accessible communication in preventing language deprivation and promoting positive developmental outcomes. He is particularly passionate about supporting families and helping them build strong communication foundations with their children through both American Sign Language and spoken language.

In addition to his professional role, Kale is actively involved in the broader deaf education community. He is a member of Hands & Voices and serves on the North Dakota Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Advisory Board. He also regularly attends national EHDI conferences to collaborate with professionals and stay current with research and best practices in the field.

As a Deaf mentor, Kale values the opportunity to serve as both a language model and a cultural connection for students and families. He is committed to empowering children with the tools they need to succeed academically and socially, while also fostering a strong sense of identity and belonging.

During his downtime, Kale enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time with family and friends. Following graduation, he plans to continue his work in deaf education, advocating for early intervention services and expanding access to Deaf mentorship programs. He remains dedicated to making a lasting impact in the lives of children and families while promoting awareness, accessibility, and inclusion in education.

# UNDERGRADUATE SPEAKER

**CONNER MELDRIM** is originally from Henderson, Nevada, and graduated from Coronado High School. He is graduating from Minot State University with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Exercise Science and Rehabilitation, earning Summa Cum Laude honors.

During his time at Minot State University, Conner has been actively involved in both academics and athletics as a member of the university's baseball team. Through his involvement in collegiate athletics, he has developed a strong work ethic and an appreciation for teamwork and consistency. In recognition of his achievements, he was named Minot State University's Honor Student-Athlete for the 2024-2025 academic year.

In addition to his coursework, Conner has been involved in research within the field of exercise science, contributing to multiple projects. He has presented his work at conferences across the country, including New Orleans, Louisiana; Big Sky, Montana; and Grand Forks, North Dakota. These opportunities allowed him to collaborate with peers and faculty while further developing his passion for medicine. His research was recognized with the Outstanding Student Paper Award at the NASPSPA conference in 2024.

Conner has also gained clinical and service experience through his work as a certified nursing assistant in both the operating room and long-term care settings, as well as through his role as a medical scribe in a North Dakota emergency department. In addition, he has worked as a peer tutor at Minot State University, assisting students in biology and chemistry courses while helping them develop effective study strategies and confidence in their academic abilities.

He has volunteered with hospice care and adaptive sports programs, supporting individuals and families through meaningful and impactful interactions. He was also recognized with the Student Engagement and Leadership Award in 2025, reflecting his involvement and contributions to the community.

In his free time, Conner enjoys traveling, being with friends and family, and spending time outdoors. Following graduation, Conner will be attending medical school in Nevada with current aspirations of becoming an oncologist.

# ALUMNI SPEAKER

**DR. JEFFREY SATHER**, MD, MBA, FACEP, serves as Executive Medical Director and Emergency Physician at Trinity Health, and as the State EMS Medical Director for the North Dakota Department of Health. A dedicated leader in emergency medicine and rural healthcare, Dr. Sather brings more than four decades of experience across clinical care, system leadership and statewide health initiatives.

Dr. Sather began his career in emergency services in 1979, first training as an EMT at the U.S. Air Force Hospital in Minot and later as a paramedic at United Hospital in Grand Forks. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Psychology from Minot State University, a Doctor of Medicine from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He completed his Emergency Medicine residency at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio, and is board-certified in Emergency Medicine. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Since joining Trinity Health in 1992, Dr. Sather has led and contributed to numerous quality and performance improvement initiatives across the health system. His leadership roles have included Chief of Staff for Trinity Health's more than 300 credentialed medical staff members, and he currently serves on the Trinity Health Board of Directors.

In his role as State EMS Medical Director since 2014, Dr. Sather provides medical oversight for the Division of Emergency Medical Systems, including prehospital EMS, statewide cardiac and stroke systems of care and emergency preparedness. He has been instrumental in uniting health systems across North Dakota to develop standardized statewide protocols and coordinated systems for time sensitive emergencies such as cardiac and stroke care.

Dr. Sather has also served on several governing boards, including Quality Health Associates of North Dakota – where he served as Board President – the Midwest Region of the American Heart Association, Great Plains Quality Innovation Network, and Mountain Pacific Quality Health.

Throughout his career, Dr. Sather has remained deeply committed to advancing and strengthening rural healthcare, a passion that continues to guide his leadership and service.

# STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION SPEAKER

**TIM MIHALICK** was appointed to the State Board of Higher Education to fill the remainder of an open term vacated by a previous member. Mihalick was also appointed to a four-year term (2023-2027).

Tim is employed at First Western Bank & Trust as a senior vice president 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 with a major 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

Kylie Faith Abernathy  
Keily Jo Albertson  
Madison Bartlett  
Makenna Rae Beard  
Zoe Bennett  
Hannah Campbell  
Christopher Cebulak  
Rebecca K. Collins  
Dalton LeGrande Davis  
Elizabeth Deckert  
Lane E. Evanson  
Cambry Frantsvog  
Alaina Gochanour  
Brooklyn Hanelt  
Brooklyn Rae Hansen  
Corey Heath  
Annika Henjum  
Mallory Marie Hoogensen  
Tanner L. Hunskor

Lauren Marie Kjos  
Sidney Knutson  
Kenzie Kurtz  
Christina Rose Larsen  
Kiara Kay Larson  
Mason Mitchell Lemer  
Conner Meldrim  
Raivyn Millions  
Emily Mills  
Aynzlee Layne Mosser  
Aubree Mueller  
Madison Marie Mundy  
Bailey Munson  
Abbie Marie Napoles  
Lexie Nelson  
Joshua Daniel Noyes  
Nathaniel Kane Olson  
Colby Opp  
Manuela Pacheco Martínez

Robert W. Patchen Jr.  
Rebecca Jo Peterson  
Connor Edwin Radtke  
Logan Telly Rands  
Emma Grace Rouse  
Nathan John Sagsveen  
Lynzee Brannigan Schepp  
Erin K. Schwalk  
Shannon Marie Score  
Ryen Simons  
Emery Beth Smith  
Addison Sorenson  
Loa Turner  
Cora Vagle  
Sara Van Wickler  
Allyson Webster  
Joshua Will

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Peyton Andes  
Zoe Banack  
Eva Isabelle Bloom  
Kristen Rae Boger  
Baylee Carlson  
Susana Castro  
Maegan D. Chase  
Dominik Degele  
Grace Edwards  
Alexander Jacob Engel  
Dalton Engg  
Muhammad Fahim Farhan  
Riley Finkral  
Stephanie Fischer  
Noah Lucas Fredrickson  
Morgen Fried  
Karma Hamilton  
Jenna Rae Heilman  
Laura Hovland  
Isabella Howard  
Abigail Hrapstead  
Katie Marie Ingold

