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AUGUST 8, 2025
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA



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THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

2025 SUMMER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PRESIDENT ANDREW P. ARMACOST, PRESIDING

2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

CHESTER FRITZ PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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| PRELUDE MUSIC | Roxanne Gessler, Pianist |
| PROCESSIONAL | "Pomp and Circumstance" — <i>Edward Elgar</i> Roxanne Gessler, Pianist <i>Please stand during the Processional</i> |
| "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" — <i>Samuel Ward</i> | Ella Henry, Soloist |
| GREETINGS FROM THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION | Curtis Biller |
| ALUMNI GREETING | Sarah Prout UND Alumni Association and Foundation |
| COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER | Ryan Zerr (page 11) |
| CONFERRING OF ACADEMIC DEGREES | President Andrew P. Armacost Darrin Looker, Proctor (page 3) |
| "ALMA MATER" — <i>Franz Joseph Haydn</i> | Ella Henry |
| RECESSIONAL | Roxanne Gessler |

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.

ACADEMIC PAGEANTRY

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.

ACADEMIC DRESS

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.

CEREMONIAL OBJECTS

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.

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

CEREMONY FOR DOCTORAL & MASTER'S DEGREES FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 — 2 P.M.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: DOCTORAL DEGREES Soojung Kim, Dean

AEROSPACE SCIENCES Robert Kraus, Dean

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Orly Naum

Camden, NC

Aerospace Sciences

Dissertation: Military Recruitment and Retention:
A Policy and Practice Analysis

Advisor: Shane Daku

Okhumode Hector Yakubu

Grand Forks, ND

Earth System Science & Policy

Dissertation: Public Perceptions of Fracking and
Anti-Fracking Activism: A Theory of Planned
Behavior Approach and Its Implications for
Environmental Policy.

Advisor: Rebecca Romsdahl

ARTS & SCIENCES Brad Rundquist, Dean

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Kayla Elizabeth Davis

Knoxville, TN

Communication

Dissertation: Congolese Refugee Narratives of
Belonging, Grief, and Cultural Continuity in
Appalachia

Advisor: Douglas Munski

Hannah Nicole Doctor

Cincinnati, OH

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: Religion-Justified Childhood
Maltreatment, Maladjustment, and Child
Abuse Potential

Advisor: Alan King

Desiree Taylor Giesen

Horace, ND

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: ADHD Research and Practice: An
Evaluation of Psychologists' Utilizations of ADHD
Assessments in Practice

Advisor: John-Paul Legerski

Michael Jowkar

Grand Forks, ND

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: The Ability of the Millon Pre-Adolescent
Clinical Inventory (M-PACI) to Distinguish between
ADHD and Non-ADHD Clinical Groups

Advisor: Joseph Miller

Kaitlyn Kidder

Fargo, ND

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: Perceptions of Emotional Abuse as a
Partial Function of the Abuser-Victim Gender Dyad

Advisor: Alan King

Sara Katherine Kuhn-Watson

Fitchburg, WI

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: An Intersectional Exploration and
Analogue Investigation of Transgender and Gender
Diverse Bi+ Women's Preferences for Sexual Violence
Vulnerability Reduction Interventions

Advisor: Alan King

Talon John Stammen

Grand Forks, ND

Biology

Dissertation: Ecological Dynamics in Beaver-
Engineered Boreal Wetlands: Amphibian Phenology,
Occupancy, and Aquatic Macroinvertebrate
Communities

Advisor: Robert Newman

Lauren Stornelli

Grand Forks, ND

Psychology

Dissertation: Walk This Way: Effects of Eyewitness
Identification Factors and the Featural Justification
Effect on Mock-Juror Decision-Making

Advisor: Andre Kehn

Leslie Diane Unger

Payson, UT

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: Mindfulness and Modification Therapy
(MMT) Group Feasibility and Acceptability Among
Prison Residents with Dysregulated Behaviors

