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THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

2017 SUMMER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
3:00 P.M., FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017, CHESTER FRITZ AUDITORIUM
NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CHANCELLOR MARK HAGEROTT, PRESIDING

Prelude Music..............................................................Brent Hermans

Processional ..............................................................“Pomp and Circumstance”
Brent Hermans
Please stand during the Processional.

“America the Beautiful” ..............................................Lynneah Boyer

Welcome and Introductions.........................Chancellor Mark Hagerott

Presentation of Chester Fritz Professorship.........Chancellor Mark Hagerott

Remarks .................................................................Chancellor Mark Hagerott

Conferring of Academic Degrees.........................Chancellor Mark Hagerott
Amy Unrau, Proctor
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Alumni Greetings ......................................................Laura Block
UND Alumni Association and Foundation

“Alma Mater” ..........................................................The Assemblage
Lynneah Boyer, Song Leader

Recessional ...............................................................Brent Hermans

Alma Mater
Hail to thee, O Alma Mater!
Hail to thee with heart and tongue!
Pride we feel and love yet greater
While we raise our grateful song.
Home of lofty thought and learning,
Beacon o’er our western land,
Shrine whence still the ever-burning
Torch is passed from hand to hand.
Ceremonial Objects

The mace was initially modeled after a 12th century implement of war. In earlier days, the mace, or heavy staff, was borne by or carried before a magistrate or other dignitary as an ensign of authority. A mace is placed as the symbol of royal authority on the treasury table in the British House of Commons at the opening of each session and is used at commencements and other special occasions.

The charter. The University of North Dakota was founded six years before North Dakota became a state. The original, handwritten charter, enacted in 1885 by the Dakota Territorial Assembly, is preserved in UND’s archives. One facsimile is displayed in the President’s Office and another is used at commencements and other special occasions.

The university flag. The University flag features the UND flame logo set on a white background. The flag is used at ceremonial events and is carried by the honorary faculty flag marshal to lead the commencement procession. The flag is displayed on the stage during the commencement ceremony along with the mace and charter.

The Awarding of Degrees

The awarding of degrees and academic distinctions listed in this program is contingent upon successful completion of the various program requirements.

Commencement ceremonies at UND are planned through the Office of Ceremonies and University Events in the Division of University and Public Affairs.

The University of North Dakota is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

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**Grant McGimpsey, Dean**

### Doctor of Philosophy

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- Dissertation: Exploring the Relationship Between Academic Achievement and Engagement in Science Among African American Students
Ryan Evan Stanfield, Montgomery, Texas
  Major: Atmospheric Sciences
  Advisor: Dr. Xiquan Dong

Terra Lee Towne, Chaumont, New York
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  Advisor: Dr. Alan R. King

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  Advisor: Dr. Cheryl Terrance

Christopher David Walden, Grand Forks
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# School of Graduate Studies: Master’s Degrees

## Master of Arts

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Major: Visual Arts

Master of Occupational Therapy

Alison E. Ikeogu, Wheaton, Minnesota
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Major: Occupational Therapy
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Master of Public Administration

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Master of Public Health

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Master of Science

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Scott Matthew Balcao, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Major: Space Studies
Kimberly J. Bauer, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota
Major: Reading Education

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Active Duty/Signal Corps
Major: Information Systems
Honorary degrees have long been awarded by institutions of higher learning to recognize lives of achievement. In 1909 UND presented its first honorary degree, a Doctor of Laws, to Webster Merrifield, whose family endowed the University for 25 years, including 18 as its third president.

Honorary degrees from UND particularly recognize those with an association with the University or with the state and region; they also have been presented to such notables as philosopher Mortimer Adler, heart surgeon Michael DeBakey and President John F. Kennedy.