Camden Jasmin  
Tina Jo Johner  
Aubree Sue Johnson  
Sonya Johnson  
Trevor James Jungman  
Christian James Kadolph  
Cassidy Gabrielle King  
Jacob Kirsch  
Megan Klabo  
Ryan Kostenko  
Paulina Kowalska  
Megan Kramer  
Su In Kwon  
April Lawrence  
MaKaelyn Lorenz  
Dakota McGee  
Hannah Murray  
Kirstin Nelson  
Emerald Okotie  
Calley Mae Olson  
Eden Ingrid Olson  
Frankie Piatz

Nadia Post  
Myah Marie Radtke  
Tanner Jacob Rafteseth  
Isaac Rathbun  
Nicole Reeves  
Marley Rose  
Brady Alexander Schock  
Rachel N. Shonka  
Jorja Short  
Olivia Spengler  
Cassie Stokowski  
Brek Thompson  
Hayley Faith Troy  
Sid Ullyott  
Cherrie Varner  
Tonya Vigil  
Sadie Lynn Weninger  
Jessen West  
Morgan Elizabeth Wheeler  
Abigail Yazzie

## CUM LAUDE

Alexis Aho  
Marcus Deshane Allen  
David Ricardo Alonso Gomez de la Fuente  
Sonja Andersen  
Christina Ann Anderson  
Jaylen Rae Anderson  
Mattison Balas  
Madison Bartlett  
Abigail Bartschi  
Meredith Andrus Bedard  
Mikayla Bell  
Abrianna Joleene Bennett-Boedicker  
Drew Biel  
Quinn Brooklyn Billaney  
Nicelette Marie Blowers  
Matthew L.H. Bosch  
ShayLee Rae Bosch  
Mikaela Brandner  
Maxwell Andrew Bray  
Anna Brown  
Charisse Bustamante  
Chloe Carlson  
Chloe Clark  
Taylor Fay Coonrod  
Joshua Steven Czyn  
Mario Esposito  
Wendy Anne Fick  
Sara Johanna Foreid  
Gillian Mary Forke  
Hailey Paige France  
Taylor Goss  
Cody Grossinger  
Konnor Guthrie  
Ezra Lee Hagerott

Sierra Haren  
McKinlee Harmon  
Madison Hawker  
Megan Hay  
Katie Marie Heidrich  
Hunter Edward Heit  
Reece Henry  
Natalie MaryAnn Holte  
Andreas Horner  
Faith Huus-Petersen  
Misaki Ishiwata  
Morgan L. Johns  
Margaret Mbaire Kamau  
Paige Averi Kellogg  
Rex Keltner  
Austin Nicholas Kilen  
Eric James Krywy  
Kayleigh A. Kulyk  
Brooke Larson  
Charles Harold Lee  
Amy Leith  
Alayna Christine Locken  
Kaylee Anne Lowery  
Karsyn Rose Lucier  
Jaina Macaulay  
Abbigail Rose MacClennan  
Megan McCarthy  
Matayah Rose Metz  
Ethan E. Miller  
Marti Rae Moberg  
Aina Murata  
Olivia Christine Nelson  
Nicole Ness  
Kali Amanda Nett

Nikita Neyshtadt  
Kaile Nodland  
Gage Dahltan Olson  
Cynthia Ouradnik  
Isaac Joseph Patchen  
Caylie Diann Paulson  
Morgan Perrin  
Isaac Raymond Pomarleau  
Kiley Prost  
Mya Jean Reimche-Nelson  
Jada Llyn Reiser  
Amy Elizabeth Rivera  
Tiffany L. Russell  
Maelyn Sophie Sanders  
Katelyn Marie Schumaier  
Morgan Shay  
Karly Ann Skaug  
Jaime Skeggs  
Taylor Rae Smith  
Olivia Spengler  
Aaron Springer  
Tyler Stonebraker  
Kenji Takahashi  
Hailey Briana Nicole Tallmadge  
Monica Rose Taylor  
Mia Anne Thompson  
Peyton Tuhy  
Bailey Upgren  
Carter Vogel  
Marquel Wald  
Michael Matthew Williamson  
Ilah Justine Wolter  
Daniel Thomas Young  
Sharmain Ziegler

## GRADUATE SCHOOL CITATION OF EXCELLENCE

Kale Smith

## MSU LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Dalton Davis  
Cambry Frantsvog  
Mateo Funes  
Peyton Halverson  
Mallory Hoogensen

Jersey Johnson  
Mason Lemer  
Krista Permentier  
Nicole Reeves  
Nathan Sagsveen

Kyle Sandy  
Sierra Schramm  
Megan Swenson  
Emma Taylor  
Sara Van Wickler

# GRADUATE SCHOOL

Dr. Laurie Geller, Director

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## EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREES

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**Anna E. Allen** – Grand Forks, ND  
School Psychology

**Zackary Anderson** – Dunseith, ND  
School Psychology

**Ashley Marie Custis** – Spearfish, SD  
School Psychology

**Torrie Rae DeCoteau** – Belcourt, ND  
School Psychology

**Katie Jeanne Genetzky** – Towner, ND  
School Psychology

**Tammy Lavigne** – Saskatoon, SK  
School Psychology

**Sara Mantell** – Hartney, MB  
School Psychology

**Joseph Mgala Mujule** – Dar es Salaam, Tanzania  
School Psychology

**Meghan Rath** – Bismarck, ND  
School Psychology

**Anna Maria Sjol** – Oslo, MN  
School Psychology

**Adisynn Widdel** – Minot, ND  
School Psychology

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## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

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**Tanya Johnson** – Minot, ND  
Special Education

**Brooke Krapp** – Cleveland, ND  
Special Education

**Laurn Mathias** – Roosevelt, MN  
Special Education

**Melissa Medina-Pegueros** – Hayward, CA  
Special Education

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## MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREES

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**Katherine Andersen** – Velva, ND  
Education

