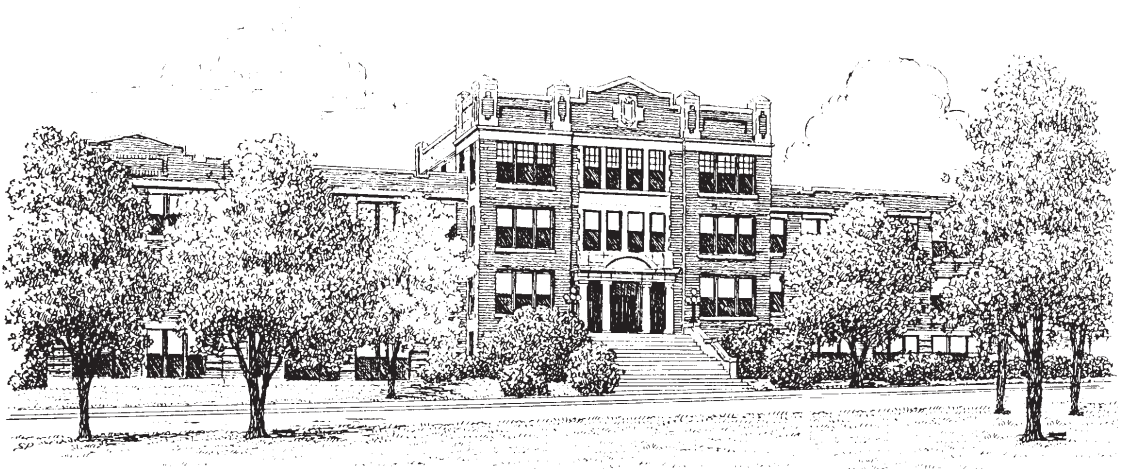


**Minot State University
Commencement Exercises**

**Friday, May 14, 2021
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 106th Commencement Exercises. Today represents a wonderful day of celebration!

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

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

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

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

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

Steven W. Shirley, Ph.D.
President

UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

SMUDGING CEREMONY

To honor our graduates and Native brothers and sisters, we used sage to smudge the graduation area at 8 A.M. 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 INTERPRETER Ms. MariDon Sorum

FACULTY MARSHALLS Dr Joseph Collette
Dr. Alexandra Deufel
Dr. Lesley Magnus
Dr. Beth Marschner
Dr. Gary Rabe
Ms. Jan Repnow

STANDARD BEARERS

Minot State University Ms. Abigail Graves
Dakota College at Bottineau Ms. McKenna Beeter

CANADIAN ANTHEM..... Sung by Ms. Madison Sem

NATIONAL ANTHEM Sung by Ms. Madison Sem

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 Ms. Madison Tiedman
2021 Graduate Student
Ms. Thea Bonebrake
2021 Undergraduate Student
Ms. Sara Medalen
Alumna

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

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

CONFERRING OF DEGREES Dr. Steven Shirley
President of the University

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS Dr. Laurie Geller
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Assisted by Dr. Kristi Berg and Mr. Neil Roberts

- GRADUATE SCHOOL
- HONORS PROGRAM
- BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE
- BACHELOR OF ARTS
- BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS
- BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES
- BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
- BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION
- BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
- BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK
- DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU

"Alma Mater" Sung by Ms. Madison Sem Text by Huldah Winsted
Composed by Dr. Emerson Eads
Arranged by Efraín Amaya
Accompanied by the Minot Symphony Orchestra

CLOSING REMARKS Dr. Steven Shirley
President of the University

NATIVE AMERICAN HONOR SONG..... Chuck Hunter
Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation

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

RECESSIONAL..... “Light Cavalry Overture” by Franz von Suppé
Arranged by Henry Fillmore
MSU Concert Band
Dr. David Rolandson, Conductor

The audience is asked to remain in their seats until all the graduates have exited the arena, then please process directly out of the building.

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 #minotstategrad2021.



PHOTOGRAPHS

A photographer will photograph degree candidates as they cross the stage and take a posed headshot immediately after. For safety reasons, we ask that guests please remain in their seats during this time as there will be ample opportunity after the ceremony to take pictures on the stage if desired. Degree candidates will receive information regarding ordering photographs from Rainbow Photo Lab, Inc., 701-852-4569.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

MADISON TIEDMAN was born in Minnesota as the eldest of three sisters to Doug and Kim Tiedman and grew up right here in Minot, North Dakota. From kindergarten, she has had a love for art and people, being in theater productions, orchestra, and choir. Madison has always been a person that needed to fill free time or stay busy and did that by sketching any chance she got and participating in clubs. Doing this drove her desire to combine the creative and extroverted aspects of life as she prepared herself for college. Living in a college town and growing up in the Minot State community, Madison attended Minot State in 2016 as an art student but found her passion in marketing. In 2020, she received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Marketing and is receiving her Master of Science degree with a major in Management in 2021.

Over the course of Madison's education, she has had the opportunity to be a part of several organizations like President of Entrepreneurship Club, Vice President of Internal Affairs for the Student Government Association, a member for the Student Ambassadors, and participating in the Looyenga Leadership program. She has also had other amazing opportunities to be involved with Minot State University as a Marketing Assistant for Teresa Loftesnes, being a Peer Mentor, an Orientation leader, graduate assistant, a homecoming princess, and even speaking at the Fall 2019 Convocation. Madison was also lucky enough to have both her parents and her aunt and uncle working for Minot State during her education, a support system of family in and out of classes.

When Madison is not on campus, she is at work as a teller at a local bank where she can continue to be engaged with the community through customers. She has a wonderful boyfriend, Eric, who has been a huge support in her education journey and everything that she has been involved in as well as their energetic dog, Dude, who keeps her active and outdoors. Madison loves collecting plants, both for decoration and to grow a garden in the summer. In her free time, she is still drawing, designing gowns and other formal wear, keeping her mind creative and practicing for her dream of working in the bridal industry as a marketer for boutiques.

THEA BONEBRAKE, of Minot, is a second-generation Minot State alumna, and the daughter of Marla (Richter) '92 and Jeff Bonebrake.

Thea graduated from Minot High School in 2017 and originally began her university experience at Montana State University. Missing the benefits of a close-knit campus community, she soon transferred back to Minot State University to complete her undergraduate studies in biology.

Thea's lifelong love for science is what ultimately led her to pursue a biology degree. In the fall of 2020, Thea eagerly accepted a position as an undergraduate research assistant with Dr. Heidi Super, Minot State biology professor and medical laboratory science program coordinator. This hands-on opportunity focused on understanding important factors in neuron differentiation. Throughout her time in the lab, Thea has gained an immeasurable amount of knowledge from Dr. Super that has reinforced her love of science and learning.

Thea has taken advantage of many leadership opportunities around campus since enrolling in 2018. She has participated in the Minot State Honors Society since her arrival on campus, assuming the role of treasurer her junior year. Within the Honors Program, Thea has submersed herself in numerous volunteer experiences on the Minot State campus and within the greater Minot community.

Her most prominent experience as a student leader at Minot State University has been her role as MSU Life Director of Entertainment throughout her junior and senior years. Thea has been responsible for planning, promoting, and hosting campus activities for the enjoyment of the student body.

In addition to creating a fun and engaging social atmosphere for current students, Thea has helped welcome hundreds of incoming freshmen and transfer students during orientation through her role in the Student Activities Office. Her favorite part of being a student leader at Minot State University is welcoming new students to campus and introducing them to the hidden gems, free resources, and smiling faces she's grown to love during the past four years.

Outside of her time on campus, Thea enjoys spending time with her family and friends, along with traveling to experience all the culture and diversity that the world has to offer.

In the fall, Thea plans to continue her education and apply to medical school. She hopes to one day become a dermatologist.

ALUMNI SPEAKER

SARA MEDALEN believes teachers make the world a better place one child at a time. As a reading and math interventionist at Sunnyside Elementary School in Minot, Medalen gives students the hope and tools they need to overcome obstacles and achieve their dreams. Her belief that positive change starts with children led to her developing programs that strengthen academics and empower students as learners and change-makers. Medalen started the Girl Power program, which promotes global literacy and empowers girls to make a positive difference for themselves and others. Medalen's Books & Braids program, which combines the development of relationships and reading skills, has earned widespread recognition and was featured on the CBS national news. Medalen's pursuit of helping students succeed extends beyond the classroom. She is a mentor for Companions for Children, a mentoring organization, and BioGirls which builds life skills through positive mentoring and physical fitness. In addition, you will likely see Medalen riding a mobile library bicycle or driving an ice cream truck through her students' neighborhoods to promote reading. Medalen is a 28-year teaching veteran and was named the 2020 North Dakota Teacher of the Year. Most recently she received national recognition, receiving the Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence. Medalen holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Deaf Education and Elementary Education and a Master of Science degree in Special Education from Minot State University.

STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION SPEAKER

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

Tim is employed at First Western Bank & Trust as a Senior Vice President responsible for Business Development and Facilities. Prior to that, he was part of IRET and its affiliated companies for over 36 years before his retirement, serving as the President and CEO during his last eight years at IRET. Throughout the years, he has been involved in numerous civic organizations dedicated to Minot's betterment. He currently serves on the board of the Minot Family YMCA; current member and past chair of the MSU Board of Regents, and he is a past board member of Trinity Health.

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

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

WITH DISTINCTION

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Thea Lynn Bonebrake
Sydney Nadine Boyce
Rykara Danes Q Casiquin
Daniel M Coopman
Nathan Emmanuel Demme
Ludny Désert
Leonard Kenneth Eller
Sarah Emswiler
Jessica Dee Foster
Blake Mitchell Fournier
Mackenzie Bonnie Lynn Froehlich
Mary Elizabeth Gamas

Ian Geller
Kristin M Haff
Melanie Anne Jabs
Tayler Janzen
Emily Rae Johnson
Haruka Kaneto
Nadya Alexandra Anne Keenan
Paige Marie Lillis
Maya Rae Moltzen
Kristopher J Mount
Kiya Madalynn Neely
Brandee Lynn Newell

Chad Martin Olson
Leah Olson
Jenae Louise Orluck
Braydon D Peterson
Aurora Denis Polonio Polanco
Alex Kacie Schroeder
Kimberly Dee Shappell
Emily J Steenstrup
Erica Lynn Summermour
Taylor Leann Vendsel
Jaden Wahlund
Jordan Will

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Nikki Lee Anklam
Whitney Babbitt
Mackenzie Savannah Balogh
Sierra Lynn Barley
Jenna Lynn Beaulieu
Jacob Bohl
Faith Ann Brintle
Haley Logan Burchett
Jacob Thomas Dahl
Cameron Deasy
Hannah Brooke Deplazes
Kailee Mae Ferguson
Dustin Dale Fischer
Beth-Ann Janice Goudy
Renée Grace Granada
Roma'n Grissett Jr
Nya Jo Harris
Alyson Jaylyn Heisler

Sami Jo Henry
Cade Cuauhtemoc Hernandez
Kaitlyn Hill
Neta Isenberg
Juan Diego Jaimes Valdiviezo
Je-Mario Jones
Hayley Rose Keller
Lucas David Kolden
Germain L Krueger
Corey Benjamin Malko
Kaitlyn Jean Marschel
Eleanore Rose Messmer
Erica Marie Moen
Yasmine Bettina Mojica
Nicole Marie Myers
Lori Suzanne Nehlsen
Brett Michael Nunziato

Hiromu Ogahara
Camryn Pedersen
Shae Pedersen
Karli Kristine Pickard
Jaeleon Tiare Roberts
Jenna Marie Routledge
April Dawn Rowlett
Jordan Rose Rudolph
Taryn Taylor Schmit
Zachary Martin Schuller
Rebekah Leigh Stoe
Erica Lynn Summerour
Shelby Leigh Tornato
Jenna Nicole Wasness
Forrest Rhea Weigel
Faith Jeanne Wolla
Bria Nicole Ziegler

CUM LAUDE

Derek Nathaniel Aagenes
Juliana Fernanda Alarcon Diaz
Emily Briana Albertson
Kylie Nicole Alexander
Lauren Rylee Anderson
Hunter Lee Andes
Sarah M Azar
Emily Elizabeth Bailey
Sean Bostrom
Lynn Marie Braaten
Naomi Holdine Braaten
Taylor Anne Bradley
Kathryn Braun
Kelsey Bursinger
Dawn Rose Byrne
Tiffany J Clementich
Alyssa Cole
Veronica Cheyenne Corey
Hannah Marie Crumley
Hannah Marie Dahl
Casey Marie Daigle
Madison Davis
Mykal Robert Drosdal
Miriam Irene Diana Dumes
Dillon Alexander Dyer
Mary Edin
Julia Christine Ellis
Aylin Ergin
Jordan Ciara Eul
Mychal G Fjeldahl
Abbey Franklin
Shea Jodell Froseth
Spencer Wayne Furniss
Caitlin Elizabeth Getty
Ann Godwin
Kerstin Grubb
Naycee Emm Harris
Autumne D Haskell

Katherine Heidt
Rebecca Dawn Helmeczi
Brett Nathaniel Hlebechuk
Paige Alexandra Holzapfel
William Hayden
Eden Briann Huber
Ryley Humrighouse
Briana Imler
McKayla Jo Jacobson
Ashlie Joyner
Claire Keller
Kimberly Paige Kolden
Bethany Kolschefski
Marissa Jo Kowalski
Karli Malia Koza
Timothy Curtis Kraft
Kenedee Kristjanson
Anastasia M Kroh
Nabeeha Latif
Jennifer Marie Lincoln
Kate J Little
Rhaspede Logan
Randi Long
Rhett Lough
Emily Love
McKayla Ann Marchus
Shaley McNally
Lynne J Melander
Matthew Robert Meuwissen
Wyniah L Mintz
Julia Morikawa Hamman
Alaynna Faith Michelle Morin
Austin Glen Nagel
Alex A Nelson
Cassidy Nelson
Darby Ness
Lindsey Eileen Olander
Morgan C Oppen

Mosope Ojuolape Osiyale
Rachel Naomi Petersen
Amanda R Peterson
Tessa Peuser
Brooke Plorin
Caitlyn E Poole
Ashlyn Rose Privratsky
Kaitlynn Sarah Quintana
Gelly Ann Ringor
Katherine D Rock
Jacob H Rodgers
Tarrick Matthew Ross
Tessia Samuelson
Rhyan Colby Sawyer
Tori Brook Schemenauer
Maleah Schmeling
Abbie Rose Schmidt
Jacob A Schmidt
Mackenzie Lynn Schwaller
Lacey Jane Schweitzer
Madison Sem
Jordan Leigh Shearer
Kellie Lenore Sink
Tess Arielle Skinner
Reina Nicole Strand
Julia Noelle Joan Suchan
Rebecca Syvertson
Heather Ann Thompson
Madison Ann Tiedman
Lane B Torgerson
Abigail Laverne Veverka
Kristian Lee Vojtko
Kent Matthew Walchuk
Shane Williams Jr
Emma Rae Winfield
Erin Mae Winterton
Haylee Kay Word

GRADUATE SCHOOL CITATION OF EXCELLENCE

Alex DeCoteau

Brody Myers

MSU LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Mackenzie S Balogh
Thea L Bonebrake
Leticia Cossi de Souza
Jacob T Dahl
Cameron J A Deasy

Sami Jo Henry
Macy J Knudsen
Abigail N McGee
Thi T D Pham
Shaena L Richard

Arnikka G Thompson
Lynn Vick
Caitlyn K Vogel
Lordina Y A Yeboah

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Dr. Jacek Mrozik, Associate Vice President of Graduate School

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING DEGREES

Sarah Anne Kimball – Minot, ND
Science

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREES

Kathryn Elizabeth Allers – Minot, ND
Education
Amanda Marie Anderson – Minot, ND
Education
Chelsea Elizabeth Battles – Minot, ND
Education
Susan Diane Brekke – Minot, ND
Education
Mallory Dee Mendoza Cardona – San Antonio, TX
Education
Linda Conn – Minot, ND
Education
Lauren Ashley Maka Cowden – Moorpark, CA
Education
Alex Donald DeCoteau – Belcourt, ND
Education
Iyare Job Ehiorobo – Lagos, Nigeria
Education
Ahna L Fixen – Pelican Rapids, MN
Education
McKenna Foley – Velva, ND
Education
Heather Simone Fritch – Plainfield, CT
Education
Savannah Harbaugh – Minot, ND
Education
Robin Jaeger-Hauer – Brunswick, Germany
Education
Jenna Lynn Johnson – Surrey, ND
Education
William Robert Luetzen – Minot, ND
Education
Seth Oppong – Minot, ND
Education
James Owens – Minot, ND
Education
Darcy Podoll – Edmore, ND
Education
Kayla Tatro – Carson, ND
Education

Taylor Jane Thompson – Bismarck, ND
Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREES

