



**UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHWESTERN**
ST. PAUL

Spring 2021 Commencement

Friday, May 14
Saturday, May 15



CLASS VERSE

“And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you,
He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

DEUTERONOMY 31:8 (NKJV)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Dr. Leonard P. Danek, organ
 Professor Emeritus of Music

Processional* Dr. Leonard P. Danek
Pomp and Circumstance – Edward Elgar
 *Audience: Please stand during the processional

Welcome Dr. Alan S. Cureton
 President

Invocation Dr. George R. Kenworthy Jr.
 Chair, Board of Trustees

Choral Selection Northwestern Choir

Jesus, I Adore Thee Mr. Timothy K. Sawyer
 Thirteenth-century Gregorian Chant Professor of Music
 Arr. Stephen Caracciolo

Jesus, I adore Thee, Word of truth and grace,
 Who in glory shineth light upon our race.
 Christ, to Thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed.
 Alpha and Omega, Thou true Son of God.

Taste and touch and vision to discern Thee fail;
 Faith that comes by hearing pierces through the veil.
 I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told.
 What the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

Word of God incarnate, Lord of life and light,
 Teach me how to love and worship Thee aright.
 Holy Spirit, ever bide within my heart,
 Speaking Thy commandments, telling all Thou art.

Wondrous revelation, verity and grace.
 Lo, in heaven's glory I see Thee face to face.
 Light of endless light Whom heaven and earth adore,
 Fill me with Thy radiance, now and evermore.

Scripture

Friday, May 14

(10 a.m.) Miss Courtney L. Smith
 Northwestern Student Government Vice President

(3 p.m.) Mr. Qashr A. Middleton
 Northwestern Student Government President

Saturday, May 15

(10 a.m. & 3 p.m.) Mr. Qashr A. Middleton
 Northwestern Student Government President

Graduating Class Speakers

Friday, May 14

(10 a.m.) Miss Megan G. Bennett
 College of Professional Studies

(3 p.m.) Mr. Bereket H. Tumebo
 College of Arts & Humanities

Saturday, May 15

(10 a.m.) Ms. Danata V. Bureac
 College of Professional Studies

(3 p.m.) Mrs. Camille R. O. Tweeten
 College of Graduate, Online & Adult Learning

Introduction of Speaker Dr. Alan S. Cureton

Address Mrs. Ginger R. Ewing
 Managing Partner, Shine Wealth
 Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota and Wayzata, Minnesota

Presentation of the Class Dr. Janet B. Sommers
 Provost | Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Certificates and Degrees.....Dr. Alan S. Cureton

Presentation of the Candidates..... Mr. Andrew L. Simpson
Registrar

Presentation of Certificates and Degrees *.....Dr. George R. Kenworthy Jr.
Dr. Alan S. Cureton
Dr. Janet B. Sommers

Congratulations to the Class of 2021.....Members of the Faculty

Welcome to the Alumni Association..... Mr. Scott D. Anderson '84
Ceremony of the Tassel Director of Alumni & Parent Relations

Charge to the Class of 2021.....Dr. Alan S. Cureton

Hymn: *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*..... Audience
Words: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925 Led by Mr. Richard Lawrence Joseph
Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925 Lecturer in Music

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

Benediction ♦

Friday, May 14

(10 a.m.)..... Mr. John C. Donaldson III
Assistant Professor of Business

(3 p.m.)..... Dr. Daniel R. Crane
Dean, College of Behavioral & Natural Sciences

Saturday, May 15

(10 a.m.)..... Dr. Daniel R. Crane
Dean, College of Behavioral & Natural Sciences

(3 p.m.)..... Mr. Bryan H. Johnson
Assistant Professor of Physical Education

Recessional and Postlude.....Dr. Leonard P. Danek



*Please join President Alan and Mrs. Gayle Cureton
for an outdoor reception for graduates and guests.*



** Certificates and degrees are awarded upon successful completion of all certificate and degree requirements. Participation at commencement or listing of student's name in the program does not guarantee certificate or degree completion or conferral.*

♦ Please remain seated following the benediction and wait to be dismissed by an usher. After dismissal from Knight Hall, please exit the building immediately to join the reception.

