2018 Fall Commencement Program: Winona State University

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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
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 forever.

Scott Robert Olson
President
Order of Exercises

Patricia L. Rogers, Presiding
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Winona State University is situated on the ancestral lands of the Dakota people.
We wish to acknowledge and honor the Dakota Nations and the sacred land of all indigenous peoples.

PROCESSIONAL  "Pomp and Circumstance No. 1" by Edward Elgar
Musicians from the WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Melanie Brooks, Conductor

Stage Party led by Jennifer Chernega, Marshal
WSU Faculty Association President
Professor, Sociology 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  Bethany Seifert
Business Administration and Human Resource Management
Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

WELCOME  Patricia L. Rogers
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

GREETINGS FROM  Laura King, Vice Chancellor – Chief Financial Officer,
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

CONCERT SELECTION  "Shepherd’s Hey" by Percy Grainger
WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS  Scott R. Olson
President of the University

STUDENT SPEAKERS  Linh Vi Ha Nguyen (morning ceremony)
Data Science
Hanoi, Vietnam

Nicole Elizabeth Doyle (afternoon ceremony)
Nursing
Lakeville, Minnesota
ALUMNI WELCOME  Mark Reitan  
Director of Alumni Relations

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES  Patricia L. Rogers  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES  Scott R. Olson, President

Morning Ceremony  Hamid Akbari, Dean, College of Business
Tarrell Portman, Dean, College of Education
Charla Miertschin, Dean, College of Science and Engineering

Afternoon Ceremony  Peter Miene, Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Julie Anderson, Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Assisted by:  Denise McDowell, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Life
Jeanine Gangeness, Associate Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies

INTRODUCTION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES  Dave Burman, Instructional Technology Specialist, Learning Spaces Technician
Doug Westerman, General Manager, KQAL, Mass Communications Adjunct Professor

ALMA MATER  "Hail Winona" words by Charlotte Chorpenning
Tune "Annie Lisle," arranged by Paul Yoder
Musicians from the WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Led by  Bethany Seifert
(see inside front cover for lyrics)

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

We honor our degree candidates from across the globe by displaying their national flags at Commencement.

WSU is a tobacco-free campus. Thank you for your cooperation.
Leaving home can be overwhelming for a new college student, and it was no exception for Winona State University international student Linh Nguyen. But considering “leaving home” for Nguyen meant more than 24 hours of travel across nearly 8,000 miles, and almost four years in a foreign country without seeing her family once, “overwhelming” might be an understatement.

Nguyen, from Hanoi, Vietnam, first learned about Winona State through a visit with Kemale Pinar, Director of International Student and Scholar Services at WSU. After doing more research online and learning about everything Winona has to offer, Nguyen made the decision to become a Warrior.

“Having travelled extensively during my childhood, up and down the two coasts, the Midwest was the only place I hadn’t been to,” she explains. “I was excited to have an adventure here.”

Nguyen’s lifelong passion for business and technology led her to pursue a major in Data Science with minors in Finance and Statistics, and through hard work and dedication, she was named Outstanding Student in Data Science. She credits her close relationships with WSU faculty members like Tisha Hooks, Don Salyards, Chris Malone, and Silas Bergen for helping turn her passion into reality.

“I love the fact that I can get to know my professors really well due to the small class size,” says Nguyen. “They also work tirelessly outside of their classes to bring us to conferences and host competitions so we can get real-life experiences.”

During her time at WSU, Nguyen enjoyed many opportunities to get involved. She created the Data Science Association, was a founding member of the John Latsch Leadership Academy, and also served in the Finance Management Association and International Club.

“A lot of people think that being in a small town means that you’ll have fewer opportunities to network, fewer jobs, fewer events, but I’ve found that WSU really has a lot of opportunities for students,” says Nguyen. “You’ll find them as long as you look for them.”

As she graduates from Winona State and solidifies her plans to dive “even deeper in the technology and business world,” she remains forever grateful to the WSU community that embraced her and supported her in achieving her goals.

“I am very proud to be a Warrior for life!” exclaims Nguyen. “I hope to be able to come back every now and then to visit all the faculty here who have supported me, and to inspire future Warriors.”
Commencement Processional - College Banner Carriers

Carrying the processional banners are top ranking juniors in their respective colleges.

Morning Ceremony

Jose Rafael Perozo Locurcio
Accounting - Valencia, Venezuela
Winona State University Banner

Bryce Reynolds
Economics - Middleton, Wisconsin
College of Business Banner

Molly Toraason
Elementary Education-Early Childhood - Whitehall, Wisconsin
College of Education Banner

Kapil Khanal
Data Science and Mathematics - Winona, Minnesota
College of Science and Engineering Banner

Afternoon Ceremony

Blake Bigalk
Nursing - Harmony, Minnesota
Winona State University Banner

Katherine Carroll
Psychology - Appleton, Wisconsin
College of Liberal Arts Banner

Madison Verbeten
Nursing - Greenleaf, Wisconsin
College of Nursing and Health Sciences Banner
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 each tassel color has meaning. A gold tassel indicates a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Applied Science, white is Bachelor of Arts, pink is Bachelor of Music, citron is Bachelor of Social Work, light blue is Bachelor of Science - Teaching, and royal blue is Associate in Arts. Black tassels indicate master’s and specialist degrees, and 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 graduate degrees, then the bachelor’s degrees, followed by the associate degrees.