**Brianna L. Balster** – Minot, ND  
Education

**Isaac Bertalotto** – Turlock, CA  
Education

**Lourdes M. Collazo** – Deerfield Beach, FL  
Education

**Kaelie Eggen** – Minot, ND  
Education

**Kelsey Fardella** – Killarney, MB  
Education

**Kristine Horner** – Bismarck, ND  
Education

**Chanel Sue Kettelkamp** – Minot, ND  
Education

**Leandra Kinchen** – Flasher, ND  
Education

**Chauncee Rene Knittel** – Minot, ND  
Education

**Dylan Andrew McDonald** – Lemorre, CA  
Education

**Kiya Neely** – Lake Stevens, WA  
Education

**Meera Ostrom** – Minot, ND  
Education

**Sealy Eve Rovig** – Minot, ND  
Education

**Jordan Lyn Christopher Sanford** – Minot, ND  
Education

**Dinah Seastrand** – Minot, ND  
Education

**Courtney I. Wiesz** – Cathay, ND  
Education

**Madison Zaderaka** – Minot, ND  
Education

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREES

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**Sara Abrahamson** – Minot, ND  
Management

**Sarah Aguilar** – Chandler, AZ  
Management

**Caitlin Ruth Aguinaga** – Jackson, TN  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Kanza Ashraf** – Minot, ND  
Information Systems

**Kacey Atwood** – Winnipeg, MB  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Brendan Barnes** – Kalispell, MT  
Sports Management

**Sareli Beltran** – San Jose, CA  
Disability Human Services

**Ashlyn Jaide Bennett** – Minot, ND  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Byas Bhatta** – Minot, ND  
Information Systems

**Kathleen K. Bogen** – Minot, ND  
Special Education

**Madelynn Sydney Boop** – Lancaster, CA  
Sports Management

**Brian W. Brockhoff** – Diamondhead, MS  
Management

**Grace Pauline Candrian** – Minot, ND  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Adrienne Carlson** – Prince Albert, SK  
Special Education

**Karsyn Jeannine Georgina Chamney** – Calgary, AB  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Margaret Crosby** – Felton, DE  
Special Education

**Gabrielle Dawyduk** – Winnipeg, MB  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Shelby Lynn Enciso** – Lewistown, MT  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Easton Erbes** – Breckenridge, MN  
Sports Management

**Madison Elizabeth Fraunfelter** – Powers Lake, ND  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Emily Catherine Gay** – Prince Albert, SK  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Chase Gedak** – Estevan, SK  
Management

**Collette Gehring** – Garrison, ND  
Special Education

**Jessica Groen** – Minot, ND  
Management

**Debra Ann Haman** – Minot, ND  
Management

**Jennifer Hammond** – Dauphin, MB  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Erica Hermanson** – Minot, ND  
Speech Language Pathology

**Iris Jessen** – Minot, ND  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Sydney Joy Johnstone** – Miles City, MT  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Sophia Juell** – Grande Prairie, AB  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Max Karnik** – Fargo, ND  
Management

**Kennedy Taylor Koshman** – Yorkton, SK  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Macee Lynn Kuntz** – Minot, ND  
Special Education

**Susannah Michele-Rudd Leal** – Livermore, CA  
Speech Language-Pathology

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

**Jaiden Lehmann** – Minot, ND  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Yichun Lin** – Minot, ND  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Abygayle Lohse** – Ham Lake, MN  
Management

**Alecka Madden** – Billings, MT  
Special Education

**Erin Murphy** – Las Vegas, NV  
Information Systems

**Mindy Sue Nehring** – Rugby, ND  
Special Education

**Sierra Rivers Nordloef** – Kenmare, ND  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Jonathan Francisco Noriega** – Yuma, AZ  
Management

**Chaykota Christiny Osksa** – Hinsdale, MT  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Erik Alexander Palmquist** – Yuba City, CA  
Sports Management

**Isabella Racquel Penner** – Blumenort, MB  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Charlotte Renee Pietrzak** – Spokane, WA  
Management

**Reena Ramesh** – Coonoor, Tamil Nadu, India  
Special Education

**Thalia Rattai** – Sunnyside, MB  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Morgan Meredith Marion Rennie** – St. Andrews, MB  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Kaitlynn Scherr** – Langdon, ND  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Geraldine Schmid** – Bismarck, ND  
Special Education

**Brianna Marie Schneider** – Saskatoon, SK  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Sara Elizabeth Soule** – Corning, NY  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Kale Smith** – Devils Lake, ND  
Special Education

**Jacob Sobolik** – Moorhead, MN  
Sports Management

**Amanda Stahl** – Watford City, ND  
Special Education

**Hadiza Tahir Adamu** – Kano, Nigeria  
Information Systems

**Ryan Tittle** – Ladson, SC  
Information Systems

**Brittany Valdez** – Minot, ND  
Special Education

**Brooke Kate-Lynn Wigmore** – Edmonton, AB  
Special Education

**Lauryn Hope Wilkinghoff** – Medicine Hat, AB  
Speech Language-Pathology

**Jacorrnyn Houston Wyatt** – Birmingham, AL  
Information Systems

# HONORS PROGRAM

Jessica Smestad, Director

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## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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**Kyler Meigs** – Minot, ND  
Bachelor of Arts - Art

•• **Emerald Okotie** – Minot, ND  
Bachelor of Social Work - Social Work

# 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

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## BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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- **Rebecca K. Collins** – Murfreesboro, TN  
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
- **Annika Henjum** – Minot, ND  
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
- **Nicole Ness** – Minot, ND  
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies

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## BACHELOR OF ARTS

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- Kathleen Claire F. Alvarez** – Kauai, HI  
Psychology
- **Sonja Andersen** – Minot, ND  
Professional Communication
- Sebastian Eno Ayala** – Fort Collins, CO  
Chemistry
- Shelby Anne Berry** – Federal Way, WA  
Psychology
- Madison E. Blair** – Minot, ND  
Theatre Arts
- Matthew L.H. Bosch** – Minot, ND  
Professional Communication
- Ericka J. Braaten** – Mandan, ND  
Psychology
- **Chloe Carlson** – Minot, ND  
Biology
- Aliou Alexander Conteh Jr.** – Somerset, NJ  
Professional Communication
- Caitlyn Jade Davis** – Mohall, ND  
Psychology
- **Dalton LeGrande Davis** – Belle Fourche, SD  
Professional Communication