CANDIDATES

Friday, May 14
10 a.m.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & RELATED FIELDS

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

HISTORY

Leo Montgomery-Wes Chamberlain
Jonathan Paul Eckstrom
Abigail Marie Erickson ❖
Summa Cum Laude
David Alexander Graske ❖
Magna Cum Laude

Julianna Ruth Hunt
Micah Philip Krahn
Luke Albert LeBrun
Wyatt Forbes Martinson
Andrew Lawrence Roth ❖

POLITICS, HISTORY & ECONOMICS

Hannah Lilia Hanson ▲
Summa Cum Laude
Stephany Anahi Lopez ❖
Cum Laude

Adam Robert Seward
Magna Cum Laude
Joshua Dennis Waldriff
Summa Cum Laude

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC & THEATRE

BACHELOR OF ARTS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE,
BACHELOR OF MUSIC, and BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION DEGREES

MUSIC

Aria Anna Strauss ❖
Magna Cum Laude

MUSIC – MUSIC MINISTRY

Mason Walter Kupfer

Anna Dmitrievna Lapshina

COMPOSITION

Isaac Court Turley

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Katherine Clarice Strand
Summa Cum Laude

MUSIC EDUCATION

Anna Dmitrievna Lapshina

THEATRE

Jacob Michael Berggren
Camry Jae Dunker
Zachary Thomas Hedner
D'Lorah Ann Roberts

Haley Nicole Sargent ◆
Magna Cum Laude
Jonah Wade Smith
Cum Laude

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

SPANISH

Payton Taylor Loewenstein ☆
Cum Laude

Jessica Lynn Pollard ❖ ❖
Summa Cum Laude

SPANISH EDUCATION

Andrew James Barnett
Rachel Ann Bauman

Tatiana Dmitrievna Lapshina
Magna Cum Laude

COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL & NATURAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING, DATA & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Wesley W. Donaldson <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Cade Everett Magruder
Sharon Shruthika Dumpala	Alexander Lee Nelson
Stephen Y. Kasahara <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Brady Colin Root
Maxwell James Daniel Konold	Alyssa Nicole Stratton <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

DATA ANALYTICS

Caleb Mitchell Sieben
Magna Cum Laude

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Tyler Jeffrey Moncur	Corbin Earl Munger <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
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COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Bethany Hazel Rothers <i>Cum Laude</i>	Marissa Elizabeth Siegfried ❖ <i>Cum Laude</i>
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SCHOOL OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

Megan Grace Aasness <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Amanda Thuy Tien Le
Temitope Arinola Adesanya	Maggie Lynn Mason
Mariah Lynn Amthor	Mason Jack Miers
Jolene Kay Beck	Yeakarzuah Monneh
Megan Gloria Bennett	Rodgers Ombuya Obwoni
Kayla Marian Beyer	Hannah Rachel Pettman <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Cody Alexander Bigot	Madison M. Rendler
Emma Louise Blum	Samantha C. Ries
Emily Kay Brueckner <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Moriah Faith Ripplinger
Alicia Maria Castro *	Ashlan Brooke Roemer
Taylor Marie Ehnstrom	Heidi Marie Roth
Holly Julia Frandsen	Olivia Danielle Sherva <i>Cum Laude</i>
Victoria Elizabeth Giblin ❖ <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Courtney Lee Smith ▲ <i>Cum Laude</i>
Caitlyn Angelique Gilbertson	Molly Tayler Smith
Lydia R. Givand	Marcela Mae Antipatia Sommers
Elizabeth Grace Hackney <i>Cum Laude</i>	Samantha Marie Strout
Kayla Beatrice Hannasch	Alexa Nicole Swetala
Garrett Nathaniel Hanson ▲	Makenna Lindsey Takle <i>Cum Laude</i>
Kristin M. Holeso	Miranda Mae Tapp
Manjere Mwarianesu Hungwe	Joseph Nicholas Thill
Grace E.O. John	Mary Elizabeth Tracey
Dana Elizabeth Johnson	Kayla Ann Wentland <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Madison Ann Kastner <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Katherine Mary Williams
Kathryn Ruth YuSi Kleinke <i>Cum Laude</i>	Tristen Lee Witthuhn
Elise M. Landwehr	Madison Eileen Womack



Friday, May 14
3 p.m.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Mathew L. Anderson
David Manases Anleu *
Hans Karl Boyum ☆
Olivia Marie Hagstrom ☆
Cum Laude
Amy Marie Kalan ☆
Cum Laude

