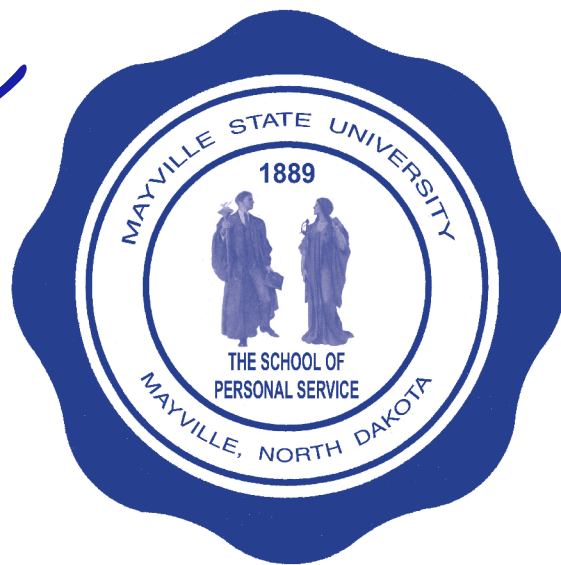


133rd *Commencement*



MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

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SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE

We invite you to join the commencement conversation on social media.

Be sure to tag Mayville State University and use the hashtags #MayvilleState, #CometProud, and #GDTBAC in your social media posts.

Also feel free to share our updates from the following platforms:

Facebook

Be sure to 'like' and 'follow' us. You can post directly to our timeline, or to your own.

Twitter

*Our handle is
@MayvilleState*

Instagram

*You can find us under
@Mayville State University*

YouTube

*The ceremony will be live streamed at
https://www.youtube.com/@Comet_Athletics/streams*

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Univeristy has contracted services with Jacobson Studio as the official commencement photographer. The service will provide each graduate access to a photo taken when accepting congratulations on stage.

*View and order portraits:
www.jacobsonstudio.store
one week after the ceremony.*

BOOKSTORE

*The Mayville State
Bookstore will be
open until 4:00 p.m.*

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PROCESSIONALPomp & Circumstance, EDWARD ELGAR Please stand during the processional.

INVOCATION Fr. Eric Olsen
Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church, Mayville, N.D.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM..... The Star Spangled Banner, FRANCIS SCOTT KEY
Led by Ms. Teresa Agnes
Mayville State University Employee

WELCOME.....Dr. Brian Van Horn
President of the University

STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION GREETINGS.....Dr. Casey Ryan

GRADUATE REMARKS.....Mackenzie Hughes, B.S. Business Administration
Connor Fields, B.S. Business Administration

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE Dr. Brian Van Horn

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER.....Dr. Brian Van Horn

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSDr. Yvonne Cannon

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATESDr. Brian Huschle
Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRAL OF DEGREESDr. Brian Van Horn

MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL SONG..... Alma Mater, LYTTIE & BAKER
Led by Ms. Agnes

BENEDICTION..... Fr. Eric Olsen

RECESSIONAL.....Triumphal March, G. VERDI

Please remain at your seats until after the recessional.

Thank you to song leader Ms. Teresa Agnes and accompanist Miss Agnes Carlson for providing music for today's ceremony.

Candidates for Degrees

2024-2025

Degrees will be conferred upon those listed below,
subject to the completion of all academic and university requirements.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Amanda Hanson

