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**COMMENCEMENT**

December 9, 2023



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## A place where big ideas meet real-world thinking.

Our tradition began in 1868, when we opened our doors to 27 students with dreams of becoming teachers. More than 150 years later, we have become a comprehensive doctoral university with more than 13,000 students, 2,000 faculty and staff and 135,000 alumni worldwide. Together, we are committed to breaking down barriers, creating solutions and achieving a new level of greatness. And together, we will pursue bigger ideas, apply real-world thinking more broadly and give students the tools to take the inspired actions they want to make in our region, state and world.

2023 FALL  
**COMMENCEMENT**

**Saturday, December Ninth  
Two Thousand Twenty Three  
Bresnan Arena, Taylor Center  
Minnesota State University, Mankato**

**To Our Guests**

Today we recognize our graduates' accomplishments. This ceremony is an important and meaningful occasion for students, their families and friends and the faculty and staff of Minnesota State University, Mankato. We offer you the following guidelines to enhance the dignity and smooth flow of the ceremony:

- » Please withhold applause during the presentation of the degrees until all candidates for graduation have returned to their seats.
- » Please remain seated throughout the ceremony.
- » Please do not enter the aisles to take pictures or video of the graduates.

Arrangements have been made to have professional photos taken of each graduate. Please see the back of the program for ordering information.

When the ceremony has concluded, we ask that you immediately proceed out of the arena. Your cooperation ensures a pleasant, memorable experience for everyone.



*Minnesota State University, Mankato*  
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Dear Graduates,

Today—Commencement—is a momentous occasion. It is a day of reflection and celebration of what you have accomplished here. It is also a day to “commence”—to think toward your future and consider, in the words of poet Mary Oliver, “Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” Whatever your answer, and however it evolves over your lives, I hope you know that we here at Minnesota State Mankato are here to support you.

I hope you remember fondly the time you spent in the classroom, on campus, attending in-person or virtual extra-curricular activities, athletic or club events, and connecting with friends and the greater Mankato community. Those experiences have helped shape you into the person you are today, and they will help guide you in your future.

Graduation is not the end of your relationship with Minnesota State Mankato. Graduates are part of a community of more than 135,000 Maverick alumni who have taken their big ideas into the real world over the past 155 years. As part of this global #MavFam network, you will find opportunities to connect with fellow Mavericks in your workplace, in your neighborhoods and through special alumni events. The Alumni Association will make sure you know about future alumni gatherings, and I encourage you to take advantage of those opportunities to stay connected to your alma mater.

Congratulations to you. I am honored to be able to celebrate this special day with you, your family and your friends. Best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

Go Mavs!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. S. Inch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Edward S. Inch  
President

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# Administration and Governing Board

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We would like to thank the emeriti, faculty, staff, students and alumni, whose time and energy helped make today's ceremonies possible.

# University History

Mankato Normal School opened as the state's second teacher training school in 1868 in downtown Mankato with 27 students. Tuition was free in return for a student's pledge to teach two years in Minnesota's schools. Old Main was constructed in 1870, and this marked the beginning of the Valley Campus that would serve the institution for a century. In the 1880s, the school expanded and curriculum grew. In 1921, the school became Mankato State Teachers College, and in 1927 the institution awarded its first four-year degree, a bachelor of education.

In the late 1950s, the school was renamed Mankato State College, and construction began on the 300-acre Highland Campus. The College maintained two locations for several years. In 1975, the College received full university status. Four years later, consolidation on the Highland Campus was complete. In 1998, for the fifth time in its history, the University adopted a new name to reflect expanded service to Minnesota and the nation. Minnesota State University, Mankato continues to gain renown for the quality of its programs and the breadth of its service.

Dr. Edward Inch began serving as the 13th President of Minnesota State University, Mankato on July 1, 2021. Throughout his career, Dr. Inch has consistently demonstrated that he is a strategic leader who understands the importance of working in a collaborative, transparent and authentic manner to build a shared vision—a vision that will ensure the success of all students and will secure the University's future. President Inch's experience and leadership is critical as the University embarks on its next strategic plan, Destination 2030, and efforts to advance the Minnesota State System Equity 2030 goals and priorities.