1909, Webster Merrifield, Doctor of Laws
1913, Roger W. Cooley, Master of Laws
1914, E.M. Babcock, Doctor of Science
1916, Homer B. Sprague, Doctor of Laws
1917, Joseph P. Kennedy, Doctor of Laws
1920, John Lee Coulter, Doctor of Laws
1925, F.P. Robertson, Doctor of Laws
1928, Howard Huston, Master of Arts
1929, Thomas D. Campbell, Doctor of Laws
1930, Guy C.H. Corliss, Doctor of Laws
1930, Vilhjalmar Stefanssen, Doctor of Laws
1932, Maxwell Upton, Doctor of Engineering
1933, John M. Hancock, Doctor of Laws
1933, Thomas F. Kane, Doctor of Laws
1934, John F. Douglas, Doctor of Laws
1935, J.F.T. O’Connor, Doctor of Laws
1935, Frederick Koch, Doctor of Letters
1936, John Burke, Doctor of Laws
1936, Sveinbjorn Johnson, Doctor of Laws
1938, A.G. Burr, Doctor of Laws
1938, Vincent J. Roy, Doctor of Laws
1939, C.J. Hambró, Doctor of Laws
1940, Guimundur Grimsson, Doctor of Laws
1940, Crown Priny of Norway, Doctor of Laws
1941, John W. Daføe, Doctor of Laws
1941, Clarence Daniel O’Connor, Doctor of Humanities
1941, John O. Christianson, Doctor of Science
1943, Walter L. Stockwell, Doctor of Laws
1943, John Alistier Hutcheson, Doctor of Science
1943, Sigurør Sigurðardóttir, Doctor of Humanities
1944, Boyd Milne Begg, Doctor of Science
1945, John Burke, Doctor of Laws
1945, David Rhys Jenkins, Doctor of Science
1946, George Albert Selke, Doctor of Laws
1946, Raymond A. Heising, Doctor of Science
1946, Elmer Ellis, Doctor of Laws
1947, John Morris Gillette, Doctor of Humanities
1947, George W. Starcher, Doctor of Laws
1948, Luther Earl Birdzell, Doctor of Laws
1948, William L. Nuessle, Doctor of Laws
1948, Adolph Marcus Christianson, Doctor of Laws
1948, William E. Webster, Doctor of Science
1948, John M. Hancock, Doctor of Laws
1948, Luther Earl Birdzell, Doctor of Laws
1949, John W. Dafoe, Doctor of Laws
1949, John F. O'Connor, Doctor of Laws
1950, William W. Armstrong, Doctor of Laws
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The Chester Fritz Distinguished Professorships were established with an endowment gift from the late UND benefactor Chester Fritz, 1892-1983. Revenue from the endowment provides for cash stipends to one or more full-time UND faculty members, who thereafter may use the title “Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor.” Nominations are solicited from members of the V.P.A.A. Academic Cabinet and the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors; these are evaluated by a committee chaired by the graduate dean and composed of three Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors and faculty representatives from each academic college not represented by a Fritz Professor. The recommendations are reviewed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and forwarded to the President for final decision.

Chester Fritz attended UND from 1908 to 1910. He became an international trader on precious metals and lived most of his life in China and Europe. In establishing the endowment for the professorships — just one of his many gifts to UND — as an “investment in the future of my Alma Mater and of the people who make the future what it shall be.” He added, “I am especially indebted to the fine teachers who, in the end, have determined in large measure, how well I was able to learn and to use the knowledge that the University of North Dakota could provide.”

Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors currently serving on the faculty include:

- Holly Brown-Borg, Basic Sciences
- Sharon Carson, English
- Colin Combs, Biomedical Sciences
- F. Richard Ferraro, Psychology
- Michael J. Gaffey, Space Studies
- Jonathan Geiger, Basic Sciences
- William D. Gosnold Jr., Geology & Geological Engineering
- Birgit Hans, Indian Studies
- Joseph Hartman, Geology and Geological Engineering
- Mark R. Hoffmann, Chemistry
- Gordon Iseminger, Elementary Education
- Cindy L. Juntunen, Counseling
- Michael Mann, Chemical Engineering
- James Mochoruk, History
- Thomas Mohr, Physical Therapy
- Myrna R. Olson, Teaching and Learning
- Leon F. Osborne, Atmospheric Sciences
- Thomas V. Petros, Psychology
- Michael Poellot, Atmospheric Sciences
- Wayne Seames, Chemical Engineering
- Mary Ann Sens, Pathology
- William F. Sheridan, Biology
- Brij Singh, Basic Sciences
- Roxanne Vaughan, Basic Sciences
- Jack Weinstein, Philosophy and Religion
- Michael Wittgraf, Music
- Stephen A. Wonderlich, Psychiatry and Behavioral Science

Former faculty members who were honored with Fritz Professorships include:

- Michael A. Anderegg, English
- James Antes, Psychology
- Michael C. Beard, English
- Robert Beck (deceased), Law
- Richard Beringer, History
- William V. Borden (deceased), English
- Edward C. Carlson, Basic Sciences
- William E. Cornatzer (deceased), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Richard D. Crawford, Biology
- Kenneth J. Dawes, Social Work
- Sandra Donaldson, English
- Manuchair Ebadi (deceased), Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics, and Clinical Neuroscience
- Ronald C. Engle, Theatre Arts
- Albert J. Fivizzani, Biology
- Mary Lou S. Fuller, Elementary Education
- Elizabeth Hampsten, English
- David Hein, Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Carla Wulff Hess, Communication Disorders
- Richard L. Hill (deceased), Educational Administration
- Warren Jensen, Aviation
- Harvey Knoll, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- David O. Lambeth, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Richard G. Landry, Educational Measurements and Statistics
- Diane K. Langemo, Nursing Practice and Development
- Donald K. Lemon, Educational Leadership
- Robert W. Lewis (deceased), English
- Frank Low (deceased), Anatomy
- Richard L. Ludtke, Sociology
- Roger Melvold, Microbiology and Immunology
- James E. Mitchell, Psychiatry and Behavioral Science
- Robert C. Nordlie (deceased), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Lewis K. Oring, Biology
- Surendra S. Parmar, Physiology
- Brian O. Paulsen, Art
- Russell Peterson (deceased), Education
- Lewis J. Radonovich, Chemistry
- Paul D. Ray (deceased), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- John L. Rowe (deceased), Business and Vocational Education
- Isaac Schlosser, Biology
- Mary Jane Schneider (deceased), Indian Studies
- Santhosh K. Seelan, Space Studies
- Donald E. Severson, Chemical Engineering
- Virgil Stenberg, Chemistry
- Jeffrey L. Stith, Atmospheric Sciences
- Kathleen A. Tiemann, Sociology
- D. Jerome Tweton, History
- Stephen K. Wikel, Microbiology and Immunology
- Sharon C. Wilsnack, Psychiatry and Behavioral Science
- Charles A. Wood, Space Studies
- Kevin D. Young, Microbiology and Immunology
Chester Fritz
Distinguished
Professor
Colin Combs

UND’s newest Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor, Colin Combs of the Department of Biomedical Sciences, has been a faculty member in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences since 2000. He is acclaimed as a scientist, a teacher, and a facilitator within his department, the School and the University. Combs is recognized internationally for his research on neuroimmune interactions during aging and neurodegenerative diseases. His laboratory focuses on understanding how the immune system contributes to brain changes during chronic neurodegenerative conditions, and the potential for promoting neuroprotection by manipulating the behavior of brain-resident immune cells and microglia.

Combs is currently the principal investigator or co-principal investigator on four National Institutes of Health (NIH) ROI grants — a remarkable achievement. Since 1997 he has had over 50 publications in high-level journals and served on numerous editorial boards. In the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Combs is highly regarded as a teacher. He has received the Outstanding Block Instructor Award five times since 1973. He has also been honored with the H. David Wilson Award in Neuroscience, the UND Spirit Award, and the Rev. Elmer and Min West Memorial Outstanding Faculty Award.

Combs has served on 55 graduate student faculty advisory committees. His students and postdoctoral fellows have gone on to publish first-authored manuscripts, win awards for their research work, and secure positions as productive members at other institutions.

“Dr. Combs has been a mentor and a role model to many students and faculty at UND,” wrote Professor Holly Brown-Borg. “He is a faculty member one can go to for help and assistance in the areas of teaching, research and service.”

These qualities are reflected in the praise Combs has received for his skills as an administrator and facilitator.

“Since he became the chair [of the Department of Biomedical Sciences], a clear vision of unity and tighter collaborations developed between the faculty members,” wrote Professor Othman Ghribi. “Dr. Combs is listening to every voice that wants to make a positive impact on the department’s future. He was able to unite the faculty, design a plan for success, and hold every faculty to perform.”

He has served on or chaired numerous major committees for the University and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. In addition, Combs has served on grant review panels for the National Institutes of Health, the Veterans Administration, and private funding groups such as the Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Alzheimer’s Foundation.

Giulio Taglialatela of the University of Texas Medical Branch praised Combs as “the image of an outstanding scientist and extraordinary academician, relentlessly dedicated to the advancement of science, to the mentoring of students and young scientists, and to serving his home institution.”

