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**University of Minnesota
School of Public Health
Commencement Ceremony**

**June 12, 1998
7:30 p.m.**

**Northstar Ballroom
St. Paul Student Center**

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Processional

Performed by Les Block, DDS, Associate Professor,
Public Health Administration

Welcoming Remarks

Maryanne Maliwat, Student Senate President

Speaking for the Academic Health Center

Roby Thompson, Jr., MD, Exec. Vice President

Speaking for the School of Public Health

Edith Leyasmeyer, PhD, MPH, Dean

Award Presentations

Presentation of the Minnesota Public Health
Association Student Achievement Award by Mary
Sheehan, MPH, President of MPHA, presenting to
Melissa Bachman

Presentation of the Jacob E. Bearman Student
Achievement Award by Thomas Louis, PhD,
Division Head, Biostatistics, presenting to Hong Xia

Presentation of the Lester Breslow Scholar Award
by Russell Luepker, MD, Division Head,
Epidemiology, presenting to Paula Bowman and
Linda Halcón

Presentation of the Robert ten Bensel Award in Maternal and Child Health by Joän Patterson, PhD, Major Chair, Maternal and Child Health, presenting to Melissa Bachman

Presentation of the Betty J. Hallstrom Memorial Award by Joän Patterson, PhD, Major Chair, Maternal and Child Health, presenting to Mary Mach Long and Jennifer Stanley

Presentation of the Harold R. Shipman Award by Donald Vesley, PhD, Major Chair, Environmental Health, presenting to Karen Goodell

Presentation of the Herbert Bosch Award by Donald Vesley, PhD, Major Chair, Environmental Health, presenting to Nicholas Hill

Presentation of the Ruth Stief Chair Award by Judith Brown, PhD, MPH, RD, Major Chair, Public Health Nutrition, presenting to Kathryn Dieperink

Presentation of the Community Service Award in Public Health Administration by Robert Veninga, PhD, Professor, Public Health Administration, presenting to Gay Lynn Richards

Presentation of the Barbara Ann Walton Spradley Leadership Award presented by Robert Veninga, PhD, Professor, Public Health Administration, presenting to Kimberley Pearson

Presentation of Delta Omega Society Memberships by
Donald Vesley, PhD, Secretary-Treasurer, Pi Chapter,
Delta Omega, presenting to

Juli Hermanson
Jeanne Lincoln
Franci Livingston
Sherief Mikhail
Andrew Mugglin
Wendie Nelson
Mona Shah
Alison Smith
Maureen Smith
Dzung Thai
Rebecca Wright

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Edith Leyasmeyer, PhD, MPH, Dean

Commencement Address

“Why Public Health Needs Bioethics”

Jeffrey P. Kahn, PhD, MPH, Director of Center for
Bioethics, University of Minnesota

Presentation of the Candidates for Degrees

Edith Leyasmeyer, PhD, MPH, Dean

James Boen, PhD, Associate Dean for Academic
Affairs

Health Professions Covenant

Maryanne Maliwat, Student Senate President

Conferring of Degrees

The Honorable Maureen Reed, Regent
University of Minnesota

Concluding Remarks

Maryanne Maliwat, Student Senate President

Commencement Reception

All graduates and their guests are invited to the reception immediately following the ceremony on the first floor of the St. Paul Student Center.

A special thank you to the School of Public Health Student Senate for their partial funding of the commencement reception

School of Public Health University of Minnesota

Students who have or will have completed requirements for MPH, MS or PhD degrees in the School of Public Health in 1997-98 are as follows:

Biostatistics

Li-Ling Chang, MS
Dennis Eaton, MS
Cong Han, MS
Zhen Huang, MS
Brian Johnson, MPH
Jennifer Kohn, MS
Lin Liu, MS
Yong Ma, MS
Tom Pederson, MS
Melissa Skeans, MS
Aijun Song, MS
Susan Telke, MS
Zengri Wang, MS
Guang Yang, MS
Yan Zheng, MS
Li Zhu, MS