Jonathan P Angert – Houston, TX
Information Systems
Makensy Arlien – Minot, ND
Management
Theodore Allen Arneson – Minot, ND
Management
Trista Joan-Ann Bjerk – Bottineau, ND
Speech-Language Pathology
Janel Irene Bortoluzzi – Winnipeg, MB
Speech-Language Pathology
Isis Celestine Cabral – Oxnard, CA
Sports Management
Kari Lynn Chamberlain – Diamond Springs, CA
Special Education
Mary Teresa Ellingson – Minot, ND
Speech-Language Pathology
Scott Dane Felchle – Billings, MT
Special Education
Che Victor Fon – Bamenda, Cameroon
Information Systems
JoDell Carmen Fox – Garrison, ND
Management
Sydney Jayden Gerding – Minot, ND
Speech-Language Pathology
Ashley Dawn Gilstad – Winnipeg, MB
Speech-Language Pathology
Eduardo Gómez del Casal Rodríguez – Logrono, Spain
Management
Vanitha Gopalan – Novi, MI
Information Systems
Kendall Green – Winnipeg, MB
Speech-Language Pathology
Vanessa Marie Grimstad – White City, SK
Speech-Language Pathology
Megan Guimond – Winnipeg, MB
Speech-Language Pathology
Heather Halverson – Minot, ND
Management
Misty D Hamlin – Williston, ND
Special Education
Kaylie Amanda Hanson – Minot, ND
Disability Human Services

Kelly Kasper – Minot, ND
 Speech-Language Pathology
Breanna JoCae Keller – Minot, ND
 Special Education
Ryan P King – Hastings, MN
 Sports Management
Madison Marie Kossan – Minot, ND
 Speech-Language Pathology
Breanna Marie Leingang – Mandan, ND
 Management
Anthony Michael Longo – Minot, ND
 Sports Management
Ashley Elizabeth Malloy – Omaha, NE
 Sports Management
Chelsea Anne McBeth – Towner, ND
 Special Education
Dominique Mary Jane Mikula – Minot, ND
 Speech-Language Pathology
Ryan B Miner-Green – Winnipeg, MB
 Sports Management
Abigail Jean Moeller – Rice, MN
 Speech-Language Pathology
Jessica Morton – Brandon, MB
 Speech-Language Pathology
Khai Laun Mrant – Des Moines, IA
 Information Systems
Mitchell Evan Nelson – Minot, ND
 Speech-Language Pathology
Godswill Njoku – Minot, ND
 Information Systems
Ashlee C Olson – Belcourt, ND
 Special Education
Kyle Dean Patterson – Norwich, ND
 Sports Management
Kelly Ranae Prellwitz – Minot, ND
 Special Education
Amanda Marie Rickett – Williston, ND
 Speech-Language Pathology
Celestino Sal Rodriguez – Crystal Lake, IL
 Sports Management
Brooke Lynne Rosenau – Minot, ND
 Special Education
Chelsea Sasaki – Honolulu, HI
 Information Systems
Ovais Rehman Shah – Calgary, AB
 Information Systems
Ozair Rehman Shah – Toronto, ON
 Information Systems
Amy Marie Smith – Williston, ND
 Special Education
Gregory Allan Spencer Jr – Douglas County, GA
 Sports Management
Erica Tyrae Staton – Minot, ND
 Speech-Language Pathology
Brooke Suko – Minot, ND
 Speech-Language Pathology
Matthew Swiss – Minot, ND
 Information Systems
Alison Carol Sys – Burlington, ND
 Sports Management
Alexa Kathleen Tate – Minot, ND
 Management
Madison Ann Tiedman – Minot, ND
 Management
Smith John Smith Tuya – Fargo, ND
 Information Systems
Matthew Gabriel Vail – Ft. Leavenworth, KS
 Sports Management
Hayley Kathleen Watt – Minot, ND
 Speech-Language Pathology
Haley McKenna Watterud – Minot, ND
 Special Education
Cameron James Wilson – Houston, TX
 Sports Management

HONORS PROGRAM

Ms. Jessica Smestad, Director

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Thea Lynn Bonebrake – Minot, ND

Bachelor of Arts - Biology

Summa Cum Laude

Bryana Grace Christensen – Sidney, MT

Bachelor of Science - Corporate Fitness & Wellness
Management

Leticia Cossi de Souza – Minot, ND

Bachelor of Arts - Psychology

Nathan Emmanuel Demme – Minot, ND

Bachelor of Science - Criminal Justice

Summa Cum Laude

Hannah Brooke Deplazes – Minot, ND

Bachelor of Arts - Music

Magna Cum Laude

Dillon Alexander Dyer – Alexander, ND

Bachelor of Arts - History

Cum Laude

Mackenzie Bonnie Lynn Froehlich – Regina, SK

Bachelor of Science in Education - Elementary Education

Summa Cum Laude

Yasmine Bettina Mojica – La Union, Philippines

Bachelor of Arts - Foreign Language/Dual Language

Magna Cum Laude

Jenae Louise Orluck – Beach, ND

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Nursing

Summa Cum Laude

Caitlyn E Poole – Minot, ND

Bachelor of Science - Accounting

Cum Laude

Katherine D Rock – Minot, ND

Bachelor of Science - Marketing

Cum Laude

Zachary Martin Schuller – Sharon, PA

Bachelor of Science - Bioinformatics & Computational
Biology

Magna Cum Laude

Emily J Steenstrup – Minot, ND

Bachelor of Science in Education - English Education

Summa Cum Laude

Erica Lynn Summerour – Bismarck, ND

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Nursing

Magna Cum Laude

Jordan Will – Minot, ND

Bachelor of Science - Accounting

Summa Cum Laude

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

- Morgan R Galer** – Hills, IA
Applied Business Information Technology
- **Germain L Krueger** – Baldwin, ND
Applied Business Information Technology
 - Priscilla Ann Lawson** – Phoenix, AZ
Interpretation & Sign Language Studies
 - **Corey Benjamin Malko** – Hollister, CA
Applied Business Information Technology

BACHELOR OF ARTS

- Alexius Albertson** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Paul Revier Amberg Jr** – Minot, ND
History
- **Hunter Lee Andes** – Makoti, ND
English
 - Felicia Janae Arias** – Los Angeles, CA
Biology
 - Ivie Stephanie Awo-osagie** – Benin City, Nigeria
Biology
 - **Sarah M Azar** – Williston, ND
English
 - Zachary Berry** – Minot, ND
Biology
 - **Jacob Bohl** – Minot, ND
Biology
 - **Thea Lynn Bonebrake** – Minot, ND
Biology
 - Holly Bootle** – Nassau, Bahamas
Biology
 - Jeanne Mae Brenner** – Dauphin, MB
Art
 - **Haley Logan Burchett** – Berea, KY
Communication
 - Isis Celestine Cabral** – Oxnard, CA
Art
 - Leticia Cossi de Souza** – Minot, ND
Psychology
 - Conrado U Cuadra Jr** – Philippines
Psychology
 - **Casey Marie Daigle** – Biddeford, ME
English
History

- **Hannah Brooke Deplazes** – Minot, ND
Music
- **Mykal Robert Drosdal** – New Town, ND
Broadcasting
- **Dillon Alexander Dyer** – Alexander, ND
History
- **Aylin Ergin** – Hamburg, Germany
Broadcasting
Communication
- Gerald L Fredriksen Jr** – Minot, ND
Geology
- Blake Friars** – Bienfait, SK
Broadcasting
- **Spencer Wayne Furniss** – Minot, ND
Biology
- **Ian Geller** – Minot, ND
History
- **Caitlin Elizabeth Getty** – Pierre, SD
Broadcasting
- **Ann Godwin** – Minot, ND
Mathematics
- Alexandria Hamm** – Minot, ND
Biology
- Tate Janelle Haskins** – Minot, ND
Psychology
- Trail Judson Haskins** – Minot, ND
History
- **Alyson Jaylyn Heisler** – Velva, ND
Broadcasting
- Haley Mae Hildenbrand** – Parker, CO
Chemistry
- Rafena Farzana Hoque** – Dhaka, Bangladesh
Biology
- Ashley Hunt** – Wasilla, AK
Biology
- Hailey Lynn Johnson** – Surrey, ND
Biology
- Jesse Lawhead** – Minot, ND
History
- Charles Harold Lee** – Minot, ND
Art
- **Rhett Lough** – Winnipeg, MB
Psychology
- Kyle Lee Ludwig** – Minot, ND
Broadcasting
- **Yasmine Bettina Mojica** – La Union, Philippines
Foreign Language/Dual Language