Advisor: John-Paul Legerski

EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Shelbie Witte, Dean

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Justin Craig Alexander

Deltona, FL

Educational Practice & Leadership

Dissertation: STEM Professors' Motivation To Engage
In a College Teaching Certificate

Advisor: Grace Keengwe

Robyn Lynn Bancroft

Grand Forks, ND

Educational Practice & Leadership

Dissertation: Exploring the Experiences of First-Year
Pre-Nursing Students' Sense of Belonging in a Living
Learning Community and First-Year Seminar

Advisor: Radomir Mitic

Rohana Tissa De Silva

Pearl City, HI

Educational Practice & Leadership

Dissertation: Exploring Refugee Students'
Experiences in Midwest Higher Education
Environments: Culturally Responsive Practices
for Educators

Advisor: Bonni Gourneau

Katherine Autumn Klimchuck

Winterville, NC

Educational Practice & Leadership

Dissertation: Exploring Student-Athlete Perceptions
on NIL Opportunities in the Cannabinoid Industry

Advisor: Sandra Moritz

Laura Margaret Look

Grand Forks, ND

Educational Practice & Leadership

Dissertation: Doctoral Student Mentoring: A
Quantitative Analysis of Faculty and Student
Perceptions and Expectations

Advisor: Zarrina Azizova

Linnea Rose Nelson

Mayville, ND

Educational Practice & Leadership

Dissertation: Student Participation in Informal
Resolution: Examination of Impact Factors on
Recidivism and Student Perceptions of Institutional
Care and Fairness

Advisor: Zarrina Azizova

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: DOCTORAL DEGREES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION, *continued*

Darin Murry Scherr

Bismarck, ND

Educational Practice & Leadership

Dissertation: From Theory to Practice: Addressing the Operational Challenges of School Principles

Advisor: Jared Schlenker

Emily Stephens

Minot, ND

Educational Practice & Leadership

Dissertation: Speech Language Pathology Graduate Programs: What Influences Students to Apply?

Advisor: Radomir Mitic

Maryse Danielle Wilson

Washougal, WA

Educational Practice & Leadership

Dissertation: Targeted Coaching in the Detroit Promise Path: A Thematic Network Analysis of Current Challenges and Opportunities for Student Success

Advisor: Zarrina Azizova

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Brenda Diane Barragan

Grand Forks, ND

Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: Mental Health Stigma Among Latiné Adolescents: Help-Seeking Intentions and Recommendations

Advisor: Rachel Navarro

Dana Juel Conzemius-Schindler

Washington, DC

Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: An Exploratory Investigation of the Impact of Psychological Intimate Partner Violence On College Women: A Qualitative Study

Advisor: Kara Wettersten

Allyse Lenore Dunnigan

Grand Forks, ND

Teaching & Learning

Dissertation: Practices Of North Dakota Vocal Music Educators With Exemplary Implementations Of Culturally Responsive Education

Advisor: Gail Ingwalson

Nesreen M Jaber

Granite City, IL

Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: Visible, Invisible: (Levantine) Arab American Men on Mental Health

Advisor: Rachel Navarro

Shannon Jo Jongeward

Grand Forks, ND

Educational Foundations & Research

Dissertation: Assessment of Medical Laboratory Science Student Motivation and Perceived Transfer of Knowledge Towards Information Literacy

Advisor: Robert Stupnisky

Saah Jackson Delu Kpakar

Coon Rapids, MN

Education, Health, & Behavioral Studies

Dissertation: A Phenomenological Study of the Motivations, Persistence, and Challenges of African Immigrant Adult Learners in Community Colleges in Minnesota

Advisor: Zarrina Azizova

Christine Marie Litzinger

Grand Forks, ND

Educational Foundations & Research

Dissertation: Examining a Year One SoR Implementation: A Mixed-Method Study of Teacher Experiences and Student Literacy Scores

