

# UNIVERSITY *of* NORTH DAKOTA

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## GENERAL COMMENCEMENT



DECEMBER 20, 2024  
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA



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# THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

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## WINTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES DECEMBER 20, 2024 CHESTER FRITZ PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PRESIDENT ANDREW P. ARMACOST, PRESIDING

### PRE-CEREMONY CONCERT

Roxanne Gessler, Pianist

### PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance” — *Edward Elgar*  
*Please stand during the Processional.*

### “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” — *Samuel Ward*

Ella Henry, Soloist

### GREETINGS FROM THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Casey Ryan, SBHE Chair

### REMARKS

Nicole Poolman  
*Speaker information found on page 10*

### CONFERRING OF ACADEMIC DEGREES

President Andrew P. Armacost

### CEREMONY FOR PROFESSIONAL & GRADUATE DEGREES

— 9 A.M.

School of Law — Juris Doctor Degrees — 3  
School of Graduate Studies — Doctoral Degrees — 3  
School of Graduate Studies — Master’s Degrees — 7

### CEREMONY FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

— 1 P.M.

College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines — 15  
School of Medicine & Health Sciences — 16  
College of Engineering & Mines — 16  
College of Arts & Sciences — 17

### CEREMONY FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

— 4 P.M.

College of Education & Human Development — 19  
Nistler College of Business & Public Administration — 19  
John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences — 21

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

DeAnna Carlson Zink  
UND Alumni Association & Foundation

### “ALMA MATER” — *Franz Joseph Haydn*

The Assemblage  
Led by soloist, Ella Henry  
*Please stand*

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.

### RECESSIONAL

Roxanne Gessler, Pianist

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# ACADEMIC PAGEANTRY

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The pageantry of American colleges and universities, including such ceremonies as commencement, has been inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries. Academic life as it is known today began in the Middle Ages, first in the church and then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, in which the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility.

The ceremony you will witness today will be less formal than would have been the case even a few decades ago. Still, many traditions have been

continued. To maintain continuity with the past, University of North Dakota faculty, the stage officials and the degree candidates will wear academic dress.

Principal features of academic garb are the gown, cap and hood. Early it became necessary for universities to set rules to preserve the dignity and meaning of academic dress. Both Cambridge and Oxford since the 15th century have made academic dress a matter of university control even to its minor details, and have repeatedly published revised regulations. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1895.

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## ACADEMIC DRESS

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### THE GOWN

The flowing gown comes from the 12th century. While it originally may have been worn as protection against the chill of unheated buildings, it has today become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it covers any trappings of rank or social standing underneath. It is black for all degrees, with pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree recipient, long closed sleeves with a slit at the arm or wrist for the master's degree, or full bell double sleeves for the doctoral degree. Bachelor's and master's degree gowns have no trimming. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

### THE CAP

The academic cap is a sign of freedom of scholarship, and of the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Ancient poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the book. The color of the tassel denotes the discipline. At the University of North Dakota, the tassel colors associated with academic divisions are:

**white**, College of Arts & Sciences; **drab** (subdued orange), Nistler College of Business & Public Administration; **black and white**, John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences; **light blue**, College of Education & Human Development; **orange**, School of Engineering & Mines; **purple**, School of Law; **green**, School of Medicine; **apricot**, College of Nursing; **black**, School of Graduate Studies & Professional Disciplines. For undergraduate students, the tassels hang on the right side of the cap until they receive their degrees, at which time the tassel is moved to the left. For master's and doctoral students, the tassel hangs on the left side of the cap and is not moved.

### THE HOOD

The hood is trimmed with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining designates the university or college which granted the degree. The official colors of the University of North Dakota, selected by the student body in preparation for the institution's first commencement in 1889, are the pink and green of the prairie rose.

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## CEREMONIAL OBJECTS

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### THE MACE

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 removed at its close. In the U.S. House of Representatives, it is a rather plain staff mounted in a marble pedestal at the right hand of the Speaker. The mace of the University of North Dakota symbolizes authority to carry out its mission, especially the granting of degrees. Made from the oak of the University's first building, "Old Main," the mace is carried by a marshal during academic processions and is placed at a prominent spot on the stage during commencement.

### THE MEDALLION

A medallion or seal of office worn by the head of an educational institution is a practice that also dates to the Middle Ages. In those times, a seal was used to mark documents as official. Possession of the seal was so

important that it was usually worn around the neck for safekeeping. The wearing of the seal eventually became a symbol of authority. One side of the medallion worn by the president bears an engraving of the University's official seal and the names of all former presidents are included on the chain of office.

