



College of Continuing and Professional Studies
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Twin Cities Campus

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Dear Graduates,

On behalf of everyone in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, congratulations on completing your degree! Your perseverance and determination during the past several years attest to your resilience. That will serve you well in the future, and on this special day we join with your family and friends to celebrate your success.

You now join more than 12,000 CCAPS alumni, and I encourage you to think of today not as the end of your educational journey, but as one more step along an ever-unfolding path. Use your hard-won knowledge and newly earned degree to open doors. Keep evaluating where you want to go. Be a role model. Give back. Take on new challenges. Stay curious. Embrace being a lifelong learner!

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and to share in your accomplishments. May you find success and fulfillment in the journey ahead. Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Stine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end of the name.

Robert A. Stine
Dean, College of Continuing and Professional Studies

The College of Continuing and Professional Studies

Since 1913, the College of Continuing and Professional Studies has extended the knowledge resources and academic excellence of the University of Minnesota to a diverse community of learners and organizations. The College is distinctly suited to offer unique and inspiring learning opportunities that span academic disciplines.

We have seen over and over again that learning is essential to our lives as we aspire to advance our careers, companies, or professions; engage our creativity; or improve our community. To help students meet these goals, the College focuses on three core program areas:

- **Academic programs** offer self-designed or industry-specific degrees and certificates along with online, summer, and evening classes.
- **Professional education programs** include courses, short seminars, and hands-on workshops developed by partnerships with University and industry leaders that help employers and employees stay on the cutting edge of their fields.
- **Personal enrichment programs** help adults to explore their creative side with a wide array of offerings covering the arts, humanities, and current events.

In addition, the College helps adults determine their career aspirations and path to success by providing one-on-one consultations, online resources, topical workshops, and information sessions.

We live in a rapidly evolving world where knowledge changes daily. Now, more than ever before, learning is for a lifetime.

College of Continuing and Professional Studies 2023–2024 Commencement Program

PROCESSIONAL

Beacon Hill Brass Ensemble

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

“Star-Spangled Banner”

Megan Rodriguez

Vocalist

WELCOME

Robert A. Stine

Dean, College of Continuing and Professional Studies

STUDENT ADDRESS

Amanda Ichel

Inter-College Program

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Saymoukda Duangphouxay Vongsay

Award-winning Lao American poet, playwright, essayist, children's book author,
cultural producer, arts and cultural consultant, and philanthropist

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Applied Science
Health and Wellbeing Sciences
Inter-College Program
Multidisciplinary Studies

Michelle Koker, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Master of Professional Studies in Addictions Counseling
Master of Professional Studies in Arts and Cultural Leadership
Master of Biological Sciences
Master of Professional Studies in Civic Engagement
Master of Professional Studies in Horticulture
Master of Professional Studies in Integrated Behavioral Health
Master of Professional Studies in Sexual Health

Ritu Saksena, Associate Dean for Graduate Education

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The Honorable Penny Wheeler
University of Minnesota Board of Regents

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA “ROUSER”

Megan Rodriguez, Vocalist

RECESSIONAL

Beacon Hill Brass Ensemble

Guests: Please remain seated until all graduates have exited the auditorium

Ceremony Speakers

STUDENT SPEAKER

Amanda Ichel is an honors CCAPS 2024 graduate from the Inter-College Program, through which she obtained a BS with concentrations in psychology, life sciences, and technical writing and communication. She calls this her custom prepsychology degree. She is originally from Hudson, Wisconsin. During her time at the University of Minnesota, she has done psychiatric research in the Translational Neuroengineering Laboratory, worked in the Office of Admissions as a tour guide, and works at an outpatient psychiatry clinic as a care coordinator and transcranial magnetic stimulation treater. Amanda has also been involved in the Undergraduate Student Government, the Ramsay Lab, and the College of Biological Sciences Events Board (before she transferred to CCAPS). She plans to pursue a master of science in nursing and has an ultimate career goal of becoming a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. In her free time, she loves to bake for her friends and family, play piano, and walk (backwards).

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Saymoukda Duangphouxay Vongsay is an award-winning Lao American writer. CNN's "United Shades of America" host W. Kamau Bell called her work "revolutionary." She's a recipient of a Sally Award for Initiative from the Ordway Center for Performing Arts which "recognizes bold new steps and strategic leadership undertaken by an individual ... in creating projects or artistic programs never before seen in Minnesota that will have a significant impact on strengthening Minnesota's artistic/cultural community." She's best known for her Kung Fu Zombies plays and children's book, *When Everything Was Everything*. She's an advisory board member of the nonprofits More Than A Single Story and Asian Pacific Islander American Film Collective and a cofounder of the Funny Asian Women Collective. Other community contributions include having served on the City of Saint Paul Cultural STAR Board and the Governor's State Poet Laureate program design and interview/selection committees. Saymoukda is currently a Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow in playwriting, a Mellon Foundation Playwright in Residence at Theater Mu, a Jerome Hill Artist Fellow in playwriting, a Jerome@Camargo artist in residence in Cassis, France, and a Center for Cultural Power Narrative Design Lab Fellow. Upcoming plays include commissioned work from Mixed Blood Theatre, Theater Mu, and InterAct Theatre Co. Philadelphia. In the fall, Saymoukda will be an Artist in Residence at the nation's premiere performing arts institution, The Kennedy Center, based in Washington, DC. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Minnesota Morris and her Master of Liberal Studies from the University of Minnesota College of Continuing and Professional Studies. Get to know her @refugeniis.

