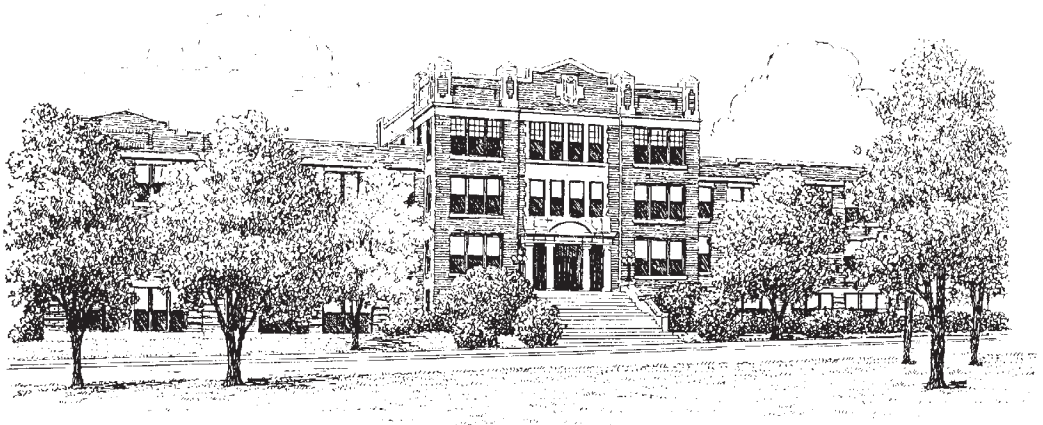


Minot State University
Commencement Exercises
Be seen. Be heard. Be empowered.
Friday, May 10, 2019
10 a.m.
University Dome





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 105th Commencement Exercises. Today represents a wonderful day of celebration!

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

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

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

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven W. Shirley".

Steven W. Shirley, PhD
President

UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

SMUDGING CEREMONY

To honor our graduates and Native brothers and sisters, we used sage to smudge the graduation area at 8:00 am 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.

Our Native elders have taught us that before a person can be healed or heal another, one must be cleansed of any bad feelings, negative thoughts, bad spirits or negative energy - cleansed both physically and spiritually. This helps the healing to come through in a clear way, without being distorted or sidetracked by negative “stuff” in either the healer or the client. The elders say that all ceremonies, tribal or private, must be entered into with a good heart so that we can pray, sing, and walk in a sacred manner, and be helped by the spirits to enter the sacred realm.

Native people throughout the world use herbs to accomplish this. One common ceremony is to burn certain herbs, then a feather fan is used to distribute smoke in an area of ceremony. Today this is commonly called “smudging.” In Western North America the three plants most frequently used in smudging are sage, cedar, and sweetgrass.

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

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERMs. MariDon Sorum

HONORARY STUDENT MARSHALSMs. Hannah Heisler
Ms. Ann Godwin

FACULTY MARSHALS..... Dr. Andrew Bertsch
Dr. Gary Rabe
Dr. Nicola Roed
Dr. Christopher Keller
Dr. Bryan Schmidt
Ms. Naomi Winburn

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College of Arts and Sciences..... Ms. Mary Gamas
College of Business..... Ms. Miriam Dumes
College of Education and Health Sciences Ms. Aileen Cheong
Dakota College at Bottineau..... Ms. Katie Roskelley

CANADIAN ANTHEM..... Signed by Mr. Erik Eide

O Canada
O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada!
We stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada! we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada! we stand on guard for thee!

NATIONAL ANTHEM Signed by Ms. Dani Ranger

The Star-Spangled Banner
O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

WELCOME Mr. Kevin Harmon, Vice President for Student Affairs

INVOCATION Deacon Anna Dykeman, Lutheran Campus Ministry

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS..... Dr. Steven Shirley, President of the University

ADDRESS..... Mrs. Megdalyn Johnson, 2019 Graduate Student
Mr. Aaron Richard, 2019 Undergraduate Student
Mr. Jim McIntyre, Alumnus

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES..... Dr. Laurie Geller, Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES..... Dr. Steven Shirley, President of the University

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS..... Dr. Erik Kana, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs
Assisted by Dr. Daniel Conn
Dr. Kristi Berg

GRADUATE SCHOOL	Dr. Jacek Mrozik, Associate Vice President of Graduate School
HONORS PROGRAM	Ms. Jessica Smestad, Director
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.....	Dr. Erik Kana, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Dr. Erik Kana, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES.....	Dr. Erik Kana, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs
DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU	Ms. Penny Belgarde, Minot Programs Director, DCB Business Instructor, DCB
MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR	“Alma Mater” Text by Huldah Winstead Composed by Dr. Emerson Eads Accompanied by Briana Schwan
WELCOME TO NEW ALUMNI.....	Ms. Chelsea Kirkhammer, MSU Alumni Association
CLOSING REMARKS.....	Dr. Steven Shirley, President of the University
NATIVE AMERICAN HONOR SONG.....	Oakdale Singers

A traditional “honor song” will be performed by the Oakdale Singers from Mandaree, ND 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.....	“Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo” by Malcom Arnold Arranged by John P. Paynter MSU Concert Band Dr. David Rolandson, Conductor
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The audience is asked to remain in the bleachers 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 #MinotStategrad19.