Williston, ND

Braydi J. Hoime †

Devils Lake, ND

Melanie Kamp

Devils Lake, ND

Julie Ann Bukiron Kordonowy

Dickinson, ND

Katrina A. Stevens-Hammes

Moorhead, MN

Ashlie Varilek

Devils Lake, ND

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Michelle Bruer

Fargo, ND

Brandon Mansfield

Fargo, ND

Aishwarya Prabhu

Estevan, SK, Canada

Shannon E. Teigen

Devils Lake, ND

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Krista T. Abrahamson

Cavalier, ND

Jodi Angen

Houston, TX

Hannah Bertsch

Kulm, ND

Susie Buretta

Fargo, ND

Yvonne Helene Cannon

Moorhead, MN

Caylyn Carter †

Waikoloa, HI

Lindsay Chimbur

Mayville, ND

Megan Laura Elliott

Simi Valley, CA

Lindsey Fayette-Seaberg †

Grand Forks, ND

Thomas Richard Gieske

Sartell, MN

Emily Haines

Folsom, CA

Rylee Heil

Portland, ND

Skyler Rose Hill

Ashby, MN

Lauren Margaret Justesen

Hawley, MN

Emma Kroshus

Ada, MN

Paige Michele Larson

Mayville, ND

Haley Lorenz

Bowdon, ND

Brittany Mark †

Beldenville, WI

Paige McPherson

Grand Forks, ND

Avery Moen

Gilby, ND

Erin Okerlund †

Brandon, MN

Erin Jane Overmoe †

Grand Forks, ND

Ashley Peterson †

Mayville, ND

Samantha Raabe

Kulm, ND

Sheyenna Riley †

Mayville, ND

Caleb D. Rosenberry †

Enderlin, ND

Allison Marie Roth

Minot, ND

Ashley Marie Rutkowski

Wahpeton, ND

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Kaia Schluchter
Cavalier, ND

Angeline Sheard
Grand Forks, ND

Kylee St. Croix
Kenmare, ND

Hannah Yutrzenka †
Argyle, MN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Robert Berg, 1970 Graduate
Dexter, MI

Ruby Jean Aipperspach
Grand Forks, ND

Kyja Birch **
Melrose, MN

Sydney Brekken **
Hillsboro, ND

Grace Burrell **
Crystal, ND

Haylee Renee Carlson
Devils Lake, ND

Larice J. Davis
Dunseith, ND

Sandie Kay Doll-Nelson
Lancaster, MN

Kaitlin Ensign ***
Buxton, ND

Sarah Finseth ***
Angus, MN

Shelby Betty Lou Follman ***
York, ND

Jessica Gilbertson ***
Manvel, ND

Kaide Simon Gimbel *
Bismarck, ND

Destiny Holden
Casper, WY

Erika Howell ***
Badger, MN

Emiley Huderle
Grand Forks, ND

Ella Hurst
Cavalier, ND

MacKenzie Iverson
Hillsboro, ND

Jada Elizabeth Johannes
Bemidji, MN

Kaydon Kenfield
Red Lake Falls, MN

Kayla Klein
Fargo, ND

Haven Marie Korynta **
Mekinock, ND

Janessa Lyn Kritzberger
Hillsboro, ND

Teresa Lyn Lee
Leonard, ND

Alexandra Lundebly
Grand Forks, ND

Terrena Jade Martin **
Pahrump, NV

Jarrel Scott McGarvey **
Leeds, ND

Sydney Morgan Mikkelsen
Dickinson, ND

Marguerite Moore *
Devils Lake, ND

Taylor Renee Orthaus
Erskine, MN

Abigail Kay Patten †
Princeton, MN

Kali Peterson
Underwood, MN

Nicholas Presnell
New Rockford, ND

Myranda Lynn Reiss
Killdeer, ND

William Connor Roberts
Hartselle, AL

Courtney Irene Rodgers ***
Watford City, ND

Kaitlyn Sand
Meire Grove, MN

Elaine Faye Smith ***
New England, ND

Erin Grace Sondrol *
Buxton, ND

Derrick John Strand
Hatton, ND

Jackson Luke Trottier
Bismarck, ND

Reece Jacob Trottier
Bismarck, ND

Mandy M. Von Rueden
Crookston, MN

Sheyenne Grace Waletzko ***
Lisbon, ND

Isabella Whiteside ***
Grand Forks, ND

Abbey Rose Wieber ***
Richmond, MN

Terra Lynn Wright
Pleasant Prairie, WI

Ezera Roger Wuori
Rolla, ND

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Veronica Belgarde ** †
Fargo, ND

