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UNIVERSITY
OF MINNESOTA
**School of
Public Health**

Commencement
May 19, 2003

Order of Events

Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar
Combo Bianco, Jazz Quintet

Welcome

Robert H. Bruininks
President, University of Minnesota

Introduction of Speakers

Mark P. Becker, PhD
Dean, School of Public Health

School of Public Health Student Senate Address

Jason Paltzer
SPH Student Senate President

Commencement Address

Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH
Director, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Presentation of the Candidates for Degrees

John Finnegan, Jr., PhD
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Mary Story, PhD

Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Conferring of Degrees
The Honorable Lakeesha Ransom
Regent, University of Minnesota

Recitation of the Public Health Professional's Pledge
SPH Student Senate Officers and Graduates

Closing Remarks
Mark Becker

Recessional
"All Blues" by Miles Davis
Combo Bianco, Jazz Quintet

Reception
All graduates, faculty and guests are invited to the reception immediately following the ceremony in the A.I. Johnson Great Room.

Commencement Officials

University of Minnesota – The Honorable Lakeesha Ransom, Regent; Robert H. Bruininks, President

Academic Health Center – Frank B. Cerra, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences

School of Public Health – Mark P. Becker, PhD, Dean; John Finnegan Jr., PhD, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Ian Greaves, MD, Associate Dean for Research; Mary Story, PhD, Associate Dean for Student Affairs; Debra Olson, MPH, Associate Dean for Public Health Practice Education

Graduates 2002-2003

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Community Health Education

Rachel Banken
Alana Ada Cook
Pamela Jean DeShaw
Elizabeth Anne Donnelly
Nancy Joan Doucette
Alissa Eischens
Julie Feneis
Amanda Galster
Maia L. Hendel-Paterson
Teresa G. Jacobs
Elizabeth A.E. Karstens
Kristin Mellstrom
Rebecca Mitchell
Jason Paltzer
Dai Kim Vu
Rena L. Waneka

Environmental Health

Javariah Asghar
Amy Visness
Bloomquist
Allen Broderius
Catherine DeMoss
Brian Fawcett
Emily Hansen
Jessica Mattke
Lorelee Miller
Kerrin Palazzi
Fernando Tibayan
Erin Wickliff
Anne Marie
Catherine Zielinski

Epidemiology

Jeffrey P. Anderson
Andre Thomas Baron
Cindy K. Blair
Linda Margit Brandt
Jessica Marie Buck
Andrew Donald Calvin
Karen L. Green
Jannica L. Groom
Megan K. Harkness-Madole
Amy Kate Noel Herman
Jennifer Jensen
Chitra Kandaswamy
David K. Kwan
Taiwo Lawal
Brian Robert Lee
Lionel Lim
Blain Mamo
Mary McCarl
Amy Jane Mertens
Barrie Robyn Lois Miller
Daniel J. Neises
Shauna Runchey
Starr Kelly Sage
Jasvinder Singh
Monika Maya Wahi
Stephanie D. Wedel
Andrew Westbrook
Christine Ziebold

Maternal and Child Health

Tiffany Beckman
Amy DeLong
Barbara Kathleen Frohnert
Scott Harpin
Shawna S. Hedlund
Brenda B. McGuire
Michelle R. Morrison
Elizabeth Valitchka

Public Health Administration

Kathleen Begley
Sean Clennon
Jared Erdmann
Kristina Fossum Jones
Sarah Kraling
Aaron Kual
Cleopatra Laicer
Nicole Maglinao
Alison Pence
Gene Schwasinger
Christopher Steffen
Jared Swanegan
Christine Taddy
Michelle Wernimont

**Public Health
Nutrition**

Sarah Adkins
Kari Bakken
Maia Matija Dock
Gebra Cuyun Grimm
Samia Hamdan
Nicole Hanson
Rachel R. Hayes-Bohn
Marisa D. Lucero
Christine N. Melko
Janelle Peralez
Kari Reiman
Mei-Chun Yeh

**Public Health
Practice**

John R. Baird

**Master of
Science (MS)**

Biostatistics

Allyson Abrams
Carole Chartier
Liang Chen
Xin Deng
Jia Guo
Jinzhou Huang
Reiping Huang
So Jung Imm
Lin Li
E Lin
An Liu
Dongfeng Qi
Lisa Thackeray
John Troiani
Hua Wang
Wei Wu
Nicole Wyman
Ying Xiang

Zhenyi Xue
Angelique Zeringue
Xueying Zhang
Yu Zhang
Yan Zheng
Sheng Zhong

Clinical Research

Matthew Taylor Gall
Stacene R.
Maroushek

**Environmental
Health**

Sumati Dhawan
Kelly Dorweiler
Denise Feda
JoAnne Goot
Gina Letts
Timothy Matthew
McKeone
Srismitha Modem
Steven Phillips
Amber Stoner