Advisor: Virginia Clinton-Lisell

Muhammad Salahuddin

Grand Forks, ND

Educational Foundations & Research

Dissertation: Which University Faculty are Successful Researchers? Developing and Testing Measures of Research Competence to Predict Faculty Research Motivation and Success

Advisor: Robert Stupnisky

ENGINEERING & MINES

Ryan Adams, Dean

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Isaac Ansah

York, PA

Energy Engineering

Dissertation: Concept Application of Active Magnetic Bearing Technology for Offshore Horizontal Axis Wind Turbines

Advisor: Olusegun Stanley Tomomewo

Robert Cole Chance

Shakopee, MN

Geology

Dissertation: Hillslope Degradation: Coarse Sands May Move Faster but Fines Dominate Flux

Advisor: Taufique Mahmood

Mohamed M. AlaaEldin Ahmed Soliman ElFaham

Grand Forks, ND

Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: Predictive Modeling for Multiphase Flow Boiling Heat Transfer by Integrating Computational Fluid Dynamics and Machine Learning Approaches

Advisor: Clement Tang

Nasim Gholizadeh

Umland, TX

Chemical Engineering

Dissertation: Computational Prediction of Hemolysis in Laminar Non-Newtonian Fluid

Advisor: Gautham Krishnamoorthy

Faezeh Jafari

Grand Forks, ND

Civil Engineering

Dissertation: AI-Enhanced Nondestructive Testing for Defect Evaluation and Performance Monitoring in Infrastructure Systems

Advisor: Sattar Dorafshan

Sean Quentin Snclair Jainarine

Boyertown, PA

Energy Engineering

Dissertation: Energy Systems Optimization Techniques in the Oil and Gas Industry with Special Attention on Oil Field Reciprocating Compressors

Advisor: Olusegun Stanley Tomomewo

Lalan Jee Mishra

Escondido, CA

Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: Investigation of Wireless Communication Sub-Optimizing Factors and AI-Based Optimization for BER Reduction

Advisor: Naima Kaabouch

Junior Nguieuh Domkam Nasah

Grand Forks, ND

Chemical Engineering

Dissertation: Chemical Looping as an Enabling Technology for Low-Carbon Energy Production

Advisor: Michael Mann

Godswill Ngige

Forney, TX

Chemical Engineering

Dissertation: Synthesis and Characterization of Silicon-Containing Ternary Transition Metal Borides for High Performance Applications

Advisor: Surojit Gupta

Musabbir Jahan Talukder

Grand Forks, ND

Chemical Engineering

Dissertation: Advancing Novel Membrane Fabrication: Overcoming Critical Bottlenecks for Next-Generation Applications

Advisor: Ali Saleh Alshami

Alexander Thorne

Britt, MN

Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: Synthesis and Characterization of Additive Manufactured Functional Composites for Biomedical Applications

Advisor: Surojit Gupta

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: DOCTORAL DEGREES

MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES

Marjorie R. Jenkins, Dean

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Andria Blanche Begay

Flagstaff, AZ

Indigenous Health

Dissertation: Strengthening the Health and Well-Being of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders

Advisor: Collette Adamsen

Charisse Holiday

Chandler, AZ

Indigenous Health

Dissertation: Measuring the Clinical Effectiveness of Telenutrition Medical Nutrition Therapy among American Indian and Alaska Native Adults Newly Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes

Advisor: Shawnda Schroeder

Darcy Stephen Merchant

Billings, MT

Indigenous Health

Dissertation: Strengthening Traffic Safety Laws on the Crow Indian Reservation

Advisor: Melanie Nadeau

Darius Nii Kwanum Quansah

Grand Forks, ND

Biomedical Sciences

Dissertation: The Roles of Readily Releasable Stores of Endolysosome Iron in the Pathogenesis and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease

Advisor: Jonathan Geiger

Cameron Ray Smith

Whiteriver, AZ

Indigenous Health

Dissertation: Mixed Method Case Study of the Silver Program: Nohwi báyáni bidádadil'ii - Watching Over Our Elder