Peggy Dockter
New Rockford, ND

Danica Gilb †
Staples, MN

Kelsey Hanson ** †
Grand Forks, ND

Alex Horn
Mandan, ND

Luke Kinnunen †
Grand Forks, ND

Brianna Lang
Fargo, ND

Gabriella Ann Messer ***
Richardton, ND

Katherine Mae Pruneda †
Mayville, ND

Amber Reimche †
Grand Forks, ND

Paige Schempp †
Horace, ND

Nicole Schlenk
East Grand Forks, ND

Tiffany Springer ** †
Wyndmere, ND

Melanie Rae Thingvold †
Roseau, MN

Sarah Marie Tooke †
Bottineau, ND

Lindsey Ullrich ** †
Grand Forks, ND

Emma Vonende †
Viking, ND

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Pomona, CA

Matthew Bagley *
Birmingham, AL

Claire Anna Bjorneby **
Grafton, ND

Gerrit Bjornstad
Thief River Falls, MN

Gavin Wayne Bohlman
Thompson, ND

Tanner Lloyd Boyle
Portage la Prairie, MB, Canada

Jack Michael Bradner **
Portland, ND

Ava Sophia Butler ***
Mountain Iron, MN

Ian Mark Chandler
Portland, ND

Emily Grace Condon *
Barnesville, MN

Abigail Cox ***
Oakes, ND

George Davisson
Mayville, ND

Joshua Dixon ***
Casselton, ND

Quinn Earley *
Blackfoot, ID

Hannah Edinger
Mayville, ND

Devon Fetch *
Phoenix, AZ

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Kenneth Franklin
Los Angeles, CA

Darrick Frederick
Belcourt, ND

Maalik Flowers
Las Vegas, NV

Eduardo Garza
Hillsboro, ND

Gregorio Garza
Hillsboro, ND

Stevan Raul Garza *
Grafton, ND

Daniel Hernandez
San Diego, CA

Mackenzie Jo Hughes *
Thompson, ND

Brianna Hutter **
Mayville, ND

Isis Johnson
Dadeville, AL

Kaden J. Johnson
Enid, OK

Sarah Adele Johnson ***
Delano, MN

Gunnar Jorgensen
Mayville, ND

Grant William Kocher **
Crosby, ND

Svetlana Kolesnikov **
Sedalia, MO

Chun Yin Kwong †
Newcastle, WA

Logan Maus ***
Thompson, ND

Daniel Mercandelli
Cranbrook, BC, Canada
Jessica Mertens **
Devils Lake, ND

Bailey Mullenberg*Hudson, WI***Danzele Navy***Tomball, TX***Joseph Lloyd Nelson***Grandin, ND***Samantha Passa***Barnesville, MN***Shirley Pineda ****Selma, NC***Miquela Pino***Maricopa, AZ***Claudia Ponce-Ortega***Williston, ND***Xavier Powers***Plymouth, MN***Samuel Duane Preston***Hillsboro, ND***Andrew Roberts***West Fargo, ND***Brady Robert Robinson***Casselton, ND***Andrew Clemmens Roufs***East Grand Forks, MN***Timothy Richard Salmon***Mayville, ND***Layni Schieffer***Wibaux, MT***Caiden Blake Schwehr***Bismarck, ND***Logan Sherva ******Northwood, ND***Isaac Smith***Cooperstown, ND***Grant Patrick Strand***Portland, ND***Kaitlynn Thompson ****Hatton, ND***Johnathan Updike***Rapid City, SD***Anthony Larry Villanueva †***West Fargo, ND***Calvin Ford Watkins***Minot, ND***Jacqueline Weeks *****Gulfport, MS***Jorge Alberto Acosta Zavala***Comayagua, Honduras***BACHELOR OF
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Amal Abdi