- **Alayna Faith Michelle Morin** – Dunseith, ND
Psychology
- **Chad Martin Olson** – Velva, ND
Broadcasting
- **Leah Olson** – Minot, ND
English
Grant David Ponder – Upland, CA
Sociology
- **Kaitlynn Sarah Quintana** – Eagle, CO
Chemistry
Monica Sandra Maria Rivera – Riverside, CA
Broadcasting
- **Madison Sem** – Minot, ND
Music
- **Kellie Lenore Sink** – Minot, ND
Communication
Stosh Ervin Sitkowski – St John, IN
History
Kylie Ann Stark – Bismarck, ND
Psychology
Jered Lane Sublet – McMinnville, OR
History
Benjamin Suess – Minot, ND
Psychology
Jianning Tian – Northridge, CA
Biology
Karli F Williams – Puyallup, WA
Psychology

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

- **Darby Ness** – Minot, ND
Art

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

- **Dominic Anderson** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- **Janel Irene Bortoluzzi** – Winnipeg, MB
General Studies
- **Taylor Anne Bradley** – Winnipeg, MB
General Studies
- **Kelsey Kay Branson** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- **Scott Christopher Brown** – Seattle, WA
General Studies
- **McKenna Victoria Brown** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- **Johna B Costa** – Clarksville, AR
General Studies

- **Madison Davis** – Regina, SK
General Studies
- **Karolina Natalia Beverly Donnelly** – Calgary, AB
General Studies
- **Kiante Goudeau** – La Palma, CA
General Studies
- **Andrew Scott Helfrich** – Kailua, HI
General Studies
- **Quinlyn Marie Johnson** – Davidson, SK
General Studies
- **Mackenzi Anne Kleiter** – Saskatoon, SK
General Studies
- **Cassidy Maria Millar Matthews** – Winnipeg, MB
General Studies
- **Julia Morikawa Hamman** – Byron, MI
General Studies
- **Marycayla L Walz** – McClusky, ND
General Studies
- **Alyssa Wenstad** – Minot, ND
General Studies
- **Lori Ann Wobbema** – Lansford, ND
General Studies
- **Haley Kathryn Zeece** – Minot, ND
General Studies

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- **Derek Nathaniel Aagenes** – Rochester, MN
Marketing
- **Malissa Abdoul Samad Hamidou** – Niamey, Niger
Management Information Systems
- **Juliana Fernanda Alarcon Diaz** – Bogota, Columbia
International Business
Finance
- **Brenda Albertson** – Dalton, GA
Human Services: Intellectual & Developmental
Disabilities
- **Andrea Getsemani Alvarado Cueva** – Minot, ND
Management
- **Paul Revier Amberg Jr** – Minot, ND
Management
- **Rohith Annavarapu** – Minot, ND
Management
- **Dean Arevalo** – Riverside, CA
Management
Entrepreneurship
- **Makensy Ann Arlien** – Minot, ND
Finance
- **Ivan Nicholas Avalos** – Orlando, FL
Finance
- **Wesley Patterson Baird** – Minot, ND
Management

- Brett Melvin Baker** – New Town, ND
Management
- Lane Banister** – Minot, ND
Human Services: Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
- Emily Angeline Barker** – Saskatoon, SK
Communication Disorders
- **Jenna Lynn Beaulieu** – Shellbrook, SK
Communication Disorders
- Thomas Albert Berthiaume** – Thompson, CT
Management
- Saurabh Naresh Bhagat** – Doho, Qatar
Accounting
Management Information Systems
- Samantha Birrenkott** – Bismarck, ND
Addiction Studies
- Tiale Gisele Ble** – Minot, ND
Management
- Benjamin Michael Bolinske** – Minot, ND
Early Childhood Education
- **Naomi Holdine Braaten** – El Dorado Hills, CA
Management
International Business
- **Kathryn Braun** – Swift Current, SK
Communication Disorders
- Emily Faith Brick** – Mandan, ND
Management
International Business
- **Faith Ann Brintle** – Council Grove, KS
Management
- Samantha Deanne Brizee** – Twin Falls, ID
Athletic Training
- Riley May Brodal** – Minot, ND
Marketing
Management
- Paige Jean Brodehl** – Granville, ND
Radiologic Technology
- Cole Nels Brose** – Minot, ND
Management
Entrepreneurship
- LaTaya A Brown** – San Antonio, TX
Early Childhood Education
- Brittany Brune** – Goodyear, AZ
Management
- Holly Burckhard** – Minot, ND
Finance
- James I M Burhans** – Canton, IL
Management
- Lavante Lorenzo Bushnell** – Stockton, CA
Management
- Chris T Carlson** – Minot, ND
Finance
Management
- Randi Lynn Carlson** – Weyburn, SK
Communication Disorders
- Jaymon S Cervantes** – Vail, AZ
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Beverly Chigarira** – Minot, ND
Bioinformatics & Computational Biology
- Michael Childress** – Vista, CA
Energy Economics & Finance
- Bryana Grace Christensen** – Sidney, MT
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Dorion Cipriani** – Glenburn, ND
Management
Marketing
Entrepreneurship
International Business
- **Alyssa Cole** – Minot, ND
Management Information Systems
- Devon G Conway** – Greenwood, IN
Management
- **Veronica Cheyenne Corey** – Meridian, ID
Multimedia Studies
- Karleen Opal Coughlin** – Live Oak, CA
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Levi Dhramaraj Crackel** – Minot, ND
Management
- Andrea Lynn Cross** – Minot, ND
Management
- Tawny Jean Davis** – Dunseith, ND
Criminal Justice
- Tayla Marie Dean** – Tioga, ND
Management
Entrepreneurship
- **Cameron Deasy** – Brampton, ON
Criminal Justice
- Alexandra Grace Demko** – Thunder Bay, ON
Marketing
Management
- **Nathan Emmanuel Demme** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- Kira Shannon Dereniwsky** – Kimberley, BC
Criminal Justice
- **Ludny Désert** – Cayes, Haiti
Management Information Systems
- Alhousseynou Diop** – Rosso, Mauritania
Computer Science
- Jordan Michael Douglas** – Minot, ND
Management Information Systems
- Alisha Downs** – Minot, ND
Marketing
- **Miriam Irene Diana Dumes** – Houston, TX
Marketing
International Business
- Leonard Kenneth Eller** – Belcourt, ND
Management Information Systems

- Hassan Sameh Hassan Elshanbary** – Minot, ND
Bioinformatics & Computational Biology
- Cameron L Erickson** – Minot, ND
Finance
- Alissa J Ewan** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- Ethan Daniel Feist** – Minot, ND
Management
- **Kailee Mae Ferguson** – Williston, ND
Criminal Justice
 - Reagan Michael Finsaas** – Fairview, MT
Criminal Justice
 - Nicole Lee Fladeland** – Minot, ND
Finance
 - Jadin Dawn Flexhaug** – Minot, ND
Management
Marketing
 - Kristal Joyce Flowers** – Collins, ND
Management
Entrepreneurship
 - Kayla Ann Toraine Foreid** – Minot, ND
Management
 - **Jessica Dee Foster** – Bismarck, ND
Criminal Justice
 - **Blake Mitchell Fournier** – Maple Creek, SK
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
 - **Abbey Franklin** – Deloraine, MB
Communication Disorders
 - Abigail Lyn Frith** – Stayton, OR
Marketing
 - Blake Gallagher** – Fredericton, NB
Marketing
 - Moises Gallardo-Hernandez** – Vacaville, CA
Criminal Justice
 - **Mary Elizabeth Gamas** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
 - Jace Donald Gaulke** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
 - Cassidy Jade Gebeke** – Bismarck, ND
Management Information Systems
 - Christopher J Geck** – Minot, ND
Management
Marketing
 - **Ann Godwin** – Minot, ND
Energy Economics & Finance
 - Brianna Nicole Gonzalez** – Dallas, TX
Criminal Justice
 - **Beth-Ann Janice Goudy** – Stoughton, SK
Accounting
Management
Finance
 - Caleb Wayne Grindy** – Minot, ND
Management
 - Gary Michael Griswold** – Roanoke, VA
Computer Science
 - **Kerstin Grubb** – Minot, ND
Communication Disorders
 - Isaiah Malachi Hall** – Lancaster, CA
Criminal Justice
 - Jennifer L Hamilton** – Minot, ND
Management
 - Hannah Elizabeth Hammitt** – Princeton, IL
Marketing
 - **Autumne D Haskell** – Minot, ND
Management
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
 - Amanda Faye Hayward** – Carnduff, SK
Criminal Justice
 - Natalia Heck** – Maddock, ND
Management
Finance
 - Mara Jo Heinze** – Dazey, ND
Human Services: Intellectual & Developmental
Disabilities
 - Bridget Held** – Minot, ND
Addiction Studies
 - **Rebecca Dawn Helmecki** – Esterhazy, SK
Entrepreneurship
International Business
Management
 - Shad Hemmer** – Watertown, SD
Management
 - **Sami Jo Henry** – Balgonie, SK
Criminal Justice
 - **Cade Cuauhtemoc Hernandez** – Riverside, CA
Criminal Justice
 - Haley Rae Hernandez** – Gilbert, AZ
Communication Disorders
 - **Kaitlyn Hill** – Bowman, ND
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
 - **Brett Nathaniel Hlebechuk** – Belfield, ND
International Business
Marketing
 - Tylar Ann Holland** – Montana City, MT
Radiologic Technology
 - **Eden Briann Huber** – Regina, SK
Communication Disorders
 - **Ryley Humrighouse** – Minot, ND
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
 - Princewill Ifeanyi Chukwu Ibeabuchi** – Minot, ND
Computer Science
 - **Juan Diego Jaimes Valdiviezo** – Riobamba, Ecuador
Finance
International Business
 - **Taylor Janzen** – Saskatoon, SK
Communication Disorders

