Fall 2012 Commencement

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Memorial Hall - McCown Gymnasium
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to everyone gathered here today!

Congratulations to the students who have worked so hard for so long to achieve this goal. Behind your accomplishments is a story of courage, hard work, and commitment. Many of you have faced challenges that you thought would be insurmountable, yet here you are. You have had experiences here that have changed the way you look at the world and the way you look at yourself. This may have happened during study abroad or an alternative spring break project; or as a result of an internship, research project, or work-study experience; or because you participated in clubs, student government, music, theatre, dance, or athletics; or because of a mentoring relationship with someone on our faculty or staff. Your studies at Winona State University have opened up new ideas, new possibilities, new understandings, and even new worlds.

Congratulations to the family members and friends who have supported today's graduates. Thank you for being here to support your graduate on this special day and for entrusting your graduate to Winona State University. Your encouragement has made a tremendous difference in the lives of our students and in our campus community. The celebration of our graduates is a celebration of you, too.

And congratulations to those in the Winona State University community who have also given their all to help today's graduates achieve and succeed. Today is certainly a celebration of our students, but it is also a celebration of the dedication of Winona State's faculty and staff. Without you, none of this would be possible! Thank you for everything you do to make Winona State University such a distinctive place.

Our graduates know that Winona State University has a simple mission statement that sums up our essence: "a community of learners improving our world." Graduates, I hope that your time here was filled with pride in this community and with learning that enriched you in many ways. I also hope that you have only begun to improve our world.

Today marks the beginning of a new phase in your relationship with Winona State University. You have been a tremendous part of the life of Winona State, and we trust that we have been a tremendous part of your life as well. As your life progresses, our relationship with you will continue. This will be your home forever.

You became a Warrior the day you arrived on campus, and you will remain a Warrior for life.

Scott Robert Olson
President
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Nancy O. Jannik, Presiding
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

We invite you to enjoy the prelude concert by the Winona State University
Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Donald Lovejoy, Conductor.

PROCESSIONAL
“Pomp and Circumstance No. 1” by Edward Elgar
WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Donald Lovejoy, Conductor
Professor, Music Department

Stage party led by Bruce Svingen, Marshal
WSU Faculty Association President
Professor, Chemistry Department

NATIONAL ANTHEM
“Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key
and John Stafford Smith, arranged by R.W. Thygerson
WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Led by
Christina Flaherty
Music Education
Cottage Grove, Wisconsin

WELCOME
Nancy O. Jannik
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

GREETINGS FROM
Minnesota State Colleges
and Universities Board of Trustees
and the Office of the Chancellor

Honorable Duane Benson, Board of Trustees

CONCERT SELECTION
“Black Granite” by James Hosay
WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS
Scott R. Olson
President of the University

STUDENT SPEAKER
Kari Dolan
Nursing
Middleton, Wisconsin

GUEST SPEAKER
Mayor Jerry Miller
City of Winona
ALUMNI WELCOME
Ann MacDonald
Director, WSU Alumni Relations

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
Nancy O. Jannik
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES*
Assisted by:
Scott R. Olson, President
Connie Gores, Vice President for Student Life and Development
Thomas Bremer, Acting Dean, College of Business
Jan Sherman, Dean, College of Education
Ralph Townsend, Dean, College of Liberal Arts
William McBreen, Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Charla Miertschin, Dean, College of Science and Engineering

INTRODUCTION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES
Lydia Graddy-VanDenBerg
Theatre Arts
Byron, Minnesota

Megan Smith
Theatre Arts
Baldwin, Wisconsin

ALMA MATER (audience standing)
"Hail! Winona," words by Charlotte Chorpenning
Tune "Annie Lisle," arranged by Paul Yoder
WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Led by
Christina Flaherty
Music Education
(see page 6 for lyrics)

RECESSIONAL
"March Intercollegiate" by Charles Ives
(In honor of our Alma Mater)
WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY
— Talbot Gymnasium, Memorial Hall —

* As a safety precaution and courtesy to our guests and participants, we request that you remain seated during the conferring of degrees (except in cases of emergency).