### THE CHARTER

The University of North Dakota was founded six years before North Dakota became a state. The original, handwritten charter, enacted in 1883 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.

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## THE AWARDING OF DEGREES

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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 Ceremonies & University Events in the Division of Marketing & Communications.



# CEREMONY FOR PROFESSIONAL, DOCTORAL & MASTER'S DEGREES FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 — 9 A.M.

## SCHOOL OF LAW Brian Pappas, Dean

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### JURIS DOCTOR

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**Alfred Amuzu**  
Knoxville, MD  
*Law*

**Derek Matthew Chamberlain**  
Grand Forks, ND  
*Law*

**Michelle Ann Kessler**  
Glen Ullin, ND  
*Law*

**Avi Mann**  
Grand Forks, ND  
*Law*

**Savannah F. Muth**  
Theresa, WI  
*Law*

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: DOCTORAL DEGREES Chris Nelson, Dean

### AEROSPACE SCIENCES Robert Kraus, Dean

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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**Seth Ronald Fore**

Minneapolis, MN  
*Earth System Science & Policy*  
Dissertation: The Impact of Land Use and Land Cover Change on Vegetation, Ecosystem Dynamics, and Conservation in the Northern Great Plains  
Advisor: Michael Hill

**Blake T. Sorenson**

La Crosse, WI  
*Atmospheric Sciences*  
Dissertation: Observational Analyses of Aerosol Radiative Impacts on Weather and Climate Scales  
Advisor: Jianglong Zhang

**Jacob N. Yates**

San Diego, CA  
*Aerospace Sciences*  
Dissertation: Characterizing the Risk of Meteoroid Ejecta to Future Lunar Surface Operations  
Advisor: James Casler

### ARTS & SCIENCES Brad Rundquist, Dean

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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**Amy Kiehmeyer**

Grand Forks, ND  
*English*  
Dissertation: Life in Sitcoms: Episodes in Love and Loss  
Advisor: Sharon Carson

**Kathryn Margaret Lang**

Nora Springs, IA  
*Clinical Psychology*  
Dissertation: Psychology Graduate Student Experiences, Social Support, and Mental Health  
Advisor: Richard Wise

**Anne Marques Catarin**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Music Education*  
Dissertation: Cyclical Musicians: Collegiate Music Students' Experiences On Instrumental Musicking Processes Across The Menstrual Cycle  
Advisor: Whitney Mayo

**Di Sun**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Chemistry*  
Dissertation: Development of Fluorescent-Based Nanoparticles for Bioimaging, Gene Regulation Expression, and Photo-Induced Synergistic Cancer Therapy  
Advisor: Julia Xiaojun Zhao

**Wen Sun**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Chemistry*  
Dissertation: Nanoparticles: Applications for Energy Innovation  
Advisor: Julia Xiaojun Zhao

**Yingfen Wu**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Chemistry*  
Dissertation: Development, Characterization, and Application of Nanomaterials for Target Detection and Therapeutic Study  
Advisor: Julia Xiaojun Zhao

# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: DOCTORAL DEGREES

## EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Shelbie Witte, Dean

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

#### Motunrayo Oluwayemisi Adeosun

Twickenham, EN  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: "How Can I Teach When I Was not Taught How?": Teacher Education for Mother Tongue Instruction for STEM in Southwest Nigeria  
Advisor: Radomir Mitic

#### Lewis Robert James Archer

Grand Forks, ND  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: Impact of Delphi-Developed Rubrics on Rater Consistency in 14 CFR 141 Flight Training Assessment Environments  
Advisor: Woei Hung

#### Brianna J. Black

Grand Forks, ND  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: Division I Female Business Student-Athletes and Career Readiness During their Academic Careers at a 4-Year Institution  
Advisor: Radomir Mitic

#### Keon Andre Cheong

Houston, TX  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: Realizing the Role of Interdisciplinary Practices in Psycho-Educational Assessment for Learners with Special Education Needs/Disabilities in Guyana  
Advisor: Shannon Grave

#### Erica Marie Denault

Grand Forks, ND  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: An Indigenous Approach to Professional Development Program Evaluation for PK-12 Educators  
Advisor: Deborah Worley

#### Christina Ann DiMauro

Newark, DE  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: A Thematic Analysis of Experiences with Accommodation Plans of College Students with Disabilities: Recommendations for Students, Faculty, and Administrators  
Advisor: Zarrina Azizova