- Logan Marvin Dean** – Minot, ND  
Professional Communication
- Deborah A. Doyle** – Minot, ND  
Psychology
- Grace Edwards** – Powers Lake, ND  
Psychology
- Alexander Jacob Engel** – Minot, ND  
Psychology
- Kierra Fournier** – Langford, BC  
History
- **Noah Lucas Fredrickson** – Powers Lake, ND  
Professional Communication
- Baden Robert Gilkerson** – Bismarck, ND  
History
- Tayton Hjelmstad** – Towner, ND  
Professional Communication
- Laura Hovland** – Linton, ND  
History
- Camden Jasmin** – Williston, ND  
Mathematics
- **Trevor James Jungman** – Escondido, CA  
Sociology
- Mallory Klein** – Minot, ND  
Sociology
- Munira Tabassum Labiba** – Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Biology
- Anna LaCount** – Kaukauna, WI  
Psychology
- Evan Lee Lovett** – Tucson, AZ  
Art
- Hanna Mackeprang** – Mesa, AZ  
Chemistry
- Matayah Rose Metz** – Medicine Hat, AB  
Psychology

- Ethan E. Miller** – Minot, ND  
Biology
- **Madison Marie Mundy** – Minot, ND  
Psychology
  - **Bailey Munson** – Thompson, ND  
Psychology
  - **Aina Murata** – Japan  
Professional Communication
  - **Kirstin Nelson** – Minot, ND  
Biology
  - **Kali Amanda Nett** – Foxholm, ND  
Psychology
  - **Isaac Joseph Patchen** – Minot, ND  
Sociology
  - **Caylie Diann Paulson** – Paden, OK  
Biology
  - **Morgan Perrin** – Minot, ND  
Biology
  - **Shay Piesik** – Minot, ND  
Art
  - **Arianna Ismel Polonio Polanco** – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
Professional Communication
  - **Aubrey Rose Porter** – Minot, ND  
Biology
  - **Gabby Reinhardt** – Minot, ND  
Art
  - **Jada Llyn Reiser** – Gackle, ND  
Biology
  - **Tania Roerick** – Minot, ND  
Psychology
  - **Haley Jo Seiffert Rosinski** – Minot, ND  
Psychology
  - **Ryen Simons** – Minot, ND  
Psychology
  - **Caitilyn Elizabeth Smith** – Lake City, FL  
Biology
  - **Taylor Rae Smith** – Elko New Market, MN  
Psychology
  - **Addison Sorenson** – Minot, ND  
Psychology
  - **Peyton Stewart** – Redvers, SK  
Geology
  - **Mia Anne Thompson** – West Point, UT  
Professional Communication
  - **Loa Turner** – Portage la Prairie, MB  
Psychology
  - **Ryan Van Nostran** – Burlington, ND  
History
  - **Sara Van Wickler** – Scottsdale, AZ  
Psychology
  - **Payton Andrew Wayman** – Kingman, AZ  
Biology

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## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

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- **Eva Isabelle Bloom** – Minot, ND  
Art
- **Misaki Ishiwata** – Minot, ND  
Art

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## BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

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- **Madison Arnold** – Willows, CA  
General Studies
- **Andreas Horner** – Minot, ND  
General Studies
- **Jersey Nadine Johnson** – Minot, ND  
General Studies
- **Ryan P. Kraus** – Minot, ND  
General Studies
- **Kari Leigh Larson** – Minot, ND  
General Studies
- **Madison Miller** – Saskatoon, SK  
General Studies
- **Devon Olson** – Minot, ND  
General Studies
- **Oscar Pegg** – Minot, ND  
General Studies
- **Myah Marie Radtke** – Westhope, ND  
General Studies
- **Cody Garrett Raetzman** – Tucson, AZ  
General Studies
- **Todd Charles Richardson** – Minot, ND  
General Studies
- **Sophia Lynette Rivas Mejias** – Caracas, Venezuela  
General Studies
- **Patricetiss Kimberly Scaggs** – Minot, ND  
General Studies
- **Beau Bryant Shields** – Minot, ND  
General Studies
- **Shalyn Stenvold** – Minot, ND  
General Studies
- **Hailey Briana Nicole Tallmadge** – Polson, MT  
General Studies
- **Cherrie Varner** – Fargo, ND  
General Studies
- **Janelle Irene Warren** – Minot, ND  
General Studies
- **Laron Preston White** – Palmdale, CA  
General Studies
- **Shelbie Cheyenne Woodard** – Coeur d'Alene, ID  
General Studies

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## BACHELOR OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

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- **Rex Keltner** – Beulah, ND  
Individualized Studies
- **Mellie Wilson** – Minot, ND  
Individualized Studies

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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- **Kylie Faith Abernathy** – Lansford, ND  
Management  
Marketing
- **Rand Abuhusseini** – Minot, ND  
Criminal Justice
- **Dijwar Ahmed** – Minot, ND  
Management  
Marketing
- **Keily Jo Albertson** – St. John, ND  
Management
- **Marcus Deshane Allen** – Houston, TX  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Scott Allen** – Jacksonville, FL  
Finance
- **David Ricardo Alonso Gomez de la Fuente** –  
Minot, ND  
Data Science
- **Crystal Alvarado** – Minot, ND  
Geology
- **Nichole Marie Amundson** – Dickinson, ND  
Addiction Studies
- **CaVanna L. Andel** – Glenburn, ND  
Management
- **Jaylen Rae Anderson** – Leeds, ND  
Radiologic Technology
- **Peyton Andes** – Minot, ND  
Management  
Marketing  
International Business
- **Ethan Kirby Arnegard** – Arnegard, ND  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Mattison Balas** – Minot, ND  
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- **Zoe Banack** – Minot, ND  
Accounting
- **Meredith Andrus Bedard** – Dickinson, ND  
Criminal Justice
- **Johnny Bellino** – Gilbert, AZ  
Management
- **Jessica Belohlavek** – Mandan, ND  
Human Services: Intellectual and Developmental  
Disabilities
- **Daniels Bendiks** – Riga, Latvia  
Finance  
Accounting
- **Makayla N. Berg** – Minot, ND  
Accounting
- **Justyce Bopppe** – Belcourt, ND  
Management
- **Brady Braasch** – Minot, ND  
Radiologic Technology
- **Dustin Braaten** – Mandan, ND  
Addiction Studies
- **Tristan Brown** – Minot, ND  
Management  
Marketing
- **Jay Gordon Buchholz** – Fargo, ND  
Management  
Marketing
- **Charisse Bustamante** – Minot, ND  
Computer Science
- **Kade Butz** – Minot, ND  
Finance
- **Hannah Campbell** – Swan River, MB  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- **Maegan D. Chase** – New Town, ND  
Addiction Studies
- **Anthony Jennings Chatwood** – Innisfail, AB  
Finance
- **Taylor Fay Coonrod** – Minot, ND  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Nolan Duffy Craddock** – Reno, NV  
Management
- **Luke Michael Curren** – Stanley, ND  
Marketing  
Entrepreneurship
- **Joshua Steven Czyz** – Reno, NV  
Management
- **Anthony Michael Daley** – Choteau, MT  
Management
- **Rilee Davidson** – Macoun, SK  
Radiologic Technology
- **Dominik Degele** – Minot, ND  
Cybersecurity and Operations
- **Addisen Y. Dennis** – Minot, ND  
Marketing
- **Zoe Desloges** – Barrie, ON  
Accounting
- **Anthony DiSantis** – Minot, ND  
Criminal Justice
- **Logan Dosko** – Kenai, AK  
Marketing
- **Alexis Duran Arias** – Towner, ND  
Finance
- **Dalton Engg** – Surrey, ND  
Accounting  
Finance

