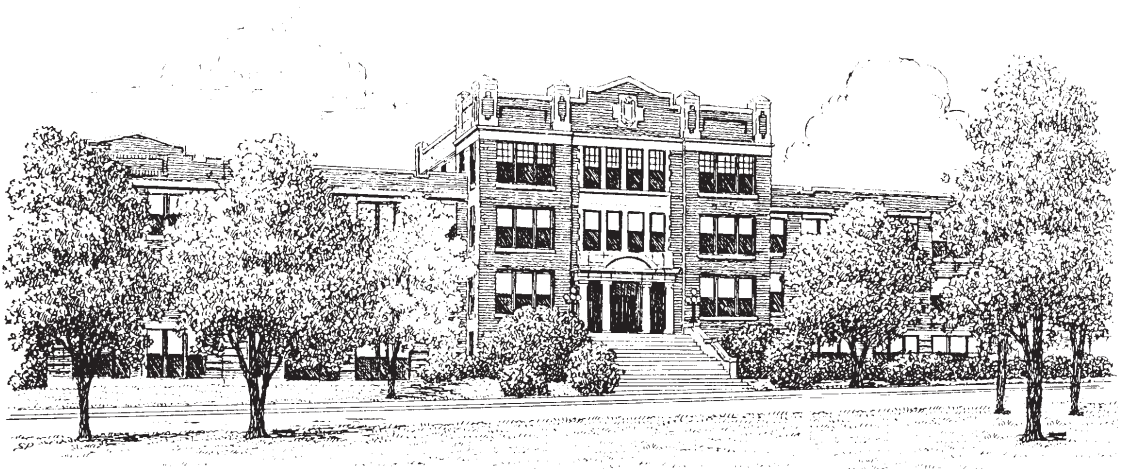


**Minot State University  
Commencement Exercises**

**Friday, May 12, 2023  
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 108th 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Steven W. Shirley, Ph.D.  
President

# UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

## SMUDGING CEREMONY

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

PROCESSIONAL....."Pomp and Circumstance" by Edgar Elgar  
Arranged by James Ployhar  
MSU Concert Band  
Dr. David Rolandson, Conductor

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

HONORARY STUDENT MARSHALLS.....Rusty Dupont  
Jenna Holman

FACULTY MARSHALLS .....Dr. Emerson Eads  
Dr. Lesley Magnus  
Dr. Zebulon Wallace  
Dr. Beth Marschner  
Dr. Mary Huston

## STANDARD BEARERS

Minot State University..... Nengi Daminabo  
Dakota College at Bottineau.....Braelynn Oppen

CANADIAN ANTHEM.....Sung by Megan Klebe

NATIONAL ANTHEM.....Sung by Megan Klebe

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

INVOCATION .....Rachel Simonson  
LC Ministry Pastor

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST ..... Kevin Harmon  
Vice President for Student Affairs

STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION .....Tim Mihalick  
State Board of Higher Education Representative

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS .....	Dr. Steven Shirley President of the University
ADDRESS .....	Nadya Keenan 2023 Graduate Student Paolo Panales 2023 Undergraduate Student Randy Hedberg Alumnus
RECOGNITION OF HONORED GRADUATE .....	Dr. Steven Shirley President of the University
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 Dr. Linda Cresap, Director of Graduate School Jessica Smestad, Honors Program Director Dr. Alaric Williams, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Carmen Simone, Dakota College at Bottineau Associate Dean Assisted by Dr. DeVera Bowles and Dr. Samuel Stinson
	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 the MSU Concert Choir .....	Text by Huldah Winsted Composed by Dr. Emerson Eads Arranged by Dr. Emerson Eads
WELCOME TO NEW ALUMNI .....	Sabrina Herrmann MSU Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS..... Dr. Steven Shirley  
President of the University

NATIVE AMERICAN HONOR SONG..... Mikinaak Wajiw Mizhakii Giizhig  
"Turtle Mountain Horizon"

A traditional honor song will be performed by Mikinaak Wajiw Mizhakii Giizhig, members of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, 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..... "Joy Revisited" by Frank Ticheli  
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 #MSUclassof23.



