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Letter from the Dean

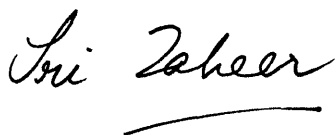
We gather today in celebration to award you with a degree that recognizes your tireless efforts, acknowledges your scholarly achievements, and symbolizes the transformative effect of business education. Whether you pursue a career in business, form your own venture, lead a nonprofit, or pursue further studies, your degree from the Carlson School of Management has you poised to create a brighter future.

And although you may be leaving the Carlson School after today, the Carlson School will not leave you. You have become part of a powerful entity comprised of the more than 50,000 graduates who came before you—a global force that reaches across 95 countries, yet still maintains a strong connection from whence it came.

Carlson School alumni are accomplishing amazing feats across the globe while at the same time ensuring that the next generation of leaders being shaped in Minnesota has the same opportunities afforded to them. They mentor our students.

They provide experiential learning opportunities. They employ our students and graduates. They become our business partners. They invest both their time and their financial resources in our progress. They realize that the value of their degree is not fixed; rather it appreciates with proper stewardship. I hope you will follow their lead. In appreciation, know that we will always be here to assist in your continued pursuits in any way we can.

On behalf of the University of Minnesota and the faculty and staff of the Carlson School, I offer you sincere congratulations. We are proud of all that you have achieved to date and are even more excited about all that you will accomplish in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sri Zaheer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a separator between the signature and the typed name below.

Sri Zaheer
*Dean and Elmer L. Andersen Chair
in Global Corporate Social Responsibility*

Program

Processional

**University of Minnesota
Brass Ensemble**
Timothy Diem, Conductor

Welcome

Sri Zaheer
*Dean and Elmer L. Andersen
Chair in Global Corporate
Social Responsibility*

Commencement speaker

Barbara Mowry
*Chief Executive Officer
GoreCreek Advisors*

Awards

Mary Maus Kosir
*Assistant Dean of the
Undergraduate Program*

Student speaker

Alex Cherucheril
Bachelor of Science in Business

Presentation of degrees

Raj Singh
*Associate Dean of the
Undergraduate Program*

Alumni greeting

Tim Huebsch, '07 MBA
President, Carlson School Alumni Board

Conferring of degrees

Laura Brod
University of Minnesota Regent

"Hail! Minnesota"

Jiajin Han
Bachelor of Science in Business

Recessional

"Minnesota Rouser"

Barbara Mowry



Barbara Mowry
Chief Executive Officer
GoreCreek Advisors

Barbara Mowry is an experienced corporate executive, intrapreneur, entrepreneur, and corporate board member.

Her experience includes senior executive roles in three *Fortune* 500 companies: Oracle Corporation, TCI (Comcast Corporation), and United Airlines. She also served as CEO of four intrapreneurial and entrepreneurial ventures. She has founded companies, raised significant venture capital, and has led both business to business and business to consumer focused companies.

Mowry has been at the forefront of innovations that continue to add business value today. In the airline industry, she led the MileagePlus® frequent flyer program. Across a variety of industries, she developed customer loyalty programs, and new technology products that enable business to business e-commerce, data quality and data integration in large enterprises. And as the cable television industry entered the digital era, she led the launch of products enabled by the convergence of voice, video, and data.

She serves on both public and private company boards of directors. Mowry is a member of the Kauffman Foundation Board of Trustees and Vice Chair of the Carlson School Board of Overseers. She was also the past Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Board of Directors.

Mowry is a board member of the National Association of Corporate Directors. She is also a member of the Committee of 200, the International Women's Forum, Women Corporate Directors, and other community groups. She was appointed a judge at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

She has received numerous awards including the Outstanding Achievement Award from the University of Minnesota. She has also been named by Denver Business Journal as The Outstanding Woman in Business in Technology and Telecommunications, and has been recognized as one of the “25 Most Powerful Women in Colorado.”

