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ST. CLOUD STATE
U N I V E R S I T Y

A tradition of excellence and opportunity

C O M M E N C E M E N T P R O G R A M

FALL SEMESTER

Sunday, December Sixteenth

Two thousand seven

10:00 a.m.

Ritsche Auditorium

Stewart Hall

St. Cloud State University

COMMENCEMENT MARKS RENEWAL SCSU TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

1871 graduate Alfretta Van Valkenberg, a member of the first class of the Third Normal School (later St. Cloud State University), recalled years later the vivid memory and dramatic impact of her commencement: "I felt all of life was open to me and I could tread (life's) paths with a firm and reliant tread."

The environment on this campus has changed significantly since Alfretta received her diploma. But the one-building teacher training school where she received her higher education has something important in common with the comprehensive, sprawling university on the Mississippi River that has earned a national reputation for excellence: It continues to arm students with the knowledge, experiences and skills to transform their lives. It continues to provide an atmosphere where learning from the past enriches planning for the future. There truly is a tradition of excellence and opportunity for all St. Cloud State students.

The Third Normal School's first principal, Ira Moore, and the State Normal Board displayed the foresight and progressive spirit that remains evident on this campus today. Those first leaders started building "a nucleus of a library that will in time meet all the needs of the large institution this is destined to become." Now, the magnificent 235,000-square-foot James W. Miller Learning

Resources Center is the hub for study, research and discussion on campus.

Sharing a proud tradition

A proud tradition began with that first commencement. Thousands of students in years to come would commemorate through this ceremony the academic and practical knowledge they had gained to prepare them for a career and for life. They would be reminded of the issues they had explored and the opinions they had formulated. They would celebrate the friends they had met from different backgrounds and diverse cultures. Today's graduates are the latest to benefit from the tradition of excellence and opportunity that Alfretta Van Valkenberg and all those in between discovered at the Third Normal School and its later incarnations, St. Cloud Teachers College, St. Cloud State College and St. Cloud State University.

For Alfretta and her peers, becoming a teacher was the only option. Now this highly-accredited university offers over 100 undergraduate and 70 graduate programs in a wide variety of career fields. While the campus has evolved into five colleges plus graduate and continuing studies programs and enrollment has grown to over 15,000, St. Cloud State remains a place where students come to be transformed. Then and now students receive an

OF AND OPPORTUNITY

affordable, high-quality education -- and a bridge to a profession. Then and now students gain the confidence to “tread (life’s) paths with a firm and reliant tread,” as Alfretta so aptly wrote in her tribute.

At this commencement we salute Alfretta and all the graduates who followed -- especially those we gather to pay tribute to today. Whether they are the first in their families to cross the commencement stage or are becoming one of an increasing number of second or third-generation SCSU alumni to benefit from St. Cloud State’s traditions, all share this once-in-a-lifetime accomplishment with the families and friends whose support helped bring them to this day.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING



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St. Cloud State University Brass Ensemble

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Linda Williams, Department of Psychology

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Sarah Andrews, Amy Dahl, Matt Jensen, Lindsey Jensen, Jonathan Jesberg, Yolanda Polman-Ebacher, Jamie Robinson, Brady Sharstrom, Jenna Vogel

*PROCESSIONAL MUSIC SCSU Brass Ensemble Conductor: Albert L. Moore	TRUMPET VOLUNTARY by Jeremiah Clarke
WELCOME	Michael Spitzer, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs The Honorable C. Scott Thiss, MnSCU Board of Trustees William L. Tschida, Chancellors Office Vice Chancellor for Human Resources
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Terry Peterson, Professor, Counselor Education and Educational Psychology
MUSIC SCSU Brass Ensemble	<i>O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM</i> by Tomas Luis da Vittoria
PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATING CLASS	Dennis Nunes, Dean, School of Graduate Studies
INTRODUCTION OF THE COLLEGE DEANS	Avelino Mills-Novoa, Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Earl H. Potter III, President
PRESENTING OF CANDIDATES	Deans
HOODING AND PRESENTING OF DEGREES	Earl H. Potter III, President Dennis Nunes, Dean, School of Graduate Studies
WELCOMING ALUMNI	Jill Rudnitski, Vice President for University Advancement
CLOSING REMARKS	Michael Spitzer, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
*RECESSIONAL SCSU Brass Ensemble	<i>ODE TO JOY (from Ninth Symphony)</i> by Ludwig van Beethoven

