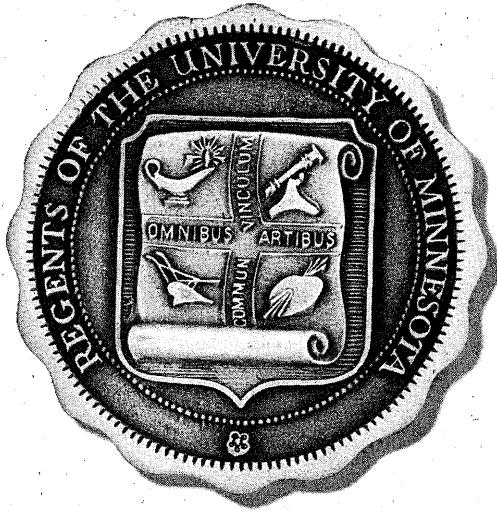


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2009



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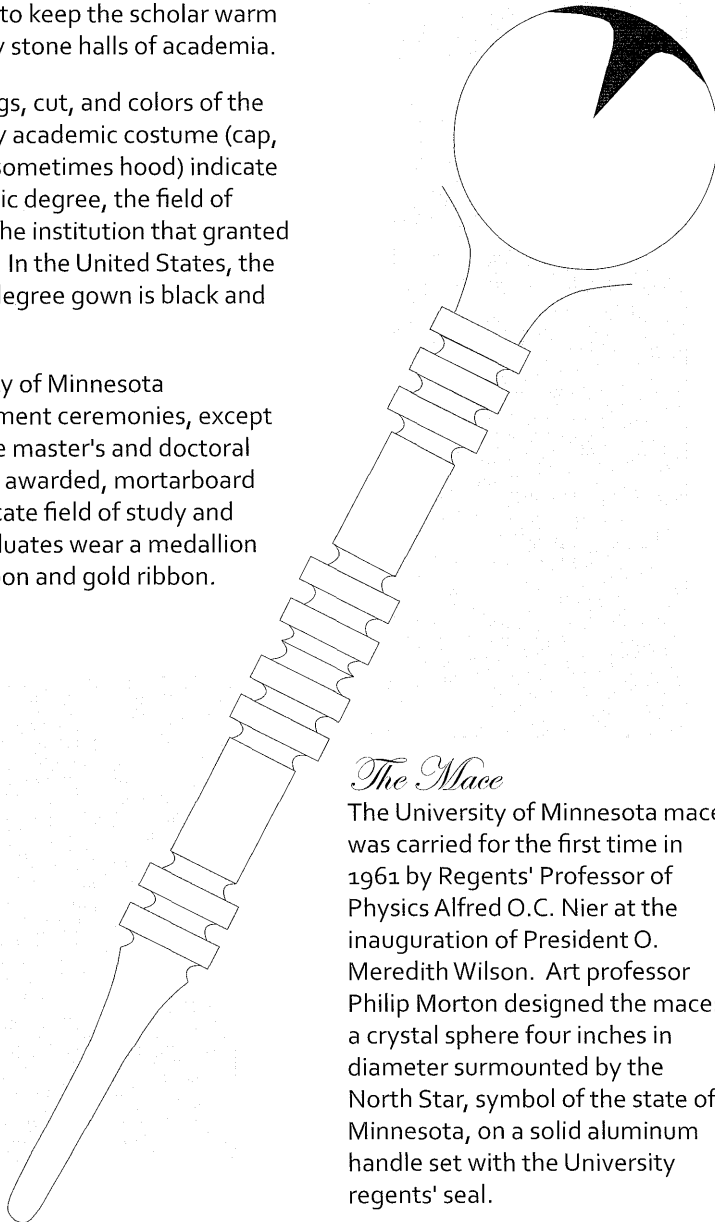


Academic Costume

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 colors 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. In the United States, the bachelor's degree gown is black and untrimmed.

At University of Minnesota commencement ceremonies, except those where master's and doctoral degrees are awarded, mortarboard tassels indicate field of study and honors graduates wear a medallion with a maroon and gold ribbon.



The Mace

The University of Minnesota mace was carried for the first time in 1961 by Regents' Professor of Physics Alfred O.C. Nier at the inauguration of President O. Meredith Wilson. 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.