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Brady Anderson **

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Samantha Maye Bratlie

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Artis Chapman †

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Jamie Jo Johnson

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Jelaina Labatte †

Agency Village, SD

Stanley Lindsey

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Carson Lundmark

Spokane Valley, WA

Kylie Moothart

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Silver Bay, MN

Craig Olson

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Georgia Pearson

Oakes, ND

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Lidgerwood, ND

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Hatton, ND

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Peoria, AZ

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ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

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Williston, ND

Joseph Carr
Mayville, ND

Brodie Cluchie
Cavalier, ND

Chloe Suzanne Cordahl †
Mayville, ND

Adam Dominguez
Fargo, ND

Isaac Folland *
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Makayla Hudy
Brookings, SD

Ezekiel Knott
Saint Paul Park, MN

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Madison Richter
Beulah, ND

Jai Spears
Anna, TX

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MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Mayville State University, a land grant institution created in 1889, collectively acknowledges that the region we occupy rests upon the ancestral, traditional, and current lands of Indigenous groups of the Dakota, Ojibwe, and Metis. We pledge to build our relations with the contemporary First Nations of North Dakota including the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation; Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Nation; Spirit Lake Nation; Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, as well as neighboring tribes.

Mayville State University advocates for the healing of the historical trauma endured by the descendants of those who were forcibly removed from their homelands. We recognize and support the sovereignty of tribal nations and for Indigenous communities.

Mayville State University strives toward an emerging future of friendship, collaboration, and progress.

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



CONNOR FIELDS

Connor Fields has earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in business administration, a minor in sports management, and a specialization in management. A four-year member of the Mayville State Collegiate DECA chapter, he has been a state and national award-winner. Through his Collegiate DECA affiliation, Connor has spent time volunteering with various community organizations. A Dean's List student, Fields has served as a student football coach for three years and was the coordinator of intramural athletics during the past academic year. Connor is the son of Jolene and Gary Fields, Thompson, ND.



MACKENZIE HUGHES

Mackenzie Hughes is graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree. She has earned a major in business administration and specializations in banking and finance and management. A Dean's List student, Mackenzie has been a Peer Leader and a member of the women's basketball and softball teams. As a student athlete, Mackenzie has been named an NAIA Daktronics Scholar Athlete three times, a North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) First-Team All Conference player three times, a NSAA Second-Team All-Conference player once, and an NAIA Third-Team All-American once. She is a recipient of the NSAA Gold Glove Award. Mackenzie's parents are Beth and Jeremy Hughes, Thompson, ND.

STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION GREETINGS



DR. CASEY RYAN

Dr. Casey Ryan is a retired physician who practiced endocrinology and internal medicine at Altru Health System in Grand Forks, N.D. He was president of Altru Health System from its inception in 1997 through 2014. Ryan graduated from Grand Forks Central High School, then attended Colorado College where he played varsity hockey. After graduating from the University of Colorado Medical School he spent three years as an internal medicine resident at Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn. After finishing at Mayo, he spent nine months as an endocrinology registrar at the University of Otago Medical School in Dunedin, New Zealand.

He and his wife, Bev, have lived in Grand Forks since 1979. Ryan began his term of service with the State Board of Higher Education on July 1, 2017.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



YVONNE CANNON

Dr. Yvonne Cannon is an associate professor at Mayville State University, and this year she celebrates her thirty-sixth year in education. She received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1989, a Master of Education in Elementary Education in 1992, a Post-Masters Certificate in College Teaching in 2010, and a Ph.D. in Teacher Education in 2022. Today she is receiving a Master of Education in Adult Teaching and Learning from Mayville State University.

Throughout her time in public education, Dr. Cannon has understood the importance of literacy for all students. This has driven her passion as an advocate for students and families, helping them to have the resources needed to navigate the classroom and the world effectively. Her roles have included district literacy plan development, student support team member, multi-tiered systems of support lead teacher, professional learning community lead teacher, and teacher growth-focused observation and feedback reflective practice. Her assignments have included various elementary general education teaching assignments, and finally, as a Reading Interventionist and Lead Specialist.