*Audience please stand

GRADUATES



Master of Arts

MICHELLE RANAE DAHL

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James H. Robinson

Big Lake

GARGI DAYAMA

Biological Sciences:

Cell and Molecular

Adviser: Timothy J. Schuh

St. Cloud

BENJAMIN WILLIAM DOBERSTEIN

English:

Adviser: Jack H Hibbard

Champlin

CYNTHIA LOUISE FORSMAN-EARL

Biological Sciences:

Cell and Molecular

Adviser: Timothy Schuh

Sartell

ALEXANDRA SUZANNE GLYNN

English:

Adviser: Glenn Davis

Buffalo

ANDREW THOMAS HAAG

English:

Adviser: Christie M Gordon

Lino Lakes

NATALIYA SERGEEVNA NESTE HEINKS

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James H. Robinson

St. Cloud

ANDREA DAVIS JENSEN

Special Studies:

Theatre Arts Marketing

Adviser: Christie M Gordon

St. Cloud

CORAL SHIRIN JENTZ

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James H. Robinson

St. Cloud

ELIZABETH ANN KELLETT

English:

Adviser: Michael E Connaughton

Maple Grove

KEITH BRIAN LANGSTON

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James Robinson

Forest Lake

CAROLYN ANN LOCKWOOD LOPEZ

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James H. Robinson

St. Cloud

DAVID PAUL MEAD

History

Adviser: Jeffrey A Mullins

Robbinsdale

MAURUS VICTOR NYIRENDA

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James H. Robinson

Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

MATTHEW H. OTTINGER

History:

Public History

Adviser: Mary C Wingerd

Crystal

TARA JEAN PERRY

Biological Sciences:

Ecology and Natural Resources

Adviser: Anthony J Marcatilio

St. Michael

SUSAN WOODS PETERKA

English:

Teaching English as a Second

Adviser: Marya Teutsch-Dwyer

St. Cloud

DEBBIE ANN PETERSON

English:

Adviser: Raymond Philippot

St. Cloud

JASON AARON SCHLUETER

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James H. Robinson

St. Joseph

KIMBERLEY ANN SCHMIDT

History:

Adviser: Maureen M O'Brien

White Bear Lake

DARCY MICHELE TURNER

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: Cathrine Fox

Clearwater

SUSAN LOUISE WATTS

History:

Public History

Adviser: Donald Hofsommer

St. Cloud

Master of Business Administration

SUDEEP ADHIKARI

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Kalimati, Kathmandu, Nepal

ANAND AGRAWAL RATERIA

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Eden Prairie

JEFFREY WAYNE ANDERSON

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Coon Rapids

DEREK BRUCE BANOVETZ

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Ely

JAMES LEONARD BARG

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Eveleth

SPASIMIR IVAYLOV BODURSKI

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Montana, Bulgaria

HOUDA BOUANANE

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Eden Prairie

NICOLE DAWN DYSHAW

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Sauk Rapids

ZACHARY THOR ELIASON

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Otsego

MATTHEW JEROME EMMERICH

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Monticello

PATRICIA ANN EPSKY

Business Administration

Adviser:

Upsala

JEFFREY LYNN FAST

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Maple Grove

KEVIN SCOTT FITZGERALD

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Egan

MAGDALENA J. FITZGERALD

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Eagan

ADAM JOSEPH FUCHSTEINER

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

St. Cloud

JOSHUA LEE GILLIS

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Hayward, Wisconsin

MATTHEW C. HAUPERT

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

St. Cloud

WILLIAM FREDERICK HENKE

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Maple Grove

BECKY MARIE HUHNERKUCH

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Waite Park

HEIDI JOANNE HUSTOFT

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele Mumm

Maple Grove

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Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
St. Joseph