#### Catherine Gillach

Grand Forks, ND  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: The Positivity Principle: Investigating a School Administrator Training Series Designed to Promote Systemic Positivity  
Advisor: Donna Pearson

#### Christopher Thomas Jones

Farmington, NM  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: Investigating the Relationship Between Teachers' State Evaluation Rating and Their Classroom-based Assessment Practices and Systems  
Advisor: Laura Link

#### Sarah Ann Kallock

Larimore, ND  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: Using High-Impact Practices to Support Online Students in Two-Year and Four-Year Institutions  
Advisor: Jared Schlenker

#### Igor Ljevaja

Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
*Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: Targeting World Language Learning in the Target Language: A Qualitative Inquiry of the K-12 Foreign Language Teacher Experience  
Advisor: Julie Robinson

#### Briana Denise Miller

Mankato, MN  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: Developing Inclusive Practices through Peer Coaching in College Science Teaching  
Advisor: Julie Robinson

#### Lara Christine Storm

Los Osos, CA  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: Elementary Teacher Instructional Self-Efficacy in Leader in Me Lighthouse Schools  
Advisor: Laura Link

#### Andrea Rachele Volk

East Grand Forks,  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: Examining School Staff Perceptions in Supporting Students who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication Systems Before and After a Professional Development Opportunity  
Advisor: Shannon Grave

#### Melodie Williams

Walla Walla, WA  
*Educational Practice and Leadership*  
Dissertation: Barriers to Faculty Adoption of Assessment: A Case Study in Engineering  
Advisor: Deborah Worley

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Mandi-Leigh Maren Peterson

Hillsboro, ND  
*Educational Foundations & Research*  
Dissertation: Behavioral Health Workforce Modeling to Assist in Prioritizing Educational Pathways Programs in North Dakota  
Advisor: Robert Stupnisky

#### Maylynn Riding In

East Grand Forks, MN  
*Educational Foundations & Research*  
Dissertation: Risk Factor Patterns for Elder Abuse among United States Indigenous Peoples: Native Elder Maltreatment Survey Secondary Data Analysis  
Advisor: Virginia Clinton-Lisell

#### Shane Ervin Schellpfeffer

Grand Forks, ND  
*Educational Foundations & Research*  
Dissertation: An Analysis of Curricular Complexity Patterns in Undergraduate Mechanical Engineering Programs Using Federally Reported Data  
Advisor: Robert Stupnisky

## ENGINEERING & MINES

Brian Tande, Dean

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Mansurat Golden Abdulmalik Ali

Grand Forks, ND  
*Environmental Engineering*  
Dissertation: Spectrometric Detection of Microplastics in the Environment: A Novel Approach Using Hyperspectral Imaging System  
Advisor: Mahmut Ersan

#### Mulugeta Damtew Amare

Grand Forks, ND  
*Civil Engineering*  
Dissertation: Integrated Approaches for Assessing Four-Leg Signalized Intersection Safety: Statistical Modeling and Machine Learning Techniques  
Advisor: Daba Gedafa

#### Lauren Patrice Bram

Bridgeville, PA  
*Environmental Engineering*  
Dissertation: Evaluation of Socioeconomic Disparities from Coal Mining and Sustainable Remediation of Acid Mine Drainage Using Waste Carpet Tiles: A Geospatial and Life Cycle Assessment Approach  
Advisor: Bethany Klemetsrud

#### Samuel Ertl

Mankato, MN  
*Energy Engineering*  
Dissertation: Advisor Impacts on Student Learning in Undergraduate Engineering SAE Competition Projects  
Advisor: Frank Bowman

#### Nadhem Abdulhameed Ismail

Grand Forks, ND  
*Chemical Engineering*  
Dissertation: Rational Design of Engineered Soft Materials for Mineral Scale Control: Synthesis, Characterization, and Performance Evaluation  
Advisor: Ali Saleh Alshami

#### Aaron Robert Virgil Koenig

Rice, MN  
*Chemical Engineering*  
Dissertation: Methods and Process Designs for Improving the Operations and Economics of Energy Storage and Carbon Dioxide Capture Systems  
Advisor: Gautham Krishnamoorthy

#### Shane S. Namie

Pomeroy, WA  
*Geological Engineering*  
Dissertation: The Reservoir Geomechanics and Production Effects on Permafrost Stability During Polymer EOR  
Advisor: Dongmei Wang