PHOTOGRAPHS

A photographer will photograph degree candidates as they cross the stage and after the ceremony in the northeast corner on the first floor of the Dome. Degree candidates will receive proofs and ordering information from Rainbow Photo Lab, Inc. 701-852-4569.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Megdalyn Johnson is graduating today with a masters degree in Education with a minor in English. In 2016, she graduated Magna Cum Laude completing a bachelors degree with a major in Elementary Education and a Kindergarten concentration.

During her undergraduate studies at Minot State University, she was the recipient of the Minot State University Alumni Scholarship and the Gertrude M Eck Scholarship, she was on the Dean or President Honor Roll nearly every semester, and she was involved with MSU Students of North Dakota United where she eventually became the President for the organization. During her time as president, she was dedicated to guiding and supporting future educators at Minot State. She, with the guidance of Dr. Daniel Conn and fellow classmates, helped organize volunteers for local school events, volunteered time to MDEC to help set-up conferences for local teachers, and most importantly helped co-write a grant alongside fellow students and Dr. Daniel Conn that provided book donations to over 2,000 students in the Minot Area.

During her time as a graduate student, Megdalyn dedicated her time to researching educational curriculum in the schools. As an educator and a student, she aimed to find ways to make our school's curriculum more valuable, authentic, and relevant for students and teachers in our community. Throughout her time in graduate school, she had the opportunity to write and be accepted into the Northern Plains Writing Project.

She is a Minot Native who graduated from Minot High School in 2013 with honors. Megdalyn is the daughter of Steve and Sherry Kuske from Minot, ND. In August 2017, Megdalyn married Brett Johnson who is an electrician with Main and Holmes Electric of Minot. She began teaching in 2016 and is currently a Kindergarten teacher for the Minot Public Schools system at Bell Elementary. Megdalyn is honored that she had the opportunity to attend Minot State University for the last 6 years. She credits most of her success to the dedicated MSU faculty in the Education Department, Dr. Daniel Conn, her classmates, and her family for guiding, inspiring, and educating her throughout her time at MSU. After graduating today, she hopes to continue her education to complete her degree in Administration.

Aaron Richard moved to Minot in 2014 from his hometown of Kasson, Minnesota. He is the son of Minot State University Alumni Gerard ('87) & Tammy ('88) Richard. Aaron is the eldest of his siblings - Amy and Andrea.

After graduating from Minot High School in the Spring of 2015, he enrolled at Minot State University to pursue a degree in business. Since registering for classes his degree has grown to include Majors in Marketing, Management, and Entrepreneurship as well as a Minor in Management Information Systems. During his Junior year, Aaron was a part of the Roger Looyenga Leadership Program. With the help of project advisor Ms. Tawnya Bersndorf, Aaron and his team were able to create the Essentials for Learning program which helps to distribute personal hygiene products to local elementary school children.

Over the course of his time at MSU Aaron has been heavily involved on-campus taking part in MSU Collegiate DECA, Phi Beta Lambda, the Sivertson Entrepreneurship Club, as well as working as an Orientation Leader. Through DECA and Phi Beta Lambda, Aaron has received multiple state and international competitive awards for multiple areas of business. As an Orientation Leader, Aaron has had the opportunity to help redesign the university's orientation program, engage with new students, and serves as a student recruiter. He has also had the privilege of speaking at the First Annual Student Convocation and Futurepalooza.

In the fall of 2015, Aaron was elected as an Off-Campus Senator within the Student Government Association. He went on to serve as a Senator for the College of Business his Sophomore year and served as the Student Body President his Junior and Senior years. Over the course of his tenure as Student Body President Aaron has worked to engage the Student Body through events, improve the quality and access to our dining facilities, as well as helping to improve campus sustainability.

Outside of his studies, Aaron enjoys spending time with his friends and family at Lake Metigoshe, which often serves as a much-needed escape throughout the school year. His involvement does not stop on-campus as Aaron is heavily involved in the Minot Community. He is a proud supporter of Souris Valley United Way, the Minot State University Men's Hockey Team, as well as many of the exciting projects underway to revitalize Downtown Minot.

Over the last five years, Aaron has worked at Dakota Square SCHEELS. He plans to continue his career with the company after graduation with the goal of becoming a corporate buyer in the near future.