- Tim Engh** – Minot, ND  
Computer Science
- Isabella Espe** – Minot, ND  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- **Mario Esposito** – Torre del greco, Italy  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
  - **Lane E. Evanson** – Carpio, ND  
Computer Science
  - **Muhammad Fahim Farhan** – Minot, ND  
Data Science
  - Kale Farrington** – Amarillo, TX  
Data Science
  - **Gillian Mary Forke** – Saskatoon, SK  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
  - **Hailey Paige France** – Kenmare, ND  
Radiologic Technology
  - Mateo Segundo Funes** – Vigo, Spain  
Entrepreneurship  
International Business
  - Atlyn Pyke Ganje** – Anchorage, AK  
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
  - Hunter Ganske** – Killarney, Ireland  
Radiologic Technology
  - Alessa Ganzemiller** – Bismarck, ND  
Addiction Studies
  - Dylan Gichaba** – Minot, ND  
Management  
Marketing
  - Landon Gorze** – Minot, ND  
Management  
Marketing
  - **Taylor Goss** – Pekin, IL  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
  - Brandon A. Grant** – Brunswick, ME  
Management
  - Payton Grant** – Minot, ND  
Management  
Marketing
  - **Cody Grossinger** – Buffalo, MN  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
  - Alexander Gudmestad** – Medina, ND  
Criminal Justice
  - Shaylyn M. Gunsch** – Beulah, ND  
Computer Information System
  - Katie Gush** – Minot, ND  
Management
  - Brinley Shae Gutbrod** – Minot, ND  
Human Services: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
  - **Konnor Guthrie** – Minot, ND  
Management
  - **Ezra Lee Hagerott** – Minot, ND  
Accounting  
Finance
  - Brittany Hamilton** – Minot, ND  
Human Services: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
  - **Karma Hamilton** – Dawson Creek, BC  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
  - **Brooklyn Hanelt** – Medicine Hat, AB  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
  - **Sierra Haren** – Chandler, AZ  
Radiologic Technology
  - Kiana D. Sumayah Harry** – Minot, ND  
Human Services: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
  - Syed Muhammad Anas Hassan** – Minot, ND  
Accounting
  - Robyn Joy Hausauer** – Bismarck, ND  
Criminal Justice
  - **Corey Heath** – Minot, ND  
Computer Science
  - **Jenna Rae Heilman** – Bottineau, ND  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
  - **Hunter Edward Heit** – Minot, ND  
Multimedia Communications
  - Zachary Hendrickson** – Minot, ND  
Finance  
Management
  - Connor Jordan Hill** – Goodyear, AZ  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
  - Alex Hofeldt** – Colome, SD  
Medical Laboratory Science
  - **Natalie MaryAnn Holte** – Shakopee, MN  
Criminal Justice
  - Carson Hood Jr.** – New Town, ND  
Management  
Marketing
  - **Isabella Howard** – Minot, ND  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
  - Ty Howe** – Wyoming, MI  
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
  - **Abigail Hrapstead** – Swan River, MB  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
  - **Tanner L. Hunskor** – Minot, ND  
Finance  
Accounting
  - Anil Kumar Kanuru** – Minot, ND  
Computer Science
  - **Paige Averi Kellogg** – Las Vegas, NV  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
  - Cutter Zayne Dale Kent** – Minot, ND  
Criminal Justice
  - **Austin Nicholas Kilen** – Fargo, ND  
Criminal Justice
  - Andrew Kim** – Las Vegas, NV  
Management

- **Jacob Kirsch** – Dickinson, ND  
Accounting
- Daylon Matthew Koehn** – Minot, ND  
Criminal Justice
- Trent Justin Korb-Boedicker** – Max, ND  
Management
- Narek J. Koshkakaryan** – Glenburn, ND  
Addiction Studies
- **Ryan Kostenko** – Minot, ND  
Accounting
- **Paulina Kowalska** – Wroclaw, Poland  
Management  
Marketing
- Summer Krebsbach** – Max, ND  
Criminal Justice
- Brandy Lee LaFountain** – Minot, ND  
Addiction Studies
- Hannah Landry** – Minot, ND  
Data Science
- **Kiara Kay Larson** – Rugby, ND  
Accounting  
Finance
- John Lee** – Center, ND  
Criminal Justice
- Madison Cameron Lehner** – Minot, ND  
Criminal Justice
- **Amy Leith** – Rosetown, SK  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- **Mason Mitchell Lemer** – Drake, ND  
Professional Chemistry
- Connie J. Lewis** – Minot, ND  
Addiction Studies
- **Jaina Macaulay** – Clarkston, MI  
Criminal Justice
- **Abbigail Rose MacClennan** – Burlington, ND  
Finance
- Matthew Mackey** – Minot, ND  
Management
- Briley Kay Marsh** – Velva, ND  
Finance
- Weston Martell** – Rolla, ND  
Finance
- Kathryn Mayer** – Minot, ND  
Marketing  
Management
- **Dakota McGee** – El Dorado, AR  
Criminal Justice
- **Conner Meldrim** – Henderson, NV  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Emily Mills** – Perkinston, MS  
Management
- **Marti Rae Moberg** – Rolla, ND  
Management
- Sophie Montonye** – Minot, ND  
Early Childhood Education
- Jackie Rae Moran** – Minot, ND  
Early Childhood Education
- **Aynzlee Layne Mosser** – Minot, ND  
Management  
Marketing
- **Aubree Mueller** – Minot, ND  
Criminal Justice
- **Hannah Murray** – Red Deer, AB  
Professional Chemistry
- Zeth Anthony Nastal** – Mesa, AZ  
Marketing  
Management
- Michael Anthony Nehilla** – Minot, ND  
Management
- Lorelei Nelson** – Glenburn, ND  
Management
- **Nikita Neyshtadt** – Richmond Hill, ON  
Geology
- Maddalena Novielli** – Minot, ND  
Criminal Justice
- **Joshua Daniel Noyes** – Minot, ND  
Criminal Justice
- Joshua Ogle** – Minot, ND  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Calley Mae Olson** – Bloomer, WI  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Eden Ingrid Olson** – Minot, ND  
Accounting
- **Gage Dahltan Olson** – Minot, ND  
Finance
- **Nathaniel Kane Olson** – Souris, ND  
Finance
- Olivia Kathryn Opheim** – Minot, ND  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- Edelin M. Ortega Perea** – Albuquerque, NM  
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- Jon Oster** – Minot, ND  
Medical Laboratory Science
- **Manuela Pacheco Martínez** – Bogota, Colombia  
Multimedia Communications
- Stephan Sky Packineau** – Bismarck, ND  
Criminal Justice
- Coby Pasklivich** – Gillette, WY  
Criminal Justice
- **Robert W. Patchen Jr.** – Burlington, ND  
Management
- Kayla Patterson** – Stanley, ND  
Criminal Justice
- Joshua Thomas Pinello** – Castle Rock, CO  
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- Mallory Dawn Podoll** – Minot, ND  
Communication Sciences and Disorders