Minnesota State Mankato offers more than 130 undergraduate programs and more than 85 graduate programs, including masters, specialist and doctoral programs. Our 14,000 students—including more than 1,100 international students from more than 90 countries—and 2,000 faculty and staff represent cultural diversity and a rich mix of intellectual and creative perspectives. Our alumni live and work around the world, making professional and personal contributions that bring the proud Maverick tradition to new heights.

## Minnesota State University, Mankato Alumni Association

Congratulations on your graduation! And welcome to the Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Association, a powerful network of more than 135,000 alumni. Our mission is to engage alumni, friends and students in ways that benefit its members and Minnesota State University, Mankato through opportunities that stimulate a lifetime of interest, loyalty and support.

As an alumna/us, you're a vital participant in the future of the University. To help you maintain the connections you've built here at Minnesota State Mankato, we'll stay in touch with updates on exciting news and events. Be on the lookout for invitations to alumni events, which are held both in Mankato and the Twin Cities. To ensure that you continue to stay up-to-date with your alma mater, we invite you to update your contact information with us via email at [alumni@mnsu.edu](mailto:alumni@mnsu.edu) or by logging onto the Alumni website at [www.mnsu.edu/alumni](http://www.mnsu.edu/alumni).

We celebrate this proud day with you and look forward to your continued association with Minnesota State Mankato.

**Best regards,**  
Kendall Diveley  
President, Alumni Association

# *Commencement Ceremony*

## Celebrating Graduates from



**MINNESOTA STATE  
UNIVERSITY, MANKATO**

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COLLEGE OF  
ALLIED HEALTH &  
NURSING



**MINNESOTA STATE  
UNIVERSITY, MANKATO**

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COLLEGE OF  
BUSINESS





# Program

## Saturday, December 9, 2023

### 9:00 a.m.

Prelude Music

Processional March  
Pomp and Circumstance

Edward Elgar

National Anthem

Dr. Stephanie Thorpe, Conductor  
Concert Choir Ensemble, Department of Performing Arts

Greetings

Dr. Edward Inch  
President

Greetings

Trustee Jim Grabowska  
Minnesota State

Student Speakers

Jeremy TenEyck  
Bachelor of Science, Nursing

Lauren R. Reuter  
Bachelor of Science, Accounting

Conferring of Degrees

Welcome to the Alumni Association

Brian Zins  
Director, Alumni Relations

Recessional (Please remain seated.)  
"Hornpipe" from Water Music  
Celebration

George Frederic Handel  
Kool & The Gang

Musicians

Dr. Amy K. Roisum Foley, Conductor  
Quin Curry, Drums  
Patrick Karl, Alto Saxophone  
Takuto Koseki, Trumpet  
Devon Osman, Trumpet  
McKenna Slattery, Trombone  
Alexandra Tostrud, Tuba  
Sarah Wei, Keyboard

Michael Thursby, Director  
Maverick Machine Athletic Band

Music arranged by Dr. Douglas Snapp and Dr. Michael Olson.

# Platform Guests

## Edward Inch

President

## David Hood

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

## Seung Bach

Dean, College of Business

## Kathleen Dale

Interim Associate Dean, College of Business

## Kevin Elliott

Faculty Honor Marshall  
Professor, Department of Marketing and International Business

## Jim Grabowska

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## Mark Johnson

Vice President for Information Technology and  
Chief Information Officer

## David Jones

Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

## Megan Mahowald

Interim Associate Dean, College of Allied Health  
and Nursing

## Patricia Marincic

Dean, College of Allied Health and Nursing

## Henry Morris

Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

## Sheri Sargent

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## Kent Stanley

Vice President for University Advancement

## Richard Straka

Vice President for Finance and Administration

## Marlene Tappe

Faculty Honor Marshall  
Professor, Department of Health Science

## Jennifer Veltsos

Interim Associate Vice President for Curriculum and  
Dean of Graduate Studies

## Brian Zins

Director, Alumni Relations

# Procession Participants

## COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH AND NURSING

### Professors

Christine Black-Hughes  
H Sheen Chiou  
Brigette Cooper  
Debra Gohagan  
Norma Krumwiede  
Kelly Krumwiede  
Daniel Moen  
Bruce Poburka  
Marilyn Swan  
Marlene Tappe  
Stacey Van Gelderen  
Joe Visker  
Heather Von Bank  
Patricia Young