**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](http://www.thegradteam.com)).

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

**NADYA KEENAN** was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. However, between the ages of birth to 5, not much of her life was spent at home. About two weeks after she was born, she started having a variety of health complications that eventually led to a diagnosis of a segmental hemangioma. A segmental hemangioma is a benign birthmark that covered the left side of her face and went into her airway all the way down to her sternum. In the first five years of her life, she travelled from her home in Saskatchewan to a variety of children's hospitals in Alberta, Arkansas, and New York City. The medical treatment led to a tracheostomy for breathing, a feeding tube, and over 20 laser and reconstructive surgeries that extended into her high school years.

Following her primary years in the hospital, Nadya became heavily involved in fundraising for a children's hospital in her home province to reduce the amount of travel required for other kids in her same position to receive proper care. This engagement within the health care community demonstrated the importance of access to proper services and speech-language pathologists. Because she used a feeding tube, she received feeding therapy to transition to oral feeding, and since she had many medical challenges, she was a late talker who used sign language to communicate. From both of these experiences and her parents mentioning quite often how valuable speech-language pathologists were in her own life, Nadya found the calling to a career quite early in her life.

After her high school graduation in 2017, Nadya moved six and a half hours to Minot from Saskatoon and did not look back. She completed her undergraduate degree in communication sciences and disorders while participating in a variety of organizations. She played on the Minot State women's hockey team for two years, going to nationals twice. Nadya also coached Special Olympics basketball and flag football and was vice president her senior year. She also participated in a variety of National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association activities, including organizing the Miles for Smiles walk for a few years.

When the time came for graduate school, Nadya decided to remain in Minot to complete the next two years of her master's degree. During her time in the master's program, she worked with pediatric and adult clients at the Minot State Clinic and with a private practice in the city. She completed her final practicum in the Saskatoon Public Schools. Nadya plans to continue her speech pathology career in Alberta, Canada, with hopes to find her way into early intervention or neurological rehabilitation services.

**PAOLO PANALES** is the son of Peter and Sharon Panales. At the age of 13, he and his family immigrated to Minot from the Philippines and are now proud U.S. citizens.

Paolo graduated from Minot High School in 2019 and began his college education at the University of North Dakota. Looking for the best preparation for medical school, he decided to return to Minot to continue his education at MSU. In the spring of his sophomore year, he joined the research team of chemistry professor Dr. Bryan Schmidt and worked alongside six students. For two years, Paolo contributed to investigating the effects of methamphetamine on adrenal cells, to understand an aspect of meth addiction.

Inspired to take action in improving public health during the pandemic, he served as a Health Equity Ambassador supported by the North Dakota Department of Health. With the guidance of nursing professor Danielle Reinisch and biology professor Dr. Heidi Super, Paolo collaborated with a team of four students to address public health issues at MSU. He spearheaded several projects, including arranging a blood drive, raising awareness for the lack of access to feminine hygiene products, and organizing a How to Save a Life event.

Throughout his time in college, he has worked with patients, as well as volunteered in several organizations in Minot. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling to Six Flags locations across the country, and being a cat dad to his two cats, Lily and Pepper. Today Paolo is graduating Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in biology, and a minor in chemistry.

This summer, he will be attending medical school at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences and hopes to one day become a radiologist.

# ALUMNI SPEAKER

**RANDY HEDBERG**, originally from Parshall, North Dakota, graduated from Minot State in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and a minor in mathematics. He earned a Master of Education in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from the University of North Dakota in 1987.

An accomplished student-athlete at Minot State, Randy was quarterback for the Beaver football team and passed for a school-record 5,737 yards and 49 touchdowns during his career. Additionally, he also played basketball, baseball, and threw javelin for the Beavers.

Randy was an eighth-round draft pick of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1977, and he started four regular-season games as quarterback during his rookie season. He also spent time with the Oakland Raiders in 1979 and the Green Bay Packers in 1980.

From 1982-1989, Randy was the head football coach at Minot State where he compiled a 92-75-2 overall record. Following MSU, he had assistant coaching positions at the University of Central Missouri and the University of North Dakota, and from 1999-2007, he served as the head football coach at St. Cloud State University. Following SCSU, he served as co-offensive coordinator at the University of Southern Illinois.

Since 2014, Hedberg has been the quarterbacks coach at North Dakota State University, and also currently serves as associate head coach and passing game coordinator. NDSU has won six NCAA Division I FCS national championships during this time, and in 2020-21, he was named the FCS National Assistant Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association. The last three starting quarterbacks Randy has coached, Carson Wentz, Easton Stick, and Trey Lance, have all been drafted and are playing in the National Football League.

