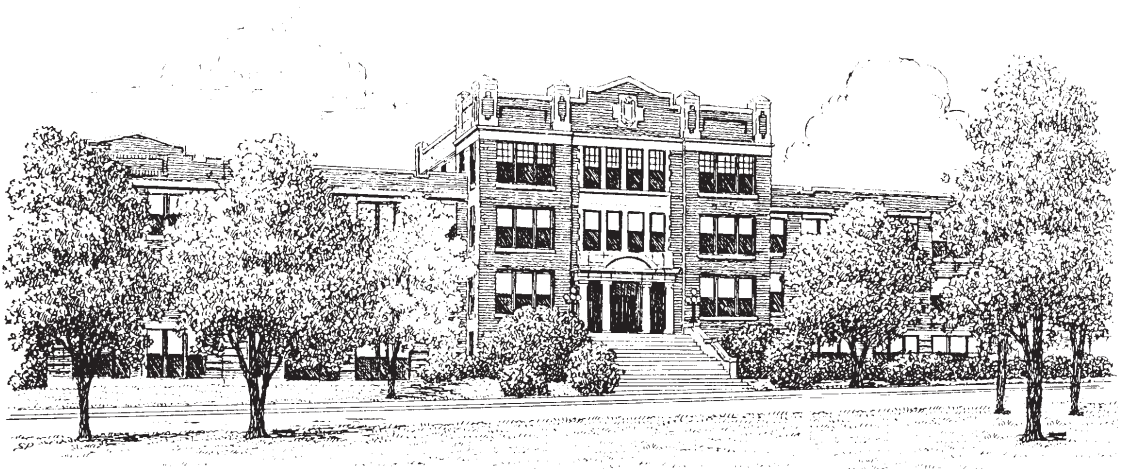


**Minot State University
Commencement Exercises**

**Friday, May 13, 2022
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 107th Commencement Exercises. Today represents a wonderful day of celebration!

Commencement is a day focused on our graduates and their successes. We are pleased to honor their accomplishments, and we are eager to celebrate with everyone attending today's festivities. It is a privilege welcoming our new graduates into the MSU alumni family!

As graduates of Minot State University, we look forward to watching your future success in 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. We look forward to watching!

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!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven 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. today. 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 Edgar Elgar
Arranged by James Ployhar
MSU Concert Band
Dr. David Rolandson, Conductor

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

HONORARY STUDENT MARSHALLS.....Jada Clarke
Divine Daminabo

FACULTY MARSHALLSDr Joseph Collette
Dr. Alexandra Deufel
Dr. Lesley Magnus
Dr. Bryan Schmidt
Dr. Kelsey Higginson

STANDARD BEARERS

Minot State University..... Christopher Scott
Dakota College at Bottineau..... Kimberly Hoodman

CANADIAN ANTHEM.....Sung by Megan Klebe

NATIONAL ANTHEM.....Sung by Megan Klebe

WELCOME..... Kevin Harmon
Vice President for Student Affairs

INVOCATION Deacon Anna Dykeman
Lutheran Campus Ministry

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST Kevin Harmon
Vice President for Student Affairs

STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATIONTim Mihalick
State Board of Higher Education Representative

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS	Dr. Steven Shirley President of the University
ADDRESS	Abigail Graves 2022 Graduate Student Philip Green 2022 Undergraduate Student John Schwan Alumnus
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES	Dr. Laurie Geller Vice President for Academic Affairs
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Dr. Steven Shirley President of the University
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.....	Dr. Laurie Geller Vice President for Academic Affairs Jessica Smestad, Honors Program Director Dr. Jacek Mrozik, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Graduate School Assisted by Dr. Kristi Berg and Dr. Robert Kibler
	GRADUATE SCHOOL HONORS PROGRAM BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE BACHELOR OF ARTS BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES BACHELOR OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES BACHELOR OF SCIENCE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU
"Alma Mater" sung by Megan Klebe	Text by Huldah Winsted Composed by Dr. Emerson Eads Arranged by Efraín Amaya Accompanied by the Minot State University Band
WELCOME TO NEW ALUMNI	Jaimie Brunner MSU Alumni Association
CLOSING REMARKS.....	Dr. Steven Shirley President of the University

NATIVE AMERICAN HONOR SONG..... The Descendants
Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation

A traditional honor song will be performed by The Descendants from 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 in the commencement conversation on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter before, during, and after the ceremony. Please be sure to tag Minot State University and use the hashtag #MSUclassof22.



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).

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

ABIGAIL GRAVES is originally from Benson, Minnesota and graduated from Minot State in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a major in elementary education, minors in deaf and hard of hearing and psychology, and a concentration in honors.