Songs

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

“Star-Spangled Banner”

O, say! can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O, say! does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA “ROUSER”

Minnesota, hats off to thee,
To thy colors true we shall ever be.
Firm and strong, united are we.
Rah, rah, rah, for Ski-U-Mah,
Rah, rah, rah, rah,
Rah for the U of M.

M · I · N · N · E · S · O · T · A

Minnesota, Minnesota
Yeah Gophers!

Bachelor of Applied Science

The **Bachelor of Applied Science** degree grew out of work done by the Twin Cities Higher Education Partnership in 1998, an alliance of public higher education institutions committed to meeting the growing education needs of the metropolitan area.

The BASc degree is designed for students who want to build on prior work and education in order to make a difference in their lives and careers. The curriculum integrates practical knowledge and real-world situations with theory. In addition to their strong academic backgrounds, instructors bring their private-sector work experience to the classroom. Students receive an education that is workplace related and based on solid theoretical foundations.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT MAJOR

Structure design and engineering concepts, combined with construction management and facility management skills, describe the Construction Management major. A highly industry-driven and industry-supported program, it prepares graduates for a professional career in the construction industry.

Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

Construction Management Major Candidates for Degrees

Joshua Andes	Ella Johnstad*	Tristin Sao
Tanan Assefa*	Chloe Kuechle	Anna-Bella Sawyer-Ewing
Marin Boucher*	Tate Machacek*	Nathaniel Sims
Joseph Clark	Jael Mangi	Samuel Skillings*
Cale Denk	Joseph Mcnamara	Aaron Swenson
Candace Dow	Cha Moua	Jenna Thomas
Emily Hicks	Jose Ocototxle Morales	Benjamin Vanbinsbergen**
Noah Huseby	Bryan Oelrich	Jack Vang
Jack Hyland*	Yensi Orellana Rodriguez	Connor Wolf
Reilly Johnson	Jayden Salisbury-Ross	

Construction Management Faculty Director

A. Peter Hilger

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** High Distinction

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HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT MAJOR

Through support from the applied health services industry and community engagement, the University of Minnesota Health Services Management major promotes community health by developing knowledgeable leaders focused on transforming health services in the United States and globally. It prepares graduates who advance the well-being of people, organizations, and communities through applied innovation and collaboration.

Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

Health Services Management Major Candidates for Degrees

Asiya Abdi	Mariah Christensen	Deborah Mengesha*
Hafsa Abdi	Kady Christiansen	Paige Meyer*
Sunaya Abdi	Olivia Christopherson	Fosiyo Muse
Bethlehem Abraha	Carson Daul	Janet Nelson
Anisa Adan	Soliana Ghidewon**	Phillip-Ian Nguyen
Nasteho Aden	Idil Hassan	Ian Niles
Amal Ahmed*	Keinan Hassan	Zuhaib Noor
Sabrina Ali	Huntley Hinz	Ryan Nunberg
Sahra Ali	Addison Hughes*	Oluwatobi Oshifeso
Salma Awil	Ihsan Ibrahim*	Too Pham
Maria Bandstra	Asmaa Ismael*	Vivian Pham**
Farxiyo Bashir	Malichheng Ith	Maria Pierce**
Emmanuel Blabuh	Sadie Lam**	Hafsa Said
Amira Buri	Azylen Lunak** ♦	Sawyer Smith
Jack Busse	Molly Lunn	Colton Vue*
Brianna Campbell	Crystal Martinez	Lily Weiss
Mei Elaine Cassidy-Heekin	Patrick McDonald	

Health Services Management Faculty Director

Frances Fernandez

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE MAJOR

The Information Technology Infrastructure major responds to a growing demand for professionals educated in information technology and trained in its practical applications. Graduates of this program are prepared to design, implement, and maintain the information technology infrastructure that companies use to manage their business processes.

Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

Information Technology Infrastructure Major Candidates for Degrees

Aban Abbas	Matthew Dickhausen	Hamza Mohamed
Abdirahman Abdulahi	Abdullahi Farah	Khalid Mohamed
Yohannes Abebe	Ilyaa Farah	Muhamadamin Mohamed
Adnan Adam	Christopher Golden	Sumaya Mohamed
Abdala Ahmed	Victor Gonzalez	Mohammed Mohammedawi*
Arafat Ahmed	Jafar Gulet	Ahmed Muktar
Munira Ahmed	Josh Haataja	Din Nguyen
Darmaan Ali	Abdishakur Haibah	Blessing Ola-Joseph
Jon Amundson	Abdulrashid Haji	Felix Orakwue
Nathan Andersen	Issa Hassan	Noah Russell
Shuayb Anshur	Zoha Hassan	Clara Smith**
Tensae Asres	Lee Her	Genuine Song
Bashira Bah	Nhia Her	Garrett Synstelién
Hyun Soo Ban	Samira Hussein	Natan Teshome
Abdirahman Bana	Taras Hutsal	Jack Thao
Tuguldur Battur	Mobashar Ibrahim	Zong Thao
Pak Cheung	Mubarik Ibrahim	Jason Thayer
Patrick Cobbs	Fatima Ismail	Luke Treiber* ♦
Umayma Dahir	Nasri Maktal	William Tufford
Azraf Daiyan	Abdallah Mohamed	Seth Yang
Cody Dang	Ahmed Abdisalan Mohamed	Alazar Yazachew
Jabir Dhamuke*	Farido Mohamed	