In 1985, Randy was inducted into the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame, and in 1999, Sports Illustrated named him as one of North Dakota's 50 greatest sports figures of the 20th century. The football field at Parshall High School was named in his honor at a dedication ceremony in 2020. Randy lives in Fargo with his wife, Chery Hysjulien, and he has four grown children, Jennifer, Kate, Christopher, and Maddie.



# 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, is a current member and past chair of the MSU Board of Regents, and is a past board member of Trinity Health.

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 30 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

Lafayette Berkeley Bade  
Madelynn G. Behm  
Mandi Carroll  
Hope Madlen Coble  
Alyssa Rae Corr  
Erica Jean Cotter  
Cassidy Elliott  
Michaela Erfle  
Hannah Kay Feist  
Sarah Christi Frantsvog  
Quaid Frantsvog  
Ian Gilbert  
Mary Goroski  
Ross Hardy

Peyton Haugaard  
M. Celeste Hauser  
Faith Hegstad  
Lauryn Heide  
Andrew Hess  
Noah James Keller  
Alicia Mae Lagerquist  
Kendra Kristina Miller  
Alicia Murillo  
Sadie Elizabeth Myrvik  
Story Brooklyn Ireland Navrot  
Elizabeth Kay Nolan  
Megan Norris  
Ashlyn Lue Orduna-Aguilar

Paolo Azcona Panales  
Branden Pelzer  
Abby Peterson  
Duong Thi Thuy Pham  
Ann Reinke  
Janie Renee Savelkoul  
Abigail Morgan Smith  
Alexis Grace Smith  
Sydney Marie Spicer  
Amber Lyn Stevahn  
Keegan Summers  
Mya Temanson  
Austin Eric Wieler  
Jane Anne Wunderlich  
Rebecca Zeitzew

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Christianah Opeyemi Adebajo  
Luke Everett Anderson  
Lexi Lauren Beuker  
Calli Lee Brackenbury  
Erin Lynn Bradford  
Elizabeth Castro  
Hannah Chrest  
Nolan Talmage Compere  
Emma Helen Condit  
Emily Couse  
Natasha Elliott  
Terek James Enget  
Julia Rae Friesen  
Aleta Gamble  
Katie Ann Goodman  
Arron Grandy

Kennedy Harris  
Tia Jane Haskins  
Jakob Heggie  
Emma Sue Howe  
Kelsee Hoyt  
Marissa V. Nordloef  
Kenneth Gardner Kersey-Russell  
Yongmin Kim  
Hailee Nicole Kuske  
Amy Laing  
Hannah Shea Lium  
Sebastian Machado  
Erymell Mateo Liriano  
Kyla Marie Melland  
Nicole Leah Mercer  
Daniela Nardelli

Payton O'Connor  
Hannah Pederson  
Peggy Ellen Pfeiffer  
Melissa Podruchny  
Mhaddie M. Poitra  
Alexis C. Radke  
Serenity L. Richard  
Sophia Maeri Matey-Rinehart  
Jaycie Rostad  
Danica Rumney  
Amber Schmaltz  
Kiera Shwaluk  
Breianna Dawn Smestad  
McKenna Thiessen  
Shantae Vetter  
Carly Johnson Vraa  
Lenora Watson

# CUM LAUDE

Rianna Faith Aasen  
Leah Aberle  
Hussein Abulamzi  
Alexis Marguerite Acevedo  
Meghan Blaine Ackerman  
Morgan Alexander  
Jana Anderson  
Makiah Jayden Andes  
Sydney Paige Andes  
Madison Barker  
Alexis Wieck Begg  
Megan Rae Bender  
Karlee Myranda Bernhardt  
MaKenzie Lynn Bjork  
Hannah Black Cloud  
Ashley Anne Bonen  
Phillip Merle Buckles  
Rebekka Lynn Bummer  
Alexa Butz  
Paolo Lorenzo Cabatingan  
Sir-Wallace Chanel  
Lucy Chapman  
Rufena Denia Chie  
Ye Mi Choi  
Makenzi Collins  
Jessica Craig  
Meghan Crighton  
Trae D. Farren  
Samantha Fell  
Ensley Fendelet  
Carson H. Fettig  
Logen James Fischer  
Sajal Gokani