MATTHEW DEAN KERTULLA

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Cottage Grove

RYAN GREGORY KINGSTEDT

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Champlin

MICHAEL JOHN KLAPHAKE

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Freeport

JEFFREY PAUL KULZER

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Milford, Kansas

VIJAY KUMAR

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
St. Cloud

ANDREW J. KUNDINGER

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Minneapolis

SAIBAL KUNDU

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
St. Cloud

ANDREW J. LEHTO

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Champlin

WENYI LI

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Flushing

ELIZABETH SANDRA LINDRUD

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Albertville

DEREK J. LOSSING

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Babbitt

AMY MCARDLE

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Anoka

BETH HOLLY MCLEAN

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
St. Cloud

ROBERT ALLEN MOORE, JR.

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Glenwood

RYAN CHAD MOSLEY

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Minnetrista

SACHIN PARAJULI

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
St. Cloud

TANVIR RAHMAN

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Minneapolis

PRADEEP RAJBHANDARI

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
St. Cloud

ALISSA RENEE BEININGEN SCHULTZ

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Blaine

ASHIMI TRAORE

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
St. Cloud

HEATHER LOUISE VANVALKENBURG

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Farmington

THANH TRUC HUYNH VO

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
St. Cloud

PAMELA M. GREEN WENDA

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Little Falls

FRANK N. WOHLTZ

Business Administration
Adviser: Michele Mumm
Sartell

Master of Music

LISA A. DRONTLE

Music:
Piano Pedagogy
Adviser: Carmen I Wilhite
Cold Spring

KYUNGGAH NAM

Music:
Piano Pedagogy
Adviser: Carmen I Wilhite
St. Cloud

Master of Science

SRIKRISHNA C. ADAVI

Mass Communications
Adviser: Niaz Ahmed
St. Cloud

AGOSSO GBENATO ELIAS AGBAZAHOU

Public and Nonprofit Institutions
Adviser: Patricia Ann Nold Hughes
St. Cloud

HEATHER ANN ALLEN

Applied Behavior Analysis
Adviser: Kimberly Ann Schulze
Huntington Beach, California

CAREY BETH ANDERSON

Communication Sciences and Disorders
Adviser: Margery Whites
Aitkin

JUDITH ANN ANDERSON

Special Studies:
Higher Education Administration
Adviser: Frances A Kayona
Osakis

JENNIFER LEIGH ANDRES

Child and Family Studies
Adviser: Glen F Palm
Randall

SWATHI NATASHA APIKATLA

Computer Science
Adviser: Jayantha Herath
Hyderabad, India

PAULINE ANN BANGMA

Educational Administration+Leadership
Adviser: Janine Dahms-Walker
Mora

RYAN DAVID BLACK

Applied Behavior Analysis
Adviser: Kimberly Ann Schulze
Seymour, Tennessee

ANGELINA JEAN BLATTNER

Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Adviser: Jody Illies
Albany

PAMELA MARIE BOEHNKE

Social Responsibility
Adviser: Linda Haver
St. Cloud

NICOLE ANN BOGIE

Applied Behavior Analysis
Adviser: Kimberly Ann Schulze
Cincinnati, Ohio

AMY LOUISE BOHANNAN

Applied Behavior Analysis
Adviser: Kimberly Ann Schulze
Rogers

PAUL RICHARD BOSTRACK

Public Safety Executive Leadership
Adviser: John Campbell
Winona

LAURA JEAN BRATLAND

Curriculum and Instruction
Adviser: Patricia Heine
Coon Rapids

MARINDA MAE BREITKREUTZ

Special Education
Adviser: Janet L. Salk
Foley

JERRY RAY BURGESS

Sports Management
Adviser: David Bacharach
Keewatin

CHIN-YU CHANG

Mass Communications
Adviser: Niaz Ahmed
Hsinchu, Taiwan

JING CHENG

Computer Science
Adviser: Jayantha Herath
Eagan

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Mass Communications
Adviser: Niaz Ahmed
Woodbury