- **Isaac Raymond Pomarleau** – Bottineau, ND  
Accounting
- **Sydney Popinga** – Minot, ND  
Marketing  
Management
- **Justin Proffitt** – Las Vegas, NV  
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- **Kiley Prost** – Radville, SK  
Criminal Justice
- **Connor Edwin Radtke** – Bottineau, ND  
Finance
- **Tanner Jacob Rafteseth** – Minot, ND  
Computer Science
- **Logan Telly Rands** – Portage la Prairie, MB  
Finance
- **Isaac Rathbun** – Minot, ND  
Computer Science
- **Garrett Reid** – Poplar, MT  
Management
- **Bryson Reif** – Yuba City, CA  
Management
- **Micaela Resler** – Minot, ND  
Criminal Justice
- **Kristin Rink** – Melita, MB  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Amy Elizabeth Rivera** – Tehachapi, CA  
Marketing  
Management
- **Marley Rose** – Medicine Hat, AB  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- **Ariel Sánchez Aguilera** – Guayaquil, Ecuador  
International Business  
Marketing  
Management
- **Maelyn Sophie Sanders** – Tioga, ND  
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- **Nina Felice Sandoval** – Minot, ND  
Medical Laboratory Science
- **Noah Schmidt** – Minot, ND  
Entrepreneurship
- **Brady Alexander Schock** – Towner, ND  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Erin K. Schwalk** – Turtle Lake, ND  
Management
- **Jacob A. Scoggins** – Oklahoma City, OK  
Management  
Marketing
- **Jenna Shatara** – Valrico, FL  
Accounting
- **Rachel N. Shonka** – Schuyler, NE  
Radiologic Technology
- **Emery Beth Smith** – North Salt Lake, UT  
Radiologic Technology
- **Skylar Smith** – Hilton Head Island, SC  
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- **Weston Snyder** – Minot, ND  
Management
- **Cameron Spade** – Senoia, GA  
Management
- **Olivia Spengler** – Minot, ND  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- **Christina C. Spletto** – Minot, ND  
Management
- **Aaron Springer** – Stevensville, MT  
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- **Justin R. Stevenson** – Minot, ND  
Data Science
- **Cassie Stokowski** – Minot, ND  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Tyler Stonebraker** – Minot, ND  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Jesse E. Stovern** – Minot, ND  
Management  
Entrepreneurship
- **Linnea Evelina Svenzén** – Kalmar, Sweden  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Kenji Takahashi** – Tokyo, Japan  
Data Science
- **Cole Jason Talley** – Monroe, UT  
Criminal Justice
- **Brek Thompson** – Minot, ND  
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- **Kaitlyn Thompson** – Minot, ND  
Data Science
- **Hayden Q. Tinker** – Minot, ND  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Peyton Tuhy** – Hettinger, ND  
Marketing  
Management
- **Akwaowo Udokop** – Nigeria  
Computer Science
- **Sid Ullyott** – Langdon, ND  
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Joe Reuben Varoz** – Norwalk, CA  
Finance
- **Georget Villamanca** – Minot, ND  
Management
- **Carter Vogel** – Minot, ND  
Management  
Marketing
- **Kasper Haisch Walters** – Ray, ND  
Geology
- **Allyson Webster** – Stanley, ND  
Accounting
- **Sadie Lynn Weninger** – Velva, ND  
Multimedia Communications
- **Joshua Will** – Minot, ND  
Accounting

- **Michael Matthew Williamson** – Minot, ND  
Management
- Niah Lyndee Wollenzien** – Towner, ND  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Ethan Wonsler** – Minot, ND  
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- **Abigail Yazzie** – Dickinson, ND  
Data Science
- Hunter Zacher** – Minot, ND  
Accounting

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

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- Cheyenne Sonora Acor** – Blackfoot, ID  
Special Education
- Alyssa Appelt** – Minot, ND  
Special Education
- **Mattison Balas** – Minot, ND  
Health and Physical Education
- **Makenna Rae Beard** – Boissevain, MB  
Health and Physical Education
- Jocelyn Bexell** – Minot, ND  
Art Education
- **Drew Biel** – Dickinson, ND  
Special Education
- **Quinn Brooklyn Billaney** – Boissevain, MB  
Elementary Education
- **Eva Isabelle Bloom** – Minot, ND  
Art Education
- **Kristen Rae Boger** – Kenmare, ND  
Special Education
- **Maxwell Andrew Bray** – Mesa, AZ  
Elementary Education
- **Anna Brown** – Minot, ND  
Special Education
- Kristy Kay Campbell** – Minot, ND  
Special Education
- **Susana Castro** – Tioga, ND  
Special Education
- Michael James Day** – Belcourt, ND  
Special Education
- Michael Epperson** – Minot, ND  
Social Science Education
- Kasey Marie Eversvik** – Carrington, ND  
Special Education
- **Sara Johanna Foreid** – Burlington, ND  
Early Childhood Education
- **Alaina Gochanour** – Minot, ND  
Elementary Education
- Grace Lee Gorder** – Minot, ND  
Elementary Education
- **Brooklyn Rae Hansen** – Minot, ND  
Elementary Education  
Special Education