In 2015, Dr. Cannon became an adjunct professor, teaching reading assessment and intervention courses for Mayville State University. She transitioned to full-time employment with Mayville State in 2020. Her mission is to use every opportunity to learn from others and foster academic growth that will lead to the continued success of Mayville State students. Most recently, she received approval for promotion to associate professor in the Division of Education.

She has represented Mayville State on the national platform at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education conference in Long Beach, California, and she represented higher education for North Dakota as a member of the ETS Reading Praxis Review Committee in Princeton, N.J. She belongs to the North Dakota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the International Literacy Association, the North Dakota Literacy Association, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education, and the Council for Exceptional Children.

Dr. Cannon's transition to higher education has provided opportunities to collaborate and act as a change agent for literacy at the state level. Her work includes developing the state literacy plan on the ND State Literacy Team, serving as a Content Expert Reviewer for North Dakota Education and Standards Practice Board (ESPB), the North Dakota Reading Framework and Development of the ND Reading Standards workgroup, working with the North Dakota English Language Arts Learning Continuum work group, and serving on the North Dakota Title I Credentials committee.

At Mayville State University, Dr. Cannon has worked with the North Dakota ESPB and the National Council for Teacher Quality to align Mayville State literacy courses with appropriate practices and standards to meet licensure requirements. She has worked to help develop and add book studies to a professional development library for practicing teachers, helped develop new reading certifications that align with Science of Reading research, completed Effective Online Teaching Strategies Certification through the Association of College and University Educators, completed Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling professional development coursework alongside K-12 partners, and she is a member of North Dakota Personalized Learning. She has participated as a campus Student Education Association co-advisor, Faculty Senate representative, Teacher Education Committee member, and Elementary Education Committee member.

Dr. Cannon's love of lifelong learning stems from her curiosity and passion for education. Her research interests include pre-service teachers' sense of self-efficacy and effective literacy practices. Her work at Mayville State has profoundly impacted her professional growth and deepened her sense of responsibility for the greater good.

There is no age limit for learning, and Dr. Cannon is proud to add the M.Ed. in Adult Teaching and Learning from Mayville State University to her credentials. Dr. Cannon states, "I cannot think of a more significant honor than becoming an official Comet! My former degrees gave me my profession, but Mayville State University has given me my purpose. MSU is more than the university of personal service. It is family!"

Yvonne resides in Moorhead, MN, with her husband, Curt. They have three grown children, Austin (Kayla, Paislee, Rudy), Lauren (Tyler), and Leandra (Sam).

HONORARY DEGREE



TERRY BACHMEIER

Terry Bachmeier, Mesa, Ariz., will receive an honorary Bachelor of Arts in Social Science degree today. Mr. Bachmeier has devoted his life to serving others, and he is thoughtful and consistent in making their needs a priority. He spends a great deal of his time and effort serving as a chaplain who has for decades counseled troubled youth in the Phoenix, Ariz. area. He exemplified the personal service that Mayville State embraces.

As an exceptionally generous philanthropist, Terry honors the people who are important to him while making a difference in the lives of the recipients of his monetary gifts. At Mayville State University, his contributions include establishing and supporting several scholarships. In addition, he has kindly supported Mayville State programs and projects.

As one of Mayville State University's most generous financial donors, Terry has impacted the lives of countless Mayville State University students and graduates, who have in turn made a difference in the state of North Dakota and beyond.