While pursuing her undergraduate degree, she worked as a resident assistant and residence hall director in Cook Hall and Crane Hall which prepared her for her current position as the residence life coordinator for Minot State Residence Life and Housing. When she started working full time for the University, she decided to take the opportunity to continue her education by pursuing her Master of Education degree with a concentration in curriculum and instruction. She currently serves on Staff Senate and on the Honors Program Advisory Board, which allows her to serve staff and students. She is also the staff advisor to the Residence Hall Association, a club that serves on-campus students by addressing specific needs and planning events.

While studying at MSU, Abby had the opportunity to co-present the early stages of her research on perceptions of barriers and factors leading to college student retention at the national conference for the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is also a recipient of the Citation of Excellence Award. Abby enjoys traveling and spent two years teaching English in the Czech Republic and traveling throughout Europe.

Despite her resolve to never teach kindergarten, Abby found herself working in the 4-6-year-old classroom at an English immersion preschool and discovered her love of working with young children. From working with preschoolers to college students, she has found that many problems can actually be solved with a snack and a nap regardless of age.

Abby is a lifelong learner and looks forward to serving students and preparing them for the future in whatever capacity her future holds. She is grateful to her friends, family, coworkers, classmates, and professors for their patience and support during this stressful time of life as she continues her research on perceptions of college retention.

PHILIP GREEN was born and raised in a suburb of Denver. Growing up in Parker, Colorado, he is the son of Craig and Julie Green. Philip has two older siblings, Tori and Paul.

While attending Chaparral High School, Philip earned an athletic scholarship to play football at Minot State. Enrolling in the fall of 2018, Philip joined the broadcasting department, now known as the professional communications department. During his sophomore year, he joined Minot State's honors program. Philip is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in professional communication and specialization in production and concentrations in sportscasting, honors, and media services.

During his time at Minot State, Philip participated in several extra curriculums while balancing his studies and athletic requirements. In the spring of 2019, he took over as the sports editor for MSU's campus newspaper, the Red and Green. In his sophomore year, he was selected to be one of football's representatives on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. In February of 2021, Philip was given the opportunity to start his own podcast, hosted at Prairie Sky Breads. His podcast, the "Mental Game," discusses the importance of mental health awareness for student-athletes on Minot State's campus. He has continually participated in the It's a Slam Dunk Don't Drive Drunk and the Workout for Wishes campaigns to help raise money for Make-A-Wish, served as a right-hand man for the North Dakota Miss Amazing pageant for girls with disabilities, helped the honors program bring a United Way Chapter to MSU, and assisted with the Dreamcatchers organization. In 2022, he helped write, edit, and produce a multi-episode documentary covering Minot State's baseball team.

In the fall of 2021, Philip was one of 22 college football players selected to the AFAC Allstate Good Works Team. This national award recognizes college football players for their efforts and services in their community. He also earned the Scheels and United Community Bank Community Athlete Spotlight which recognizes Minot community athletes that show exemplary sportsmanship in their sport. In the spring of 2022, the "Mental Game" earned an Eric Sevareid Award of Merit in the Series Student Market Television category at the Midwest Broadcasting Journalism Association.

While studying professional communication at Minot State, Philip has worked as the assistant marketing director for MSU's Summer Theatre, running social media and headlining the marketing campaign. He also began working for The Dakotan. Philip has a weekly sports column titled *Philled In* where he writes, edits, and produces media content across the platform.

After graduation, Philip will be staying in Minot to pursue a master's degree in sports management and business management at Minot State while he plays out his final years of football eligibility.

ALUMNI SPEAKER

JOHN P. SCHWAN is the founder and CEO of Schwan Financial Group (SFG), a multi-family private office with focus on financial, estate, business succession, and tax planning based in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Founded in 1984, John and his team are devoted to helping businesses/owners and professionals protect what matters most while enjoying their life with the confidence of financial freedom. John's passion for helping people has garnered him recognition as a leader in the industry. John and his team have differentiated themselves by focusing on the economics and psychonomic of the planning process.

John is a 1982 graduate of Minot State University where he also participated on the basketball team. He carried his knowledge and appreciation for basketball into a coaching career at Roncalli High School while operating SFG. John has always considered himself a coach, now developing his SFG team and working with financial professionals across the country. This system leads to the transformation from fear-based planning to abundance-based thinking.

John and his wife of 41 years, Laurie, have four adult children and four grandchildren. Kyle, Kevin, and Kory are all active leaders in the SFG business. Outside of spending time with his family, John has been active in the development of the Aberdeen community.

STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION SPEAKER

TIM MIHALICK was appointed to the State Board of Higher Education to a four-year term beginning July 2019.

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 currently serves on the board of the Minot Family YMCA, current member and past chair of the MSU Board of Regents, and a past board member of Trinity Health.

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 36 years and are both committed to civic engagement. Laura is a member of the Minot Public School Board. The Mihalicks have two adult children living in Minot.

