College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Commencement

2008

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

May 11, 2008

two o'clock

Northrop Auditorium       Minneapolis, Minnesota
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Academic Costume

Academic gowns date back to the 14th century, when they served two functions of nearly equal importance: to indicate the academic rank of the wearer and to keep the scholar warm in the drafty stone halls of academia.

The markings, cut, and colors of the modern-day academic costume (cap, gown, and sometimes hood) indicate the academic degree, the field of study, and the institution that granted the degree. In the United States, the bachelor's degree gown is black and untrimmed.

At University of Minnesota commencement ceremonies, except those where master's and doctoral degrees are awarded, mortarboard tassels indicate field of study and honors graduates wear a medallion with a maroon and gold ribbon.

The Mace

The University of Minnesota mace was carried for the first time in 1961 by Regents' Professor of Physics Alfred O.C. Nier at the inauguration of President O. Meredith Wilson. 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.
PROGRAM

Processional *

Pomp and Circumstance (March #2) -- Edward Elgar
Organist: James Frazier

America, the Beautiful
The St. Paul Chorus

Opening Remarks
Dr. Jay Bell

Acknowledgement of the Student Board’s Faculty Awards
Mr. Brian Limborg, Student Board President, 2007-2008

Representing the Senior Class
Ms. Alise Jennissen

Welcome and Introduction of the Keynote Speaker
Dr. Allen S. Levine, Dean

Keynote Address
Mr. Mark Seetin

Thanking the Keynote Speaker on behalf of the Students
Mr. Brian Limborg

Presentation of the Graduates
Dr. Jay Bell

Conferring of the Degrees
The Honorable David Larson,
University of Minnesota Regent
Vision of the Future
On behalf of the College Alumni Society
Mr. Darren Lochner, CFANS Alumni Society President

Song
Haïl Minnesota**
The St. Paul Campus Choir

Recessional
March – Louis Lefebure-Wely
Organist: James Frazier

About the Keynote Speaker
Mark Seetin is Senior Vice President for Government Affairs for the American Stock Exchange (Amex). Amex is the third largest U.S. equities exchange. From 2004-2005 Mr. Seetin served as a consultant to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the United States Department of Energy (DOE) working on agriculture, renewable energy, and environmental policy areas.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree (1974) in Agronomy and Plant Genetics and a Master of Science degree (1976) in Plant Genetics from the University of Minnesota.

A reception will follow in the foyer.
* Please stand for the Processional
**Words are on the last page of the program
Honors Designations

Students in the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences may graduate with various honors depending upon grade point average and the completion of an honors curriculum.

The College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Honors Program is an academic enrichment program providing a college-wide educational opportunity for students who qualify and accept the challenge for academic enrichment. The Honors Program is designed to give students and faculty, regardless of their specific majors and academic departments, the opportunity to interact with each other in formal and informal contexts. Students graduating with honors must have completed honors colloquia courses and presented the results of a research project in cooperation with a faculty sponsor. Honors courses are taken in addition to degree program requirements. Students graduating Cum Laude have earned a grade point average of 3.5 - 3.65; Magna Cum Laude, a grade point average of 3.66 - 3.74 and Summa Cum Laude graduates have earned a grade point average greater than 3.75 over their final 60 credits. Students who are eligible for Honors, but have not received final grades, are identified as Honors Candidate in the program. Honors students graduating with the appropriate GPA are awarded honors with Distinction or High Distinction.

For students who chose not to participate in the Honors Program we acknowledge their academic success with the designations Distinction and High Distinction. Graduation with High Distinction is awarded to students graduating with an overall grade point average of at least 3.9 and at least 60 credits at the University of Minnesota; Distinction, is awarded to students graduating with an overall grade point average of at least 3.75 and a minimum of 60 credits at the University of Minnesota. Students who have a current GPA of 3.71-3.87 are listed as Distinction Candidate in the program and those with a current GPA greater than 3.87 are listed with the designation of High Distinction Candidate.