Advisor: Shawnda Schroeder

Tara Lynn Christiansen Stiller

Anchorage, AK

Indigenous Health

Dissertation: Exploring the Concepts of Rematriation and the Sugpiaq/Alutiiq People's Traditional Values and Ways of Being to Address Historical Trauma: A Qualitative Study

Advisor: Andrew Williams

Kalisi D. Uluave

Grand Forks, ND

Indigenous Health

Posthumous Degree

Advisor: Brynne Luger

Jennifer Pensoneau Wolf

Aurora, CO

Indigenous Health

Dissertation: Zaasijiwan: An Indigenized Health Communication Framework for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

Advisor: Shawnda Schroeder

NURSING & PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINES

Maridee D. Shogren, Dean

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Michelle Vanessa Ahmeti

West Fargo, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Madison Baumler

Chaffee, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Racheal J Biffert

West Fargo, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Haley Bruggeman

Harrisburg, SD

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Casey Clair Caylor

Carrington, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Joshua Scott Cochran

Bemidji, MN

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Shania Elder

Bismarck, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Matthew John Eriksson

Bemidji, MN

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Jarren Keily Fallgatter

Driscoll, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Justin Robert Hashbarger

Fargo, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Nicholas John Houge

Horace, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Tyler Jorgenson

Fargo, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Abigail Laura Kramer

West Fargo, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Eryn Lisa Leier

Grand Forks, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Baylie Janae Nagel

Velva, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Jade R Podell

Grand Forks, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Kevin Aaron Robin