Information Technology Infrastructure Faculty Director

Colin Miller

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCIENCES MAJOR

The Health and Wellbeing Sciences major is a broadly interdisciplinary, individualized BS degree. The lower division preparatory requirements and the upper division core curriculum include the foundational biological, physical, and social sciences relevant to health and wellbeing in the 21st century. Working closely with an advisor, students personalize their degree plan to meet their individual interests and professional goals. Through both core requirements and customized course selections, students can complete prerequisites for graduate and professional school programs or prepare for direct entry into a health- and wellbeing-related field. Students write a proposal paper documenting their course choices, relevant goals, and background experiences that support those choices.

Bachelor of Science Degree

Health and Wellbeing Sciences Candidates for Degrees

Fardus Ahmed*	Dhwani Hingu*	Anna O'Connell
Edna Ali	Wyatt Jacobs	Sanghamitra Pal
Ikraam Ali	Malyun Jama	Diya Patel ♦
Amirah Alnizami	Alexis Karnitz	Ghalya Qasem
Kennedy Berger*	Rachel Kc**	Ruquyo Said
Kaydee Bjork	Lauren Kitner**	Jerry Smith
Sarah Blaha**	Kylie Larson* ♦	Avery Squier
Megan Bode	Ong Lee	Ellie Steidle
Hailey Clausen**	Colby Lentz	Alexandra Temmerath**
Blaine Damte	Kate Livingston**	Olivia Thao
Nicole Empting*	Lauryn Lockhart*	Noella Tupy
Nyanak Gatpan	Brianna Lor	Sajjal Vacek
John Gerads	Talia McCorquodale	Naudia Vang-Nguyen
Mattison Grant	Morgan McNamara	Korrin VanLaanen
Ifrah Haji	Lexi Milless	Mary Vu
Jaden Halabi	Aye Moe	Elliana Weibye
Abbygail Hansen	Saynab Mohamoud	
Sawyer Hanson	Naiimo Muhumed	
Sydney Heisler*	Aliya Mundt	

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Inter-College Program

Established by the Board of Regents in 1930, the **Inter-College Program** (ICP) has offered undergraduate students the opportunity to work with faculty and college advisors to design individualized, cross-collegiate bachelor's degrees to meet their particular interests, goals, and backgrounds.

Thousands of undergraduates have received ICP degrees by thoughtfully combining the rich resources of the University of Minnesota. Owing to the thorough planning required for this individualized degree, ICP graduates leave the University not only in possession of successful academic records and learning, but also prepared to clearly communicate their plans and accomplishments as they undertake careers, further education, and community involvement.

Inter-College Program Candidates for Degrees

Samir Abdikadir	BS	Communication Studies, Information Technology Infrastructure Studies
Yahya Abdikadir	BS	Communication Studies, Learning Technologies and Applied Business
Ebyan Abdulkadir	BS	Carlson School of Management, Communication Studies
Madeline Bierbaum*	BA	Fashion Studies, Spanish, Sustainability Studies
Mary Breckman	BS	Carlson School of Management, Digital Media Studies
Steven Brunberg*	BS	Applied Economics, Carlson School of Management
Jack Castiglione	BS	Carlson School of Management, Health Services Management
Jeremiah Cox** ♦	BS	Applied Business, Sustainability Studies
Nina Dao	BS	Art, Interdisciplinary Design
Kaleigha Donnell	BS	Developmental Psychology, Family Social Science
Temilola Falana*	BS	Business and Marketing Education, Health Services Management, Public Health
Dulce Garcia	BA	Chicano-Latino Studies, Psychology, Public Health
Nasteho Gelle**	BS	Applied Business, Health Services Management, Life Sciences
Jonah Goodland	BS	Applied Business, Construction Management, Interdisciplinary Design
Jennifer Gustafson	BS	Applied Business, Sustainability Studies, Whole Systems Healing
Morgan Gilbertson	BS	Applied Business, Retail Merchandising