Following the graduates in the processional are the faculty and administration. They enter the auditorium in the order of their seniority at WSU. The retired faculty and administration are also invited to process and enter as a separate group in a place of honor.

A number of the graduates wear honor cords to signify exceptional academic achievement (see below).

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” - Purple cords - GPA of 3.60 to 3.74
- “Magna cum laude” - Silver cords - GPA of 3.75 to 3.89
- “Summa cum laude” - Gold cords - GPA of 3.90 to 4.00

For a listing of approved individual academic departments and other campus organizations that bestow cords or stoles on their graduates visit: winona.edu/graduation/honor-cords.asp.
The Presidential Medallion

Since 1967, each Winona State president has worn the Presidential Medallion as 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.

The symbolism of the medallion lies within the framework of the letters of “Winona State College President,” which encircle and bind together the inner symbols. The equilateral triangle symbolizes the survival of man through the unity of science, literature and the arts. The circle depicts the endless movement of education and represents the world and man, incomplete without knowledge.

Aquamarine is symbolic of the Mississippi River and the 10,000 lakes of Minnesota, and topaz represents the golden grain of this great state. Garnet honors the citizens of Winona, who in 1858 asked the Legislature to establish an institution for higher education in Winona and gave land to provide a place for the university.

Diamond-set stars shine for L’Etoile du Nord, the Star of North, or the State of Minnesota. The trees denote the great forests, while the flowing lines at the triangle's base symbolize our streams and rivers. The fire of the opal stands for zeal, supportive of education as a social necessity. Purple alexandrite symbolizes the school color and the pride that our students and employees have for the university.

The Presidential Medallion was designed by Floretta Murray, professor emerita of the Winona State College Art Department, and gifted to the college by students in the class of 1967-68. The gems in the medallion 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 teacher training institution west of the Mississippi River. 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. Classes for students in Rochester were first offered in 1917. 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. Undergraduate degrees are granted in 80 majors and over 20 graduate programs are offered, including the Doctor 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.

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.
MORNING CEREMONY
Graduate Degrees
College of Education

Master of Science
Bradley J. Hak
Education Leadership........................................Rochester MN
Kevin D’Andre Horton
Sport Management............................................Terry MS
Savita Katarya
Organizational Leadership.................................Rochester MN
Kacie Lee Lovas
Human Services Professional Masters..............Winona MN
James Alexander Lowery
Sport Management.............................................Postville IA

Undergraduate Degrees
College of Business

Timothy Daniel Abts
B.S., Marketing .............................................Winona MN
Asher Samson Albee
B.S., Marketing .............................................Rochester MN
Mohammed Ali A Alhaddad
B.S., Management Information Systems ..................Al-qatif SAUDI ARABIA
Katelynn Marie Anderson
B.S., Business Administration .............................Garrison MN
Tyler Otto Anderson
B.S., Business Administration ..............................Drayton ND
Joseph Wayne Barber
B.S., Finance ....................................................Goodhue MN
Kyle Jacob Barnum
B.S., Business Administration/Spanish ..........Woodbury MN
Daniel Jon Beckman
B.S., Marketing ....................................................Apple Valley MN
Miranda Kay Bergsrud
B.S., Finance .....................................................Winona MN
Brandon David Bielinski
B.S., Business Administration ..........................Denmark WI
Madison Beth Bower
B.S., Business Administration/ Human Resource Management .......Farmington MN
Timothy Bowe
B.S., Marketing .....................................................Rochester MN
Andra Clare Boym
B.S., Business Administration ............................Hayfield MN
Anthony Lee Buck
B.S., Business Administration ............................Hastings MN
Bradley John Budnick
B.S., Management Information Systems .............Winona MN
Luke August Buehler
B.S., Business Administration ..........................Kasson MN
Kayla Lynn Burant
B.S., Management Information Systems ...........Franklin WI
Tiffany Lynn Clark
B.S., Business Administration/ Human Resource Management .......La Crescent MN
Jesse Paul Cook-Person
B.S., Marketing .....................................................Madison WI

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A.A. Associate of Arts
B.A. Bachelor of Arts
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B.S. Bachelor of Science
B. Mus Bachelor of Music
B.S.T. Bachelor of Science in Teaching
B.S.W. Bachelor of Social Work
Diploma will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of degree.

This list of degree candidates was complete and accurate as of the deadline to apply for graduation.

Kelsey Ann Plese
Human Services Professional Masters..............Lakeville MN
Stacy Quam
Human Services Professional Masters.............Kenyon MN
Karen Rae Sullivan
Professional Leadership.................................Winona MN
Matthew L. Wilmes
Organizational Leadership..............................Lewiston MN

College of Science and Engineering

Professional Science Masters
Brian Dean
Applied Research and Management ..............Rochester MN

Bradley J. Hak
Education Leadership........................................Rochester MN
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