Students graduating with the Community Engagement Scholars distinction have completed at least 9 credits of service-learning course work, at least 400 hours of community service, and a series of reflective pieces. They also have completed an integrative community engagement project that results in the creation of a sustainable project for a community organization.
Master of Agriculture
Degree Candidates

Master of Agriculture - Horticulture
Faculty Representative: Dr. Albert H. Markhart III

Brian Beitlich
Carolin Dittman
Molly Butler Jaffray
Mary Louise Laine
Gunda Grotans Luss
Nicolas Accola Peinovich
Brenda Maxine Savaryn

Baccalaureate Degree
Candidates

Agricultural and Food Business Management
Faculty Representative: Dr. Brian Buhr

Patrick Awad
Michael Boerboom
Matthew Jacob Carlson
Laura Beth Casland
Krista Ceason
David D. Daubert
Luke Charles Diehl
Mark Bradley Enninga
Colin Andrew McKenney
Merilee Joy Michaels
Gloria Kwamboka Nyauncho
Matthew David Olson
Lindsey Olson
Brandon Overlie
Nicole Prokop
Christopher John Reed
Adam Gregory Schmidt
Adrian Sotan

Agricultural Education
Faculty Representative: Dr. Brad Greiman

Luke Becker
Justin Boike
Mike Braithwaite
Evan M. Dee
Jillian DeJong
Stacy Joy Gunderson
Kaleb Kromann
Jenna Kromann
Amanda Melhorn
Jessica M. Rehak
Katie Sexton
Cara Soper

Agricultural Industries and Marketing
Faculty Representative: Dr. Paul M. Porter

Jack Adam Brodshaug
Catherine Farrell Cafruny
Natalie Fox
Alise Jennissen
Kyle Arthur Jensen
Billie J. Larsen
Hassan Nixon
Michael Alan Pinney  Distinction Candidate
Beth Sandager
Carlena Kelly Sloan
Benjamin Storm
Kia Suzanne Vander Kooi
Taylor Thomas Wiebler
Animal Production Systems
*Faculty Representative: Dr. Anthony Seykora*

David Joseph Langel

Animal Science
*Faculty Representative: Dr. Anthony Seykora*

Theresa Jennifer Goff Ahlgren
Moria Beth Barber
Melisa Irene Bauer
Lauren Marie Benz
Jennifer M. Borash
Nicholas Braun
Kathryn R. Brillhart
Jesse Brutscher
Heather Buffie
Jessica Joleen Cincoksi
Ann Marie Cumella
Marsha Ann Demaske
Bradley R. Durow
Jason E. Erickson
Danielle Fogelman
Gail J. Gorman
Zachery John Gunnink
Anika Lauren Hansen
Amber L. Hazel
Ashley E. Hecksel
Amy Marie Hesse
Jocelyn E. Hutton
Kirsten Jensen
Crystal Rose Jergenson
Sarah Johnson
Camille Kubeczko
Lindsay Liles
Kerri S. Lockwood
Olivia Lorello

*Distinction Candidate*
*High Distinction Candidate*
*Summa Cum Laude* with Distinction Candidate
*Summa Cum Laude* with High Distinction Candidate
Erika L. Mahlen
Amy McIntyre
Kevin William McMenomy
Tanya Merritt
Brandi Rose Miatke
Carly Moberg
Brenda Kay Nelson
Beth A. Olson
Katie Jean Olson
Lana Christine Olson
Kevin Oran
Jenna Marie Pomerenke
Lauren E. Quast
Rebecca M. Rodvold
Megan Rohde
Matthew Rosenfeld
Dana L. Rowland
Caitlin Schaller
Pak ho R. So
Jenna Catherine Stenger
Miranda Starr Strain
Matthew Sturos
Evan Van Beusekom
Toria Ann Waldron
Alissa Wellington
Kimberly Joy Zier

