



Commencement

May 19, 2008



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

School of Public Health

Order of Events

Processional

National Anthem

Welcome and Opening Remarks

John R. Finnegan, Jr., Ph.D.

Assistant Vice President for Public Health, University of Minnesota
Dean and Professor, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Student Address

Juliet Nguyen

Master of Healthcare Administration graduate
Selected to speak by the School of Public Health Student Senate

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

John R. Finnegan, Jr., Ph.D.

Commencement Address

Sanne Magnan, M.D., Ph.D.

Minnesota Commissioner of Health
Ten Things to Remember

Greetings from the School of Public Health Alumni Society

Judy Beniak, M.P.H.

Alumni Society President

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Presentation of Candidates

John E. Connett, Ph.D.

Professor, Division Head
Division of Biostatistics

Conferring of Degrees

The Honorable John Frobenius, M.H.A.

Regent, University of Minnesota

Recitation of the Public Health Professionals Pledge

School of Public Health Senate Officers and Graduates

Hail! Minnesota

Closing Remarks

John R. Finnegan, Jr., Ph.D.

Recessional

Reception

All graduates, faculty, and guests are invited to the reception on the Northrop plaza immediately following the ceremony.

Commencement Officials

University of Minnesota –

The Honorable John Frobenius, M.H.A.
Regent

Arlene E. Carney, Ph.D.
*Vice Provost for Faculty and
Academic Affairs*

Academic Health Center –

Frank B. Cerra, M.D.
*Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
McKnight Presidential Leadership Chair*

School of Public Health –

John R. Finnegan, Jr., Ph.D.
*Assistant Vice President for Public Health,
University of Minnesota
Dean and Professor, University of
Minnesota School of Public Health*

Judith Garrard, Ph.D.
*Sr. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
and Research*

Debra Olson, D.N.P., M.P.H.
*Associate Dean for Public Health
Practice Education*

William Riley, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

School of Public Health Alumni Society –

Judy Beniak, M.P.H.
Alumni Society President

Macebearer –

Vernon E. Weckwerth, Ph.D.
*Professor and Director Emeritus of
ISP Executive Study Programs in
Healthcare Administration
Division of Health Policy & Management*

Commencement Marshals

Stephanie Ball
Viswesh Bhat
Imee Cambronero
Deborah Caselton
Deborah Mullen
Deb Portesan
Ania Urban

Musicians

Dean Billmeyer, Organist
Kate Lamb, Vocalist

Graduates 2007-2008

Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Biostatistics

Brunna Alves
Christopher Anderson

Community Health Education

Renzo Amaya
Melissa Beattie
Caroline Butler
Julia Clark Steiner
Rachel Dayton
Lindsay A. Drake
Omar Fernandes
Allison Harford
Breanna Kvitrud
Andrew Magill
Christie Martin
Emmy Myszka
Kendra Nelson
Katherine Nygaard
Eilidh Reyelts
Holly Rozner
Kathleen Starr
Pakou Vang
Kristi Venz

Environmental Health

Yolanda Marie Archibald
Maura Boesch
Gabriel Caron
Martin Chang
Beth Damman
Thuy Doan
Sara Dunlap
Owen Hanley
Cindy Pangelinan Hoepner
Claire Hoolihan

Lindsey Hornickel
Tran Huynh
Mia Jewell
Adam Keaster
Heather Kehn
Stephen LeMaster
David McNamara
Minhaj Osman
Elisaveta Petkova
Robyn Scherber
Charlotte Sortedahl
Jeanne Yegge

Epidemiology

Amenah Babar
Kim Belzberg
Bassim Birkland
Stacy Dickinson
Dina Dobraca
David Farrar
Rebecca Fisher
Pawan Hari
Kristen Harrison
Nicole Heppner
Corinne Holtzman
Paul Jansen
Elizabeth Johnson
Glenise Johnson
Andrea Jones
Dong Sul Kim
Neelay Kothari
Naomi Loges
Ruthie Luna
Elizabeth Parilla
Megan Slater
Christopher Tate
Andinet Teferra
Nicole VanKim
Kristina Vick

