2023 FALL COMMENCEMENT

Congratulations
TO THE CLASS OF 2023
M STATE COMMENCEMENT
1 p.m. Friday, December 15
Concordia College Memorial Auditorium

Processional ........................................................................................................... “Pomp and Circumstance,” Edward Elgar
                             Performed by the Silver Winds Flute Quartet

National Anthem ................................................................................................ “Star Spangled Banner,” Francis Scott Key
                             Performed by Sedia Harris

Welcome and Introductions ................................................................................... Dr. Matthew J. Borcherding
                             Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Presidential Greeting .............................................................................................. Dr. Carrie Brimhall
                             President

Introduction of Faculty Speaker .......................................................................... Dr. Marsha Weber
                             Dean of Extended Learning/Dean for the School of Business and Information Technology

Faculty Greeting .................................................................................................... Michelle Ebsen
                             Business Faculty

Student Recognitions ............................................................................................ Dr. Mark Bannatyne
                             Dean for the School of Applied Technology

Special Music .......................................................................................................... “Hallelujah,” arr. Shaw and Emerson
                             Performed by the Silver Winds Flute Quartet

Student Address ..................................................................................................... Heritier “Joshua” Rudeha
                             Business Transfer Pathway - AS

Conferring of Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas .......................................... Dr. Carrie Brimhall, President
                             Dr. Matthew J. Borcherding, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Closing Remarks ..................................................................................................... Dr. Mark Bannatyne
                             Dean for the School of Applied Technology

Recessional ............................................................................................................... “Sleigh Ride”, Kathleen Mayne
                             Performed by the Silver Winds Flute Quartet
SCHOOL OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

Building Trades Division

Construction Management - AAS
Kaleb Drewes, Glenwood, Minn.

Electrical Line Worker - Diploma
William Olson, Belou, Minn. *

Engineering - AS
Cody Carlson, Halstad, Minn.
Nicholas Bates, Fargo, N.D. **

Plumbing - Diploma
Christian Waters, West Fargo, N.D.

Transportation, Energy and Public Service Division

Automotive Service Technology - Diploma
Meja Livingstone, Fargo, N.D.

Criminal Justice - AS
Sadiah Dau, Manistee, Minn.
Joacim Watson, Jr, Fargo, N.D. V

Diesel Equipment Technology - AAS
Fredilique Saulin, West Fargo, N.D.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Business

Accounting - AAS
Melisa Fredrickson, Horace, N.D.
Tiba Kareem, Fargo, N.D.

Accounting Clerk - Diploma
Ephraim Ghazzawi, Detroit Lakes, Minn. *
Kimberly Nelson, Dent, Minn.

Accounting Transfer Pathway - AS
Alecia Hagen, Fargo, N.D.
Mathew Kitkegaard, Fargo, N.D.
Anna Bottier, Fargo, N.D.

Administrative Support - Diploma
Lauen Bill, Moorhead, Minn.

Business - AAS
Carlee Bilard, Frazee, Minn. *
Sarah Larson, Moorhead, Minn.
Amanda Nelson, Woverton, Minn.

Business Administration - Diploma
Amethyst Effer, Jamestown, N.D. **

Business Transfer Pathway - AS
Mason Connelly, Moorhead, Minn.
Tucker Grimmey, Moorhead, Minn. **

Criminal Justice - AS
Sadie Dau, Manistee, Minn.
Joacim Watson, Jr, Fargo, N.D. V

Diesel Equipment Technology - AAS
Fredilique Saulin, West Fargo, N.D.

HONORS AND DESIGNATIONS

• Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
* Veteran
** High Academic Honors (3.75-4.0 GPA)
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SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES, HUMAN SERVICES, AND NURSING

Health Sciences

Cardiovascular Technology - Invasive - AAS
Abdallah Solomim, Moorhead, Minn.
River Mustachia, Dilworth, Minn. **
Mercy Wilson, Fargo, N.D.

Dental Assisting - Diploma
Shelby Mechem, Moorhead, Minn.