WSU is a tobacco-free campus. Thank you for your cooperation.
ALMA MATER

Hail! Winona

Lo, in Mississippi's waters,
        Blue the eternal sky;
In our hearts, O Alma Mater,
        Clear thy spirit high!
(Chorus)

Noble hills watch o'er the valley
        Where thy dwelling lies;
Steadfast hearts, O Alma Mater,
        Guard thy destinies.
(Chorus)

Ever shall tomorrow better
        What today hath won;
Lead thy children, Alma Mater,
        On, forever on!
(Chorus)

CHORUS
Lift the chorus
        Send it ringing
Far o'er hill and vale!
Hail to thee, O Alma Mater!
        Hail, Winona hail!

Words by Charlotte Chorpenning
Tune "Annie Lisle," arranged by Paul Yoder
COMMENCEMENT PROCESSIONAL
College Banner Carriers

Carrying the processional banners are top ranking juniors in their respective colleges. The Fall 2012 Commencement carriers, their majors and hometowns are:

Gabriel Velez, Cell and Molecular Biology, Pre-Medicine
Shakopee, Minnesota — Winona State University

Krista Sauerer, Human Resource Management/Business Administration
Avon, Minnesota — College of Business

Alexandra Olson, Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education
Andover, Minnesota — College of Education

Jenny Scoles, Paralegal
St. Paul, Minnesota — College of Liberal Arts

Dani Bachmann, Nursing
Milwaukee, Wisconsin — College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Nadia Koranteng, Cell and Molecular Biology, Pre-Medicine
Winona, Minnesota — College of Science and Engineering
Kari Dolan decided to look into Winona State University's nursing program after discovering many employers in the area look for WSU graduates due to the excellence of the program. Once she visited the beautiful campus, she couldn't see herself going anywhere else.

Kari has attended WSU for three-and-a-half years and is graduating with a degree in nursing. She credits her advisors, the simple process of transferring credits into WSU, and her professors for helping her finish in under four years.

"I committed myself to excellence in my pre-nursing classes and took a few summer courses to graduate a semester early," Kari said. "The past three-and-a-half years may have been difficult, but I truly feel that all my hard work has finally paid off; I am graduating with a GPA and resume that I can't help but be proud of."

In addition to finishing her program quickly, Kari is a member of many clubs and organizations. She has been secretary of the Nursing Club since January 2011, and a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Minnesota Student Nursing Association since 2010. She has helped many students transition to life at WSU as a Freshman Orientation Leader in 2011 and 2012.

In the summer of 2010, Kari traveled to England and Ireland with a WSU travel study to share information about healthcare systems. She has been a teacher's aide at the WSU Children's Center for preschool and school age classrooms, volunteers at the Winona Area Humane Society, and enjoys helping out around the WSU Nursing department as needed.

She completed a nursing externship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester this summer, and will be inducted into Sigma Theta Tau – Kappa Mu, Winona State's chapter of the Honors Society of Nursing, this December.

Kari's favorite part of the WSU experience was her capstone project, during which she worked with a nurse preceptor in a Family Birth Center for 80 hours.

"Helping to deliver babies was such a special experience for me," she said, "and I will always hold it near and dear to my heart."

While Kari has a multitude of academic accomplishments, her favorite memory at WSU is meeting her friends.

"I started the nursing program only knowing a few people, but over the years, my friends and I have become inseparable," she said. "I truly feel that I have met my lifetime best friends since coming to WSU."

After WSU, Kari hopes to pass the boards and become a Registered Nurse. Eventually she would love to return to school and get an advanced practice degree in Nurse Midwifery.
GUEST SPEAKER
JERRY MILLER

For Jerry Miller, making Winona a city all residents can be proud of has always been a passion. As Mayor of Winona for the past 16 years, he has played an important role in making the city into the community that it is today by encouraging collaboration and communication.