Mowry holds a bachelor's degree from Miami University and an MBA from the Carlson School of Management.

Andrew Abraham	Zachary Berman	Alex Cherucheril
Andrea Adams	Annette Betting-Fuentes	Maggie Chidester
Samantha Allevan	Kyle Beversdorf	Seong Choi
Ryan Allison	Julia Bevington	<i>Distinction</i>
Rochelle Altobelli	Amanda Bialon	Brian Chorski
<i>Distinction</i>	Zachary Billiet	Tejashree Choudhary
Benjamin Anderholm	Michael Biskupski	Patrick Clarke
Leule Assmrew	Armani Black	Aldrin Clement
Thomas Astrup	Anthony Blustein	Joseph Cocchiarella
Thomas Atkins	<i>Distinction</i>	Denver Collins
Sarah Atkinson	Phuong Bogrand	<i>Magna cum laude</i>
Joshua Auerbach	Philip Bontrager	<i>High Distinction</i>
Shannon Awes	Diego Borgert	James Collins
Nicholas Baca	Hannah Botsford	<i>Summa cum laude</i>
Ryan Backstrom	Benjamin Bravence	<i>Distinction</i>
Samuel Bagley	Adam Brennan	Nicholas Cominos
Matthew Bahl	Nicholas Breunig	Megan Compeggie
Jack Baier	<i>Distinction</i>	Brandon Creamer
<i>Distinction</i>	Keaton Bronston	<i>High Distinction</i>
Samantha Ball	David Brown	Jamie Crum
Stephen Bangs	Kyra Brown	Mikayla Dalton
<i>Distinction</i>	Elizabeth Bruno	Quy Dao
Gary Barannikov	Austin Burandt	Bryan Dasrath
Lucas Baranowski	John Buresh	Duff Davidson
<i>Distinction</i>	Ellen Burns	Debasmita De
James Barrett	Alexandra Buska	Philip Deberg
Therese Bauer	Minghui Cai	Derek DeGardner
Andrew Beadle	Andrea Carlson	Nicholas DeJean
Christopher Bechly	Timothy Carr	Emily Delay
<i>Distinction</i>	<i>Magna cum laude</i>	<i>Distinction</i>
Taryn Bednarek	Junho Cha	Sarah Denn
Spencer Bemel	Samuel Chapin	Eric Deutsch
Adam Bender	Yihui Chen	Brian Didier
Henry Benson	Flora Chen	Elliot Dietz
Lindsey Berg	Yukun Cheng	John Dirks
Thomas Bergen	Gabriela Chenoweth	Michael Dixon
Matanya Berman	<i>Distinction</i>	Adam Donkers