WITH DISTINCTION

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Alexander Polyvios Alexandrou
Sydney Lyn Anderson
Melissa Elizabeth Axelson
Julia Marie Beck
Jessica Marie Bingham
Olivia Jane Byerley
Anna Stasia Charboneau
Leonard Kenneth Eller
Rachel Michelle Filkins
Ronald G. Fischer
Joseph Forson
Hope Lynn Froshaug
JoHannah Grosz

Madisyn Blaire Gulka
Maycee Lynn Gutierrez
Hayle Guy
Kiana Haug
Mikka Lynn Haugeberg
Krystal Heth
Tayo Kayode
Jessica Paige Kesler
Rebecca Mae Kostenko
Eden Nicole Kramer
Brenna Kurokawa
Clayton G. Markley
Abigail Nicole McGee

Kirsten Diane Medlang
Jenna Nicole Metcalf
Brooke N. Nelson
Joree Rane Obergefell
Shaena L. Richard
Alysia Ann Rufsvold
Emily Danae Schmidt
Dinah J. Seastrand
Madelyn Severson
Cambree Wynn Smith
Emily J. Steenstrup
Micah Sheyenne Tracey
Jordan Will

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Noah Abel
Teri J. Andersen
Lauren Rylee Anderson
Kaylee Dawn Armstrong
Dakota L. Asselyn
Alex Axtman
China Marie Bailey
Alison Behiel
Katelyn Behiel
Marcie Braun
Angela L. Bresnahan
Samuel K. Burckhard
Grace Burud
Elizabeth Castro
Madison Cooper
Kyanne Renae Derr
Joshua Duke
Louise M. Dupont
Nicholas Effertz
Norlyn Adair Badiola Evans
Taryn Renae Faul

Spencer John Gordon
Phillip Green
Hanna Lynn Grubb
Bailey Jean Halland
Deserae Elise Harstad
Kate Marion Kirikoroaua Head
Joseph Paul Jahner
Mathew Jenkins
Autumn Keener
Elise K. Klein
Macy Knudsen
Michaela Jo Larson
Hannah Lium
Gwen Diane Mathews
Gavin James Miller
Sydney Ann Nelson
Rita Nimpaye
Favour Chioma Ozordi
Abby Pankow
Ensley Nicole Poindexter
Julia Powell

Deseraye Jean Preskey
Tara Presley
Joel Ramnath
Deann Rasmusan
William Ringham
Ava Lynn Rogers
Jordan Matthew Sailer
Desiree L. Schilling
Anthony Michael Schreier
Josie Lynne Smyle
Lynsey Kate Spelhaug
Elissa Beth Steffan
Taylor Strangeland
McKenna Thiessen
Arnikka Gretchen Thompson
Brenna Corrine Tschetter
Laura Lee Vangsness
Misty D. Weed
Tyler Paul Wetzstein

CUM LAUDE

Tessa Lynne Abel
Ashlyn Almy
Leah Ann Azure
Mikaylee Alene Bahl
Rebekah J. Barnum
Taylor Rayann Benjamin
Jeremy Lynn Bergdorff
Cassidy Dean Brendel
Casey Brey
Darice Burdick
Eva McKenna Burns
Hannah Frances Candrian
Drew Carter
Salina Rae Carter
Jordyn Linsey Clapper
Samantha Irene Creighton
Melissa Ann Davis McGraw
Calli Jo Delsman
Aimee Deann Demchuck
Georgie Leigh Dietz
Alyssa Doering
Paige Adair Dolan
Steven Fehr Dallolio
Taylor Dull
Jasmine Figliolino
Kimberly Anne Foley
Brianna Marie Fortune
Erica Foster-Allen
Nicole Lynn Fritel
Sommer Grace Frohlich
Christina Fay Gillingham
Andrea Faith Green

Kiara Hamel
Michael Scott HarriSon, Jr.
Lori Ann Hoffert
Karisa Holzer
Alex Michael Jimenez
Jackson Johnson
Hayden Murin Johnson
Brendan Johnston
Alyssa Jaye King
Ryan Jacob Kohler
Dani Ann Koppelsloen
Evan James LaVallie
Conner M. Ledoux
Abigail Rose Leet
Tanner J. Lembke
Nicole M. Lenertz
Rhaspede Logan
Tyler Luban
Melanie Kay MacPherson
Amy Brooke Manske
Mikayla Brook McCloud
Cameron McFarland
Grayson Benjimin Neufeld
Brandy E. Oberlander
Addysn Ostrom
Kellen Stephen Peat
Sophia Catherine Peterson
Katelyn Michele Pigeon
Ryleigh G. Poppinga
ShaeLynn R. Purvis
Alyssa Corinne Ramsey
Rayson Renfrow

