

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
**CROOKSTON**

# **Commencement**

**May 6, 2017**  
**2:00 p.m.**



# ***University of Minnesota Board of Regents***

The Honorable Dean Johnson, Chair

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The Honorable Thomas Anderson

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## ***Crookston Campus Executive Committee***

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The Board of Regents adopted the Regents' Seal, shown on the cover, in 1939 as the corporate seal of the University of Minnesota. The Latin motto, "Commune Vinculum Omnibus Artibus," means "A common bond for all the arts." The lamp represents the metaphysical sciences. The telescope represents the physical sciences. The plow represents the industrial arts, and the palette and brush represent the fine arts.

# Looking Back, Looking Forward - Our Legacy of Growth and Change

Today, May 6, 2017, we celebrate the 50th graduating class of the University of Minnesota Crookston as an institution of post-secondary education. Fifty years is a relatively short time in the grand scheme of things, and this campus has seen many changes as well as a significant transformation in that time. In a little over the past decade alone the campus has seen the addition of many new majors on campus as well as the growth of online education. Both are important components of our academic offerings and our role as a twenty-first century land-grant institution. While the Crookston campus has a proud legacy of growth and change, two things have remained constant throughout that history: a strong affiliation with the University of Minnesota and the presence of talented, caring faculty and staff members.

Today we also celebrate the 109th graduating class of this campus. The very first was in 1909, when this site was home to the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA), a residential high school. The NWSA opened its doors in 1906 and provided “training in the technical and practical business of agriculture and the art of homemaking.” Over its history, 5,433 graduates completed their high school education at the NWSA.

Changing educational needs in the 1960s led to a new role for the campus. In the fall of 1966 classes began for 185 students enrolled at the new University of Minnesota Technical Institute. Associate degrees were offered in three academic divisions: Agriculture, Business, and General Studies. Students of the NWSA and the U of M “Tech” shared the campus for two years.

In the spring of 1968 a torch was passed—figuratively and literally—from the 60th and final graduating class of the NWSA to the first graduating class of the Technical Institute, now a full-fledged system campus of the University of Minnesota. From 1968 to 1994, 4,693 graduates earned associate degrees. The tradition of passing the torch from one class to the next continues to this day as part of commencement ceremonies.

The University of Minnesota Crookston entered the next stages of its evolution in the early 1990s when it earned approval to offer baccalaureate degrees. The campus made national history in 1993 by providing students and faculty members with laptop computers to become the first public “Laptop University.” By the end of the academic year in 1994, 20 students had completed bachelor’s degree requirements, and they were recognized at the 86th commencement ceremonies. Today also marks the 23rd anniversary of the awarding of bachelor’s degrees on this campus.

The U of M Crookston awarded its first online bachelor’s degree in 2001. At the time it was known as “distance education.” In some cases, commencement now may be the first time a graduate actually sets foot on the campus, making the event all the more special.

Today, the Crookston campus is one of five statewide campuses of the prestigious University of Minnesota system. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere, top-level technology, and a distinctive focus on applied, experiential learning.

We take great pride in our students, faculty, staff, and alumni and in their many accomplishments in teaching, learning, research, and service. We are all enriched by the education, experiences, and relationships built here. This campus will be a memorable touchstone in our graduates’ lives as they go into the world and make good things happen. Congratulations to one and all!



# Commencement Program

*Interim Chancellor Barbara Keinath presiding*

**Prelude** ..... *U of M Crookston Community Band*  
*Conducted by Theodore Chapman, UMC Director of Bands*

***The audience will rise for the processional and remain standing for the National Anthem.***

**Processional - “Pomp and Circumstance”** by Edward Elgar.....*U of M Crookston Community Band*  
*The processional is led by Mace-Bearer W. Daniel Svedarsky, PhD. The procession includes*  
*Faculty Marshal Sharon Stewart, PhD, faculty, staff, candidates for degrees, and platform guests.*

**“The Star Spangled Banner”** by Francis Scott Key ..... *U of M Crookston Community Band*  
*Sung by the audience, led by degree candidates Logan Anderson and Mary Riesterberg*

***Everyone may be seated.***

**Recognition of Veterans and Active Service Members** ..... *Barbara Keinath, PhD*  
*Interim Chancellor*

**“Like an Eagle”** by Carl Strommen ..... *U of M Crookston Choir*  
*Directed by George French, Associate Professor of Music and Theater*  
*Accompanied by Amy Lubarski*

