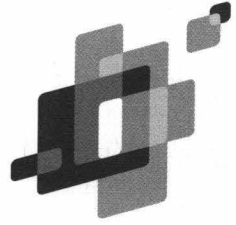


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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
SCHOOL OF  
**NURSING**

2007  
Commencement

**Northrop Auditorium**

Thursday, May 10, 2007  
2:00 in the afternoon

## **Commencement Speaker, Jeannine Rivet, MPH, RN**

As Executive Vice President of UnitedHealth Group, Jeannine Rivet works with all business segments on external strategic and business relationship management, customer and public relations, business integration, and regulatory relations. She is UnitedHealth Group's executive liaison to the pharmaceutical industry. She previously was Vice President for Group Operations at Prudential Insurance Company, Boston, and has held various other managed care and nursing positions.

Jeannine earned a master's in public health from Boston University and a B.S. in nursing from Boston College. She was a registered nurse for several years prior to entering the managed care industry. She is on the Executive Council of UnitedHealth Group and numerous industry leadership boards, and mentors women in business through the Minnesota Mentium program. She has been recognized by Fortune magazine, Minnesota's City Business, Boston University School of Public Health and AAHP. She is a driving force in challenging the industry to enhance health and well being through information, collaboration, and advancement of optimal healthcare decisions for patients and healthcare professionals.

### **Faculty**

Karin Alaniz, PhD, RN	Ann Jones, PhD, RN
Melissa Avery, PhD, CNM, RN	Catherine Juve, PhD, RN, WHNP
Donna Bliss, PhD, RN, FAAN	Merrie Kaas, MSN, DNSc, RN, CNS
Dana Botz, MSN, RN	Linda Kraft, MSN, RN
Kristine Carey, MS, RN	Kathleen Krichbaum, PhD, RN, FGSA
Linda Chlan, PhD, RN	Joan Liaschenko, PhD, RN, FAAN
Jessie Daniels, MA, RN	Linda Lindeke, PhD, RN, CNP
Elaine Darst, PhD, RN	Margaret Moss, DSN, RN, JD
Patrick Dean, MSN, EdD, RN	Christine Mueller, PhD, CNAA, RN
Connie Delaney, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI	Laurie Pung, MSN, RN, WHNP, FNP, BC
Joanne Disch, PhD, RN, FAAN	Mary Rowan, PhD, CNM, RN
Karen Dunlap, MSN, RN	Mary Steffes, MSN, RN
Laura Duckett, PhD, MPH, RN	Craig Swan, PhD
Aimee Ebersold-Silva, MSN, RN	Diane Treat-Jacobson, PhD, RN
Sandra Edwardson, PhD, RN, FAAN	Cecilia Wachdorf, PhD, CNM, RN
Carol Flaten, MS, RN	Julie Ward, MS, RN
Jayne Fulkerson, PhD	Bonnie Westra, PhD, RN
Carolyn Garcia, PhD, MPH, RN	Judy Wilking, MS, RN, CNS
Mary Goering, MS, RN	Fang Yu, PhD, MSN, RN
Linda Halcón, PhD, MPH, RN	Mary Zaccagnini, MS, RN
Linda Herrick, PhD, RN	

### ***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.

## Order of Events

Prelude	<b>Thomas Bartsch, Organist</b>
Welcome	<b>Connie W. Delaney, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI</b> <i>Professor and Dean, School of Nursing</i>
Greetings	<b>Frank Cerra, MD</b> <i>Senior Vice President for Health Sciences McKnight Presidential Leadership Chair Academic Health Center</i>
Commencement Address "Creating Your Life's Echo"	<b>Jeannine Rivet, MPH, RN</b> <i>Executive Vice President, UnitedHealth Group</i>
On Behalf of the Faculty	<b>Karen Dunlap, MSN, RN, BC, CNA</b> <i>School of Nursing</i>
On Behalf of the Students	<b>Stephanie-Ann Faubion, 2007 BSN Graduate</b> <i>University of Minnesota, Rochester</i>  <b>Aaron Ojard, 2007 BSN Graduate</b> <i>University of Minnesota, Twin Cities</i>
Presentation of the School of Nursing Pin	<b>Melissa Thorson, BSN, MSN</b> <i>President, School of Nursing Alumni Society Board</i>
Musical Selection	<b>Gretchen Zinsli, 2007 BSN Graduate</b> <i>"Alleluia," by Lorie Line</i>
Remarks: University of Minnesota Degree	<b>The Honorable Clyde Allen, Jr.</b> <i>University of Minnesota Board of Regents</i>
Conferring of Degrees	<b>Dean Connie W. Delaney</b> <b>The Honorable Clyde Allen, Jr.</b> <b>Ann Jones, PhD, RN</b> <i>Director of Undergraduate Studies</i>
Closing Remarks	<b>Dean Delaney</b>

*Please rise and join in singing the University song,  
Hail Minnesota, led by Dr. Sandra Edwardson and Dr. Linda Lindeke*

Recessional

Please remain seated until the academic procession has passed.