Ryan Downes <i>Distinction</i>	Mark Foley	Ronaldo Guerrero <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Bethany Drebing	Eric Fong	Kanad Gupta
Raven Dreier-Farr	Thomas Forsythe	Kevin Gust
Brittany Drury	Katelyn Freeman	Blake Hallenberg
Jacob Dubose	Michael Furney III	Emma Hammer
Aaron Duncan	Xinqiang Gan <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Jiajin Han
Nathaniel Dykes	Alexander Garcia	Jihee Han
Nicholas Eagon	Angelica Garcia	Krista Hanamann <i>Distinction</i>
Jay Ebert	Roberth Garcia	Kevin Hansen
Tyler Ebert	Shannon Gehring	Deshawn Hanson
Stacy Eckstein	Sourish Ghosh <i>Distinction</i>	Thomas Hanson
Cianna Edwards	Alberto Giardina	Shannon Hargis
Logan Edwards	David Gibson	Connor Harreld
Riley Egan	Michael Gilbert	Nicholas Harrie <i>Distinction</i>
Kathy Eiland-Madison	Claire Gillis	Kohlman Harshbarger
Erica Elias	Eric Glaubke	Cosette Haugen <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Katherine Ellingworth	Severyn Gondeck	<i>High Distinction</i>
Erika Elliott	Benjamin Goodrich	Nels Haugen
Arthur Elmer	Zachary Goodwick	Joanna Hedstrom <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Mariam Elwali	Alexander Gorder	<i>Distinction</i>
Nathaniel Ernst	William Gottsacker	Andrew Heim
Amanda Evans	Shanice Gozali	Danielle Heimkes
Jeremy Facklam	Gage Grace	Jennifer Heinz
Logan Falck	Joshua Graff <i>Distinction</i>	Nicholas Helgeson
Margaret Farmer	Molly Graham	Jonathan Hennessy <i>Distinction</i>
Hudson Fasching	Peter Grams	Brandon Henry <i>Distinction</i>
Riley Feldmann	Joseph Gramstad	Luke Hermer
Devon Fellerman	Olivia Grev <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Bradley Herrmann
Jennifer Fendos <i>Cum laude</i>	<i>Distinction</i>	Drew Hibbard
Jessica Ferrazzo	Samantha Grier	John Hill
Nicholas Ferris	Merrick Griffin	Allison Hochhalter <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Andrew Fink	Rachel Groe	<i>Distinction</i>
Matt Finley	Adrian Groeschel	
Michael Fisher	Guoxin Guan	
Natalie Fodor		
Sarah Fohrman		

Dan Hodac	Lydia Jorgenson	Mitchell Knutson
Jared Hoernemann	Arnav Joshi	Andrew Koenen
Cole Hoffman	Utkarsh Joshi	Rada Kolarova
Erika Hokkanen	Jeremy Junge	<i>Distinction</i>
Emily Holm	Gabriel Kahn	Justin Kong
Riley Holmseth	Amogh Kambale	Matthew Kong
SeongJong Hong	Haojun Kang	Seongkyung Kong
Taylor Hornnes	Emma Kanning	Yuqing Kong
Isaac Howard	David Kaske	Adrian Koo
<i>High Distinction</i>	Derek Kauffman	<i>High Distinction</i>
Hua Huang	Casandra Kautzman	Alex Kopischke
Weisiting Huang	Trevor Keenan	Michael Koza
Blake Hudak	Lauren Keierleber	Michael Kraus
Alicia Hughes	Joshua Kelley	Jessica Krempa
Michael Hughes	William Kelly	Ellen Kroeninger
Sam Hughes	Joseph Kelnhofer	Abigail Kroll
Abraham Humnick	Logan Kennedy	Zachery Krukenberg
Patrick Hyland	Ashlee Kersey	Benjamin Kubesh
<i>Distinction</i>	<i>Distinction</i>	<i>Summa cum laude</i>
Laura Hyypio	Hunter Kievet	<i>High Distinction</i>
Chandler Ignaszewski	Borim Kim	Samuel Kucera
<i>High Distinction</i>	<i>Distinction</i>	Mallory Kumm
Jordin Innes	Hyunwoo Kim	Andrew Labrosse
<i>Distinction</i>	Sa Bon Kim	Taylor Lady
Tim Jacobsen	Sujeong Kim	Anna Laedtke
Luke Jankowski	Sujin Kim	Grant Lagermeier
<i>High Distinction</i>	Abigail Kincheloe	Austin Lagerquist
Seema Jashnani	Jason King	Andrew Lahl
Lauren Jensen	Christopher Kirchenwitz	Katelyn LaMott
Matthew Jensen	Alex Kirkland	<i>Distinction</i>
Nicholas Jensen	Paul Kirkland	Connor Lane
Lauren Jerome	Steven Kislenko	Davis Lane
Yang Jiang	<i>High Distinction</i>	<i>High Distinction</i>
<i>Cum laude</i>	Charles Kleiner	Dewitt Lane
Wahida Joarder	Joshua Klemz	Megan Langer
Aaron Johnson	Tyler Kmit	<i>Distinction</i>
Connor Johnson	Matthew Knox	Marissa Langlois
William Johnson	Karl Knuths	Benjamin Lanz
Haley Johnston		