Maternal and Child Health

Mark Bergeron
Sylvia Cook
Katherine Erickson
Katie Finnegan
Erin Galegher
Amy Gilbert
Lauren Gilchrist
Kari Leif
Trista Olmstead
Mandi Proue
Kerri-Elizabeth Sawyer
Amanda Wasielewski

**Public Health Administration
and Policy**

Selase Agudu-Morgan
Bella Catalina Agustin
Janet Arlet
Crystal Barnes
Jessica Beckwith
Jessica Bilics
Kari Bomash
Amelia Burgess Milbank
Bryant Carlson
Evan S. Cole
Ana Diaz
Abiola Fashanu
Heather Flueger
Amy Hemstad
Lan Luu
Schelomo Marmor
Anita Ngo
Diaa Osman
Helen Parsons
Michael Pfeffer
Ahmed Rahmanzai
Lindsey Krull Reif
Jessica B. Rengstorf

Nyaradzo Pamela Saungweme
Rajan Shukla
Nome Xaphakdy

Public Health Nutrition

Stephanie Heim
David Hesse
Karilyn Kernik Schrankler
Kara Mitterholzer
Bethany Morris
Anh-Tram Pham
Robin Ryan
Christina Servetas
Michelle Vanselow
Katie Wahl

**Public Health Practice –
Executive Program**

Claire Bender
David Blahna
Margaret Bowman
Dawn Burmeister
Mary Finn
Arnold Goldman
Susan McClanahan
Shelly Maki
Kristina McElroy
Lee Nelson
Randall Nett
Mary Pohl
Jayson Pullman
Douglas Reker
Jennifer Rho
Kis Robertson
Christina Stephan
Elizabeth Tangwall
Ericka Tung
Katherine Waters
Beth Weber

Carol White

**Public Health Practice –
Public Health Medicine Program**

Titilayo Adegboyega
Daryn Collins
Malini DeSilva
Kimara Glaser-Kirschenbaum
Gillian Gentling
Joy Hardison
Brian Muthyala
Amanda Noska
Tyler Oesterle

**Public Health Practice –
Veterinary Public Health Program**

Kat Coughlan
Cheryl Eia
Alina Evans
Melissa Gallego
Morgan Hennessey
William Lanier
Christine Nguyen
Megin Nichols
Melinda Rostal
Stephan Singleton
Jenna Webeck

**Master of Healthcare
Administration (M.H.A.)**

Paul Amendt
William Bettermann
Gerald Birk
Tara Boedeker
Kathleen Dziak-McBride
Daniel Edelstein
Eric Eloff
Nivedita Girotra
David Gordon-Kamm

Brett Grady
Alison Greiner
Hashir Hamza
Paul James
Jeremy L. Jenkins
Kirstin Johnson
Alicia Judkins
Haudy Kazemizadeh Gol
Anthony Kouba
Matthew Kunkel
Tyler Lindquist
Lindsay Lucas
Briony Maxwell
Ali Moin
Suma Nair
Juliet Nguyen
Robin Pedersen
Steven Qu
Jeffrey Skwarek
Karen Strauman-Raymond
Dana Williams

Master of Science (M.S.)

Biostatistics

Zihua Bian
Ann M. Brearley
Haowen Cai
Xiting Cao
Hua He
Wei He
Rachel Isaksson
Wenjun Kang
Xiang Li
Xiao Liu
Zhenyu Pan
Joshua Rapkin
E. Katherine Schomaker
Qi Wang
Nicholas Wold

Qingqing Yang
Xinyu Zhou

Clinical Research

Sarah Cooley
Sheri Crow
Levi Downs
Amy Johnson-Grass
Dhatri Kodali
Sriharsha Nagaraj
Johan Nordenstam
James Ogilvie Jr.
Kris Ann Pinekenstein Schultz
Lipi Ramchandani
Chris Shepela
Angela Smith
Julia Steinke
Richard Tower III

Environmental Health

Bufford Ang
Tracy Glenz
J. Girard Griggs
Jooyeon Hwang
Nicholas Kelley
Azra Kovacevic

**Health Services Research, Policy,
and Administration**

Sara Bonneville
David Dobmeyer
Alissa Doth
Hawre Jalal
Amy Schmidt
Win Techakehakij
Zhiying Zhao

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Biostatistics

Yue Cui
Shengde Liang
Feng Tai
Benhuai Xie
Luping Zhao

Environmental Health

Seung Won Kim
Leslie Nordgren
Ji Young Park
Starr Sage
Maggie Stedman-Smith
Glenn Sturchio
Quintin L. Williams Jr.