Terry Bachmeier grew up in Mayville, N.D., where his father, Dr. Thomas Bachmeier was a member of the faculty of Mayville State University. As such, Terry became well-acquainted with the university. He graduated from Mayville-Portland High School in 1975. He took college-level placement tests to give him roughly one year of credits before enrolling at Mayville State for two quarters. He left Mayville State to locate to Arizona.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



ROBERT BERG

Robert Berg completed the requirements for his Mayville State degree at the conclusion of the fall quarter of 1970, but he wasn't able to celebrate this accomplishment with his classmates, friends, and family members at a commencement program. Berg had been drafted into military service. He was allowed to complete his degree, but he was required to report for service immediately following the completion of his course work. Berg was supposed to have participated in commencement with his classmates in the spring of 1971, but he could not be there. By January of 1971, Robert was already in basic training.

Berg grew up in Portland, N.D. He graduated from Portland High School and went on to Mayville State, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with majors in mathematics and health, physical education, and recreation. After spending two years in the Army, Berg moved to the state of Michigan, where he has lived and worked for more than 50 years. He spent his career working as a dental equipment technician at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

When Berg retired in 2020, he began reflecting on how much his Mayville State degree has helped him in his life. This started with his work in the Army during the Vietnam War. Because of his math training, he was selected for a more specialized occupation and stationed in Europe.

We thank Robert Berg for honorably serving our country and for the pride he has brought to his alma mater.

COMMENCEMENT HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Honor cords are worn by candidates for the bachelor's degree who have completed a minimum of two semesters and 30 semester hours in residence from Mayville State and achieved a scholastic average of 3.50 (Cum Laude, blue cord), 3.70 (Magna Cum Laude, silver cord), and 3.90 (Summa Cum Laude, gold cord). For publication purposes, honors are based on the cumulative grade point average at the end of the previously completed term. Once final semester grades are recorded, grade point averages are recalculated and final graduation honors are recorded to the transcript and diploma.

Candidates may wear pieces of traditional regalia such as a stole representing their cultural heritage.

The hooding ceremony for the Master degree signifies a scholarly and personal achievement. The light blue color in the hood represents the field of education for both the Master of Arts in Teaching and Master of Education. The apricot color in the hood represents the field of nursing in the Master of Nursing.

As a symbolic tradition to welcome individuals in to the nursing profession, nursing candidates will be presented with the baccalaureate nursing program pin and receive recognition for advancement of their nursing education.

The color of the tassel denotes the degree. At Mayville State University, the tassel colors associated with programs are: **black**, Master of Nursing; **black**, Master of Arts in Teaching; **black**, Master of Education; **light blue**, Bachelor of Science in Education; **apricot**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; **royal blue**, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of University Studies, **white**, Associate of Arts.

THE ACADEMIC COSTUME

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the early days of the oldest European universities. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the garb of a cleric. In the unheated buildings of the early universities, the long gowns would have provided warmth, while hoods would have served to cover the scholars' shaved heads.

In the United States, the American Council on Education approved a code of academic costumes that has been in effect since 1932, with changes made in 1959 and in 1986.

Gowns. In United States colleges and universities, black is the recommended color for all degrees. Variations in style represent the type of degree. The bachelor's gown has long pointed sleeves; the master's gown has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrists; and the gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves. The doctor's gown is trimmed down the front with velvet, and there are three bars of velvet across the sleeves.

Hood. The hood gives color and meaning to the costume. The hood is black with a colored lining, which is the official color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The binding or edging of the hood signifies the branch of learning to which the master's or doctorate degree pertains. Colors of some of the various subjects are: Accounting and Business Administration - drab; Arts, Letters, Humanities - white; Education - light blue; Fine Arts - brown; Library Science - lemon; Music - pink; Physical Education - sage green; Science - golden yellow.

Caps. Caps are black and of a material which matches the gown. A tassel is fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap. The tassel is also black or of a color appropriate to the subject. The doctor's cap may have a tassel of gold thread. The academic cap symbolizes the freedom of scholarship.

At Mayville State, candidates for degrees are asked to wear the tassels on the right front side before degrees are conferred and to shift these to the left at the moment when degrees are awarded to them.

Persons who hold degrees from foreign universities may wear the entire appropriate academic costume, including cap, gown, and hood.