Amanda Renicker
Lucas Robbins
Keilani Renee Rystedt
Kyle Joseph Schmidt
Davis Henry Sheldon
Wyatt Cordell Smith
Nicholas Snodgrass
Macee Lynn Sortland
Joy LaRae Springer
Lincoln Edward Stormer
Gabrielle Augusta Thompson
Remington Robert Timothy
Evan J. Tumej
Jayden Nicole Uhlich
Kalaina Verdick
Caitlyn K. Vogel
Ethan Webster
Don Jacob Welsch
Rhonda K. Weninger
Kaylie White
Amanda L. Williams
Gabrielle Wilkie
Karolynn Denise Winger
Ashlyn Loren Winterhalt
Haley Rose Wood
Zhuoyu (Benjamin) Yang
Lordina Yeboaa Asare Yeboah
Daniel Thomas Young
Courtney Ann Zaback
Aziza Ziiadinova

GRADUATE SCHOOL CITATION OF EXCELLENCE

Abigail Graves

MSU LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Benjamin Bohl
Spencer Gordon
Mary Goroski
Philip Green
Jacob Jensen
Alayzia McLeod

Alicia Murillo
Sydney Nelson
Monica Okopal
Praise Osagioduwa Okunbor
Favour Ozordi
Zoya Robbins

Christopher Scott
Amber Stevahn
Tanner Thompson
Rhonda Weninger
Jane Wunderlich

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Dr. Jacek Mrozik, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Graduate School

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREES

Awomokun Tomilola Racheal – Minot, ND

Education

Emily Elaine Braun – Minot, ND

Education

Abigail Graves – Benson, MN

Education

Corey Greff – Minot, ND

Education

Erin Marie Hauglid – Minot, ND

Education

Zoe Joanne Hodenfield – Minot, ND

Education

Liam Hayden – Lancaster, NH

Education

Jordan Keller – Minot, ND

Education

Amanda Lee Izzo – Minot, ND

Education

Evan J. Kramer – Minot, ND

Education

Tyler Frank Mack – Minot, ND

Education

Nicholas H. Staffileno – Minot, ND

Education

Michelle Lynne Swanson – Williston, ND

Education

Lacey Stenvold – Surrey, ND

Education

Kaydra Weigel – Minot, ND

Education

Aubrey Paige Barker – Minot, ND

Speech-Language Pathology

Michelle Lee Betcher – Billings, MT

Special Education

Byas Bhatta – Denton, TX

Information Systems

Amandine Boisvert – Gravelbourg, SK

Speech-Language Pathology

Nathan John Brintnell – Minot, ND

Information Systems

Garrett Brown – Murrieta, CA

Sports Management

Emily Donna Burkett – Carpio, ND

Management

Kelsey Busch – Williston, ND

Special Education

Isis Celestine Cabral – Oxnard, CA

Sports Management

Aileen Cheong Xin Wei Subang – Jaya, Malaysia

Speech-Language Pathology

Ryan John Clifford – Seaford, NY

Sports Management

Madeleine Daisy Collier – Minot, ND

Sports Management

Tessa Collins – Minot, ND

Speech-Language Pathology

Levi Cooper, Sr. – Minot, ND

Management

Ashley Courchene – Minot, ND

Speech-Language Pathology

Kelsey Lynn Cramer – Juda, WI

Speech-Language Pathology

Eliki Qalo Damuni, Sr. – Acampo, CA

Information Systems

Beverly J. Fleischman – Lethbridge, AB

Management

Khian Lim Foo – Ipoh, Malaysia

Speech-Language Pathology

Poornima Gadde – Eden Prairie, MN

Information Systems

Shelby Dar-Lynn Gillies – Neepawa, MB

Speech-Language Pathology

Melissa Guerrero – Minot, ND

Speech-Language Pathology

Sebastian Devin Guterrez – Pasco, WA

Sports Management

Kaylie Amanda Hanson – Minot, ND

Disability Human Services

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREES

George M. Adams, Jr. – Harrison, NE

Sports Management

Joshua T. Allman – Papillion, NE

Sports Management

Nicole Lynn Anderson – Dickinson, ND

Disability Human Services

Hart Braden Andes – Plaza, ND

Information Systems

Ivan Avalos – Orlando, FL

Management

Ann Mihail Fernandez Baccay – Minot, ND

Special Education

Natalia Heck – Maddock, ND
Management

Eden Briann Huber – Regina, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Roxanne King – Auburn, WA
Management

Mackenzi Anne Kleiter – Saskatoon, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Elizabeth Anne Krebsbach – Minot, ND
Management

Kelsey L. Kuehn – Malta, MT
Speech-Language Pathology

Lainjo Vernyuy Nyuysene – Minot, ND
Management

Madison Andrea Leier – Saskatoon, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Megan Elizabeth Lenahan – Long Beach, CA
Special Education

Brittany Rae Long – Saskatoon, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Holly Justine Maschmeyer – Fort Saskatchewan, AB
Special Education

Braylee Ann Malatrerre – St. John, ND
Special Education

Robert J. Maynard – St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands
Information Systems

Daniel Geordie McDougall – Lumsden, SK
Sports Management

Lisa Marie Michels – Minot, ND
Disability Human Services

Jennifer Dorothy Miller – Eden Prairie, MN
Speech-Language Pathology

Hannah Michell – Minot, ND
Sports Management

Chaneil Morin – Big River, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Rebecca D. Nagel – Minot, ND
Special Education

