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SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

CHESTER FRITZ AUDITORIUM

PRESIDENT ANDREW P. ARMACOST, PRESIDING

GRADUATE DEGREES CEREMONY FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 — 10:00 A.M.

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Brent Hermans, Pianist

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance” — Edward Elgar
Please stand during the Processional.

“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” — *Samuel Ward*
Erika Pelach, Soloist

**GREETINGS FROM THE STATE BOARD
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Mike Jacobs
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DeAnna Carlson Zink, UND Alumni Association
& Foundation

“ALMA MATER” — *Franz Joseph Haydn*
The Assemblage
Led by the song leader, Erika Pelach
Hail to thee, O Alma Mater!
Hail to thee with heart and tongue!
Pride we feel and love yet greater
While we raise our grateful song.
Home of lofty thought and learning,
Beacon o’er our western land,
Shrine whence still the ever burning
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RECESSIONAL
Brent Hermans, Pianist

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES CEREMONY FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 — 3:00 P.M.

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President Andrew P. Armacost
Marilyn Hagerty, Doctor of Letters
Honorary Degree information

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Hunter Pinke, May 2021 Graduate

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CEREMONY FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: DOCTORAL DEGREES

Chris Nelson, Associate Dean

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Elisa Laura Diederich

Grand Forks, ND

Educational Leadership

Dissertation: Educators' Perceptions of Youth Behavioral Health Training in Schools Across North Dakota

Advisor: Sherryl Houdek

Holly Allison Larson

East Grand Forks, MN

Educational Leadership

Dissertation: Elementary School Counseling Programs in North Dakota: Perceptions of Participants on Early Social Emotional Learning

Advisor: Sherryl Houdek

Amanda Mae Quintus

Reiles Acres, ND

Educational Leadership

Dissertation: Bridging the Transition Gap: Student Perceptions of Middle to High School Transition Practices and School Connectedness

Advisor: Jared Schlenker

Darin John Walters

Grand Forks, ND

Educational Leadership

Dissertation: Creating and Designing Collaborative Learning Spaces in a Secondary School Setting

Advisor: Jared Schlenker

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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Agnes Aondo

Burleson, TX

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Middleton, WI

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Hugo, MN

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Perham, MN

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Kenmare, ND

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Shoreview, MN

Nursing Practice

Advisor: Mary Jane Rivard

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Sameera Algarni

Grand Forks, ND

Teaching and Learning

Dissertation: Using Student-Generated Problems (SGP) as an Instructional Strategy to Enhance Undergraduate Engineering Students' Knowledge Application Ability and Problem-Solving Skills

Advisor: Woei Hung

Hamed Ateeq Alghamdi

Grand Forks, ND

Communication

Dissertation: Saudi Arabia's Reputation From the Point of View of the American People in the United States Compared to that of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkey

Advisor: Pamela Kalbfleisch

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: DOCTORAL DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, *continued*

Ademola Abdul-Rahman Amida

Grand Forks, ND

Teaching and Learning

Dissertation: System Modeling: An Exploratory Study of Engineering Students' Conceptual Knowledge and Problem-Solving Skills

Advisor: Woei Hung

Neha Simron Batool

Columbia, MO

Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: Mental Health Impact of Forced Marriages

Advisor: Rachel Navarro

Sherry Lynn Bollero

Mill Creek, WA

English

Dissertation: By A Thread: Adapting and Understanding the Literary Past through Contemporary Costume

Advisor: Adam Kitzes

Ayli S. Carrero Pinedo

Elgin, NE

Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: Latinx Immigrant Health and Well-Being in the United States: Examining Legal Status as a Social Determinant of Health

Advisor: Rachel Navarro

Brittney Marie Christy

Grand Forks, ND

English

Dissertation: Narratological Limitations of Telling Trauma: A Case Study of Lorena Bobbitt and Sexual Assault

Advisor: Kim Donehower-Weinstein

Juan Han

Grand Forks, ND

Chemistry

Dissertation: Development of Metal-Containing Nanoparticles for Chemical Analysis and Bioanalysis

Advisor: David Pierce

Sheila K. Hanson

Grand Forks, ND

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: Decentering from Distress in the Moment: A Brief Randomized Control Trial

Advisor: Thomas Petros

Jeremy David Harris

Madison, AL

Aerospace Sciences

Dissertation: Ammonia/Water Thermodynamic Cycle for Lunar Power Applications

Advisor: James Casler

Chelsie Terez Hultz

Minot, ND

Teaching and Learning

Dissertation: Teacher Demoralization, Mental Health, and the Moderating Effect of Shame Resilience

Advisor: Bonni Gourneau

Beth Catherine Kliethermes

Salt Lake City, UT

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: The Effect of Child Sexual Exploitation Material Offender Age, Motivation for Use, and Treatment Interest on Public Perceptions of Offense and Treatment

