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FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ANDREW FURCO
AND REGENT ABDUL M. OMARI FOR THEIR
PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S CEREMONY.**





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WELCOME

Dean Eric P. Schwartz

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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STUDENT SPEAKER

George W. Shardlow
Master of Public Policy

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Professor and Former Dean
J. Brian Atwood

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Directors of Graduate Studies
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Director Kevin Gerdes
Associate Dean Laura Bloomberg
Professor Anu Ramaswami
Associate Professor Carissa Slotterback
Professor Melissa Stone

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Regent Abdul M. Omari

WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Emily Saunoi-Sandgren

CLOSING

Dean Eric P. Schwartz

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*Please stay seated until the faculty
and students have exited.*





MASTER'S DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES

Master of Development Practice (MDP)

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J. BRIAN ATWOOD
PROFESSOR AND FORMER DEAN

J. Brian Atwood became dean of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs in October 2002, where he is widely credited for raising the school's profile and national ranking. He served for six years as Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) during the Administration of President William Clinton. In the Clinton Administration, Atwood led the transition team at the State Department and was Under Secretary of State for Management prior to his appointment as head of USAID.

During the Carter Administration, Atwood served as Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations. He was dean of Professional Studies and Academic Affairs at the Foreign Service Institute in 1981 to 1982, and the first president of the National Democratic Institute for international Affairs (1986 to 1993).

In 2001, Atwood served on UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's Panel on Peace Operations. He writes and speaks frequently on international development, post-conflict reconstruction, foreign policy, the role of the United Nations and other multilateral organizations in international affairs, and the United States' role in the world order.

Atwood holds a bachelor's degree in government and history from Boston University and received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from American University. He joined the Foreign Service in 1966 and served in the American Embassies in Cote d'Ivoire and Spain.

In January 2011, Atwood took a leave from the University to serve as chair of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC). The DAC is a permanent forum of the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) that coordinates international development policy.

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**Master of Science in Science, Technology,
and Environmental Policy (MS-STEP)**

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Certificates

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Janette Davis, *Public Affairs Leadership*
Alton Gresbrink, *Policy Issues on Work and Pay*
Susan Hakes, *Public Affairs Leadership*
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Amber Shanahan, *Public Affairs Leadership*
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Sarah Weber, *Early Childhood Policy*





PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED AWARDS

INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Deborah Levison

CORE COURSE INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Ragui Assaad

TEACHING ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR

Dennis Duffy

*A reception on the patio between
the Ted Mann Concert Hall and Ferguson
Hall follows the ceremony.*



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The Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs is dedicated to excellence in education for public responsibility. As a living memorial to the public life and ideals of Hubert H. Humphrey, it seeks to enhance Minnesota's contribution to public and political life. The University of Minnesota's public affairs program (founded in 1938) is the third oldest in the nation. It was named for Humphrey in 1977 to honor the former U.S. Senator and Vice President.

The Humphrey School is one of the country's top-ranked professional public policy and planning schools, widely recognized for its success in advancing the common good through a comprehensive program. The School is long noted for equipping students to play key roles in public life at the local, state, national, and global level.

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