North Dakota University System. Members of the State Board of Higher Education and officers of the North Dakota University System are attired in special regalia that signify their leadership role. The robe and tassel reflect the blue and gold colors found in the North Dakota state flag. A gold medallion, worn around the neck, is engraved with the North Dakota state seal.

MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY MACE

A mace is a ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority. In the Middle Ages, a mace was a heavy club weighted with a spiked or flanged metal knob at one end, and it was used chiefly by knights to crush armor. It further evolved to become a hand weapon that was used by archers and other warriors on foot. Those who guarded monarchs or other officials in processions often used a mace. By the 14th century, maces had become more ceremonial in nature and were decorated with jewels and precious metals. In modern times a mace is often carried in academic and ecclesiastical processions, especially in English-speaking countries. In the academic setting, the mace symbolizes the institution's authority to carry out its mission of seeking wisdom and truth.

A black walnut tree still growing in Mayville yielded the wood for the Mayville State University mace. Craftsman George Lilleberg, Mayville, N.D., assisted by Patrick Balch and MSU Professor Emeritus of Mathematics Dr. Merwin J. Lyng, designed, turned, and finished the mace in 2004. It is decorated with the Mayville State University seal on one side, and a rendering of "Old Main" on the other. The seal features the figures "The Graduate" and "Discipline," first seen in a famous mural by artist Edwin Blashfield, as well as Mayville State's well-known motto "The School of Personal Service." Doug Anderson, a Mayville State alumnus, was the artist who created the rendition of "Old Main." The mace is 38" long. It was first carried by Dr. Gary D. Hagen at the inauguration of former Mayville State University President Dr. Pamela M. Balch.



MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY MEDALLION

The tradition of the chief officer of an educational institution to wear a medallion dates to the Middle Ages, when a seal was used to mark documents as important. Because actual possession was so significant, the seal was usually worn around the neck for safekeeping. Wearing the seal eventually became a symbol of authority.

Mayville State University's presidential medallion features two teachers and two students in front of "Old Main." The medallion is intended to be a visual representation of the intensely personal learning relationship that the university fosters among teachers and students. The bronze medallion was cast in 1999 by P. Richard Szeitz, Moorhead, Minn.



A transformative renovation of one of our most iconic campus landmarks is underway. During the 2023 North Dakota legislative session, Mayville State University received \$52 million to renovate Old Main—our historic centerpiece and a symbol of the university's rich heritage.



This renovation will blend tradition with innovation, updating the building with state-of-the-art classrooms, improved



accessibility, and enhanced energy efficiency. Once completed, Old Main will offer expanded learning and gathering spaces for students, faculty, and staff—supporting a vibrant, collaborative campus experience.



As you explore Mayville State, we invite you to envision the future with us. Old Main will remain a proud cornerstone of our campus, reimagined to support the evolving needs of our students and help prepare them for success in their careers and communities.

The project is set for completion by June 30, 2026. Learn more about the Old Main renovations: www.mayvillestate.edu or scan the QR code.



THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Oh say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, 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.
Oh say, does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

WORDS BY FRANCIS SCOTT KEY
MUSIC BY SAMUEL ARNOLD

ALMA MATER

West Wind, whistling 'round our towers,
Voice of this Dakota land!
Rouse in us our highest powers
While in College halls we stand.
Alma Mater! Alma Mater!
May we meet thy just demand.

Wild Rose, emblem of our lov'd State,
Growing by our campus fair!
Teach us Truth and Beauty, the great
Virtues now and everywhere.
Alma Mater! Alma Mater!
White and blue we proudly wear.

Spirit of the Pioneer days
That has built our College here!
We shall not be false to thy ways;
We shall keep thy ideals near.
Alma Mater! Alma Mater!
All thy children hold thee dear.

WORDS BY MSU ALUMS LYTTE AND BAKER
SUNG TO HYMN BY HENRY SMART

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!

Mayville State University 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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