Advisor: Joseph Miller

Koffi Leo Lakpa

Madison, WI

Biomedical Sciences

Dissertation: Effects of HIV-1 gp120 on Intracellular Levels of Iron and Reactive Oxygen Species: Implications for Lysosomal Stress

Advisor: Jonathan Geiger

Audrey Lynn LaVallie

Grand Forks, ND

Chemistry

Dissertation: Characterization, Depolymerization, and Fractionation of Alkali Lignin

Advisor: Alena Kubatova

Carrie Joyce Leopold

West Fargo, ND

Educational Foundations & Research

Dissertation: Girls in STEM

Advisor: Steven LeMire

Marisa Mango

Tampa, FL

Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: Test of a Partial Sexual Minority Stress Model with Bisexual Adolescents

Advisor: Rachel Navarro

Jared Wayne Marquis

Grand Forks, ND

Atmospheric Sciences

Dissertation: Estimating Analysis Temperature and Humidity Biases due to Assimilation of Aerosol & Cloud Contaminated Hyperspectral Infrared Radiances

Advisor: Jianglong Zhang

Nicole Marie Miller

Grand Forks, ND

Biomedical Sciences

Dissertation: Endolysosome Involvement in the Protective Effects of 17 β -Estradiol against HIV-1 Protein-Induced Neuronal Injury

Advisor: Xuesong Chen

Dacia Kay Oberhelman

Renwick, LA

Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: An Examination of Rural Help-Seeking Behaviors Related to Sexual Violence and Mental Health and Well-Being Outcomes

Advisor: Kara Wettersten

Dezhi Qiu

Grand Forks, ND

Petroleum Engineering

Dissertation: Hydraulic Fracture Propagation and Its Geometry Evolution in Transversely Isotropic Formations

Advisor: Vamegh Rasouli

Meghan Alicia Rodriguez

Grand Forks, ND

Anatomy

Dissertation: Transcriptomic and Pharmacological Characterization of a Murine Line Harboring an Antidepressant-Insensitive Serotonin Transporter

Advisor: L. Keith Henry

Smruthi Subhashini Rudraraju

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Biomedical Sciences

Dissertation: SNAIL as a Dual DNA/RNA Binding Transcription Factor

Advisor: Archana Dhasarathy

Helen Sawaya

Minneapolis, MN

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: Negative and Positive Attention Bias in Anhedonia and Anxious Arousal: Can Depression and Anxiety be Distinguished by Patterns of Engagement and Disengagement Bias?

Advisor: F. Richard Ferraro

Mundi S. Schmidt

Steele, ND

Teaching and Learning

Dissertation: Teaching on the Prairie: Narrative Lived Experiences of Self, Belonging, and Place from Two Beginning Teachers in Rural North Dakota Schools

Advisor: Bonni Gourneau

Rana Ragueh Shaaban

Grand Forks, ND

Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: Visible Light Communication Cyber Security Vulnerabilities for Indoor and Outdoor Vehicle-To-Vehicle Communication

Advisor: Saleh Faruque

Rahul Kumar Shahni

Grand Forks, ND

Chemistry

Dissertation: Synthesis of A Gemini Monomer and Cyclobutane-Containing Bifunctional Building Blocks for Novel Materials

Advisor: Qianli Chu

Megan Kay Smith

Cherokee, NC

Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: Social Cognitive Well-Being Model with Native American Students: Exploring Racial Identity and Internalized Racial Oppression

Advisor: Rachel Navarro

Brent Allen Stewart

Seattle, WA

Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: An Exploration of Sexual Consent, Sexual Non-Consent, and Nonverbal Sexual Consent Communication Behaviors, amongst Community Stakeholders

Advisor: Kara Wettersten

Misty Rose Tomchuk

Fargo, ND

Educational Foundations & Rese

Dissertation: Teacher Perceptions of Parent-Teacher Communications and Practice

Advisor: Virginia Lisell-Clinton & Robert Stupnisky

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Colin S. Renfandt

Minot, ND

Physical Therapy

Advisor: David Relling

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: MASTER'S DEGREES

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MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

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Carrington, ND
Space Studies

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Special Education

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Las Vegas, NV
Applied Economics & Predictive Analytics

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Claire Ellen Chalupnik

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Social Work

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Social Work

Courtney Marie Haviland

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Social Work

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Social Work

APPROVED ACADEMIC HONOR CORDS AND STOLES

Students who are members of the following honor societies will be wearing these adornments to their regalia:

- **Alpha Phi Sigma** — National Criminal Justice Honor Society; blue and gold honor cords
- **Beta Alpha Psi** — International Academic Honor Society for Accounting Majors; red and white cords
- **Beta Gamma Sigma** — Honor Society accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International; worn by students and faculty members; blue and gold cords
- **Epsilon Pi Tau** — National Academic Honor Society for Technology; blue, gold and white cords
- **Gamma Sigma Alpha** — National Academic Honor Society for Greek Members; red and yellow cords
- **Gamma Theta Upsilon** — International Honor Society in Geography; blue, brown and gold cords
- **Golden Key International Honor Society** — royal blue and gold cords
- **IEEE - Eta Kappa Nu** — Honor Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; gold cords with red/blue tassel
- **Mortar Board** — National Honor Society; silver and gold cords
- **National Residence Hall Honorary** — blue and silver cords
- **National Society of Collegiate Scholars** — National society recognizing outstanding academic achievement and involvement on campus; gold and burgundy cords
- **Order of Omega** — National Leadership Academic Honor Society for Greek Members; gold and white cords
- **Phi Alpha** — National Social Work Honor Society; gold cord
- **Phi Alpha Theta** — History Honor Society; red and blue cords
- **Phi Beta Kappa** — National Scholarship Honor Society for Liberal Arts and Sciences; pink and blue cords
- **Phi Eta Sigma** — Honor Society for First Year Students; black and gold cords
- **Pi Alpha Alpha** — National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration; light blue and gold cords
- **Pi Kappa Lambda** — National Music Honor Society; gold and white cords
- **Pi Theta Epsilon** — National Occupational Therapy Society; blue and gold cords
- **Psi Chi** — Psychology Honor Society; platinum and navy cords
- **Sigma Gamma Epsilon** — National Honor Society for Earth Sciences; gold, blue and silver cords
- **Sigma Pi Sigma** — National Honor Society for Physics; green and white cords
- **Sigma Tau Delta** — National Society for English representing high achievement in English language, literature, and writing; Cardinal red and black double strand cords
- **Sigma Theta Tau** — International Honor Society of Nursing; purple and white cords
- **Tau Beta Pi** — National Engineering Honor Society; white and orange cords
- **Tau Sigma** — Transfer Student Honor Society; maroon and gold cords
- **Theta Alpha Kappa** — National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology; red cords
- **Upsilon Pi Epsilon** — International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines; maroon and white cords

NON-ACADEMIC RECOGNITION CORDS

UND LEGACY CORDS

Legacy students will be honored with a green, pink and white cord to recognize the connection they share with their family members who have graduated before them. Students with UND graduates in their family history (parents, step-parents or grandparents) are considered legacies.

VETERAN AND MILITARY

Veterans who are graduating from UND and students who serve in the military will be wearing red, white and blue cords to honor them for their service to our country.

FIRST GENERATION CORDS

First Generation Cords are blue and green cords for those students who are the first in their immediate family to graduate with a four year degree.

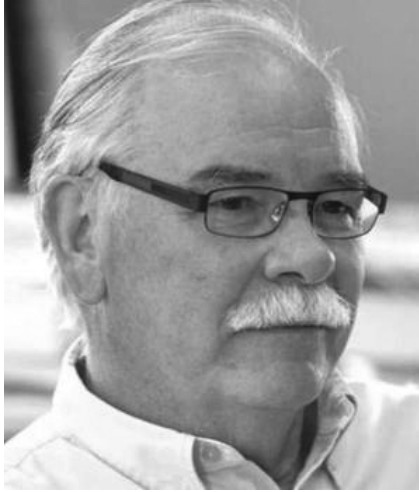
MULTICULTURAL SYMBOLS

- American Indian students graduating today may wear any of several pieces of traditional American Indian regalia including an eagle feather considered sacred and attached to their mortar board tassel representing honesty, truth, courage and wisdom; beadwork representing their tribal or individual cultural designs on top of the mortar board, or traditional clothing/regalia under their gown.
- Graduates who are members of ethnic or culturally based organizations may wear woven clothes representing cultural patterns or designs such as a kente cloth.
- Lei: A lei is presented as a person is leaving or arriving and symbolizing affection, good luck, or appreciation. Leis are commonly made from flowers, vines, or leaves.

STUDENT HONOR MEDALLIONS

Honor Medallions are earned by candidates for the bachelor's degree who have at least 50 graded hours from the University of North Dakota and achieve a scholastic average of 3.50 (cum laude), 3.70 (magna cum laude), and 3.90 (summa cum laude) in courses completed at the University of North Dakota. For the purpose of the commencement program and publication, honors are based on the UND grade point average at the end of the previously completed term. Once final semester grades are recorded and the degree has been cleared by the college, grade point averages are recalculated and final graduation honors are recorded to the transcript and diploma.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Mike Jacobs

Mike Jacobs retired from the Grand Forks Herald after 36 years as its state capitol reporter in Bismarck and St. Paul, editorial writer, city editor, managing editor, editor and publisher. He continues to write two week columns, one about North Dakota events, mostly political, and one about North Dakota's bird life. Before joining the Herald in 1978, Jacobs published a "sporadical" called "The Onlooker, and also worked for The Forum, the Dickinson Press, The Morning Pioneer of Mandan and the North Dakota Farmers Union. He is the author of three books about the state, the last a history of the Bank of North Dakota.