**Welcome** ..... *Barbara Keinath, PhD*

**Greetings from the University of Minnesota**

**Board of Regents** ..... *The Honorable Thomas Anderson*  
*University of Minnesota Board of Regents*

**Address** ..... *Eric W. Kaler, PhD*  
*President, University of Minnesota*



Since taking office in 2011, University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler has focused on core priorities: academic excellence, access for qualified students, stewardship of tuition and public dollars, diversity and a welcoming and respectful campus climate, a world-class research enterprise that aligns with the needs of the state of Minnesota and its industries, and a deep commitment to public engagement and outreach, locally and globally.

**Presentation of Candidates** ..... *Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, PhD*  
*Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

**Introduction of Candidates**.....*Danielle Johannesen, PhD*  
*Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts and Education Department*

**Conferring of Degrees**..... *The Honorable Thomas Anderson*

**Congratulatory Remarks from the Alumni Association** ..... *Eric Morgan, Class of 2012*  
*President, University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Association*

**Speaking for the Student Body**.....*Dalton Javner*  
*Crookston Student Association President*

**Acceptance of the Torch**.....*Dalton Javner*

**“There’s a Hero”** by *Don Cook and John Jarvis* ..... *U of M Crookston Choir*

**Closing Comments** ..... *Barbara Keinath, PhD*

***The audience will rise for the Minnesota Hymn and remain standing for the recessional.***

**“Hail! Minnesota”** ..... *Sung by the audience (words on inside of back cover)*  
*Accompanied by the U of M Crookston Choir*

**Recessional**

**“The Minnesota March”** by *John Philip Sousa* ..... *U of M Crookston Community Band*

***The audience is requested to remain in their seats until the recessional has left the gymnasium.***

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**Student Marshals**

<i>Summer Billings</i>	<i>Bryanna Grefthen</i>	<i>Tori Hill</i>
<i>Hana DeMartelaere</i>	<i>Kaycie Hagen</i>	<i>Ben Koisti</i>
<i>Raine Foy</i>		

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**Safety and Special Needs**

If you have any special needs during today’s event, please contact a university staff person stationed at the exits near the hallway. They can direct you to a variety of university personnel prepared to assist you.

For your safety, please take a brief moment to locate Lysaker Gymnasium’s exits. They are located to either side of the stage which will take you directly outside, and along the west wall which will take you out to the central hallway and then outside.

In the event of an emergency, choose the nearest exit and evacuate the gymnasium quickly and safely. Listen for further instructions from University event staff. Remain outside the building until the “all clear” is given by emergency responders.

**Cell Phones and Pagers**

Out of respect for all in attendance and for this important ceremony, please turn off or set all cell phones and pagers to silent mode.

# Candidates for Graduation

## Spring Semester, 2017

Baccalaureate Degrees will be conferred upon those listed below, subject to the completion of all curriculum requirements.

### **High Distinction**

Joseph D. Arnold, Holloway, MN .....	Agricultural Systems Management
*Emily J. Berge-Emery, Stanton, MN .....	Accounting
**Justin Thomas Bonhiver, Minneapolis, MN .....	Accounting; Finance
Heather J. Buchhop, Cary, IL .....	Animal Science; Biology
*Melissa L. Burmeister, Littlefork, MN .....	Health Management
Carson K. Christian, Grantsburg, WI .....	Manufacturing Management; Quality Management
*Amanda Eischen, Comfrey, MN .....	Management
Saul Thaddeus Evans, New Ulm, MN .....	Manufacturing Management; Quality Management
Chester J. Fishel, Hibbing, MN .....	Health Management
*Tega Folivi, Coon Rapids, MN .....	Health Management
Gregory M. Gonzalez, Ann Arbor, MI .....	Health Management
Leigh Grabowski, Coon Rapids, MN .....	Accounting
Baillee A. Hauser, Raymond, MN .....	Accounting; Health Management
Abraham C. Hosch, Mahtomedi, MN .....	Information Technology Management
Yuxiang Hu, Yongkang, Zhejiang, China .....	Management
Joshua Corey Laine, Ely, MN .....	Information Technology Management; Management
Susannah Lindquist, Duluth, MN .....	Accounting
Tao Ma, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China .....	Management
*Amit Munjaal, Bargersville, IN .....	Manufacturing Management; Quality Management
**Ayodele Owoyele, Plymouth, MN .....	Software Engineering
Amanda Susan Passe, Merchantville, NJ .....	Accounting
Kendra Lynn Privratsky, Mandan, ND .....	Finance
Sierra M. Trost, Ham Lake, MN .....	Biology; Health Sciences
*Remy Alexandra Wells, Manlius, NY .....	Management
**Kristie Marie Wheeler, St. Louis, MO .....	Applied Studies

