UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
SCHOOL OF NURSING

2006 Commencement
Northrop Auditorium
Thursday, May Eleventh
Two Thousand Six
Two O’clock in the afternoon
Commencement Speaker, Christine (Tina) Lund, MSN, RN

Tina Lund has been the Nurse Executive for the Minneapolis VA Medical Center since September 2001. She is responsible for standards of nursing care and practice of approximately 900 nursing staff.

Ms. Lund received her Baccalaureate Degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, and her master’s degree in gerontological nursing from the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. She began her VA career in Tampa, where she worked for 18 years, progressing from staff nurse to managerial positions. She attained a position at the Loma Linda VA, where she worked for nine years prior to her transfer to Minneapolis. Her background includes experience in medical, surgical, intensive care, and long-term care nursing.

Ms. Lund is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, American Organization of Nurse Executives, Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing, American Association of Ambulatory Care Nurses and the National Organization of VA Nurses. She is the author of several publications and has been active in nursing research and education.

Faculty

Karin Alaniz, PhD, RN
Dana Botz, MS, RN
Kristine Carey, MS, RN
Linda Chlan, PHD, RN
Jessie Daniels, MS, RN
Patrick Dean, MS, RN
Connie Delaney, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI
Karen Dunlap, MSN, RN, BC, CNA
Laura Duckett, PhD, RN
Andra Fjone, MN, RN
Carol Flaten, MS, RN
Mary Goering, MN, RN
Nancy Grimsrud, MN, RN
Scott Harpin, MS, RN

Linda Herrick, PhD, RN
Ann Jones, DNSc, RN
Kathie Krichbaum, PhD, RN
Madeleine Kerr, PhD, RN
Marsha Lewis, PhD, RN
Linda Lindeke, PhD, RN
Ruth Lindquist, PhD, RN, APRN, BC, FAAN
Christine Mueller, PhD, RN
Susan O’Conner-Von, DNSc, RN
Mary Rowan, PhD, RN
Mary Steffes, MS, RN
Judy Wilking, MS, RN
Mary Zaccagnini, 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.
Order of Events

Prelude
James Bartsch, Violinist
Thomas Bartsch, Pianist

Welcome
Connie W. Delaney, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI
Professor and Dean, School of Nursing

Greetings
Frank Cerra, MD
Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
McKnight Presidential Leadership Chair

Commencement Address
Christine (Tina) Lund, MSN, RN
Nurse Executive, Minneapolis VA Medical Center

On Behalf of the Faculty
Scott Harpin, MS, RN
School of Nursing

On Behalf of the Students
Elizabeth Hutter, 2006 BSN Graduate
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Sylvia Preston, 2006 BSN Graduate
University of Minnesota, Rochester

School of Nursing Pin
Gayle Hallin, MSN, RN
President, School of Nursing Alumni Board

Vocalist
Kendra Hanson
I Hope You Dance by Mark Sanders and Tia Sillers

Remarks: University of Minnesota Degree
The Honorable Lakeesha Ransom
University of Minnesota Board of Regents

Conferring of Degrees
Dean Connie W. Delaney
Lakeesha Ransom, MA
Ann Jones, DNSc, RN
Director of Undergraduate Studies

Closing Remarks
Dean Delaney

Please rise and join in singing the University song,
Hail Minnesota, led by Kendra Hanson

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 includes 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**

*Elizabeth A. Pui* 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**

*Susan Taylor* is the recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Nursing Student Award for 2006. The award is given to a student who exemplifies caring in nursing practice, competence in delivering nursing care, development of a high level of clinical knowledge and who serves as a strong role model for the nursing profession.
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
2006 Graduates

Bofferding, Thomas James  
Borzych, Anne Marie  
Braastad, Lindsey Ann  
Brice, Mindy Marie  
Brouwer, Brian William  
Brunk, Natalie Elise  
Bushman, Ethan Phillip  
Byrd, Anissa Georgeanne  
Byrne Zacher, Rachel  
Campbell, Jill Ann  
Carroll, Amanda Jeanne  
Cich, Loni Marie  
Coleman, Jenna Renee*, Summa Cum Laude  
Cronk, Beth Frances  
Deutz, Michelle Suzanne  
Fey, Jessica Sue*, STTI  
Gamache, Laura Ruth  
Graham, Kathleen Powers  
Grimm, Kari Ann  
Gustafson, Shaylen Elizabeth  
Hamann, Galen Michael  
Hanson, Kendra Jane  
Harris, Mari Ann  
Haskett, Meghan Ann*  
Hazelberg, Lexa Ilah  
Hedlin, Megan Marie  
Hesse, Emily Melissa  
Higley, Marie Ann  
Hinkley, Kristen Lee  
Hogne, Ashley Elise  
Huschka, Mashele Marie*  
Hutter, Elizabeth Ann  
Ikar, Amina Mohamed  
Jaunich, Maggie Michelle  

Johnson, Lindsey Renee  
Jonas, Kathryn Nina**  
June, Ellie  
Kadelbach, Jamie Kay  
Karjalahti, Amanda Marie  
Kirkeby, Lindsey Anhalt**  
Kohs, Heather Jayne  
Kosel, Christine M.*  
Kramer, Jennifer Nichole  
Krupke, Stephanie Rose  
Leach, Rebecca Helen  
Lehti, Krissa Ann*  
LeTexier, Jessica Ann*  
Lindeman, Amy*  
Luna, Carolinne  
Malone, Leah  
Mickow, Aaron W.  
Miller, Maria Jeanette**  
Mueller, Elizabeth Ann  
Myers, Tracey Kathleen  
Nelson, Erik F.  
Nelson, Tara Lorraine, STTI  
Nichols, Jennifer Ann*  
Nowacki, Brianna Lynn  
Nur, Hamdi Ahmed, STTI  
O'Grady, Colleen Marie  
Okose, Cynthia C.*, Summa Cum Laude, STTI  
Olson, Anders John  
Olson, Tawnya Lenee  
Petersen, Kristi Rae  
Peterson, Erin Lynn*  
Pezzella, Kelly Elizabeth  
Preston, Sylvia Dei  
Pui, Elizabeth A.*, Summa Cum Laude

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* Indicates graduation with Distinction  
** Indicates graduation with High Distinction  
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Distinction and Latin Honors calculated without last semesters' course work
Quade, Jennifer R.
Quinn, Brian Richard
Ragan, Allison Nicole
Rasch, Kimberly Anne
Ries, Holly Anne
Rogne, LaRae Jean
Rosheim, Sarah Marie*
Rusch, Kellie Jean**, STTI
Said, Halimo Sharif-Hassan
Sanders, Chad
Sawh, Christie Marissa
Schafers, Leah
Schipp, Tanya Maria**
Shavor, Erika Marie
Sikkink, Anthony David
Smith, Ellie Grace
Stenglein, Anne Rochelle
Stuve, Bronson J.
Sweezy, Lora Janelle
Taylor, Susan Lynn**, Summa Cum Laude, STTI
Thompson, Jaclyn Mae
Thompson, Stacy Erin
Tiemann, Caroline Elizabeth*, STTI
Vannett, Rostina Sutandi*
Warner, Carolyn Marie**, Summa Cum Laude
Wenn, Kara Eileen
Wetzker, Christine
Willwerscheid, Rose Marie
Wold, Michelle Lynn*

Student Marshalls
BSN Class of 2007
Amy Cahoy
Stephanie Johnson
Linnea Jorgensen

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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.

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 leading the procession carrying the mace.

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 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.