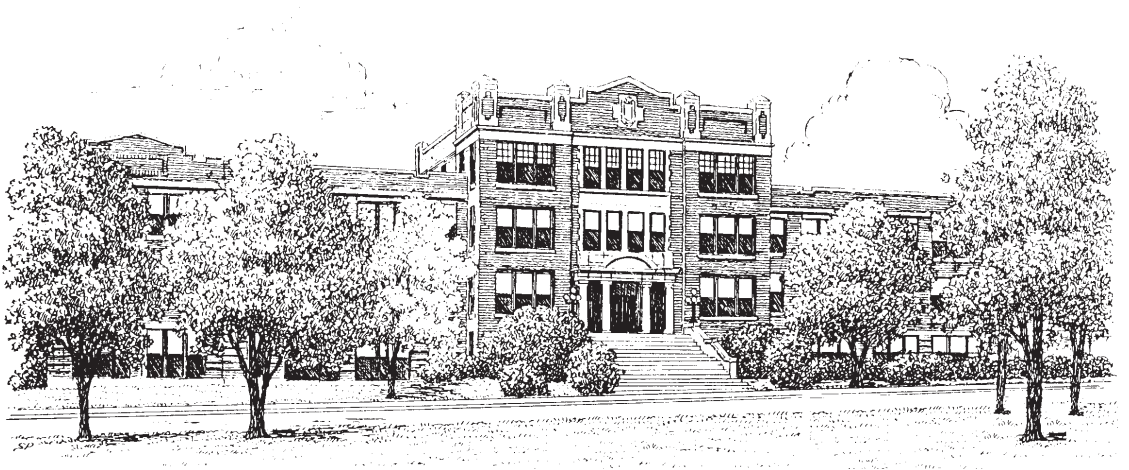


**Minot State University
Commencement Exercises**

**Friday, May 10, 2024
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 109th Commencement Exercises.

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

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

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

Congratulations on your impressive achievements!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven W. Shirley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "W".

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..... Hayden Tinker
Wardah Husain

FACULTY MARSHALLS Nichol Anderson
Dr. Ruth Chen
Dr. Mary Huston
Dr. Beth Marschner
Dr. Zebulon Wallace

STANDARD BEARERS

Minot State University..... Travis Smith
Dakota College at Bottineau..... Christopher Hellman

CANADIAN ANTHEM..... Sung by Kylee Cook

NATIONAL ANTHEM Sung by Kylee Cook

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

INVOCATION Rachel Simonson
LCM Pastor

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS	Dr. Steven Shirley President of the University
ADDRESS	Lori Nehlsen 2024 Graduate Student Olivia Reiser 2024 Undergraduate Student Brenda Foster Alumna
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 Ms. Jessica Smestad, Honors Program Director Dr. Alaric Williams, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Carmen Simone, Dean, Dakota College at Bottineau Assisted by Dr. Sophia Rammell and Dr. Samuel Stinson
GRADUATE SCHOOL	BACHELOR OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES
HONORS PROGRAM	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF ARTS	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS	BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK
BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES	DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU
"Alma Mater" sung by Megan Kramer..... and the MSU Concert Choir	Text by Huldah Lucile Winsted Composed by Dr. Emerson Eads Arranged by Dr. Emerson Eads Conducted by Kylee Cook
WELCOME TO NEW ALUMNI	Jaimie Brunner MSU Alumni Association
CLOSING REMARKS	Dr. Steven Shirley President of the University

NATIVE AMERICAN HONOR SONG..... Yellow Wolf

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

RECESSIONAL..... "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 the commencement conversation on Facebook, Instagram, and X before, during, and after the ceremony. Please be sure to tag Minot State University and use the hashtag #MSUclassof24.



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

LORI NEHLSSEN'S journey through education and research is a narrative of dedication, intellectual curiosity, and leadership, marking her steadfast commitment to education. Her experiences have honed her leadership skills and contributed significantly to the academic community.

In January 2024, Lori achieved a significant milestone by successfully defending her thesis on the preparedness of elementary teachers in the U.S. and Canada to teach science, completing her Master of Education degree at Minot State University only two short years after completing her Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Elementary Education in December 2021. These achievements and her acceptance into the Doctorate in Education program at the University of Northern Colorado, beginning in August 2024, speak volumes about her academic prowess and unwavering pursuit of knowledge.

Working alongside Dr. Daniel Conn from Minot State University and Dr. Franklin Allaire from the University of Houston, Lori conducted a study assessing elementary grade teachers' competencies in teaching science. This endeavor employed the CP2R analytic tool, highlighting Lori's ability to bridge theoretical frameworks with empirical research. Her dedication to this project was evident as she presented her findings at the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum (AATC) conferences in Chicago, IL in 2022 and Louisville, KY in 2023. Furthermore, at the Association for Science Teacher Education in New Orleans, Lori's research explored the efficacy of science teaching through the Sci-TES analytical tool, cementing her reputation as a rising scholar.

Lori's academic journey was punctuated by presenting three insightful papers at the AATC Conference in Louisville. There, she showcased her passion for education and ability to communicate complex ideas clearly and eloquently. Her role in introducing the keynote speaker, Dr. Adrienne Dixson of the University of Kentucky, further demonstrated her professionalism and poise, earning her widespread respect and admiration from her peers.

Beyond her scholarly endeavors, Lori has steadfastly committed to integrating diverse knowledge and perspectives into STEM education. Her involvement in the CIRCLES Alliance Grant exemplifies this, leading to her presentation of significant findings at the North Dakota Indian Education Summit in Bismarck in July 2023. In her advocacy for the Plum River Native Prairie project here in Minot, Lori demonstrated her dedication to inclusivity and cultural representation within educational contexts. Aside from research and academia, Lori is a full-time sixth-grade physical science teacher at Erik Ramstad Middle School and a mother of four. Her dedication to nurturing young minds and her ability to juggle rigorous academic pursuits with success highlights her passion for education and her contribution to the educational community.

Lori Nehlsen's story involves intellectual rigor, community service, and leadership. She inspires those around her and contributes significantly to the field of education. Her journey reflects a commitment to advancing educational practices and fostering an inclusive learning environment, making her a distinguished member of the academic community.

OLIVIA REISER is the daughter of Bob and Nancy Reiser.