Alec Larsen <i>Distinction</i>	Haonan Liu	Molly Mattson
Heather Larsen	Feng Liu	Stephanie Mattson
Calvin Larson	Yatong Liu <i>Cum laude</i>	Joshua Matushin
Colleen Larson	Yixi Liu	Eric McCaleb
Ethan Lauer	Yulin Liu <i>Distinction</i>	Geoffrey McCloskey
Hendrick Le	Amanda Longley <i>Cum laude</i>	Jack McGarry
Khanh Le	Lawrence Lorbiecki	Elizabeth McGathey
Nhan Le	Mark Lorig <i>Distinction</i>	Mindy McGrew
Quan Le <i>Distinction</i>	Melanie Loudas	John McGuire
Lauren Lee	Jack Lunt	Emily McIntire <i>Distinction</i>
Samantha Lee	Qinyan Luo	Alissa McLain
Sojeong Lee	Heng Ly	Courtney Mecikalski <i>Distinction</i>
Michael Legrand	Nicole Ly	Will Meckler-Pacheco
Zachary Leirdahl	Derek Lydon	Marisa Melchert <i>High Distinction</i>
Michelle Lemoine	Alvin Ma	Erica Meyer <i>High Distinction</i>
Eve Lewis	Charles Maahs	Zachary Meyer
Haoyang Li	Carly Macgowan <i>Distinction</i>	Austin Meyers
Ruolu Li	Ana Machado Bohlken <i>Distinction</i>	Usman Mian <i>Distinction</i>
Taiwei Li	Camila MacNally	Nicholas Mies
Yanjin Li	David Macura	Julie Miller
Raymond Lim	Joseph Mahon	Sienna Miller
Matthew Lind	Holly Mahoney	Gavin Milow
Sarah Linder	Orkhan Mardanov	Korie Milton
Devan Lindgren	Joseph Maring	Hanna Miyamoto
Madeline Lindstrom	Grant Marks <i>Distinction</i>	Avery Moe <i>Summa cum laude</i> <i>Distinction</i>
Brittany Lingbeck	Kerry Marshall	Peter Moe
Harrison Link <i>Distinction</i>	William Marzolf	Ally Moeller
Peyton Link	Joseph Matheson	Mark Mohan
Brittany Linman <i>Summa cum laude</i> <i>Distinction</i>	Britta Mathiowetz	Sergey Molla
Brandon Linner	Takuro Matsuda <i>Distinction</i>	Anna Mongeon
Anna Linzmeyer <i>Distinction</i>	Catherine Mattson	Nicholas Monsrud
Molly Little <i>Summa cum laude</i>		Steven Morgan