First elected in 1996, and re-elected by a landslide majority in 2000, Miller will step down from the position this year after four terms as mayor and almost two decades at the helm of city leadership. Prior to his election as mayor, he served two terms on the city council from 1980 to 1984. Miller is currently chairperson of the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission, and has served on numerous boards, commissions and community groups, including the Human Rights Commission and the city's port authority.

Miller was born and raised in Winona, and he and wife Susan live in Winona. Together with his family, he owns and operates Miller Scrap on the east side of the city.
ACADEMIC COSTUME AND PROCESSION

The traditions of academic apparel and procession date back to as early as the 12th century when the first "modern" universities at Bologna and Paris were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time was a long gown — a necessity for warmth in unheated buildings of that era. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes as well as hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, the hood became a cape that could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather.

Today there are three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed at the front. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, with an arc cutaway at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is full with voluminous bell sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed.

The hoods worn by those who hold a master's degree are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. Graduates of WSU receive a hood lined with purple and white. WSU faculty and administration members wear hoods that show the colors of the institution where their degrees were obtained. The binding or edging of the hood is silk or velvet and the color indicates the subject area or discipline as listed below.

Caps retain the traditional black color but the various tassel colors each have meaning. Gold tassels indicate bachelor of science degree, white is for bachelor of arts and black tassels indicate master's and specialist degrees. Doctoral tassels are usually metallic gold.

Customs of the commencement processional vary a great deal. At Winona State University, the first to enter the auditorium at the start of the ceremony is the Marshal carrying the WSU Mace, followed by the stage party consisting of the President, guest speakers, deans of the colleges of WSU and other honored guests.

The degree candidates, the graduates, are next into the auditorium. The students process into the ceremony grouped by college and in alphabetical order. Each college of graduates is led in procession by a banner carrier who is academically one of the highest ranking juniors and who carries the banner for the particular college. The main WSU banner is also carried by a top tier junior and precedes the master's degrees and where appropriate, sixth year and specialist degrees.

Within the individual colleges, the graduates march in order of their degree, first the associate degrees, then the bachelor's degrees.

Following the graduates in the processional are the faculty and administration. They enter the auditorium in the order of their seniority at WSU.

A number of the graduates wear honor cords to signify exceptional academic achievement. The description of the honor cords and their criteria are listed on page 11.

SOME OF THE COLORS OF THE MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL HOODS INDICATE THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES:

- Dark blue - Philosophy
- Light blue - Education
- Apricot - Nursing
- Drab gray - Business
- Copper - Economics
- White - Humanities/Arts
- Cream - Social Science
- Silver gray - Speech
- Brown - Fine Arts
- Sage - Physical Education
- Pink - Music
- Crimson - Journalism
- Golden yellow - Science
- Purple - Law
- Citron - Social Work
- Green - Medicine
UNIVERSITY HONOR CORDS

Winona State University awards university honor cords to graduates who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement. WSU honor cords are worn over the left shoulder and indicate high academic standing or grade-point-average:

- “Cum laude” graduates have accumulated a GPA of 3.60 to 3.74 and wear purple honor cords.
- “Magna cum laude” graduates have accumulated a GPA of 3.75 to 3.89 and wear silver honor cords.
- “Summa cum laude” graduates have accumulated a GPA of 3.90 to 4.00 and wear gold honor cords.