Duluth, MN

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Kyla Rae Snyder

Minot, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Aaron Scott St. Aubin

Fargo, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Lavonne Rae Tavernit

Ramsey, MN

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

Rachel Lee Walsh

Bismarck, ND

Nursing Practice

Advisor: James Sperle

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: MASTER'S DEGREES

Soojung Kim, Dean

AEROSPACE SCIENCES

Robert Kraus, Dean

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Christopher Ryan Birkinbine

Rosamond, CA
Space Studies

Patrick Andrew Britt

Grand Forks, ND
Atmospheric Sciences

Michael James Hickey

Barneget, NJ
Aviation

Levi David Newell

Rio Hondo, TX
Atmospheric Sciences

Ashley Joan Nimmo

Linda, CA
Space Studies

ARTS & SCIENCES

Brad Rundquist, Dean

MASTER OF ARTS

Rodger W Belyea

Grand Forks, ND
English

Carly Ann Brummett

Midland, VA
Forensic Psychology

Hailey Jean DelCastillo

Ham Lake, MN
Forensic Psychology

Annastecia Amaka Ebisike

Grand Forks, ND
English

Ayanda Avela Gasela

Grand Forks, ND
English

Jenny Galen Goldstein

Chicago, IL
Forensic Psychology

Nikki Natasha Carley Gunnarson

San Carlos, CA
Forensic Psychology

Alisa Lynn Jordheim

Sandpoint, ID
Forensic Psychology

Jaylyn Monique Reichow

Grand Forks, ND
Forensic Psychology

Amanda Grace Renn

Minneapolis, MN
Forensic Psychology

Hailey Faith Thorlakson

Grand Forks, ND
Communication

Erinn M. Tobin

St. Paul, MN
Forensic Psychology

MASTER OF MUSIC

Kristina Eelkema Hylton

Reynolds, ND
Music

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Ethan Steven Baker

Omaha, NE
Biology

Tyler Bennett

Lexington, NE
Biology

Herbert Nseh Che Mughe

Grand Forks, ND
Chemistry

Skyla GloriaLavonne Dalbec

Grand Forks, ND
Speech-Language Pathology

Jaxon Duane Erie

Grand Forks, ND
Psychology

Sophie Kjersem Johnson

Grand Forks, ND
Psychology

Prince Frederick Kwao

Grand Forks, ND
Chemistry

Chiranthi Kaushalya Mahadurage

Grand Forks, ND
Chemistry

Riswat Folashade Musbau

Grand Forks, ND
Chemistry

Jude Ambe Musongong

Grand Forks, ND
Chemistry

Amrit Regmi

Grand Forks, ND
Chemistry

Jasper Allen Schmidtwood

Moorhead, MN
Forensic Psychology

Yujie Xue

Grand Forks, ND
Chemistry

BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Patrick O'Neill, Dean

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Heidi Lynn Donovan

Portland, OR
Accountancy

Nicolas Gutierrez

Miami, FL
Accountancy

Alison Nicole Kindem

Clearbrook, MN
Accountancy

Rebecca Sanders

Fargo, ND
Accountancy

Krystal Paige Stober

Minot, ND
Accountancy

Devyn Rouillard Terry

Bloomington, MN
Accountancy

Jenny Thomas

Blackfoot, ID
Accountancy

Darren Wilke

Bismarck, ND
Accountancy

Jie Zhang

West Fargo, ND
Accountancy

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Brandon Myhre

Blaine, MN
Business Administration

EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Shelbie Witte, Dean

MASTER OF ARTS

Lindsay Lee Bjorkquist

Owatonna, MN
Counseling

Jordan N. Harstad

Williston, ND
Counseling

Brittany Rae Lavallie

Grand Forks, ND
Counseling

Annika O'Byrnes

Circle Pines, MN
Counseling

Tanan Lee Woods

Sioux Falls, SD
Counseling

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Montgomery Brown

Grand Forks, ND
Elementary Education

Mariana Marie Hanson

West Fargo, ND
Special Education

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: MASTER'S DEGREES

MASTER OF EDUCATION, *continued*

Abby Lynn Huotari
Casselton, ND
Special Education

Samantha L Johnson
Grand Forks, ND
Special Education

Mindi McKechnie
Bismarck, ND
Special Education

Carie Anne Nygaard
Hunter, ND
Special Education

Molly Nygord
Grand Forks, ND
Special Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Bailey MacPherson Andrews
Lino Lakes, MN
Teaching & Leadership

