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# FALL SEMESTER

Friday, December 19

Two thousand eight

7:30 p.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

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## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

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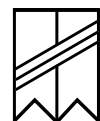
## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

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## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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St. Cloud State Brass Ensemble

## **COMMENCEMENT HOSTS**

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Sandra Radzak, Educational Leadership and Community Psychology  
Diane Tourand, Master of Business Administration, Herberger College of Business  
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## **COMMENCEMENT COORDINATORS**

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## **RECEPTION HOSTS**

Sarah Andrews, Mark Bremel, Kyle Craig, Amy Dahl, Eda Kostallori, Wendy Larson,  
Patric Lewandowski, Andrew Oleske, Jenna Vogel

*PROCESSIONAL MUSIC SCSU Brass Ensemble Conductor: Albert L. Moore	<i>POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE</i> Edward Elgar (arr. Jack Gale)
WELCOME	Michael Spitzer, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs The Honorable Ruth Grendahl, MnSCU Board of Trustees
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Richard Lawrence, Professor, Criminal Justice
MUSIC SCSU Brass Ensemble	<i>JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING</i> J.S. Bach (arr. Joe Parente)
PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATING CLASS	Dennis Nunes, Dean, School of Graduate Studies
INTRODUCTION OF THE COLLEGE DEANS	Amos Olagunju, 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	Eric Kautzman, Associate Vice President for Development
CLOSING REMARKS	Michael Spitzer, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
*RECESSIONAL SCSU Brass Ensemble	<i>ODE TO JOY</i> Ludwig van Beethoven (arr. David Thomas)

\*Audience please stand

Floral arrangements donated by St. Cloud Floral.

## GRADUATES



### Master of Arts

ADELLE ROSE AMUNDSON CISSE

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James H. Robinson

Clear Lake

JOCELYN ELIZABETH HORTON

English:

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Adviser: James H. Robinson

United Kingdom

ELLEN MARY KLASEN

English

Adviser: Caesarea Abartis

Melrose

BEVERLY LAURVICK KNUDSEN

History

Adviser: Richard Lewis

Kandiyohi

DAVID JAMES LALIBERTE

History

Adviser: Robert W. Galler

St. Cloud

RUSSELL C. MARKERT

English

Adviser: Michael E. Connaughton

Brooklyn Park

SARA L. HEGLAND MCDONALD

English

Adviser: Shannon R. Olson

Cold Spring

SHINOBU NAKAMURA

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James H. Robinson

Japan

TARA JEAN PERRY

Biology:

Ecology and Natural Resources

Adviser: Anthony Marcattilio

St. Michael

SANDRA PRATER

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James H. Robinson

Durham, North Carolina

HSIN-LUN TSAI

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James H. Robinson

Taiwan

JOHN ANDREW M. YEHAMBARAM

History

Adviser: John P. Ness

Seremban, Malaysia

REBECCA LYNN ZABINSKI

English:

Teaching English as a Second Language

Adviser: James H. Robinson

Sauk Rapids

### Master of Business Administration

CHIGOZIE AMINA NWANYIFE ACHIKE

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele M. Mumm

Brooklyn Park

DIXA ARYAL

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele M. Mumm

Nepal

SUJAN BAJRACHARYA

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele M. Mumm

St. Cloud

KOUDEJA BARRY

Business Administration

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JODI L. CHINNOCK

Business Administration

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Sauk Rapids

DAVID KENT COTTERMAN

Business Administration

Adviser: Michele M. Mumm

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LAURA LEA EVANSON

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New Hope

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Sartell

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Business Administration

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Hutchinson

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Waconia

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Cold Spring

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LEYLA RAFIIMANESH

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Adviser: Michele M. Mumm

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Adviser: Michele M. Mumm

Farmington

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MARK J. ZELLMANN  
Business Administration  
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## Master of Music

KARI LEE FLANDERS  
Music:  
Music Education  
Adviser: Kristian M Twombly  
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## Master of Science

SAAD RIZQAN AHMED  
Computer Science  
Adviser: Jayantha Herath  
Pakistan

CASSIE RAE AKERSON  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Adviser: Lalita Subrahmanyam  
Cokato

MIR KHURRAM ALI  
Computer Science  
Adviser: Jayantha Herath  
Eagan

ANGELA MARIE AMIC  
Counseling Psychology:  
Rehabilitation Counseling  
Adviser: Bradley Kuhlman  
St. Cloud

CAREY BETH ANDERSON  
Special Studies:  
Communication Sciences Administration  
Adviser: Margery Whites  
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Forest Lake

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Special Studies:  
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Community Counseling  
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Sports Management  
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Anderson, South Carolina

HEATHER JOLENE CZECHOWICZ  
Special Education  
Adviser: Marc Alexander Markell  
Eden Prairie

RAGHUNATH REDDY DARAM  
Computer Science  
Adviser: Jayantha Herath  
Hyderabad A.P. India

POOVAIAH GANESH DEVENIRA  
Mechanical Engineering  
Adviser: Kenneth W Miller  
Coorg, India

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Winnipeg, Canada

SHANE ROBERT DORDAL  
Educational Administration+Leadership  
Adviser: Janine Dahms-Walker  
Zimmerman