In addition, individual academic departments and other campus organizations may bestow academic or service honor cords or stoles on their graduates. These include:

Academic Cords of College or Department

- Alpha Lambda Delta, the All-University Honor Society, presents graduating seniors with a minimum 3.5 GPA an honor cord of red, white and gold, the colors of the national organization.
- Graduates of Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society of the International Reading Association wear maroon and grey cords indicating a GPA of 3.25 or greater.
- Graduating members of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, Gamma Delta chapter, wear red and green honor cords indicating a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Graduate students in Chi Sigma Iota, the international honor society for counselors, wear blue and white cords. Members have maintained an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher and are recognized for their pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling.
- Gold and blue double cords or gold medallions are worn by members of the Golden Key National Honor Society, a university-wide honor society recognizing excellence in all academic majors. Members have a GPA of 3.4 or higher.
- Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education, Gamma Tau chapter, awards purple and teal honor cords to its graduating members recognizing a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Red and white cords are worn by members of Lamda Pi Eta, the National Honor Society in Communication Studies. Members have earned a GPA of 3.25 or above in Communication Studies courses as well as an overall GPA of at least 3.0.
- Mu Sigma Rho, a National Honor Society in Statistics, awards gold and black honor cords to undergraduates who rank in the top one-third of their class.

Organization or Service Cords

- African-American graduates wear a Kente cloth, a colorful stole dating back to 12th century royalty of the Asante people of Ghana. The Kente cloth honors those persons who represent the highest expression of esteem and dignity of African-American culture.
- Purple, silver and white triple braided cords are worn by graduating members of the Student Senate who have provided at least one full semester of service, are in good standing with the Senate and have the approval of the Student Senate Executive Committee.
The Presidential Medallion

Each Winona State President has proudly worn the Presidential Medallion since it was created in 1967. It is more than the insignia of the office. It is a symbol of a people's faith in education, in the responsibility of the office and in the guardianship of the University by the State of Minnesota.

Floretta Murray, professor emerita of the Winona State College Art Department, designed the Winona State Presidential Medallion. The 1967-68 students proudly gifted this outstanding work of art to the College.

The symbolism of the medallion lies within the framework of the letters of "Winona State University," which encircle and bind together the inner symbols. At the center of the medallion is an equilateral triangle, symbolic of science, literature and the arts. Through their unity man will survive. Within the triangle is a circle, depicting the endless movement of education, which represents the world and man, incomplete without knowledge.

At the apex of the triangle, aquamarine is symbolic of the Mississippi River and the 10,000 lakes of Minnesota. Topaz on the lower left represents the golden grain of this great state. At the lower right, garnet honors the pioneer citizens of Winona. In 1858 they asked the Legislature to establish an institution for higher education in Winona and, in addition, gave land from the city to provide a place for the University.

The segments outside the triangle are the diamond-set stars, which shine for L'Etoile du Nord, the Star of North, or the State of Minnesota. The trees to the left denote the great forests, while the flowing lines at the triangle's base symbolize our streams and rivers. The fire of the opal in the link to the chain stands for zeal, supportive of education as a social necessity. The purple alexandrite in the chain symbolizes the school color and the pride that our students and faculty have for the University. These gems were gifts of the citizens of Winona and Winona State faculty members as a mark of their esteem for the University and its memorable past.

The University Mace

A mace is a staff borne as a symbol of authority. The person carrying the University Mace, known as the Marshal, is the President of the Winona State University Faculty Association.

The University Mace has a circular medallion placed atop a metallic sphere. Inscribed on the sphere are the words "Founded 1858," the date Winona Normal School, which later became Winona State University, was established. The sphere and medallion are attached atop a long staff. The medallion in the Mace is derived from the Presidential Medallion.

The powerful symbolism of the University Mace makes it a distinctive and valuable part of Commencement.
The origins of Winona State University can be traced to the earliest days of the State of Minnesota. Although still a part of the nation's western frontier in 1858, settlers were rapidly populating the newly formed state. The Minnesota Legislature determined schools would be required for the state's children, and teachers would be needed to educate those students. Lawmakers passed an act calling for the establishment of a state normal school to prepare teachers.

When the citizens of Winona learned of the opportunity to be the home for the first state normal school, they raised $7,000 in money and land nearly overnight. Because of the community's overwhelming support, Winona was quickly selected as the site for the first teaching training institution west of the Mississippi River.