The Herald won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for its coverage of the 1997 Red River Flood, and Jacobs was named editor of the year by the National Press Foundation. In 2014, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters by the University of North Dakota, his alma mater. The North Dakota Bar Association presented its Liberty Bell Award to him in 2020.

He and Suezette Bieri have been married for 50 years. They live on Campbell Beach 32 miles northwest of Grand Forks. Their post office address is Gilby, their telephone exchange is Inkster and they pay property taxes to Larimore School District.

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THE UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

Honorary Faculty
Flag Marshal - Morning
Michael Mann



Dr. Michael Mann is currently the Associate Dean for Research in the College of Engineering and Mines and the Executive Director of the University of North Dakota's Institute for Energy Studies. He is a Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering. He has been working in the energy field since 1981, first with the Energy & Environmental Research Center, and since 1999 with the College of Engineering and Mines. He was awarded UND's highest honor, the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professorship in 2009 in recognition for his accomplishments in research, teaching, and service and has also been awarded UND's highest award for Excellence in Research in 2006. Dr. Mann is a co-founder of the SUSTAINABLE eNERGY Research, Infrastructure, and Supporting Education (SUNRISE) group in 2004 and helped establish the Petroleum Research Education and Entrepreneurship Center of Excellence (PREEC). He was recognized for these efforts when he received UND's 2014 Interdisciplinary Collaborative Research Award. In 2020 he received the UND Foundation Faculty Scholar Award, recognizing his combined excellence and contributions in teaching, research and service to the university. He was a primary player in the development of the Institute for Energy Studies that he now directs. Dr. Mann has over 215 publications and has secured over \$20 million in funding during his career. He has been involved in a wide range of technology development, including energy production from combustion and gasification, wind, and geothermal resources. Much of his activity focuses on system integration and the development of energy strategies coupling thermodynamics with political, social, and economic factors. Dr. Mann holds a Ph.D. Energy Engineering and an MBA.

Honorary Faculty
Flag Marshal - Afternoon
Mike Wittgraf



Dr. Mike Wittgraf joined the UND Music Department in 1998, and was named Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in 2013. He earned the Doctor of Music Degree in Composition from Northwestern University, the Master of Arts Degree in Music Composition from the University of Minnesota, and the Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from Carleton College. His specialties lie in music composition, music technology, music theory, and bassoon.

His original music has been performed around the world, and is available on the Ravello, New Ariel, Eroica, and SEAMUS recording labels, and through iTunes, Spotify, SoundCloud, YouTube, and other platforms. He has awards, commissions, and recognition from ASCAP, Modern Chamber Players, National Symphony Orchestra, Tempus Fugit, Louisiana State University, University of Minnesota, University of North Dakota, Florida State University, PiKappa Lambda, Zeitgeist, Chiara String Quartet, Bush Foundation, North Dakota Museum of Art, North Dakota Council on the Arts, and more. He was awarded a North Dakota Individual Artist Fellowship in 2007, and in 2011 he was named the North Valley Arts Council Artist of the Year.

A tradition since the early years of the University of North Dakota, students serve as the honorary marshals and ushers for commencement exercises.

Marshals for Morning Graduate Ceremony

Ivy Edwards
Ian Evavold
Hannah Laumb
Barry Takwa
Olivia Weikum

Marshals for Afternoon Undergraduate Ceremony

Ivy Edwards
Ian Evavold
Collin Fritchen
Hannah Laumb
Aaron Sczepanski
Olivia Weikum

HONORARY DEGREE AWARDED

Marilyn Hagerty

Marilyn Hagerty has been the voice of Grand Forks for more than half a century as a journalist and columnist for the Grand Forks Herald. Throughout that time, Hagerty has earned a reputation as a tireless supporter — a fan of athletics and friend of academics — of the University of North Dakota.

Growing up in Pierre, S.D., Hagerty's career in journalism started in high school, when she wrote for Pierre's Capital Journal. While attending the University of South Dakota, Hagerty became editor for the student newspaper, *The Volante*, where she hired late USA Today founder Al Neuharth as a sports writer. Years later, in 2012, Hagerty was presented the Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in the Media by her alma mater, and Neuharth himself.

Hagerty also penned articles for some time at the Aberdeen American News, following her 1948 graduation from USD with a degree in journalism.

Hagerty's writing career in Grand Forks began shortly after her husband, Jack, became news editor at the Herald in 1957. Over the years, Hagerty held titles including feature writer, education reporter, features editor and columnist.