### **Distinction**

*Adrienne Andriello, Cheyenne, WY .....	Accounting
Derek Andrew Beistad, Owatonna, MN .....	Communication
Michelle E. Bialac, Los Alamitos, CA .....	Manufacturing Management; Quality Management
Bailey Lanae Braatz, Buffalo, MN .....	Management; Marketing
*Mitchell Robert Lyle Bradt, Duluth, MN .....	Finance
Christopher Cameron, East Grand Forks, MN .....	Finance
Stephanie Ann Carlson, Kerkhoven, MN .....	Communication
*Jordyn Brooke Derflinger, Henderson, NV .....	Elementary Education
Michelle M. Haider, Kansas City, MO .....	Manufacturing Management; Quality Management
*Ryan William Hardtke, Maple Grove, MN .....	Information Technology Management
*Chandler Justin Hoffman, Ellicott City, MD .....	Sport and Recreation Management
Julie Ann Job Neist, Eden Prairie, MN .....	Finance

\*Ndidiyama Kerr, Nassau, The Bahamas ..... Health Management  
 Jeffrey M. Knack, Buffalo, MN ..... Criminal Justice  
 Kristi Ann Larson, New Ulm, MN ..... Sport and Recreation Management  
 Dong Liu, Huzhou, China ..... Management  
 \*Quanesia Mitchell, Ravenel, SC ..... Health Management  
 Chris Robert Nelsen, Big Lake, MN ..... Manufacturing Management; Quality Management  
 Amanda Janiece Nelson, Saginaw, MN ..... Accounting  
 \*Evan D. Nelson, Waldo, WI ..... Natural Resources  
 Lauren L. Pederson, Rolla, ND ..... Accounting; Finance  
 Matthew L. Peterson, Colleyville, TX ..... Natural Resources  
 Hunter C. Rauvola, Floodwood, MN ..... Finance  
 \*\*Samantha Danielle Ruud, Palisade, MN ..... Applied Health  
 Ryan J. Rynda, Argyle, MN ..... Software Engineering  
 Tareyn M. Stomberg, Menahga, MN ..... Agricultural Business; Animal Science  
 Rebecca S. Suchy, Parkers Prairie, MN ..... Agricultural Business; Animal Science  
 \*Sara Jane Thomas, Spencer, IA ..... Accounting  
 \*\*Juli Thompson, Lone Rock, WI ..... Health Management  
 Kaitlin Van Ruler, Woodstock, MN ..... Agricultural Business; Animal Science  
 Sara A. Weiss, Red Lake Falls, MN ..... Management  
 Eric John Wood, Apple Valley, MN ..... Finance  
 \*Jiwon Youn, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea ..... Communication  
 Yaqing Zhou, Taizhou, Zhejiang, China ..... Management  
 \*Antoni M. Zurawski, Grantsburg, WI ..... Quality Management

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## A

\*Ismail Hassan Abouzeid, Cairo, Egypt ..... International Business  
 \*\*\*Cathy Louise Ackroyd, Spirit Lake, IA ..... Marketing  
 Alisha Ann Adams, Oak Grove, MN ..... Animal Science; Equine Science  
 Amal A. Ahmed, Eagan, MN ..... Health Management  
 \*Dena Rae Alberts, Byron, MN ..... Applied Health  
 \*Kasondra Carol Allen, Eyota, MN ..... Finance  
 Haitham Al-Twaijri, Memphis, TN ..... Software Engineering  
 Patrick Sean Amerson, Casa Grande, AZ ..... Finance  
 \*Timothy Bradford Ames, Crookston, MN ..... Agronomy  
 Amiir Ali Amin, St. Paul, MN ..... Quality Management  
 \*Daniel Anderson, Anoka, MN ..... Manufacturing Management; Quality Management  
 \*\*Jennifer Cecelia Anderson, Albertville, MN ..... Health Management  
 Logan James Anderson, Onamia, MN ..... Agricultural Systems Management  
 Megan K. Anderson, Jackson, MN ..... Natural Resources  
 Zackary R. Anderson, Albertville, MN ..... Natural Resources  
 Jonique Andrews, Stockton, CA ..... Criminal Justice  
 \*Mawaye J. Appleton, Brooklyn Park, MN ..... Accounting; Management  
 \*\*\*Isaiah Edward Armstrong, Fairfield, CA ..... Exercise Science and Wellness  
 \*Jessica Lynn Armstrong, Cloquet, MN ..... English  
 \*Almir Arnautovic, The Colony, TX ..... Manufacturing Management; Quality Management  
 \*Anthony W. Arnold, Little Falls, MN ..... Natural Resources  
 \*Muhammad Moiz Ashraf, Mississauga, Ontario, CAN ..... Manufacturing Management  
 Ashley Kaye Ayres, Brandon, MN ..... Finance

