

Undergraduate Commencement Exercises

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Letter from the dean

Congratulations, Carlson Graduate!

We come together today to celebrate a significant accomplishment in your life. Today we honor the awarding of the degree that signifies your academic achievement and also represents considerable intellectual growth and development. Students come to the Carlson School of Management to participate in a process that will change their lives. It is my sincere hope that you took advantage of all that the Carlson School and the University of Minnesota have to offer, that you gave it your all, and that your experiences at the Carlson School have transformed not only who you are today but what you can become in the future.

The University of Minnesota's goal to become one of the top three public research universities in the world will be achieved, in part, through its exceptional students. The Carlson School has a long history of recruiting, educating, challenging, and graduating outstanding students who become highly motivated lifelong learners, leaders, and global citizens. Your class came to the Carlson School well prepared, indeed better prepared than any class of students preceding you. It has been our privilege as educators to guide you through this remarkable transformative experience and to help you develop your unique capabilities.

You now join a larger Carlson School community of over 50,000 alumni who work in companies big and small and live across the United States and throughout the world. One

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distinguishing characteristic of our alumni is their commitment to supporting the school's agenda for excellence. Carlson School alumni stay connected and they stay involved. The alumni network actively enriched your educational experience by providing mentors, speakers, class projects, internships, full-time jobs, and creating a direct information pipeline from the marketplace to the school. I now encourage you to embrace the opportunity to become a mentor, recruiter, speaker, and benefactor. As you accept these opportunities, you will transform the lives of future generations of students just as yours has been transformed.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Carlson School, I am delighted to extend congratulations to you on your achievement today. The process of learning you've begun at the Carlson School lasts a lifetime. We are here to assist in your continued pursuit of knowledge and professional development. I extend warm wishes for your ongoing personal and professional success. I hope that you will always be proud to call yourself a graduate of the University of Minnesota's Carlson School Class of 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Davis-Blake". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alison Davis-Blake

Dean, Carlson School of Management

Program

Processional

Beacon Hill Brass

Welcome

Alison Davis-Blake
*Dean and Investors in Leadership
Distinguished Chair in
Organizational Behavior*

Commencement speaker

Sherron Watkins
*Former Vice President of Enron
Corporation and one of three
whistleblowers named by Time
magazine as their 2002 Persons
of the Year*

Awards

Mary Maus Kosir
*Assistant Dean of the
Undergraduate Program*

Student speaker

Joseph Keys
Bachelor of Science in Business

Program

Presentation of Degrees

Robert Ruekert
*Associate Dean of the
Undergraduate Program*

Alumni greeting

Dave Thompson, '79 BSB
*President of the Undergraduate
Advisory Board*

Conferring of degrees

The Honorable Linda Cohen
University of Minnesota Regent

“Hail! Minnesota”

Kelly Garrison
Bachelor of Science in Business

Recessional

“Minnesota Rouser”

Sherron Watkins

Sherron Watkins is the former Vice President of Enron Corporation who alerted then-CEO Ken Lay in August 2001 to accounting irregularities within the company, warning him that Enron ‘might implode in a wave of accounting scandals.’ She has testified before Congressional Committees from the House and Senate investigating Enron’s demise. *TIME* magazine named Sherron, along with two others, Coleen Rowley of the FBI and Cynthia Cooper of WorldCom, as their 2002 Persons of the Year, for being “people who did right just by doing their jobs rightly.” *TIME* magazine concluded that, “Democratic capitalism requires that people trust in the integrity of public and private institutions alike. As whistle-blowers, these three became fail-safe systems that did not fail. For believing—really believing—that the truth is one thing that must not be moved off the books, and for stepping in to make sure that it wasn’t, they have been chosen by *TIME* as its Persons of the Year for 2002.”



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In recognition of her outstanding demonstration of ethics in the work place, Ms. Watkins has received numerous honors, including the Court TV Scales of Justice Award and its Everyday Hero's Award, the Women Mean Business Award from the Business and Professional Women/USA Organization, and the 2003 Woman of the Year Award by Houston Baptist University. *Glamour* magazine named her one of its 2002 Women of the Year, and Barbara Walters included her as one of the 10 Most Fascinating People of 2002. The National Academy of Management presented Ms. Watkins with their Distinguished Executive Award for 2003 and the Women's Economic Round Table honored her with the Rolfe Award for Educating the Public about Business and Finance.