Kalipada Pahan of Rush University Medical Center added, “Dr. Combs has a very lively presence as a scientist, a teacher and a leader. His interpersonal interactions and professional relationships are of the highest caliber.”

Colin Combs received a B.A. degree in chemistry from Berea (Ky.) College and the Ph.D. from the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy at the University of Rochester (N.Y.). Before joining the UND faculty in 2000, he was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Neuroscience at Case Western Reserve University.
A tradition since the early years of the University of North Dakota, the University Marshals serve as the honorary marshals and ushers for commencement exercises. They are selected from the junior class, primarily on the basis of academic excellence.

Grand Marshal
Iman Said
Charter Marshal
Klaudia Price
Candidates Marshal
Jacob Notermann
Candidates Marshal
Darryl Joy

She received her associate’s degree in emergency mental health/crisis intervention from Seattle Central Community College in 1977, her bachelor’s degree in communication/editorial journalism from the University of Washington in 1982, and both her master’s (1986) and Ph.D. (1990) degrees in English from the University of Washington. Professor Carson’s academic specialties include American literature and intellectual history, African-American literature and interdisciplinary black studies, comparative religions and literatures; Bibles as literature, cross-national and comparative study, literature of the American left, Homeric epic; narrative journalism, audio documentary and audio drama.

A UND faculty member, chosen from the ranks of the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors, carries the University Flag and leads the Commencement procession. The Faculty Flag Marshal for today’s ceremony is Dr. Sharon Carson.

Dr. Sharon Carson, a UND English professor with an academic joint appointment in the Department of Philosophy and Religion, joined the UND faculty in 1991. Dr. Carson was named a UND Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in 2015.

Special Notices

Whether the individual is the first or last to receive a degree in the graduation ceremony, the conferring of that degree is a very special event for every graduate and family. To this end, it is requested that everyone remain seated until the conclusion of the commencement ceremony.

Share your experience at graduation by tagging your Instagram or Twitter posts with #UNDproud. Your photo may appear on UND.edu!

Photographs:
The University has contracted the services of Lifetouch Special Events Photography for all commencement ceremonies. This service will provide each graduate with two photos, a posed photo taken when approaching the stage and a second taken when accepting congratulations from the President.

Graduates will receive a message sent to their official UND e-mail address containing a link to the commencement photo proofs. There is no obligation to purchase photographs.

Go to the http://events.lifetouch.com/UND for information about commencement photographs.

Contact Lifetouch Special Events with any questions at specialevents@lifetouch.com, by calling 800.505.9496, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST, or on their Web site http://events.lifetouch.com/about/contactus.aspx.

Broadcast Information:
• Today’s Commencement ceremony will be broadcast on Grand Forks Cable Channel 3 August 10-15 at 12:00 noon, 7 p.m., and 10 p.m.
• Our Commencement ceremony is telecast live on Cable Channel 3 in Grand Forks/East Grand Forks. A free download of the ceremony will be available on Vimeo by August 9 at https://vimeo.com/226467920.
Approved Academic Honor Cords and Stoles

Students who are members of the following honor societies will be wearing these adornments to their regalia:

- **Alpha Phi Sigma** — National Criminal Justice Honor Society; blue and gold honor cords
- **Beta Alpha Psi** — International Academic Honor Society for Accounting Majors; red and white cords
- **Beta Gamma Sigma** — Honor Society accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International; worn by students and faculty members; blue and gold cords
- **Epsilon Pi Tau** — National Academic Honor Society for Technology; blue, gold and white cords
- **Gamma Sigma Alpha** — National Academic Honor Society for Greek Members; red and yellow cords
- **Gamma Theta Upsilon** — International Honor Society in Geography; blue, brown and gold cords
- **Golden Key International Honor Society** — royal blue and gold cords
- **IEEE - Eta Kappa Nu** — Honor Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; gold cords with red/blue tassel
- **Mortar Board** — National Honor Society; silver and gold cords
- **National Residence Hall Honorary** — blue and silver cords
- **National Society of Collegiate Scholars** — National society recognizing outstanding academic achievement and involvement on campus; gold and burgundy cords
- **Order of Omega** — National Leadership Academic Honor Society for Greek Members; gold and white cords
- **Phi Alpha** — National Social Work Honor Society; gold cord
- **Phi Alpha Theta** — History Honor Society; red and blue cords
- **Phi Beta Kappa** — National Scholarship Honor Society for Liberal Arts and Sciences; pink and blue cords
- **Phi Eta Sigma** — Honor Society for First Year Students; black and gold cords
- **Pi Alpha Alpha** — National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration; light blue and gold cords
- **Pi Kappa Alpha** — National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration; light blue and gold cords
- **Psi Chi** — Psychology Honor Society; platinum and navy cords
- **Sigma Gamma Epsilon** — National Honor Society for Earth Sciences; gold, blue and silver cords
- **Sigma Pi Sigma** — National Honor Society for Physics; green and white cords
- **Sigma Tau Delta** — National Honor Society for Delta Delta Delta; red and white cords
- **Psi Chi** — Psychology Honor Society; platinum and navy cords
- **Sigma Theta Tau** — International Honor Society of Nursing; purple and white cords
- **Sigma Pi Delta** — Sigma Pi Delta; pink and gold cords
- **Pi Alpha Alpha** — National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration; light blue and gold cords
- **Pi Theta Epsilon** — International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines; maroon/white cords
- **Phi Beta Kappa** — National Scholarship Honor Society for Liberal Arts and Sciences; pink and blue cords
- **Phi Eta Sigma** — Honor Society for First Year Students; black and gold cords
- **Pi Alpha Alpha** — National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration; light blue and gold cords
- **Pi Kappa Lambda** — National Music Honor Society; gold and white cords
- **Pi Theta Epsilon** — National Occupational Therapy Society; blue and gold cords
- **Phi Beta Kappa** — National Scholarship Honor Society for Liberal Arts and Sciences; pink and blue cords
- **Phi Eta Sigma** — Honor Society for First Year Students; black and gold cords
- **Pi Alpha Alpha** — National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration; light blue and gold cords
- **Pi Kappa Lambda** — National Music Honor Society; gold and white cords
- **Pi Theta Epsilon** — National Occupational Therapy Society; blue and gold cords
- **Phi Beta Kappa** — National Scholarship Honor Society for Liberal Arts and Sciences; pink and blue cords
- **Phi Eta Sigma** — Honor Society for First Year Students; black and gold cords
- **Pi Alpha Alpha** — National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration; light blue and gold cords
- **Pi Kappa Lambda** — National Music Honor Society; gold and white cords
- **Pi Theta Epsilon** — National Occupational Therapy Society; blue and gold cords

Non-Academic Recognition Cords

**UND Legacy Cords**
Legacy students will be honored with a green, pink and white cord to recognize the connection they share with their family members who have graduated before them. Students with UND graduates in their family history (parents, step-parents or grandparents) are considered legacies.

**Multicultural Symbols**
- American Indian students graduating today may wear any of several pieces of traditional American Indian regalia including an eagle feather considered sacred and attached to their mortar board tassel representing honesty, truth, courage and wisdom; beadwork representing their tribal or individual cultural designs on top of the mortar board, or traditional clothing/regalia under their gown.

**Veteran and Military**
Veterans who are graduating from UND and students who serve in the military will be wearing red, white and blue cords to honor them for their service to our country.

Student Honor Medallions

Honor Medallions are worn by candidates for the bachelor’s degree who have at least 50 graded hours from the University of North Dakota and achieve a scholastic average of 3.50 (cum laude), 3.70 (magna cum laude), and 3.90 (summa cum laude) in courses completed at the University of North Dakota. For the purpose of the commencement program and publication, honors are based on the UND grade point average at the end of the previously completed term. Once final semester grades are recorded and the degree has been cleared by the college, grade point averages are recalculated and final graduation honors are recorded to the transcript and diploma.
The First Commencement

The following is excerpted from University of the Northern Plains, the history of the University of North Dakota written by Louis G. Geiger and published in 1958 as part of the University’s 75th anniversary celebration.