#### Ruichong Ni

Grand Forks, ND  
*Petroleum Engineering*  
Dissertation: Petrophysical and Geomechanical Alterations During Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Submerge: Laboratory Testing on Samples from the Middle Bakken  
Advisor: Kegang Ling

# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: DOCTORAL DEGREES

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, *continued*

### Ademola Adebayo Owode

Winnipeg, MB

*Chemical Engineering*

Dissertation: The Role of Carbon Source and Redox Potential on Microbial C1 Gas Fermentation for Ethanol Production

Advisor: Ali Saleh Alshami

### Jerjes Washington Porlles Hurtado

Katy, TX

*Energy Engineering*

Dissertation: Hydraulic Fracturing and Reservoir Simulation Modeling of Enhanced Geothermal System Optimization for Economical Energy Production

Advisor: William Gosnold

### Mitchell Erik Olstad Sueker

Marshall, MN

*Biomedical Engineering*

Dissertation: Handheld Multimodal Point Spectroscopy, RGB Imaging, and Fusion Artificial Intelligence to Determine the Species and Freshness of Fish Fillets

Advisor: Hossein Kashani Zadeh

### Kemi Taiwo

Grand Forks, ND

*Energy Engineering*

Dissertation: Evaluation of Hydrogen Storage Potential in Depleted Hydrocarbon Formations: A Case Study of the Middle Bakken Member in the Antelope Field, Williston Basin, North Dakota

Advisor: Olusegun Stanley Tomomewo

### Jin Zhao

Grand Forks, ND

*Petroleum Engineering*

Dissertation: Investigation of Gas Injection EOR in Conventional and Unconventional Reservoirs Based on Laboratory Experiments and Field Pilot Tests

Advisor: Kegang Ling

### Wendie Ann Hasler

East Grand Forks,

*Biomedical Sciences*

Dissertation: Endolysosomal Mechanisms of SARS-COV-2 Spiked-Induced Inflammatory Response and Senescence in Human Astrocytes

Advisor: Xuesong Chen

### Lynn Marie Mad Plume

Browning, MT

*Indigenous Health*

Dissertation: Applied Indigenous Knowledge

Translation: Naatookyookaasii

Advisor: Nicole Redvers

### Neda Rezagholizadeh

Grand Forks, ND

*Biomedical Sciences*

Dissertation: The Role of Endolysosomes in HIV-1 Tat-induced Senescence-like Phenotype in Astrocytes

Advisor: Xuesong Chen

### Jacob Nelson Taylor

Thunder Bay, ON

*Indigenous Health*

Dissertation: Indigenous Innovation: Exploring Substance Use and Drone Applications in Indigenous Contexts Across Canada

Advisor: Shawnda Schroeder

MEDICINE &  
HEALTH SCIENCES  
Marjorie Jenkins, Dean

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### Mikhala Cooper-Robinson

Grand Forks, ND

*Biomedical Sciences*

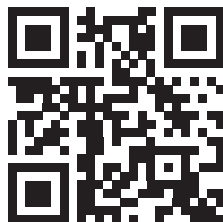
Dissertation: PARP1 Modulates GATA3-Mediated Gene Regulation in Breast Cancer

Advisor: Motoki Takaku

# UND LEADS

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# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: MASTER'S DEGREES

Chris Nelson, Dean

## AEROSPACE SCIENCES

Robert Kraus, Dean

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

**Eric Michael Buteau**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Aviation*

**Ning Li**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Earth System Science & Policy*

**Elliot Quinn Peltier**

Belcourt, ND  
*Earth System Science & Policy*

**Lynnlee Storm Rosolino**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Atmospheric Sciences*

**Kristin Shahady**

Arvada, CO  
*Space Studies*

**Virpaul Uppal**

Windsor Locks, CT  
*Space Studies*

**Claiborne Brooks Wooton**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Atmospheric Sciences*

**Michael Dean Wussow**

Hesperus, CO  
*Aviation*

**Michael Yeosock**

White Plains, NY  
*Space Studies*

## ARTS & SCIENCES

Brad Rundquist, Dean

### MASTER OF ARTS

**Nicholas Luis Chirichigno**

Palmetto, FL  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Mackenzie Conrad**

Anderson, IN  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Courtney Crowl**

Ocala, FL  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Allison Lane Dickerson**

Minot, ND  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Briana Haley Fell**

Spokane, WA  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Hailey M. George**

Blaine, MN  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Stena Larsen**

Lincoln, NE  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Jordan Christina Lauher**

Davidson, NC  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Julia Michelle Meadows**