- Fredrick David Donald Harig** – Underwood, MN  
English Education
- LaVone Harnisch** – Richardton, ND  
Special Education
- Benita Louise Hassell** – Warba, MN  
Special Education
- **Katie Marie Heidrich** – Strasburg, ND  
Special Education
- **Reece Henry** – Regina, SK  
Health and Physical Education
- Camille Hodgins** – Devils Lake, ND  
Special Education
- **Mallory Marie Hoogensen** – Ankeny, IA  
Health and Physical Education
- **Katie Marie Ingold** – Minot, ND  
Elementary Education
- Trinity Jesz** – Mohall, ND  
Special Education
- **Aubree Sue Johnson** – Fairview, MT  
Elementary Education
- **Sonya Johnson** – Minot, ND  
Special Education
- **Christian James Kadolph** – Baxter, MN  
Health and Physical Education
- Ashley Marie Keith** – Fulton, MS  
Special Education
- **Lauren Marie Kjos** – Fairview, MT  
Special Education  
Early Childhood Education
- **Megan Klabo** – Minot, ND  
Special Education
- Shania Klug** – Minot, ND  
Elementary Education
- **Megan Kramer** – Minot, ND  
Music Education
- **Eric James Krywy** – Minot, ND  
Health and Physical Education
- **Kenzie Kurtz** – Berthold, ND  
Elementary Education
- Shonn Davis LaFloe** – Belcourt, ND  
Special Education
- **Christina Rose Larsen** – Surrey, ND  
Elementary Education  
Music
- **Charles Harold Lee** – Minot, ND  
Art Education
- **Kaylee Anne Lowery** – Langdon, ND  
Elementary Education
- Asher Grey Lutz** – Minot, ND  
Early Childhood Education
- Lehmonique Magee** – New Orleans, LA  
Early Childhood Education
- Zachary Malpica** – Fort Myers, FL  
Health and Physical Education
- Samantha Mendoza** – San Diego, CA  
Elementary Education

- Melinda S. Neff** – Minot, ND  
Special Education
- **Lexie Nelson** – Carman, MB  
Composite Science Education
- **Kaile Nodland** – Halliday, ND  
Special Education
- **Colby Opp** – Minot, ND  
Composite Science Education
- Madelyn Oster** – Ray, ND  
English Education
- **Cynthia Ouradnik** – Minot, ND  
Special Education
- Ethan Pedersen** – Minot, ND  
Music Education
- **Rebecca Jo Peterson** – Center, ND  
Early Childhood Education
- Gabriel Dewayne Thomas Plummer** –  
Sacramento, CA  
History Education
- **Nicole Reeves** – Anaheim, CA  
Special Education
- **Emma Grace Rouse** – Minot, ND  
Mathematics Education
- **Tiffany L. Russell** – Kissimmee, FL  
Special Education
- **Nathan John Sagsveen** – Bismarck, ND  
Music Education
- Kara Ann Schaefer** – Dickinson, ND  
Special Education
- Cameron Schmidt** – Bismarck, ND  
Elementary Education
- **Katelyn Marie Schumaier** – Berthold, ND  
Special Education
- **Shannon Marie Score** – Wyndmere, ND  
Special Education
- Emily Sarah Shiers** – Moose Jaw, SK  
Special Education
- **Jorja Short** – Dunseith, ND  
Elementary Education
- Melissa Sikes** – Williston, ND  
Elementary Education
- Keiley Ann Slorby** – Carrington, ND  
Art Education
- Charlie Slotsve** – Minot, ND  
Health and Physical Education
- Catherine Thomas** – Minot, ND  
Elementary Education
- Kaitlyn E. Thorson** – Minot, ND  
Elementary Education
- Brittany Tran** – Watford City, ND  
Special Education
- **Hayley Faith Troy** – Minot, ND  
Special Education
- **Bailey Uppgren** – Bismarck, ND  
Early Childhood Education

- **Cora Vagle** – Lancaster, MN  
Elementary Education
- Valeria M. Vegerano** – Bismarck, ND  
Elementary Education
- **Tonya Vigil** – Alexander, ND  
Special Education
- Braeden Volk** – Sherwood, ND  
Business Education
- Sherrisse Tamara Webber** – Ballards Valley,  
Junction, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica  
Elementary Education
- **Jessen West** – Billings, MT  
Health and Physical Education
- **Morgan Elizabeth Wheeler** – Minot, ND  
Health and Physical Education
- **Ilah Justine Wolter** – Fortuna, ND  
Special Education
- **Daniel Thomas Young** – Hazen, ND  
History Education
- **Sharmain Ziegler** – Mandan, ND  
Special Education

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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- Dana Abdulhafedh** – Moorhead, MN  
Nursing
- Audrey Anderson** – Phoenix, AZ  
Nursing
- **Christina Ann Anderson** – Clovis, CA  
Nursing
- Madeline Baarstad** – Burlington, ND  
Nursing
- Samantha Babcock** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Abigail Bartschi** – Island Park, ID  
Nursing
- Harys Beauchamp** – Beulah, ND  
Nursing
- Maicie Quinn Bentley** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- Tia Pearl Blanchard** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **ShayLee Rae Bosch** – Linton, ND  
Nursing
- Kayla Brown** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Baylee Carlson** – Bismarck, ND  
Nursing
- Christina Alexandria Carlton** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- Leslie Ann Castellano Gonzalez** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Christopher Cebulak** – Minot, ND  
Nursing