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Elizabeth Hockin	BS	Communication Studies, Family Social Science
Ava Hoffman	BS	Applied Business, Communication Studies, Interdisciplinary Design
Salma Hussein	BS	Communication Studies, Health Services Management
Amanda Ichel** ♦	BS	Life Sciences, Psychology, Technical Writing and Communication
Harper Jenny	BS	English, Life Sciences, Psychology
Aicha Keita	BS	Health Services Management, Public Health
Tristan Lofgren	BS	Carlson School of Management, Product Design
Grace Lynn	BS	Holistic Health and Healing, Psychology
Gemini Madison	BS	Business and Marketing Education, Interdisciplinary Design
Stephanie Martinez*	BS	Public Health, Sociology
Andy Mauleon	BA	Art, Interdisciplinary Design
Henry Michalak	BS	Applied Business, Interdisciplinary Design
Valerie Michel	BS	Information Technology Infrastructure, Learning Technologies, Philosophy
Max Neathery	BS	Interdisciplinary Design, Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management
Ava Ojo	BS	Applied Business, Interdisciplinary Design
Sarah Pagnotta	BS	Health Informatics, Mathematics, Public Health
Izabela Pokora*	BS	Women and Global Health
Madison Postuma*	BS	Social Justice, Spirituality and Healing Studies
Khalid Qasim	BS	Applied Business, Computer Science
Kailey Sanders	BS	Carlson School of Management, Spanish
Isabel Schleper	BS	Communication Studies, Interdisciplinary Design
Mathewos Solomon	BS	Business and Marketing Education, Product Design
Amol Srivastava	BS	Applied Business, Learning Technologies, Product Design
Ashley Steinberg	BS	Business and Marketing Education, Leadership Studies
Samuel Stewart*	BS	Carlson School of Management, Technical Writing and Communication
Jacob Stolp-Haggerty	BS	Applied Business, Media and Information
Anders Thro	BS	Applied Economics, Psychology

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Multidisciplinary Studies

The **Multidisciplinary Studies** (MdS) is a degree completion program that offers interdisciplinary, individually designed BA and BS degrees that provide returning students with the opportunity to engage with a broad scope of University educational resources. MdS students work closely with advising staff to develop a program that draws from the course offerings of the University of Minnesota's colleges and departments. Students complete course work in three of five defined areas of emphasis: Applied, Technical, and Professional; Arts and Humanities; Communication; History and Social Sciences; Science and Health Science.

Multidisciplinary Studies Candidates for Degrees

Travarus Bennett	BS	Joshua Kelly	BS
Leslie Bentley	BA	James Knowlton	BS
Shanta Bhoelai	BS	Krista Lampman	BS
Amy Carlsen	BS	Sara Osgood	BS
Megan Foley	BS	Teri Roath	BA
Elizabeth Frame	BA	Matthew Stoffel	BS
Brent Gates	BS	David Trachet	BS
Joseph Gherity**	BS	Paul Welch	BS
Liza Gorkova	BA		
Marina Hart*	BS		

Individualized Degrees Program Director

Amy Burger Sánchez

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Master of Professional Studies in Addictions Counseling

The **Master of Professional Studies in Addictions Counseling** degree responds to the growing need for licensed substance use counselors. The program provides students with a strong theoretical and practical foundation in evidence-based treatment modalities, clinical skills, professional and ethical responsibilities, and client advocacy. Graduates emerge from the program with training and real-world experience in the addictions and clinical counseling fields in order to meet the needs of a diverse society.

Master of Professional Studies in Addictions Counseling Candidates for Degrees

Toumee Lee

Sara Nelson

Directors of Graduate Studies

Fiyyaz Karim, PhD and Emily Jordan Jensen, PhD

Master of Professional Studies in Arts and Cultural Leadership

The **Master of Professional Studies in Arts and Cultural Leadership** program encourages students to build a master's degree around their personal strengths, experiences, and career direction within a leadership framework. The ACL degree provides students with a career-related focus by combining course work in leadership with seminars and mentorship experiences in arts and cultural studies. Students gain insights, establish networks, and develop approaches to creating and leading organizations in the complex economic, political, ethical, and social environments in which they function.

Master of Professional Studies in Arts and Cultural Leadership Candidates for Degrees

Brittany Keefe

Meghan McLaughlin

Ruizhao Liu

Cari Hatcher

Director of Graduate Studies

Thomas Borrup, PhD

Master of Biological Sciences

The **Master of Biological Sciences** is a flexible, individually designed graduate degree that allows students to tailor their scientific education to meet their professional goals, while advancing their knowledge of modern biology.

Master of Biological Sciences Candidates for Degrees

Kit Acedillo	Noah Kincs	Deborah Walters
Khadijah Alhobaidaa	Sophia Leaf	Madeline Wethington
Megan Andorfer	Daniela Leon	Kevin Williams
Milton Andrews	Linh Luong	Luoan Xu
Betsy Custis	Tessa Nichols-Meade	Praseuth Yang
Faith Kelly	Nubia Silva	Fardosa Yusuf

Director of Graduate Studies

Romas Kazlauskas, PhD

Master of Professional Studies in Civic Engagement

The **Master of Professional Studies in Civic Engagement** degree is designed to meet the unique needs of working adult students looking to develop broad applied managerial skills complemented by deep disciplinary knowledge in a focused area of civic and social engagement. Graduates of this degree benefit from enhanced human-centered and data-focused applied professional skills that have become integral to leadership success. They are well positioned to take on challenges in the ever-changing global workforce and become changemakers within their communities.