Springfield, IL  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Brooke Michelle Meyer**

Fargo, ND  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Alicia K Mortimer**

St. Adolphe, MB  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Shannyn Emerald Osborn**

South Bruce Peninsula, ON  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Courtney Faith Reister**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Karly Nicole Schadt**

Osceola, WI  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Samantha Brooke Shoulders**

Dallas, TX  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Madisyn L'Shay Sloman**

Williamsville, IL  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Halle Louise Stichler**

Omaha, NE  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Emily Sue Thiel**

Chesaning, MI  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Marisol Villagran-Murillo**

Mesa, AZ  
*Forensic Psychology*

**Heather Weimer**

Woodbury, MN  
*Forensic Psychology*

### MASTER OF FINE ARTS

**Henry W Borysewicz**

Larimore, ND  
*Visual Arts*

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

**Solmaz Asadi**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Chemistry*

**Sarah Elizabeth Daman**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Biology*

**Brittany Mancha**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Psychology*

**Eugene Agbor Oga**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Chemistry*

**Amanda Nichole Schwartz**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Psychology*

**FNU Sumaiya**

Grand forks, ND  
*Mathematics*

**Sonia Tudjeu Chendjou**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Chemistry*

## BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Amy Henley, Dean

### MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

**Grace Alice Adelman**

Minnnetonka, MN  
*Accountancy*

**Lori Aleman**

Fargo, ND  
*Accountancy*

**Pedro Aleman**

Fargo, ND  
*Accountancy*

**Allison Bard**

Bismarck, ND  
*Accountancy*

**Mallory Taryn Bergthold**

Oslo, NO  
*Accountancy*

**Amelia Ann Blahut**

Maple Lake, MN  
*Accountancy*

**Derrick Allen Buck**

Queen Creek, AZ  
*Accountancy*

**Ashley Evans**

Mankato, MN  
*Accountancy*

**Emily Catherine Gonzalez**

Forney, TX  
*Accountancy*

**Teri Jean Hales**

Castle Rock, CO  
*Accountancy*

**Ashley T. Heide**

West Fargo, ND  
*Accountancy*

**Anna Ursula Masseth**

Mandan, ND  
*Accountancy*

**Benjamin McKinsey**

Lakewood, OH  
*Accountancy*

**Rajesh Nepal**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Accountancy*

**Emma Marie Oberg**

Grand Forks, ND  
*Accountancy*

**Cassandra Lee Ramey**

Elmira, OR  
*Accountancy*

**Tyler Rolfe**

Yorkville, IL  
*Accountancy*

**Justin Sadowski**

Franklin Park, NJ  
*Accountancy*

# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: MASTER'S DEGREES

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## MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY, *continued*

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**Grace Nite Siang**  
Indianapolis, IN  
*Accountancy*

**Amanda Steffes**  
Cleveland, TN  
*Accountancy*

**Connie Taracena**  
Sioux City, IA  
*Accountancy*

**Xi Tie**  
Christiansburg, VA  
*Accountancy*

**Megan Ashley Waleff**  
Harrisburg, PA  
*Accountancy*

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## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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**Luke Allan Fedukowski**  
East Grand Forks, MN  
*Business Administration*

**Mack Charles Goodrich**  
Elk River, MN  
*Business Administration*

**Becka Hanson**  
Rogers, MN  
*Business Administration*

**Jacob Douglas Lyon**  
Germantown, WI  
*Business Administration*

**Shiny Mathews**  
Fargo, ND  
*Business Administration*

**Kaia McCoy**  
Grand Forks, ND  
*Business Administration*

**Cody Steven Schuler**  
Grand Forks, ND  
*Business Administration*

**Taylor Mae Shaffer**  
Tecumseh, MI  
*Business Administration*

**Tyler Francis Sterner**  
Monticello, MN  
*Business Administration*

**Brady Christian Stevens**  
Highlands Ranch, CO  
*Business Administration*

**Andrea Velaris**  
Grand Forks, ND  
*Business Administration*

**Steven Ambrose Wesel**  
Grove City, OH  
*Business Administration*

**Steve Xanthoudakis**  
Albuquerque, NM  
*Business Administration*

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## MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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**Frank Escobedo**  
Fargo, ND  
*Public Administration*

**Megan K. Huffman**  
Fargo, ND  
*Public Administration*

**Deanna Rey Moen**  
Fargo, ND  
*Public Administration*

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED ECONOMICS

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**Charles Bom**  
Grand Forks, ND  
*Applied Economics & Predictive Analytics*

