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UNIVERSITY  
OF MINNESOTA  
**School of  
Public Health**

Commencement  
*May 17, 2004*

# Order of Events

**Processional**

"Andante" by W.A. Mozart

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Mark P. Becker, PhD**

*Dean, School of Public Health*

**School of Public Health Student Senate Address**

**Rhonda Jaster**

*SPH Student Senate President*

**Introduction of Commencement Speaker**

**Mark P. Becker, PhD**

*Dean, School of Public Health*

**Commencement Address**

**Michael Trujillo, MD, MS, MPH**

**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 John Frobenius**  
*Regent, University of Minnesota*

**Recitation of the Public Health Professional's Pledge**  
**SPH Student Senate Members**

**Closing Remarks**  
**Mark Becker**

**Recessional**  
"La Rejouissance" by G.F. Handel

**Reception**  
All graduates, faculty and guests are invited to the reception immediately following the ceremony on the Coffman Memorial Union Fountain Terrace.

## Commencement Officials

**University of Minnesota** – The Honorable John Frobenius, Regent

**Academic Health Center** – Barbara F. Brandt, PhD, Assistant Vice President for Education

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

## Graduates 2003-2004

### **Master of Public Health (MPH)**

#### **Community Health Education**

Kate Breiter  
Kimberly Carolan  
Jane E. Duncan  
Angelica M. Fleischer  
Sandra L. Giovinazzo-Yates  
Alicia L. M. Huguelet  
Rhonda K. Jaster  
Leslie King  
Vanessa Kittelson  
Charity Ann Kreider  
Andrea L. Leinberger  
MaiKia Kaocherpao Moua  
Nancy Anne Pomplun  
Kimberly Rossow  
Rachana Sikka  
Brenna Walker  
Jenna Washnieski

#### **Environmental Health**

W. Kent Brunell  
Natasha Chaves Cavalcante  
Jason Grengs  
Sarah Harnden  
Pamela Hart  
Holly J. Heisler  
Charity Ann Hovey  
Lisa Suzanne Ragen Ide  
Byung Gyu Kim  
Matembo Kitoy  
Connie Kraut  
Tanya Maslak  
Mara Moscato  
Alissa Rae Mork  
Kimberly Reske  
Ronda Weiss

#### **Epidemiology**

Christy Boraas  
Zewditu Demissie  
Elizabeth Erickson  
Candace Fuller  
Matthew Heisel

Ryan Russell Hemme  
Kimberly Johnson  
Joanlise Marco de Leon  
Alicia Liesener  
Theresa J. Marshall  
Summer Martins  
Emily G. McCracken  
Jamie Mistkowski  
Nathan Mitchell  
Laura Nathan  
Heather M. Nelson  
Timothy O'Connor  
Laura J. Rasmussen-Torvik  
Paul Reiter  
Sandra Schumacher  
Heather Wendorf  
Jessica West  
Anisha R. Wharton

#### **Maternal and Child Health**

Tammy Baker  
Valerie Espinueva  
Thomas K. Irungu  
Traci Mouw  
Sally-Ann Ohene  
Darcy A. Rodriguez  
Shannon M. Steinbring  
Lucie Turcotte  
Kristi Kae Van Riper

#### **Public Health Administration and Policy**

Majdi Ashour  
Zeno Ashai  
Rebecca Burman  
Jason Egginton  
Stephanie Hauge  
Elaine Hernandez  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Heather Lauer  
Frances Livingston  
Michele Maiers  
Taimur Rashid Malik  
Nina Michail  
Bankole Olatosi

Anne Spenningsby  
Sarah Verville  
Trisha Wood

**Public Health Nutrition**

Mindi Michelle Khan  
Timothy Richard Messina  
Elaine Mitchell  
Dana Wells

**Public Health Practice**

Cristina Martinez Gonzalez

**Master of Science (MS)**

**Biostatistics**

Burc Barin  
Yanping Chang  
Menghui Chen  
Wei Cui  
Yue Cui  
Hua Ding  
Yun Ding  
Ying Fan  
Yi He  
Jamie Hoel  
Hong Ji  
Joseph Koopmeiners  
Chengcheng Liu  
Wenjun Ma  
Stacia Merkel  
Qiuling Shan  
Yanna Song  
Yunjie Song  
Hong Wan  
Yinghui Wang  
Scott Wehrenberg  
Eric D. Weinhandl  
Xin Ye  
Luping Zhao