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Rehabilitation Counseling  
Adviser: Bradley Kuhlman  
St. Cloud

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Wayzata

WILLIAM CHARLES ELWELL  
Counseling Psychology:  
Community Counseling  
Adviser: John Mason  
Baxter

KRISTINE LEE EVERETT  
Information Media:  
Instructional Design  
Adviser: Jeanne Anderson  
Otsego

KRISTINE LEE EVERETT  
Information Media:  
Instructional Technologies  
Adviser: Jeanne Anderson  
Otsego

LORI ANNE FOECKE  
Special Education  
Adviser: Bradley Kaffar  
Monticello

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English  
Adviser: Glenn Davis  
Andover

DIANE MARIE FOURNIER  
Special Studies:  
Mathematics and Statistics Teaching  
Adviser: Stephen Hornstein  
Maple Lake

MARLYS LYNN FREDERIKSEN  
Special Education  
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Anoka

JESSICA LOU SANDGREN GLIEDEN  
Social Responsibility  
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LYNN MARIE GRANER  
Criminal Justice  
Adviser: Charles W Seefeldt  
Lanesboro

VIDYASAGAR GUNTANALA  
Computer Science  
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Hyderabad A.P. India

MARIDITH RESENDEZ GUTIERREZ  
Applied Behavior Analysis  
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Rancito Cucamanga, CA

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Special Education  
Adviser: Marc Alexander Markell  
St. Cloud

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Special Studies:  
Interdisciplinary Teacher Preparation  
Adviser: Nancy Bacharach  
Alexandria

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

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SUYESH RAJ KHAREL Special Studies: Computer Security Adviser: Dennis C. Guster St. Cloud	CHRISTINE MARIE (CLASSEN) MINER Counseling Psychology: Community Counseling Adviser: Niloufer Merchant Onamia	JANINE KATHERINE ARLENE PAPERFUSS College Counseling & Student Development Adviser: Daniel P Macari St. Cloud
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DARSHAN PRADHAN

Computer Science  
Adviser: Ramnath Samath  
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JOLENE ANNA PUNDSACK

Counseling Psychology:  
Community Counseling  
Adviser: Niloufer M. Merchant  
Grey Eagle

RHONDA PORTER RADEMACHER

Applied Behavior Analysis  
Adviser: Kimberly Ann Schulze  
Minneapolis

MARY ANNE RAZIM-FITZSIMONS

Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Adviser: Margery Whites  
Coon Rapids

PEGGY J. RETKA

College Counseling & Student Development  
Adviser: Daniel P Macari  
St. Cloud

PATRICIA ELIZABETH DOSCH RICE

Curriculum and Instruction  
Adviser: Pat Heine  
Cold Spring

CRYSTAL LYNN RINGENBERG

Applied Behavior Analysis  
Adviser: Kimberly Ann Schulze  
Brinsmade, North Dakota

SIDPASSAME ERIC DANIEL SAURET

Applied Economics  
Adviser: Mary E Edwards  
St. Cloud

DIANE KAY SEEGER-KYLE

Marriage and Family Therapy  
Adviser: Manijeh Daneshpour  
St. Cloud

PRABAL SHAH

Information Media:  
Instructional Design and Technologies  
Adviser: Jeanne L Anderson  
Valhalla, New York

BISHAL SILWAL

Mechanical Engineering  
Adviser: Kenneth William Miller  
St. Cloud

CADE ROBERT STEFFENSON

Biology:  
Ecology and Natural Resources  
Adviser: Neal Voelz  
Onamia

JOSEPH ORGEAN STORLIEN

Environmental & Technological Studies  
Adviser: Michner R Bender  
Dawson

MOHAMMED VASEEM AHMED TAJ

Computer Science  
Adviser: Jie Hu Meichsner  
Eagan

CARRIE ANN THORSTEN

Special Studies:  
Interdisciplinary Teacher Preparation  
Adviser: Glen F Palm  
Hillman

ERIN JANET TRUHLER

Higher Education Administration  
Adviser: Christine M Imbra  
Vadnais Heights

LIANG TU

Electrical Engineering  
Adviser: Yi Zheng  
St. Cloud

APARNA VELAMALA

Computer Science  
Adviser: Jayantha Herath  
Rochester

JAMES MICHAEL WILLENBRING

Computer Science  
Adviser: Andrew Allen Anda  
Cold Spring

ROMARIC RASSAMBEGMA ZONGO

Information Media:  
Information Technologies  
Adviser: Jeanne L Anderson  
Kimball

## Masters in Engineering Management

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Hyderabad, India

NADIA A. HANAFY

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RAVI KIRAN KAJA

Engineering Management  
Adviser: Ben R Baliga  
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IRFAN ALI MOHAMMED

Engineering Management  
Adviser: Ben R Baliga  
Hyderabad, India

PRANATHI NANDHYALA

Engineering Management  
Adviser: Ben R Baliga  
Hyderabad A.P. India

SRIKANTH PUSINA

Engineering Management  
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WASEEM AKRAM SHAH SYED

Engineering Management  
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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 switched 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, Germany, Japan, Poland, South Africa and South Korea. Additional national flags on display, as recognized by the United Nations, represent the home countries of more than 1,000 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 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-Akita in Japan.

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