Olivia graduated in 2020 from North Star High School in Cando and began her college career at Lake Region State College (LRSC). She graduated from LRSC after one year with a fitness trainer technician (FTT) degree and an Associate of Science degree. At LRSC, Olivia became an ACSM certified personal trainer. To continue her aspiration of exercise science, she decided to follow in the footsteps of 10 family members by choosing Minot State University.

While at Minot State, Olivia has worked as a hydration specialist for the football team for the last three years. She has also assisted the athletic trainers for the baseball team, women's soccer team, basketball teams, and wrestling teams. She has spent countless hours in the training room doing laundry, performing various duties around the training room, and helping with the rehabilitation of athletes. She was instrumental in reviving the Kin Krew Club at MSU and served as the club president since March 2022. The club provides students with networking, professional development, and educational opportunities. Through the club, Olivia was able to obtain IASTM Hawkgrrips training. She was fortunate to have an opportunity to study abroad in the Dominican Republic with Dr. Eckmann. While there, she instructed fitness classes for tourists as well as the people of the island. On campus, Olivia has also been involved with intramural activities such as bowling and volleyball.

During her last two years, she has been a personal trainer and group exercise coach at Premier Movement. She enjoys helping individuals learn how different muscles function and teaching clients how to stay active. She volunteers at Prairie Grit with their gymnastics program and various other activities. Olivia also had the opportunity to work with Parkinson's patients at Trinity Hospital, assisting them in group exercise classes. She taught homeschool students under Dr. Kelsey Higginson's homeschool PE program at MSU which provides those families with physical education opportunities.

Olivia enjoys spending time with family and friends. She loves to spend time working out, playing pickleball, reading, and relaxing at the lake. Today Olivia is graduating Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Rehabilitation and a Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Physical Education. She hopes to have a teaching job starting in the fall.

ALUMNI SPEAKER

BRENDA FOSTER is the chairman, president, and CEO of First Western Bank & Trust, headquartered in Minot with branches and offices in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. She is a graduate of Minot State University with an associate degree in legal secretarial studies as well as a Bachelor of Science in Accounting with a concentration in banking and finance.

Brenda has been employed with First Western Bank & Trust since 1981.

Brenda has served the community and state on a number of boards and committees. She currently serves as a member of the MSU Board of Regents, a board member of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve, a state banking board member, an advisory board member for Bank of North Dakota, and is a current member of the Federal Delegate board for the Independent Community Banks of America as well as a Director at Large.

Brenda and her husband, Wayne, have a daughter, Danielle, and a son, Dustin, who are both MSU graduates.

STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION SPEAKER

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

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

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

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

WITH DISTINCTION

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

James George Miguel Acevedo
Angeliki Alexandrou
Safia Umm-Kolthoom Amin
Skyler Ballard
William Bartz
Ellen Esaaba Bonney
Taylor Brandenburg
Lauryn DeGuzman
Varissa Dumas Rector
Mikayla Eisenschenk
Anna Mary German
Alexander Jay Gorthy
Alexis Donn Haider
Mary Heil

Erica Hermanson
Darian Holecek
Katrina Anne Iluk
Jacob Jensen
Sydney J. Johnstone
Kayla Jazmine Kinkead
Nora Kramer
Kendra Lynn Kremer
Caden Kurokawa
Jonathan Joseph Leon
Kelsey Carol McCloud
Makayla Rae Nehlich
Allie Nelson
Sarah Marie Nielsen

Sierra Rivers Nordloef
Heather Parrish
Sarah Elizabeth Paul
Olivia Reiser
Karen Elizabeth Robinson
Jersey Rynestad
Kaitlynn A. Scherr
Makenzie Schowalter
Rina Suzuki
Jacquelyn Rose Syring
Emma Rae Van Steenvoort
Lucas Walz
Heili Wiley

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Mariah Arlien
Jordan D. Arndt
Skylar Arnold
Marie Joan Audet
Alexandra Barduson
Riley T. Blackburn
Tea Boeckel
Benjamin Matthew Bohl
Averi MaKenna Bradley
Grace Candrian
Aspen Lena Cooper
Gabrielle A. Dawyduk
Megan Louise Ferg
Nahom Tessema Geda

Sawyer Goodwin
NaKayla Halmrast
Amy M. Henry
Adyson Jelleberg
Iris Rekay Jessen
Jordyn Knipper
Chauncee Rene Knittel
Liela Koguchi
Jamey Kragh
Samuel Joseph Kreins
Brittney Kuklis
Alexis M. Leier
Monica Renee Okopal
Isabella Penner

Hannah G. Peterson
Trevan Dale Pfennig
Calle JoLynn Porter
Hafsa Sadkaoui
Katelyn Schmaltz
Melanie L. Segura
Samantha Elizabeth Senger
Jaida Seyer
Roman Carter Srejma
Kaylee Faye Vallarano
Kyle Van Berkom
Jacorryn Houston Wyatt

CUM LAUDE

Samuel Anders Aannerud
Wendy Afi Akuffo
Kacey Patricia Rose Atwood
Trevyn Badger
Carter Joshua Barley
Brendan Barnes
Sydney Beck
Sarah Marie Becker
Taryn Elizabeth Bennett
Kalli Ann Bishop
Patricia Lineth Brewer
Rebecca Caroline Burckhard
Alicia Busch
Adonai Crespo
Divine Tamunonengiyeofori
Daminabo
Chenoa Doerr
Kaelie Eggen
Ashton Marie Erickson
Shelby Eslinger
Callie Evett
Megan Rylee Faul
Kilee Maran Fehd
Katie Ann Fields
Taren Fite
Charles Fofie, Jr.
Hannah Emily Foss
Vanessa Garcia Garcia
Jocelyn Garza
Chase Matthew Gedak

Gillian Tessa Gervin
Juliann Gilder
Makenzie Jo Haffner
Douglas Michael Hardy
Kennedy Harris
Alivia Hauff
Keegan John Henjum
Chawnda Jade Hereford
Cristiano Higino Silva Ferreira
Miah Hoff
Taylor Leigh Hrichena
Sophia Marie Juell
Maxwell Fredrick Karnik
Shane Ryan Kary
Lehi Kharadia
Khiana Knuth
Ashleigh Christina Kocher
Kennedy Taylor Koshman
Kelsey Miranda Kreidt
Rebecca Rose Kubler
Julia Lashlee
Iyanna Renae Latimer
Jethro Lauron
Sohyun Lee
Jaiden Lehmann
Sydney Lindberg
Shelby Long
Hailey M. Miletto
Kassandra Neuman
Rebecca Nord

Tessa Olson
Brittany Orjuela
Ivy Lynn Palchik
Brennan Peters
Lindsay Ann Peulen
Jason Robert Procka
Tegan Ramstad
Francis J. Reddy
TJ Reyes
ReAnna Marie Salinas
Nathan Aden Scott
Noralda Sementsov
Sara Simpson
Amanda Spelhaug
Austin Allen Stensby
John Raymond Kekama'Aulani
Mehe Ka Makani Malulani Subiono
Nathan Curtis Talbott
Reid Tarbox
Jonah Thomas
Jenna Rose Thompson
Terri J. Thorn
Alexander M. Upton
Emily Weeks
Ocean Aelian Johann Weerasooriya
Eden West
Deanna Marie Wickham
McKenna Wild
Jillian Marie Williams
Tobias William Zietz

GRADUATE SCHOOL CITATION OF EXCELLENCE

Lori Nehlsen

MSU LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Sam Aannerud
Taryn Bennett
Maxwell Boeckel
Emmett Espino
Faith Hauck

Adyson Jelleberg
Gloria Nyantakiwaa Kennedy
Kennedy Koshman
Brittney Kuklis
Isabella Penner

Quinn Sullivan
Stephen Jihao Tao
Kevin Vandal
Cayden White

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Dr. Linda Cresap, Director of Graduate School

EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREES

Amy Ryan Conover – Sturgis, SD
School Psychology
Braden Cox – Renton, WA
School Psychology
Kandace Page-Desjarlais – Belcourt, ND
School Psychology
Lauren Koski – Wing, ND
School Psychology
Gretchen Lehmann – Devils Lake, ND
School Psychology
Hannah J. Riehl – Bismarck, ND
School Psychology
Victoria Simard – Brandon, MB
School Psychology
Shayla Smith – Bismarck, ND
School Psychology
Mariah Tomlinson – Turtle Lake, ND
School Psychology

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREES

Megan Ann Anderson – Minot, ND
Education
Jayden Bear – New Town, ND
Education
Rachel N. Brouwer – Minot, ND
Education
Katelyn Dufner – Glenburn, ND
Education
Renaefafard – Leeds, ND
Education
Alexis Genareo – Sherwood, ND
Education
Jenny C. Jarvis – Minot, ND
Education
Jessica Johnson – Minot, ND
Education
Logan Todd Longtin – Williston, ND
Education
Lori Suzanne Nehlsen – Minot, ND
Education
Rachel Petersen – Minot, ND
Education
Lauren E. Sanders – Minot, ND
Education

Lacey Jane Schweitzer – Berthold, ND
Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREES

Yusuf Babatunde Adejumo – Minot, ND
Information Systems
Taylor Theresa Marie Adolph – Regina, SK
Speech-Language Pathology
Rasheed Ajrotutu – Minot, ND
Management
Abeebat Opeyemi Ajrotutu – Minot, ND
Management
Emmanuel Etchu Arrah – Minot, ND
Information Systems
Lafayette Berkeley Bade – Elk River, MN
Management
Sports Management
Mikaylee Bahl – Mohall, ND
Speech-Language Pathology
Erica Flo Bailey – Minot, ND
Special Education
Brynelle Barrs – Minot, ND
Speech-Language Pathology
Laura Joelle Bjork – Grand Rapids, MI
Special Education
Daniel P. Burstein – Saint Louis, MO
Sports Management
Timothy Carlson – San Diego, CA
Sports Management
Jennifer Chambers – Haverhill, MA
Management
Susan E. Clark – Minot, ND
Special Education
Alexandria B. Courtney – Wolf Point, MT
Sports Management
Sara Elisabeth Davis – Williston, ND
Special Education
Alexandra J. Fischer – Bismarck, ND
Management
Logen James Fischer – Rapid City, SD
Sports Management
Joseph Forson – Minot, ND
Information Systems
Erica Foster-Allen – Richmond, TX
Speech-Language Pathology
Philip Green – Parker, CO
Management
Sports Management

Jacqueline Haley – Minot, ND
Special Education

Bryce Matthew Halverson – Calgary, AB
Sports Management

Brittney Kay Hamilton – Fargo, ND
Special Education

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

Mikka Haugeberg – Watford City, ND
Speech-Language Pathology

Hayden Murin Johnson – Buckeye, AZ
Speech-Language Pathology

Josie M. Johnson – Minot, ND
Special Education

Karlee Anne Jones – Elrose, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Jason Brett Joy – Palm Bay, FL
Information Systems

Tayo Kayode – Minot, ND
Speech-Language Pathology

Riley Ann Keller – Carlisle, PA
Speech-Language Pathology

Rabeya Khanom – Minot, ND
Management

Alyssa Jaye King – North Battleford, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Samuel Kirkness – Calgary, AB
Sports Management

Roxanne Klein – Williston, ND
Special Education

Allison Klein – Norwich, ND
Special Education

Eden Kramer – Minot, ND
Speech-Language Pathology

Anda Kuzmina – Minot, ND
Sports Management

Kimberly Michelle Larmer – Kokomo, IN
Special Education

JorDan Rae Lawson – Minot, ND
Sports Management

Nicole D. Lee – Portland, OR
Special Education

Christina M. Lynnes – Minot, ND
Special Education

Braylee Ann Malaterre – St. John, ND
Special Education

Tristan Maldonado – Washburn, ND
Sports Management

Amy Manske – Saskatoon, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Naomi Lynn Manske – Saskatoon, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Roxanne Mathis – Amidon, ND
Management