Master of Professional Studies in Civic Engagement Candidates for Degrees

Sequoia Block	Jocelyn Hernandez-Swanson	Akiko Kashiwagi
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Director of Graduate Studies

Amy Kircher, DrPH

Master of Professional Studies in Horticulture

The **Master of Professional Studies in Horticulture** degree is designed to enhance the capacity of those currently working in the horticulture industry and provide the knowledge base needed by others interested in beginning new careers, starting their own business, or pursuing personal interests in horticulture. The degree provides a strong foundation of contemporary horticultural knowledge, yet is flexible enough to allow individuals to focus on the specific skills they wish to hone.

Master of Professional Studies in Horticulture Candidates for Degrees

Sage Bartow

Daniel Gjertson

Nicholas Purcell

Jacqueline Egan

Ashley Petel

Joelle Van Gaalen

Director of Graduate Studies

Mary Rogers, PhD

Master of Professional Studies in Integrated Behavioral Health

The **Master of Professional Studies in Integrated Behavioral Health** merges mental health and substance abuse education and training into a single comprehensive and cohesive program. This synthesis represents an important and pioneering shift in the preparation of clinicians to work with clients who have co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

Master of Professional Studies in Integrated Behavioral Health Candidates for Degrees

Matthew Anderson

Emelia Jaworski

Hanna Schreiner

Veronica Angell

Emma Johnson

Madison Snyder

Mikayla Baker

Alison Jorgensen

Anika Stocking

Rebecca Blackwell

Joseph Krohn

James Thone

Dasia Burrell-Atkins

Jon Maiers

Katya Tomlin

Christofili Chronakos

Tara Martin

Lorene Torres

Saul Clayman

Dominic McFadden

Ariana Varela

Aujani Davis

Alex Olzenak

Dana Vikland

Rebeca Gendler

Kelly Owens

Kaylah Vogt

Patricia Hall

Cecilia Petit

Bradley Walker

Dylan Hansen

Natalee Pouh

Paige Ware

Jesson Hunt

Lydia Rose

Abigail Zellman

Directors of Graduate Studies

Fiyyaz Karim, PhD and Emily Jordan Jensen, PhD.

Master of Professional Studies in Sexual Health

The **Master of Professional Studies in Sexual Health** is a fully online program that combines two graduate certificates into a stackable master's degree. Students gain a broad overview of the human sexuality field in addition to current, evidence-based practices that prepare them for careers as sex therapists or sex educators. Components of the curriculum are accepted by the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) toward the internationally-respected AASECT certification requirements.

Master of Professional Studies in Sexual Health

Candidates for Degrees

Blaire Beecham	Emily Matson	Liz Schneider
Teela Deshields	Leysan Mingalieva	Isla Sorensen
Kanyn Doan	Tara Ransleben	Shauntenette Telepak
Brandy Jacks	Brooklynn Rhodes-Tumlin	Blake Thowson
Cynthia Kimball	Matthew Salis	Suzannah Weiss
Derrick Long	Bruno Santos	

Director of Graduate Studies

Kristen Mark, PhD

2023–2024 College of Continuing and Professional Studies Scholarship Recipients

API Group Inc. Scholarship

Established in 2014 by APi Group Inc., a privately held company made up of over 40 complementary specialized construction companies, this scholarship supports full- or part-time students in the College's undergraduate Construction Management program. Designated as one of Minnesota's Top 25 Private Companies, APi Group Inc. has an award-winning Leadership Development Program. Preference is given to veterans of the United States Armed Forces and the Minnesota National Guard.

Benjamin Vanbinsbergen

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) Construction Management Program Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2010 by generous faculty, students, and alumni of the Construction Management program to help students in this program reach their educational goals.

Marin Boucher
Bryan Oelrich

Yensi Orellana Rodriguez
Tristin Sao

Benjamin Vanbinsbergen

College of Continuing and Professional Studies Diversity Scholarship

The CCAPS Diversity Scholarship provides support for underrepresented student populations or those students who have backgrounds or experiences that have been historically under-served at the University, in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies (CCAPS), or in the applicable major or program at the time of the award.

Yahya Abdikadir

Linh Luong

Gemini Madison

CCAPS Study Abroad Scholarship

The CCAPS Study Abroad Scholarship was established to provide support for CCAPS students who plan to participate in an approved study abroad program. A preference will be given to CCAPS students who will be participating in a CCAPS specific study abroad program.

Candace Dow

2023–2024 College of Continuing and Professional Studies Scholarship Recipients (continued)

Ceil T. Victor Scholarship

Ceil T. Victor established this scholarship to support goal-oriented working students who are attending the University to achieve a degree or certificate or to take professional development courses through the College. Students must contribute to the cost of their education from their own resources and be ineligible for employer funded educational support.

Meghan McLaughlin
Tara Ransleben

Katya Tomlin
Deborah Walters

Fardosa Yusuf

College of Continuing and Professional Studies (CCAPS) Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2017 to celebrate the College's new name, the College of Continuing and Professional Studies (CCAPS). The scholarship fund will be used to provide support to CCAPS students and learners.

