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**University of Minnesota
School of Public Health
Commencement Ceremony**

**June 11, 1999
7:30 p.m.**

**Northstar Ballroom
St. Paul Student Center**

ORDER OF EVENTS

Processional

Performed by Les Block, DDS, MPH, Associate Professor,
Public Health Administration

Welcoming Remarks

Gita Uppal, Student Senate President

Speaking for the Academic Health Center

Frank Cerra, MD, Senior Vice President
for the Health Sciences

Speaking for the School of Public Health

Edith Leyasmeyer, PhD, MPH, Dean

Award Presentations

Presentation of the Minnesota Public Health Association
Student Achievement Award by Marshall Shragg, MPH,
President of Minnesota Public Health Association,
presenting to Gita Uppal

Presentation of the Jacob E. Bearman Student Achievement
Award by Thomas Louis, PhD, Division Head, Biostatistics
presenting to Andrew Mugglin

Presentation of the Harold R. Shipman Award by
Donald Vesley, PhD, Major Chair, Environmental
Health, presenting to Erin Lees

Presentation of the Herbert Bosch Award by Donald
Vesley, PhD, Major Chair, Environmental Health,
presenting to Erin Lees

Presentation of the Betty J. Hallstrom Memorial Award by Joän Patterson, PhD, Major Chair, Maternal and Child Health, presenting to Jane Hennessy

Presentation of the Robert ten Bensele Award in Maternal and Child Health by Joän Patterson, PhD, Major Chair, Maternal and Child Health, presenting to Tsewang Ngodup

Presentation of the Ruth Stief Chair Award by John Himes, PhD, Major Chair, Public Health Nutrition, presenting to Alena Dramstad

Presentation of the Community Service Award in Public Health Administration by Mila Aroskar, EdD, Major Chair, Public Health Administration, presenting to Mary Hearst and Ellie Ulrich

Presentation of the Barbara Ann Walton Spradley Leadership Award by Mila Aroskar, EdD, Major Chair, Public Health Administration, presenting to Gita Uppal

Presentation of the 50th Anniversary Scholarship by David Jacobs, PhD, Professor, on behalf of the Recognition, Awards and Honors Committee, presenting to Candyce Kroenke

Presentation of Delta Omega Society Memberships by
Leonard Schuman, MD, President, Pi Chapter,
Delta Omega, presenting to

Virginia Carlson
Cynthia Davey
Marsha Finkelstein
Amy Hietala
Kathleen Lenk
Lori Malvey
Robin Molella
Mary Jo Nissen
Saed Rahaman
Amy Stevens

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Edith Leyasmeyer, PhD, MPH, Dean

Commencement Address

“Caring for the Health of the Public”

Nicole Lurie, MD, MSPH, Principal Deputy
Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department
of Health and Human Services

Presentation of the Candidates for Degrees

Edith Leyasmeyer, PhD, MPH, Dean
Ian Greaves, MD, Associate Dean for Administration
and Research

Health Professions Covenant

Gita Uppal, Student Senate President

Conferring of Degrees

The Honorable William Peterson, Regent,
University of Minnesota

Concluding Remarks

Gita Uppal, Student Senate President

Commencement Reception

All graduates and their guests are invited to the reception immediately following the ceremony on the first floor of the St. Paul Student Center.

A special thanks to the School of Public Health Student Senate for their partial funding of the commencement reception.

**School of Public Health
University of Minnesota**

Students who have or will have completed requirements
For MPH, MS, or PhD degrees in the School of Public
Health in 1998-1999 are as follows:

Biostatistics

Li-Ling Chang, MS
Cynthia Davey, MS
Qingdi Geng, MS
Wenli Hao, MS
Yuan Ji, MS
Brian Johnson, MPH
Suying Li, MS
Melissa Monteith, MS
Tricia Roberts, MS
Elizabeth Vogel, MS
Yihua Zhao, MS

Erin Conlon, PhD
Katherine Huppler Hullsiek,
PhD
Andrew Mugglin, PhD

Community Health Education

Lynda Anderson, MPH
Amy Brugh, MPH
Jeanne Forbes, MPH
Leslie Hale, MPH
Pamela Johnson, MPH
Lara Lamprecht, MPH
Deborah Lasher, MPH
William Longoria, MPH
Gail McMahon, MPH
Sally Meyer, MPH
Monique Muggli, MPH

Sara Nelson, MPH
Linh Nguyen, MPH
Skye Peltier, MPH
Shannon Pergament, MPH
Margaret Rowe, MPH
Lana Schumacher, MPH
Angela Smithson, MPH
Melissa Stigler, MPH
Melinda Voss, MPH
Ann Wendling, MPH

Environmental Health

Kevin Albers, MPH
Monica Bastien, MS
Virginia Carlson, MPH
Daisy Cross, MS
Sandra Folken, MPH
Kristen Forte, MS
Ann Fitzpatrick, MPH
Deanna Harkins, MPH
Amy Hietala, MS
Ann Johnson, MS
Anne Marie Johnson, MS
Carol Johnson, MS
Charlotte Johnson, MS
Michelyn Jones, MS
Christina Larson, MPH
Erin Lees, MS
Linda Long, MPH
John Lulewicz, MPH
Peter Lynch, MPH

Debra McKinley, MPH
Chris McLinn, MPH
Angela Pilate, MPH
Saed Rahaman, MPH
Laurie Schmitz, MPH
Josh Simonson, MPH
Amy Visness, MPH
Gary Wax, MPH
Diana Wolf, MPH