- Kierstyn Debra Marie Jasan** – Minot, ND
Athletic Training
- Aubrianna Johnson** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- Corina Rose Johnson** – Lakota, ND
Management
Marketing
International Business
- Dylan J Johnson** – Yorkton, SK
Marketing
Management
- Julia Ann Johnson** – Sierra Vista, AZ
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Shamiqua J'Nay Johnson** – San Angelo, TX
Management
- **Je-Mario Jones** – Minot, ND
Computer Science
 - **Ashlie Joyner** – Hamilton, AL
Management
 - Ziad Alhassan Mostafa Kadry** – Minot, ND
Computer Science
 - **Nadya Alexandra Anne Keenan** – Saskatoon, SK
Communication Disorders
 - **Hayley Rose Keller** – Regina, SK
Communication Disorders
 - Jersey P Kelly** – Minot, ND
Management Information Systems
 - Noah Adam Kelly** – Glenburn, ND
Management Information Systems
 - Aaron Kern** – San Tan Valley, AZ
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
 - Amanda Kay Kopseng-Lies** – Harvey, ND
Human Services: Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
 - **Karli Malia Koza** – Temecula, CA
Criminal Justice
 - Joshua J Kragh** – Minot, ND
Accounting
Finance
 - **Kenedee Kristjanson** – Minot, ND
Medical Laboratory Science
 - **Anastasia M Kroh** – Bismarck, ND
Accounting
 - Matthew Kruszka** – Gowanda, NY
Criminal Justice
 - Sean Patrick Kuenzinger** – Fresno, CA
Management
Marketing
Entrepreneurship
International Business
 - Jennifer Lynn Ladendorf** – Minot, ND
Communication Disorders
 - Sylvia Ellen Lam** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
 - Samuel H Larson** – Minot, ND
Finance
 - **Nabeeha Latif** – Las Vegas, NV
Accounting
 - **Jennifer Marie Lincoln** – Watford City, ND
Criminal Justice
 - **Randi Long** – Glenburn, ND
Early Childhood Education
 - **Emily Love** – Minot, ND
Marketing
International Business
 - Amber Lueck** – Jamestown, ND
Human Services: Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
 - Jaxon W Lundeen** – Minot, ND
Management
Entrepreneurship
 - Doreen Mavis Lyons** – New Town, ND
Entrepreneurship
 - Ashley Ann Mackovic** – Minot, ND
Addiction Studies
 - Brooklynn Kate Malaterre** – St John, ND
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
 - Tristan Nathaniel Maldonado** – Castro Valley, CA
Management
Marketing
 - Cassandra Martin** – Minot, ND
Management
 - Matthew Blaine Martin** – Emerado, ND
Management
 - Kathryn Mayer** – Minot, ND
Marketing
 - Aaron J McNaughton** – Grand Forks, ND
Management Information Systems
 - Mark Roy Medalen** – Minot, ND
Finance
 - Gavin Sean Mercer** – Riverside, CA
Management
Marketing
International Business
 - **Matthew Robert Meuwissen** – Grand Forks, ND
Human Services: Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
 - Leslie Anne Ashton Middaugh** – Minot, ND
Management
 - **Wyniah L Mintz** – Glendive, MT
Communication Disorders
 - Avery Milam-Moen** – Arnegard, ND
Management
 - Alexis Nichole Moir** – Hopkins, SC
Criminal Justice
 - Nolan Ray Monthei** – Minot, ND
Management
Marketing

- Josie M Morris** – Broadus, MT
Management
- Nicholas Anthony Moseley** – Minot, ND
Finance
- MaKayla Alise Napolis** – Tehachapi, CA
Criminal Justice
- **Alex A Nelson** – Rolette, ND
Criminal Justice
- Caley Jean Nelson** – Towner, ND
Radiologic Technology
- Garrett Thomas Nicholson** – Sydney Mines, NS
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Keith Hollis Norman** – Hempstead, NY
Criminal Justice
- **Brett Michael Nunziato** – Minot, ND
Athletic Training
- **Hiromu Ogahara** – Chiba, Japan
Management
Entrepreneurship
- Jamisen Ogle** – Carpio, ND
Accounting
- Keaton C Oien** – Crosby, ND
Criminal Justice
- **Lindsey Eileen Olander** – Minot, ND
Management Information Systems
- Ayomikun Osiyale Oluwasegun** – Lagos, Nigeria
Finance
- Parker Reed Osterman** – Willcox, AZ
Athletic Training
- Dominick Louis Parkhurst** – Tucson, AZ
Management Information Systems
- Drew Thomas Pearson** – Minot, ND
Management
- **Camryn Pedersen** – Minot, ND
Marketing
Management
- **Shae Pedersen** – Calgary, AB
Management
Marketing
- David Pellenwessel** – Minot, ND
Entrepreneurship
Marketing
- Nicholas Patrick Pereira** – Eastvale, CA
Management
Entrepreneurship
- **Braydon D Peterson** – Lemmon, SD
Communication Disorders
- **Tessa Peuser** – Jamestown, ND
Human Services: Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
- William James Phillips** – Utica, NY
Management Information Systems
- Janae Frances Pinks** – Bismarck, ND
Criminal Justice
- Kenny Plaza** – Fort Lauderdale, FL
Criminal Justice
- Asia Pleasant Hafich** – Fredricksburg, VA
Management
- Kascaundra Ann Poitra** – Bismarck, ND
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Adam Matthew Poland** – Maricopa, AZ
Computer Science
- **Aurora Denis PolonioPolanco** – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Finance
International Business
- **Caitlyn E Poole** – Minot, ND
Accounting
- Emma Mari Profili** – Trail, BC
Management
- Danish Khan Qayyum** – Minot, ND
Computer Science
- Matthew Rabe** – Minot, ND
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Marco Antonio Ramirezlazos** – Vista, CA
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Janaé Rapley** – Regina, SK
Communication Disorders
- **Jaeleon Tiare Roberts** – Bangor, SK
Accounting
Finance
- Chelsea Ann Robertson** – Minot, ND
Management
International Business
- **Katherine D Rock** – Minot, ND
Marketing
- **Jacob H Rodgers** – Max, ND
Accounting
- Dawson Dakota Rogstad** – Bismarck, ND
Criminal Justice
- Orion Rosado** – Orlando, FL
Management Information Systems
- **Tamrick Matthew Ross** – Compton, CA
Marketing
Management
- **April Dawn Rowlett** – Nipawin, SK
Communication Disorders
- Samarasinghe Arachchige Heshani Samarasinghe** – Ratnapura, Sri Lanka
Computer Science
- Yezenia E Santiago** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- Matthew Sartwell** – Minot, ND
Corporate Fitness
- Matthew Charles Sauers** – Bethlehem, PA
Finance
Accounting