Dasia Burrell-Atkins
Rebeca Gendler

Bryan Oelrich
Bradley Walker

Deborah Walters
Abigail Zellman

CCAPS Discovery Scholarship

The Discovery Scholars program provides scholarships to undergraduate students based on academic merit and financial need.

Jaden Halabi

Fibiger Award

John Fibiger received his BA in mathematics in 1953 from University College. His long and illustrious career in business and his strong loyalty and gratitude towards his alma mater inspired Mr. Fibiger to establish this award. The Fibiger Award provides students in the University's unique interdisciplinary degree programs the opportunity to enhance their undergraduate education through research, projects, and professional internships.

Maria Pierce

Amol Srivastava

Health Services Management Scholarship

This scholarship was established to provide support to students with financial need and academic merit who are pursuing the bachelor's degree in Health Services Management within the College of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Soliana Ghidewon

2023–2024 College of Continuing and Professional Studies Scholarship Recipients (continued)

Ingrid Lenz Harrison Scholarship for Continuing Education

Alfred and Ingrid Lenz Harrison established the Ingrid Lenz Harrison Scholarship in 2001 to promote lifelong learning through the College. This scholarship is awarded to encourage College of Continuing and Professional Studies (CCAPS) learners with a financial hardship to attend any and all classes, courses, and programs offered by CCAPS.

Samir Abdikadir	Soliana Ghidewon	Leysan Mingalieva
Yahya Abdikadir	Issa Hassan	Mohammed Mohammedawi
Bethlehem Abraha	Zoha Hassan	Zuhaib Noor
Amirah Alnizami	Malyun Jama	Bryan Oelrich
Matthew Anderson	Emelia Jaworski	Too Pham
Veronica Angell	Alison Jorgensen	Hanna Schreiner
Mikayla Baker	Joseph Krohn	Genuine Song
Christofili Chronakos	Toumee Lee	Isla Sorensen
Jeremiah Cox	Linh Luong	James Thone
Aujani Davis	Tara Martin	Deborah Walters
Abdullahi Farah	Crystal Martinez	Paige Ware
Nyanak Gatpan	Dominic McFadden	
Rebeca Gendler	Meghan McLaughlin	

James R. Rognas Memorial Scholarship

The James R. Rognas Memorial Scholarship is to enhance the undergraduate, interdisciplinary experience in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies (CCAPS) for degree-seeking undergraduate students.

Fardus Ahmed	Jeremiah Cox
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JE Dunn Construction Company Scholarship

The JE Dunn Construction Company Scholarship was established in 2017 to support students in the College's Construction and Facilities Management programs. This scholarship is to support full-time undergraduate students with demonstrated academic merit and financial need who have completed their sophomore year of study. Preference is given to students who contribute to student body diversity.

Tanan Assefa	Yensi Orellana Rodriguez	Jayden Salisbury-Ross
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2023–2024 College of Continuing and Professional Studies Scholarship Recipients (continued)

Joan T. Smith Scholarship Fund Honoring Graca Machel

Joan T. Smith established this scholarship in honor of the human rights advocate and former first lady of Mozambique, Graca Machel. The Joan T. Smith Scholarship Fund supports full- or part-time undergraduate students. A plus factor will be given to women who have a financial need and are recent African immigrants, refugees, asylees, or citizens of African countries living in the USA.

Hafsa Abdi	Emmanuel Blabuh	Khalid Mohamed
Yohannes Abebe	Abdullahi Farah	Naiimo Muhumed
Arafat Ahmed	Samira Hussein	Zuhaib Noor
Fardus Ahmed	Asmaa Ismael	
Sabrina Ali	Fatima Ismail	

J.W. Buchta Memorial Scholarship

In 1968, friends, family, and colleagues of Dean Emeritus J. William Buchta established this fund to honor the late Dean Buchta and his lifelong commitment to interdisciplinary education. Awards are made to students who have demonstrated academic achievement while working toward an interdisciplinary baccalaureate degree.

Jeremiah Cox	Lauren Kitner	Izabela Pokora
Zoha Hassan	Sara Osgood	Alexandra Temmerath
Dhwani Hingu	Maria Pierce	

Karin L. Larson Interdisciplinary Education Scholarship

Karin Larson obtained her undergraduate degree in business and international relations in 1960 through University College at the University of Minnesota. She established this scholarship to foster future generations of first-in-family degree seekers and to support those students who are pursuing undergraduate interdisciplinary degrees at the University's College of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Yahya Abdikadir	Emelia Jaworski	Max Neathery
Blaine Damte	Harper Jenny	Anna O'Connell
Temilola Falana	Rachel Kc	Julia Passmore
Dulce Garcia	Aicha Keita	Diya Patel
Nyanak Gatpan	Kylie Larson	Amber Rosenthal
Mattison Grant	Kate Livingston	Amol Srivastava
Salma Hussein	Tristan Lofgren	Alexandra Temmerath
Malyun Jama	Brianna Lor	Jesus Trujillo

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Karin L. Larson Legacy Scholarship

Karin L. Larson obtained her undergraduate degree in business and international relations in 1960 through University College at the University of Minnesota. Karin passed away in 2021 and included the College of Continuing and Professional Studies in her estate. Through her generous estate gift, we were able to establish this scholarship to provide support to CCAPS students and learners from all areas of CCAPS.