Health Information Technology/Coding - AAS
Amanda Cumberworth, Dimondale, Mich. **
Shayna Guinn, Haslett, Tex.
Kennedy Stite, Fargo, N.D.

Medical Coding and Insurance - Diploma
Sarah Eben, Glyndon, Minn.
Amy Greigo, Moorhead, Minn.
Cindi Hernandez Araya, Pelican Rapids, Minn.
Anna Pinekey, Fargo, N.D.
Morgan Seidert, Milbank, S.D.
Paige Williams, Moorhead, Minn. *

Phlebotomy Technician - Certificate
Amelia Joy Aho, Fargo Falls, Minn.
Katie McFarland, Fargo Falls, Minn. **
Adriana Wittis, Rothsay, Minn.

Surgical Technology - AAS
Kerri Mow, Dickinson, N.D.
Christian Baumgartner, Bertha, Minn.
Kathryn Bol, Fargo, N.D.

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## FALL 2023 GRADUATES

### Cosmetology - Diploma
- Hannah Alexander, Bemidji, Minn. **
- Arianne Alaker, Burtum, Minn. *
- Haylee Bennett, Roseau, Minn.
- Alyona Cline, Wadena, Minn.
- Colista Decker, Waverly, Minn.
- Joyden Hansen, Detroit Lakes, Minn.
- Janee Harstad, Detroit Lakes, Minn. *
- Joseph Jordahl, Motley, Minn. **
- Annabel Mock, Aitkin, Minn.
- Kaelyn Okerlund, Alexandria, Minn. *
- Josephine Piepkorn, New York Mills, Minn. *
- Kaelynn Okerlund, Alexandria, Minn. *
- Annabel Mock, Aitkin, Minn. 
- Janee Harstad, Detroit Lakes, Minn. *
- Jayden Hansen, Detroit Lakes, Minn.
- Harmony Umriand, Wadena, Minn. *
- Olivia Vign, Wadena, Minn.
- Jami Olson, Sauk Centre, Minn.

### Practical Nursing - Diploma
- Malory All, Moorhead, Minn.
- Ullican Anderson, Bismarck, Minn.
- Diane Billki, Moorhead, Minn.
- Steve Bull, West Fargo, N.D. *
- Mackenzie Cenoll, Walcott, N.D. *
- Gail Chappakh, Fargo, N.D. *
- Anna Cleveland, Breckenridge, Minn.
- Jasaberal Coleman, Moorhead, Minn.
- Victoria Dietrich, Vergas, Minn.
- Marjan Doaky, Dilworth, Minn.
- KayLee Essig, Fargo, N.D.
- Eirendy Garcia, Hjalalt, Minn.
- Dessiree Gonzalez-Sosa, Owatonna, Minn.
- Sedia Harris, Fargo, N.D.
- Fathi Hisi, Fargo, N.D.
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- Julianna McCabe-Hasting, Fergus Falls, Minn.
- Haile Meech, Vendale, Minn.
- Alana Monson, Grygla, Minn.
- Allison Nuenewhuis, Bismarck, N.D.
- Frances Nyuman, Fargo, N.D.
- Elizabeth Ornedo, West Fargo, N.D. *
- Sheibl Schmidt, Newton, Minn.
- Agnes Soye, Fargo, N.D.
- Sarah Trado, Barrett, Minn.
- Grace Tommerdant, Audubon, Minn.
- Teresa Wenaus, Perham, Minn.
- Kristi Wohlwend, West Fargo, N.D.

## SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

### Liberal Arts and Humanities
- American Sign Language Studies - Certificate
- Deidre Biodan, Kindred, N.D. *
- Amelia Ebsen, Fargo, N.D. **
- Jodyn Feist, Horace, N.D.
- Jordan Kunkel, Tracy, Minn.
- Emely Mattzold, Cloquet, Minn. **
- Victoria Pouly, Crookston, Minn. **
- Allison Van Dyke, Glyndon, Minn. **
- