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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
CLASS OF 2007

Program of Mortuary Science
Academic Health Center



3:00 P.M.
Friday, May 11, 2007
Theater
Coffman Memorial Union
Minneapolis Campus

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
Major: Mortuary Science

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**Candidate to graduate with Distinction
(3.75 or higher gpa; 60+ U of M credits)*

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Order of Events

- Prelude Timothy Short
David Mertesdorf
Alex Rydell
- Processional
- Welcome Michael P. LuBrant
*Assistant Professor and Director
Program of Mortuary Science*
- Speaking for the Medical School Charles F. Moldow, M.D.
*Senior Associate Dean for Research
Medical School Administration*
- Speaking for the Faculty Jenny Meslow
Instructor, Program of Mortuary Science
- Speaking for the Class of 2007 Deborah Janicke
Alex Rydell
- Charge to the Class of 2007 Robert Dowson
*Alumnus – Class of 1986
Market Director, Service Corporation Int'l.*
- Presentation of the Class of 2007
and Conferring of the Degrees Honorable Venora Hung
Assistant Professor Michael C. Mathews
Assistant Professor Michael LuBrant
Senior Associate Dean Charles Moldow
- Presentation of Awards
- Concluding Remarks Stephanie L. Christensen
*Instructor and Alumni Coordinator
Program of Mortuary Science*
Michael LuBrant
- Recessional
Class of 2007
Faculty and Participants

Commencement Speaker

Robert Dowson is a native of Minnesota and a 1986 graduate of the University of Minnesota Program of Mortuary Science. After gaining experience in the funeral and cemetery business, he moved to California in 1991 and joined Service Corporation International. Over the past 15 years, he has held several positions within SCI, including Funeral Director, Mortuary Manager, General Manager, and Vice President of Operations and Revenue Services for Southern California. In 1995, Bob was transferred to run SCI's Hawaiian Operations with locations in Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and the big Island of Hawaii. Currently, Bob resides in Laguna Niguel, California, and is the Market Director of Operations for Orange and South Los Angeles counties. His market area conducts over 6,000 services per year.

Bob is a member of the Cemetery Mortuary Association of California, the International Cemetery, Cremation, and Funeral Association, and is a past Board member of the Orange County Funeral Directors Association. Bob also serves on the Professional Development and Legislative Committees of the California Funeral Directors Association.

Bob is a member of SCI's Ceremonial Funeral Detail, which works closely with the Military District of Washington, D.C., in coordinating State funerals for former Presidents of the United States. He has served on funeral services for Presidents Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford. He has also participated in services for Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Vice Admiral James Stockdale, and Congressman G. V. Montgomery.

Note of Special Information

Following the ceremony, an informal reception will be held in the Theater Annex.

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