**Blanche Brinda Yougang**  
Grand Forks, ND  
*Applied Economics & Predictive Analytics*

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EDUCATION &  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
Shelbie Witte, Dean

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## MASTER OF ARTS

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**Julia N Barlow**  
Minot, ND  
*Counseling*

**Mandy Bucklin**  
Sisseton, SD  
*Counseling*

**Dodi Michelle Greeley**  
Paynesville, MN  
*Counseling*

**Amber Augusta Sorum**  
Oakes, ND  
*Counseling*

**Tricia Van Berkom**  
Fargo, ND  
*Counseling*

**Hannah Jane Wentland**  
Hibbing, MN  
*Counseling*

**Nikki Lynn Sandau Wolf**  
Hazen, ND  
*Counseling*

**Alyssa Zacharias**  
Glenwood, MN  
*Counseling*

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## MASTER OF EDUCATION

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**Chaya Mushka Aben-Athar**  
Brooklyn, NY  
*Special Education*

**Michelle Marie Andersen**  
Fargo, ND  
*Special Education*

**Sydney Augusta Dale**  
Fargo, ND  
*Special Education*

**Megan Christine Edwardson**  
Fargo, ND  
*Special Education*

**Alea Rose Eslinger**  
Fargo, ND  
*Special Education*

**Nicole Hunsicker**  
Fargo, ND  
*Special Education*

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Today, the University of North Dakota rests on the ancestral lands of the Pembina and Red Lake Bands of Ojibwe and the Dakota Oyate - presently existing as composite parts of the Red Lake, Turtle Mountain, White Earth Bands, and the Dakota Tribes of Minnesota and North Dakota.

We acknowledge the people who resided here for generations and recognize that the spirit of the Ojibwe and Oyate people permeates this land. As a university community, we will continue to build upon our relations with the First Nations of the State of North Dakota - the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Nation, Spirit Lake Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians.



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# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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## Nicole Poolman

Nicole Poolman grew up in Farmington, Minnesota, and graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in English and Secondary Education. She has spent the last 27 years in the classroom, teaching at Grand Forks Red River, Mandan, and Bismarck Century High Schools.

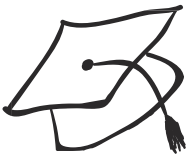
After many years of volunteering for political campaigns, in 2012 she became a candidate herself and was elected to the North Dakota State Senate representing North Bismarck, serving in that office for a decade.

Her work in the ND State Senate included sponsorship of bills to assist victims of domestic violence and human trafficking, increase government efficiency, provide major infrastructure to the West, and reduce personal and corporate income taxes.



She has also been a champion for children and public education with bills to provide safety grants to local school districts, help young people consolidate their student loans with the creation of the DEAL program, and provide early childhood education funding for at-risk children. She also worked to provide greater access to post-secondary educational programs for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Nicole retired from the senate in 2022.

She has served on many boards and commissions, and recently served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Anne Carlsen organization. She and her husband, Jim, are small business owners and have three adult children: Collin, Grace, and Nick.



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Honor Medallions are earned 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.

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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.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

The University has contracted the services of The Grad Team for all commencement ceremonies. The service will provide each graduate access to a photo taken when accepting congratulations on stage and a posed photo. Graduates will see their proofs via email a few days after the ceremony.

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# UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

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A UND faculty member, chosen from the ranks of the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors, carries the University flag and leads the commencement procession.

Honorary Faculty Flag Marshal  
9 A.M.

**Dr. Chih Ming Tan**  
Professor of Biomedical Sciences

Dr. Chih Ming Tan is a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor and the Page Endowed Chair in Applied Economics at the Department of Economics & Finance, Nistler College of Business & Public Administration (NCoBPA). He is the first Associate Dean for Research at NCoBPA and has been in that role since October 2019. From 2016 to 2022, he served as the director of the Master of Science in Applied Economics and Predictive Analytics (MSAEP) program.



Since joining UND in 2013, Tan has taught macroeconomics and econometrics courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Tan's research in applied econometrics examines income inequality and mobility, economic growth, and global health. Regarded as a seminal expert in his field, Tan was an early proponent of applying machine learning methods to uncovering endogenous social groupings in preferences for redistribution policies in the US, convergence clubs in economic growth across countries, and, more recently, poverty traps in mobility processes in the US. He was one of the first to investigate the impact of early exposure to famine on later life cognitive development in Sub-Saharan Africa (Ghana). He has since studied the long-run impact of early health shocks on later life cognitive and mental health outcomes in a variety of other settings (China, India, Indonesia, and Mexico).