Amanda Grace Stevens
Amelia Rae Triller ☆
Hayley Jean Tschetter
Bereket HaileMichael Tumebo ☆ *
Kristina Rose Winger ☆
Summa Cum Laude

ELECTRONIC MEDIA COMMUNICATION/MEDIA PRODUCTION

Bryce J. Bennyhoff
Summa Cum Laude
Naomi Jacqueline Bray
Christine Marie Chamberlain
Michael Steven Chermak
Jackson Allen Eiden
Joshua Paul Feland
Magna Cum Laude
Lauren Ashley Gillquist

Scott David Krueger ☆
Magna Cum Laude
Aaron Carey McIntire
Wyatt Duane Morrell
Magna Cum Laude
Brandon William Penn
Jayden Frank Peterman
Magna Cum Laude
Kari Joy Tverberg ☆
Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Jayden Anne Anderson
Karee Lynn Joedeman

Hannah Rose Pearson *
Summa Cum Laude

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Tatyana Esther Cano
Payton Taylor Loewenstein ☆
Cum Laude

Jennie Renae Meyer

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH & LITERATURE
BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

ENGLISH

Jonathan Paul Eckstrom
Madison Leigh Greven *
Magna Cum Laude
Victoria J. Hinsverk
Summa Cum Laude
Erika Grace Kasel
Addalai Dawn Nowlin *
Magna Cum Laude
Megan Ashleigh Penn

Jessica Lynn Pollard * ❖
Summa Cum Laude
Emmalee Rose Rabe *
Katelyn Barbara Scherping *
Summa Cum Laude
Abigail Grace Vanada *
Kara Rae Young *
Magna Cum Laude

COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL & NATURAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE & LAW ENFORCEMENT

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

PSYCHOLOGY

Presley Cornel Apson
Alexis Marie Auld
Samrawit Endale Bekele
Gracie Lillian Rose Chermak
Magna Cum Laude
Tamara Nicole Ehrich
Anne Hazel Hackenmueller *
Summa Cum Laude
Lauren Grace Ivester
Summa Cum Laude
Megan J. Miller
Cum Laude

Megan Cecilia Remer
Courtney Kaye Schmidt
Lillie Marie Smith
Ethan Kyle Stone
Cum Laude
Abigail Grace Sweere
Magna Cum Laude
Jacklyn Grace Timm
Annya Solyn Wingate ☆
Anna Marie Woolley

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Jarret Thomas David Bednarek

Elise Langtaa Sopelle †
Summa Cum Laude

PHILOSOPHY

David William English

Abigail J. Houchin
Summa Cum Laude

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND BIBLE DEGREE

Abigail Jo Inlow

Hannah Grace Troe

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Claira Mae Bushway
Magna Cum Laude
Emily Elizabeth Fisher
Summa Cum Laude
Krista Jade Hanson
Magna Cum Laude

Maria Alexandra Mendizabal
Gonzalez
Miya Marie Peach
Hannah Rose Pearson *
Summa Cum Laude

MINISTRY

Noah Duane Jedlicka
Jessica G. Kawlewski
Summa Cum Laude
Meghan Paige Keller
Magna Cum Laude
Mason Walter Kupfer

Qashr Alexander Middleton ▲
Montana Diane Notch
Megan Cecilia Remer
Jeffrey R. Zugschwert

NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

Miranda Rose Crenshaw
Natalie Renee Karl

Miya Marie Peach
Kalena Faith Swendra

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Madilyn Josephine Andre

YOUTH AND EMERGING ADULT STUDIES

Stephany Anahi Lopez *
Cum Laude



Saturday, May 15
10 a.m.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF ART & DESIGN

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

ANIMATION AND ILLUSTRATION

Ava Dolores DeShazer
Magna Cum Laude
Aaron Christopher Hill
Cum Laude
Anna Marie Hyatt

Gavin James Popken
Summa Cum Laude
Kelly Ann Stranberg
Summa Cum Laude
Annika Ker-Jia Teh ☆
Cum Laude

ART

Lauren Theresa Favre

Cathryn Elise Schwegel
Magna Cum Laude

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Mikayla Jae Crawford
Cum Laude
Cameron Richard Dahlstrom
Jenay Ann Fuglestad
Cum Laude
Kelly Joy Mikkelson
Magna Cum Laude