## Academic Excellence and Leadership

**Distinction:** Students recognized as graduating with *High Distinction* have achieved a cumulative University of Minnesota grade point average of 3.90 or higher. Students recognized as graduating with *Distinction* have achieved a cumulative University of Minnesota grade point average of 3.75 or higher. Graduates are distinguished with a gold cord.

**Latin Honors:** Students graduating with Latin honors have participated in the School of Nursing Honors Program. This rigorous program consists of honors coursework, participation in additional activities and opportunities and completion of an honors research project or thesis. Latin Honors are determined by the grade point average of the last 60 credits of the degree. *Summa Cum Laude* is a GPA of 3.75 or above, *Magna Cum Laude* is a GPA of 3.66 to 3.74, and *Cum Laude* is a GPA of 3.50 to 3.65. Graduates are distinguished with an honors medallion.

**Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)** is the honor society for professional nurses. Criteria for membership include having a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 as well as personal attributes such as creativity, demonstrated leadership potential and potential for contributing to the profession of nursing. Student members of STTI must have the recommendation of at least two nursing faculty members. Graduates are distinguished with a lavender and white cord.

### **The Barbara Volk Tebbitt Undergraduate Nursing Leadership Award**

**Amy Cahoy** and **Linnea Jorgensen** are the recipients of the Barbara Volk Tebbitt Undergraduate Nursing Leadership Award. This award recognizes a senior nursing student who has demonstrated leadership while in school, and shows promise of being a nursing leader throughout his/her career. The student receives a monetary award, a memento and has his/her name inscribed on a permanent plaque mounted in the Katharine J. Densford International Center for Nursing Leadership.

### **School of Nursing Alumni Society Outstanding Undergraduate Award**

**Melissa Lynn Webster** is the recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Nursing Student Award for 2007. The award is given to a student who exemplifies caring in nursing practice, competence in delivering nursing care and development of a high level of clinical knowledge, and who serves as a strong role model for the nursing profession.

### **The University of Minnesota President's Student Leadership and Service Award**

recognizes the accomplishments and contributions made by outstanding student leaders at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. It is presented to approximately one-half of one percent of the student body for their exceptional leadership and service to the University of Minnesota and the surrounding community.

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing

## 2007 Graduates

Aldinger, Michelle A.	Hanson, Gina Josephine*
Alt, Jessica G.	Happ, Erin Kelsey
Amoroso, Stefanie	Haroldson, Jennifer Lee*
Anderson, Jessica	Hassen, Abdusamed
Anquist, Heather	Hausman, Jeanine
Baker, Ann	Hausman, Jenna
Battles, Johanna Heyda	Heaney, Amy
Berglund, Sara A.	Herr, Adam
Bettger, Sarah Jane	Hunn, Emily
Bristlin, Stephanie Renee	Hupp, Mollie Catherine
Brostrom, Hali	Jackson, Kady
Brown, Andrew	Jambor, Lilian
Cahoy, Amy J. ♦, <i>STTI, Cum Laude, Volk Tebbitt Award</i>	James, Morgan Sienna
Calvillo, Lorena	Jochim, Abbie
Campbell, Michelle, <i>STTI</i>	Johnson, Christine V.*, <i>STTI, Summa Cum Laude</i>
Capocasa, Brianna M.	Johnson, Sarah
Childs, Lisa	Johnson, Stephanie
Christensen, Ashley N.	Jones, Elizabeth
Christensen, Bethany	Jorgensen, Abigail E.
Coggins, Jacquelyn	Jorgensen, Linnea*, <i>STTI, Summa Cum Laude</i>
Cordier, Diana*	Jurek, Kelly
Courson, James	Kalin, Diane M.
Cressman, Joelle*	Karlstad, Mari
Decker, Rebecca	Kirschling, Gretchen A.
Eiden, Holly*	Koch, Kristina M.*
Faubion, Stephanie-Ann W., <i>STTI</i>	Koenig, Michelle
Fisher, Katharine ♦, <i>STTI, Summa Cum Laude</i>	Kotila, Christopher P.
Fitzsimmons, Susan*, <i>STTI</i>	Krah, Ingrid G.
Foley, Ellyn ♦	Krick, Annerhe
Gause, Annie	Lando, Elizabeth, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Geiselman, Brooke Noelle	Larson, Riva
Giama, Nasra	Lee, Meredith
Giandalia, Dawn ♦	Malla, Sunita
Greis, Lydia Marie	Malone, Molly A.
Grovdahl, Brandon	Marquis, Erin L.
Guzik, Gina	Marr, Jennifer
Hanson, Christie*	Matzke, Alaina