Tan is a prolific scholar and had authored over 20 peer-reviewed journal articles during his time at UND. His work has appeared in both leading general interest journals and top field journals in the discipline of economics, including the *Annual Review of Economics*, *Economic Journal*, the *European Economic Review*, the *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, the *Journal of Population Economics*, the *Journal of Public Economics*, the *Journal of Health Economics*, *Econometric Theory*, the *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, the *Oxford Bulletin of Economics & Statistics*, and more. His citations from these and other journal publications number in the thousands.

Since 2018, Tan has served as associate editor for the *China Economic Review*. He is an affiliate scholar of the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Center for Research on Wealth Inequality and Mobility at the University of Chicago, a network member of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group at the University of Chicago, and a senior fellow of the Rimini Center for Economic Analysis in Italy.

Tan has been a principal investigator on several grants and received a Meritorious Research Award from the NCoBPA in 2016. Tan is a referee for numerous journals and has evaluated proposals for grant agencies including the National Science Foundation, the Economic and Social Research Council (UK), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada).

Honorary Faculty Flag Marshal  
1 P.M.

**Dr. Daphne Pedersen**  
Professor of Sociology

Dr. Daphne Pedersen joined the UND faculty in 2004 and was named Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in 2021. An engaged researcher and teacher, she received the UND Foundation/Bertin C. Gamble Award for Individual Excellence in Teaching in 2007 and the Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Research or Creative Activity, and Service in 2018. She served as President of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society, and was Co-Editor of *The Social Science Journal*. She currently serves on the editorial board of *Teaching Sociology*, the premier journal in her discipline devoted to teaching, and helps organize and lead an annual teaching and learning workshop for sociologists. Dr. Pedersen's research interests include the sociology of health, and how work and stress processes shape individual well-being.



A first-generation college student, Dr. Pedersen earned her undergraduate and doctoral degrees in Utah, and master's degree in Minnesota. She currently serves as Associate Dean in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Honorary Faculty Flag Marshal  
4 P.M.

**Dr. Sean Valentine**  
Professor of Entrepreneurship  
& Management

Dr. Sean Valentine is a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor, the Eugene Dahl Innovation & Character Endowed Chair, and Professor of Management and Chair of the Middleton School of Entrepreneurship & Management in the Nistler College of Business & Public Administration. He joined the UND faculty in 2008 and was named a UND Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in 2020. His research interests include business ethics, workplace misconduct, human resource management, and organizational behavior, and his work has appeared in journals such as *Human Resource Management*, *Human Relations*, *Journal of Business Ethics*, *Journal of Business Research*, *Business & Society*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, and *Behavioral Research in Accounting*.



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# UNIVERSITY STUDENT MARSHALS

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A tradition since the early years of the University of North Dakota, students serve as the honorary marshals and ushers for commencement exercises.

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Graham Kitchin

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Jalynn Bauer

Bryn Hanson

Michael Mickey

Andrew Seneker

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Faith Johannes

Trina Neugebauer

Lorraine Toumou

Trinity Blair

Sarah Kempel

Grant Odegard

Nicole Wu

Jonathan Blankenship

Isabelle Kimball

Samantha Peterson

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# THE MACE OF THE UNIVERSITY

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The ceremonial mace was first a practical weapon intended to protect the king and borne by the Sergeants-at-Arms, a royal bodyguard. The history of the civic mace begins about the middle of the 13th century. Since about the 15th century, universities have displayed a mace as a symbol of both internal authority and the independence of the scholarly tradition.

The mace of the University of North Dakota came into being at the direction of George W. Starcher, president from 1954 to 1971. In 1963 he approached Alvin Rudisill, chairman of the Industrial Arts Department, with the idea of creating a mace with materials from "Old Main," UND's first building. Condemned for decades for its severe structural deficiencies, Old Main was being demolished as administrative offices had moved to the newly completed Twamley Hall.

Rudisill turned to one of his students, Dennis Kulas, who was also pursuing a minor in art. Kulas crafted a mace in wood and then a second, when some thought the first might be too heavy for ceremonial use. The first one is the mace that has been carried at the front of all commencement ceremonies since.