PROGRAM

Processional *

Pomp and Circumstance (March #2) -- Edward Elgar

Organist: Helen Jensen

Song

*America, the Beautiful***

Opening Remarks

Dr. Jay Bell

Acknowledgement of the Student Board's Faculty Awards

Ms. Megan Hines, Student Board President, 2008-2009

Representing the Senior Class

Mr. Lucas Sjostrom

Welcome and Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

Dr. Allen S. Levine, Dean

Keynote Address

Ms. Elisabeth Emerson

Presentation of the Graduates

Dr. Jay Bell and Mr. Bill Ganzlin

Conferring of the Degrees

The Honorable Steven Hunter,
University of Minnesota Regent

Vision of the Future

On behalf of the College Alumni Society
Mr. Keith Wolf, CFANS Alumni Society President

Song

*Hail! Minnesota***



Recessional

March – Louis Lefebvre-Wely

Organist: Helen Jensen

Prelude Music Selection

Air-Jean Rameau

Grand Chœur-Théodoré Salomé

Symphonie #2-Charles-Marie Widor

I. Prélude

IV. Scherzo

About the Keynote Speaker

Elisabeth Emerson grew up on a small farm in Southeastern Minnesota. After high school graduation she attended the University of Minnesota and completed three degrees: a B.A. in Child Psychology; a Masters of Public Health from the School of Public Health and a Masters of Planning from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

Elisabeth worked for the Minnesota Department of Health for more than ten years as a planner and policy analyst. In 1996 she began working with the World Health Organization as the Head of the Mostar Field Office in Bosnia-Herzegovina. This field area included Serbs, Croats and Bosniaks, three groups who had recently been at war with each other. After 18 months in Bosnia-Herzegovina, she served the WHO in Kuwait, Mozambique, Indonesia, East Timor, New York and Thailand, working with local populations, government officials and other agencies to try to improve the health of some of the world's most vulnerable populations. For five years, from 2001 to 2006, she was the WHO Thai/Myanmar Border Health Program Officer. All work with the WHO has been in the Emergency Humanitarian Action Unit, responding to or preparing for natural or man-made emergencies.

Since 2006 Elisabeth has been taking short-term overseas assignments, maintaining three large organic gardens, and devoting as much time as possible to her five grandchildren.

In honor of her father, Elisabeth and her husband, Al, have established the Norman Olness Memorial Scholarship in CFANS.

A reception will follow in the foyer.

** Please stand for the Processional*

***Words are on the last page of the program*



*H*onors Designations

Students in the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences may graduate with various honors depending upon grade point average and the completion of an honors curriculum.

The College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Honors Program is an academic enrichment program providing a college-wide educational opportunity for students who qualify and accept the challenge for academic enrichment. The Honors Program is designed to give students and faculty, regardless of their specific majors and academic departments, the opportunity to interact with each other in formal and informal contexts. Students graduating with honors must have completed honors colloquia courses and presented the results of a research project in cooperation with a faculty sponsor. Honors courses are taken in addition to degree program requirements. Students graduating *Cum Laude* have earned a grade point average of 3.5 - 3.65; *Magna Cum Laude*, a grade point average of 3.66 - 3.74 and *Summa Cum Laude* graduates have earned a grade point average greater than 3.75 over their final 60 credits. Students who are eligible for Honors, but have not received final grades, are identified as *Honors Candidate* in the program. Honors students graduating with the appropriate GPA are awarded honors with Distinction or High Distinction.

For students who chose not to participate in the Honors Program we acknowledge their academic success with the designations *Distinction* and *High Distinction*. Graduation with *High Distinction* is awarded to students graduating with an overall grade point average of at least 3.9 and at least 60 credits at the University of Minnesota; *Distinction*, is awarded to students graduating with an overall grade point average of at least 3.75 and a minimum of 60 credits at the University of Minnesota. Students who have a current GPA of 3.71-3.87 are listed as *Distinction Candidate* in the program and those with a current GPA greater than 3.87 are listed with the designation of *High Distinction Candidate*.

Students graduating with the *Community Engagement Scholars* distinction have completed at least 9 credits of service-learning course work, at least 400 hours of community service, and a series of reflective pieces. They also have completed an integrative community engagement project that results in the creation of a sustainable project for a community organization.