Caitlyn Moylan	Mitchell Pederson	Savannah Reising
Faroz Mujir	Stephanie Perleberg	Sam Renikoff
Christopher Mulder	Alec Pesola	Emily Reudelsterz
Madeline Murdock	Adam Peters	Sara Revolinski
Suheila Musani	<i>Distinction</i>	Julia Richard
Connor Nelson	Carver Peterson	Kaitlyn Richardson
Kenny Ngo	Hannah Peterson	Kenneth Ridge
<i>Distinction</i>	Ronald Phuan	Austin Ridl
Diana Nguyen	Martha Pietruszewski	<i>High Distinction</i>
Duy Nguyen	Samantha Piper	Elizabeth Rieke
<i>Distinction</i>	Erich Pistulka	Nicholas Ries
Hieu Nguyen	Brandon Ploen	Celeste Rigelman
Trinh Nguyen	Kenneth Polarek	Paula Rincon Otero
Ryan Nicolay	Jacob Portra	Sarah Ringgenberg
Stephanie Noonan	Mark Portz	<i>Distinction</i>
<i>High Distinction</i>	Michael Price	Harrison Robinow
Jess Norman	Jack Prinsen	<i>High Distinction</i>
Kelsie Nowicki	Steven Prokuski	Eric Roden
<i>High Distinction</i>	John Prondzinski	<i>Summa cum laude</i>
Jennifer O'Brien	Daniel Proulx	<i>High Distinction</i>
Lauren O'Donnell	<i>Distinction</i>	Marco Rodiles
<i>Distinction</i>	Brett Puffer	Christopher Roebber
Amy Oie	Melanie Pulles	Michael Roffers
Daniel Olsen	Beatrice Purnomo	Cameron Rohach
Rachel Olson	Andreas Quinn	James Rolfes
Matthew Opsal	Trevor Radbourne	Joshua Romportl
<i>High Distinction</i>	Sayed Rahmani	Samuel Rosenbaum
Raymond Orofino	Renata Raisanen	<i>Magna cum laude</i>
Kyle O'Toole	<i>High Distinction</i>	Hannah Rosencrantz
Sotheara Oum	Domingo Ramirez-	Timothy Rosenflanz
Kaley Pak	Estefania	Joshua Rosenthal
Maxwell Palmquist	Andrew Ramsay	Henry Ross
Linhui Pan	Eric Raushel	Mitchell Rowland
<i>Distinction</i>	Shikha Raval	Katrina Rudisel
Anna Paradies	Ryan Rehbein	<i>Magna cum laude</i>
Jinhee Park	<i>Distinction</i>	Nathanial Rush
Dhwani Patel	Connor Reilly	Allison Ryan
Sarah Patten	Ryan Reilly	Sarah Ryan
Seth Pearson	Casey Reinke	<i>Distinction</i>

Anna Sakharova	Vijai Singh	Robert Strackbein
Eric Salisbury	Jared Sinkula	Jacilyn Strese
William Sandeen	Hunter Slack	Laura Strodthoff
Wesley Sandholm	Eric Smason	Nicole Stumpf
David Sandness	Meghan Smith	Wenqiuzi Su
James Sather	Spencer Smith	Zachary Sullivan
Jordan Schecklman	Andrew Solfest	Jiayue Sun
Jennifer Scheper <i>High Distinction</i>	<i>Magna cum laude Distinction</i>	Tingwei Sun
James Schmidt	Madison Solheid	Adam Suqrot
Michael Schmidt	<i>Magna cum laude</i>	Jacob Svegal
Samuel Schmidt	Fnu Somanshu	Katherine Svikhart
Tyler Schmocker	Nicholas Sommer	Kevin Szeluga
Evan Schnetzer	Tenzin Sonam	Adrian Szymonski
David Schommer	Yuri Song	Faith Tan
Lisa Schott	Brock Sorenson	Jordan Tanck
Marie Schroeder	Brittany Sorlien	Andrea Tauer
Cole Schulte	Christian Sovell	Joseph Telderer II
Martha Schuster	Bianca Spalj	Michael Tessier
Colin Scott	Alexander Sprenger	Samantha Teunas
Samson Seiffert	<i>High Distinction</i>	Shayla Thacker
Andrew Sevenich	Nicholas Springer	Laurel Thompson
Lauren Sheibley	Isaac St. Marie	Paige Thorburn
<i>Summa cum laude Distinction</i>	Peter Stachowicz	<i>Summa cum laude Distinction</i>
Graham Sherman	Alanna Stangl	Melissa Thorpe
Christina Shermoen	Alexander Starks	<i>Distinction</i>
Benjamin Sherrard	Hannah Steffenhagen	Levon Tibbetts
James Sherwood	Hannah Stehn	Tyler Timm
<i>Distinction</i>	Benjamin Stelman	Davor Torbica
Zompo Sheuphen	<i>Distinction</i>	Elizabeth Tozier
Xuhui Shi	Nathan Stensland	Angela Tran
Steven Shidla	Hannah Stephan	Matthew Traudt
Brandon Sibala	<i>Summa cum laude</i>	<i>Distinction</i>
Ahmed Siddiqui	<i>High Distinction</i>	Katherine Trebisovsky
Claire Sieracki	Jared Stevens	Brooke Trottier
Megan Siewert	Brian Stewart	Noelle Trovela
Elizabeth Simonette	Bonnie Stolpman	Ryan Tuck
Alexander Simpson	Casey Stone	Nathan Turner
	Maryann Stone	<i>High Distinction</i>