Josh Nashed – Minot, ND
Sports Management

Mitchell Evan Nelson – Minot, ND
Speech-Language Pathology

Alex Peter Ney – Rochester, MN
Sports Management

Nicholas Nissen – Minot, ND
Sports Management

Pulama Arian Chiemi Nitta – Billings, MT
Special Education

Brooke Olson – Aberdeen, SD
Speech-Language Pathology

Janae Rapley – Regina, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Megan Ann Rathwell – North Battleford, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Amber Marie Renz – Danville, PA
Sports Management

Anna Louise Rohrer – Minot, ND
Management

Rhyan Colby Sawyer – Virden, MB
Speech-Language Pathology

Meghan Schulze – Airdrie, AB
Speech-Language Pathology

Adetutu Segun – Minot, ND
Management

Kelli Christine Sem – Minot, ND
Management

Odessa S. Slyter – Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands
Management

Rhonda Jean Sollars – Billings, MT
Special Education

Shelby Lynn Spuller – Dexter, MI
Special Education

Vinodkumar Reddy Surasani – Minot, ND
Information Systems

Jill Sheena Mary Swenson – Bindloss, AB
Speech-Language Pathology

Alison C. Sys – Burlington, ND
Management

Elizabeth H. Tam – Alamogordo, NM
Sports Management

Shelby Tornato – Saskatoon, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Joshua Dennis Trosen – Two Harbors, MN
Sports Management

Parameswara Reddy Venna – Minot, ND
Information Systems

Tanner Verplancke – Buffalo, WY
Sports Management

Christina A. Williams – Nashville, NC
Special Education

Linu Zheng – Hibbing, MN
Speech-Language Pathology

HONORS PROGRAM

Jessica Smestad, Director

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Alex Axtman – Minot, ND

Bachelor of Science - Computer Science

Magna Cum Laude

Jessica Marie Bingham – Max, ND

Bachelor of Arts - Mathematics

Summa Cum Laude

Salina Rae Carter – Fortuna, ND

Bachelor of Arts - Chemistry

Cum Laude

Calli Jo Delsman – Waukesha, WI

Bachelor of Arts - Professional Communication

Cum Laude

Philip Green – Minot, ND

Bachelor of Arts - Professional Communication

Magna Cum Laude

Melanie Kay MacPherson – Minot, ND

Bachelor of Science - Accounting

Cum Laude

Favour Chioma Ozordi – Imo, Nigeria

Bachelor of Science - Energy Economics and Finance

Magna Cum Laude

Emily Danae Schmidt – Mandan, ND

Bachelor of Arts - English

Summa Cum Laude

Lordina Yeboaa Asare Yeboah – Accra, Ghana

Bachelor of Arts - Biology

Cum Laude

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

College of Arts & Sciences • College of Business • College of Education & Health Sciences

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

•• **Bailey Jean Halland** – Hawley, MN

Human Services: Intellectual and Developmental
Disabilities

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

College of Arts & Sciences • College of Business • College of Education & Health Sciences

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Morgan R. Galer – Hills, IA
Applied Business Information Technology

- **Bailey Jean Halland** – Hawley, MN
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies

- Lindsey Rebecca Solberg Herbel** – Devils Lake, ND
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies

BACHELOR OF ARTS

- **Ashlyn Almy** – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Nina Veronica Baez Arias** – Salinas, CA
Professional Communication
- **Kaylee Dawn Armstrong** – Minot, ND
English
- **Hannah Arne** – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Colton Lyle Bartuska** – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Julia Marie Beck** – Minot, ND
Music
- **Ryan Matthew Bent** – Minot, ND
History
Finance
- **Zachary Berry** – Federal Way, WA
Biology
- **Destiny Jayd Bickell** – Minot, ND
History
Sociology
- **Jessica Marie Bingham** – Max, ND
Mathematics
- **Geena Wanjiru Broadwater** – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Lucas Brown** – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Samuel K. Burckhard** – Minot, ND
English
- **Abbie Noel Carlson** – Bismarck, ND
Psychology
- **Salina Rae Carter** – Fortuna, ND
Chemistry