Epidemiology

Kimberly Johnson
Elizabeth Klein
Joanlise Leon
Pamela Lutsey
Kyong Park
Laura Rasmussen-Torvik
Jon Snyder
Gabriela Vazquez-Benitez
Christina Wassel Fyr

**Health Services Research, Policy,
and Administration**

Michel Boudreaux
Elizabeth Habermann
Melissa Nelson
Tzy-Chyi Yu
Jeanette Ziegenfuss

2008 Commencement Speaker



Sanne Magnan, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Sanne Magnan was appointed Minnesota Commissioner of Health by Governor Tim Pawlenty on Sept. 28, 2007.

Commissioner Magnan is responsible for directing the Minnesota Department of Health. MDH is the state's lead public health agency, responsible for protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans.

The department has approximately 1,300 employees in the Twin Cities area and in seven offices in Greater Minnesota.

Prior to being appointed commissioner, Dr. Magnan served as president of the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement in Bloomington. An independent, non-profit organization, ICSI facilitates collaboration on health care quality improvement by medical groups, hospitals and health plans that provide health care services to people who live and work in Minnesota and adjacent states.

Commissioner Magnan has also served as a staff physician at the Tuberculosis Clinic at St. Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health and a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota.

She was also vice president and medical director of consumer health at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota where she was responsible for case management, disease management, and consumer engagement.

Commissioner Magnan also was lead physician at Lino Lakes Correctional Facility and a staff physician at various other clinics. She has served on several boards, including Minnesota Community Measurement.

Commissioner Magnan was named one of the 100 Influential Health Care Leaders by Minnesota Physician in 2004.

Commissioner Magnan holds a medical degree and a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Minnesota. She earned her bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina.

Commissioner Magnan is married and has two daughters.

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 (M.P.H. and M.H.A.), gold identifies science (M.S.), and dark blue identifies philosophy (Ph.D.). Graduates wear black gowns; those earning a Ph.D. 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.

The University Mace

The University's first official mace made its debut in 1961 at the inauguration of O. Meredith Wilson (1960-67), 110 years after the University was founded and eight centuries after the mace's warlike image faded and it became a symbol of peaceful leadership. Art professor Philip Morton designed the University's mace, choosing a star as its crowning feature. The University machine shop made the mace with a solid aluminum handle set with the regents' seal and a 4-inch crystal sphere surmounted by the aluminum "Star of the North."

Carrying the mace is a great honor accorded to someone who is being singled out for tribute. Today's macebearer is Distinguished International Professor Vernon Weckwerth, who has led the School of Public Health's ISP executive study program in healthcare administration since its inception 40 years ago.

The international flags onstage represent the native countries of School of Public Health students. Countries represented include:

Afghanistan	Liberia
Argentina	Mexico
Austria	Montenegro
Brazil	Nepal
Bulgaria	Netherlands
Cameroon	Nigeria
Canada	Pakistan
Cayman Islands	Philippines
Chile	Poland
China	Romania
Columbia	Serbia
Ethiopia	Sierra Leone
Gambia	Somalia
Ghana	South Korea
Hong Kong	Sudan
India	Switzerland
Indonesia	Taiwan
Iran	Tanzania
Iraq	Thailand
Jamaica	United Kingdom
Japan	Vietnam
Kenya	Zimbabwe
Kuwait	
Lebanon	

Public Health Professionals 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.

Hail! Minnesota

Hail! Minnesota
Minnesota, hail to thee!
Hail to thee, our college dear!
Thy light shall ever be
A beacon bright and clear.
Thy sons and daughters true
Will proclaim thee near and far.
They will guard thy fame, and adore thy name;
Thou shalt be their Northern Star!
Like the stream that bends to sea,
Like the pine that seeks the blue;
Minnesota, still to thee
Thy sons are strong and true.
From the woods and waters fair;
From thy prairies waving far,
At thy call they throng
With their shout and song
Hailing thee their Northern Star.