Ms. Watkins is co-author, along with prize-winning journalist, Mimi Swartz, of *Power Failure, the Inside Story of the Collapse of Enron*. Currently, Ms. Watkins lectures and consults on leadership and organizational behavior.

Candidates for degree • *Bachelor of Science in Business*

Nathan Aadland	Holly Bocchi	Melanie Cox
Sabina Abasova	<i>Distinction</i>	Samuel Czura
Aleksandr Ablamunets	Shawna Borgfelt	Carla Daggitt
Leyla Adam	<i>Distinction</i>	Ashley Dahlke
Ryan Addabbo	Ryan Borowicz	Bryan Dallmann
Roxane Akradi	Alexander Braun	Brook Dalu
Olzhas Alikhanov	Benjamin Breit	Kevin Daly
Amin Alishahi	<i>Distinction</i>	Andre Daniels
<i>Distinction</i>	Alesia Brel	Jacquelyn Daudt
Heidi Allen	Daniel Brenteson	Katherine Davis
Zachary Alt	Katherine Brey	<i>Distinction</i>
<i>Distinction</i>	Taylor Brink	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Adam Altepeter	Amy Brinkman	Kayla Davis
Evan Anderson	Paige Broman	Andrea Deanovic
Lonn Anderson	Andrew Brown	Drew DeBiasse
Mark Anderson	Venessa Bruggeman	Andrew Decourcy
Samuel Anderson	Brittany Buck	Nicholas DeGidio
Brian Apel	Matthew Burt	Phillip Deisch
Martine Arioputro	Dustin Butch	Paul Delahunt
Engeda Asfaw	Kelsey Campbell	Thomas DeMartino
Darryl Ash	Jenna Carlen	<i>Distinction</i>
Josephine Assa-Jacobson	Alexander Cavallaro	Shane Dennis
<i>High Distinction</i>	Natalie Chan	Nehal Desai
Olga Bakman	Yuk Chan	Kathryn DeVelder
Paul Bangasser	Zikiria Chaudhary	<i>Distinction</i>
Drew Basten	Jiake Chen	John Dickmann
Marjan Batchelor	Tatiana Chivileva	Kaitlyn DiSalvo
Adam Beardmore	Young Choi	Thomas Dobberke
Amber Behrens	Corey Christofel	Jeffrey Doherty
Frank Bennett	Chelsea Chung	Frank Downing
Lindsay Bergh	<i>Distinction</i>	Stephen Doyscher
Kelli Berns	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	John Draz
Christopher Bjorling	Kellan Clark	Jenna Duesterhoeft
<i>Distinction</i>	Brennan Coatney	Sean Dulin
Courtney Blonigan	Lauren Cork	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Andrew Blonski	<i>Distinction</i>	Shreya Dumra