**Clinical Research**

Shakell Anjum  
Leah Bergen  
Matthew Gall  
Diane Madlon-Kay

Joanna Perkins  
Carolyn Torkelson  
Erin Warshaw

**Environmental Health**

Andrew Adams  
Jeanne Bidwell  
Michelle Desruisseaux  
Jody A. Hulne  
Sreeram Kailasanthan  
Tara Oberg  
Jodi Quam  
Gong Yun

**Health Services Research,  
Policy and Administration**

Donovan Crew  
Pooja Oberai

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

**Biostatistics**

Xu Guo  
Xiaohong Huang  
Yanli Zhao  
Xin Zhi

**Environmental Health**

Paul Allwood  
Penny Andresen  
Kelly Coleman  
Anne M. Jurek  
Janel Warmka

**Epidemiology**

Pamela Jo Johnson  
Resa M. Jones  
Brent Taylor  
Bharat Thyagarajan  
Xinhua Yu

**Health Services Research,  
Policy and Administration**

Annette Totten

## Student Awards 2003-2004

**Amos and Sue Deinard  
Fellowship**

Sandra Schumacher

**Barbara Ann Walton  
Spradley Leadership  
Award**

Elaine Hernandez

**Biostatistics Outstanding  
Teaching Assistant  
Award**

Wenjun Ma

Hong Wan

**Cecilia Goetz Scholarship**

Holly Heisler

**2004 Delta Omega  
Society Inductees**

Tammy Baker

Zewditu Demissie

Leslie King

Alicia Liesener

Cristina Martinez Gonzalez

Mara Moscato

Kimberly Reske

Annette Totten

Dana Wells

Trisha Wood

Luping Zhao

**Dr. J. Arthur Myers  
Endowment for  
International Experience  
in Public Health**

Thomas Irungu

**Environmental Health  
Outstanding Academic  
Achievement Award**

Mara Moscato

Tara Oberg

Kimberly Reske

**Harold R. Shipman  
Award for Excellence in  
Environmental and  
Occupational Health**

Penny Andresen

**Health Equity Scholars  
Award**

Bankole Olatosi

**Henry Blackburn Award**

Kate Breiter

**Herbert Bosch Award**

Jason Grengs

**Jacob E. Bearman  
Student Achievement  
Award**

Xu Guo

**James R. Boen Student  
Achievement Award**  
Yanping Chang

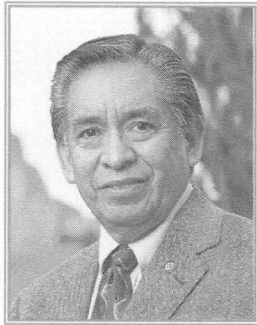
**Lester Breslow Scholar  
Award**  
Rhonda Jaster  
Kristi Van Riper

**Mary A. Johnson  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Angelica Fleischer

**Park Nicollet Scholarship**  
Sandra Schumacher

**President's Student  
Leadership & Service  
Award**  
Rhonda Jaster

**Public Health  
Administration  
Community Service  
Award**  
Stephanie Hauge



## Commencement Speaker

Michael Trujillo, M.D., M.S., M.P.H., previously served as director of the U.S. Indian Health Service (IHS), a multi-billion dollar public health agency serving 1.5 million American Indians and Alaska Natives and one of the agencies within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

While serving as director of the IHS, Trujillo led the effort that resulted in unprecedented tribal participation in the health care program and oversaw a budget expansion of a billion dollars. As director of the IHS, he was an assistant surgeon general and held the rank of rear admiral in the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service.

In 2002, he was appointed to the Office of the Surgeon General, where he was involved in initiatives to improve the health status of minority populations and address disparities in access to health care.

A member of the Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico, Trujillo began his public health career with the IHS in 1978 as a commissioned officer with the U.S. Public Health Service. This followed his graduation as the first American Indian from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. He went on to earn his M.P.H. in public health administration from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

Trujillo has returned to his roots and currently serves as an associate professor in family and community medicine at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

## 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.