### Associate Professors

Jessica Albers  
Jennifer Andrashko  
Shelly Brandenburger  
Mary Kramer

Jennifer Londgren  
Ben Schwamberger  
Corey Selland  
Diane Witt  
Jennifer Zdroik

### Assistant Professors

Maya Bastian  
Elizabeth Coleman  
Kara De La Fosse  
Megan Dohm  
Kristi Oeding  
Sarah Ogilvie  
Rachel Schickling  
Wendy Schuh  
Cathy Jo Strand  
William Strong  
Kari Sween

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### Professors

Leon Chen  
Kevin Elliott  
Mark Hall

M Anaam Hashmi  
Ann Kuzma  
Juan Meng  
Byron Pike  
Claudia Pragman  
Kristin Scott

### Associate Professors

Shane Bowyer  
Daniel Hiebert  
Steven Johnson  
Kyle Nash  
Kathy Richie  
Kirsten Rosacker  
Jennifer Schultz  
Ferdinand Siagian  
Cheryl Trahms  
Chandrasekhar Valluri

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Yuhao Chen  
Thomas Clement  
Steven Formanek  
Victoria Hailey  
Todd Lundquist

Kyle Nash  
Nguyen Nguyen  
Megan Roberts  
DeQuindre Spencer  
Joseph Westlin  
Katheryn Zielinski

## LIBRARY AND LEARNING

### Associate Professors

Lisa Baures  
Nat Gustafson-Sundell



# COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH AND NURSING

Dr. Patricia Marincic, Dean

## GRADUATE STUDIES

*Dr. Jennifer Veltsos, Interim Dean*

### Degree: Master of Arts

**Gina C. Christian**, Buffalo, MN  
Physical Education  
Advisor: Dr. Susan Tarr

### Degree: Master of Science

**Jennifer Arzayus**, Minneapolis, MN  
Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

**Emily Bowers**, Saint Paul, MN  
Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

**Heidi Gasperetti**, Onalaska, WA  
Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

**Tyler S. Haack**, North Mankato, MN  
Sport Management  
Advisor: Dr. Jon Lim

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Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

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Exercise Physiology  
Advisor: Dr. Jeremy Frost

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Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson

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Community Health Education  
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### Degree: Master of Social Work

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Social Work  
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**Angela Dabu**, Apple Valley, MN  
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Advisor: Dr. David Beimers

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Advisor: Dr. David Beimers

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Social Work  
Advisor: Dr. Ross Aalgaard

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Advisor: Dr. Nancy Fitzsimons

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Social Work  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Fitzsimons

**Maria Jeremiason**, St. Peter, MN  
Social Work  
Advisor: Dr. David Beimers

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Social Work  
Advisor: Dr. Ross Aalgaard

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Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Zammit

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Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Zammit

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Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Zammit

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Advisor: Dr. Nancy Fitzsimons

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Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Summa Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Courtney N. Jakes, B.S.S.W., New Ulm, MN  
Summa Cum Laude  
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Magna Cum Laude  
Karissa M. Kaufer, B.S.S.W., Centerville, MN  
Magna Cum Laude  
Hollie E. McLaughlin, B.S.S.W., Blaine, MN  
Summa Cum Laude  
Heather Medrow, B.S.S.W., Mankato, MN  
Magna Cum Laude  
Kenzie Michael, B.S.S.W., Mankato, MN  
Janessa A. Mulder, B.S.S.W., West St. Paul, MN  
Magna Cum Laude

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Summa Cum Laude  
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Magna Cum Laude  
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Summa Cum Laude  
Kabao Xiong, B.S.S.W., St. Paul, MN  
Magna Cum Laude

## DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH, HEARING AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

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# *Commencement Ceremony*

## Celebrating Graduates from



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# Program

## Saturday, December 9, 2023

### 12:00 p.m.

Prelude Music

Processional March  
Pomp and Circumstance

Edward Elgar

National Anthem

Dr. Stephanie Thorpe, Conductor  
Concert Choir Ensemble, Department of Performing Arts

Greetings

Dr. Edward Inch  
President

Greetings

Trustee Jim Grabowska  
Minnesota State

Student Speakers

Isabel Estrella Rodriguez-Mendoza  
Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership

Almilcar Ulises Valdez  
Bachelor of Science, Communication Studies

Cindy Wuddah  
Bachelor of Science, Construction Management

Conferring of Degrees

Welcome to the Alumni Association

Brian Zins  
Director, Alumni Relations

Recessional (Please remain seated.)  
"Hornpipe" from Water Music  
Celebration

George Frederic Handel  
Kool & The Gang

Musicians

Quin Curry, Drums  
Patrick Karl, Alto Saxophone  
Takuto Koseki, Trumpet  
Devon Osman, Trumpet  
McKenna Slattery, Trombone  
Alexandra Tostrud, Tuba  
Sarah Wei, Keyboard

Michael Thursby, Director  
Maverick Machine Athletic Band

Music arranged by Dr. Douglas Snapp and Dr. Michael Olson.



# Platform Guests

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Professional Leadership Positions in United States and Have an  
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Thesis Title: An Exploration of Why There Are Differences in Perceptions of Gerotranscendence Behaviors Between College Students and Community-dwelling Older Adults

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Literature and Composition  
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Thesis Title: What Does a Rooster Say?

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Thesis Title: Teaching Comics: Practical Strategies for the Multimodal Feminist Classroom

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Thesis Title: To Capture the Sea

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Cum Laude  
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Cum Laude  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER INFORMATION SCIENCE

*Professor Sarah Kruse, Chairperson*

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Cum Laude  
Benie M. Bebela, B.S., Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Magna Cum Laude  
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Summa Cum Laude  
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Cum Laude  
Philip P. Chervenak, B.S., North St. Paul, MN  
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Magna Cum Laude  
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Jiwon Kim, B.S., Republic of Korea  
Sashwot Koirala, B.S., Calera, AL  
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Sarah K. Mwema, B.S., Democratic Republic of the Congo  
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Cum Laude

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Nirmal Thapa, B.S., Nepal  
Cum Laude

Dat H. Tran, B.S., Minneapolis, MN

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## Major: Computer Science

Mahlet Z. Asmare, B.S., Ethiopia

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Cum Laude

Webi E. Chala, B.S., Ethiopia  
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Dylan Moore, B.S., Eagle Lake, MN

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Shiny S. Ebert, B.S., Sri Lanka

Oyindamola Kayode Ajala, B.S., Nigeria

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Amin R. Mohammed, B.S., Ethiopia

Hamza A. Muse, B.S., Columbia Heights, MN

Abdilasis M. Omar, B.S., St. Peter, MN

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## DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

*Professor Brian Wasserman, Chairperson*

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Eric L. Brugioni, B.S., Lake Villa, IL  
Dylan Butts, B.S., Bensenville, IL  
Jackson R. Christianson, B.S., Mankato, MN  
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Jack T. Fogarty, B.S., Belle Plaine, MN  
Gage D. Grams, B.S., Zimmerman, MN  
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Nicholas J. Johnson, B.S., Kilkenny, MN  
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Bryce A. Kuechle, B.S., Litchfield, MN  
Dalton J. Miller, B.S., Hinckley, MN  
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Luke M. Olmanson, B.S., Mankato, MN  
Jack Peeters, B.S., Apple Valley, MN  
Ethan E. Shimota, B.S., Lonsdale, MN  
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Magna Cum Laude  
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Cindy M. Wuddah, B.S., Ghana  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

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Walker E. Spier, B.S.C.E., Caledonia, MN  
Ashrit Suresh, B.S.C.E., India

### Major: Computer Engineering Technology

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Ricky Y. Thao, B.S., Brooklyn Center, MN

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### Major: Electrical Engineering Technology

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATED ENGINEERING

*Professor Rebecca Bates, Chairperson*

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Jacob R. Covarrubias, B.S.E., Oxnard, CA  
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Timothy Gidenko, B.S.E., Eden Prairie, MN  
Daniel Ireta, B.S.E., Hollister, CA  
Cum Laude  
Kevin T. Lee, B.S.E., Maplewood, MN  
Tim Lotts, B.S.E., Scotts Valley, CA  
Summa Cum Laude  
Alexander J. Michel, B.S.E., Littleton, CO  
Leonardo Rios, B.S.E., Culpeper, VA  
Reese J. Rohweder, B.S.E., Hermantown, MN  
Douglas M. Thorburn, B.S.E., Solvang, CA  
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Summa Cum Laude  
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Jesse Yarmolyuk, B.S.E., Telford, PA