Mikayla Brook McCloud – Belcourt, ND
Special Education

Margaret R. Mercer – Mesa, AZ
Sports Management

Quincy Minor, Jr. – Milwaukee, WI
Sports Management

Shehadeh Mitwalli – Carlsbad, CA
Information Systems

Petra Moore – Presov, Slovakia
Speech-Language Pathology

Abby Pankow – Minot, ND
Speech-Language Pathology

Hannah Peterson – Minot, ND
Special Education

Aliaksandra Presniatsova – Borisow, Belarus
Speech-Language Pathology

Deann Jerae Rasmusan – Minot, ND
Speech-Language Pathology

Louis Robert Reynolds – Lansing, IL
Sports Management

Jaycie Rostad – Minot, ND
Sports Management

Olawale Rilwan Sipe – Houston, TX
Information Systems

Sara Smith – Minot, ND
Special Education

Hayleigh Flaca Serena Solano – Tucson, AZ
Sports Management

Taylor Stangeland – Saskatoon, SK
Speech-Language Pathology

Elissa Steffan – Killdeer, ND
Speech-Language Pathology

Caleb Steinborn – Vancouver, WA
Information Systems

Katrina E. Teskey – Williston, ND
Special Education

McKenna Thiessen – Brandon, MB
Speech-Language Pathology

Camryn Elizabeth Turton – Thompson, MB
Speech-Language Pathology

Jenny Variste – Orlando, FL
Management

Pamela Lynn Vetteson – Plummer, MN
Special Education

Garrett Volk – Sherwood, ND
Information Systems

Tanner Wickham – Phoenix, AZ
Sports Management

Abigail Ann-Wilhelmi Johnson – Minot, ND
Speech-Language Pathology

Karolynn D. Winger – Minot, ND
Speech-Language Pathology

Derrick Steven Winn – Duluth, MN
Sports Management

Ashlyn Winterhalt – Lloydminster, AB
Speech-Language Pathology
Stephen Ross Yanitski – Calgary, AB
Sports Management

Matthew Yee – Minot, ND
Special Education
Tayla Young – Gastonia, NC
Sports Management

HONORS PROGRAM

Ms. Jessica Smestad, Director

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Violet Skye Azure – Bainville, MT
Bachelor of Science in Education -
History Education

Ryan Michael Delichte – Winnipeg, MB
Bachelor of Science - Criminal Justice

- **Brittney Kuklis** – Columbus, ND
Bachelor of Science - Accounting
- Jennifer Lynn Ness** – Mandan, ND
Bachelor of Arts - History

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

- **Douglas Michael Hardy** – Minot, ND
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
- Aubry L. Meisinger** – Greenville, IL
Applied Business Information Technology
- **Sarah Marie Nielsen** – Valley City, ND
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
- **Jacquelyn Rose Syring** – Walcott, ND
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
- **McKenna Wild** – Winnipeg, MB
Interpreting and Sign Language Studies
- **Jacorryn Houston Wyatt** – Birmingham, AL
Applied Business Information Technology

BACHELOR OF ARTS

- Zenn Nirvana Alvarez** – Crosby, ND
Chemistry
- **Safia Umm-Kolthoom Amin** – London, England
Sociology
- **Trevyn Badger** – Minot, ND
Professional Communication
- Judine Bell** – Apopka, FL
Sociology

- **Riley T. Blackburn** – Velva, ND
Psychology
- Davian Isaiah Cardoso** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Mason Everett Collins** – Minot, ND
Professional Communication
- **Divine Tamunonengiyeofori Daminabo** –
Port Harcourt City, Rivers State, Nigeria
Professional Communication
- **Callie Evett** – Turtle Lake, ND
Psychology
- **Hannah Emily Foss** – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Alexander Jay Gorthy** – Surrey, ND
Art
- Skylar Hall** – Saskatoon, SK
Biology
- Ricki Lyn Hoffman** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Russell Hovde** – Ryder, ND
Psychology
- Crystyn Isbister** – Saskatoon, SK
Biology
- Wael Jawhari** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Carly M. Johnson** – Minot, ND
Art
- **Lehi Kharadia** – Munnith, MI
Geology

- **Kayla Jazmine Kinkead** – Minot, ND
English
- Alexandra Koontz** – Earlville, IL
Professional Communication
- Kylie Marie Koontz** – Earlville, IL
Professional Communication
- Makayla Souix Meyers** – Shanksville, PA
History
- Hannah Nantt** – South Heart, ND
Art
- Amanda Neumiller** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Souvanah Niccum** – San Diego, CA
Biology
- Matthew Oberfell** – Sidney, MT
Psychology
- **Brittany Orjuela** – Miami, FL
Psychology
Criminal Justice
- **Brennan Peters** – Nashua, MT
Biology
- Nicholas Ritchie** – Minot, ND
Geology
- **Jason Robert Procka** – Minot, ND
Psychology
- Maia Robertson** – Los Angeles, CA
Art
- Miya Smalls** – Minot, ND
Professional Communication
- Vanessa Stein** – Glasgow, MT
English
- Bernadine Jennifer Stevens** – New Town, ND
Art
- Parker Ray Clarence Striha** – Butte, ND
Professional Communication
- **Reid Tarbox** – Minot, ND
Psychology
- **Jonah Thomas** – Nekoosa, WI
Biology
- Rebecca Anne Valentine** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Mark Vernon** – Loxahatchee, FL
Biology
- Krista Vesely** – Sheboygan Falls, WI
Psychology
- Ethan Wiley** – Minot, ND
Professional Communication
- **Heili Wiley** – Minot, ND
Psychology
- Braydon Yost** – Rosemount, MN
Professional Communication

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Timothy Timm – Minot, ND
Art

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

- **Kacey Patricia Rose Atwood** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- Kelly Rose Cantler** – Saratoga Springs, NY
General Studies
- Karsyn Jeannine Georgina Chamney** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- Kaniel Dixon** – Mount Vernon, WA
General Studies
- KaraBe Morgan Evans** – Rome, GA
General Studies
- Cody Hartman** – Silverthorne, CO
General Studies
- Victoria Hyde** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- **Cristiano Higino Silva Ferreira** – Dallas, TX
General Studies
- Sierra Jacobsmeyer** – Mandan, ND
General Studies
- Bol Both Jok** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- Maura Anne McGoldrick** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- **TJ Reyes** – Tampa Bay, FL
General Studies
- Michael Ridyard** – Melbourne, FL
General Studies
- Christopher Shannon-Rivers** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- Yeonju Ryu** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- Madison Simko** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- Julia Denise Fjeld Tebay** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- Umberto Kevin Tefac Djauken** – Pittsburgh, PA
General Studies