Alina Gonzalez  
Amilcar Gonzalez  
Noah Ryne Grant  
Kirsten Lauren Gutenberg  
Elena Maria Gutierrez  
Valerie Hagen  
Mia Halvorson  
Deserae Elise Harstad  
Cassidy Beth Holmes  
Jorie Tess Holsten  
Sean Cydon Hoover  
Tia Caitlyn Hummel  
Abagale Tyne Huschka  
Peyton Kent Huss  
Ainhua Marie Idoate  
Nathaniel Kelly  
Dayton C. Keltner  
Milah Kibbel  
Madeline Kindred  
Megan Klebe  
Bonny K. Krogedal  
Otto Paul Langhans  
Jeremy Alan Larson  
Paige R. Larson  
Taylor Nichole Larson  
Abbey Lee  
Rhaspede Logan  
Sheneill Elizabeth Lymer  
Molly Mac Arthur  
Clayton Mantz  
Rachel McLean  
Alayzia Meres McLeod  
Chloe' Meicher

Samantha Anne Mitchell  
Jessica Morey  
Cassandra Paige Nagy  
Sydney Beth Nelson  
Charity Rayanne Nett  
Bryce Neu  
Alisha Paige O'Hara  
Praise Osagioduwa Okunbor  
Carol Pena  
Callie Perry  
Lauren Grace Picard  
Noah Ploof  
Nicole Postovit  
Grace Ransiear  
Rachel Elizabeth Roers  
Allie Faye Romo  
Kayla Rotondi  
Sealy Rovig  
Destiny Margaret Smestad  
Eric Anthony Soar  
Megan Stroh  
Trinity D'AngelinaTucker  
Emedion Udokop  
Sarah Upton  
Lauren E. Vengels  
Jessica Walker  
Jenna Rae Wangler  
Sophie Lynn Wedar  
Taylor Wetzell  
Adisynn Widdel  
Madeline Wilkie  
Madison Yanish  
Shayla Ann Zaste

# GRADUATE SCHOOL CITATION OF EXCELLENCE

Garret Nicholson

Gillian Woodward

# MSU LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Luke Anderson  
Kelby Armstrong  
Téa Boeckel  
Grayson Bonilla  
Alina Gonzalez

Alexander Gorthy  
Megan Klebe  
Fadzai Madavo  
Brayden Pawluk  
Hannah Peterson

Sophia Rinehart  
Breianna Smestad  
Emedion Udokop  
Sarah Upton  
Sophie Wedar

# GRADUATE SCHOOL

Dr. Linda Cresap, Director of Graduate School

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## EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREES

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**Christine Mary Goertzen** – Minot, ND  
School Psychology  
**Jordan McClain-White** – Dayton, OH  
School Psychology  
**Toni D. Votava** – Grafton, ND  
School Psychology

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## MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREES

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**Keegan Berry** – Casper, WY  
Education  
**Jenny C. Bobo** – Minot, ND  
Education  
**Christopher Brewer** – Minot, ND  
Education  
**Karen Clark** – Regina, SK  
Education  
**Renaef Fafard** – Carlyle, SK  
Education  
**Khian Lim Foo** – Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia  
Education  
**Derek C. Gathman** – Minot, ND  
Education  
**Lindsey Lea Grullon** – Falcon, CO  
Education  
**Cheryl B. Mortezaee** – Woking, England  
Education  
**Brittna Richards** – Berthold, ND  
Education  
**Stephanie Marie St. Croix** – Kenmare, ND  
Education  
**Julia Noelle Joan Suchan** – Calgary, AB  
Education  
**Lacey Stenvold** – Surrey, ND  
Education

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREES

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**Malissa Abdoul Samad Hamidou** – Niamey, Niger  
Information Systems  
**Christina Meagan Aboudi** – Pleasanton, CA  
Special Education  
**Rasheed Olayinka Ajirrotutu** – Minot, ND  
Management