Applied Economics
Faculty Representative: Dr. Frances Homans

Khasin Abdi
Aaron Reyes Acuna
Abdihakim Ahmed
Amanda Ahinee Amarteifio
Benjamin Bagdon
Ryan Douglas Berentson
Kyle Bergacker
Shane Blazer
Andrew Brothers
Bryce Buckles
Phillip Claussen
Kelly L. Colbert
William Joseph Costello
Casey B. Duhaime
Darren David Eckberg
Sahand Elmtalab
Ramy Eltrashidy
R. Tyler End
Joel A. Erickson
Daniel Owen Gahagan
Laura Marie Gallup
Paul Ginzburg
Andrew August Glaisner
Aaron Grah
Abdiqadir Harun
Thanh Hoang
Elma Hujic
David Lawrence Johnson
Aleksey Kerbel
Rory Lyell Kramer
Victor Kravchinsky
Douglas James Lange
Thang Toan Le
Joshua M. Lee
Mai Yia Lee
Casey S. Link
Michael Robert Linton
Lai Sanee Lor
Ryan Lynch
Rebecca A. Martin
Colin Andrew McKenney
Binh Thai Ngo
Christopher D. Nigbor
Steven Pham
Luca Potter
Karf Roberts
Anthony Roelofs

Cum Laude Candidate
Tyrone J. Schenk
Adam C. Schieck
Stephanie Schreiber
Utsav Hemal Shah
Elana Rose Shneur
Joseph Thornton Smithson
Peter Anthony Steensgard
Nicholas Craig Stuart
Emily M. Trossen
Tyler T. Woodward

Cum Laude Candidate

Applied Plant Science
Faculty Representative: Dr. Kevin P. Smith

Joel D. Gardner
Trevor James Keith
Summer Kluck
Nathan Kosbau
Adam Larson
Adam Mayer
Michael Richard Petefish
Gregory James Reynolds
Reza Serajzadeh
Danielle M. Wojdyla
Katie Elizabeth Wolf

Distinction Candidate

Bio-Based Products
Faculty Representative: Dr. Shri Ramaswamy

Seth M. Baso
Joshua John Heller
Steven Klein Jr.
Thomas Kwong
Emmanuel Mirai Minde
Benjamin Phillip Puhl
Nicholas Hans Ries
Zane G. Wybest
David Michael Zelinski
Environmental and Natural Resources
Faculty Representative: Dr. Kristen C. Nelson

Joseph C. Anderson
Paul Boettger
Graeme Harold Chaple
Jesse M. Engebretson
Kyle Gregory Gill
Benjamin Gosack
Jolea Noelle Gress
Nicole D. Harder
Nora Louise Helf
Andrea J. Hess
Katherine Irene Kimball
Adam Knorr
Daniel David Landgrebe
Dawn MacDonald
Shawn Guy Nelson
Margeurite Pettus
Sarah Prentice
Mitchel Blaine Rasmussen
Michael Richard Reinikainen
Eric Michael Schnell
Samantha J. Stinger
Alex Teeter
Alexander Vollmer
Jessie L. Whittaker
Jenna Williams
Teegan A. Wydra

Environmental Horticulture
Faculty Representative: Dr. Albert H. Markhart III

Garrett Lee Beier
Sarah R. Broadfoot
Ryan Andrew Browning
Benjamin Michael Clasen
Susan Dietrich
Christian Michael Dunn

Distinction Candidate
High Distinction Candidate
Joseph William Elam
Charles J. Fischer
Laura Rae Freund
Janelle Suzanne Frick
Karen Sue Gordenier
Charles Ryan Hampton
Samuel C. Hansen
Joel David Hanson
Mikael Henning
Corey Michael Hudler
Reid Matthew Johnson
Hugh Albert Kingston
Anders Lindberg
Justin Logeais
Nicholas John Lucking
Alissa Matara
Carolyn Anne McIntyre
Jacob Muzzy
Aaron Nelson
David Allyn Nelson
Kaitlin Elizabeth Peck
Casey Lynn Rickeman
Rebecca Schaubach
Sarah Schumann
Amanda Katherine Schutte
Matthew Laverne Schweer
Benjamin Walker
Thomas Dale Weaver