- **Rhyan Colby Sawyer** – Virden, MB
Communication Disorders
- Jordan Duane Schade** – Bowman, ND
Criminal Justice
- **Tori Brook Schemenauer** – Minot, ND
Communication Disorders
- **Jacob A Schmidt** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- Sheyenne Kay Schmidt** – Minot, ND
Marketing
Management
Entrepreneurship
- **Madison Sem** – Minot, ND
Accounting
- Monica Kamalani Suobiron Sentelle** – Ewa Beach, HI
Marketing
Management
- **Kimberly Dee Shappell** – Minot, ND
Accounting
Finance
- Jessie Mariah Shaver** – Farmington, MO
Radiologic Technology
- **Jordan Leigh Shearer** – Dunseith, ND
Early Childhood Education
- Audrey Deanna Sifuentes** – McCook, NE
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Francoise Alma Laureinza Siliki Penda** – Minot, ND
Management
- Rachael E Simon** – Minot, ND
Management
- **Tess Arielle Skinner** – Greenville, TX
Medical Laboratory Science
- Colton Dean Snyder** – Surrey, ND
Management
Entrepreneurship
- Aymee Amaral Soares** – Sao Paulo, Brazil
Accounting
- Kelvin Soto Cuevas** – Camuy, Puerto Rico
Computer Science
- Jayden Staskywic** – Burlington, ND
Management Information Systems
- Danielle N Stauffer** – Williston, ND
International Business
Marketing
- **Rebekah Leigh Stoe** – Thompson, ND
Athletic Training
- **Reina Nicole Strand** – Keizer, OR
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Alicia Lynae Swagger** – Bismarck, ND
Criminal Justice
- Johl Swedlo** – Portage la Prairie, MB
Accounting
Finance
- Hunter Tescher** – Minot, ND
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Bethany Rose Theodore** – Sunbury, Australia
Management
- Dylan Thomas** – Minot, ND
Multimedia Studies
- **Heather Ann Thompson** – Sherwood, ND
Management
- **Madison Ann Tiedman** – Minot, ND
Marketing
- James W Tisdale III** – Newport, VA
Criminal Justice
- Rohit Tiwari** – Minot, ND
Computer Science
- Abagayle Anne Tohm** – Minot, ND
Criminal Justice
- Andrew Joseph Toland** – Donora, PA
Management
- **Shelby Leigh Tornato** – Saskatoon, SK
Communication Disorders
- Daniel Toy** – Minot, ND
Management
- James A Tucci Jr** – Bordentown, NJ
Medical Laboratory Science
- Melanie van Walstijn** – Minot, ND
Management
International Business
- Jonathan W Vanderhoef** – Bismarck, ND
Management
- **Kristian Lee Vojtko** – Seaford, DE
Corporate Fitness & Wellness Management
- Derek Wax** – Bismarck, ND
Energy Economics & Finance
Management
- **Forrest Rhea Weigel** – Minot, ND
Computer Science
- **Jordan Will** – Minot, ND
Accounting
- **Shane Williams Jr** – Vashon, WA
Athletic Training
- **Faith Jeanne Wolla** – Minot, ND
Accounting
- **Haylee Kay Word** – Camden, AR
Management Information Systems
- Adam Wowryk** – Calgary, AB
Entrepreneurship
Marketing
- Josef Zeece** – Minot, ND
Management
Entrepreneurship

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

- Matthew Ackerman** – Williston, ND
Physical Education
- **Emily Briana Albertson** – Minot, ND
Physical Education
Elementary Education
 - **Kylie Nicole Alexander** – Minot, ND
Physical Education
Elementary Education
 - **Lauren Rylee Anderson** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Megan Ann Anderson** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Hunter Lee Andes** – Makoti, ND
English Education
 - **Emily Elizabeth Bailey** – Vernon, NJ
Music Education
 - **Mackenzie Savannah Balogh** – Kipling, SK
Physical Education
 - **Sierra Lynn Barley** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Christina Marie Berge** – Williston, ND
Music Education
 - **Keegan James Berry** – Casper, WY
Physical Education
 - **Eric Besalda** – Fresno, CA
Physical Education
 - **Sean Bostrom** – Orlando, CA
Music Education
 - **Nathan Edward Bowles** – Minot, ND
Music Education
 - **Lynn Marie Braaten** – Minot, ND
Special Education
 - **Reese Autumn Bryant** – Lignite, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Kaylee Marie Capp** – Max, ND
Music Education
 - **Tiffany J Clementich** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
Special Education
 - **Kelsi Lynn Cooper** – Minot, ND
Early Childhood Education
 - **Daniel M Coopman** – Minot, ND
Physical Education
 - **Hannah Marie Crumley** – Sawyer, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Jacob Thomas Dahl** – Coeur d’Alene, ID
Foreign Language/Spanish Education
 - **Beth Elaine Duchsherer** – Rugby, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Cole Edwards** – Minot, ND
Physical Education
 - **Julia Christine Ellis** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Kaylee Ann Endresen** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Dustin Dale Fischer** – Mandan, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Mychal G Fjeldahl** – Berthold, ND
Physical Education
 - **Blake Mitchell Fournier** – Maple Creek, SK
Physical Education
 - **Mackenzie Bonnie Lynn Froehlich** – Regina, SK
Elementary Education
 - **Jordan Gudmundson** – Carlyle, SK
Elementary Education
 - **Kristin M Haff** – Bismarck, ND
Mathematics Education
 - **Delaine’ Hanson** – Sherwood, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Jameson Alexander Hayden** – Lacey, WA
Physical Education
 - **Dana Elizabeth Heape** – Minot, ND
History Education
 - **Katherine Heidt** – Dickinson, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Lauren Margaret Hendrickson** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Dylan Hennessy** – Berthold, ND
History Education
 - **Morgan Jo Hennessy** – Bismarck, ND
Elementary Education
 - **William Hayden** – Lancaster, NH
Physical Education
 - **Briana Imler** – Minot, ND
Early Childhood Education
 - **Emily Rae Johnson** – Ray, ND
Elementary Education
Special Education
 - **Jessica Elizabeth Johnson** – Riverside, CA
Social Science Education
 - **Sydney R Johnson** – Minot, ND
Music Education
 - **Abigail Lynn Kallemeyn** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Claire Keller** – Minot, ND
Early Childhood Education
 - **Taylor Kirkhorn** – Casselton, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Adrianna Joy Kittelson** – Velva, ND
Mathematics Education
 - **Katherine Jean Klemetsrud** – Max, ND
Business Education
 - **Mya Jane Knecht** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education

- Eric L Knutson** – Donnybrook, ND
Physical Education
- **Kimberly Paige Kolden** – Garrison, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Bethany Kolschefski** – Butte, ND
Music Education
 - **Timothy Curtis Kraft** – Minot, ND
Mathematics Education
 - **Rhaspede Logan** – Chicago, IL
English Education
 - Elizabeth Nicole Lucy** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - Brittany Rae Lund** – Minot, ND
Biology Education
 - Lehmonique Magee** – New Orleans, LA
Early Childhood Education
 - Braylee Ann Malaterre** – St John, ND
Special Education
 - Cierra Helen Mariner** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - Danielle Rae McDermott** – Minot, ND
Earth Science Education
 - Daniel Geordie McDougall** – Lumsden, SK
Physical Education
 - Katherine May McGlenen** – Winnipeg, MB
Elementary Education
 - **Eleanore Rose Messmer** – Mott, ND
Elementary Education
 - Kadee Miller** – Bismarck, ND
Elementary Education
 - Taylor Leeann Mitchell** – Birch Hills, SK
Elementary Education
 - **Erica Marie Moen** – Foxholm, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Maya Rae Moltzen** – Jamestown, ND
Elementary Education
 - Emily Christine Murray** – Valley City, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Kiya Madalynn Neely** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Lori Suzanne Nehlsen** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - Kayla Jean Neshem** – Max, ND
Elementary Education
 - Victoria Leigh Obergfell** – Plentywood, MT
Elementary Education
 - Aaron Nicholas Ogradnick** – The Pas, MB
Physical Education
 - Elementary Education
 - December Blue Oster** – Garrison, ND
Elementary Education
 - Mariah Anne Payne** – Minot, ND
Physical Education
 - **Rachel Naomi Petersen** – Minot, ND
Early Childhood Education
 - **Amanda R Peterson** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - Jessica Marie Peterson** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Karli Kristine Pickard** – Airdrie, AB
Elementary Education
 - **Brooke Plorin** – Upham, ND
Special Education
 - Jessica Sophia Port** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - Brandon Michael Reynolds** – Wake Forest, NC
Physical Education
 - **Tessia Samuelson** – Minot, ND
Art Education
 - Jordan Lyn Christopher Sanford** – Bismarck, ND
Physical Education
 - **Maleah Schmeling** – Killdeer, ND
Elementary Education
 - Early Childhood Education
 - **Abbie Rose Schmidt** – Minot, ND
Early Childhood Education
 - **Lacey Jane Schweitzer** – Berthold, ND
Elementary Education
 - Katerina Siebert** – Luverne, MN
Elementary Education
 - Shelby Lynn Spuller** – Dexter, MI
Elementary Education
 - Michael Grant Sterner** – Kaunakakai, HI
Physical Education
 - **Julia Noelle Joan Suchan** – Calgary, AB
Elementary Education
 - Zachary Todd Thompson** – Towner, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Lane B Torgerson** – Colstrip, MT
Physical Education
 - Kaitlyn Troxel** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - Chloe J van Bart** – Orlando, FL
Elementary Education
 - **Taylor Leann Vensel** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - Anayensi Vidro** – Minot, ND
Early Childhood Education
 - **Jaden Wahlund** – Minot, ND
Physical Education
 - **Kent Matthew Walchuk** – Saskatoon, SK
Elementary Education
 - Cody White** – Minot, ND
Elementary Education
 - **Emma Rae Winfield** – Millersburg, MI
Elementary Education
 - **Erin Mae Winterton** – Moose Jaw, SK
Chemistry Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