## **DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS**

*Professor Ruijan Zhao, Chairperson*

### **Major: Mathematics**

Chiapo Lucrece L. Allepo, B.S., Ivory Coast (Cote D'Ivoire)

Nicholas D. Earp, B.S., Goodhue, MN

Fatoumatta Jallow, B.S., Gambia

Cum Laude

Veronika Titarchuk, B.S., Mankato, MN

Summa Cum Laude

Ahmed D. Toure, B.S., Ivory Coast (Cote D'Ivoire)

Cum Laude

Allison H. Williams, B.S., Waukee, IA

Summa Cum Laude

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Corey A. Knott, B.S., Faribault, MN

Cum Laude

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*Professor Farhad Reza, Chairperson*

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Liz Bilger, B.S.C.E., Edina, MN

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Mattias A. Cowl, B.S.M.E., Belle Plaine, MN

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Cum Laude

Carlie M. Heil, B.S.M.E., Marshall, MN

Bilal A. Jama, B.S.M.E., Mankato, MN

Pratyush Mishra, B.S.M.E., India

Chukwunonso J. Odekpe, B.S.M.E., Mankato, MN

Zogouri P. Onezou, B.S.M.E., Ivory Coast (Cote D'Ivoire)

Christopher M. Orpen, B.S.M.E., Nowthen, MN

Juan P. Sanchez Cubillos, B.S.M.E., Colombia

Emma Ward, B.S.M.E., Angora, MN

Magna Cum Laude

Pavel Yablochkin, B.S.M.E., Prior Lake, MN

Toufong Yang, B.S.M.E., Brooklyn Park, MN

# University Honors and Distinctions

Baccalaureate students who have achieved high cumulative grade point averages receive gold medallions with colored satin ribbons. Gold ribbons signify summa cum laude (minimum cumulative of 3.8), purple ribbons signify magna cum laude (minimum cumulative of 3.6), and purple and gold ribbons signify cum laude (minimum cumulative 3.4).

Members of Phi Kappa Phi receive white satin ribbons decorated with an ancient Greek pattern to symbolize the classical roots of the society. Phi Kappa Phi honors outstanding academic achievement among undergraduates, graduate students and faculty members.

Graduates of the University's Honors Program receive medals signifying their achievement of the program competencies of leadership, research and global citizenship. The mission of the Honors Program is to provide students with exceptional learning opportunities, mentoring relationships and a community of scholars that foster their development as future leaders in a global society.

International Scholars receive a purple and gold sash with a global emblem. These graduates have gained unique global perspectives either by studying abroad or joining our university from other nations.

Members of the Maverick Army Reserve Officer Training Program (ROTC) receive the red, blue and white cord. The Maverick Army ROTC program trains, develops and commissions students to become 2nd Lieutenants in the Army Reserve, National Guard and the Active Army. The graduating students signify the dedication, leadership, teamwork, critical thinking and problem solving required to become future leaders in the Army.

In recognition of their scholarly achievement, each student who presents at the Undergraduate Research Symposium is awarded a medal. A solid green ribbon is in recognition of participation at the URC, while a green and gold ribbon highlights recipients of the Foundation Awards.

## Program Honors and Distinctions

**Note:** Academic program honors and distinctions are listed in this program. Graduates may receive various colored cords or sashes not listed here. These cords or sashes may indicate participation in or affinity to a particular non-academic campus group or organization.

**Alpha Lambda Delta** is an honor society for first-year students earning a 3.5 or higher grade point average in their first year. Alpha Lambda Delta's mission is to encourage superior academic achievement, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society. ALD members wear red and gold honor cords.

**Alpha Mu Gamma** is a national collegiate honor society for students majoring or minoring in world languages. Minnesota State Mankato's Beta Zeta chapter was chartered in 1961. The purposes of the society are to recognize achievement in the field of world-language study; to stimulate a desire for linguistic attainment; to encourage a continuing interest in the study of world languages, cultures and civilizations; and to foster sympathetic understanding of other peoples and international friendship. Members wear cords of gold.