Environmental Science
Faculty Representative: Dr. Kristen C. Nelson

Brian Beck
Jonathan Dosdall
Kara Holzmiller
Karyn C. Jones
Christopher Kaminski
Lisa Brittany Kissing

Distinction Candidate
High Distinction Candidate
Brendan John McEntegart
Elizabeth Anne Sarto
Katherine C. Schake
Natalie Schultz

Distinction Candidate

Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management
Faculty Representative: Dr. Kristen C. Nelson

Erin Lois Andrews
Gabriel J. Benson
Kacy A. Bobzien
Lindsey Jo Briscoe
Loren Edwin Clarke
Jessica Colburn
Benjamin R. Cox
Sarah Elliott
John Harting
Carla Rose Ann Inderrieden
Isaac M. Johnson
Patrick Klein
Megan Elizabeth Lanigan
Meryl Larson
Emily Levine
Naomi A. Mjelde
Neal Jon Murphy
Jennifer Tuan Nguyen
Garrett Thayer Peterson
Heidi Marie Quinn
Nicholas Dean Reep
Noriko Sakuraoka
Yana Sorokin
Christine Marie Walsh

Community Engagement Scholar

Fisheries and Wildlife
Faculty Representative: Dr. Todd W. Arnold

Claire Elizabeth Bagniewski
Margaret J. Ballen
Travis Mario Braga
Dale Arthur Brant
Jason J. Breegge mann
Michael R. Bush
Natalie Noreen Crego
Michael Bruce Dings
Gabriel Drets ch
Marc Eaton
Aaron W. Faig
Kaytee Anne Firnett
Lucas James Fredrickson
Alexander Howard Gabriel
Jennifer Marie Gillen
Rebecca Haack
Matthew Richard Haworth
Jonathan Hess
Erica Hoaglund
Matthew P. Ihnken
Eric Jon Iverson
Brian Jenkins
Patrick Kelly
Daniel Robert Kohn
Alissa Krenn
Emma Lastine
Andrew J. Laursen
Jason Scott Listberger
Anthony Locatelli
Carolyn Jane Malcolm
Benjamin Lewis Michlig
Kelly Miller
Angela Miner
Jeffrey James Och
Andrew Leonardo Olivarez
Bradley T. Otremba
Nicholas M. Payne
Katie Marie Pilarski
Joseph James Reisdorf
Nissa Elizabeth Rudh
Cassie Setter

High Distinction Candidate

Magna Cum Laude Candidate
Caitlin L. Smith
Ryan N. Solem
Zachary R. Tannehill
Shane Ryan Vanderbosch

Food Science
Faculty Representative: Dr. Francisco Diez-Gonzalez

Michelle Gorham Anderson
Neal T. Anderson
Brandon Wayne Barse
Per Batdorf
Lisa Renee Butler
Luz Fultz
Amber Lea Hanson
Ryan Frederick Katzfey
Patricia Q. Larson
Mitchell Maher
Laura E.M. Meyer
Lan Nguyen
Jonathan Rossbach

Forest Resources
Faculty Representative: Dr. Thomas E. Burk

Megan J. Bowdish
Jason Dean
Michael Dyste
Andrew J. Erickson
Troy Douglas Holcomb
Paul J. Lundgren
Mark A. Macphail
Stephan Papiz
James Luke Reese
Mark Patrick Westphal
Nutrition

Faculty Representative: Dr. David E. Smith

Safia Farah Ali
Amy Jo Anderson
Blair N. Anderson
Fadume O. Ashiro
James Robert Bardill
Jill L. Barnes
Tomekia Leshan Battle
Angela Marie Becker
Heather Lynn Bekkala
Curtis P. Braun
David Brockman
Carlye Burd

Distinction Candidate

Jamie Butterfass
Jyme Butterfass
Justine Chung Chi
Katie Corazzo
Andrea Lynn Cornelius
Alyssa Covelli