**Emily Agneline Barker** – Saskatoon, SK  
Speech-Language Pathology  
**Jenna Lynn Beaulieu** – Shellbrook, SK  
Speech-Language Pathology  
**Prabina Shiwakoti** – Minot, ND  
Information Systems  
**Allison Catherine Binko** – Palm Harbor, FL  
Speech-Language Pathology  
**Tiale Gisele Ble** – Minot, ND  
Management  
**McKenzie Bloms** – Minot, ND  
Special Education  
**Ashley Ann Boom** – Edgeley, ND  
Speech-Language Pathology  
**Taylor Anne Bradley** – Winnipeg, MB  
Speech-Language Pathology  
**Kathryn Braun** – Swift Current, SK  
Speech-Language Pathology  
**Drew Carter** – Kelowna, BC  
Management  
**Jennifer Ann Casey** – Solway, MN  
Disability Human Services  
**Keaton Cederstrom** – Minot, ND  
Sports Management  
**Dorion Cipriani** – Minot, ND  
Management  
**Kristine Nicole Couzens** – Winnipeg, MB  
Speech-Language Pathology  
**David D'Amico** – Grand Prairie, TX  
Sports Management  
**Jaclyn De Los Santos** – Minot, ND  
Information Systems  
**Daniel DeYoung** – Lockport, IL  
Sports Management  
**Krista Michelle Dillman** – Kimball, MN  
Special Education  
**Karolina Natalia-Beverly Donnelly** – Calgary, AB  
Speech-Language Pathology  
**Adesuwa Erude** – Minot, ND  
Management  
**Jacob Fletcher** – Minot, ND  
Sports Management  
**Abbey Bell Franklin** – Deloraine, MB  
Speech-Language Pathology  
**Taylor Goodenough** – Owatonna, MN  
Management  
**Madalyn Graham** – Lehi, UT  
Sports Management  
**Michael Gudejko** – Minot, ND  
Information Systems

**Sebastian Devin Guterrez** – Pasco, WA  
Sports Management

**Kaylie Hanson** – Glyndon, MN  
Special Education

**Cheryl M. Dorner-Harmon** – Seville, OH  
Disability Human Services

**Amanda Harvey** – Los Angeles, CA  
Special Education

**Kate Marion Kirikoroua Head** – Brisbane, Australia  
Management

**Haley Rae Hernandez** – Gilbert, AZ  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Lakyn Margaret Hilstrom** – Estevan, SK  
Special Education

**Taylor Janzen** – Saskatoon, SK  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Monjit Kausik** – Nashua, NH  
Information Systems

**Nadya Alexandra Anne Keenan** – Saskatoon, SK  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Alex J. Keil** – Morris, MN  
Sports Management

**Hayley Rose Keller** – Regina, SK  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Jennifer Lynn Ladendorf** – Minot, ND  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Maleeha Latif** – Minot, ND  
Information Systems

**Nabeeha Latif** – Minot, ND  
Information Systems

**Sofia Gisella Lewis** – Minot, ND  
Sports Management

**Jacob William Livingston** – Greencastle, IN  
Special Education

**Madison Jae Long** – Minot, ND  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Christina M. Lynnes** – Minot, ND  
Special Education

**Nicole Madden** – Minot, ND  
Special Education

**April Christine Madsen** – Grenora, ND  
Special Education

**Renwick E. Martin** – St. Louis, MO  
Sports Management

**Cassidy Maria Millar Matthews** – Winnipeg, MB  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Gracy McCoy** – Minot, ND  
Special Education

**Daniel Geordie McDougall** – Lumsden, SK  
Management

**Dominique Mary Jane Mikula** – Minot, ND  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Wyniah Lyn Mintz** – Glendive, MT  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Connor Navrot** – Warman, SK  
Sports Management

**Mohammad Sohail Nawaz** – Minot, ND  
Information Systems

**Grace Nemecek** – Bismarck, ND  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Amber Nguyen** – Regina, SK  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Amanda Nichols** – Minot, ND  
Special Education

**Garrett Thomas Nicholson** – Sydney Mines, NS  
Management

**LaShae Merrie Nolz** – Mandan, ND  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Seth Oppong** – Minot, ND  
Management

**Dominick Parkhurst** – Tucson, AZ  
Information Systems

**Drew Thomas Pearson** – Minot, ND  
Sports Management

**Nicholas Pereira** – Canyon Lake, CA  
Management

**Braydon Douglas Peterson** – Lemmon, SD  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Calli L. Rembowski** – Six Mile, SC  
Information Systems

**Louis Robert Reynolds** – Lansing, IL  
Sports Management

**Robert Michael Richards-Keyes** – Granville, ND  
Special Education

**April Rowlett** – Nipawin, SK  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Travis W. Rybchinski** – Bottineau, ND  
Sports Management

**Tori Schemenauer** – Lake Lenore, SK  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Davis Henry Sheldon** – Nanton, AB  
Sports Management

**Sachin Sukumar Shetty** – Minot, ND  
Information Systems

**Praveen Srivastava** – Minot, ND  
Information Systems

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

**Cierra McCall Stevens** – Williston, ND  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Kalyn E. Stufflebeam** – Kalamazoo, MI  
Information Systems

**Lauren Dawn Sullivan** – Butte, MT  
Sports Management

**Nicholas R. Theis** – Minot, ND  
Sports Management

**Morgan L. Titus** – Sherwood, ND  
Sports Management

**Dustin Tollefsrud** – Minot, ND

Management

**Donald Scott Turnbull** – Morris, MN

Sports Management

**Sarah Mary Tyler** – Lenexa, KS

Management

**Dawn M. Ward** – Minot, ND

Special Education

**Christina A. Williams** – Nashville, NC

Special Education

**Gillian Woodward** – Minot, ND

Sports Management

**Gillian Woodward** – Minot, ND

Management

**Randi Lynn Carlson** – Weyburn, SK

Speech-Language Pathology

**Jaclyn De Los Santos** – Rolla, ND

Information Systems

**Taryn Renae Faul** – Max, ND

Management

**Pamela Lynn Vettleson** – Plummer, MN

Special Education

**Jasmine Vinnard** – Minot, ND

Speech-Language Pathology

## HONORS PROGRAM

Ms. Jessica Smestad, Director

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### BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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- **Lafayette Bade** – Elk River, MN  
Bachelor of Science - Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- **Elizabeth Castro** – Dillon, MT  
Bachelor of Arts - Psychology  
Bachelor of Science - Criminal Justice
- **Aleta Gamble** – Portal, ND  
Bachelor of Social Work - Social Work
- **Jakob Heggie** – Highlands Ranch, CO  
Bachelor of Science - Finance
- **Alayzia McLeod** – Minot, ND  
Bachelor of Individualized Studies - Individualized Studies
- Achille Tenekeu Djauken** – Minot, ND  
Bachelor of Science - Chemistry

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE

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

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### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

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**Autumn D. Hallfrisch** – Minot, ND

Human Services: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

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### BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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- **Peyton Haugaard** – Hope, ND  
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
- Hannah Joy Hofseth** – Irvine, CA  
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
- **Jeremy Alan Larson** – Williston, ND  
Applied Business Information Technology

**Jessica Kalenze** – West Fargo, ND  
 Interpreting and Sign Language Studies  
**Aubry L. Meisinger** – Greenville, IL  
 Applied Business Information Technology  
**Dana Peele** – Minot, ND  
 Applied Business Information Technology

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## BACHELOR OF ARTS

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- **Hussein Abulamzi** – Chicago, IL  
 English  
**Alexius Albertson** – Minot, ND  
 Biology  
**Monica Joan Catherine Anderson** – Minot, ND  
 Chemistry  
**Nathan Lee Baca** – Brighton, CO  
 Biology  
**Bryant Michael Bagshaw** – Lake Havasu City, AZ  
 Biology
- **Megan Rae Bender** – Minot, ND  
 Psychology  
 Mathematics  
**Ashley Blake** – Minot, ND  
 World Languages  
**Janessa Akayla Brown** – Minot, ND  
 Biology  
**Brianna Burns** – Minot, ND  
 Psychology  
**Cole Hunter Clementich** – Minot, ND  
 Professional Communication  
**Audri Clubine** – Minot, ND  
 Biology  
**Marissa Cody** – Minot, ND  
 Chemistry
- **Emily Couse** – Minot, ND  
 Biology  
**Cassidy Jeigh Dupay** – Stanley, ND  
 Psychology  
**Alyssa Marie Ellet** – Minot, ND  
 Biology  
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Special Education

- Danielle Nicole Sheridan** – Minot, ND  
Special Education
- Peyton Joy Skabo** – Tioga, ND  
Elementary Education
- Sonia Skorheim** – Bismark, ND  
Special Education
- **Destiny Margaret Smestad** – Minot, ND  
Elementary Education
- Kelly Ellen Spencer** – Minot, ND  
Early Childhood Education
- Carley Stewart** – Starbuck, MN  
Special Education
- Elizabeth Bertha Tibor** – Dickinson, ND  
Early Childhood Education
- Brittany Valdez** – Minot, ND  
Special Education
- Rachel Dockter** – Minot, ND  
Music Education
- Gina Walsh** – Billings, MT  
Special Education
- **Lenora Watson** – Orangevale, CA  
English Education
- Jordyn Weigel** – Bismarck, ND  
Special Education
- Jordan Lenae Young** – Parshall, ND  
Early Childhood Education
- Madison Zerr** – Max, ND  
Early Childhood Education

