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**Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
2008 Commencement Ceremony**



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May Fifteenth  
Two Thousand Eight  
2:00 p.m.

Northrop Auditorium

## Order of Events

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Summit Hill Brass Quintet</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Connie W. Delaney, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI</b> <i>Professor and Dean, School of Nursing</i>
<b>Greetings</b>	<b>Barbara Brandt, PhD</b> <i>Assistant Vice President of Education Academic Health Center</i>
<b>Commencement Address</b> "The Quest for a Healthier Public—the Vital Role of Nursing"	<b>Jan Malcolm, BA</b> <i>Chief Executive Officer, Courage Center Former Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health</i>
<b>On Behalf of the Faculty</b>	<b>Elaine Darst, PhD, RN</b> <i>Clinical Associate Professor Co-Director, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program</i>
<b>On Behalf of the Students</b>	<b>Jessica Boll (Twin Cities)</b> <b>Kasey Schlicker (Rochester)</b>
<b>Presentation of the School of Nursing Pin</b>	<b>Melissa Thorson, MS, BSN</b> <i>President, School of Nursing Alumni Society Board</i>
<b>Remarks: University of Minnesota Degree</b>	<b>The Honorable John Frobenius, MHA</b> <i>University of Minnesota Board of Regents</i>
<b>Conferring of Degrees</b>	<b>Dean Connie Delaney</b> <b>The Honorable John Frobenius</b> <b>Mary Rowan, PhD, CNM, RN</b> <i>Director of Pre-licensure Programs</i>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Dean Connie Delaney</b>
<b>Hail Minnesota</b>	<b>Linda Lindeke, PhD, RN, CNP</b> <i>Associate Professor Director of Graduate Studies</i>  <i>Please rise and join in singing the University song.</i>
<b>Recessional</b>	

Please remain seated until the academic procession has passed.

## Commencement Speaker

### Jan Malcolm, BA

Jan Malcolm is chief executive officer of Courage Center, a nonprofit rehabilitation agency providing a broad range of therapy and other services for people with a wide array of physical disabilities, speech or vision impairment, or hearing loss. Founded in 1928, the Courage Center's mission is to empower people with physical disabilities to reach for their full potential in every aspect of life. The Courage Center serves more than 11,000 people annually.



Malcolm is proud to bring her history of progressive leadership in health policy to this vital community resource with its deep legacy of service and innovation. Prior to joining Courage Center, she was a senior program officer for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, New Jersey, where she helped develop funding initiatives to strengthen the nation's public health system.

Malcolm served as Commissioner of Health for the State of Minnesota from 1999-2003. Highlights of her term as head of the state's lead public health agency included passage of major budget initiatives in tobacco prevention and elimination of health disparities and implementation of cutting-edge strategies in those areas.

Previously, Malcolm was vice president of Public Affairs at Allina Health System and a senior vice president of Government Programs and Public Policy at HealthPartners. She has been active in state and national health care and public health associations and government commissions on health care access and quality. She currently serves as a board member of Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc., the county subsidiary corporation that operates the Hennepin County Medical Center. She is a member of the Minnesota Public Health Association, the Bush Foundation, the Minnesota Women's Foundation and Planned Parenthood.

In the past, she served on numerous foundation and non-profit boards of directors including United Way, the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco, and the Ann Bancroft Foundation.

Malcolm received her B.A. in Philosophy and Psychology from Dartmouth College.

## Faculty

Karin Alaniz, PhD, RN  
Melissa Avery, PhD, CNM, RN  
Barbara Brandt, PhD  
Marcia Britain, DNP, RN  
Kristine Carey, MSN, RN  
Linda Chlan, PhD, RN  
Jessie Daniels, MA, RN  
Elaine Darst, PhD, RN  
Hans-Peter de Ruiter, MS, RN  
Connie Delaney, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI  
Joanne Disch, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Laura Duckett, PhD, MPH, RN  
Kathleen Fagerlund, PhD, RN, CRNA  
Andra Fjone, MN, RN, CPNP  
Carol Flaten, MS, RN  
Carolyn Garcia, PhD, MPH, RN  
Mary Goering, MS, RN  
Linda Herrick, PhD, RN  
Linda Kraft, MSN, RN  
Kathie Krichbaum, PhD, RN, FGSA  
Linda Lindeke, PhD, RN, CNP  
Margaret Moss, DSN, JD, RN  
Christine Mueller, PhD, CNA, RN, FAAN  
Lori Rhudy, PhD, RN, MS  
Gerald Rinehart, MBA, MA, BA  
Mary Rowan, PhD, CNM, RN  
Mary Steffes, MS, RN  
Melissa Thorson, MS, BSN  
Diane Treat-Jacobson, PhD, RN  
Julie Ward, MS, RN  
Mary Zaccagnini, DNP, MS, 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.

## Acknowledgments

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The 2009 class of Bachelor of Science in Nursing students Beth Bassett, Emily Crosswell, and Caleb Dettmann for serving as marshalls for today's ceremony.

University of Minnesota Retirement Association volunteers for their assistance with today's commencement ceremony.