Bachelor of Science in Business • Candidates for degree

Tam Duong	Daniel Gillman	Ross Hedlund
Andrew Dwyer	<i>Distinction</i>	Sarah Heim
Kerry Early	Stacie Goebel	Charles Heinzl
Christian Eckes	<i>Distinction</i>	Kyle Hendrikson
Brian Edwards	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Sarah Hennes
J. Michael Edwards-Toepel	Ryan Goetsch	<i>Distinction</i>
<i>Distinction</i>	Michelle Gotsch	Matthew Herting
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Holly Grill	Kristen Hofflander
Erika Eisenschenk	Leah Grimes	<i>High Distinction</i>
Charles Eisler	Rachel Grimmer	David Hogen
John Erck	Kira Grueschow	Alex Holmgren
Michael Eull	Matthew Guertler	Young Hong
Patrick Evans	Richa Gupta	Molly Horras
Sean Feilen	Thomas Gustafson	Heidi Huhn
Lee Feltman	Steven Guzik	Jennifer Hulke
<i>High Distinction</i>	Clark Haake	<i>Distinction</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Maergethe Haines	Erin Hunt
Jeffrey Filler	Wario Halake	Thomas Hurkes
Spencer Fine	Samantha Hall	Megan Hutchinson
Jana Fjerkenstad	Todd Hallada	SueLyne Huynh
<i>Distinction</i>	Abbey Hallberg	Kevin Irving
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Daniel Hampston	Karin Jackson
Andrew Flis	Alla Hanchar	<i>Distinction</i>
Daniel Fort	Paul Hanninen	Kate Jacobs
Richard Furseth	Kristen Hanson	Sarosh Jamal
<i>Distinction</i>	Reid Hanson	Nathan Jayappa
Emily Gage	Alexandra Hardinger	Sarah Jeffrey
<i>Distinction</i>	Lynne Harris	<i>Distinction</i>
Amanda Gaines	Matthew Hart	Leah Jensen
Kyle Gamboni	Farah Hashi	Allison Johnson
Jorge Garcia	Briana Hassett	Bradley Johnson
Kelly Garrison	Dale Havlovick	<i>High Distinction</i>
Europe Gayden	Ashley Hawkins	Hannah Johnson
Joel Geistfeld	Ambe Hazledine	James Johnson
David George	Jacqueline Heard	Kaleb Johnson
Dean George		Stephanie Johnson
Nidhi Ghildayal		<i>Distinction</i>

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Steven Johnson <i>Distinction</i>	Julie Kleist	Jonathan Lillesve
Amy Jolly	Justin Klinghagen	Yunhua Lin
Lauren Jome	Brittany Knost	Eric Lippert
Nathan Jones <i>Distinction</i>	Kristina Knudson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Shiyao Liu <i>Distinction</i>
Brittany Jordan <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Blake Koch	Breane Loeffler
Michael Jorgensen	Nicole Koenig	Richard Lonneman <i>High Distinction</i>
Almas Junussov	Callie Koeniger	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Ashley Jurek <i>Distinction</i>	Christine Kongsvik <i>Beta Alpha Psi</i>	Robert Loudon <i>Distinction</i>
Katie Jurgenson	Viktoria Kozova	Christina Luah
Kenneth Juskowiak	Stephanie Kraemer <i>Distinction</i>	Lisa Luhman
Adam Justin <i>Distinction</i>	Mary Krepel	Michael Lunde <i>High Distinction</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Molly Kriesel	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Beta Alpha Psi</i>	Victoria Kurk	Maika Luppess
Kate Kallal	Maria Laftchiyska	Olena Lyadova
Hyeyoung Kang	Linda Lai	Annenette Mabon
Paul Karas	Surbhi Lal	Brittany Magnuson
Chad Karlsson <i>High Distinction</i>	Erin Lamberty	Valarie Mahabir
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Jeremy Lambrides	Jason Mallet
Evan Kaufmann	Scott LaRoque	Mitchell Mandler <i>Distinction</i>
Shawna Kaup	Elizabeth Larson <i>High Distinction</i>	Arjun Mani
Veronica Keeney	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Anders Mantius
Thomas Kelsey	Colleen Lau	Robert Marcus <i>High Distinction</i>
Kate Kemmerick	Brandi Lawler	Margaret Marshall <i>Distinction</i>
Susan Kern	Christine Lee	Daniel Marso
Michael Kewley	Douachee Lee	Ryan Martin
Joseph Keys	Yuriy Lehan	Michael Mather <i>Distinction</i>
Sami Khwaja	Maxwel Lemberger	Elizabeth Mathews
John Kieffer	Nathan Lenthe	Mark Mattison
Danielle King	Harrison Lepor	
Leigh Kirschner	Puntipa Lerdgidkjon	
Jeremy Kittleson	Jason Lewis	
	Jennifer Lien	
	Matthew Lill	