BACHELOR OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

Brandon M. Anderson – Muskogee, OK
Individualized Studies

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- **Samuel Anders Aannerud** – Minot, ND
Management Information Systems
- Margo Aas** – Minot, ND
Human Services: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Cameron James Abel** – Minot, ND
Management Information Systems
- **James George Miguel Acevedo** – Washburn, ND
Accounting
Finance
Management
- **Wendy Afi Akuffo** – Minot, ND
Medical Laboratory Science
- Dante B. Alberto** – Minot, ND
International Business
- Chandler Loock Albertson** – Minot, ND
Computer Science
- **Angeliki Alexandrou** – Williston, ND
Management
- **Jordan D. Arndt** – Bismarck, ND
Management
- **Marie Joan Audet** – Minot, ND
Multimedia Communications
- Cameron Chad Bagshaw** – Lake Havasu City, AZ
Criminal Justice
- **Skyler Ballard** – Velva, ND
Criminal Justice
Social Work
- **Alexandra Barduson** – Mayer, MN
Criminal Justice
- **Carter Joshua Barley** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- Tyler Brett Barnes** – Hamilton, MT
Management
- **William Bartz** – Richardton, ND
Management
Marketing
- **Taryn Elizabeth Bennett** – Sioux Falls, SD
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- Connor Xiaohu Bishop** – Kearns, UT
Management
Marketing
- **Benjamin Matthew Bohl** – Minot, ND
Finance
Accounting
Management
- **Ellen Esaaba Bonney** – Mesaieed, Qatar
Medical Laboratory Science
- Jane Brodie** – Clovis, CA
Accounting
- Steven Ray Brown** – Newberry, MI
Criminal Justice
- Natalie Beata Buda** – Highlands Ranch, CO
Radiologic Technology
- **Alicia Busch** – Minot, ND
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- Lauren Busch** – Minot, ND
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- John Butz** – Minot, ND
Finance
- Kaeleigh Cain** – Poplar, MT
Medical Laboratory Science
- **Grace Candrian** – Minot, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Mary E. Carlson** – Minot, ND
Addiction Studies
- Isabell D. Chadwick** – Hazen, ND
Criminal Justice
- Courtney Mackenzie Chatburn** – Cave Creek, AZ
Chemistry
- Karley Cochran** – Minot, ND
Management
- Haylie P. Conradsen** – Savage, MT
Radiologic Technology
- Damon Darling** – Colorado Springs, CO
Criminal Justice
- Paul-Henri D.A. Datié** – Minot, ND
Finance
- **Gabrielle A. Dawyduk** – Winnipeg, MB
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Starla M. Deane** – New Town, ND
Addiction Studies
- Trevor DeCoteau** – Rolla, ND
Cybersecurity and Operations
- **Lauryn DeGuzman** – Sacramento, CA
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
Management
- Sheena DeLorme** – Bismarck, ND
Addiction Studies
- Alassane Diop** – Minot, ND
International Business
Marketing
- Jimlynneicka Dolce** – Minot, ND
Management Information Systems
- Sydney Marie Dollinger** – Bismarck, ND
Criminal Justice
- Grant Owen Dowty** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- **Ashton Marie Erickson** – Regina, SK
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Katie Ann Fields** – Bismarck, ND
Criminal Justice

- Bethany Breanne Filler** – Drake, ND
Marketing
Management
International Business
- **Charles Fofie, Jr.** – Bronx, NY
Cybersecurity and Operations
- DeAndre' Ford** – Ponchatoula, LA
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- Antonio L. Franco Fernández** – Minot, ND
Marketing
- Madison Fraunfelter** – Powers Lake, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Mark George Fredericks** – Minot, ND
Management
- Ashlyn Jaide Freeman** – Minot, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Moises Gallardo-Hernandez** – Fairfield, CA
Criminal Justice
- **Nahom Tessema Geda** – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Computer Science
- **Chase Matthew Gedak** – Estevan, SK
Management
- **Gillian Tessa Gervin** – Boissevain, MB
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- Colton Gibson** – Minot, ND
Professional Chemistry
- **Sawyer Goodwin** – Nekoosa, WI
Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
- Hailey Marie Graner** – Minot, ND
Finance
Marketing
- Yasmin Licenia Griswold** – Roanoke, VA
Management
- Tiodor Grujovic** – Belgrade, Serbia
Entrepreneurship
Management
Marketing
- Daniel Allen Halonen** – Menahga, MN
Criminal Justice
- Danielle Halvorson** – Minot, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Shane Hansen** – Oceanside, CA
Criminal Justice
- Benjamin Hardy** – Fairview, MT
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- **Alivia Hauff** – Bismarck, ND
Criminal Justice
- Sarah Ann Haugen** – Minot, ND
Radiologic Technology
- Mason Hedberg** – Minot, ND
Management
Finance
- **Chawnda Jade Hereford** – Fort Washakie, WY
Criminal Justice
- **Erica Hermanson** – Minot, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Chance Hoff** – Mandan, ND
Addiction Studies
- **Darian Holecek** – Westby, MT
Finance
- Connor H. Hollenbeck** – Rapid City, SD
Management
- Shelby Rae Houle** – Bowman, ND
Management Information Systems
- Anna Nicole Howell** – Minot, ND
Medical Laboratory Science
- **Taylor Leigh Hrichena** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- Kierra Huus** – Minot, ND
Management
- **Katrina Anne Iluk** – Minot, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- **Jacob Jensen** – Belcourt, ND
Computer Science
- **Iris ReKay Jessen** – Minot, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- **Sydney J. Johnstone** – Miles City, MT
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Jaci Joy Jones** – Minot, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Shera Lynn Joramo** – Bismarck, ND
Human Services: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Irvin Garcia Juarez** – Minot, ND
Entrepreneurship
- **Sophia Marie Juell** – Grande Prairie, AB
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- **Maxwell Fredrick Karnik** – Fargo, ND
Management
- **Shane Ryan Kary** – Placentia, CA
Management
- Hannah Leigh Kaul** – Minot, ND
Addiction Studies
- Kaitlyn Kinnischtzke** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- **Jordyn Knipper** – Cheyenne, WY
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Ashleigh Christina Kocher** – Williston, ND
Management
- **Liela Koguchi** – Tokyo, Japan
Management Information Systems
- **Kennedy Taylor Koshman** – Yorkton, SK
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- **Jamey Kragh** – Minot, ND
Accounting
Finance
- **Nora Kramer** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice

- **Samuel Joseph Kreins** – Reno, NV
Finance
- Morgan Kroeger** – Minot, ND
Marketing
- Andrijana Kudranovikj** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- Nathon Rick Lakoduk** – Minot, ND
Management Information Systems
- Easton Larson** – Minot, ND
Marketing
Management
- **Jaiden Lehmann** – Minot, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- **Alexis M. Leier** – Minot, ND
Radiologic Technology
- **Jonathan Joseph Leon** – Laveen, AZ
Management
Marketing
- Courtney Lea Lewis** – Bonham, TX
Addiction Studies
- **Sydney Lindberg** – New Town, ND
Criminal Justice
- Jonel Duane Linder** – McClusky, ND
Management
- Grace Caroline Loftus** – Havre, MT
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- Jaden Long** – Minot, ND
Accounting
- **Shelby Long** – Minot, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Jaeger Jerome Lundeen** – Minot, ND
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- Rourke Martin** – Roseburg, OR
Finance
- Dylan James Mayer** – Minot, ND
Finance
Management
- Christian I. McCloud** – Belcourt, ND
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- **Kelsey Carol McCloud** – Halliday, ND
Accounting
- Noah Joseph McCloud** – Belcourt, ND
Management Information Systems
- Reece McIntosh** – Highlands Ranch, CO
Management
Marketing
- Caitlyn McNichols** – Minot, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Rachel Millager** – Lone, CA
Management
- Brody James Mohr** – Fargo, ND
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- Diana Marisela Moreno** – Orting, WA
Criminal Justice
- Hunter Moser** – Dickinson, ND
Criminal Justice
- Kelvin Ndegwa** – Forney, TX
Computer Science
- **Allie Nelson** – Minot, ND
Management
Art
Marketing
- **Kassandra Neuman** – Bismarck, ND
Marketing
- Tanisha Jean Roanne Nickel** – Minot, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Anabel Marie Noches** – Pomona, CA
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- Tyler Jordan Nord** – Minot, ND
Finance
- **Sierra Rivers Nordloef** – Kenmare, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Dawson Obrigewitch** – Mandan, ND
Criminal Justice
- **Heather Parrish** – Monument, CO
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
- **Isabella Penner** – Blumenort, MB
Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Grace Perry** – Seattle, WA
Criminal Justice
- Jayson David Petty** – Tucson, AZ
Criminal Justice
- Jonah Leo Prokott** – Pierz, MN
Marketing
- Sean Curtis Pugh-Seykora** – Minot, ND
Management
Marketing
- Pamela Lynn Pulley** – Faribault, MN
Addiction Studies
- **Francis J. Reddy** – Navarre, FL
Management
- **Olivia Reiser** – Cando, ND
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
Physical Education
- Abigail Richardson** – Minot, ND
Radiologic Technology
- Katie Elizabeth Robb** – Glenburn, ND
Criminal Justice
- Jordan Rodin** – Kenmare, ND
Early Childhood Education
- Kayla Ann Ryder** – Marshfield, MO
Accounting
- **Jersey Rynestad** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- **Hafsa Sadkaoui** – Minot, ND
Finance
- **ReAnna Marie Salinas** – Minot, ND
Radiologic Technology

- Haley Marie Santoro** – Minot, ND
Medical Laboratory Science
- Vanja Savic** – Minot, ND
Management
Marketing
- Samuel James Scheresky** – Garrison, ND
Criminal Justice
- **Kaitlynn A. Scherr** – Langdon, ND
Communication Sciences and Disorders
 - **Nathan Aden Scott** – Highlands Ranch, CO
Cybersecurity and Operations
 - **Melanie L. Segura** – Weslaco, TX
Accounting
 - Griffin Gage Shearon** – Highlands Ranch, CO
Management
 - Abigayle Christine Jane Smith** – Stanley, ND
Human Services: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 - JT Snow** – Highlands Ranch, CO
Cybersecurity and Operations
 - **Roman Carter Srejma** – Fargo, ND
Computer Science
 - Christopher Lucas Stack** – Minot, ND
Computer Science
 - Alayna K. Stokke** – Benton City, WA
Cybersecurity and Operations
 - Jesse E. Stovern** – Wolf Point, MT
Management
Entrepreneurship
 - Jena Morgan Stromberg** – Minot, ND
Radiologic Technology
 - Devany Rae Stutlien** – Harvey, ND
Radiologic Technology
 - **John Raymond Kekama’Aulani Mehe Ka Makani Malulani Subiono** – Kapolei, HI
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
 - **Rina Suzuki** – Minot, ND
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
 - **Nathan Curtis Talbott** – Max, ND
Accounting
Finance
 - Grady E. Taylor** – Circle, MT
Management
Marketing
 - Elizabeth Frances Thompson** – Aberdeen, SD
Addiction Studies
 - **Terri J. Thorn** – Grafton, ND
Human Services: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 - **Alexander M. Upton** – Gordo, AL
Criminal Justice
 - Braeden Volk** – Sherwood, ND
Management
 - Riley Wallace** – Oak Lake, MB
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
 - Drew DuWayne Ward** – Minot, ND
Management Information Systems
 - **Emily Weeks** – Fredericksburg, VA
Criminal Justice
 - Samantha Weeks** – Glenburn, ND
Radiologic Technology
 - Jodie Welle** – Bismarck, ND
Human Services: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 - Carson West** – Columbus, MT
Criminal Justice
 - **Eden West** – Bismarck, ND
Marketing
Marketing
 - Maurice Whyte** – Queens, NY
Management Information Systems
 - **Jillian Marie Williams** – Orland, CA
Computer Science
 - Christina Monique Wolf** – Tehachapi, CA
Management
 - Aaron Christopher Wood** – Mesa, AZ
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
 - Nathaniel James Young** – Glendale, AZ
Corporate Fitness and Wellness Management
 - **Tobias William Zietz** – Minot, ND
Computer Science
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- **Skylar Arnold** – Minot, ND
Special Education
 - **Brendan Barnes** – Kalispell, MT
Business Education
 - Cherish Anne Marie Barthel** – Minot, ND
Early Childhood Education
 - Alisa Marie Bechtel** – Great Falls, MT
Elementary Education
 - **Sydney Beck** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - Gabrielle Bellew** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - Kinley Lynn Bergstrom** – Ray, ND
Special Education
 - **Averi MaKenna Bradley** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
Special Education
 - Naomi Marie Brodsky** – Sidney, MT
History Education
 - Jaidyn Lynn Brummond** – Granville, ND
Elementary Education