"The City of Winona has distinguished herself in taking the lead in establishing for the benefit of the rising generation of this state for all who shall yet call the state their home," said Lieutenant Governor William Holcombe in 1859. "When this school shall be in operation it may be regarded as an auspicious era, whence to date in the future the origin of many blessings and the commencement of a perpetual course of improvement and prosperity to people at large."

The Winona State Normal School held its first classes in 1860. As the school opened its doors, it began sending newly trained teachers out into the state to help meet the educational needs of its citizenry.

Throughout its history, the school's mission and goals have evolved to reflect the times and needs of the region and nation. In 1921, the normal school became Winona State Teachers College, authorized to grant bachelor's degrees. Another name change, to Winona State College in 1957, reflected an expanded mission with the addition of bachelor of arts, master of science, and associate in arts degrees. In 1975, the institution earned full university status.

Winona State has grown into a vibrant university structured in five colleges: Business, Education, Liberal Arts, Nursing and Health Sciences, and Science and Engineering. Enrollment, including the Winona and Rochester campuses and the adult education and outreach programs, totals almost 8,900. Undergraduate degrees are granted in more than 100 areas of study, while 32 graduate programs are offered, including the Doctor of Nursing Practice.

A comprehensive university that prepares students to be skilled, responsible, and active citizens, Winona State is recognized nationally as a leader in higher education. The university's innovative programs encourage active learning opportunities and respect for diverse ideas. Its incorporation of contemporary technology into the learning environment offers students many advantages in today's rapidly changing world.

As the university has evolved, the campus has grown. This fall Winona State celebrated the grand opening of an innovative new housing option on the northeast corner of campus: the Academic Theme House. This pilot project creates a positive learning environment for a group of students with the shared academic interest of sustainability.

This year marks an historic occasion for Winona State, as the university successfully completed its first-ever comprehensive capital campaign. The Light the Way Campaign raised more than $14.8 million to fund scholarships, advance health and well being with the Integrated Wellness Complex, and make a difference in the lives of children through the National Child Protection Training Center.

Winona State is as committed today to providing a future filled with opportunity as it was when it was founded more than 150 years ago. With a clear vision of quality education, the university continues to fulfill its contract to improve the lives of the people of Minnesota, the nation, and the world.
Graduate Studies
Graduate Degrees
College of Education

*Master of Science*
Melissa S. Althoff
Professional Development ................................Bangor WI
Jessica Mary Berg
Community Counseling ......................................Galesville WI
Betty Lacine
Community Counseling ......................................Rochester MN
Jessica Rudnik
Community Counseling ......................................Winona MN

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

*Master of Science*
Leanne L. England
Nurse Educator ....................................................Rochester MN

Undergraduate Degrees
College of Business

*Bachelor of Arts* *
Jess Edward Borgos
Economics ..................................................New Brighton MN
Samuel James Rood
Economics ..............................................La Crescent MN
Jacob David Wolter
Economics ..................................................Lakeville MN

*Bachelor of Science* *
+ Rebecca Jo Addabbo
Marketing ..................................................Maple Grove MN
Elizabeth Mary Alberson
Accounting ....................................................Tony WI
Eric Albright
Business Administration ................................Eagan MN
Brent Dennis Anderson
Business Administration/
Human Resource Management ................................Eagan MN
Lucas Robert Benshoof
Business Administration/
Human Resource Management ................................Eagan MN
† Kristin Hope Bjornstad
Business Administration/
Human Resource Management/
Spanish ..................................................Red Wing MN
Sonia Manuela Bompant Morales
Business Administration ................................Caracas VENEZUELA
Cory Ray Bowser
Accounting ..................................................Sparta WI

+ Kayla Marie Brehmer
Business Administration/Marketing ..............Richfield MN
Brian Wayne Buchholz
Business Administration ................................Winona MN
Nicholas Ross Cerniglia
Marketing ..................................................Arlington Heights IL
Jeanne Marie Clegg
Business Administration ................................Winona MN
Kirsten A. Cole
Accounting/Business Administration ..............Eau Claire WI
‡ Alexander David Coulter
Economics/Finance ........................................Saint Cloud MN
Josef Siegfried Czeiska
Business Administration ................................La Crosse WI
Andrew Jacob Daly
Accounting ..................................................Rochester MN