Magna Cum Laude

with Distinction Candidate

Danny Nang Diep
Andrea Beth Dondlinger
Emily Drogseth
Brenda Marie Erlandson
Angela M. Ewer
Jennifer Flodquist
Nicole M. Fox
Kathleen Gehrke
Rebecca Gilbertson
Heidi Ann Goerke
Jamie Graveen
Erika Gregory
Margaret Grosser
Emily Haase
Laura Hammer

Summa Cum Laude

with Distinction Candidate
Erin M. Hanson
Saundra Marie Hartmann
Denise A. Hauge
Jill A. Heter
Nicole Hines
Amanda Patricia Kais
Jolena King
Nicole Ann Kruse
Jacinta Krych
Christine Marie LaBerge
Challis Larson
Danielle Romane Larson
Michelle Marie Lawstuen
Pa Houa Lee
Rachel L. Leiterman
Adam C. Lewis
Elizabeth Lindstrom
Jeanine Lise
Nicole Marie Longville
Dawn Elizabeth Lundin
Jacquelyn Ann Maxton
Lynette Christine McCambridge
Jessica McGaughey
Brittany Hope Myers
Linda Thi Nguyen
Kristen Olson
Sarah Joann Oppeneer
Joanna Lee Otis
Kathleen Otto
Aleitha Palmer
Gina Parolini
Sunnie Pavlacky
Patricia Lauren Peters
Tu Thi Cam Phan
Rosalie Pierce
Tanya Portnoy
Jennifer Alma Pozner
Erin Marie Radermacher
Sara Rehm
Alicia A. Rodriguez
D. Janey Routheaux
Christina M. Rutter
Laura Leigh Schmidt
Nicole R. Seleskie
Jina Sorensen
Margaret Teresa Sparks
Paula Marie Sturm
Stacy Thompson
Jennifer Town
Kristen Vande Glind
Cameron Lee Weir
Amy Yang
Rebekah Mary Yetzer
Adria Ellen Zwack

Science in Agriculture
Faculty Representative: Dr. Anthony Seykora

Jesse L. Randall

Urban and Community Forestry
Faculty Representative: Dr. Alan R. Ek

Benjamin J. Conti-masanz
Justin Brant Hartzell
Sterling Allen Malcomson
Nicholas Lester Perry
Faculty and Student Awards

The College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences relies on the contributions of its faculty and staff to enhance undergraduate education. The commitment of College faculty and staff to teaching, advising, research and curriculum development continues to provide energy and innovation for the college.

The recipient of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award for tenured faculty is Dr. Karen Mesce, Entomology, and for non-tenured faculty is Dr. Carrie Earthman, Food Science and Nutrition.

The recipients of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Alumni Society Distinguished Faculty Award is Dr. Brad Greiman.

The College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Student Board’s Professors of the Year are Dr. Todd Arnold, Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology and Dr. Albert H. Markhart III, Department of Horticultural Science.

The College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Student Board’s Outstanding Advisors are Mary Buschette, CFANS Student Board, and Dr. Ward Nefstead, Student Chapter of the National Agri-Marketing Association.

The recipients of the Horace T. Morse-University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education are Dr. Todd Arnold, Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology and Dr. Kristen Neslon, Departments of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology and Forest Resources.
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

- Truman E. Richard

Special acknowledgements to the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Student Board, College student and staff volunteers, and the College's Student Services Office staff for their work in hosting the commencement ceremony.
The mission of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences is to promote interdisciplinary scholarship supporting food systems, agriculture, and natural resources. CFANS plays a lead role in keeping Minnesota competitive and connected as challenges and discoveries abound in genomics, plant and animal biology, the relationship of food to health, the inter-relatedness of ecosystems, renewable energy, the promise of biocatalysis and bioinformatics, and the economic, communication, and policy issues associated with these discoveries.

As the College most closely connected with the University's historical roots as a land grant institution, our programs revitalize the University's core mission and support the University's "top three" goal through interdisciplinary and aligned research efforts and a systems approach to complex problems. Furthermore, our proximity to public agency offices provides a unique outreach role: providing solid scientific support for policy decisions.