Samir Abdikadir	Patricia Hall	Tara Martin
Yohannes Abebe	Dylan Lee Hansen	Crystal Martinez
Bethlehem Abraha	Marina Hart	Talia McCorquodale
Anisa Adan	Idil Hassan	Patrick McDonald
Arafat Ahmed	Issa Hassan	Dominic McFadden
Abdala Ahmed	Zoha Hassan	Abdallah Mohamed
Ikraam Ali	Nhia Her	Farido Mohamed
Veronica Angell	Addison Hughes	Hamza Mohamed
Shuayb Anshur	Noah Huseby	Khalid Mohamed
Bashira Bah	Salma Hussein	Sumaya Mohamed
Mikayla Baker	Samira Hussein	Fosiyo Muse
Hyun Soo Ban	Taras Hutsal	Max Neathery
Abdirahman Bana	Mobashar Ibrahim	Phillip-Ian Nguyen
Blaire Beecham	Mubarik Ibrahim	Bryan Oelrich
Kennedy Berger	Malichheng Ith	Felix Orakwue
Megan Bode	Emelia Jaworski	Yensi Orellana Rodriguez
Marin Boucher	Harper Jenny	Oluwatobi Oshifeso
Dasia Burrell-Atkins	Ella Johnstad	Kelly Owens
Christofili Chronakos	Alison Jorgensen	Diya Patel
Umayma Dahir	Brittany Keefe	Too Pham
Blaine Damte	Faith Kelly	Maria Pierce
Nina Dao	Cynthia Kimball	Ghalya Qasem
Aujani Davis	Joseph Krohn	Brooklyn Rhodes-Tumlin
Teela Deshields	Toumee Lee	Noah Russell
Abdullahi Farah	Lauryn Lockhart	Ruquyo Said
Rebeca Gendler	Tristan Lofgren	Matthew Salis
Soliana Ghidewon	Brianna Lor	Bruno Santos
Christopher Golden	Azylen Lunak	Hanna Schreiner
Ifrah Haji	Linh Luong	Nathaniel Sims

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Karin L. Larson Legacy Scholarship continued

Clara Smith	Alexandra Temmerath	Kaylah Vogt
Mathewos Solomon	Natan Teshome	Bradley Walker
Genuine Song	James Thone	Deborah Walters
Isla Sorensen	Lorene Torres	Abigail Zellman
Anika Stocking	Noella Tupy	
Shauntenette Telepak	Ariana Varela	

Knutson Construction Scholarship

The Knutson Construction Scholarship was established in 2019 by Knutson Construction to provide support to students interested in the construction management field. Knutson Construction has been in operation since 1911 and has a presence throughout the US. The organization has leaders in “Green Construction” and handles all phases of construction, including preconstruction, general contracting, construction management, and design/build. The Knutson Construction Scholarship will be awarded to assist CCAPS undergraduate degree program students enrolled in the Construction Management program who have both financial need and academic merit.

Marin Boucher

Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter of the International Facility Management Association (MSP-IFMA) Scholarship

In support of their mission to empower facility professionals locally and worldwide, the Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter of the International Facility Management Association has established the MSP-IFMA Scholarship to assist full- or part-time undergraduate students in the Construction Management program who are focusing on careers in facility management. Students will have demonstrated academic merit and/or financial need. MSP-IFMA supports University of Minnesota students in this manner to ensure a successful future for the growing facility planning, construction, and building management industry.

Noah Huseby

Monarch Healthcare Management Scholarship

The Monarch Healthcare Management Scholarship was established by Monarch Healthcare Management to provide support to Pell-eligible undergraduate transfer students admitted to CCAPS. This scholarship fund will be used to provide support to talented and diverse students as they move through their academic career toward the workforce. Students receiving this scholarship are expected to make satisfactory academic progress.

Amira Buri

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Mucke-Roff Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed in 1974 to honor Louise Roff and Edith Mucke for their leadership in pioneering programs in Continuing Education for Women at the University of Minnesota. This scholarship is open to individuals taking credit and noncredit courses, workshops, and seminars offered by the College.

Ashley Steinberg

Nichols-Stine Scholarship

The Nichols-Stine Scholarship was established by two influential CCAPS leaders, former Dean Mary Nichols and current Dean Bob Stine. This scholarship is to provide support to Pell-eligible undergraduate transfer students admitted to CCAPS. This scholarship fund will be used to provide support to talented and diverse students as they move through their academic career toward the workforce. Students receiving this scholarship are expected to make satisfactory academic progress.

Issa Hassan

Nolte-Miller Scholarship

The Nolte-Miller Scholarship was established in honor of Dean Emeritus Julius M. Nolte (1945–1963) and Dean Harold Miller (1972–1998) for their leadership and service to the College. This general scholarship fund supports non-traditionally aged students taking classes in the College.