Three collections of Hagerty's stories and columns have been published during her decades-long Herald career: *Grand Forks: A History of American Dining in 128 Reviews*, *Echoes*; *a Selection of Stories and Columns by Marilyn Hagerty* and *The Best of The Eatbeat with Marilyn Hagerty*.

Perhaps most famous for her weekly local and regional restaurant reviews, Hagerty has written as many as 2,000 reviews since her first *Eatbeat* column in 1976. As former Herald columnist Ryan Bakken noted in 2012, none of her write-ups "caused as much stir" as her matter-of-fact assessment of Grand Forks' Olive Garden. Her earnest commentary on the national chain restaurant's menus, décor and amenities set the internet ablaze with what Buzzfeed called "arguably the most viral restaurant review ever written."

Not long after the review's publication on March 7, 2012, Hagerty was being interviewed by NBC's Today Show and reviewed a New York street-vendor hot dog for *The New York Times*. Her thoughts on Olive Garden, and the raucous social media response, garnered the attention of late chef and TV presenter Anthony Bourdain, who went on to edit and write the foreword to *American Dining in 128 Reviews*.



"This is a straightforward account of what people have been eating — still ARE eating — in much of America," Bourdain wrote. "As related by a kind, good-hearted reporter looking to pass along as much useful information as she can — while hurting no one."

Hagerty has received numerous awards and honors related to her service for the State of North Dakota and beyond, including the aforementioned Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in Media as well as a Distinguished Service Award from the North Dakota Newspaper Association. Other distinctions, more locally, include her own Girl Scout badge and a Grand Forks lift station named for Hagerty.

Grand Forks bestowed the latter honor with good humor in 2002, after Hagerty had noted UND's habit of naming buildings after people. She'd be honored to be so honored, Hagerty noted; "but I didn't want anything big, so I thought a lift station would be good."

When the UND women's basketball team unveiled the Marilyn Hagerty Lift Station No. 8 plaque, they did so in front of Hagerty, Grand Forks Mayor Mike Brown, the UND dance team and a crowd.

Just as the basketball team once cheered for Hagerty, so has Hagerty herself long been a fan of UND athletics. She's been quoted as saying there's "no night too long" when watching women's and men's basketball. Cold November days in the stands of Memorial Stadium watching UND football stand out as fond memories, she has said.

Through her work at the Herald, Hagerty has reported on many other aspects of UND's mission of education and research, from following students through their medical-school careers at the School of Medicine & Health Sciences to interviewing Chinese student pilots at the Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences.

From her time at *The Volante* in college all the way through her national notoriety, Hagerty has been a staunch supporter and mentor for those pursuing careers in communications and journalism. She established the Marilyn Hagerty Scholarship Endowment at the UND Alumni Association & Foundation to support female athletes and women studying in those fields.

In 2017, Hagerty received a UND Alumni Association & Foundation Spirit Award, and has served as a member of the UND Boosters and on the UND College of Arts & Sciences Advisory Board.

HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED

Honorary degrees have long been awarded by institutions of higher learning to recognize lives of achievement. In 1909 UND presented its first honorary degree, a Doctor of Laws, to Webster Merrifield, who served the University for 25 years, including 18 as its third president.

Honorary degrees from UND particularly recognize those with an association with the University or with the state and region; they also have been presented to such notables as philosopher Mortimer Adler, heart surgeon Michael DeBakey and President John F. Kennedy.

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 1913, Roger W. Cooley, Master of Laws
 1914, E.M. Babcock, Doctor of Science
 1916, Homer B. Sprague, Doctor of Laws
 1918, Joseph P. Kennedy, Doctor of Laws
 1922, John Lee Coulter, Doctor of Laws
 1925, F.P. Robertson, Doctor of Laws
 1928, Howard Huston, Master of Arts
 1929, Thomas D. Campbell, Doctor of Laws
 1930, Guy C.H. Corliss, Doctor of Laws
 1930, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Doctor of Laws
 1931, Maxwell Upson, Doctor of Engineering
 1932, John M. Hancock, Doctor of Laws
 1933, Thomas F. Kane, Doctor of Laws
 1933, John F. Douglas, Doctor of Laws
 1934, J.F.T. O'Connor, Doctor of Laws
 1935, Frederick Koch, Doctor of Letters
 1936, John Burke, Doctor of Laws
 1937, Sveinbjorn Johnson, Doctor of Laws
 1938, A.G. Burr, Doctor of Laws
 1938, Vincent J. Ryan, Doctor of Laws
 1938, C.J. Hambro, Doctor of Laws
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 1939, Crown Prince Olav of Norway, Doctor of Laws
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 1941, Clarence Daniel O'Connor, Doctor of Humanities
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 1943, Walter L. Stockwell, Doctor of Laws
 1943, John Alister Hutcheson, Doctor of Science
 1944, Sigureir Sigurdsson, Doctor of Humanities
 1944, Boyd Milne Begg, Doctor of Science
 1944, George Addison Talbert, Doctor of Science
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 1946, David Rhys Jenkins, Doctor of Science
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 1951, M. Beatrice Johnstone, Doctor of Humanities
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 1956, John Chester West, Doctor of Humanities