Melissa Armbrust
Eagan, MN
Special Education

Amber Dawn Basting
Grand Forks, ND
Teaching & Leadership

Evelyn Boss
St. Paul, MN
Higher Education

Halli Jean Curzio
Bismarck, ND
Special Education

Karen Dockendorf
 Fargo, ND
Special Education

Kelli Ensign
Bowman, ND
Teaching & Leadership

Amanda Lynne Fuller
Grand Forks, ND
Teaching & Leadership

Sarah Ann Gratton
Larimore, ND
Higher Education

Brooke Kelly Gruidl
Minneapolis, MN
Reading Education

Teela Hamilton
East Orange, NJ
Special Education

Vanessa Lynn Holen
Halliday, ND
Special Education

Mohammad Johurul Islam
Grand Forks, ND
Instructional Design & Technology

Andrea Kay Johnson
Grand Forks, ND
Educational Studies

Steve Justice
Jamestown, ND
Special Education

Anna Mae Kennedy
Bismarck, ND
Special Education

Ashley Marie Kophamer
Las Vegas, NV
Kinesiology

Justine Masloski
Pembina, ND
Teaching & Leadership

Erin Meyers
Burnsville, MN
Reading Education

Naomi Miranowski
Wahpeton, ND
Higher Education

Lisbet Moreno Perez
Orlando, FL
Special Education

David Eric Muhonen
Grafton, ND
Teaching & Leadership

Sonja Marte Olson
 Fargo, ND
Special Education

McKenzie Preston
Buffalo, ND
Special Education

Melinda Ann Rice
Persia, IA
Special Education

Heather Robideaux
Grafton, ND
Teaching & Leadership

Arianna Rodriguez Ricardo
Sanford, FL
Special Education

Brittany Gretchen Roy
Huntington Beach, CA
Special Education

Emily Grace Schaefer
Langdon, ND
Teaching & Leadership

Brittany Stapley
Olympia, WA
Reading Education

Brittany Such
Grafton, ND
Teaching & Leadership

Gracie R. Tjernlund
Kulm, ND
Special Education

Ivie Marie Turner
Emerado, ND
Early Childhood Education

Ashley Ann Vinje
Grand Forks, ND
Teaching & Leadership

Terrance Wallette
Belcourt, ND
Kinesiology

Harold Philip Weber
Crookston, MN
Special Education

ENGINEERING & MINES

Ryan Adams, Dean

MASTER OF ENGINEERING

Ibukun Joel Ojo
Grand Forks, ND
Petroleum Engineering

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Yasser Samir Ahmed
Grand Forks, ND
Biomedical Engineering

Fred Amponsah Antwi
Grand Forks, ND
Geological Engineering

Sayed Asaduzzaman
Grand Forks, ND
Biomedical Engineering

Aziza Aubin
Eastbourne, E.
Data Science

Jimmy Geno Brunson
Bismarck, ND
Cyber Security

Ashly Dawn Hall
Grand Forks, ND
Geological Engineering

Cheyenne Phoenix Harrison
Blaine, MN
Mechanical Engineering

Ashkan Hosseini
Worcester, MA
Electrical Engineering

Matthew Malusky
Moorhead, MN
Mechanical Engineering

Tihitna Gezahegn Mulugeta
Grand Forks, ND
Civil Engineering

Ayon Saha
Grand Forks, ND
Geology

Ifiok Ekanem Udodiok
Grand Forks, ND
Computer Science

MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES

Marjorie R. Jenkins, Dean

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Kylie Kate Schroeder
Wayzata, MN
Public Health

Jaclyn Cheyenne Tiffany
Maple Grove, MN
Public Health

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Colby Newman
Claremore, OK
Medical Laboratory Science

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: MASTER'S DEGREES

NURSING & PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINES

Maridee D. Shogren, Dean

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Jennifer Ackerson

Horace, ND
Nursing

Jessica Lynn Adam

Grand Forks, ND
Nursing

Chris Kathlene Alderton

Marquette, MI
Nursing

Abigail Andersen

Oakes, ND
Nursing

Courtney Irene Arsaga

Rapid City, SD
Nursing

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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.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Ryan Zerr

Ryan Zerr is a professor in the Department of Mathematics & Statistics at the University of North Dakota, where he also serves as department chair.

He began his career at UND in 2003 after earning a Ph.D. in mathematics from Iowa State University and has had the honor of serving in several capacities across campus, including his current role as associate vice president for Strategy & Implementation.

As associate vice president, appointed by UND President Andrew Armacost, Zerr serves as the chief administrator charged with implementing, tracking and reporting the University's progress in its UND LEADS Strategic Plan.



Zerr teaches a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses with research interests such as mathematical and functional analysis, dynamical systems and data science/machine learning.

He is also a two-time UND graduate, earning a B.S. in Meteorological Studies and an M.S. in Mathematics in 1996 and 1998.

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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

Rachel L. Navarro

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Rachel L. Navarro, Ph.D., is a professor of Counseling Psychology in the College of Education & Human Development at the University of North Dakota. She has been a member of the faculty since 2010.

Prior to UND, Navarro held faculty positions at Teachers College, Columbia University and New Mexico State University. At UND, she has served as the training director of the American Psychological Association-accredited Counseling Psychology Ph.D. program, department chair, and associate dean of Research & Faculty Development.

Nationally, Navarro served as a Training Advisory Committee Member for the APA's Minority Fellowship Program; the President of the Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs; the Vice President of Scientific Affairs for APA's Society of Counseling Psychology; and the Early Career Psychologist Representative for the National Latinx Psychological Association.



She currently serves as editor for the Journal of Career Development and as principal investigator and co-principal investigator for grants funded by the National Science Foundation, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the United States Department of Agriculture.