- **Jordan Chappell** – Colorado Springs, CO
Biology
- **Errin Renee Cherry** – Phoenix, AZ
History
- **Jacob Grant Christianson** – Rugby, ND
Mathematics
- **Marissa Cody** – Minot, ND
Chemistry
- **Calli Jo Delsman** – Waukesha, WI
Professional Communication
- **Kody Robert Dwyer** – Zimmerman, MN
Professional Communication
Marketing
- **Allison Mackenzie Earl** – Minot, ND
Psychology
- **Easton James Evanoff** – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Noe Garcia** – Gilroy, CA
Professional Communication
- **Spencer John Gordon** – Bozeman, MT
Biology
- **Philip Green** – Minot, ND
Professional Communication
- **Chesnea Skye Griffin** – Magna, UT
Art
- **Brady Richard Halvorson** – Minot, ND
Geology
- **McKinlee Harmon** – Minot, ND
Mathematics
- **Jaden Hofmann** – Unity, SK
Mathematics
- **Karisa Holzer** – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Joel Stephen Jones** – Houston, TX
Music
- **Sadie Lynn Ketteman** – Minot, ND
Psychology
- **Dani Ann Koppelsloen** – Columbus, ND
History
- **Josie Kramer** – Minot, ND
Psychology
- **Tyler Luban** – San Diego, CA
Professional Communication
- **Camron McFarland** – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Nicholas Alexander Merillana** – Salinas, CA
Psychology

- Emily Laren Norman** – Las Vegas, NV
Professional Communication
- **Addysn Ostrom** – Minot, ND
History
- Ifeoma Juliet Nwandu** – Minot, ND
Psychology
- **Alyssa Corinne Ramsey** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Lauren Michal Reeves** – Anaheim Hills, CA
Professional Communication
- Jhon Makenley Rene** – Minot, ND
Psychology
- **William Ringham** – Minot, ND
Sociology
Psychology
- Jordan Gabriel Rodriguez** – Crystal Lake, IL
Professional Communication
- Jacob M. Ruden** – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Jordan Matthew Sailer** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Kassie Rachelle Mueller** – Susanville, CA
Chemistry
- **Emily Danae Schmidt** – Mandan, ND
English
- Gage A. Slavik** – Burlington, ND
Biology
- Cambree Wynn Smith** – Minot, ND
Sociology
- **Lyndsey Kate Spelhaug** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Jordyn Staples** – Winnipeg, MB
Psychology
- Hallie Tranby** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Bobbi Van Dyke** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Starr Elaine Vilandre** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Lynnlee Ruth Voeller** – Menoken, ND
Psychology
- Howard Wade, Jr.** – Nassau, Bahamas
Professional Communication
- Alexander J. Williams** – Kirksville, MO
Psychology
Criminal Justice
- **Micah Sheyenne Tracey** – Minot, ND
Chemistry
- **Lordina Yeboaa Asare Yeboah** – Accra, Ghana
Biology
- **Daniel Thomas Young** – New Salem, ND
History
- **Aziza Ziiadinova** – Kyrgystan
Biology

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

- Jay Gaare** – Maple, WI
Art
- **JoHannah Grosz** – Minot, ND
Art
- **Alex Michael Jimenez** – Minot, ND
Art
- **Rayson Renfrow** – Minot, ND
Art

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

- Taylor T.M. Adolph** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- **Marcie Braun** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- Kaitlynn Briann Criswell** – Mesa, AZ
General Studies
- **Erica Foster-Allen** – Richmond, TX
General Studies
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- **Matthew Jenkins** – Minot, ND
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- **Tyler Paul Wetzstein** – Bismarck, ND
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- **Gabrielle Wilkie** – Rolla, ND
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- **Jordan Will** – Minot, ND
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- **Melissa Elizabeth Axelson** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
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- **Taylor Rayann Benjamin** – Minot, ND
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- **Darice Burdick** – Minot, ND
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- **Eva McKenna Burns** – Minot, ND
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- **Grace Burud** – Kenmare, ND
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- Camryn Renee Clyne** – Boissevain, MB
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 - Meagan Espeseth** – Minot, ND
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Special Education
 - Alison D’Ann Desjarlais** – Belcourt, ND
Special Education
 - Amy Renaë Falcon** – Williston, ND
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 - Raylea Colleen Folstad** – Glenburn, ND
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 - **Hanna Lynn Grubb** – Powers Lake, ND
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 - Lauren Margaret Hendrickson** – Minot, ND
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 - **Jackson Johnson** – Minot, ND
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 - Kira Leiane Knox** – Minot, ND
Special Education
 - Emilee Knudsvig** – Berthold, ND
Special Education
 - Eric Knutson** – Minot, ND
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 - **Ryan Jacob Kohler** – Bismarck, ND
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 - **Rebecca Mae Kostenko** – Minot, ND
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 - Devin Kramer** – Minot, ND
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 - Jessica Whitney Kruckenberg** – Burlington, ND
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 - Britney Leslie Langan** – Minot, ND
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 - **Hannah Shea Lium** – Minot, ND
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 - Ashly Marie McCloud** – Minot, ND
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- Hannah Marie Schaan** – Minot, ND
Physical Education
- **Desiree L. Schilling** – Harvey, ND
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- **Abbie Rose Schmidt** – Minot, ND
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- **Anthony Michael Schreier** – Grand Forks, ND
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- Lindsey M. Schroeder** – Valley City, ND
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- **Dinah J. Seastrand** – Minot, ND
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- **Madelyn Severson** – Leeds, ND
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- Danielle Nicole Sheridan** – Minot, ND
Special Education
- Brynn Marie Sidener** – Minot, ND
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- **Macee Lynn Sortland** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Emily J. Steenstrup** – Minot, ND
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- **Arnikka Gretchen Thompson** – Leeds, ND
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- Anayensi Vidro** – Minot, ND
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- Opal Madison Wallin** – Minot, ND
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- Cody White** – Minot, ND
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- Carson Wilkes** – Rolla, ND
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 - **Shaena L. Richard** – Huntley, MT
Nursing
 - **Alysia Ann Rufsvold** – Jamestown, ND
Nursing
 - **Alessandra Rose Sams** – Painesville, OH
Nursing
 - **Kayla L. Sanders** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Hannah Schaefer** – Fairview, AB
Nursing
 - **Madison Schatz** – Bismarck, ND
Nursing
 - **Kyle Joseph Schmidt** – Surrey, ND
Nursing
 - **Mckayla Lee Briggs** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Brittany Swett** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Stefani Nicole Thomas** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Kayla M. Verity** – Carnduff, SK
Nursing
 - **Caitlyn K. Vogel** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Katherine V. Werner** – Minot, ND
Nursing