Katherine Ruth Moller
Summa Cum Laude
Alexis C. Nelson
Lucia Maria Rinta
Emma Lynn Smith
Magna Cum Laude
Jacey May Vincent
Magna Cum Laude

COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL & NATURAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

BIOCHEMISTRY

Megan Nasya Dalldorf

BIOLOGY

Jennifer Ann Bowman ◆
Magna Cum Laude
Sabrina Marie Bush ◆◆
Magna Cum Laude
Chase Michael Caswell ◆
Cum Laude
Jessica Grace Crosson ◆
Summa Cum Laude
Danielle Joy Ertsgaard ◆
Cum Laude
Antonia Janet Fritz
Jack William Hackney ◆◆
Summa Cum Laude
Savannah Rose Martinson

Karsten Isaiah Michael
Darrell Levon Myles
Jessica Marie Oachs
Jylian Victoria Packer ◆
Cum Laude
Hannah Elizabeth Rapinac ◆
Anjali Grace White Reisdorf ◆
Magna Cum Laude
Haley Nicole Sargent ◆
Magna Cum Laude
Madelyn Rose Schwieters ◆
Cum Laude
Sarah Elizabeth Wetterlind

HEALTH SCIENCES

Olivia Lou Foell
Leah Christine Jackson ◆
Magna Cum Laude

Mara Nicole Juffer ◆◆
Magna Cum Laude
Bryan Alexis Sanchez

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

ACCOUNTING

Jessica Rene Gross
Cum Laude
Austin Paul Gunkel
Jacob Donald Martin
Adam A. Nash
Joseph S. Norberg
David Wade Norby
Jasmine Jade Panos
Summa Cum Laude

Cristian Daniel Pascari
Jacob William Rankin
Summa Cum Laude
Emily Jean Schleiter
Andrew Grant Sutterer
Matthew Thomas Wedin
Summa Cum Laude
Gage Thomas Westlund

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Lydia Hope Ilene Buller
Magna Cum Laude
Molly Kate Domsten
Summa Cum Laude
Hunter David Engmark
Summa Cum Laude

Reilly John Gnadke
Rachel A. Kuriger
Chase W. Marlenee
Austin James Anthony Pratt
Benjamin Einar Skolbekken

BUSINESS DATA ANALYTICS

Davis R. Pfaff
Jacob William Rankin
Summa Cum Laude

Emily Jean Schleiter

FINANCE

Carter R. Allard
Summa Cum Laude
Danata Vladimirovna Bureac *
Magna Cum Laude

Robert Daniel Crane
Nathan Richard Van Beusekom
Gage Thomas Westlund

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Michael Thomas Brand
Lucas Andrew Tetrault

Noah Arthur Vander Kooi

MARKETING

Ethan Whitefield Anderson
Angel Ann Beaufeaux
Aleksandr Daniel Brumels
Noah Jeffrey Franzen
Bengt Allen Fredrickson
Matthew S. Kinfu

Katherine Ruth Moller
Summa Cum Laude
Margret Ivey Moores
Danielle Grace Roberts
Kaleigh Marie Wink
Cum Laude

NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

Leah Marie Helgeson
Summa Cum Laude



Saturday, May 15
3 p.m.

**COLLEGE OF
GRADUATE, ONLINE & ADULT LEARNING
GRADUATE STUDIES**

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Julie Ann Christenson

MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN SERVICES

Kelsey Carol Dolge
Ashley L. Doran

Rachel Erin Lazenby

MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Danielle Nicole Card
Julie Gaye Ells

Christopher Donald McLeod

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

David C. Pederson
Amere Lionel Watkins

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Miguel Angel Chacon
Matthew James Muilenburg

Victor Oluwatobi Oyesile

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Tyler David Bakker
Joseph Donavon King

Joshua David Zappe VanLith

MASTER OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Luke Charles Craven
Katherine J. Crispo
Tracy Jo Iris Gadiant
Shannon Marie Huberty
Boyd Bronson Perkins

Trudy Lea Rodman
Talia Jade Sherry
Jessica Lea Sona
Isma'il Mohammed Touré
Camille R. O. Tweeten