CHRISTOPHER J CICHOSZ
Public Safety Executive Leadership
Adviser: John Campbell
Winona

MATTHEW STEVEN COALWELL
Educational Administration+Leadership
Adviser: Nicholas J Miller
Monticello

BRYAN MICHAEL COOK
Sports Management
Adviser: David Bacharach
Motley

PAULA CREELMAN
Criminal Justice
Adviser: Robert Prout
Zimmerman

JENNY MARIE DALSTED
Information Media:
Educational Media
Adviser: Merton E. Thompson
Jamestown North Dakota

MARY ELIZABETH DARWIN
Sports Management
Adviser: Therese Sheehan
St. Cloud

NANA YAW DEI
Geography
Adviser: Mikhail S Blinnikov
St. Cloud

KRISTINE DOOLEY
Special Education
Adviser: Marc Alexander Markell
Maple Grove

JEFFREY M. DORFSMAN
Criminal Justice
Adviser: Robert Prout
Otsego

SARAH JO DRAKE
Social Responsibility
Adviser: Tonya Huber-Warring
Long Prairie

AMY MARIE DVORAK
Special Education
Adviser: John Harvey Hoover
St. Cloud

JOSEPH GEORGE EISTERHOLD
Biological Sciences:
Ecology and Natural Resources
Adviser: Jorge E Arriagada
Little Fork

MOLLY MARIE ENGBRETSON
Curriculum and Instruction
Adviser: Jan L. H. Frank
Coon Rapids

NGOZI ROSE EZIKE
Marriage and Family Therapy
Adviser: Manijeh Daneshpour
St. Cloud

AMANDA MICHELLE FEIA
Special Education
Adviser: James M Pickle
St. Cloud

MARIO RUDOLF FELIX
Mass Communications
Adviser: Niaz Ahmed
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HELEN CLARA FRANCKOWIAK
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Adviser: Rebecca L Nelson Crowell
Spencer, Wisconsin

JACOB MICHAEL GONTESKY
Special Studies:
Science Education
Adviser: Rebecca Krystyniak
Yankton, South Dakota

CARRIE LYNN SWANSON GRONLI
Special Education
Adviser: Janet L Salk
Sartell

STEPHANIE JOY GUMIELA
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Adviser: Monica C Devers
St. Cloud

TERRI ANN HAAKENSON
Curriculum and Instruction
Adviser: Patricia Heine
St. Cloud

PAMELA A. HARVAT
Sports Management
Adviser: Caryl Martin
Oshkosh, WI

CHERYL LYNN HAYES
Counseling Psychology:
Community Counseling
Adviser: Leeann S Jorgensen
Staples

MATTHEW JONAS HAYWARD
Mass Communications
Adviser: Niaz Ahmed
Deerfield Beach, Florida

NATHAN ROBERT HENDRICKSON
Exercise Science
Adviser: David William Bacharach
Prescott, Wisconsin

CARRIE ELIZABETH HEWITT
Social Responsibility
Adviser: Tracy E Ore
St. Cloud

REBECCA LYNN HILBER
Curriculum and Instruction
Adviser: Jan L H Frank
North Branch

ASHLEIGH CARROL HINSZ
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Adviser: Cynthia I Lofton
Sauk Rapids

ADAM GARRETT HJELM
Special Studies:
Post Secondary Biology Education
Adviser: Patricia Lynn Hauslein
Osakis

JACQUELINE SUZANN HOLKER
Special Education
Adviser: James M. Pickle
Monticello

HAOWEN HSIAO
Mass Communications
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Blaine

ERIN LEA HUTTON
Applied Behavior Analysis
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REETU HYOJU
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Houston, TX

NAOMI MARIE JAHNKE
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Information Media:
Educational Media
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Braham

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Apple Valley

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Dayton

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Computer Science
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Dhaka, Bangladesh

PETER SHATIR JUMA
Mass Communications
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Coon Rapids