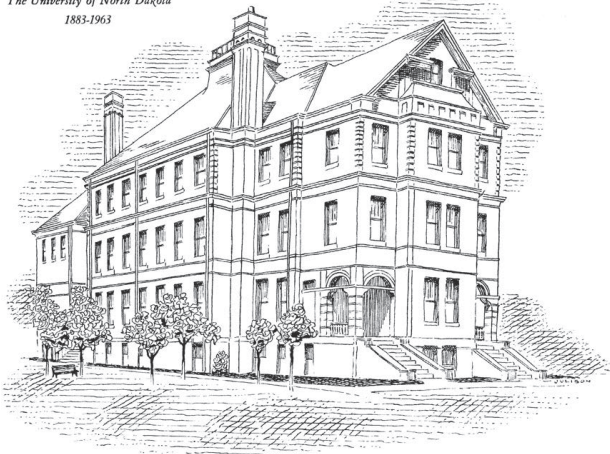
Kulas explained the artistic ideas he incorporated into his design:

"The theme used for making the mace was like a drop of water falling into a body of water, its effects sending out ripples throughout the water. Likewise, a little learning affects everyone by sending out knowledge to all four corners of the Earth, hence the design. The globe: symbolizing the Earth. The rings: symbolizing a drop of knowledge ever spreading throughout the Earth. The four spikes: emphasizing the four corners of the Earth."

The second mace used the same theme, but the globe was hollowed out to make it lighter by using recessed rings.



*"Old Main"*  
The University of North Dakota  
1883-1963



*"Old Main," 1958*



# CEREMONY FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 — 1 P.M. & 4 P.M.

### COLLEGE OF NURSING & PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINES

Maridee D. Shogren, Dean

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*Social Work*

**Chase Garber**  
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*Social Work*

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\* Denotes cum laude  
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\*\*\* Denotes summa cum laude  
*See description on page 12*

# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES

Marjorie Jenkins, Dean

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Brian Tande, Dean

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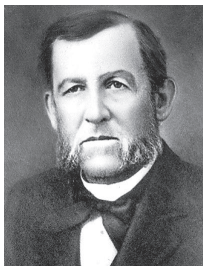


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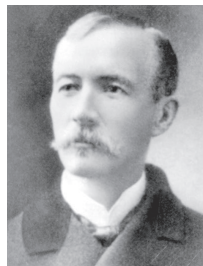
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- UND was founded in 1883 by the Dakota Territorial Assembly — six years before North Dakota became a state.
- The cornerstone for Old Main — UND's first building and where the Eternal Flame in the Old Main Memorial Plaza now stands — was laid in the fall of 1883.
- As part of its evolution into a full-fledged, multi-purpose University, UND added research and the instruction of graduate students (the first master's degree was awarded in 1895) before the end of the 19th century.
- Four faculty members met the 11 students who entered the University on opening day, September 8, 1884.
- Three U.S. Presidents have visited campus: Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan.
- The first class of eight students graduated on June 13, 1889.
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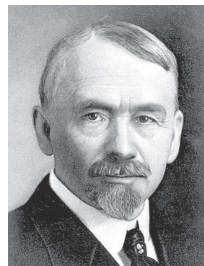
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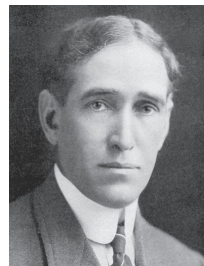
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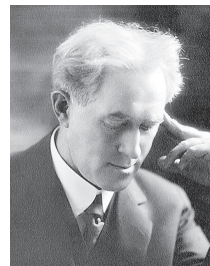
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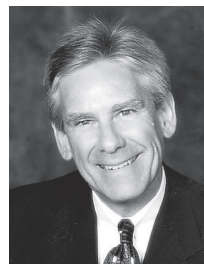
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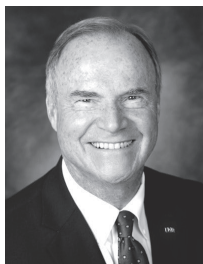
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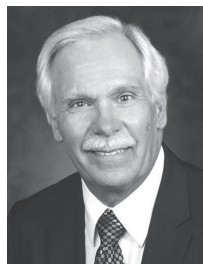
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# THE FIRST COMMENCEMENT

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*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



*The University of North Dakota graduated its first class on June 13, 1889. Seated: Frances M. Allen, B.A.; May Travis, B.A.; Genevieve Arnold, Normal Certificate; and Marie Teel, B.S. Standing: Irene Mares, Normal Certificate; Clinton S. DeGroat, B.S.; Cora Smith, B.S., and Ben E. Ingwaldson, B.S.*



*The Main Building and Ladies' Hall (later Davis Hall)*

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.



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