ALUMNI SPEAKER

Jim McIntyre graduated from Minot State University in 1973 and began his career at Northern States Power in Minot. Jim spent nearly 40 years in the utility industry, including 17 years as a senior officer with Northern States Power and its successor company, Xcel Energy. At retirement from Xcel Energy, he was chief finance officer at its Minneapolis headquarters. He was past president and chief executive officer of Northern States Power in Wisconsin. He also served as chief executive officer of Otter Tail Corporation from September 2011 until his retirement in April 2015, while serving on its board of directors from 2006.

At MSU, Jim was active in athletics and the Business Administration Club. He wrote for the Red & Green student newspaper and served as a residence hall assistant.

Jim and his wife Peggy live in Battle Ground, Washington near Portland, Oregon. Jim and Peggy have three sons, four grandchildren and numerous grand dogs.

Jim has been actively involved with Junior Achievement, Como Zoo and Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation in Minneapolis for much of his life. He has also been involved in coaching various community youth sports teams.

Jim served on the MSU Development Foundation Board and was honored by the MSU Alumni Association with the Golden Award in 1991. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Association based on outstanding service to the University or distinguished leadership in the recipient's career or community. He established the E. James McIntyre Scholarship Endowment in 2001.

WITH DISTINCTION

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Justice Brown
Hailee Nicole Depute
Katie Eckmann
Rachel Eliason
Mark Fulbright
Jack Thomas Gamba
Eduardo Gomez del Casal Rodriguez
Dominica Granada

Kyla Mae Grandy
Kaytlyn Helen Heick
Cassandra Hilde
Jamie Hoffart
Kaylin Rae Hufnagle
Katie LaNae Ingerson
Odell James
Usama Khalid
Brianna C Lumpkin

Anne McMillan
Marissa Faith Meidinger
Shaniah Myers
Sidnee Nelson
Jade Neumann
Holly Papineau
Aaron Gerard Nicholai Richard
Bradi Sveet

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Theodore Allen Arneson
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Moses Alexander Cavendish-Cranes
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Brooke Delzer
Richard Owen Ditmars
Lynae Alyssa Dobbins
Darrel Austin Doll

Amber Lee Dunlap
Michelle Eyl
Rachael Addie Ferguson
Molly Jacqueline Flagstad
Craig Ryan Fournier
Kasie Leigh Gotschall
Lindsay Greene
Shannon Marie Guinn
MeKayla Gurley
Whitney Marie Irmen
Robin Jaeger-Hauer
McKinzie Renae Jensen
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Divyaa Kamalanathan
Lexy Rae Kidd
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Kennedy Manning

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Kristin Alexis Murchie
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Heidi Marie Rollinger
Teri Ruff
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Sydney Malia Clark
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Cum Laude
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Councilman**
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Cum Laude
Reno, NV

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Velva, ND

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Cum Laude
Cold Spring, MN

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Elementary Education
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Nursing
Summa Cum Laude
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Stockton, CA

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Social Work
Magna Cum Laude
Edmore, ND

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Corporate Fitness & Wellness
Management
Nogales, AZ

Kennedy Manning
Communication Disorders
Magna Cum Laude
Provost, AB

Makenzie Marso
Social Work
Magna Cum Laude
Brandon, SD

Mecaila Murl Martin
Nursing
Cum Laude
Vida, MT

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Elementary Education
Hillsboro, ND

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Cum Laude
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Social Work
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Mckinnon**
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Psychology
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Nassau, Bahamas

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Social Work
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Twin Buttes, ND

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Wakaw, SK

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Social Work
Burlington, ND

Dominique Mary Jane Mikula
Communication Disorders
Minot, ND

Tatyana Miles
Social Work
Thief River Falls, MN

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Nursing
Copperopolis, CA

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Nursing
Minot, ND

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Social Work
Williston, ND

Shu Miyanari
Corporate Fitness & Wellness
Management
Yokohama, Japan

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Social Work
Cum Laude
Costa Mesa, CA

Kristin Alexis Murchie
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
Cando, ND

Yun Ji Nam
Addiction Studies
Incheon, South Korea

Sidnee Nelson
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude
Ray, ND

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Nursing
Austin, MN

Kathleen Northrup
Addiction Studies
Walton, NY

Alyssa Nicole Osborne
Nursing
Cum Laude
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Physical Education
Velva, ND

Angela Osiezagha
Nursing
Minot, ND

Devon Juwan Owens
Psychology
Oakland, CA

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Summa Cum Laude
Sidney, MT

Erin Angela Pappenfus
Communication Disorders
Langenburg, SK

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Social Work
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Minot, ND

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Magna Cum Laude
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Elementary Education
Cum Laude
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Glyndon, MN

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Minot, ND

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Language Studies
Minot, ND

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Minot, ND

Michael Godejohn

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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 in communication disorders, education, information systems, management, sports management, music, 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. Andrew Bertsch, 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 to 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 and for donating many of the early volumes that established the library at the institution.

INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

Flags representing countries from which MSU international students originate are displayed along the North Wall. MSU proudly hosts over 288 students from over 51 different countries and 24 faculty members from 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 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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.

ALPHA XI XI CHAPTER OF PHI ALPHA THETA: As explained on the PAT website, Phi Alpha Theta is “an American honor society for undergraduate and graduate students and professors of history. The society has over 350,000 members, with about 9,500 new members joining each year through 860 local chapters”. The society was created because the original founder, Nels Cleven, felt it time for his university to have a fraternity of scholars dedicated to the study of history. Members of the organization must demonstrate exemplary achievement in both history and their other classes. In the spring 2011 Minot State University was inducted as the Alpha Xi-Xi chapter. Continuing with the tradition established by the first chapter, we believe it necessary to promote academics, both within history and throughout the university system. Members of the department, as well as our students, proudly proclaim their membership in this honor. Students wearing red stoles emblazoned with the Phi Alpha Theta emblem receive honors representing this organization.

CHI ALPHA SIGMA: Chi Alpha Sigma is the first and only nonprofit organization that was established to recognize college student-athletes who excel both on and off the field of competition. Chi Alpha Sigma recognizes college students who receive a varsity letter in their sport while earning a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA. The students graduating representing this organization are wearing a black and gold 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 participates 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.

DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION CLUBS OF AMERICA (DECA): MSU-DECA is a business club that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. DECA members are highly involved in campus activities, as well as in the community. The students graduating with a minimum of 2.5 GPA, represent this club by wearing a dark blue stole.

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

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independent study and research, participate in community service projects, and earn public recognition for their achievements. Honors students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher and must enroll in eight or more credits each term. Students wearing a gold medal with a red ribbon receive the Honors concentration.

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CLUB: Participants cultivate the international student community at MSU through providing activities for students to celebrate their diversity. Students active in this club for at least 2 semester who have also served as an officer for one are wearing a blue and green cord.

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 Music at enriching conferences. Members with honors representing this organization are wearing a red, green, and pink cord.

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

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

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

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

PSYCHOLOGY AND ADDICTION STUDIES CLUB (PASC): PASC operates on "fostering the study of human behavior through development of scientific skills". Through that they actively engage in the community to raise awareness of mental illness and addiction. Some of these activities include participation in the Out of the Darkness suicide awareness and prevention walk, and the Northern Lights and Red River psychology conferences. The students in this club graduating with a 3.0 GPA or higher are wearing a royal blue stole, often associated with mental illness and addiction awareness, with silver lettering.

ROGER LOOYENGA LEADERS: Invitation only program based on Faculty nominations. Applicants are vetted by the Leadership Development Committee. The program is capped at 18 students per year. In addition to a substantial

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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 and the year.

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.

SIGMA TAU DELTA: Sigma Tau Delta is the International English Honor Society. This society confers distinction for high achievement in English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. Sigma Tau Delta fosters all aspects of the discipline of English including literature, language, and writing and exhibits high standards of academic excellence. Students wearing a red stole emblazoned with the crest of Sigma Tau Delta in black receive honors from this organization.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS MSU: The purpose of the Special Olympics Minot State University is to connect college students and individuals with intellectual disabilities through sports to build friendships and help lead the social justice movement of Special Olympics. Students in this group who volunteer for Special Olympic events at least twice a year are wearing a teal, mint green, and white cord.

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

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

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

REGALIA AND THE HISTORY OF THE HOOD

Academic regalia originated in European universities between the 12th and 13th centuries. In England during the second half of the 14th century, that 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. The gowns of bachelors and masters are black and Undergraduates can be seen to wear a gold stole. Students receiving their master's degrees still wear hoods with colors, which over time have become distinctive to each disciple to distinguish them from their colleagues in other fields of learning. Tradition holds that as the candidate is awarded his or her master's degree, the candidate's mentor and others in authority place the hood over his or her 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....Communication Disorders	Light Blue....Education Specialist	Tan.....Management
Light Blue....Special Education	in School Psychology	Tan.....Sports Management
Light Blue....Education	Tan.....Information Systems	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

This year's graduates will add more than 600 new members to the thousands already in the Minot State University 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 an alumni "Connections" magazine (free subscription), hosts events in Minot and around the nation, and encourages gifts to the University. The Alumni Office is part of University Advancement which is located on the third floor of the Student Center. You can write the Association at 500 University Avenue West, Minot, ND 58707, or call 701-858-3234.

DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

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

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