- Catherine H. Clark** – Brigham City, UT  
Nursing
- **Chloe Clark** – Great Falls, MT  
Nursing
  - **Jennifer Davison** – Voltaire, ND  
Nursing
  - **Elizabeth Deckert** – Devils Lake, ND  
Nursing
  - **Cindy Deegan** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Mariah Jewel Evenson** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Wendy Anne Fick** – Fargo, ND  
Nursing
  - **Riley Finkral** – Breckenridge, MN  
Nursing
  - **McKenzie Forman** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Aisha R. Foster** – Greenville, MI  
Nursing
  - **Cambry Frantsvog** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Delaney Fried** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Morgen Fried** – Ennis, MT  
Nursing
  - **Jazmin Gorder** – Poplar, MT  
Nursing
  - **Meridith Lea Graham** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Day McCauley Grogan** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Lindsey Aaron Grover** – Dunseith, ND  
Nursing
  - **Jacie Cambria Hall** – Bismarck, ND  
Nursing
  - **McKinlee Harmon** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Bayley Raine Harden** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Grace Haskins** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Charisse Hawley** – Sanford, MI  
Nursing
  - **Madison Hayes** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Abigail Ann Hodnefield** – Williston, ND  
Nursing
  - **Abigail Houskeeper** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Megan Jacobson** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Eva Johnson** – Saint Paul, MN  
Nursing
  - **Victoria Jundt** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Cassidy Gabrielle King** – Chico, CA  
Nursing
  - **Brooklyn Kruppi** – Rocanville, SK  
Nursing
  - **Kayleigh A. Kulyk** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Su In Kwon** – South Korea  
Nursing
  - **Jason Laderas** – Orange County, CA  
Nursing
  - **Lauryn K. Larson** – Grand Forks, ND  
Nursing
  - **April Lawrence** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Laura Elizabeth Levine** – Bell Buckle, TN  
Nursing
  - **Brita Lindhag** – Fargo, ND  
Nursing
  - **Alayna Christine Locken** – Bismarck, ND  
Nursing
  - **Edna Louidor-Rejouis** – Immokalee, FL  
Nursing
  - **Keyana M. Magee** – New Orleans, LA  
Nursing
  - **Stacy Lyn Marschke** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Margaret Mbaire** – Kamau Nairobi, Kenya  
Nursing
  - **Megan McCarthy** – Bottineau, ND  
Nursing
  - **Erin McIntyre** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Jayden Jean Miller** – Carson, ND  
Nursing
  - **Raivyn Millions** – Estevan, SK  
Nursing
  - **Shelby Anita Moe** – Oakes, ND  
Nursing
  - **Abbie Marie Napoles** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Olivia Christine Nelson** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Rebecca Mugisha Nina** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Mykenzie Orrock** – Devils Lake, ND  
Nursing
  - **Carleigh Iris Pedersen** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Theofranzel Gallo Pinlac** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Nadia Post** – Glenburn, ND  
Nursing

- Fredice O. Quenum Zangbede** – Fargo, ND  
Nursing
- **Mya Jean Reimche-Nelson** – Carrington, ND  
Nursing
  - **Cassandra Remboldt** – Fargo, ND  
Nursing
  - **Evan Joseph Renzy** – Temecula, CA  
Nursing
  - **Katie Reyes Perez** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Shelby Ruden** – Des Lacs, ND  
Nursing
  - **Lynzee Brannigan Schepp** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Alyssa Nichole Seymour Grandstaff** – Wiggins, MS  
Nursing
  - **Amanda Skaar** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Karly Ann Skaug** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Jaime Skeggs** – Falcon, Western Australia  
Nursing
  - **Kinley Soine** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Ariana Steller-Pulliam** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Tiffany A. Straub** – Grand Forks, ND  
Nursing
  - **Tera Marie Sturre** – Lincoln, ND  
Nursing
  - **Monica Rose Taylor** – Russell, KY  
Nursing
  - **Emma Tofte** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Micah Walter** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
  - **Maigan Wilmes** – Bismarck, ND  
Nursing
  - **Sarah Wood** – Clearlake, CA  
Nursing
- **Zoe Bennett** – Jamestown, ND  
Social Work
  - **Nicelette Marie Blowers** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
  - **Mahawa K. Boyce** – Phebe, Liberia  
Social Work
  - **Mikaela Brandner** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
  - **Josephine Braun** – Tuttle, ND  
Social Work
  - **Dorcus B. Bunnah** – Minot, ND  
Social Work
  - **Haylie Pearl Conradsen** – Savage, MT  
Social Work
  - **Allegra Lynn Charmaine-Rose Eddy** – Calgary, AB  
Social Work
  - **Stephanie Fischer** – Valley City, ND  
Social Work
  - **Zandria Goldsack** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
  - **McKayden Rai Hanks** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
  - **Madison Hawker** – Mankato, MN  
Social Work
  - **Megan Hay** – Crosby, ND  
Social Work
  - **Christi Hanul Jo** – Huntsville, AL  
Social Work
  - **Faith Huus-Petersen** – Valley City, ND  
Social Work
  - **Tina Jo Johner** – Mandan, ND  
Social Work
  - **Morgan L. Johns** – Surrey, ND  
Social Work
  - **Brooke Larson** – Velva, ND  
Social Work
  - **MaKaelyn Lorenz** – Valley City, ND  
Social Work
  - **Karsyn Rose Lucier** – Minot, ND  
Social Work
  - **Blake Niemeyer** – St. Stephen, MN  
Social Work
  - **Frankie Piatz** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
  - **Lakkin Ryum** – Minot, ND  
Social Work
  - **Morgan Shay** – Minot, ND  
Social Work
  - **Shantel Rose Slater** – Belcourt, ND  
Social Work
  - **Breanna Steen** – Hastings, MN  
Social Work
  - **Marquel Wald** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work

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## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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- **Alexis Aho** – Frazee, MN  
Social Work
- **Madison Bartlett** – Minot, ND  
Social Work
- **Sierra May Becker** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
- **Mikayla Bell** – Hastings, MN  
Social Work
- **Abrianna Joleene Bennett-Boedicker** – Max, ND  
Social Work

# ASSOCIATE 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

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## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

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**Anastasia Belknap** – Clay, WV  
University Studies

**Joseph Calvin Dixon** – Monument, CO  
University Studies

**Benjamin Holte** – Minot, ND  
University Studies

••• **Sidney Knutson** – Sherwood, ND  
University Studies

**Henry Myles Langhans** – Minot, ND  
University Studies

**Ian Snodgrass** – Minot, ND  
University Studies

**Karleen Erica Troska** – Hutchinson, MN  
University Studies

# DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU

Corey Gorder, Campus Dean

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## ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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**Chelsea Leigh Anderson** – Minot, ND  
Information Technology

**Thera Colleaux** – Minot, ND  
Small Business Management

**Emma Angela Johnson** – Minot, ND  
Diagnostic Medical Sonography

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## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

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**Alexis Hendrix** – Minot, ND  
Liberal Arts

**Ayla Rae LaRocque** – Minot, ND  
Liberal Arts - Psychology

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## ASTEP COLLEGE TO CAREER CERTIFICATES

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**Avery Lynn Iversen** – Sidney, MT  
ASTEP Certificate

**Ashley Janssen** – Minot, ND  
ASTEP Certificate

**Mercedes Marie Wolff** – Bismarck, 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 225 students from over 38 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 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:** 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:

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.

# COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

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