Members of the Alpha Delta chapter of **Alpha Phi Sigma**, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, wear gold and blue honor cords. Membership in Alpha Phi Sigma is conferred upon Law Enforcement or Corrections majors who exhibit exceptional scholarship and leadership potential.

Members of the Pi Psi chapter of **Beta Beta Beta**, the National Biological Honor Society, wear green and red honor cords and/or gold medallions. Since its founding in 1922, more than 430 Tribeta chapters have been established in the United States. Membership in Tribeta is conferred to faculty and students dedicated to strong

scholastic achievement, the understanding of biological study and extending the boundaries of human knowledge.

**Beta Gamma Sigma** is the international honor society recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs accredited by AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). Membership in the Society is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive and is denoted by the wearing of blue and gold honor cords.

Members of **Delta Sigma Pi**, an international co-educational business fraternity, wear entwined purple and gold honor cords. Membership in Delta Sigma Pi is conferred upon College of Business students who exhibit scholarship excellence and superior leadership potential.

Members of **Education Minnesota** wear gold honor cords to exhibit student involvement, service to the community and the profession, scholarship and leadership potential. The members of the Education Minnesota Student Program believe that the active participation of students in education in the development of educational policy is essential for sound education in a democratic society.

Members of **Eta Sigma Gamma**, a national health honor society, strives to promote the discipline by elevating the standards, ideals, competence and ethics of professionally prepared men and women in Health Education. They recognize academic achievement and support health education advocacy initiatives. Eta Sigma Gamma members wear gold and green cords.

**Gamma Phi Beta** is an international undergraduate collegiate sorority for women. The mission of Gamma Phi Beta is to inspire the highest type of womanhood. Gamma Phi Beta's vision is to build

confident women of character who celebrate sisterhood and make a difference in the world around us. As individuals, we all strive to live Gamma Phi Beta's Core Values of Love, Labor, Learning, and Loyalty in our daily lives. Living our Core Values demonstrates to the outside world what it means to be a Gamma Phi Beta. Members of Gamma Phi Beta wear pink and white cords.

**Gamma Sigma Alpha** National Academic Greek Honor Society is committed to the leadership, academic achievement and excellence of Greek members everywhere. It seeks to promote success in all academic achievement among the Greek community at Minnesota State Mankato. Gamma Sigma Alpha members wear red and gold honor cords.

Members of **Gamma Theta Upsilon**, the International Geographical Honor Society, wear honor cords (one each of blue, gold, and brown) representing the three domains of geography: brown for the Earth, light blue for the Sea, and gold for the sunlight in the Sky. Gamma Theta Upsilon activities support geography knowledge and awareness.

Members of **Lambda Alpha**, the National Collegiate Honor Society for Anthropology, wear a white satin stole with gold lettering. The purpose of this society is to encourage and stimulate scholarship and research in Anthropology by recognizing and honoring superior achievement in the discipline among students, faculty and other persons engaged in the study of Anthropology.

**Lambda Pi Eta** honor graduates wear scarlet and white honor cords as a symbol of their commitment to scholarship and their demonstrated leadership in communication studies. Lambda Pi Eta is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association (NCA). Founded in 1985, Lambda Pi Eta stands for Logos (logic and reasoning), Pathos (emotion) and Ethos (personal ethics and character).

Members of the Maverick Chapter of the **National Residence Hall Honorary** wear royal blue and white honor cords. These graduates have made outstanding contributions to the residence halls at Minnesota State Mankato during their college careers.

Members of the **National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA)** wear royal blue and white honor cords. NSNA student leaders wear honor cords of royal blue, white and gold. The mission of NSNA is to mentor and prepare students for licensure as registered nurses and to convey the standards, ethics and skills that students will need as responsible and accountable leaders and members of the profession.

The mission of **NorthStar STEM Alliance** is to help underrepresented students receive a baccalaureate degree in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in a five-year period. The Alliance is a partnership with fourteen higher education institutions and three community partners. The NSSA members wear navy blue and white cords.

**Order of Omega** is a Leadership Honor Society that recognizes students who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter-Greek activities. They strive to bring together the most representative fraternity and sorority members, and to create an organization which will help mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate affairs. Order of Omega members wear ivory and gold honor cords.

