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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
CLASS OF 2008

Program of Mortuary Science
Academic Health Center



3:00 P.M.
Friday, May 16, 2008
Theater
Coffman Memorial Union
Minneapolis Campus

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Major: Mortuary Science

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
Order of Events

- Prelude Timothy Short
David Mertesdorf
- Processional
- Welcome Michael P. LuBrant
Director, Program of Mortuary Science
- Speaking for the Medical School Charles F. Moldow, M.D.
Vice Dean, Research and Operations
Medical School Administration
- Speaking for the Faculty Angela M. McArthur
Instructor, Program of Mortuary Science
- Speaking for the Class of 2008 Charles H. Goodman
- Charge to the Class of 2008 Kenneth B. Peterson
Alumnus – Class of 1976
President, Minnesota Funeral Directors Assn.
- Conferring of the Degrees Honorable David M. Larson
Assistant Professor Michael C. Mathews
Program Director Michael P. LuBrant
Vice Dean Charles F. Moldow
- Presentation of Awards
Robert C. Slater Scholarship Jane Slater-Draheim
MFDA Past Presidents' Scholarship Kenneth Peterson
MFDA Award of Merit Kenneth Peterson
- We Welcome Our Newest Alumni Stephanie L. Christensen
Instructor and Alumni Coordinator
Program of Mortuary Science
- Concluding Remarks Michael P. LuBrant
- Recessional
Class of 2008
Faculty and Participants

Commencement Speaker

Kenneth Peterson was recently elected as the 2008-2009 President of the Minnesota Funeral Directors Association. Ken has served MFDA in many different capacities over the years, and is looking forward to his second term as President, having served as MFDA President in 1993-1994.

Ken was raised in the funeral business. At age ten (4th grade), he started working for his father by greeting people at the door, washing cars, and working funerals in general. He attended Winona State University, graduating with a B.S. in Art Education in 1974. He then attended the University of Minnesota, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Mortuary Science in 1976. While a student at the University of Minnesota, Ken worked for Johnson Williams Funeral Car Livery, which gave him the opportunity to meet many funeral directors in the metro area. After graduation, Ken worked with his father in St. Paul and White Bear Lake, MN. Before his father died, he sold the White Bear Lake facility to Ken.

Ken is a member of the U of M Mortuary Science Alumni Society Board, and is also an active member of the Mortuary Science Centennial Planning Committee, which holds monthly meetings in preparation for the Mortuary Science Centennial Celebration on November 1, 2008.

Ken is married to Sue, and has three daughters Jessica, Amy, and Kristy, and a grandson Caleb.

Note of Special Information

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will be held in the Theater Annex.

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