## B

Janine Bailey, Grand Forks, ND .....	Applied Studies
Justin J. Barrett, Edina, MN.....	Sport and Recreation Management
Cayden V. Barta, Fargo, ND.....	Criminal Justice
Mitchel Melvin Dean Barthel, Monticello, MN.....	Criminal Justice
James Peter Battaglia, Buhl, MN .....	Applied Studies
Mark Richard Becker, St. Cloud, MN.....	Information Technology Management
*Amanda Eileen Bedtke, Altura, MN.....	Applied Studies
*Anna Claire Beech, St. Paul, MN.....	Management
Michael Gerald Beiswenger, Fisher, MN.....	Agricultural Systems Management
Safa Ben Zarrouk Bibas, New Brighton, MN .....	Information Technology Management
Matthew S. Benge, Lakeville, MN.....	Natural Resources
Aaron J. Bengtson, Battle Lake, MN.....	Agronomy
Cody Mark Benson, Fertile, MN .....	Agronomy
*Robyn Leigh Berg, Goodhue, MN .....	Health Management
*Nicole M. Berthold, Larimore, ND .....	Agronomy
*Jean Ann Bienek, Crookston, MN .....	Health Management
*Rachel LaVerne Biermaier, Crookston, MN.....	Accounting
Shawn A. Blad, Lakeville, MN .....	Accounting
**Benjamin John Blaeser, Champlin, MN.....	Applied Studies
Patricia A. Blair, St. Petersburg, FL.....	Management
Parker Bluhm, Red Wing, MN.....	Criminal Justice
James Whitefield Blundon, Charlestown, NH.....	Manufacturing Management
*Reed Andrew Bohm, St. Hilaire, MN .....	Golf and Turf Management
Jenna Marie Bollenbeck, Hastings, MN.....	Health Management
*Lee R. Borgerding, Brooten, MN.....	Agricultural Business; Agricultural Systems Management
*Chad A Boushee, East Grand Forks, MN.....	Accounting
Shelly Bowlin, Otsego, MN .....	Accounting
Joseph M. Boyer, Jackson, MN .....	Natural Resources
Matthew S. Brake, Bloomington, IL .....	Finance
Megan A. Brault, Crookston, MN.....	Finance
Jeremy Brunn, Fergus Falls, MN .....	Accounting
*Samantha Rae Brutlag, Monticello, MN .....	Health Management
**Maggie J. Brytowski, Robbinsdale, MN .....	Health Management
Cady Lynn Buche, White Bear Lake, MN.....	Communication
Molly L. Buck, Lakeville, MN.....	Elementary Education
Robelyn Bueno, San Diego, CA .....	Applied Studies
**Kelley Kristian Burg, Sartell, MN.....	Agronomy
***Adam T. Burgess, Mora, MN.....	International Business
Robert Donald Burns, Inver Grove Heights, MN.....	Natural Resources
*Younghwa Byeon, Seoul, South Korea.....	Health Sciences

## C

Lucas Cahoon, West Fargo, ND.....	Accounting
*Justin Gerald Cameron, Fisher, MN .....	Agronomy
***Sonya Marie Cantrell, Fargo, ND.....	Accounting
*Brett Carlson, Deer River, MN.....	Natural Resources
*Chase Marvin Carlson, Cambridge, MN.....	Agronomy
Jordan Nicole Carlson, Sauk Rapids, MN .....	Animal Science
**Skyler Wayne Carlson, Thompson, ND .....	Sport and Recreation Management
***Zachary Adam Carrillo, Manteca, CA .....	Animal Science
*Mehgan Rose Carroll, North Branch, MN.....	Marketing