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 1958, Russell Reid, Doctor of Humanities
 1958, James Duane Squires, Doctor of Laws
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 1958, Paul Yoder, Doctor of Music
 1959, Alexander Grow Budge, Doctor of Laws
 1959, Thomas E. Whelan, Doctor of Laws
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 1960, James H. Douglas, Doctor of Laws
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 1962, Thomas Joseph Burke, Doctor of Laws
 1962, O.H. Thormodsgard, Doctor of Laws
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 1969, Richard Beck, Doctor of Literature
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 1981, Mary Jean Mannes, Bachelor of Laws
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 1982, Warren Christopher, Doctor of Laws
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 1983, Fred L. Snyder, Doctor of Science
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 1986, James F. Seifert, Doctor of Laws
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 1988, Merlin E. Dewing, Doctor of Laws
 1989, Weston R. Christopherson, Doctor of Laws
 1989, Agnes Geelan, Doctor of Humane Letters
 1989, Arley Bjella, Doctor of Laws
 1989, Bernard P. Randolph, Doctor of Engineering
 1990, Michael E. DeBakey, Doctor of Science

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 1991, Lee Gerdine, Doctor of Music
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 1993, Thomas M. Hamilton, Doctor of Engineering
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 1993, Everette L. Webb, Doctor of Engineering
 1993, Gilmore Schjeldahl, Doctor of Engineering
 1994, James F. Buchli, Doctor of Science
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 2013, Norman C. Skalicky, Doctor of Letters
 2014, Michael J. Jacobs, Doctor of Letters
 2014, William C. Sherman, Doctor of Letters
 2014, Karen L. Nyberg, Doctor of Letters
 2014, Linda M. Pancratz, Doctor of Letters
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 2015, Gerald W. VandeWalle, Doctor of Letters
 2016, Carolyn Becraft, Doctor of Letters
 2016, Greg Page, Doctor of Letters
 2018, Si Robin, Doctor of Letters
 2018, Betty Robin, Doctor of Letters
 2019, Josh Duhamel, Doctor of Letters
 2019, Heidi Heitkamp, Doctor of Letters
 2019, Clay Lacy, Doctor of Letters
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 2021, Marilyn Hagerty, Doctor of Letters

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ACADEMIC DRESS

THE GOWN

The flowing gown comes from the 12th century. While it originally may have been worn as protection against the chill of unheated buildings, it has today become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it covers any trappings of rank or social standing underneath. It is black for all degrees, with pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree recipient, long closed sleeves with a slit at the arm or wrist for the master's degree, or full bell double sleeves for the doctoral degree. Bachelor's and master's degree gowns have no trimming. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

THE CAP

Under Roman law, a slave that had been set free received the privilege of wearing a cap. The academic cap is a sign of freedom of scholarship, and of the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Ancient poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the book. The color of the tassel denotes the discipline. At the University of North Dakota, the tassel

colors associated with academic divisions are: white, College of Arts and Sciences; drab (subdued orange), College of Business and Public Administration; black and white, John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences; blue and white, College of Education and Human Development; orange, School of Engineering and Mines; purple, School of Law; green, School of Medicine; apricot, College of Nursing; black, Graduate School. For undergraduate students, the tassels hang on the right side of the cap until they receive their degrees, at which time the tassel is moved to the left. For master's students, the tassel hangs on the left side of the cap and is not moved.

THE HOOD

The hood is trimmed with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining designates the university or college which granted the degree. The official colors of the University of North Dakota, selected by the student body in preparation for the institution's first commencement in 1889, are the pink and green of the prairie rose.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The awarding of degrees and academic distinctions listed in this program is contingent upon successful completion of the various program requirements. Commencement ceremonies at UND are planned through Ceremonies & University Events in the Division of Marketing & Communications. The University of North Dakota is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. For more information on equal opportunity policies and procedures, see UND catalogs and other major printed pieces.

Summer 2021 graduates are listed in this program. Past graduates who are participating in today's ceremony have been listed in their respective programs.

Whether the individual is the first or last to receive a degree in the graduation ceremony, the conferring of that degree is a very special event for every graduate and family. To this end, it is requested that everyone remain seated until the conclusion of the commencement ceremony.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The University has contracted the services of Lifetouch Special Events Photography for all commencement ceremonies. This service will provide each graduate with two photos. A photo taken when accepting congratulations on stage and a second, posed photo taken after leaving the stage. Graduates will receive a message sent to their official UND e-mail address containing a link to the photo proofs. There is no obligation to purchase photographs.