Louis Tuszyński	Peter Westerhaus	Ziyi Zhao
James Updike	Lucas Whelan	Peilin Zhou
Mitchell Urlaub	<i>Distinction</i>	Ziyang Zhou
Shela Usadi	Annie Whelden	James Zimbelmann
Whitney Vacek	Taylor White	Madison Zimmerman
Alexander Van Ess	Austin White-Pentony	Caleb Zimmermann
Lauren Van Lerberghe	Hannah Wicker	Kexin Zou
<i>Distinction</i>	Alex Williams	Austin Zurn
Skye Vanderwoude	Thomas Winderl	Benjamin Zweiban
<i>High Distinction</i>	Audra Winter	Carl Zwieg
Madeline Verbeten	Nicholas Wolf	<i>Distinction</i>
<i>Summa cum laude</i>	Amy Wolkerstorfer	
<i>Distinction</i>	<i>Distinction</i>	
Katrina Vogelgesang	Kristina Worm	
<i>Distinction</i>	Sido Wright	
Mackenzie Vold	<i>Summa cum laude</i>	
<i>Distinction</i>	<i>Distinction</i>	
Taylor Vollmer	Jamie Wyatt	
<i>Summa cum laude</i>	Chuhong Xu	
<i>High Distinction</i>	Huitong Xu	
Amy Vuong	Ye Xu	
<i>Distinction</i>	<i>Summa cum laude</i>	
Samantha Wagner	<i>High Distinction</i>	
<i>Magna cum laude</i>	Dave Xue	
Lauren Waldon	Andrew Yelken	
Katelyn Walsh	Hongqin Yu	
Jamie Wang	Sharon Yu	
Mengdi Wang	Wen Yu	
Wensi Wang	Bolun Zhang	
Xinyang Wang	Jialing Zhang	
Yehan Wang	<i>Magna cum laude</i>	
Zhiyi Wang	<i>Distinction</i>	
Lindsay Warner	Meng Zhang	
Adam Warren	<i>Distinction</i>	
David Watts	Xuanyu Zhang	
Gerald Weber	Yexuan Zhang	
Catherine Weese	Zhe Zhang	
<i>Distinction</i>	<i>Distinction</i>	
Charlie Wensman	Yuwei Zhao	
<i>Distinction</i>	<i>Summa cum laude</i>	
	<i>Distinction</i>	

Honors & Awards

Latin Honors Designations

Students graduating from the Carlson School through the University Honors Program have taken part in a rigorous course of study, research, scholarship or other creative work in the major, culminating in an honors thesis representing independent work done under the direction of a faculty supervisor or mentor. Students graduating *cum laude* (with honor) have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 for their last 60 graded credits at the University of Minnesota; *magna cum laude* (with great honor) awards require a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.66; and *summa cum laude* (with highest honor) awards require a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75.

Distinction Designations

Students graduate “with *Distinction*” or “with *High Distinction*” based on cumulative grade point average. Students graduating “with *Distinction*” have completed at least 60 graded credits at the University of Minnesota and earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75; students graduating “with *High Distinction*” have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher.

Community Engagement Scholars

Recognition as a Community Engagement Scholar is earned by students who complete nine credits of service-learning coursework, at least 400 hours of community service, a series of reflective pieces, and an integrative community project that results in the creation of a sustainable project for a community organization.

Katrina Rudisel

Honors citations are provisional and do not become official until all requirements for the award indicated are fulfilled.