\*Casey Cashman, Ashland, WI ..... Natural Resources  
 Michael Lyle Chamberlin, Minneapolis, MN.....Applied Studies  
 Zhao Chen, Yiwu, Zhejiang, China ..... Management  
 \*\*Karen Soi Choi, Seoul, South Korea ..... Biology; Environmental Sciences  
 \*Jacob Nathaniel Christopherson, Sturgeon Lake, MN ..... Natural Resources  
 Ibrahim Malik Cisse, Plymouth, MN ..... Health Management  
 Shelby J. Clark, Fertile, MN..... Agricultural Business  
 Mallory Catherine Cochran, Colorado Springs, CO..... Health Management  
 \*Nathan Cole, Aliso Viejo, CA..... Marketing  
 Maranda Elaine Collum, Andover, MN ..... Accounting  
 \*Thomas John Cornelius, Milaca, MN ..... Manufacturing Management  
 \*Kayla Corneliussen, Andover, MN..... Animal Science  
 Tyler W. Corrier, Anoka, MN ..... Natural Resources  
 Brittany June Czapiewski, Oslo, MN ..... Health Management

## D

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 Ellen Teresa Dauphinais, Parkers Prairie, MN ..... Agricultural Business; Animal Science  
 Anneka Amina Davis, Banjul, Gambia..... Health Management  
 Jeremy J. Deitz, Climax, MN..... Management  
 Samantha R. Deutsch, Lakeville, MN ..... Accounting; Finance  
 Austin R. Dierks, Chokio, MN..... Agricultural Systems Management  
 \*Leslie Marie Ding, Pillager, MN..... Accounting  
 Ashley Ann Drewes, Frazee, MN..... Marketing  
 Tyler Clifford Driscoll, East Grand Forks, MN ..... Agronomy  
 \*\*\*Kendra Cheryl DuChaine, Dassel, MN..... Animal Science  
 Nicole Rae Dudycha, Oklee, MN..... Natural Resources  
 \*David Philipo Dyauli Jr., Roseville, MN..... Quality Management  
 \*\*Lisa Cathrine Dypwick, Chaska, MN.....Applied Studies

## E

Robert C. Eckard Jr., Minneapolis, MN ..... Information Technology Management  
 \*Kimberly Michelle Eckles, Swanton, OH ..... Quality Management  
 Amber Marie Edblom, Belle Plaine, MN..... Animal Science  
 \*\*\*Lisa M. Eia, Crookston, MN..... Criminal Justice  
 Courtney Rae Eickschen, Frazee, MN ..... Accounting  
 \*Matthew Mohamed Elhadad, Blaine, MN ..... Management  
 \*\*Christine Anne Engel, Nicollet, MN ..... Animal Science  
 \*Blake James Erickson, Fordville, ND ..... Agronomy  
 Kali Jo Erickson, Fargo, ND..... Exercise Science and Wellness  
 \*Sara Ione Erickstad, Devils Lakes, ND ..... Applied Health  
 \*\*Celeste R. Eversole, North Ogden, UT ..... Health Management

## F

\*Benjamin Farrell, Austin, MN ..... Natural Resources  
 \*Joy May Feragen, Thief River Falls, MN ..... English  
 Rebecca Fitzpatrick, Hopkins, MN ..... Applied Studies  
 \*Kasey Flaagan, Aneta, ND ..... Agronomy  
 \*Thomas Patrick Flesburg, Peoria, IL..... Manufacturing Management; Quality Management  
 Barikpe Fomsi, Plymouth, MN..... Health Management

\*\*Terry L. Ford, Pomona, CA ..... Management  
 Connor W. Frank, Green Bay, WI ..... Natural Resources  
 Kacie L. Frank, Elk River, MN..... Natural Resources  
 Richard Freed, Camano Island, WA ..... Quality Management

