College of Continuing and Professional Studies Commencement

Saturday, May 4, 2024
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10 a.m.

Northrop
University of Minnesota
Twin Cities Campus
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!

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 Kollective. 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 @refugenius.
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
Tanan Assefa*
Marin Boucher*
Joseph Clark
Cale Denk
Candace Dow
Emily Hicks
Noah Huseby
Jack Hyland*
Reilly Johnson

Ella Johnstad*
Chloe Kuechle
Tate Machacek*
Jael Mangi
Joseph Mcnamara
Cha Moua
Jose Ocotoxtle Morales
Bryan Oelrich
Yensi Orellana Rodriguez
Jayden Salsbury-Ross

Tristin Sao
Anna-Bella Sawyer-Ewing
Nathaniel Sims
Samuel Skillings*
Aaron Swenson
Jenna Thomas
Benjamin Vanbinsbergen**
Jack Vang
Connor Wolf

Construction Management Faculty Director
A. Peter Hilger

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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
Hafsa Abdi
Sunaya Abdi
Bethlehem Abraha
Anisa Adan
Nasteho Aden
Amal Ahmed*
Sabrina Ali
Sahra Ali
Salma Awil
Maria Bandstra
Farxiyo Bashir
Emmanuel Blabuh
Amira Buri
Jack Busse
Brianna Campbell
Mei Elaine Cassidy-Heekin

Mariah Christensen
Kady Christiansen
Olivia Christopherson
Carson Daul
Soliana Ghidewon**
Idil Hassan
Keinan Hassan
Huntley Hinz
Addison Hughes*
Mariah Christensen
Ihsan Ibrahim*
Asmaa Ismael*
Malichheng Ith
Sadie Lam**
Azylen Lunak**♦
Molly Lunn
Crystal Martinez
Patrick McDonald

Deborah Mengesha*
Paige Meyer*
Fosiyo Muse
Janet Nelson
Phillip-Ian Nguyen
Ian Niles
Zuhaib Noor
Ryan Nunberg
Oluwatobi Oshifeso
Too Pham
Vivian Pham**
Maria Pierce**
Hafsa Said
Sawyer Smith
Colton Vue*
Lily Weiss

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     Ilyas 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        Abdul rashid 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 Synstelien
Hyun Soo Ban         Samira Hussein            Natan Teshome
Abdirahman Bana     Taras Hutsal              Jack Thao
Tuguldur Battur     Mobashar Ibrahim          Zong Thao
Pak Cheung          Mubarak Ibrahim           Jason Thayer
Patrick Cobbs       Fatima Ismail             Luke Treiber* ♦
Umayma Dahir        Nasr 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  Ghalaya Qasem
Kennedy Berger*  Rachel Ke**  Ruoqyo 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  Saijal 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

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<td>Samir Abdikadir</td>
<td>BS</td>
<td>Communication Studies, Information Technology Infrastructure Studies</td>
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<td>Yahya Abdikadir</td>
<td>BS</td>
<td>Communication Studies, Learning Technologies and Applied Business</td>
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<td>Ebyan Abdulkadir</td>
<td>BS</td>
<td>Carlson School of Management, Communication Studies</td>
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<td>Madeline Bierbaum*</td>
<td>BA</td>
<td>Fashion Studies, Spanish, Sustainability Studies</td>
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<td>Mary Breckman</td>
<td>BS</td>
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<td>Steven Brunberg*</td>
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<td>Jeremiah Cox**♦</td>
<td>BS</td>
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<td>Nina Dao</td>
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<td>Art, Interdisciplinary Design</td>
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<td>Kaleigha Donnell</td>
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<td>Developmental Psychology, Family Social Science</td>
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<td>Temilola Falana*</td>
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<td>BA</td>
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<td>Nasteho Gelle**</td>
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<td>Jonah Goodland</td>
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<td>Jennifer Gustafson</td>
<td>BS</td>
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<td>Morgan Gilbertson</td>
<td>BS</td>
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<td>Salma Hussein</td>
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<td>Amanda Icnel**♦</td>
<td>BS</td>
<td>Life Sciences, Psychology, Technical Writing and Communication</td>
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<td>Harper Jenny</td>
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<td>Grace Lynn</td>
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<td>Valerie Michel</td>
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<td>Max Neathery</td>
<td>BS</td>
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<td>Ava Ojo</td>
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<td>Sarah Pagnotta</td>
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<td>Health Informatics, Mathematics, Public Health</td>
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<td>Izabela Pokora*</td>
<td>BS</td>
<td>Women and Global Health</td>
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<td>Madison Postuma*</td>
<td>BS</td>
<td>Social Justice, Spirituality and Healing Studies</td>
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<td>Khalid Qasim</td>
<td>BS</td>
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<td>Kailey Sanders</td>
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<td>Isabel Schleper</td>
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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

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<td>BS</td>
<td>Joshua Kelly</td>
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<td>Leslie Bentley</td>
<td>BA</td>
<td>James Knowlton</td>
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<td>Shanta Bhoelai</td>
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<td>Krista Lampman</td>
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<td>Amy Carlsen</td>
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<td>Sara Osgood</td>
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<td>Megan Foley</td>
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<td>Teri Roath</td>
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<td>Joseph Gherity**</td>
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<td>Paul Welch</td>
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<td>Liza Gorkova</td>
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<td>Marina Hart*</td>
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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

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
Rebecca 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
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Kristen Mark, PhD
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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  Yensi Orellana Rodriguez  Benjamin Vanbinsbergen
Bryan Oelrich  Tristin Sao

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
- Katya Tomlin
- Tara Ransleben
- 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.

- D’asia Burrell-Atkins
- Bryan Oelrich
- Debrah Walters
- Rebeca Gendler
- Bradley Walker
- 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
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**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

**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 Salsbury-Ross
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  Azyleen 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
Shaunenette 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
2023–2024 College of Continuing and Professional Studies Scholarship Recipients (continued)

**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 Salsbury-Ross
Rosslyn S. Kleeman Scholarship Fund
Rosslyn 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.