Hong Xia, PhD

Community Health Education

Mary Arlandson, MPH
Sheri Baker, MPH
Leslie Hale, MPH
Deborah Hill, MPH
Kimberly Kelker, MPH
Jennifer Kenney, MPH
Janet Lewis, MPH
Sean Londergan, MPH
Yer Moua, MPH

Linh Nguyen, MPH
Erin Rysavy, MPH
Annamay Snyder, MPH
Kathy Stolle-McAllister,
MPH
Penny Thompson, MPH
Emily Wang, MPH

Environmental Health

Jeffrey Adams, MPH
Peter Badroos, MPH
Milton Bellin, MPH
Elizabeth Black, MS
Timothy Blodgett, MS
Sarah Brewer, MS
David Downey, MPH
Siobhan Dugan, MPH
Mary Findorff-Dennis,
MPH
Sara Fitch, MS
Gabriel Garlets, MPH
Karen Goodell, MS
Jesse Goodman, MPH
Gail Gregor, MPH
Leslie Henckel, MPH
Nicholas Hill, MPH
Brian Johnson, MPH
Heidi Kassenborg, MPH
Joseph Klancher, MPH

James Kubisiak, MS
Anne Kukowski, MS
Teresa Kurtz, MPH
Jeanne Lincoln, MPH
Sherief Mikhail, MPH
Barbara Murdock, MPH
Deanna Nabbeffeld, MS
Nancy Nachreiner, MPH
Wendie Nelson, MPH
Kari Palmer, MS
Mark Panian, MS
David Purcell, MS
Susan Robinson, MS
Megan Ryan, MPH
Norman Westhoff, MPH
Bryan Worwa, MPH

Robert Banks, PhD
George Bollweg, PhD
Su-Hsing Lee, PhD
Jean Small-Johnson, PhD
Avula Sreenath, PhD

Epidemiology

Greta Bauer, MPH
Paula Bowman, MPH
Jennifer Cords, MPH
Maria del Rosario, MPH
Ronald Everson, MPH
Jayne Griffith, MPH
Craig Grimes, MPH
Jennifer Hall, MPH
Solveig Hansen, MPH
Christine Lee, MPH
Joseph Moriarity, MPH
Leslie Nordgren, MPH
James Peacock, MPH
Roberta Sposato Walls,
MPH
Dzung Thai, MPH

Andrea Winecke, MPH
Laura Yochum, MPH
Kay Zander, MPH

Linda Halcón, PhD

Health Services Administration

Margaret Bolte, MPH
Jean Durch, MPH
Arthur Fretag, MPH
Deborah Gerber, MPH
Jacob Goering, MPH
Julie Hall, MPH
Gayle Hitson, MPH
Kathleen Okland, MPH
Susan Pilatzke, MPH
Lori Pinkerton, MPH
Darlene Steiger, MPH
Arturo Taladriz, MPH
Deborah Thiel, MPH
Lauren Weisser-Cantu, MPH

Health Services Research, Policy and Administration

Margaret Davis, MS
Jane Pederson, MS
Mona Shah, MS
Mary Wingert, MS

Adam Atherly, PhD
Christopher Brown, PhD
Jeffrey Harman, PhD
Matthew Maciejewski, PhD
Maureen Smith, PhD

Maternal and Child Health

Michelle Adamiak, MPH
James Amell, MPH
Melissa Bachman, MPH
Cheryl Barber, MPH

Harpreet Bhatia, MPH
Lisa Brodsky, MPH
Johanne Harvey, MPH
Carol Heimsoth, MPH
Janice Jernell, MPH
Mary Mach Long, MPH
Elizabeth Matthew Goetz,
MPH
Ann McInerney, MPH
Alison Smith, MPH
Jennifer Stanley, MPH
Susanne Stronski-Huwiler,
MPH
Veronica Svetaz, MPH
Kirsten Zimmerman-Bence,
MPH