A major milestone in student affairs, as well as in the University’s history, was the graduation of the first college class in 1889. A faculty committee was appointed in February to plan the exercises. In April the student body met and chose the school colors, the pink and green of the prairie rose, “suggestive of our green prairies and rosy prospects.” On June 13, a cool, fair day, the ceremony began at ten o’clock in the University assembly hall, which had been decorated with flags and flowers and a large “89” centerpiece. A capacity crowd of students and spectators (perhaps as many as 250) was on hand as the graduates — “the ladies … dressed in white” and “the gentlemen … neatly attired” — marched to their places on the stage to the accompaniment of music by [W. W.] Hall’s Cadet Band. Special guests were the Regents, H. M. Mellette, governor of the Territory, several other territorial officials [North Dakota did not attain statehood until November 2, 1889], and Nehemiah Ordway, who as governor had signed the organic act of the University. [President Homer B.] Sprague presided and introduced the speakers. Mellette observed that it was a “Red River letter day.” Ordway spoke with pride and feeling on the University’s founding. One of the Regents relieved the occasion with a touch of unconscious humor when he explained: “As to the faculty we have done the best we could with the money at hand.” Following the official commemoration of the occasion, the main part of the program began; there were essays and orations presented by each of the eight graduates, six from the college and two from the four-year normal course; Frances M. Allen (B.A.), Clinton S. DeGroat (B.S.), Ben E. Ingwaldson (B.S.), Cora Smith (B.S.), Marie Teel (B.S.), May Travis (B.A.), and Genevieve Arnold and Irene Mares (normal certificates). The orations, on current as well as literary and moral subjects, were printed in full in the Grand Forks newspapers.

Three of the college graduates were from Grand Forks; none had come from farther than Hillsboro. Not one had been born in North Dakota; Ben Ingwaldson had been born in Norway. In the class of 1890, of seven college graduates, four were from Grand Forks, three were women, and six took the science degree. A considerable proportion of the early graduates entered medicine, law, or teaching. Cora Smith, a member of the first class, took a degree in medicine at Boston University; Mary Crans of the second class completed the course in dentistry at the University of Michigan. Ben Ingwaldson went on to the University of Minnesota law school. North Dakota’s first appointee to West Point, Joseph Travis, graduated in the class of 1890.
Mark R. Kennedy was named the 12th President of the University of North Dakota by the State Board of Higher Education on March 15, 2016. His term began on July 1, 2016, succeeding Interim President Ed Schafer and President Robert Kelley, who retired on January 14, 2016.

Kennedy came to UND from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., where since 2012 he was Director of the Graduate School of Political Management and Professor. His teaching and research addressed issues of how organizations can engage governments and societies around the world.

A native of Benson, Minn., Kennedy earned a B.S. degree at St. John’s University, Collegeville, Minn., and an MBA with distinction at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. He then served as an executive with several firms, including Pillsbury, and today’s Macy’s.

From 2001 to 2007, Kennedy served in the U.S. House of Representatives, first for Minnesota’s Second District and then for its Sixth District. He served on the Financial Services, Transportation and Agriculture Committees, and established a reputation for bipartisanship. Kennedy was then appointed to the Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations, serving under both Presidents George Bush and Barack Obama.

From 2007 to 2010, Kennedy served as the Global Retail Business Development Lead for Accenture, a global management, consulting and technology firm. From 2010 to 2013, he lectured and led research projects at the University of Pennsylvania, Notre Dame, the London Business School and others, and served as an Executive in Residence at the Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School.

Kennedy is the founder of the Economic Club of Minnesota and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Chatham House, an independent policy institute based in London. He founded the Mark Kennedy Frontiers of Freedom Lecture Series at St. John’s University.

Kennedy’s book titled *Shapeholders – Business Success in the Age of Activism* has recently been published by Columbia Business School Press. In it, he introduces the concept of “Shapeholders” to the field of business strategy. A shapeholder is a political, regulatory, media or activist actor with no stake in an organization’s success, but great ability to shape its opportunities and risks.

Kennedy is the third generation of his family to live in North Dakota. His grandmother helped homestead outside Tioga in the early 1900s, and his parents lived in Golva and Hunter, during which time his older sister was born in Fargo.

First Lady Debbie Kennedy is a native of Hawley, Minn. They met at the Minnesota State Fair as high school 4-H ambassadors. Debbie Kennedy graduated from North Dakota State University with a double major in home economics and textile and clothing, and from George Washington University with a master’s degree in costume design. They have four adult children.
Congratulations and Best Wishes

The University of North Dakota is proud to recognize the accomplishments of its graduates and to extend best wishes to them, their families and loved ones.

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