**ADULT UNDERGRADUATE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Kristy G. Bachus
Tanya Lorraine Bare
Rachel Leigh Chudek

Catherine Anne Kidwell
Lindsey Jo Langer
Josiah David Nelson

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Rebecca Lynn Belz
Cum Laude

Jared Andrew Ostby
With Distinction

HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Jordan Kayla Anderson
Bradley Thomas Mahal
Summa Cum Laude

MINISTRY

Bradley Thomas Mahal
Summa Cum Laude

PSYCHOLOGY

Cary Gwen Bardell
With Distinction

Christina Marie Harstad
Alissa Louise Haug

COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

**DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES
BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE**

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE EDUCATION

Rachel Ann Bauman
Lauren Nicole Carr

Joyce Anita Thannum
Pa Chia Thao ❖*
Magna Cum Laude

COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL & NATURAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

APPLIED MATHEMATICS
ENGINEERING DUAL DEGREE

Monika Elaine Kuznia
Cum Laude

ENGINEERING

John Isaac Boland
Joshua T. Hanson
David J. Hubert
Levi Henry Johnson
Jadon Joseph Konkel
Cum Laude
Jonathan David Larson
Josiah Johnstone Otis ❖
Summa Cum Laude

Tyler Michael Pilon
Magna Cum Laude
Joshua Taylor Rydberg
Jarrod D. Setterstrom
Jacob Mason Stoll
Daniel Timothy Trost
Magna Cum Laude
William James VandenLangenberg
Joshua D. Vigstol

DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Caleb Curtis Nelson ❖
Summa Cum Laude

Eric John Peterson

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

LIBERAL STUDIES
Kelly L. Hannasch

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH & KINESIOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

KINESIOLOGY

Jacob Donald Brown
Chauntel Kelly Fleming
Trevor Nolan Koritz
Thea Pamela Neufeld
Samuel Aaron Peterson
Cum Laude

Ellie Ana Ronning
Magna Cum Laude
Andrew Joseph Simonson
Philip David Wall

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Seth Thomas Amundsen
Cum Laude

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE & LAW ENFORCEMENT

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Emma Kathryn Carlson
Cum Laude
Jacob Michael Dub
John A. R. Erickson
Karee Lynn Joedeman

Christina Lilly Kraemer
Taylor James Landmark
Nadine Leann Pukal
Magna Cum Laude
Luke T. Troyak

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Kessa Marie Fenske
Greta Lucille Nyhus
Summa Cum Laude

Dorothy Emma White

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Lauren Nicole Carr
Alysha Ann Donohoo ✚
Summa Cum Laude
Rachel Anne Geis
Magna Cum Laude
Sarah Ann Klassen
Magna Cum Laude
Tatiana Dmitrievna Lapshina
Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth Lucretia Loper
Magna Cum Laude

Caleb T. Quernemoen
Cum Laude
Cali Paulina Schroeppfer
Cum Laude
Kalley Nicole Schwitters
Haley Rae Sharp
Annie G. Sheedlo
Kiera Ruth Upham
Angela Joy Wieskamp
Cum Laude



* ActSix Scholar

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 - ❖ Member of Eagle Scholars Honors Program
- ☆ Member of Lambda Pi Eta, National Communication Association Honor Society
 - ✚ Member of Pi Lambda Theta, International Honor Society in Education
 - * Member of Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology
 - * Member of Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society
 - † Member of Theta Alpha Kappa, National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology
- ▲ Member of Student Government, Northwestern Student Association

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We are pleased to introduce our commencement speaker, Mrs. Ginger Ewing, J.D. Mrs. Ewing has been a member of the University of Northwestern Board of Trustees since 2012 and currently serves as the board secretary. In 2001, Mrs. Ewing joined Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. as a financial advisor and has since earned recognition throughout Ameriprise and the Minneapolis/St. Paul area for her excellence in providing a comprehensive approach and personalized financial planning advice to clients. Currently, Mrs. Ewing is managing partner of Shine Wealth, an Ameriprise franchise that exists to help people to confidently grow, give, and SHINE. She earned her undergraduate degree in Music Business from the University of Miami (Fla.) and was the valedictorian of her graduating class at William Mitchell College of Law.