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing 2008 Graduates

Adem, Seyoum Tadesse	Francis, Laura E.
Adney, Gina Lynn	Fuhrman, Alena Marie, <i>STTI</i>
Ahmed, Safiya Nur	Fuller, Paul Andrew
Aubart, Andrew James	Gabriel, Nicole Betty
Babcock, Allison Ann	Gaiser, Jodi Lynn
Bartlett, Carly A.	Garner, Shane David
Bean, Carrie Lynn	Goedeke, Karen L.
Bell, Laura Diane	Goeders, Heidi Marie
Blakeley, Erin Bree	Goergen, Kimberly Rose*
Blomgren, Tiffany J.	Groberg, Crystal Nicole
Boll, Jessica L.*	Hagan, Holly N.
Branigan, Emily Eleanor	Hartwig, Melissa Lynn
Buesgens, Reece Anthony	Hasan, Hamdi A.
Butler, Ashley Ann	Hauger, Caroline H.
Chamberlain, Jennifer JoAn	Heairet, Amy Lynn
Chan, Mary Ruth <sup>◇</sup>	Helton, Davina Rachel
Christiansen, Christina Faye	Herda-McKee, Melissa Lea
Christianson, Brittany Claire, <i>STTI</i>	Houge, Amber Michelle
Clark, David Benjamin	Huotari, Kim Michelle*
Coleman, Kathryn Sue, <i>STTI</i>	Janke, Robyn Kaye
Dang, Kim Thanh	Joerger, Kaylen Michelle
DeRocher, Mary Christine	Johnson, Briana Kay
Dexter, Brian Richard	Kant, Emily Catherine
Dick, Kadi Marie*	Keller, Mathew J.*
Disch, Ashley Marie <sup>◇</sup>	Kemp, Lucas Alexander, <i>STTI</i>
Disrude, Brittany Evangeline	Kirkeby, Vanessa Lynn
Dubel, Amanda Louise	Klein, Kelli Lee
Erickson, Emily Mae	Kluck, Chelsey Ann*
Ervasti, Michelle Lynn	Korus, Lisa Anne
Flaherty, Mary Frances	Krogman, Jessica Lynn*
Fokken, Kyle Michael	Lauer, Anna Louise
Foster, Teal Jennifer	LePlavy, Jessica Carol
Foulks, Shelley Jean	Luetttgen, Lindsey Kay

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\* Indicates graduation with Distinction

◇ Indicates graduation with High Distinction

STTI Indicates Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society

*Latin Honors calculated without last semesters' course work*

Mallinger, Jessica Carolyn  
 Mallinger, Rebekah Christin  
 McCann, Marie Janel  
 McCullough, Kaitlin J.  
 McGuire, Gretchen Anne<sup>◇</sup>  
 Merrill, Megan Ann *Cum Laude*  
 Meyer, Alison J.  
 Meyer, Amy Jo Kathryn  
 Mickelson, Amanda Jane  
 Miller, Anne Marie\*  
 Mueller, Carli Liebl, <sup>◇</sup>, *STTI*  
 Murphy, Nicole Bridget  
 Nauman, Emily Kay  
 Ng, Andrea W.  
 Nielsen, Sarah L.  
 Norton, Emily E.\*  
 O'Meara, Leslie Marie, *STTI*  
 Osterman, Nichole Lynn  
 Paisley, Sarah Beth  
 Patel, Kristina S.  
 Paulson, Natalie Ann  
 Pearson, Natalie Anne\*  
 Phillip, Allison C.  
 Ponik, Joseph F.  
 Puppe, Sarah Kathryn  
 Racette, Cory Elizabeth  
 Rall, Brittany Jean  
 Robinson, John Lewis  
 Rosenthal, Amara A.\*, *STTI, Summa Cum Laude*  
 Rye, Shannon Lea\*  
 Sawicki, Ashley Lynn  
 Scharfbillig, Allison M.  
 Schlatter, Charles P.  
 Schlicker, Kasey Joy  
 Schrimpf, Afton Nicole

Schwartz, Amy L.  
 Schwen, Sarah Jean\*, *Cum Laude*  
 Shambour, Rebecca Jean  
 Smith, Anisa Corinne  
 Soderquist, Sarah Elizabeth<sup>◇</sup>  
 Sokol, Jillian Rae\*, *STTI, Summa Cum Laude*  
 Stanley, Mary Shannon  
 Stensland, Crystal R.  
 Stockeland, Alicia May\*  
 Stoesz, Angela Christine  
 Thue, Nicole Marie  
 Tipton, Amie Marie  
 Tisue, Kimary Catherine\*  
 Trachy, Julia Anne  
 Underwood, Kristen Melissa  
 Van Wagner, Karla Christine  
 Vang, Mai Nhia  
 Vicari, Pamela J.  
 Wolff, Sarah Elizabeth\*  
 Wood, Katie Lynn, *STTI*

*We remember the life and spirit of  
**Stephanie Pontious**, our friend and  
 colleague who passed away tragically  
 on August 19, 2007.*

## **Student Marshals BSN Class of 2009**

Beth Bassett  
 Emily Crosswell  
 Caleb Dettmann

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## 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**

**Julia Trachy** is the recipient 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**

**Laura Bell** is the recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Nursing Student Award for 2008. 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.

## 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 School of 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."

Baccalaureate degree gowns are 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.

