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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
CLASS OF 2006

Program of Mortuary Science
Academic Health Center



3:00 P.M.
Friday, May 5, 2006
Theater
Coffman Memorial Union
Minneapolis Campus

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
Major: Mortuary Science

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**Candidate to graduate with High Distinction
(3.90 or higher gpa; 60+ U of M credits)*

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Order of Events

- Prelude Timothy Short
David Mertesdorf
- Processional
- Welcome Michael P. LuBrant
*Assistant Professor and Director
Program of Mortuary Science*
- Speaking for the Medical School Charles F. Moldow, M.D.
*Senior Associate Dean for Research
Medical School Administration*
- Speaking for the Faculty Rev. Gloria Roach-Thomas
Instructor, Program of Mortuary Science
- Speaking for the Class of 2006 Gary M. Bies
Andrea A. Sandberg
- Charge to the Class of 2006 Ronald Gjerde
*President, Lakewood Cemetery Association
Minneapolis, MN*
- Presentation of the Class of 2006
and Conferring of the Degrees Honorable Steven Hunter
Assistant Professor Michael C. Mathews
Assistant Professor Michael LuBrant
Senior Associate Dean Charles Moldow
- Presentation of Awards
MFDA Award of Merit
MFDA Past Presidents' Scholarship
Slater Scholarship
Special Presentations
- Recessional
Class of 2006
Faculty and Participants

Commencement Speaker

Ron Gjerde, President of the Lakewood Cemetery Association, has been with Lakewood since 1969. During his 37-year career, he has served in many administrative positions within the cemetery and was elected president of the association on December 7, 1989. He is responsible for managing the 250-acre cemetery site that, during the peak season, employs well over sixty employees. In any given year, Ron and his staff and crew serve close to 2,000 families with burial and cremation services. Since Lakewood's inception in 1871, the cemetery has served over 175,000 families with burial and cremation services.

Ron is a past president of the Minnesota Association of Cemeteries and the Twin City Association of Cemeteries. At the present time, Ron is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Association of Cemeteries, which is a statewide organization with over 100 member cemeteries. Ron keeps the group apprised of industry news, legislative activities, and general association business. He also serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Twin Cities Association of Cemeteries.

Note of Special Information

Following the ceremony, an informal reception will be held in the Theater Annex.

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