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Daniel Mayberry	Jessica Morinville	Omni Patel
Daniel McCormick	<i>Distinction</i>	Sawan Patel
Mark McCullough	Daniel Mosblack	Seena Patel
<i>High Distinction</i>	Mikael Moseley	Zachary Paulson
Brianna McDonald	Amanda Mosher	Ashley Pavletich
Kenneth McDonald	<i>Distinction</i>	<i>Distinction</i>
Lauren McGowan	Thomas Muellenberg	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Distinction</i>	<i>Distinction</i>	Tyler Pearson
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Jason Mueller	Luis Pedroza
Landon Meece	Samantha Mueller	Elizabeth Peilen
<i>Distinction</i>	Shashanka Muppaneni	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Kyle Meehan	<i>High Distinction</i>	Nicholas Peters
<i>Distinction</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Distinction</i>
Alex Mei	Aneessa Musa	Benjamin Peterson
Sacha Merali	Rachel Nearhood	Briana Peterson
Christopher Meskimen	Vernon Neitzell	Laura Peterson
<i>Distinction</i>	Laura Nelson	Taylen Peterson
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Nicole Neubauer	Asta Petkute-Mruz
Benjamin Messerli	Nathan Ng	<i>Distinction</i>
Brett Messner	Vu Ngo	Corey Phippen
<i>High Distinction</i>	Kendra Nguyen	Brendan Pierro
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Thao Nguyen	Armetha Pihlstrom
Todd Michlitsch	Thu Nguyen	Jeremy Plesha
Mathew Mikulay	Maja Nikolic	Jonathon Podvin
Ronald Miller	Eric Nordgren	<i>High Distinction</i>
Jeremy Miller	Nicholas Norring	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Kian Missaghi	Brandon Nuanes	John Pokorny
Aaron Moerke	Esther Nyauncho	<i>High Distinction</i>
<i>High Distinction</i>	Justin O'Brien	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Mehrdad Moghaddam	James O'Hara	Scott Polansky
<i>Distinction</i>	Kirsten Olson	Brianna Polus
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Rochelle Olson	Danica Powell
Hashim Mohamed	John Orth	Katherine Pritchett
Rachel Monfils	Abdiasis Osman	Eric Proops
Alois Monger	Josiah Overfors	Philip Pundsack
Sarah Moore	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Eric Purdue
Anthony Morimoto	Dominick Palma	

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Michael Ramlet <i>High Distinction</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Lyudmila Sedinkina	Jacqueline Streit
Thomas Rams <i>Distinction</i>	Justin Seitz	Adrian Suncar
Ashley Reimers	Dennis Self	Adam Suqrot
Jessica Reipke	Bernadette Senyana	James Sura <i>Distinction</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Mitchell Rhoads	Michael Sertich	Aparna Suri
Chadwick Ries	Aviran Sethi	Nicole Susuki
Timothy Riley	Griffin Severson	Aaron Swart
Mary Ripp	Stephen Seward	Joseph Swartz <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Cole Roberge	Parag Shah	Michael Symonds
Jason Rodahl <i>High Distinction</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Karl Shepard	Margaret Szarkowitz
Kayla Rodriguez <i>Distinction</i>	Eun Shin	Antoni Tang <i>Distinction</i>
Bobbi Ross	Andrea Silva	Samuel Tashima <i>Distinction</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Emily Rund <i>High Distinction</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Benjamin Simmons	Adam Terlson
Shannon Ryan	Ilona Sipos <i>Distinction</i>	Renelle Tessmer
Kenneth Rygh	Alyssa Sivanich <i>High Distinction</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Michael To
Joseph Sahar	Erica Sivertson	Toni Toborg
John Sallstrom	Lindsay Skinner	Andrew Tomashek <i>High Distinction</i>
Nicholas Salmanowicz	Lily Smith	Robin Tomsyck
Mohamed Samaha	Abigail Smith	Jo Trahms <i>High Distinction</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Brittni Savage	Parker Smith	Paul Tran
Brian Scarseth	Rachel Smith	Nicholas Treat <i>High Distinction</i>
Rachel Schaeftbauer	Erin Soletski <i>Distinction</i> <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Vance Trendov
Mark Schiller	Kelsey Sondag <i>Distinction</i>	Alexandra Tucker
Kelly Schmidt	Shineui Song	Megan Tucker
Shawn Schoepp	Justine Stark	Gwen Upton
Angela Schroeder	Shannon Stemper	Timothy Usset
William Schumacher	Crystal Stevenson	Nicholas Vanderheyden
Raoul Schwark	Stuart Stomberg	
Adam Seavey	Matthew Stommes	
	Emily Strand	