Go to events.lifetouch.com/UND for information about commencement photographs. Contact Lifetouch Special Events with any questions at specialevents@lifetouch.com, by calling 800.505.9496, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, or on their Web site events.lifetouch.com/about/contactus.aspx.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Send a virtual message to your graduate by posting to Twitter or Instagram using #UNDproud. Your post may appear on UND.edu!

WEBCAST

UND provides a live video stream of its Summer Commencement Ceremonies to allow family and friends to participate, even if they cannot attend in person.

Two ceremonies will be streamed live on UND's website (UND.edu) and UND Facebook page. If you are interested in watching one of the ceremonies, review the list below.

Friday, August 6, 10:00 a.m. (CT) Graduate Degrees Ceremony
Friday, August 6, 3:00 p.m. (CT) Undergraduate Degrees Ceremony

Free video downloads of the ceremonies will be available on Vimeo by Wednesday, August 11 as follows:

Graduate Degrees Ceremony: vimeo.com/577629902

Undergraduate Degrees Ceremony: vimeo.com/577630633

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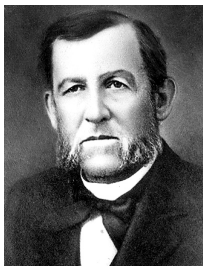


Ground Breaking Ceremony

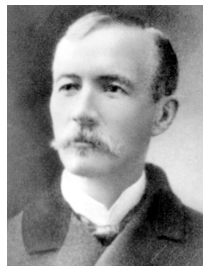
With help from more than 150,000 proud alumni, UND's traditions have endured for more than a century. Our history is colorful and diverse. From educators to political leaders and astronauts, our alumni credit UND for their successes. Here are some facts:

- UND was founded in 1883 by the Dakota Territorial Assembly — six years before North Dakota became a state.
- The cornerstone for Old Main — UND's first building and where the Eternal Flame in the Old Main Memorial Plaza now stands — was laid in the fall of 1883.
- As part of its evolution into a full-fledged, multi-purpose University, UND added research and the instruction of graduate students (the first master's degree was awarded in 1895) before the end of the 19th century.
- Four faculty members met the 11 students who entered the University on opening day, September 8, 1884.
- Three U.S. Presidents have visited campus: Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan.
- The first class of eight students graduated on June 13, 1889.
- Unlike most state institutions of higher education west of the Mississippi, UND did not begin as an agricultural school or as a teachers college. It was organized initially as a College of Arts & Sciences, with a Normal School for the education of teachers.

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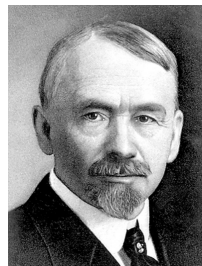
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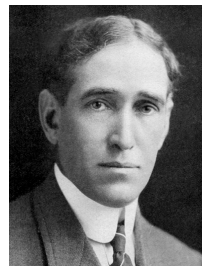
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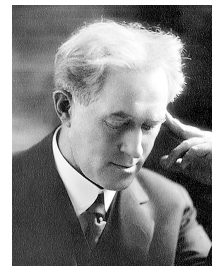
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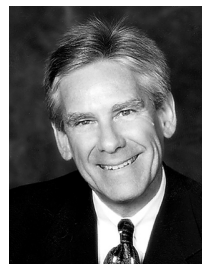
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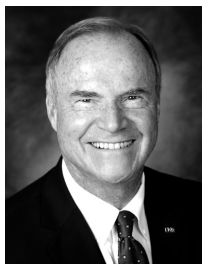
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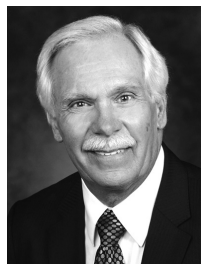
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THE MACE OF THE UNIVERSITY

The ceremonial mace was first a practical weapon intended to protect the king and borne by the Sergeants-at-Arms, a royal bodyguard. The history of the civic mace begins about the middle of the 13th century. Since about the 15th century, universities have displayed a mace as a symbol of both internal authority and the independence of the scholarly tradition.

The mace of the University of North Dakota came into being at the direction of George W. Starcher, president from 1954 to 1971. In 1963 he approached Alvin Rudisill, chairman of the Industrial Arts Department, with the idea of creating a mace with materials from "Old Main," UND's first building. Condemned for decades for its severe structural deficiencies, Old Main was being demolished as administrative offices had moved to the newly completed Twamley Hall.