## G

Whitney Gahlon, Burnsville, MN ..... Communication  
 \*\*\*Jozie Virginia Garner, Eureka, KS..... Exercise Science and Wellness  
 Brittney A. Garwood, Prior Lake, MN ..... Information Technology Management;  
 Manufacturing Management  
 Danielle Jordan Gau, Monticello, MN..... Exercise Science and Wellness  
 Kallie Nikol Gau, Monticello, MN..... Elementary Education  
 \*Alexis Caitlyn Gauger, Green Bay, WI.....Criminal Justice  
 \*\*Fahma Geire, Minneapolis, MN.....Applied Studies  
 Andreas J. Geist, Crookston, MN ..... Aviation  
 \*Zhilbert Gharabeglou, Redondo Beach, CA ..... Accounting; Finance  
 \*\*\*Maggie M. Gibbons, Cohasset, MN ..... Natural Resources  
 \*\*Brice Wayne Giffen, Deer River, MN ..... English  
 \*Morgan K. Glowac, St. Michael, MN..... Accounting  
 Andrew Goodman, Frazee, MN ..... Natural Resources  
 \*Dustin Lee Graetz, St. Louis Park, MN .....Applied Studies  
 Sara Grainger, Whitewater, WI ..... Manufacturing Management; Quality Management  
 Lacey L. Greniger, Grand Rapids, MN ..... Animal Science  
 \*Dakota Grimm, Bristol, WI..... Animal Science  
 Emily M. Grimm, Stacy, MN..... Accounting

## H

\*Timothy David Haerle, Albertville, MN ..... Marketing  
 \*\*\*Cassandra Mae Hagg, Pillager, MN..... Natural Resources  
 Kristen Jean Halley, Pembina, ND ..... Marketing  
 \*Bryant Aaron Hamilton, New York City, NY..... Biology  
 \*\*Somi Han, Seoul, South Korea ..... Management  
 \*\*Anthony Aaron Hand, Bloomington, MN..... Health Management  
 Abdul Hannan, Gilbert, AZ..... Software Engineering  
 Edward O. Hansen, North St. Paul, MN ..... Information Technology Management  
 Brian Darrell Hanson, Stacy, MN ..... Management  
 Trent J. Hanson, Clitherall, MN ..... Finance  
 \*Elizabeth A. Harris, Rochester, MN ..... Communication  
 \*Stan N. Harvey, Long Prairie, MN ..... Agricultural Business  
 Rachel Hawn, Superior IA..... \*Manufacturing Management; \*\*\*Quality Management  
 Tyman Hayashi, Honolulu, HI..... Management  
 Haley Mae Hedstrom, Virginia, MN..... Marketing  
 Nicole M. Heggem, Zimmerman, MN..... Accounting  
 Connor E. Hegrenes, Grand Rapids, MN..... Natural Resources  
 Paul Michael Hegstad, New Hope, MN ..... Accounting  
 \*\*Alexander Thomas Henrichs, Bloomington, MN ..... Finance  
 Ashley Herberg, Sheboygan Falls, WI ..... Health Management  
 \*Tanner John Hill, Stewartville, MN .....Applied Studies  
 \*Thomas Glen Hitchcock, Cedarville, OH ..... Finance  
 \*\*\*Andrea E. Hoeper, Muscatine, IA..... Finance  
 Amanda Marie Hoffman, Debs, MN ..... Natural Resources  
 Samantha Jean Holcomb, Lake Crystal, MN ..... Animal Science; Equine Science  
 Jamie Marie Hovde, Dodge Center, MN .....Applied Studies

Robert Howell, Minneapolis, MN .....Applied Studies  
 Shichun Hu, Wuyi, Zhejiang, China ..... Management  
 David Anthony Huggins, Crosslake, MN ..... Natural Resources  
 Sarah Elizabeth Hughes, Hastings, MN ..... Animal Science  
 Ryan Thomas Hutton, Thief River Falls, MN .....Criminal Justice  
 Zachary N. Huynh, Eagan, MN ..... Software Engineering

## J

Constant Jackson, Thief River Falls, MN ..... Sport and Recreation Management  
 \*Sam Jacobson, New York Mills, MN ..... Agricultural Systems Management  
 \*Badara Jagne, Hopkins, MN ..... Manufacturing Management; Quality Management  
 \*\*Momodou Jallow, St. Cloud, MN ..... Quality Management  
 Kayla M. Johnson, Little Chute, WI ..... Health Management  
 Kelly Joann Johnson, Duluth, MN ..... Health Management  
 Timothy W. Johnson, Cottage Grove, MN ..... Manufacturing Management  
 \*\*Dante L. Jones, Landover, MD ..... Sport and Recreation Management  
 \*Nichole Lynn Jose, Thompson, ND .....Applied Health