**Phi Alpha**, the National Social Work Honor Society, provides an opportunity for closer bonds among students of social work and promotes humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high academic standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Members of Phi Alpha wear gold honor cords.

**Phi Delta Theta** is an undergraduate college fraternity organized with three principle objectives: the cultivation of friendship among its members, the acquisition of knowledge, and the attainment of a high moral standards. The Fraternity teaches men that these areas of commitment are not to be viewed as separate ideals, but as areas of discipline for daily life. Members support one another as they develop their minds, their leadership skills, and their service to the community. Members of Phi Delta Theta wear azure and argent cords.

Members of **Phi Upsilon Omicron**, an Honor Society in Family Consumer Science, wear purple, yellow and white honor cords. Membership in Phi Upsilon Omicron is conferred upon Family Consumer Science majors who exhibit superior scholarship and leadership potential.

Members of **Pi Delta Phi**, the National French Honor Society, wear red, white and blue honor cords. This honor society recognizes outstanding scholarship in the French language and its literature, increases the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking world and stimulates and encourages French and francophone cultural activities.

Members of the Upsilon Alpha chapter of **Pi Sigma Alpha**, the national political science honorary society, wear brass-finish medallions on broad red ribbons; red, black and white honor cords; or both. The purpose of Pi Sigma Alpha is to encourage excellence in the study of political science, international relations and public administration; and to promote social and educational opportunities, as well as scholarly activity for students in these fields.

Members of **Psi Chi**, the National Honor Society in Psychology, wear double cords with tassels of blue and gold along with blue, white, and gold medallions. Psi Chi membership signifies high standards of personal behavior, superior grade point average and high class rank. The purpose of Psi Chi is to encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in scholarship of its members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology.

**Sigma Nu** is an undergraduate college fraternity with a mission to develop ethical leaders inspired by the principles of Love, Honor and Truth; to foster the personal growth of each man's mind, heart and character; and to perpetuate lifelong friendships and commitment to the Fraternity. Members of Sigma Nu wear gold, black, and white cords.

Members of the Chi Iota chapter of **Sigma Tau Delta**, the International English Honor Society, wear cardinal and black honor cords. Sigma Tau Delta has conferred distinction upon outstanding students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies since 1924.

Members of the School of Nursing's Honor Society chapter of **Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)**, Mu Lambda, wear orchid



and white honor cords. The mission of STTI is to improve the health of people worldwide through the development of nursing knowledge and nurse leaders. Criteria include high grade point average and class rank, academic integrity and professional leadership potential.

The **Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)** is a nationally recognized Human Resource association. Membership in SHRM presents commitment and dedication to professional development. Members of the Society for Human Resource

Management chapter wear light blue, navy blue, and white.

**Tau Sigma** National Honor Society is an academic honor society for transfer students who earn at least a 3.5 GPA during their first full-time semester at Minnesota State Mankato. The mission of Tau Sigma is to "recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students." Members wear cords of maroon and gold.

## Symbolism and Traditions

### Procession

A traditional academic procession introduces the commencement exercises at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The wearing of distinctive apparel as an indication of scholarship and academic rank dates back to the 1300s and was adopted in the United States circa 1900.

### Gown

The Minnesota State University, Mankato President's Academic Gown has been specially constructed of heirloom-quality materials for use during formal academic occasions. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple, falling in straight lines from an elaborate yoke. The master's gown is distinguished by its longer sleeves. The doctoral gown is purple, elaborately decorated with velvet panels down the front and three bars of matching velvet on the bell-shaped sleeves.

### Mortarboard and Tassel

The square "Oxford cap" or mortarboard of serge or broadcloth is worn for most degrees, although a soft tam is also permitted. The tassel that hangs to the side is switched from the right to the left at the moment the degree is awarded.

### Hood

The hood is to be worn by graduates of the College of Graduate Studies and Research. The color of the hood worn by Master's and Doctoral graduates indicates the degree. The velvet edging on the hoods indicates the speciality of study.

### Mace

The Minnesota State University, Mankato mace has been made entirely from Minnesota materials in recognition of the value and beauty of the state's natural resources and people. A university mace symbolizes both the university's power to overcome ignorance and prejudice by seeking truth and the power of the

university's president to protect the university and its community from forces opposed to those goals. The mace used in today's ceremony was commissioned and donated to Minnesota State Mankato by Fred and Karin Bock. The mace was created by Phil Swan '68.