ANNE MORGAN KALAR
Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Fergus Falls

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St. Francis

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Mass Communications
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ANGELA ANNE KLINEFELTER
Child and Family Studies
Adviser: Glen F. Palm
St. Cloud

RAGHUVEER KOPPALA
Computer Science
Adviser: Jayantha Herath
St. Cloud

DAVID JOSEPH KOZLOVSKY
Information Media:
Educational Media
Adviser: Merton E. Thompson
North Branch

DARCY JOLENE KRIPPNER
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Adviser: Monica Devers
St. Augusta

ASHLEY LACE LANDERS
Marriage and Family Therapy
Adviser: Michael E. Mayhew
St. Paul

MARC LANOVAZ
Applied Behavior Analysis
Adviser: Kimberly Ann Schulze
Brossard, Quebec

NICHOLAS MATTHEW LASSI
Criminal Justice
Adviser: Charles W. Seefeldt
Sauk Rapids

KRIS ANN LATCHAM
Community Education
Adviser: Kay T. Worner
Paynesville

RACHAEL CAY LEHMAN
Educational Administration+Leadership
Adviser: Charles E. Moore
Cass Lake

CHASTITY ANN LEWIS
Child and Family Studies
Adviser: Cheri Gilman
Savage

KENDDY DIANE LEWIS
Gerontology
Adviser: Phyllis A. Greenberg
Sauk Rapids

XIAOMI LI
Mass Communications
Adviser: Niaz Ahmed
Beijing, China

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Adviser: Daniel P. Macari
Reinholds, Pennsylvania

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Adviser: Ming Lo
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SAROJ MAHARJAN
Computer Science
Adviser: Jayantha Herath
Hopkins

MEGAN MAJSTERSKI-LAZERE
Special Education
Adviser: Jerry Wellik
Blaine

AMBER LYNN MARSH
Special Education
Adviser: Marc Alexander Markell
Elk River

DAWN MARIE MATHIASSEN
Special Education
Adviser: Mary Beth Noll
Sartell

JACOB JOSEPH MAY
Criminal Justice
Adviser: Robert S. Prout
St. Michael

BRADLEY MICHAEL MAYER
Criminal Justice
Adviser: Robert Prout
Becker

SARAH ANNE MEYER
Criminal Justice
Adviser: Robert S. Prout
Long Lake

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Marriage and Family Therapy
Adviser: Michael Mayhew
Perham

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Counseling Psychology:
Community Counseling
Adviser: Barbara N. Vesely
Perham

JOAN G. MILLER
Higher Education Administration
Adviser: Christine M. Imbra
Bemidji

WAJID ALI MOHAMMED
Computer Science
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Minneapolis

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Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Aberdeen, South Dakota

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Adviser: Kimberly Ann Schulze
New York, New York

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Marriage and Family Therapy
Adviser: Michael E. Mayhew
Melrose

NEAL T. NIEMIEC
Geography:
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Adviser: Henry Hochmair
Westminster, Massachusetts

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Owatonna

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Mass Communications
Adviser: Lisa Heinrich
Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

TROY JAMES OLSON
Public and Nonprofit Institutions
Adviser: Patricia A. Hughes
Clearwater

JACKSON MBUNDE OMANGA
Mechanical Engineering
Adviser: Kenneth W. Miller
Eldorei, Rift Valley, Kenya

JENNIFER LYNN OWENS
Marriage and Family Therapy
Adviser: Michael E. Mayhew
Brainerd

BISHOW MOHAN PAUDEL
Computer Science
Adviser: Jayantha Herath
St. Cloud

AMBER NICHOLE PITMAN
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Adviser: Monica Devers
Aberdeen, South Dakota

LANDYN TRAYA RENEE PRESCOTT
Counseling Psychology:
Community Counseling
Adviser: Leean S. Jorgensen
Villard

AMANDA NICOLE PRESENGER
Criminal Justice
Adviser: Richard Lawrence
Eden Prairie

REBECCA MARIE PRIGGE
Information Media:
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Monticello

ALISA SVELKOU
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THE ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The custom of wearing a distinctive dress for academic ceremonies goes back to the Middle Ages, when long-sleeved, hooded gowns were necessary for warmth in the unheated stone colleges. Academic costume is at present worn in the United States by persons taking part in academic ceremonies in general, at commencement ceremonies, at baccalaureate services, and at various inauguration ceremonies.