- **Aspen Lena Cooper** – Kimberley, BC
Elementary Education
- **Annika Deardurff** – Burlington, ND
Elementary Education
- **Chenoa Doerr** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Brenna Dyke** – Minot, ND
Special Education
- **Kaelie Eggen** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Alyssa Enns** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Shelby Eslinger** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Megan Rylee Faul** – Berthold, ND
Elementary Education
- **Austin Vincent Frantzich** – Clovis, CA
Physical Education
- **Autumn Fuentes** – Williston, ND
Special Education
- **Vanessa Alicia Garcia** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Juliann Gilder** – Ray, ND
Special Education
Early Childhood Education
- **Alexander Jay Gorthy** – Surrey, ND
Art Education
- **Makenzie Jo Haffner** – Minot, ND
English Education
- **Alexis Donn Haider** – Minot, ND
Social Science Education
- **Amaryssia Hale** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Patrick Hardy** – Fairview, MT
Physical Education
- **Kimberly R. Hassel** – Minot, ND
Special Education
- **Hailey Kay Heger** – Rapid City, SD
Elementary Education
- **Carson Robert Heinen** – Minot, ND
Physical Education
- **Amy M. Henry** – White Shield, ND
Early Childhood Education
- **Tyler Irmen** – Minot, ND
Music Education
- **Adyson Jelleberg** – Bottineau, ND
Elementary Education
- **Jyris Jiles** – Milwaukee, WI
Art Education
- **Sidney Keller** – Towner, ND
Biology Education
- **Michaela Kilyanek** – Colstrip, MT
Elementary Education
- **Chauncee Rene Knittel** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Kelsey Miranda Kreidt** – Mandan, ND
Special Education
- **Julia Lashlee** – Colorado Springs, CO
Elementary Education
- **Derry Lentz** – Minot, ND
History Education
- **Kelly Cassandra Lopez** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Haylie McCollough** – Nederland, TX
Early Childhood Education
- **Leah McDonald** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Madison McDonald** – North Portal, SK
Elementary Education
- **Ali Adlan Mohammed** – Glendale, AZ
Elementary Education
- **Courtney Molstad** – Grand Forks, ND
Special Education
- **Rebecca Nord** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Bailey Nordgaard** – Minot, ND
History Education
- **Tessa Olson** – Minot, ND
Early Childhood Education
- **Cayley Ann Olson** – Minot, ND
Special Education
- **Paul Anthony Piazza II** – Chamberlain, SD
Special Education
History Education
- **Shawn Arnold Postovit** – Tioga, ND
Music Education
- **Kristen Rademacher** – Fargo, ND
Special Education
- **Tegan Ramstad** – Minot, ND
Special Education
- **Megan Ricker** – West Fargo, ND
Early Childhood Education
- **Pamela Rings** – Pillsbury, ND
Special Education
- **Karen Elizabeth Robinson** – Burlington, ND
Mathematics Education
- **Briana Romfo** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Leandra Schmidt** – Flasher, ND
Elementary Education
- **Danielle Nicole Sheridan** – Minot, ND
Special Education
- **Sara Simpson** – Park Rapids, MN
Special Education
- **Hannah Sorenson** – Minot, ND
Physical Education

- **Amanda Spelhaug** – Minot, ND
Social Science Education
- Kelly Spencer** – Cave Junction, OR
Early Childhood Education
- **Austin Allen Stensby** – Minot, ND
Early Childhood Education
- Abigail Tofteland** – Minot, ND
Special Education
- Colleen Urlaub** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
- **Kyle Van Berkomp** – Powers Lake, ND
Physical Education
- **Ocean Aelian Johann Weerasooriya** –
Lynnwood, WA
History Education
- Frank Williams, Jr.** – Belcourt, ND
Elementary Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

- Mya Jo Anderson** – Valley City, ND
Nursing
- **Mariah Arlien** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- Lindsay Rae Baker** – Garrison, ND
Nursing
- Riley Kohl Ball** – Bismarck, ND
Nursing
- AshLynn Jannessa Barrette** – Benedict, ND
Nursing
- **Sarah Marie Becker** – Carrington, ND
Nursing
- Rebecca Nicole Beitscher Coffin** – Milwaukee, WI
Nursing
- Jennifer D. Berg** – Driscoll, ND
Nursing
- Madison Bergrude** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- **Kalli Ann Bishop** – Williston, ND
Nursing
- Kennedy Jaden Blackburn** – Velva, ND
Nursing
- **Tea Boeckel** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- Sophia Boutrous** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- **Patricia Lineth Brewer** – Tucson, AZ
Nursing
- Erin Leigh Brown** – Sawyer, ND
Nursing
- Jessica R. Buckmier** – Devils Lake, ND
Nursing
- **Rebecca Caroline Burckhard** – Bismarck, ND
Nursing
- Diana Cammarata** – Portoviejo, Ecuador
Nursing
- Claudia K. Cargo** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- Carson Cayko** – Fairview, MT
Nursing
- Michelle Close** – Devils Lake, ND
Nursing
- Amanda Nicole Conte** – Minot AFB, ND
Nursing
- **Adonai Crespo** – Deltona, FL
Nursing
- Samantha A. DeJardine** – Crosby, ND
Nursing
- Caralina Belle Edmund** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- Brittany Ann Eissinger** – Fargo, ND
Nursing
- Kamdyn Joanne Embler** – Plentywood, MT
Nursing
- **Kilee Maran Fehd** – Gilbert, AZ
Nursing
- **Megan Louise Ferg** – Portage La Prairie, MB
Nursing
- **Taren Fite** – Yucaipa, CA
Nursing
- Hailee Nichole Fletcher** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- Madison Fried** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- **Vanessa Garcia Garcia** – San Antonio, TX
Nursing
- **Jocelyn Garza** – New Britain, CT
Nursing
- **Anna Mary German** – Bismarck, ND
Nursing
- Victoria Lynn Gilbert** – Jamestown, ND
Nursing
- Tanya Mary Gillen** – Crosby, ND
Nursing
- Brian G. Hart** – Bismarck, ND
Nursing
- Mackenzie Lynne Heide** – Morden, MB
Nursing
- **Keegan John Henjum** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- **Miah Hoff** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- Marlyss McKenya Jostad** – Bottineau, ND
Nursing
- Kenzy Suzanne Kellum** – Mountain View, WY
Nursing