\* Indicates graduation with Distinction

♦ Indicates graduation with High Distinction

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McAtee, Lisa  
McCauley, Erin M.\*  
McGough, Alison, *STTI*  
Merritt, Laura Kathryn\*  
Meyer, Michelle  
Meyers, Deborah  
Mickow, Aaron  
Miller, Kimberly  
Minnich, Anne  
Mossing, Michael  
Murphey, Allysia M.  
Neubauer, Carly, *STTI*  
Nguyen, Trung, *STTI*  
Nordquist, Amy Renée  
Norland, Michelle  
Novotny, Julie A.  
Ojard, Aaron  
O’Ryan, Kelly Jean  
Osborne, Catherine M.♦, *STTI, Cum Laude*  
Paquette, Carissa  
Parsley, Leah Ann  
Perkins, Kathryn, *STTI, Magna Cum Laude*  
Povolotsky, Julia  
Price, Tonya, *STTI*  
Prusak, Kari Ann  
Ramirez, Kirsten  
Rasmussen, Kristin Grace\*  
Rego, Kathryn  
Rice, Kathy  
Riss, Angela\*, *STTI, Magna Cum Laude*  
Rodgers, Elizabeth  
Saied, Laura  
Santos, Cristina♦  
Schneider, Nicole  
Schulte, Jean◇  
Schwarzbauer, Sari  
Seadlund, Dana  
Seshadri, Satya Kate Pritz  
Shamp, Katie Anna, *STTI*  
Shand, Molly Jill

Snead, Hannah  
Spinelli, Natalia Elizabeth  
Stewart, Ian  
Swenson, Genevieve M.  
Tannuzzo, Tracy J.  
Thach, Connie René, *STTI*  
Thiemann, Brandon Richard\*  
Tongson, Natalie  
Trapezado, Maria Clarissa S.  
Virnig, Jonathan◇  
Vu, Hanh  
Webster, Melissa Lynn, *STTI*  
Williams, Chelsea  
Wiltsie, Tressa  
Wirt, Elizabeth\*  
Yang, Toby  
Yoch, Christopher  
Zeihen, Stefanie R.  
Zinsli, Gretchen  
Zlimen, Craig

## **Student Marshalls BSN Class of 2008**

Kaylen M. Joerger  
Megan A. Merrill  
Natalie A. Pearson

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## Significance of the Symbols on the School of Nursing Pin

The University of Minnesota School of Nursing pin has been in use since September 1913. The antique lamp represents the metaphysical sciences; the telescope, the physical sciences; the plow, the industrial arts, and the artist's palette represents the fine arts. These are the four dimensions of a baccalaureate education. Above and below is the cross of St. George, which for centuries has stood for unselfish service. Each graduate will receive a School of Nursing pin displaying the symbols of this proud heritage.



Sincere appreciation is extended to the Nursing Alumni Society and the generous donors who contributed to the new *Nursing Legacy Fund* that provided the School of Nursing pins given to the graduates today. Thank you for furthering this proud nursing tradition.

## The Mace

The University of Minnesota mace was carried for the first time in 1961 by Regent Professor of Physics Alfred O. C. Nier at the inauguration of President O. Meredith Wilson. It is an honor to carry the mace.

Art professor Philip Morton designed the mace: a crystal sphere four inches in diameter surmounted by the North Star, symbol of the State of Minnesota, on a solid aluminum handle set with the University Regents' seal. Dean Delaney will continue the tradition by bearing the mace as she leads the procession.

## 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 student apart from 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. Baccalaureate degree gowns were made of worsted material with pointed sleeves, master's gowns of silk with long, closed sleeves, and doctoral gowns of silk with longer sleeves, faced with black velvet from hem to neck and back. The doctoral gowns also have three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow.

Hoods are made of the same materials as the gowns, the length varying with the degree. The colors of the hood's lining identify the university where the degree was earned; the border indicates the academic discipline.

**Congratulations to the 2007 School of Nursing  
master's and doctoral graduates.**

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