Mai Vang

Grant Vann

Felix Varghese

Lindsay Vine

Irina Vishnevskaya

Sarah Vogt

Gunther Wagoner

Distinction

Summa Cum Laude

Colin Walker

Nicolas Wallin

Laura Way

Lindsey Weber

Kelsey Webster

Magna Cum Laude

Megan Wedin

Thomas Weems

Michael Weisbeck

Timothy Weiske

High Distinction

Summa Cum Laude

Caitlin Weixel

Stephen Welle

Brandon Wien

Keith Wilkins

Magna Cum Laude

Anthony Williams

Cynthia Windsor

Jeremy Wingler

Valerie Wittmer

Carol Wood

Distinction

Kia Xiong

Noor Younossi

Kevin Yu

Magna Cum Laude

Ildiko Yuhás

High Distinction

Shuying Zhou

Gina Zilleox

Anthony Zimmer

Awards

Academic Excellence Award

This award is presented to the students who rank highest scholastically among all undergraduates at the Carlson School.

Chad Karlsson

Timothy Weiske

Tomato Can Loving Cup Award

This award began in 1929 and is the Carlson School's highest honor to an undergraduate student, recognizing performance of distinctive service to the school. The Tomato Can Loving Cup Award comes with a full-tuition scholarship to the Carlson Full-Time MBA program, redeemable after two years of work experience.

Recipient to be announced
at ceremony

Degrees with distinction

Distinction and high distinction recognize significant academic achievement. High distinction denotes those graduating students with a GPA between 3.90 and 4.0, while distinction denotes those who have a GPA between 3.75 and 3.89. Honors are final only after all degree work has been completed.

Degrees with honors

Students who earn the honors designation have completed a series of required upper division honors courses and have earned the following GPA in their final 60 credits at the University of Minnesota:

Cum laude	3.500
Magna cum laude	3.666
Summa cum laude	3.750

Beta Alpha Psi

Membership in this national honorary accounting society is awarded to accounting majors on the basis of performance in specific accounting courses and overall grade point average.

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!

Like the stream that bends to sea,
Like the pine that seeks the blue;
Minnesota, still to thee
Thy sons are strong and true.
From the woods and waters fair;
From thy prairies waving far,
At thy call they throng with their shout and song
Hailing thee their Northern Star!

Academic costume and regalia

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 color 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.

Degree candidates wear the gowns appropriate for the degrees they are about to receive. Bachelor's degree gowns are black and untrimmed. A maroon and gold tassel hangs from the mortar board worn on the head by candidates. Master's degree gowns, black and untrimmed, have pointed sleeves.

Doctoral gowns in the United States traditionally have been black with velvet front facings and crossbars on the sleeves. The Minnesota hood, which may be worn by anyone with a doctoral degree from the University of Minnesota, is black with maroon chevron on gold. Each institution has its own pattern of colors on the hood, worn around the neck and down the back of the gown. The length and shape of the hood identify the most advanced degree the wearer has earned, and the velvet edging shows the field: drab for doctor of business administration.

In recent years a number of universities have adopted gowns of distinctive school colors. A new University of Minnesota doctoral gown and matching tam made their appearance in 1988 to celebrate the centenary of the first Minnesota doctor of philosophy degree. The new Minnesota gown is maroon-trimmed with black velvet chevrons and gold metallic braid. The traditional gown may still be worn.

Commencement reception

Immediately following today's commencement exercises, all graduates and guests are invited to attend a celebratory reception hosted by the Carlson School Alumni Board in the atrium of the Carlson School of Management.

The Carlson School of Management is located at 321 Nineteenth Avenue South, on the West Bank of the University's Minneapolis campus. From Northrop Auditorium on the East Bank, cross the Mississippi River via the Washington Avenue Bridge or the Tenth Avenue Bridge.

The University parking facilities closest to the Carlson School of Management are:

- 19th Avenue Ramp (public entry on 3rd Street Southeast)
- 21st Avenue Ramp (public entry on 21st Avenue South)

We hope to see you there!

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