Amy Kaye Daniels
Accounting ..................................................Delano MN
Caitlin Jane Dhein
Business Administration/
Human Resource Management ................................Saint Cloud MN
Mason Ray Dittmann
Human Resource Management/
Business Administration ................................Watertown WI
Adriana Domínguez-Pliego
Business Administration ................................South Saint Paul MN
Ashley Carella Egland
Accounting ..................................................Lewiston MN
Justin Leonard Fiedler
Management Information Systems .............Oconto Falls WI
Cole Everett Fuchs
Business Administration ................................Faribault MN
Katelyn Renee Gates
Business Administration/
Human Resource Management ................................Lake City MN
Hema Gorzinski
Business Administration ................................Rochester MN
+ Kelsey Lynn Hanson
Business Administration ................................Osseo WI
Kent William Harris
Business Administration ................................Rapid City SD
Joshua Jay Harrison
Accounting ..................................................Winona MN
Cameron James Hartman
Business Administration ................................Cottage Grove MN
Tyler Montgomery Haut
Accounting/Business Administration ...........Waukesha WI
Sean Mitchell Hertz
Business Administration ................................Lindenhurst IL
Kristine Marie Hiniker
Accounting ..................................................Rochester MN
Jordan Thomas Hoel
Marketing ..................................................Pine Island MN
Michael John Hogberg
Business Administration ................................Stillwater MN
+ Megan Marie Holzworth
Accounting ..................................................Winona MN
Michael TJ Houts
Business Administration ................................Bloomington MN
Nick Alan Hudek
Accounting ..................................................Maple Lake MN
Tiffany Marie Huneke  
Business Administration/  
Human Resource Management..............Zumbrota MN  
Daniel John Jensen  
Accounting..................................................White Bear Lake MN  
† Christy Marie Johnson  
Business Administration/  
Human Resource Management..............St. Louis Park MN  
Michael Paul Johnson  
Marketing..................................................Minnetonka MN  
Christopher William Kappel  
Business Administration..................Marshfield WI  
Derek Steven Kasper  
Marketing..................................................Saint Michael MN  
Hemanta Katwal  
Business Administration/  
Human Resource Management..............Biratnagar NEPAL  
Zanniab F. Khan  
Business Administration..................Rochester MN  
Michael William Kirton  
Business Administration..................Madison WI  
‡ Kayla Marie Koepp  
Business Administration/  
Human Resource Management..............Belle Plaine MN  
Jessica R. Kruckow  
Business Administration..................Houston MN  
‡ Pak Lun Lo  
Accounting..................................................Hong Kong  
Colin Jerome Lodermeier  
Accounting..................................................Goodhue MN  
Brian Duane Meuleners  
Business Administration..................Hutchinson MN  
Jacob Michael Moskwa  
Accounting/Business Administration.....Red Wing MN  
Jennifer Lynn Mullen  
Accounting..................................................Northfield MN  
Cheri Lea Nelsestuen  
Accounting..................................................Winona MN  
† Nghi Hoang Dong Nguyen  
Business Administration/Human  
Resource Management........Ho Chi Minh City VIETNAM  
Silvester Kioi Njuguna  
Accounting..................................................Rochester MN  
Jessie Yvonne Oldenborg  
Business Administration/  
Human Resource Management..............Oakdale MN  
Michael Chuka Onuigbo  
Management Information Systems......Bloomington MN  
Chandani Pandey  
Accounting/Management  
Information Systems..................Dhangadi NEPAL  
Ali Abbas Panjwani  
Management Information  
Systems..................................................Karachi PAKISTAN  
Joshua Joseph Pellowski  
Business Administration..................Winona MN  
Andrew John Peters  
Business Administration..................Dover MN  
Theresa Marie Pickett  
Business Administration..................Rochester MN  
‡ Rachel Ann Pirt  
Accounting/Finance..................New Berlin WI  
‡ Jaimie Lee Plumedahl  
Accounting..................................................Maple Grove MN  
Brady Jon Prowatzke  
Accounting..................................................Annandale MN  
Cassandra Jean Reese  
Accounting..................................................Goodhue MN  
Aaron Lee Riedemann  
Business Administration..................Grand Meadow MN  
Norma Salazar Franco  
Business Administration..................Rochester MN  
Brittany Anne Schultz  
Business Administration..................Kenyon MN  
Jeffrey S. Sedlmayr  
Business Administration..................Nelson WI  
Frank Willard See  
Business Administration..................Stillwater MN  
Anthony Lee Snyder  
Business Administration..................Chatfield MN  
Jordan James Stahl  
Marketing..................................................Windom MN  
Sarah Suzanne Sundlee  
Accounting..................................................Chatfield MN  
Daniel Benjamin Swenson  
Accounting..................................................Lakeville MN  
Isaac Michael Troska  
Business Administration..................Stewartville MN  
Robert Steven Van Gundy  
Business Administration..................Lino Lakes MN  
Andre Thomas Von Arx  
Finance..................................................La Crescent MN  
Izak Donald Walgrave  
Business Administration..................Wabasha MN  
Chelsea Leone Wendel  
Human Resource Management........Owatonna MN  
Hannah Marie Williams  
Business Administration..................Elk River MN  
Brittany Nicole Wilson  
Accounting.............................................Mankato MN  
‡ Jessica Lynn Wojahn  
Accounting/Finance..................Winona MN  
Kyle Lee Woods  
Business Administration..................Apple Valley MN  