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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- **Christianah Opeyemi Adebajo** – Ogun State, Nigeria  
Nursing
- **Sydney Paige Andes** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- Lindsay Rae Baker** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- Kathryn Banet** – Jamestown, ND  
Nursing
- AshLynn Jannessa Barrette** – Benedict, ND  
Nursing
- Sarah Marie Becker** – Carrington, ND  
Nursing
- Gretchen Sue Berglund** – Sheyenne, ND  
Nursing
- **MaKenzie Lynn Bjork** – Sidney, MT  
Nursing
- Lindsay Grace Bloms** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- Sophia Dian Boutrous** – Minot, ND  
Nursing

- **Erin Lynn Bradford** – Brownstown, IN  
Nursing
- Keely Briggs** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Paolo Lorenzo Cabatingan** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- Peggy Cales** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Ye Mi Choi** – Seoul, Korea  
Nursing
- **Hope Madlen Coble** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Nolan Talmage Compere** – Buckeye, AZ  
Nursing
- Rudy Junior Contreras III** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Jessica Craig** – Wentzville, MO  
Nursing
- Amanda DeMers** – Rugby, ND  
Nursing
- **Cassidy Elliott** – Westhope, ND  
Nursing
- Jill Erickson** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Samantha Fell** – Culbertson, MT  
Nursing
- Hannah Fetzer** – Paso Robles, CA  
Nursing
- Kailee Alexis Frank** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- Hunter Alexis Fuchs** – Norwich, ND  
Nursing
- Luis Manuel Gonzalez, Jr.** – Berthold, ND  
Nursing
- Tonya LeAnn Goodlett** – Burkesville, KY  
Nursing
- **Noah Ryne Grant** – Bottineau, ND  
Nursing
- **Elena Maria Gutierrez** – Mililani, HI  
Nursing
- Erika Frey** – Glasgow, MT  
Nursing
- **Deserae Elise Harstad** – Reynolds, ND  
Nursing
- Alexis J. Heil** – Bottineau, ND  
Nursing
- Mylee Rose Hicks** – Macks Creek, MO  
Nursing
- **Sean Cydon Hoover** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Ainhua Marie Idoate** – Sidney, MT  
Nursing
- Brianna D. Johnson** – Minot, ND  
Nursing

- **Madeline Kindred** – Soldotna, AK  
Nursing
- **Brenna Kraft** – West Fargo, ND  
Nursing
- **Jessica J. Lemieux** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Jeniffer Sinai Marquez** – La Lima, Honduras  
Nursing
- **Rachel Marie Martinson** – Parkers Prairie, MN  
Nursing
- **Moustafa Mohamed Mashal** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Erymell Mateo Liriano** – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
Nursing
- **Jacqueline Meneses** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Aubree Meyer** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Misty Rose Miller** – Jamestown, ND  
Nursing
- **Samantha Anne Mitchell** – Malta, MT  
Nursing
- **Christy Nannenga** – Jamestown, ND  
Nursing
- **Moneesha Shauntae Noble** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Devynn Victoria Nordstrom** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Praise Osagioduwa Okunbor** – Edo, Nigeria  
Nursing
- **Laura Palmer Yates-Peters** – Washington, DC  
Nursing
- **Keely Nicole Plemel** – Devils Lake, ND  
Nursing
- **Morgan Reiser** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Sophia Maeri Matey-Rinehart** – York, PA  
Nursing
- **Kayla Rotondi** – Ellendale, ND  
Nursing
- **Josie Jade Rudolph** – Jamestown, ND  
Nursing
- **Lacey Schooley** – Alexander, ND  
Nursing
- **Johannah Slind** – Plaza, ND  
Nursing
- **Payton Smith** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Madison Stephens** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Natalie Grace Stevens** – Fergus Falls, MN  
Nursing

- **Michelle Renee Stewart** – Williston, ND  
Nursing
- **Breanna Jean Svangstu** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Samantha Ternes** – Cavalier, ND  
Nursing
- **Rachel Trzruc** – Devils Lake, ND  
Nursing
- **Trinity D'Angelina Tucker** – Kathleen, GA  
Nursing
- **Brady Vasichek** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Eden Ashley Walton** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Madison Werner** – Lafayette, LA  
Nursing
- **Justin De'Angelo White** – Morrow, GA  
Nursing
- **Alexis Jade Williams** – Minot, ND  
Nursing
- **Hannah Wilkinson** – Plymouth, CA  
Nursing