**Health Services
Research, Policy
and
Administration**

Theresa McCarthy

**Doctor of
Philosophy (PhD)**

Biostatistics

Margaret Short

**Environmental
Health**

Siobhan Dugan
Nancy Nachreiner

Epidemiology

Greta R. Bauer
Trista W. Johnson
Joseph Kim

**Health Services
Research, Policy
and**

Administration

Amer A. Kaissi
Lisa Griffin Vincent

Student Awards 2002-2003

**Barbara Ann
Walton Spradley
Leadership Award**
Shelly Madigan

**Betty J. Hallstrom
Award**
Scott Harpin

**Biostatistics
Outstanding
Teaching Assistant
Award**
Qiuling Shan
Xin Zhi

**Celia Goetz
Scholarship**
Anna Baker

**2003 Delta Omega
Society Inductees**
Jannica Groom
Rachel Halpern
Emily Hansen
Nicole Hanson
Shawna Hedlund
Kristina Jones
Amer Kaissi
Mary McCarl
Becky Mitchell
Nancy Nachreiner
Lisa Thackeray
Angelique Zeringue

**Dr. J. Arthur Myers
Endowment for
International
Experience in
Public Health**
Christy Boraas
Summer Martins
Rebecca Stepan
Carol White

**Harold R. Shipman
Award**
Allen Broderius

**Henry Blackburn
Award**
Alissa Eischens
Rebecca Mitchell

**Herbert Bosch
Award**
Mira Grice

**Jacob E. Bearman
Student
Achievement
Award**
Margaret Short

**James R. Boen
Award**
Dongfeng Qi

**James W. Wright
Scholarship**
Deanna Scher and
Holly Heisler

**John E. and
Marjorie L.
Kralewski Family
Fellowship**
Wei Ouyang

**Lester Breslow
Scholar Award**
Shawna Hedlund
Greta Bauer

**Mary A. McEvoy
Award for Public
Engagement and
Leadership**
Jason Paltzer

**Marguerite
Queneau
Assistantship**
Nicole Hanson
Shubha Mehta
Christine Melko

**Park Nicollet
Scholarship**
Kate Breiter
Kimberly Johnson
Brent Ryan

**President's Student
Leadership &
Service Award**
Veena Choudary
Jason Paltzer
**Public Health
Administration
Community Service
Award**
Jared Erdmann

**Richard G. Bond
Scholarship**
Mara Moscato

**Ruth Stief
Assistantship**
Kari Reiman
Mindi Khan

Ruth Stief Chair
Samia Hamdan

**Walter H. Judd
International
Graduate &
Professional
Fellowship Travel
Grant**

Christine Ashley
Christy Boraas
Stephanie Hauge
Leslie King
Raymond Maguire
Rebecca Stepan
Carol White

**William Foege
Scholarship**
Christine Ashley



Commencement Speaker

Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H., is the director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Prior to becoming CDC director, Dr. Gerberding served as deputy director of the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) where she played a major role in leading CDC's response to the anthrax events of 2002. While at NCID, she developed CDC's patient safety initiatives and other programs to prevent infections, antimicrobial resistance and medical errors in health care settings.

Currently Dr. Gerberding is an associate clinical professor of medicine at Emory University and an associate professor of medicine at the University of California at San Francisco.

Dr. Gerberding earned a bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* in chemistry and biology and a doctor of medicine degree at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Dr. Gerberding completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of California at San Francisco where she also completed a fellowship in clinical pharmacology and infectious diseases. She earned her master's degree in public health at the University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Gerberding is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the medical honor society Alpha Omega Alpha, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the American College of Physicians, is a fellow in the Infectious Diseases Society of America, and is a member of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America. She has served as a consultant to the National Institutes of Health, the American Medical Association, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the National AIDS Commission and the World Health Organization.

Academic Regalia

The hood worn by graduates displays the colors of the institution and discipline. The lining colors of maroon and gold identify the University of Minnesota. The border color of salmon identifies public health (MPH), gold identifies science (MS), and dark blue identifies philosophy (PhD). Graduates wear black gowns; those earning a PhD are distinguished with bell sleeves and velvet chevrons.

Faculty members wear gowns and hoods identifying the institution and field in which they earned their highest degree. Faculty in the School of Public Health have backgrounds in many different areas of study including green for medicine, dark blue for philosophy and purple for law.

Public Health Professional's Pledge

As a public health professional dedicated to enhancing the health status and well-being of individuals and communities, I pledge to hold the public interest and health of populations as my highest professional goals.