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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM CLASS OF 2001

Program of Mortuary Science
Academic Health Center



5:00 P.M.
Friday, May 11, 2001
Theatre
St. Paul Student Center
St. Paul Campus

**CANDIDATES FOR THE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
Major: Mortuary Science**

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Lester Prairie, MN

*With Distinction

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Order of Events

Piano.....Timothy Short

Processional

WelcomeJohn M. Kroshus, Ph.D.
*Assistant Professor and Director
Program of Mortuary Science*

Charge to the Class of 2001.....James H. Bradshaw
*Funeral Director
St. Paul, MN*

Speaking for the Class of 2001Carleen E. Helgeson
John F. A. Zdrazil

Speaking for the FacultySteven P. Tibbetts
Teaching Specialist

Speaking for the Medical SchoolCharles F. Moldow, M.D.
*Senior Associate Dean for Research
Medical School*

Presentation of the Class of 2001
and Conferring of the Degrees.....Honorable Warren C. Larson
Assistant Professor Michael C. Mathews
Assistant Professor John Kroshus
Senior Associate Dean Charles Moldow

Presentation of Awards

Minnesota Funeral Directors Association Award of Merit

J. M. Nolte Scholar Award

Special Presentations

Recessional

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Faculty and Participants

Our Commencement Speaker

James H. Bradshaw, a 1964 graduate of the University of Minnesota Program of Mortuary Science, is founder, owner and president of the Bradshaw Group, Inc., a funeral and cremation firm with six locations in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Stillwater, MN. This organization, with a staff of fifty persons, providing funeral, cremation, aftercare and preplanning services to over 1,300 individuals and families each year, is committed to "Creating Meaningful Events That Celebrate Life." Jim's personal commitment, which he brings to life through his business's mission and culture, is to:

- Treat human beings with dignity, in death as in life;
- Create an opportunity for others to acknowledge the value of a life that was lived;
- Bring healing to the living as they experience a loss of life.

Jim's current community involvements include: University of Minnesota Department of Ophthalmology Foundation Board; St. Croix Area Community Foundation Board; Gillette Hospital Board; Lakeview Hospital Board; St. Paul Area Council of Churches Foundation Board; Chairman of the Board for the Indianhead Council of Boy Scouts; Chair of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation; and Permanent Fund Chair for Rotary International. Jim has been honored as the U of M's Mortuary Science Alumnus of the Year in 1994; listed in Who's Who in Executive Professionals, 1997-98; named the St. Croix Area United Way Executive of the Year in 1997; and received the Stillwater Area Chamber of Commerce and Lake Elmo Jaycees Karl Neumeier Award in 1999, and the Spurgeon Award for Boy Scouts of America in 2000. He is a Past District Governor for Rotary International, and Past President of the Vision Foundation for the U of M Department of Ophthalmology, the Minnesota Funeral Directors Association, and Preferred Funeral Directors International.

Jim sees the new millennium as an opportunity for providers for the living and the dead, in collaborate with health care and other caring professions, to create meaningful care for the dead and healing for the living, as we are all a part of the "circle of life."

Jim is a resident of Stillwater, MN; is married to Jayne; has four children — Rebecca, Troy, Jason and Justin, and two grandchildren — Adam and Tyler.

Note of Special Information

A reception for all in attendance will be held in the Terrace, which is located on the first floor of this building, directly above the Theatre, immediately following the ceremony.

Faculty

John M. Kroshus, Ph.D., M.Ed., B.S.
Michael P. LuBrant, M.A., B.A., A.A.S.
Michael C. Mathews, M.A., B.S., A.M.S.
Steven P. Tibbetts, M.A., B.S., B.A., C.P.D.E.

Program Secretary

Kathleen S. Nolan

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