Amy Hillman, MPH
Jillian Moe, MPH
Kimberly Murphy, MPH
Murugi Mutiga, MPH
Valerie Newman, MPH
Tukhanh Quan, MPH
Debra Yerike, MPH

Public Health Administration

Christy Hanson, MPH
Vivian Husnik, MPH
Erin Kirby, MPH
Elizabeth Langer, MPH
Franci Livingston, MPH
Kusuma Madamala, MPH
Shelly Madigan, MPH
Maryanne Maliwat, MPH
Kimberley Pearson, MPH
Nilofer Prasla, MPH
Gay Lynn Richards, MPH
Valerie Ulstad, MPH

Public Health Nutrition

Suneeta Asrani, MPH
Christian Calaguas, MPH
Patricia Campbell, MPH
Marcia Carlson, MPH
Anne Faricy, MPH
Joseph Grieshop, MPH
Amy Guza, MPH
Juli Hermanson, MPH

AWARDS

The following is an acknowledgement of some of the awards given to current students in the School of Public Health during 1997-98.

Richard G. Bond Scholarship given to an Environmental Health Student.
This year's recipient is Ann Fitzpatrick.

James W. Wright Scholarship given to an Environmental Health Student.
This year's recipient is Wendy Brunner.

Thomas W. And Mary Kay Hoban Scholarship given to a graduate student in nursing or nutrition.
This year's recipients were Suneeta Asrani and Juli Hermanson.

William Foege Scholarship given to a current MPH degree seeking student.
This year's recipient is Sharon Simonton.

Mary Johnson Memorial Scholarship Endowment given annually by the Alumni Society to students enrolled or accepted in the dual masters program in Nursing and Public Health.
This year's recipients are Gail McMahon and Margaret Rowe.

Dr. J. Arthur Myers Memorial Endowment for International Experience in Public Health given annually to a current student for obtaining international experience.
This year's recipient is Leslie Hale.

Biostatistics Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award given quarterly to a current student for outstanding service as a teaching assistant.
This year's recipients include Cynthia Davey, Dennis Eaton, and Thomas Pederson.

School of Public Health Alumni Society Scholarship is awarded annually to a current student who has completed at least 50% of the required credits for a master's degree and who has a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4. The award is based on the applicant's contributions to public health and demonstrated leadership.
This year's recipient is Sharon Simonton.

ACADEMIC DRESS

The academic costume worn today originated in the Middle Ages, when gowns and hoods kept scholars and clerics warm. The distinctive gown served to set the students apart from their fellow citizens, giving birth to the expression "town and gown." Until after the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily. They varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1894. At that time it was decided that all robes should be black: bachelor's gowns to be made of worsted material with pointed sleeves; master's gowns of silk with long, closed sleeves; doctor's gowns of silk with longer sleeves and faced with black velvet from hem to neck and back. They also carried three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow. Hoods are made of the same material as the gowns, the length varying with the degree. The lining of the hood identifies the university by its colors. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which the degree is earned:

Salmon: public health
White: arts and letters, journalism
Scarlet: theology
Purple: law
Green: medicine
Dark blue: philosophy
Yellow: science
Brown: architecture, fine arts
Pink: music
Lilac: dentistry
Orange: engineering
Olive: pharmacy
Light brown: business
Lemon yellow: library science
Light blue: education
Peacock blue: international affairs
Citron yellow: social work

The mortarboard cap is standard, though soft square-topped caps are permissible. Recipients of doctorates may wear a gold tassel fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap; School of Public Health graduates wear salmon tassels.

Health Professions Covenant

As a health professional dedicated to enhancing the health care status and well-being of individuals and communities, I pledge collaboration with all of my health professional colleagues similarly committed, and promise to place patient and public interests above the perceived self-interests of my individual profession.