Master of Agriculture Degree Candidates

Master of Agriculture- Horticulture

Faculty Representative: Dr. Albert H. Markhart III

Prentice Lord Freeto Beadell	<i>High Distinction Candidate</i>
Jane Crompton	<i>High Distinction Candidate</i>
Anthony W. Eichenlaub	
Joy Arthur Hilton	<i>Distinction Candidate</i>
Jacob Adrianus Koomen	<i>Distinction Candidate</i>
Matthew James Olsonoski	
Emily Susan Tepe	
Heidi A. Wilk	

Baccalaureate Degree Candidates

Agricultural and Food Business Management

Faculty Representative: Dr. Glenn D. Pederson

Lewis Formella Brooks	
Krista Ann Ceason	
Laquinta Flennory	
Matthew Heers	
Jacob Hemmesch	
Nicholas Levan	
Colleen Nauer	
Nicole L. Nelson	
Gloria K. Nyauncho	
Jill Marie Ryan	
Cole Robert Seaquist	
James Seitzer	<i>Distinction Candidate</i>
Jonathan Slinden	
Jessica Sumner	
Megan Thompson	
Aaron K. Wolhowe	



Agricultural Education

Faculty Representative: Dr. Brad Greiman

Luke Becker
Justin Paul Boike
Michael Braithwaite
Andrea Marie Erickson
Rachel Fautsch
Joshua Hein
Samuel James Jens
Christian Bruce Lilienthal
Colby Lind
Brittany Lusk
Aaren Lyle Mathison
David Meckstroth
Amanda Melhorn
Kayla Michelle Pearson
Taylor John Poage
Jordan Thomas Pollock
Jennifer Ann Schultz
Christopher Z. Sheehan
Cara A. Soper
Joel A. Talsma
Lindsay Watson
Linnay L. Yarger

High Distinction Candidate

Agricultural Industries and Marketing

Faculty Representative: Dr. Paul M. Porter

John William Boyum
Leann Marie Frydrych
Gregory German
Amanda Kay Goplen
Mark Harlin Hecht
Alise Marie Jennissen
Benjamin Allan Johnson
Christopher R. Kregel
Holly Love
Ahna L. Olson
Daniel Mark Peterson
Beth Melinda Sandager
Meredith Marie Schaubert



Todd Charles Selvik
Bryan Edward Urban

Animal Production Systems

Faculty Representative: Dr. Anthony Seykora

Adam John Donnelly

Animal Science

Faculty Representative: Dr. Anthony Seykora

Abbigail F. Albrecht
Shanna Barnes
Jennifer Clotilda Becker
Lauren Marie Benz
Jacqueline Blank
Hailee Ann Bracken
Jacquelyn Brauch
Toni Lea Buck
Kelsey Anne Campbell
Rachel Caruso
Kristen Clayton
Whitney M. Coler
Kyle Dean Compart
Ana Maria Contreras
Kensley Cross
Micki Lynette Czech
Allison Darnell
Adam Dicke
Thu Anh Do
Melissa Dohrn
Amanda Jean Eberle
Hilary Faas
Nicole L. Freese
Molly Kathryn Gillespie
Annah L. Goergen
Amber Marie Gray
Marcus Paul Huneke
Adam William Husfeldt
Jeffrey P. Jaderborg
Jenna J. Jones
Hope E. Kassube

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Kelsey Marie Kunce
Malia Landon

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Kellie Lindeborg
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Chelsea Matson
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Tristan Jeffrey McNamara
Amanda Christine Melhus
Bridget L. Melland

Ashley Rose Miller
Kelsey Ness

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Robin Perez
Mallory T. Peterson
Jacqueline Marie Popowski
Elizabeth Anne Radil
Amanda Joelle Rasmussen
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Kirstin L. Riess
Elissa Rae Schlueter
Stacy Marie Seiter
Angela Marie Shackle
Lauren Sirota
Lucas Steven Sjostrom
Jenna Catherine Stenger
Sarah Sullivan
Grant Edward Tomsche
Brent F. Toth
Tyneshia Marie Weeks
Virginia Jean Westlie
Cassandra Wheeler
Tory Virginia Whitten
Daniel Wieser
Chelsey Winkelman
Nicole Renae Wyatt



Applied Economics

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Mohamed Abdi
Matthew M. Abens
Mohamud A. Ali
Michael Steven Bernard
Tessa S. Borucki
Kristine Brewitz
Gregory Cox
Alissa C. Demmer
Jordan Duncanson
Ramy Elrashidy
Justin Jeffrey Ewens
Kelly Rose Fallon

Samantha Lauren Fedel
Ujin Han

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Lucas Hovila
Jovona Denis Hughes
Karlton Edward James
Katelyn Maureen Johnson
Vanessa Jean Magnus
Hared Mah

Dustin Charles Matson
James A. McCarthy, Jr.
Christopher A. McPhail
Patrick John Miller

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Binh Thai Ngo
Kaytlyn O'Leary
Jason A. Oldenkamp
Keith Olsen
Jennifer Mae Olstad
Derrick C. Onwuachi
Dennis Hung-En Ouyang
Hurue S. Paulos
Luke Pennig
Sarah Peterson
Catherine Avis Pierce