Mrs. Ewing has been married to her husband, Heath, since 1998. They have six children: Becca, Amelia, Daniel, Zach, Charlie, and Evie, three of whom are adopted from Ukraine. Heath owns a music studio focused primarily on Christian audio production and musical arrangement. Mrs. Ewing serves on the board of directors of Widow Might, a nonprofit organization that helps women who have lost their husbands. Both Ginger and Heath play and sing on their church's worship team. They also enjoy all types of activities in the mountains, especially skiing. When interviewed as a potential trustee in 2012, Mrs. Ewing indicated that her relationship with Christ is the centerpiece of all that she does to keep her business and family life together.



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EAGLE SCHOLARS HONORS PROGRAM

Eagle Scholars graduates have completed all requirements for the Northwestern Honors Program, including taking honors courses, completing honors papers and projects, and attending various honors seminars. We consider these Eagle Scholars to be a testimony to the Christian call to excellence in scholarly achievement.

UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATION HONORS

Honors recognition for graduates is based on cumulative grade point average (GPA) and University of Northwestern credits earned (minimum of 60). Honors recognition is given according to the following scale:

Summa Cum Laude	3.90–4.00
Magna Cum Laude	3.75–3.89
Cum Laude	3.65–3.74

The cumulative GPA used in the graduation honors scale is based on all letter-graded University of Northwestern credits earned at the time of degree completion. This includes work taken in all academic programs of the university.

Transfer students must complete a minimum of 60 semester credits at University of Northwestern to be eligible for honors recognition listed in the above scale. Transfer students with 30–59 Northwestern credits with a Northwestern cumulative GPA of at least 3.90 will be recognized as graduating "With Distinction."

Final graduation honors listed on the transcript depend on the cumulative GPA at the end of the semester when degree requirements are satisfied.

ACADEMIC APPAREL

The wearing of bright, colorful hoods and somber gowns at academic functions of colleges and universities likely began in the twelfth century when universities were taking form under the jurisdiction of the church. Most of those studying were clerks in holy orders, monks, or priests. They wore a cloak or habit to which was attached a cowl or hood, which was used to warm their tonsured heads or thrown back in mild weather. Sometimes it served the purpose of holding food or the alms that were dropped in by those who passed by. As the years passed it came to be the symbolic garb of the college and university world. Styles and colors varied greatly in Europe, but by the late 1800s colleges and universities in the United States adopted a uniform code of academic garb that is still in use today.

Bachelor 2-inch border
Sleeves long and pointed, hoods pointed, 3 feet long.

Master 3-inch border
Sleeves oblong and very long, slit halfway up for arms, hoods pointed, 3½ feet long.

Doctor 5-inch border
Very full sleeves with three velvet bands, hoods 4 feet long, rounded at bottom.

The color of the hood indicates the department or field in which the degree was given.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business Administration	Drab
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts, Architecture	Brown
Journalism	Crimson
Laws	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Oratory (Speech)	Silver Grey
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Psychology	Royal Blue
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Science	Citron
Theology, Ministry	Scarlet

The inside colors of the hoods represent the colors of the university or college granting the degree.

DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL BANNERS

During the ceremony, department/school banners will be electronically displayed featuring a variety of colors and symbols. These banners were created by Mr. John Printy, Assistant Professor of Art & Design, along with some of his design students.

Each department's/school's mission is interpreted in symbolic logos, which may be used in other Northwestern promotional literature.

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

Adult Undergraduate	English & Literature
Art & Design	Graduate Studies
Biblical & Theological Studies	History & Related Fields
Biology & Biochemistry	Interdisciplinary Studies
Business	Music & Theatre
Christian Ministries	Nursing
Communication	Physical Education, Health
Computing, Data	& Kinesiology
& Mathematical Sciences	Psychology
Education	World Languages
Engineering	

THE FLAGS

In addition to the United States and Christian flags, there are flags on display representing the home countries of students who are members of the May 2021 graduating class. This year we are featuring the flags of India and Tanzania.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Amateur photographers are asked to be aware of and respect others in the audience who are taking pictures, including the university's contracted photographer. Photographs may be viewed and purchased online at events.lifetouch.com/unwsp.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available on two levels of Totino-Knight Hall and in other campus buildings.

SAFETY

Members of Public Safety staff are in uniform and available throughout the ceremony. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to seek them out. You may reach a member of the Public Safety staff at 651-631-5310.