- Brennan Adam Kelly** – Chico, CA
Nursing
- Amelia Tamba Kollie** – Monrovia, Liberia
Nursing
- Emily Nicole Kotelnikoff** – Saskatoon, SK
Nursing
- **Rebecca Rose Kubler** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Caden Kurokawa** – Wolf Point, MT
Nursing
 - **Jethro Lauron** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Susan Mae Lawson** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Olivia Martens** – Beulah, ND
Nursing
 - **Brooklyn Payge Morrison** – Chilliwack, BC
Nursing
 - **Makayla Rae Nehlich** – Valley City, ND
Nursing
 - **Kylee Lynn Neigel** – Glendive, MT
Nursing
 - **Monica Renee Okopal** – Reno, NV
Nursing
 - **Ivy Lynn Palchik** – Vacaville, CA
Nursing
 - **Lindsay Ann Peulen** – Henderson, MN
Nursing
 - **Trevan Dale Pfennig** – Valley City, ND
Nursing
 - **Abigail Quenzer** – Laurel, MT
Nursing
 - **Morgan R. Reiser** – Gackle, ND
Nursing
 - **Brook Lee Scheresky** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Katelyn Schmaltz** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Marcus Lee Schwarzrock** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Noralda Sementsov** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Madison Stephens** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Nimota Sulaimon Aderele** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Lizbeth Ruby Vazquez** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Pelenatino Kalani Vito** – Phoenix, AZ
Nursing
 - **April Whisler** – Valley City, ND
Nursing
 - **Deanna Marie Wickham** – Minot, ND
Nursing

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

- Breanne Kyla Joanne Barrows** – Lyleton, MB
Social Work
- **Taylor Brandenburg** – Fargo, ND
Social Work
 - **Mercedes Brown** – Fargo, ND
Social Work
 - **Marielle Cattia Charlotte A. Campbell** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Alexandra Lynn Chapman** – Maple Creek, SK
Social Work
 - **Faith Dominick** – West Fargo, ND
Social Work
 - **Varissa Dumas Rector** – West Fargo, ND
Social Work
 - **Mikayla Eisenschenk** – Saint Joseph, MN
Social Work
 - **Dayne Evans** – San Antonio, TX
Social Work
 - **Taylor N. Faul** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
 - **Abigail Faulkner** – Anchorage, AK
Social Work
 - **Shantell Marie Frank** – Mandan, ND
Social Work
 - **NaKayla Halmrast** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Madison Hanson** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Mary Heil** – Albertville, MN
Social Work
 - **Braden Holte** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Gracie Mikel Klabunde** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Khiana Knuth** – Hutchinson, MN
Social Work
 - **Kendra Lynn Kremer** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Iyanna Renae Latimer** – Kingsport, TN
Social Work
 - **Sohyun Lee** – Dangjin-si, South Korea
Social Work
 - **Kennedi Morgan Leino** – Squaw Lake, MN
Social Work
 - **Skyler Manney** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Amee RaeAnn Mardikian** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Hailey M. Miletto** – Detroit Lakes, MN
Social Work

- Sierra Lynne Moser** – Mandan, ND
Social Work
- Jessica Nelson** – Clarissa, MN
Social Work
- Olivia Roxann Nero** – Bottineau, ND
Social Work
- Lily Noelle Olson** – Watford City, ND
Social Work
- **Sarah Elizabeth Paul** – Fargo, ND
Social Work
- **Hannah G. Peterson** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Calle JoLynn Porter** – Hillsboro, ND
Social Work
- Candice M. Randolph** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- Samantha Rustom** – Anoka, MN
Social Work
- Teresa Sanchez** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- **Makenzie Schowalter** – Ham Lake, MN
Social Work
- **Samantha Elizabeth Senger** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Jaida Seyer** – Oakes, ND
Social Work
- Carolyn D. Steinke** – Bottineau, ND
Social Work
- Ashley Tapp** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- Felicia Ann Tart** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Jenna Rose Thompson** – Mandan, ND
Social Work
- **Kaylee Faye Vallarano** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- Raven L. Vallie** – Belcourt, ND
Social Work
- **Emma Rae Van Steenvoort** – Devils Lake, ND
Social Work
- **Lucas Walz** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work

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Paraprofessional Educator Early Childhood
- William Novak** – Minot, ND
Information Technology
High Honors

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

- Macaylee Casanova** – Minot AFB, ND
Psychology

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Certificate - Technical Studies
ASTEP Certificate
- Matthew Westereng** – Minot, ND
ASTEP Certificate

THE UNIVERSITY'S HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

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

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

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

In 1987, Minot State College became Minot State University and today offers master's degrees in speech-language pathology, education, information systems, management, sports management, music, science 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 back to the Middle Ages when a seal was used to mark documents as important. Because the actual possession was so significant, the seal was usually worn around the neck for safekeeping. Wearing the seal eventually became a symbol of authority.

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

UNIVERSITY MACE

A world symbol of tradition and a bond to centuries of academic rituals, a university mace is used only for formal events. Such rituals and symbols provide a university with community pride while establishing an enduring tie to the past. The University Mace, carried today by Dr. Ethan Valentine, 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 semester hours.

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

INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

Flags are displayed representing MSU's graduating international students. MSU proudly hosts over 233 students from over 53 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.

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

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.

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

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.

MINOT STATE ESPORTS: Minot State Esports is a combined organization of a student club (Minot State Esports Club) and a varsity competitive program at MSU (Minot State Esports). They wish to recognize substantive contributions to both MSU Esports and academics among our competitors, shout casters, and other student leaders. Students representing this organization are wearing red stoles embroidered with the Esports 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 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 LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION (NSSLHA): Minot State NSSLHA is a club comprised of undergraduate and graduate students interested in the study of communication disorders. The club places a strong focus on community and campus involvement, participating in campus events throughout the year. Members volunteer in the community at least once a month. The MSU club is closely connected with other North Dakota NSSLHA chapters and meets the requirements to be certified by the National NSSLHA. The students graduating representing this club are wearing a teal and blue cord.

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

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

OMICRON TAU CHAPTER OF SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING: The Omicron Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing was established in 1998 at Minot State University. It is one of roughly 530 chapters located in more than 90 countries. The mission of STTI is 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.

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

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

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.

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

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

REGALIA AND THE HISTORY OF THE HOOD

Academic regalia originated in European universities between the 12th and 13th centuries. In England during the second half of the 14th century, statutes of certain colleges forbade excess in apparel and prescribed the wearing of a long gown with a hood by faculty and students. By this time, the hood was separated from the gown, and by the 15th century, 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 wearing a gold stole representing MSU honors. Students receiving their master's degrees still wear hoods with colors, which over time have become distinctive to each discipline to distinguish them from their colleagues in other fields of learning. Tradition holds that as the candidate is awarded their master's degree, the candidate's mentor and others in authority place the hood over their robe.

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

Light Blue...Speech-Language Pathology
Light Blue...Special Education
Light Blue...Education
Light Blue...Education Specialist in School Psychology

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 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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