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## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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- **Ashten Dawn Anhorn** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
- **Alexis Wiecek Begg** – Fargo, ND  
Social Work
- **Cassidy Renee Behles** – Garrison, ND  
Social Work
- **Karlee Myranda Bernhardt** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
- **Brandi Bonnet** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
- **Mandi Carroll** – Bend, OR  
Social Work
- **Amy Sue Cleveland** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
- **Erica Jean Cotter** – Champlin, MN  
Social Work
- **Analycia M. Dickerson** – Minot, ND  
Social Work
- **Emily Frances Ehresman** – Moorhead, MN  
Social Work
- **Hannah Kay Feist** – Herreid, SD  
Social Work
- **Carley Jo M. Geiger** – Mandan, ND  
Social Work
- **Samuel Goodman** – Minot, ND  
Social Work



- **Mia Halvorson** – Fairmount, ND  
Social Work
- **Faith Hegstad** – Minot, ND  
Social Work  
**Ashton Mae Holzer** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work  
**Regann Jensen** – Bemidji, MN  
Social Work  
**Grace Jochim** – Minot, ND  
Social Work  
**Chaya Joersz** – Mandan, ND  
Social Work  
**Jessica Marie Johnson** – New Salem, ND  
Social Work  
**Sophia Elise Johnson** – Minot, ND  
Social Work  
**Kallie Kautzman** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work  
**Slim Lee** – Minot, ND  
Social Work  
**Jodi Wingenbach** – Minot, ND  
Social Work  
**Kaylynn Rae Melgaard** – Minot, ND  
Social Work
- **Kendra Kristina Miller** – Mandan, ND  
Social Work
- **Jessica Morey** – Minot, ND  
Social Work
- **Sadie Elizabeth Myrvik** – Park River, ND  
Social Work
- **Cassandra Paige Nagy** – Dubuc, SK  
Social Work
- **Charity Rayanne Nett** – Minot, ND  
Social Work  
**Nwokoro Olive Chiamaka Chidera** – Minot, ND  
Social Work
- **Ashlyn Lue Orduna-Aguilar** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work  
**Mikayla Elaine Otterness** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work  
**Meriah Poitra** – Dunseith, ND  
Social Work  
**Madison Pritchard** – Langdon, ND  
Social Work
- **Ann Reinke** – Williston, ND  
Social Work  
**James Edward Reynolds** – Fargo, ND  
Social Work
- **Callie Rienstra** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
- **Rachel Elizabeth Roers** – Stacy, MN  
Social Work  
**Claire Ryberg** – Menoken, ND  
Social Work  
**Kaitlyn Ann Schelske** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work  
**Heaven Schumacher** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
- **Abigail Morgan Smith** – Sioux Falls, SD  
Social Work  
**Taylor VandeBerg** – Minot, ND  
Social Work  
**Elianna Vazquez** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
- **Shantae Vetter** – Bismarck, ND  
Social Work
- **Carly Johnson Vraa** – Bemidji, MN  
Social Work  
**Alvina Marie Wald** – Minot, ND  
Social Work
- **Madison Yanish** – Dickinson, ND  
Social Work

# DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU

Dr. Carmen Simone, Campus Dean

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## ASTEP COLLEGE TO CAREER CERTIFICATES

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**Michael Dufner** – Glenburn, ND

ASTEP Certificate

**Nicholas Edwards** – Mandan, ND

ASTEP Certificate

**Kamyrien Gillies** – Parshall, ND

ASTEP Certificate

**Seth Grady** – New Town, ND

ASTEP Certificate

**Tanner Holman** – Dickinson, ND

ASTEP Certificate

Certificate - Technical 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. Jynette Larshus, 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 266 students from over 56 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.

**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.

**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.

**NORTH DAKOTA CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (NDCPD):** The NDCPD is an organization that provides services and supports 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 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 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 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 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.

**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.

**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. These students who achieve a minimum 2.0 GPA are wearing white stoles with purple trim and an embroidered purple shield.

**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 is to conduct campus tours for prospective/incoming students. Other duties include assistance with orientation and registration, MSU functions and receptions, and hometown high school visits. Student Ambassadors are wearing a red and black cord.

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

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

**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

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

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