## K

Andrew D. Kalenberg, Hutchinson, MN ..... Accounting  
 Julia Claire Suxi Kane, West St. Paul, MN ..... Animal Science  
 John H. Kathrein, Little Falls, MN ..... Manufacturing Management; Quality Management  
 \*Ryan T. Keapproth, Inver Grove Heights, MN ..... Accounting  
 Erica Ann Kelash, Epping, ND ..... Accounting  
 Nathan D. Kelly, Eden Prairie, MN ..... Management  
 \*Alexander J. Kempf, Coon Rapids, MN ..... Sport and Recreation Management  
 Allen Keomongkoth, Eagan, MN ..... Quality Management  
 Eui Young Kim, Seoul, South Korea ..... Biology  
 JooHwan Kim, Seoul, South Korea ..... Management  
 \*\*Tae Ho Kim, Incheon, South Korea ..... English  
 Thomas Samuel Kinsella, Blaine, MN ..... Sport and Recreation Management  
 Carrie L. Kise, Maple Grove, MN ..... Health Management  
 Jessica Lynne Kline, Madison, WI ..... Accounting  
 Matthew Arthur Knealing, Golden Valley, MN .....Applied Studies  
 \*\*\*Samantha Jo Knudson, Fergus Falls, MN .....Biology; Health Sciences  
 Zachary I. Knutson, Minnetrista, MN ..... International Business  
 \*Austin D. Koenig, Park River, ND ..... Agronomy  
 Alec C. Koepp, Belle Plaine, MN ..... Software Engineering  
 Delaney P. Kohorst, Cohasset, MN ..... Management; Marketing  
 \*Jacob K. Krech, Andover, MN ..... Manufacturing Management  
 \*\*\*Brandon William Kresl, Crookston, MN ..... Entrepreneurship; Exercise Science and Wellness  
 Joseph Krieger, Rochester, MN ..... Management  
 \*Megan Ashley Kroll, Circle Pines, MN ..... Health Management  
 \*\*Connor Kunkel, Kenneth, MN ..... Sport and Recreation Management  
 Steven Jon Kuttner, Hutchinson, MN ..... Manufacturing Management; Quality Management

## L

\*Rachel N. Lariviere, Crookston, MN ..... Health Management  
 Chad David Larsen, Woodbury, MN ..... Accounting  
 Anthony M. Larson, Maplewood, MN ..... Health Management  
 \*\*\*Brayden M. Larson, Middle River, MN ..... Agricultural Systems Management  
 Alyssa Mae LaSart, Hillman, MN ..... Animal Science

Emily N. Lauder, Waconia, MN .....	Health Management
Sidney T. Laurie, Albert Lea, MN.....	Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education
*Adam A. Lawrence, East Grand Forks, MN .....	Natural Resources
*Cameron Michael Leas, Crookston, MN .....	Agronomy
*Jung Hwan Lee, Seoul, South Korea .....	Management
*Jyesung Lee, Gueonggi-do, South Korea .....	Communication
*William T. Lee, Afton, MN.....	Natural Resources
*You Bin Lee, Gueonggi-do, South Korea .....	Biology
Samantha Marie Lemay, Belle Plaine, MN.....	Exercise Science and Wellness
**Frank Lesinski, Orange, CA .....	Communication
*Jarrad Dante Lewis, Crookston, MN .....	Communication
***Changle Li, Weifang, Shandong, China .....	Software Engineering
*Kaiyang Li, Zhejiang, China .....	Software Engineering
***Bradley Scott Lind, Maple Grove, MN .....	Criminal Justice
Jacob Edward Lorton, Celina, OH .....	Natural Resources
Timothy Wayne Lowery, Bostic, NC.....	Manufacturing Management
*Edward Robert Lussier, Red Lake, MN .....	Natural Resources

## M

Imran Mahmud, Dhaka, Bangladesh .....	Accounting
*Moussa Harouna Maiga, Crookston, MN .....	Marketing
*Yvette Marie Maloney, Willow River, MN.....	Health Management
Marissa V. Mancillas, Brooksville, FL .....	English
Melissa J. Marks, Austin, MN .....	Marketing; Entrepreneurship
Coltes John Martin, Grand Forks, ND .....	Communication
*Kelli Kathleen Martin, Monticello, MN .....	Health Management
Michael Allen Maw, White Bear Lake, MN .....	Accounting
Kenneth Lord McChristian, Chicago, IL.....	Criminal Justice
Michaela Elizabeth McCormick, Huntington Beach, CA .....	Communication
Drew Pouono McDurmin, Aiea, HI .....	Management
*Amy McKee, Dougherty, IA.....	Health Management
Andrew M. McLean, Chanhassen, MN .....	Applied Health
*Molly McNamara, Groesbeck, TX .....	Communication
*Jason Mehsikomer, Chisago City, MN .....	Finance
**Kristine Lee Mercurio, St. Louis, MO .....	Manufacturing Management; Quality Management
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# **Academic Regalia**