- Christie Lynn Albers** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- Dorcas Omolola Ayanladun** – Minot, ND
Nursing
- **Whitney Babbitt** – Prescott Valley, AZ
Nursing
 - Andrew Copenhaver** – Barrow Rural Retreat, VA
Nursing
 - Caitlyn Bertsch** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - Emily Kaye Bitz** – Napoleon, ND
Nursing
 - Annika Marie Bobb** – Littleton, CO
Nursing
 - Kathryn Lynn Borud** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Sydney Nadine Boyce** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - Laura A Browning** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - Kembia Leance Eugenie Casende** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Rykara Danes Q Casiquin** – Manila, Philippines
Nursing
 - Taylor Diane Christianson** – Glenburn, ND
Nursing
 - **Hannah Marie Dahl** – Coeur d’Alene, ID
Nursing
 - Cassandra Mary Daniel** – Tantallon, SK
Nursing
 - **Mary Edin** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - April Faith Edwards** – Kenmare, ND
Nursing
 - Mikayla Raye Eklund** – Burlington, ND
Nursing
 - **Sarah Emswiler** – Singers Glen, VA
Nursing
 - **Jordan Ciara Eul** – Church Hill, TN
Nursing
 - Savannah Jo Fix** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - Courtney Lynn Flom** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Shea Jodell Froseth** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - Jessica Gonzalez Garcia** – Berthold, ND
Nursing
 - **Renée Grace Granada** – Culbertson, MT
Nursing
 - **Roma’n Grissett Jr** – Bradenton, FL
Nursing
 - Kinzi Rae Grubb** – Powers Lake, ND
Nursing
 - Giovanna Brenae Hamilton** – Brownstown, MI
Nursing
 - **Naycee Emm Harris** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - Kira Lynn Holdaway** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - Lily Holt** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Paige Alexandra Holzapfel** – Willows, CA
Nursing
 - Tristen L Johnson** – DesLacs, ND
Nursing
 - **Haruka Kaneto** – Tokushima, Japan
Nursing
 - Lauryn D’amosa Keeton** – Pensacola, FL
Nursing
 - Jenna Christine Kilene** – Berthold, ND
Nursing
 - Sarah Ngina Kithusi** – Nakuru, Kenya
Nursing
 - Lexie Adele Kluck** – Stanley, ND
Nursing
 - **Lucas David Kolden** – Garrison, ND
Nursing
 - Ashlyn Elizabeth LaBonte** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - Bailey Jean Lamp** – Jamestown, ND
Nursing
 - Jessica Ann Martel** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Shaley McNally** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Lynne J Melander** – Williston, ND
Nursing
 - Madelyn Rae Mercer** – Mesa, AZ
Nursing
 - Alex Mullies** – Lexington, NC
Nursing
 - **Austin Glen Nagel** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Cassidy Nelson** – Devils Lake, ND
Nursing
 - Emily Marie Neshem** – Berthold, ND
Nursing
 - **Brandee Lynn Newell** – Blackfoot, ID
Nursing
 - Lisa M Oakes** – Minot, ND
Nursing

- Lily Elizabeth Olson** – Estacada, OR
Nursing
- Oluchi Favour Onyebuchi** – Igbere, Nigeria
Nursing
- **Morgan C Oppen** – Rugby, ND
Nursing
 - **Jenae Louise Orluck** – Beach, ND
Nursing
 - **Mosope Ojuolape Osiyale** – Lagos, Nigeria
Nursing
 - **Leisa Anne Peterson** – Antler, ND
Nursing
 - **Trudel Hazel Reid** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Jenna Marie Routledge** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Katherine Danielle Ruby** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Jack William Schaefer** – New Rockford, ND
Nursing
 - **Angela A Schultz** – Almont, ND
Nursing
 - **Mackenzie Lynn Schwaller** – Kiel, WI
Nursing
 - **Vanessa Elizabeth Stephenson** –
Lawrenceville, Georgia
Nursing
 - **Erica Lynn Summerour** – Bismarck, ND
Nursing
 - **Hayley Swain** – Airdrie, AB
Nursing
 - **Rebecca Syvertson** – Garrison, ND
Nursing
 - **Tyler Nathan Tulare** – Eagle River, AK
Nursing
 - **Roberta Rose Valella** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Kylee Jo Voeller** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Cierra Louise Wald** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Jenna Nicole Wasness** – Fargo, ND
Nursing
 - **Karli L Weidler** – Velva, ND
Nursing
 - **Gabrielle Monet Wigness** – Minot, ND
Nursing
 - **Anna Zelinski** – Glenburn, ND
Nursing

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- **Shamsa Hassan Adow** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Juli Anna Anderson** – Macks Creek, MO
Social Work
- **Nikki Lee Anklam** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Nafissa Messan Assiobo** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Ashley Jordanne Beeter** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Jelissa Dhue-Ann Bell** – Miami, FL
Social Work
- **Makayla Birst** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- **Katelyn Rae Blotsky** – Mandan, ND
Social Work
- **Monica Faye Brandenburg** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- **Alyssa Brown** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Kelsey Bursinger** – Bisbee, ND
Social Work
- **Dawn Rose Byrne** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Kylee Carico** – Berthold, ND
Social Work
- **Tasha E Clark** – Hudson, WI
Social Work
- **Rhonda Diede** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Lori Ann Domine** – Fargo, ND
Social Work
- **Stephanie Edmonds** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Madison Erickson** – Berthold, ND
Social Work
- **Amanda Sue Fiest** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- **Taylor Fitzgerald** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- **Sage Goodman** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Samantha Tiffany Greer** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- **Nya Jo Harris** – Minot, ND
Social Work
- **Tanya Lynn Haugen** – Mandan, ND
Social Work
- **Paige Hennen** – Minot, ND
Social Work

- Zachariah Wayne Heth** – Calgary, AB
Social Work
- Claire Elise Hilbers** – Charles Town, WV
Social Work
- Brandee Mae Huwe** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
- **Neta Isenberg** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
 - Maryim Jaber** – Moorhead, MN
Social Work
 - **Melanie Anne Jabs** – Chaska, MN
Social Work
 - **McKayla Jo Jacobson** – Finley, ND
Social Work
 - Joelle Brenna Lee Jamerson** – McLaughlin, SD
Social Work
 - Tasha Jensen** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
 - Allison Tamara Johnson** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
 - Kelly Keenan** – Burnsville, MN
Social Work
 - Samantha LeAnn Knipp** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - Haley Kay Kohler** – Kenmare, ND
Social Work
 - Amelia Tamba Kollie** – Monrovia, Liberia
Social Work
 - **Marissa Jo Kowalski** – Fargo, ND
Social Work
 - Bailey Lamoureux** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - Troyleah Mercedes Langerud** – Belcourt, ND
Social Work
 - Deisy Lara** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Paige Marie Lillis** – Mandan, ND
Social Work
 - **Kate J Little** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
 - Macy A Lynch** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **McKayla Ann Marchus** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - Naomi Ann Marks** – Mandan, ND
Social Work
 - **Kaitlyn Jean Marschel** – Howard Lake, MN
Social Work
 - Brittany Barbara Mattoon** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - Diana Lynn McCree** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
 - Imaney Leah McGaughy** – Torrance, CA
Social Work
 - Ashley Jean Minske** – Princeton, MN
Social Work
 - **Kristopher J Mount** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
 - **Nicole Marie Myers** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
 - Carrie Newby** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - Morgan Peterson** – Yankton, SD
Social Work
 - Bailey Marie Pifer** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
 - Alivia Emerise Poitra** – Belcourt, ND
Social Work
 - **Ashlyn Rose Privratsky** – South Heart, ND
Social Work
 - **Gelly Ann Ringor** – Kaunakakai, HI
Social Work
 - Jerrica Rae-Starr Rosenlund** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Jordan Rose Rudolph** – Baxter, MN
Social Work
 - **Taryn Taylor Schmit** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Alex Kacie Schroeder** – Max, ND
Social Work
 - Vernelle Louise Spencer** – Mandan, ND
Social Work
 - Annika Juel Stearns** – West Fargo, ND
Social Work
 - Lorna Elizabeth Steckler** – Glen Ullin, ND
Social Work
 - Taylor Sue StierGrand** – Meadow, MN
Social Work
 - Hannah Tofteland** – Westhope, ND
Social Work
 - Ciera Traylor** – West Fargo, ND
Social Work
 - Madeline Jane Turner** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - **Abigail Laverne Veverka** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
 - Kaycee Verlinde** – Minot, ND
Social Work
 - Alice Addy Wallace** – Ivory Coast
Social Work
 - **Bria Nicole Ziegler** – Bismarck, ND
Social Work
 - Katarina Zimmerman** – Minot, ND
Social Work