+ Cum laude  
† Magna cum laude  
‡ Summa cum laude  
* Diploma will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of degree
College of Education

Bachelor of Science - Teaching*

Lauren Elizabeth Adams
Elementary Education ...............West Allis WI
Erin Elizabeth Albrecht
Elementary Education ...............La Crescent MN
Nathan Dean Asper
Elementary Education ...............South St. Paul MN
† Lynsey Beth Bakkum
Elementary Education ...............Oconomowoc WI
Jayson Allen Bartle
Elementary Education ...............Janesville WI
+ Kaylin LeeAnn Bertsch
Elementary Education ...............Eagan MN
Kaiya Nicole Bisping
Elementary Education ...............Faribault MN
+ Carissa Mae Breuer
Elementary Education/Special Education ..................Goodhue MN
Whitney Lee Buss
Elementary Education ...............White Bear Lake MN
Laura Lynn Carlson
Elementary Education ...............Rochester MN
Bryce P. Corrow
Physical Education/School and Community Health ..................Cleveland MN
+ Katherine Marie Crudo
Physical Education ...............Stacy MN
+ Jessica Rae Davey
Elementary Education ...............Eden Prairie MN
‡ Megan Angeline Erickson
Elementary Education ...............West Saint Paul MN
Gina Marie Fasone
Elementary Education/Special Education ..........Algonquin IL
Carissa Evelyn Fisher
Special Education ...............Inver Grove Heights MN
Zachary James Gonsioroski
Elementary Education ...............Inver Grove Heights MN
Chelsea A. Grambo
Elementary Education ...............Colfax WI
Ashley Marie Groux
Elementary Education ...............Wauwatosa WI
Sabrina Raquel Hatten
Special Education ...............Hutchinson MN
Cassandra Johanss
Elementary Education ...............Becker MN
Maryjane Marie Johnson
Elementary Education ...............Osseo WI
Robert Thomas Johnson
Business Education ...............Iowa City IA
+ Laura Katherine Jopp
Elementary Education ...............Champlin MN
Kelsey Ann Klein
Elementary Education ...............Northfield MN
Emily Jean Kluz
Elementary Education ...............New Berlin WI
### Associate of Arts*

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