As a professor and researcher, she is committed to broadening the participation of underrepresented groups in science, technical, engineering and mathematics fields. As a licensed psychologist, she is dedicated to training healthcare providers and other allied health professionals in the provision of culturally sensitive and empirically supported practices as one strategy for reducing health disparities.

Navarro earned a B.A. in psychology and women's studies at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, an M.S. in counseling at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

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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.

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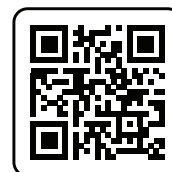


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THE MACE OF THE UNIVERSITY

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.

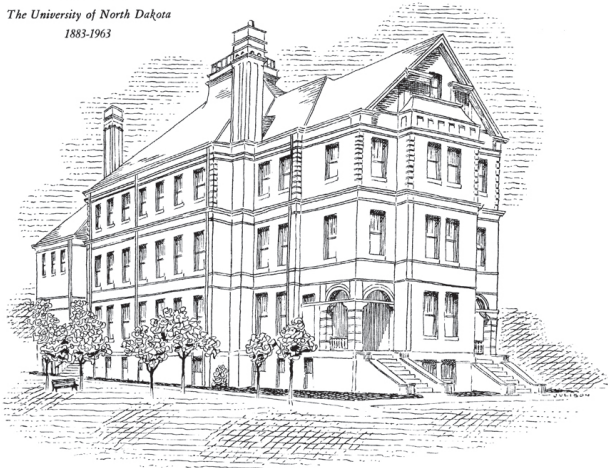
Kulas explained the artistic ideas he incorporated into his design:

"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"
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1883-1963



"Old Main," 1958

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Merie Kirby, Honors Program Director

The following students have fulfilled the objectives of the University of North Dakota's Honors Program, a program designed to broaden and enrich the undergraduate curriculum. A substantial segment of their University training has been pursued in Honors courses, tutorials, and colloquia, and they have engaged in independent research.

Nathaniel Lee Dietz
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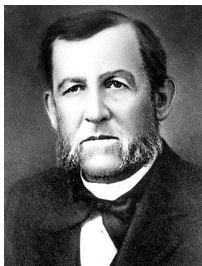


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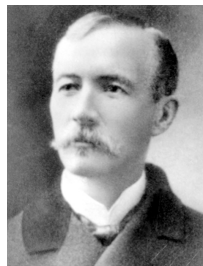
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- UND was founded in 1883 by the Dakota Territorial Assembly — six years before North Dakota became a state.
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- As part of its evolution into a full-fledged, multi-purpose University, UND added research 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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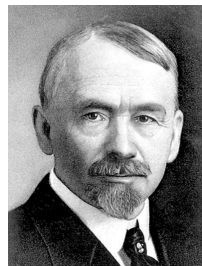
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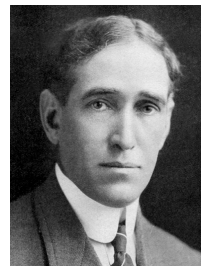
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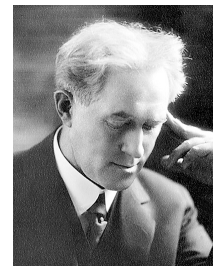
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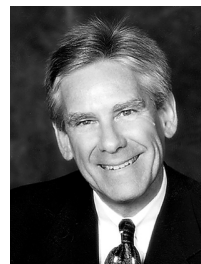
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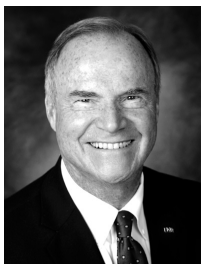
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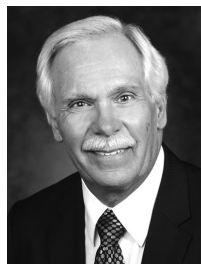
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THE FIRST COMMENCEMENT

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.

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.



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

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