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Ryan Edward Reddemann
Rochelle Rutman
Tyrone J. Schenk
Theresa Sherman
Greg Sippl
Ryan Michael Statz
David Neider Stolper
Ashley M. Talbot
Caitlin Taylor-Sharp
Brandon Treanor
Tyrell Treptow
Vadym Vinetsky
Louis Edward Wahl, IV
Seth Adam Weisinger
Amber Marie Wybierala

Distinction Candidate

High Distinction Candidate

Applied Plant Science

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Brandon Hawkins
Adam Herges
Trevor James Keith
Dmitriy Michail Lis
Tara Elizabeth Matko
Danielle M. Wojdyla

High Distinction Candidate

Bio-Based Products

Faculty Representative: Dr. Shri Ramaswamy

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David William Cappell
Benjamin L. Carrier
David Michael Daas
Heather DeWitt
Suranje Corea Dharmaratne
Derek A. Johnson
Benjamin Kelley
Michael A. Kruckow
Jacob Scott Jones McAlpine
Katrina Mills



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Laura Nevens
Adam Lee Norcutt
Shanika Ruberu
Benjamin Daniel Stoltz
Jessica Barbara Tuura
Tim James Wernimont
Corey Walker Whitcomb

Environmental Horticulture

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Megan Nelson
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Matthew L. Schweer
Angela Christine Senn
Lee Edward Suwalski
Stephanie Marguerita Tessitore
Kyle James Teubert
Shaina Elizabeth Torrel
Josh Paul Tyra
Thomas D. Weaver



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Drew Alexander Peterson

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Andrea Lee Moscho
Mariam Mou Mae
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Katherine Mary Pike
Rachel Primmer
Kelsey Quinn
Rubena Rahman
Siddhartha Rai
Britt Reece
Jameson Joseph Ribbens
Danielle Ridder
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High Distinction Candidate

Distinction Candidate



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Lense Gurmu Solomon
Alida Mari Sorenson
Krista Kaye Szczepanski
Jeni Conklin Taylor
Heather Trefethren
Tracy Uppman
Stephanie Ann Volm
Austin Voltin
Molly Jean Walsh
Nicole E. Warren
Cameron Lee Weir
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Cassandra Joy Palmer
Jennifer I. Parnes
Kristin Marie Petersen
Gregory Paul Rottach
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Distinction Candidate

Distinction Candidate

Urban and Community Forestry

Faculty Representative: Dr. Alan R. Ek

Jessica Lee Ebensteiner
Liam Earl McClannahan



Faculty and Student Awards

The College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences relies on the contributions of its faculty and staff to enhance undergraduate education. The commitment of College faculty and staff to teaching, advising, research and curriculum development continues to provide energy and innovation for the college.

The recipient of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences *Outstanding Teaching Award* for tenured faculty is Dr. Jonathan Chaplin, Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering, non-tenured faculty is Dr. Dennis Becker, Forest Resources.

The recipients of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Alumni Society *Distinguished Faculty Award* is Dr. Tony Seykora, Animal Science.

The College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Student Board's *Outstanding Professor* is Dr. Michael White, Animal Science.

The College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Student Board's *Outstanding Advisor* is Dr. Emily Hoover, Department of Horticultural Science.

The Student Board's *Outstanding Club Advisor* is Dr. Les Hansen, Gopher Dairy Club.

The recipients of the *Horace T. Morse-University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education* is Dr. Albert H. Markhart, III, Horticultural Science, and Dr. John P. Loegering, Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology.



America, the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

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

- Truman E. Richard

Special acknowledgements to the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Student Board, College student and staff volunteers, and the College's Student Services Office staff for their work in hosting the commencement ceremony.

The mission of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences is to promote interdisciplinary scholarship supporting food systems, agriculture, and natural resources. CFANS plays a lead role in keeping Minnesota competitive and connected as challenges and discoveries abound in genomics, plant and animal biology, the relationship of food to health, the inter-relatedness of ecosystems, renewable energy, the promise of biocatalysis and bioinformatics, and the economic, communication, and policy issues associated with these discoveries.

As the College most closely connected with the University's historical roots as a land grant institution, our programs revitalize the University's core mission and support the University's "top three" goal through interdisciplinary and aligned research efforts and a systems approach to complex problems. Furthermore, our proximity to public agency offices provides a unique outreach role: providing solid scientific support for policy decisions.