Epidemiology

Christian Abnet, MPH
Nina Abubakari, MPH
Seth Baker, MPH
Michael Bales, MPH
Aman Bhandari, MPH
Shelli Bochert, MPH
Adam Box, MPH
Ami Buikema, MPH
Scott Bunner, MPH
Kathryn Como-Sabetti,
MPH
Jennifer Ellsworth, MPH
Howard Fink, MPH
Deborah Hiatt, MPH
Mary Homan, MPH
David Johnson, MPH
Resa Jones, MPH
Candyce Kroenke, MPH
Carlota Medus, MPH
Derek Moore, MPH
Mary Jo Nissen, MPH
Vuyisile Nkomo, MPH
Peggy O'Halloran, MPH
Douglas Osmon, MPH
Alison Peterson, MPH
Kristin Raab, MPH
Mandy Rasmussen, MPH

Joe Rebholz, MPH
David Roberts, MPH
Mauricio Ronderos, MPH
Kendra Schmidt, MPH
Kathryn Schmitz, MPH
Scott Seys, MPH
Sharon Simonton, MPH
Dana Soderlund, MPH
Paul Sjoberg, MPH
Ellen Swanson, MPH
Jennifer Weuve, MPH
Ian Wilson, MPH

Diana Fernandez, PhD
Pamela Mink, PhD
Janet Olson, PhD
Celine Vachon, PhD

Health Services

Administration

James Anderson, MPH
Kristine Beilby, MPH
Karen Brohaugh, MPH
Darlene Collins, MPH
Joan Klehr, MPH
Patricia McAbier, MPH
Ramona O'Connor, MPH
Gretchen Sampson, MPH
Mary Jo Swanson, MPH

**Health Services Research,
Policy & Administration**

John Degelau, MS
Marsha Finkelstein, MS
Heidi O'Connor, MS

Christine Goertz, PhD
Stanley Williams, PhD

Maternal and Child Health

Deepika Bhargava, MPH
Margaret Boler, MPH
Sheila Burns, MPH
Shelly Daisy, MPH
Susan Foster-Zdon, MPH
Thomas Gilman, MPH
Maria-Helena Fonseca,
MPH
Jane Hennessy, MPH
Susan Macary, MPH
Brenda McGuire, MPH
Tsewang Ngodup, MPH
Julie Peña, MPH
Amy Stevens, MPH
Jane Viste, MPH

Public Health**Administration**

Nina Alesci, MPH
Penny Andresen, MPH
Jill Briggs, MPH
Kathleen Begley, MPH
Rishi Dholakia, MPH
Amy Fehrer, MPH
Mary Hearst, MPH
Scott Hewitt, MPH
Leann Kirby, MPH
Renee Leinbach, MPH
Robin Molella, MPH
Aynsley Smith, MPH
April Todd-Malmlov,
MPH
Ellie Ulrich, MPH
Gita Uppal, MPH
Lisa Wiencke, MPH
Dorothy Yang, MPH

Public Health Nutrition

Kimber Baars, MPH
Alena Dramstad, MPH
Anne Dworak, MPH
Lori Malvey, MPH
Lynn Maves, MPH
Kirsten Nielsen, MPH
Tukhanh Quan, MPH
Sharlene Stayberg,
MPH
Yu-En Tsai, MPH
Katherine White, MPH

Awards

The following is an acknowledgement of some of the awards given to current students in the School of Public Health during 1998-99.

Richard G. Bond Scholarship given to an Environmental Health Student.

This year's recipient is Sarah Gilpin

James W. Wright Scholarship given to an Environmental Health Student.

This year's recipient is Cynthia Elias

William Foege Scholarship given to a current MPH degree seeking student.

This year's recipient is Kristine Rhodes

Mary Johnson Memorial Scholarship Endowment given annually by the Alumni Society to students enrolled or accepted in the dual masters program in Nursing and Public Health.

This year's recipients include Zahra Ladhani,
Monica Raymond, Margaret Rowe

Dr. J. Arthur Myers Memorial Endowment for International Experience in Public Health given annually to a current student for obtaining international experience.

This year's recipients include Erin Lees, Kendra Schmidt,
Ellie Ulrich

Biostatistics Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award given quarterly to a current student for outstanding service as a teaching assistant.

This year's recipients include Cong Han, Ping Liu,
Melissa Monteith

School of Public Health Alumni Society Scholarship is awarded annually to a current student who has completed at least 50% of the required credits for a master's degree and who has a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4. The award is based on the applicant's contributions to public health and demonstrated leadership.

This year's recipients include Gita Uppal, Melinda Voss

Lester Breslow Scholarship Award given annually to a Division of Epidemiology Student.

This year's recipient is Caroline Dunn

Lee D. and Donna Stauffer Scholarship given to a Public Health
Administration Student.

This year's recipient is April Todd-Malmlov

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 students apart from their 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 the time it was decided that all robes should be black: bachelor's gowns to be made of worsted material with pointed sleeves; doctor's gowns of silk with longer sleeves and faced with black velvet from hem to neck and back. They also carried three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow. Hoods are made of the same material as the gowns, the length varying with the degree. The lining of the hood identifies the university by its colors. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which the degree is earned:

Salmon: public health
White: arts and letters, journalism
Scarlet: theology
Green: medicine
Dark blue: philosophy
Yellow: science
Brown: architecture, fine arts
Pink: music
Lilac: dentistry
Orange: engineering
Olive: pharmacy
Light brown: business
Lemon yellow: library science
Light blue: education
Peacock blue: international affairs
Citron yellow: social work

The mortarboard cap is standard, though soft square-topped-caps are permissible. Recipients of doctorates may wear a gold tassel fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap; School of Public Health graduates wear salmon tassels.

Health Professions Covenant

As a health professional dedicated to enhancing the health care status and well-being of individuals and communities, I pledge collaboration with all of my health professional colleagues similarly committed, and promise to place patient and public interests above the perceived self-interests of my individual profession.