Matthew Anderson

Christofili Chronakos

Saul Clayman

Aujani Davis

Teela Deshields

Dylan Lee Hansen

Marina Hart

Jesson Hunt

Emelia Jaworski

Alison Jorgensen

Brittany Keefe

Cynthia Kimball

Joseph Krohn

Ong Lee

Dominic McFadden

Leysan Mingalieva

Mohammed Mohammedawi

Cha Moua

Matthew Salis

Liz Schneider

Hanna Schreiner

Madison Snyder

Isla Sorensen

Anika Stocking

Jason Thayer

Lorene Torres

Dana Vikland

Deborah Walters

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Optum Scholarship for Information Technology Infrastructure

To provide financial support to students who: a) are studying in the area of information technology infrastructure at the College of Continuing and Professional Studies and b) have junior class standing. Preference will be given to students who are able to demonstrate financial need.

Tensae Asres

Bashira Bah

Opus Design Build Scholarship

The Opus Design Build Scholarship was established in 2021 by Opus Design Build, LLC, to support undergraduate degree program students in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies Construction Management degree program. Eligible students must be enrolled in CCAPS and be able to demonstrate financial need and academic merit.

Noah Huseby

Jael Mangi

Osher Reentry Scholarship Program

The Osher Reentry Scholarship Program was established by the Bernard Osher Foundation of San Francisco, California, to support individuals who have both a significant gap in their education and a significant time left in the workforce to complete their baccalaureate degree. The scholarship recognizes the commitment and efforts required to reenter college while balancing work, family, and civic responsibilities.

Amal Ahmed

James Knowlton

Teri Roath

Steven Brunberg

Stephanie Martinez

Nathaniel Sims

Patricia Hall

Mohammed Mohammedawi

Paul Welch

Marina Hart

Izabela Pokora

PCL Construction Management Scholarship

This scholarship was established by PCL Construction Services Inc. to support CCAPS students admitted to a Construction Management degree, minor, or certificate program. Students must have demonstrated high academic achievement and/or financial need. A plus factor will be given to applicants who, if under-represented at the time of the award, are either female students or students of color.

Tanan Assefa

Chloe Kuechle

Yensi Orellana Rodriguez

Marin Boucher

Cha Moua

Jayden Salisbury-Ross

Roslyn S. Kleeman Scholarship Fund

Roslyn Kleeman received her BS degree from the University of Minnesota in Public Planning and Government in 1972, and she was the first person to graduate from the University Without Walls. "Roz" had a long and distinguished career in public service in Minnesota and in Washington, D.C. This scholarship will support students working toward their undergraduate degree. Preference is given to students interested in careers in government or public services.

Abdallah Mohamed

Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship

This award provides financial assistance to students in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies undergraduate degree programs.

Yohannes Abebe

Addison Hughes

Anna O'Connell

Munira Ahmed

Kate Livingston

Idil Hassan

Talia McCorquodale

Academic Awards

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society, founded on December 5, 1776. The University of Minnesota's chapter was chartered in 1892. Phi Beta Kappa membership identifies students as being in the top 10% of liberal arts and sciences graduates at the University of Minnesota.

Madeline Bierbaum

Honors and Distinction

Distinction requires a University of Minnesota grade point average (GPA) of 3.75.

* Indicates graduation with Distinction

High Distinction requires a University of Minnesota GPA of 3.90.

** Indicates graduation with High Distinction

University Honors Program – The University Honors Program (UHP) assists high-achieving students in making the most of their undergraduate education. UHP students are driven to excel both inside and outside the classroom.

◆ Indicates a University Honors Program student

Community Engagement Scholars – Students graduating with the Community Engagement Scholars distinction have completed at least nine credits of service-learning course work, at least 400 hours of community service, and a series of reflective pieces. They also have completed an integrative community project that results in the creation of a sustainable project for a community organization.

▲ Indicates a Community Engagement Scholar

All distinction degrees are for undergraduates and require a minimum of sixty graded semester credits completed in residence at the University of Minnesota. Candidates for distinction are pending spring grades.

Academic Costume History

Academic gowns date back to the 14th century, when they served two functions of nearly equal importance: to indicate the academic rank of the wearer and to keep the scholar warm in the drafty stone halls of academia.

The markings, cut, and colors of modern-day academic costume—cap, gown, and sometimes hood—indicate the academic degree, the field of study, and the institution that granted the degree.

The cap at the University of Minnesota is the same for all academic degrees. The long point of the shell should be worn to the back. Tassels are fastened to the top of the cap and hang on either side “as the wind blows.” Bachelor’s degree gowns are worn by candidates for the Bachelor of Applied Science, Arts, Elected Studies, Fine Arts, and Science degrees. The bachelor’s gown has long, pointed sleeves and is worn closed at the top. Hoods are not worn, but caps are.

The master’s degree gown has long, oblong panels at the sleeve; the colors of the hood, worn down the back, indicate the type of degree earned.

The Latin honors insignia should be worn around the neck. Honors ribbons need not be returned; once awarded, they belong to the graduate.

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One Kindly Note...

The College of Continuing and Professional Studies is proud to present in this program a roster of students who have completed their baccalaureate or master's degrees during the 2023–2024 academic year, as well as students who expect to complete their degrees at the end of Summer Term 2024.

The students listed in this program are confirmed as of April 30, 2024.

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