Rudisill turned to one of his students, Dennis Kulas, who was also pursuing a minor in art. Kulas crafted a mace in wood and then a second, when some thought the first might be too heavy for ceremonial use. The first one is the mace that has been carried at the front of all commencement ceremonies since.

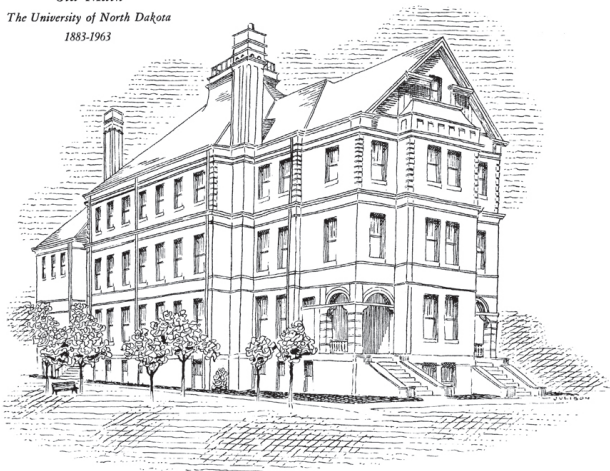
Kulas explained the artistic ideas he incorporated into his design:

"The theme used for making the mace was like a drop of water falling into a body of water, its effects sending out ripples throughout the water. Likewise, a little learning affects everyone by sending out knowledge to all four corners of the Earth, hence the design. The globe: symbolizing the Earth. The rings: symbolizing a drop of knowledge ever spreading throughout the Earth. The four spikes: emphasizing the four corners of the Earth."

The second mace used the same theme, but the globe was hollowed out to make it lighter by using recessed rings.



"Old Main"
The University of North Dakota
1883-1963



"Old Main," 1958



THE FIRST COMMENCEMENT

The following is excerpted from University of the Northern Plains, the history of the University of North Dakota written by Louis G. Geiger and published in 1958 as part of the University's 75th anniversary celebration.

A major milestone in student affairs, as well as in the University's history, was the graduation of the first college class in 1889. A faculty committee was appointed in February to plan the exercises. In April the student body met and chose the school colors, the pink and green of the prairie rose, "suggestive of our green prairies and rosy prospects." On June 13, a cool, fair day, the ceremony began at ten o'clock in the University assembly hall, which had been decorated with flags and flowers and a large "89" centerpiece. A capacity crowd of students and spectators (perhaps as many as 250) was on hand as the graduates — "the ladies ... dressed in white" and "the gentlemen ... neatly attired" — marched to their places on the stage to the accompaniment of music by [W. W.] Hall's Cadet Band. Special guests were the Regents, H. M. Mellette, governor of the Territory, several other territorial officials [North Dakota did not attain statehood until November 2, 1889], and Nehemiah Ordway, who as governor had signed the organic act of the University. [President Homer B.] Sprague presided and introduced the speakers. Mellette observed that it was a "Red River letter day." Ordway spoke with pride and feeling on the University's founding. One of the Regents relieved the occasion with a touch of unconscious humor when he explained: "As to the faculty we have done the best we could with the money at hand." Following the official commemoration of the occasion, the main part of the program began; there were essays and orations presented by each of the eight graduates, six from the college and two from the four-year normal course; Frances M. Allen (B.A.), Clinton S. DeGroat (B.S.), Ben E. Ingwaldson (B.S.), Cora Smith (B.S.), Marie Teel (B.S.), May Travis (B.A.), and Genevieve Arnold



The University of North Dakota graduated its first class on June 13, 1889. Seated: Frances M. Allen, B.A.; May Travis, B.A.; Genevieve Arnold, Normal Certificate; and Marie Teel, B.S. Standing: Irene Mares, Normal Certificate; Clinton S. DeGroat, B.S.; Cora Smith, B.S., and Ben E. Ingwaldson, B.S.



The Main Building and Ladies' Hall (later Davis Hall)

and Irene Mares (normal certificates). The orations, on current as well as literary and moral subjects, were printed in full in the Grand Forks newspapers.

Three of the college graduates were from Grand Forks; none had come from farther than Hillsboro. Not one had been born in North Dakota; Ben Ingwaldson had been born in Norway. In the class of 1890, of seven college graduates, four were from Grand Forks, three were women, and six took the science degree. A considerable proportion of the early graduates entered medicine, law, or teaching. Cora Smith, a member of the first class, took a degree in medicine at Boston University; Mary Crans of the second class completed the course in dentistry at the University of Michigan. Ben Ingwaldson went on to the University of Minnesota law school. North Dakota's first appointee to West Point, Joseph Travis, graduated in the class of 1890.

Congratulations and Best Wishes

The University of North Dakota is proud to recognize the accomplishments of its graduates and to extend best wishes to them, their families and loved ones.



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