- **Kaylie White** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- Mollie Michelle Wilson** – Gillette, WY
Nursing
- Brittany Marie Winnett** – Derry, NH
Nursing

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- Corina Elise Bell** – Rugby, ND
Social Work
- Katelyn Rae Blotsky** – Mandan, ND
Social Work
- **Hannah Frances Candrian** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Anna Stasia Charboneau** – Elk River, MN
Social Work
- Sydney Paige Charchenko** – Dickinson, ND
Social Work
- Kayla Compeau** – Willmar, MN
Social Work
- Manafi Daffallah** – Fargo, ND
Social Work
- Kajia DeCoteau** – Belcourt, ND
Social Work
- Morgan Dienert** – Pollock, SD
Social Work
- Amaya Dullum** – Dickinson, ND
Social Work
- Shauna Jayce Elk** – Fort Yates, ND
Social Work
- **Steven Fehr** – Winnipeg, MB
Social Work
- **Sommer Grace Frohlich** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- Hannah Janae Gerardy** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Christina Fay Gillingham** – Jamestown, ND
Social Work
- Serenity Aloung Diane Haugen** – Fargo, ND
Social Work
- Hannah Heisler** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- Skylar Anna Helfrich** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- Paige Hennen** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- Jason Bruce Hills** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- Haley Kay Kohler** – Kenmare, ND
Social Work
- Winona Irene Kucharski** – Belleville, MI
Social Work
- Jodi Wingenbach** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- Bethany Hope Mairs** – Waseca, MN
Social Work
- **Jenna Nicole Metcalf** – Great Falls, MT
Social Work
- Jessica L. Meuchel** – Mandan, ND
Social Work
- Brianna Marie Myrold** – Grand Forks, ND
Social Work
- Alyssa Nardello** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- **Rita Nimpaye** – Fargo, ND
Social Work
- **Brandy E. Oberlander** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- She'Maine Fredricka Oden** – Milwaukee, WI
Social Work
- Miranda Paananen** – Motley, MN
Social Work
- Shania Lynn Petz** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- Tori M. Poitra** – Dunseith, ND
Social Work
- Mark Allen Rath** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- Faith Reberg** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- Jordan Leigh Burdette** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- Delaney R. Smith** – Westfield, PA
Social Work
- Shelby Leah Stuckey** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- Hannah Rose Thomas** – Mandan, ND
Social Work
- McKenzie Jade Ulmer** – Wishek, ND
Social Work
- **Kalaina Verdick** – Coon Rapids, MN
Social Work
- Paige C.J. Walters** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- Tianna Marie Wiseman** – Lakeville, MN
Social Work
- **Courtney Ann Zaback** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- Sierra Rose Zetocha** – Minot, ND
Social Work

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Dr. Jerry Migler, Campus Dean

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Educator K-12

Elizabeth Romanick – Bismarck, ND
Associate of Applied Science - Paraprofessional
Educator Early Childhood

Justice Miller – Granville, ND
Associate of Applied Science - Paraprofessional
Educator Early Childhood

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

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Associate of Science

ASTEP COLLEGE TO CAREER CERTIFICATES

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Certificate - Technical Studies
Elizabeth Romanick – Bismarck, ND
Certificate - Technical Studies
Braden Tooz – Dickinson, ND
ASTEP Certificate

CERTIFICATE OF COLLEGE STUDIES

Elizabeth Romanick – Bismarck, ND
Certificate in College Studies

THE UNIVERSITY'S HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Minot State University is a comprehensive university that is 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.

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 with majors in speech-language pathology, education, information systems, management, sports management, music, science, and 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 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. Joseph Collette, 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 science, 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 the 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 and for donating many of the early volumes that established the library at the institution.

INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

Flags representing countries from which MSU international graduating students originate are displayed along the north wall. MSU proudly hosts over 258 students from over 45 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.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB: The Criminal Justice Club is a group of students who have 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.

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. Honors students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher and must enroll in eight or more credits each term. Students wearing a gold medal with a red ribbon receive the honors concentration.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: MSU's strategic priorities include nurturing a campus atmosphere devoted to multiculturalism and inclusiveness, and fostering an atmosphere on campus that respects and honors diversity and distinct cultures. When international students choose to attend MSU, they bring with them a fascinating history and fresh perspectives, which can enable all students to learn about, better appreciate, and engage with the different cultures that encompass the global community. With this in mind, the diverse nationalities of our student body are acknowledged and recognized. International and Canadian graduates in F-1 or J-1 status have the honor of wearing a colorful satin stole that depicts the flag of their home country.

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 dedicate time and support toward their sports. 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.

MSU CAMPUS PRIDE: MSU Campus Pride aims to create a safe place and community for LGBTQ students and their allies. They promote respect in a diverse environment and through their events they celebrate Minot State University's diversity and help educate its community. Students wearing a black stole with a red border, white lettering, and pride colors at the bottom are proudly representing this organization.

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 ASSOCIATION FOR MUSIC EDUCATION (NAfME): The MSU chapter of NAfME is a student-led group which provides enrichment opportunities for students interested in music education at Minot State University. Graduating seniors have completed many different levels of involvement within the campus and local community, including running music festivals and representing the Division of Performing Arts at enriching conferences. Members with honors representing this organization are wearing a red, green, and pink cord.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS (NASW): Members of the National Association of Social Workers have committed to enhance their professional growth and development, maintain their professional standards, help in the advancement of social policies, and participate in ethical social work practice. Students representing this organization can be seen wearing a teal cord.

NATIONAL STUDENT SPEECH 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.

NURSING STUDENT ASSOCIATION (NSA): The MSU-NSA chapter 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 professionalism of nursing via volunteering at many local events. MSU-NSA promotes cultural diversity and participation through a wide array of activities as well as introduces students to legislative activities and how students can have direct impact upon standards of health care. Students wearing a blue, light blue, and silver cord with a NSNA 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 advancing world health and celebrating 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.

PHI ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY: Phi Alpha, the National Honor Society for Undergraduate Social Work, has a local Alpha Psi chapter at Minot State University through the social work program. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Students are eligible to join if they have been accepted into the social work program, have achieved an overall grade point average of 3.0, and have achieved a 3.25 grade point average in social work courses. The students with honors representing this organization are wearing blue and gold cords.

PHI BETA LAMBDA (PBL): Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate division of Future Business Leaders of America/Phi Beta Lambda. It 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 blue stole with a gold PBL emblem.

SIGMA DELTA SORORITY: The Sigma Delta Sorority is a sisterhood at Minot State University that prides itself on its service towards women and children. A philanthropic and social sorority founded in 2013, Sigma Delta is known for making a positive impact on the lives of its sisters, the campus, and the Minot community, while developing bonds of sisterhood that will last a lifetime. Students who achieve a minimum 2.0 GPA are wearing white stoles with purple trim and an embroidered purple shield.

SIGN ON: Sign On is the sign language club on campus and have been a club for two and half years. Sign On is involved through activities on campus, and also within the community. They are very involved in advocating for deaf and hard-of hearing individuals and rights. Students from this organization are wearing a silver cord.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS: The MSU Student Ambassadors are an elite organization of students that believe in service first. Ambassadors proudly serve their peers, University, and community. The main duty and responsibility of the student ambassador it to conduct campus tours to 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 Associations 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 to encourage 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.

STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS: Study abroad enhances a student’s education and engages them as a citizen of the world. Study abroad involves more than travel and adventure; it helps build essential skills that are an important component of a university education. In a real-world setting, students gain a broader perspective of their field of study, learn how to adapt to unfamiliar environments, and develop a deeper understanding of other cultures and peoples. Graduates who have completed a semester or academic year abroad through MSU have the honor of wearing a white transglobal stole that depicts a book opening onto the map of the world.

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, 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 was 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 to wear 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...Disability Human Services
Light Blue...Speech-Language Pathology
Light Blue...Special Education
Light Blue...Education
Light Blue...Education Specialist

Tan...Information Systems
Tan...Management
Tan...Sports Management
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 alumni through a variety of programs. It maintains a separate database of address records of graduates and former students, publishes an alumni Connections magazine (free subscription), hosts events in Minot and around the nation, and encourages gifts to the University. The alumni office is part of University Advancement which is located on the third floor of the Student Center. You can write the association at 500 University Avenue West, Minot, ND 58707, or call 701-858-3234.

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 University. The foundation seeks funding from all appropriate external sources to supplement state appropriations, strengthen endowments, enhance scholarship opportunities, and insure the highest level of educational programming at Minot State University.

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