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Dr. Jerry Migler, Campus Dean

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Associate Degree Nursing

Akira Campbell – Minot, ND

Associate Degree Nursing

Kelsey Franca – Minot, ND

Associate Degree Nursing

Katelyn Huebner – Waukesha, WI

Associate Degree Nursing

Ashley Mikula – Minot, ND

Associate Degree Nursing

Erin Mutungi – Minot, ND

Associate Degree Nursing

Josenilda Newsome – Marietta, GA

Associate Degree Nursing

Tessa Pierson – Ekalaka, MT

Associate Degree Nursing

Jayme Rafiu – Westhope, ND

Associate Degree Nursing

McKayla Stolba – Minot, ND

Associate Degree Nursing

Donsha Thomas – Bossier City, LA

Associates Degree Nursing

Kayla Tibbetts – Minot, ND

Associate Degree Nursing

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

- **Angus Ellingson** – Minot, ND
Associate of Applied Science - Information Technology
Associate of Applied Science - Technical Studies
- Hannah Scheffert** – Oakes, ND
Associate of Applied Science - Paraprofessional Educator Early Childhood

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

Nancy Flores-Brown – Dallas, TX

Associate of Arts - Psychology

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Kayla Tibbetts – Minot, ND

Associate of Science - Liberal Arts

ASTEP COLLEGE TO CAREER CERTIFICATES

- **Angus Ellingson** – Minot, ND
ASTEP Certification
Certificate - Web Design
- Matthew Iverson** – Oakes, ND
ASTEP Certificate
Certificate - Technical Studies
- Dominic Schaff** – Bismarck, ND
ASTEP Certificate
- Hannah Scheffert** – Oakes, ND
ASTEP Certificate
Certificate - Technical Studies
- Samantha Sorenson** – Bismarck, ND
ASTEP Certificate

CERTIFICATE OF COLLEGE STUDIES

Nancy Flores-Brown – Dallas, TX

Certificate in College Studies

PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATES

- **Rejoice Banaman** – Ghana
Practical Nursing Certificate
- Sulema Diaz** – Ogden, UT
Practical Nursing Certificate
- **Irmalinda Duran** – Victorville, CA
Practical Nursing Certificate
- Emily Hunt** – Burlington, ND
Practical Nursing Certificate
- **Agatha Thomas** – Nigeria
Practical Nursing Certificate

THE UNIVERSITY'S HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Minot State University is a comprehensive university that is dedicated to excellence in education, scholarship, and community engagement achieved through rigorous academic experiences, active learning environments, commitment to public service, and a vibrant campus life.

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

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

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

In 1987, Minot State College became Minot State University and today offers master's degrees with majors in speech-language pathology, education, information systems, management, sports management, music, science and special education, and a specialist degree in school psychology.

Minot State University boasts a modern campus. During the last two decades, 14 of its 17 academic and administrative buildings have been constructed or undergone extensive remodeling or expansion. These include Model Hall, Memorial Hall, MSU Dome, Herb Parker Stadium, Gordon B. Olson Library, Student Center, Administration Building, Cyril Moore Science Center, Hartnett Hall, Swain Hall, Student Wellness Center, Old Main, Facilities Management Building, and Crane Hall.

MSU MISSION

Mission Statement

Minot State University is a public university dedicated to excellence in education, scholarship, and community engagement achieved through rigorous academic experiences, active learning environments, commitment to public service, and a vibrant campus life.

Vision

Minot State University will:

- Deliver high-quality education where, when, and how it is needed to a diverse, multi-generational student population.
- Prepare students and the institution for the evolving social and technological challenges of the world.
- Inspire scholarship and creative activity among students, faculty, and staff.
- Empower graduates with a distinctive combination of professional expertise and broad-based education to support varied careers and productive lives.

UNIVERSITY MEDALLION

The tradition of the chief officer of an educational institution wearing a medallion dates to the Middle Ages, when a seal was used to mark documents as important. Because the actual possession was so significant, the seal was usually worn around the neck for safekeeping. Wearing the seal eventually became a symbol of authority.

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

UNIVERSITY MACE

A world symbol of tradition and a bond to centuries of academic rituals, a university mace is used only for formal events. Such rituals and symbols provide a university with community pride, while establishing an enduring tie to the past. The University Mace, carried today by Dr. Joseph Collette, was also created for the University's 75th anniversary and to symbolize the University's tradition as an established institution of higher education. It was designed and handcrafted by Byron Verbitsky, an MSU employee at the time. The mace is meticulously carved of mahogany wood. Crowned by the University Seal, it has three posts below representing the teaching, service, and research purposes of the University. The number 75 marks the University's attainment of its first three-quarters of a century in 1988.

DEGREES

Associate in Applied Science degrees are two year vocational-technical education programs through Dakota College at Bottineau. AAS degrees require at least 60 credits.

Associate degrees consist primarily of diverse, introductory-level courses in academic and professional areas and require at least 60 semester hours. A full-time student can generally complete an associate degree in two years.

Baccalaureate degrees require a minimum of 120 semester hours, made up of academic courses in general education, major, minor, concentration, and/or elective areas. Majors may be in humanities, social science, sciences, mathematics, or in the professions. A baccalaureate degree can usually be earned in four years by a full-time student.

Master's degrees require a minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate credit. A master's degree is generally completed in one or two years of study beyond the baccalaureate degree.

Specialist's degrees require three full years of study beyond the baccalaureate degree. The specialist degree in school psychology at MSU requires 71 graduate semester hours which includes a full year of internship.

SCHOOL COLORS

Huldah Lucile Winsted, a member of the original 1913 faculty, looked out her window in Old Main and saw the beautiful red geraniums blooming “en masse” and chose the colors of the plant for the school's colors. Those colors have been Minot State University's traditional colors ever since and still are reflected in the name of the student newspaper “Red and Green” and in a variety of publications and areas on campus. Winsted taught geography and served as dean of women for many years. She was published and quite well known for her poetry. In addition, Winsted is credited for being the first librarian and for donating many of the early volumes that established the library at the institution.

INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

Flags representing countries from which MSU international graduating students originate are displayed along the North Wall. MSU proudly hosts over 170 students from over 33 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 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 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 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 participate in the many activities sponsored by the club, such as outreach events and volunteering for the community. The goal of the Criminal Justice Club is to supplement what students are learning in the classroom by providing them with real life demonstrations in a social setting. Students with honors representing this organization are wearing a blue stole with white lettering.

HONORS CONCENTRATION: A concentration in Honors requires the completion of 15-16 semester hours within the program. Students participating in the Honors concentration engage in lively seminar discussions, conduct independent study and research, participate in community service projects, and earn public recognition for their achievements. Honors students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher and must enroll in eight or more credits each term. Students wearing a gold medal with a red ribbon receive the Honors concentration.

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

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MUSIC EDUCATION (NAfME): The MSU chapter of NAfME is a student-led group which provides enrichment opportunities for students interested in Music Education at Minot State University. Graduating seniors have completed many different levels of involvement within the campus and local community, including running music festivals and representing the Division of Performing Arts at enriching conferences. Members with honors representing this club 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 a direct impact upon standards of health care. Students wearing a blue, light blue, and silver cord with a 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 ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY: Phi Alpha, the National Honor Society for Undergraduate social work, has a local 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 GPA 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 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 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.

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

STUDENT AMBASSADORS: The MSU Student Ambassadors are an elite organization of students that believe in service first. Ambassadors proudly serve their peers, university, and community. The main duty and responsibility of the student ambassador 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, 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...Communication Sciences and Disorders
Light Blue...Special Education
Light Blue...Education
Light Blue...Education Specialist

Tan...Information Systems
Tan...Management
Tan...Sports Management
Pink...Music Education

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BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Regents is an advisory board dedicated to the development of Minot State University. This select group of influential individuals fills an important role in the University's ongoing strategic planning process through direct representation on planning committees established at each organizational level. The regents also provide leadership in raising financial resources for specific campus priorities and serve as strong ambassadors for the University in the community, and with its numerous and varied constituencies.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association traces its beginning to the first 18 students who completed the one-year elementary teaching program in 1914. Today, the Association serves MSU and 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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