Dean's Award for Best Undergraduate Honors Thesis

To recognize the accomplishments of undergraduate honors students, the Carlson School bestows an annual thesis award to a student whose thesis achieves the highest level of excellence. The recipient of this award was chosen by an Awards Committee from a select group of students nominated by their faculty supervisors. All nominated students developed innovative thesis projects and demonstrated great initiative, professionalism, and independent thinking throughout their project. We applaud the efforts of all thesis writers and their faculty supervisors for their contributions to undergraduate research.

Dean's Award, Co-Winners for 2016:

Olivia Grev

“The Buzz or the Brand? How Consumer Perceptions of Brand Authority are Influenced by Buzzword Labels.”

Supervised by Barbara Loken, *David C. McFarland Professor of Marketing, Marketing*

Sido Wright

“One Does Not Simply Ignore the Lyrics: Finding the Relationship Between Linguistic Complexity in Lyric and Popularity of Songs.”

Supervised by Gordon Burtch, *Assistant Professor, Information and Decision Sciences*

Additional Nominees

Xinqiang (Adrian) Gan

Supervised by Gurneeta Vasudeva Singh, *Associate Professor, Strategic Management & Entrepreneurship*

Brittany Linman

Supervised by Le Zhou, *Assistant Professor, Work and Organizations*

Eric Roden

Supervised by Joel Waldfoegel, *Frederick R. Kappel Chair in Applied Economics, Strategic Management & Entrepreneurship*

Paige Thorburn

Supervised by Deborah Roedder John, *Curtis L. Carlson Chair in Marketing, Marketing*

Honors & Awards

Tomato Can Loving Cup Award

This award, created by students in 1929, is the Carlson School's highest honor to an undergraduate student, recognizing performance of distinctive service to the school. The recipient receives a monetary prize, his or her name engraved on the original Depression-era tomato can trophy, and receives a 50% tuition scholarship to the Carlson School's Full-Time MBA Program redeemable after two years of work experience.

Recipient to be announced at ceremony

Academic Excellence Award

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

Denver Collins

Adrian Koo

Davis Lane

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 chevron and gold metallic braid. The traditional gown may still be worn.

Commencement reception

Dear Graduate,

I want to congratulate you on your achievement and now welcome you to the Carlson School family of alumni. As a new graduate, you are joining a community of more than 55,000 strong, located all over the United States and the world.

Our local, national, and international chapters of alumni host many events throughout the year. These events are great times to network, reconnect with old classmates, and meet new colleagues. Your alumni family and the Carlson School are here for every stage of your career and your continued engagement enhances the value of your degree. Be sure to join the Carlson School LinkedIn group to stay connected.

On behalf of the entire Alumni Board, I wish you much success in your future endeavors and hope to see you and your classmates at the next Carlson School gathering.

Tim Huebsch, '07 MBA
President,
Carlson School Alumni Board

Join Us

Immediately following today's commencement exercise, you and your guests are invited to attend a celebratory reception hosted by Alumni Relations and the Carlson School Alumni Board in the DQ Club Room at TCF Bank Stadium.

Carlson School Alumni Board

Tim Huebsch, '07 MBA
President

David Abramson, '63 BSB

Erik Allen, '99 BSB

Tanis Altizer, '06 MA-HRIR

Debra Arbit, '08 MBA

Stephen Benson, '95 MBA

Jesse Bergland, '03 BSB

Michelle Champlin Bergner, '94 MBA

Terry Collier, '09 MBA

Georgene Connelly, '11 MBA

Irene Fernando, '07 BSB

Carol Kitchen, '07 MBA

Patrick Larson, '00 BSB

Scott Mays, '11 MBA

Brian Milovich, '00 BSB

Yogita Naik, '02 MA-HRIR

Diane Paauwe, '03 MBA

Sam Rosen, '01 BSB

Jeanne Voigt, '81 MBA

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!

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