Academic gowns date back to the 14th century, when they served two functions of nearly equal importance: the distinctive apparel indicated the academic rank of the wearer, and the long gown kept the scholar warm in the drafty stone halls of the academy. Worn on special occasions, today's academic gowns are a colorful reminder of the heritage of academic communities. The academic hood worn around the neck and down the back is typically black velvet inset with silk in the colors of the institution that granted the wearer's highest degree. The lining of the hood reflects different disciplines—for example gold for science, maize for agriculture, tan for business, and white for liberal arts. Dark blue denotes a PhD, whatever the field of study. Traditionally, gowns in the United States have been black. In recent years a number of universities have adopted gowns of distinctive school colors.

## **The Regents' Medallion**

The five-foot Regents' Medallion is displayed at commencement and other official events of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. On the face of the medallion is the seal of the Regents. An antique lamp represents the metaphysical sciences; a telescope, the physical sciences; a plow, the industrial arts; and a palette with brushes, the fine arts. The Latin motto, *Commune Vinculum Omnibus Artibus*, means "a common bond for all the arts." The seal is also on the cover of this program.

## **International Flags**

The University of Minnesota Crookston places value on diversity and provides students with many opportunities to gain global and diverse perspectives. Many students travel from other countries to the Crookston campus to earn an education and to share their experiences. A colorful reminder of our global society, the flags on display represent each international graduate's home country or country of origin.

## **The Mace**

The word "mace" is from Middle English and was originally used to refer to an implement for breaking armor on the battlefield. While that term is still widely known, in this case it has a more peaceful connotation as it refers to the staff carried by a dignitary and signifying authority. As per tradition since the first graduating class of the University of Minnesota Technical College, UMC's mace is carried by the most senior faculty member. This mace is modeled after the one designed by Philip Morton in 1961 and used at the inauguration of U of M President O. Meredith Wilson. It is made of aluminum and topped with a crystal sphere, which symbolizes the illuminating quality and clarity of thinking that characterizes education. The crystal sphere is topped by a star representing Minnesota, the North Star State.

## **The Torch**

A tradition unique to the Crookston campus is the presence of a stylized torch at special ceremonies. The symbolic light of the torch—the light of knowledge that permits understanding—represents the educational philosophy of the University of Minnesota.

There are three different torches that play a role in campus tradition. The first is the original torch created by the final graduating class of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) and passed to the first graduating class of the Technical College in 1968. That torch is on display in the Alumni Room in Kiehle Building.

In 2002, regional artist David Badman designed and handcrafted a new academic torch as a gift to the campus in recognition of its new academic mission as a baccalaureate university. That torch has been present at all commencement ceremonies and other special campus events since that time.

In 2009, Lew Hanson, a former employee of UMC, and DeBoer Industries of Crookston created the "Century Torch" to commemorate the 100th anniversary of graduation ceremonies on the Crookston campus. During commencement ceremonies, the Century Torch is passed to the incoming president of the Crookston Student Association (CSA), maintaining the tradition that began in 1968 and acknowledging the history of the campus from its roots in the NWSA to the present. The name of the alumni magazine is, appropriately, *Torch*.

# **National Anthem**

## **Star Spangled Banner**

*Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?*

*And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there.  
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?*

# **University of Minnesota Hymn**

## **Hail! Minnesota**

*Minnesota, hail to thee! Hail to thee, our college dear!  
Thy light shall ever be a beacon bright and clear;  
Thy sons and daughters true will proclaim thee near and far;  
They will guard thy fame and adore thy name;  
Thou shalt be their Northern Star.*

*Like the stream that bends to sea, like the pine that seeks the blue,  
Minnesota, still for thee, sons and daughters strong and true.  
From thy woods and waters fair, from thy prairies waving far,  
At thy call they throng with their shout and song,  
Hailing thee their Northern Star.*



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