GOWNS

The bachelor's gown is a relatively simple kind falling in straight lines from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeves. The master's gown is similar, except for the sleeves. The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume marked by velvet panels down the front and around the neck as well as by three bars of the same material on the bell-shaped sleeves.

HOODS

The greatest degree of symbolism is shown by the hood. Undergraduates here do not wear the hood. The hood has velvet edging which indicates the area of specialization. The inside of the hood is satin and indicates by its color the college or university which granted the degree. St. Cloud State University's colors are deep cardinal red and black.

CAPS

The square "Oxford cap" or mortarboard of serge or broadcloth with a stiff crown is worn for most degrees. The tassel that hangs to the side is drawn from the right to the left when the degree is awarded.

TASSELS

The color of the tassel indicates the degree: associate (blue), bachelor of arts (white), bachelor of elective studies (yellow gold), bachelor of fine arts (white), bachelor of fine arts and music (pink), bachelor of science (yellow gold), master of arts (white), master of business administration (brown), master of science (yellow gold), and specialist (blue).

BANNERS AND FLAGS

The commencement ceremony as a whole affirms the value of learning to society, recognizes the cooperation of many people, on and off the campus, who have contributed to the learning enterprise and, above all, celebrates the effort and achievement (symbolized by diplomas, degrees and dress) of the graduates themselves.

UNIVERSITY SEAL

The university seal was redesigned in 2001 and portrays the cupola that sits atop Riverview Building, surrounded by oak leaves. The visuals were chosen to illustrate SCSU's long history of teacher preparation (Riverview was built to serve as the lab school for St. Cloud Normal School students to teach area children) and the university's location on the oak-crowned banks of the Mississippi River.

COUNTRY FLAGS

The U.S. flag is displayed in the center of the building, above graduate seating. The flags on either side of the university seal banner represent countries which host St. Cloud State University semester-long study-abroad programs: Australia, Chile, China, Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Japan, South Africa and South Korea. Additional flags on display represent the home countries of international students graduating today. More than 900 international students from over 80 countries attend St. Cloud State University. We especially welcome to St. Cloud the families of graduating international students.

COLLEGE BANNERS

The college banners are carried in by faculty marshals representing each of the five undergraduate colleges of the university. Merle Sykora, professor emeritus of art, designed the colorful banners depicting the College of Business (drab), College of Education (light blue, lemon, sage green), College of Fine Arts and Humanities (white, brown crimson, pink, silver gray, dark blue), College of Science and Engineering (orange, golden yellow) and College of Social Sciences (citron, copper).

THE MACE

The mace originated as a staff or club used in the Middle Ages for breaking armor. It evolved into a ceremonial symbol of authority used in legislative bodies, universities, and other governmental units.

The university mace was created by David Landwehr out of the white cedar flag pole from Old Main which was built in 1875 and razed in the late 1940s. The carved designs on the mace head which are decorated with gold leaf symbolize the five undergraduate colleges of the university and were created by Merle Sykora, professor emeritus of art.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The presidential medallion worn by President Earl H. Potter III was created in 2002 by SCSU faculty emeritus, Dr. James Roy. This multi-dimensional medallion incorporates the new SCSU seal and sits upon a plate of rhodium-plated sterling silver. The central portion of the medallion has been created from cast 14K gold and is festooned with four deep red garnet stones.

Dr. James Roy served as chair of the SCSU Department of Visual Arts from 1964-1992 and retired in 1994. Previously, Dr. Roy designed the original presidential medallion which is now housed in university archives, as well as medallions for the Chancellor of the Minnesota State University System, Metropolitan State University and Minnesota State University-Aitkin in Japan.

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