### Presidential Medallion

The Minnesota State University, Mankato Medallion is a round bronze piece that features the University seal and is worn around the neck of the President. The University seal is the official representation of Minnesota State University, Mankato, and use of it or its image is reserved for only the most dignified of occasions.

### International and Native American Flags

The international flags represent countries and sovereign nations of our students. All 11 Minnesota Reservation flags are also represented.

### Honor Guard

The special honor guard presenting our national colors is from the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).

### Faculty Honor Marshal

A faculty member from each college serves as an ambassador during their college's commencement ceremony and sits on stage with the platform party. Being a Faculty Honor Marshal is an esteemed privilege and is typically granted to a tenured professor or highly regarded individual.

The printed commencement program is a ceremonial publication. The program is not intended to be an official representation of University records. The use of this program to signify completion of a Minnesota State University, Mankato degree is strictly prohibited. This program was designed and printed by Minnesota State University, Mankato Printing Services.

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# Share Your Commencement Photos

Share photos of your special day on Instagram or Twitter and use #MavGrad or #MavGrad2023. Tagged photos will be featured on our gallery at [www.mnsu.edu/mavgrad](http://www.mnsu.edu/mavgrad).

## Miscellaneous Information

**Starbucks** in the Centennial Student Union is open Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Einstein's Bagels** in Myers Field House hallway is open Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**The Maverick Shop** has items for purchase in the hallway outside the arena.

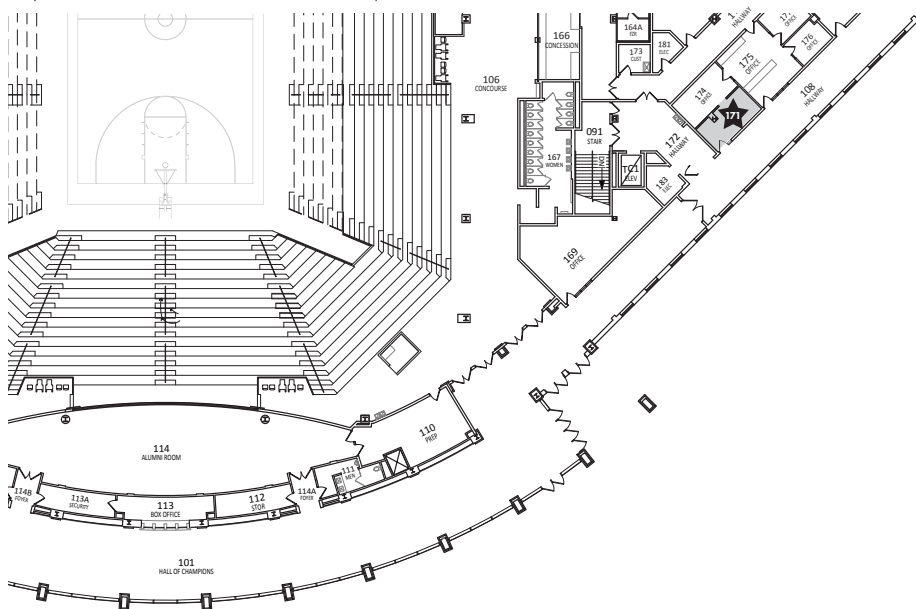
**Roses and gifts** are available for purchase in the hallway outside the arena. Proceeds go to the Asian American Affairs Association.

**Live web streaming services** are provided by Minnesota State Mankato's IT Solutions.

**Lost and Found Area** is located in Myers Field House, Room MF129.

**Photo Opportunities** are available outside (weather permitting), including the Alumni Arch, Bell Tower, Gateway/Stone Pillars, Minnesota State mound (corner of Stadium and Warren), Fountain, and Flame (in front of Wigley Administration Center).

**Breastfeeding/Lactation Room** for nursing mothers is located in Taylor Center, Room TC171. (See map below.)



**GradImages** will be taking individual and family portraits for graduates and their families in Myers Field House. No appointment is necessary and portrait sittings are free. Grad Images will also be taking candid photographs of the graduates during the ceremony. You may place orders at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com).



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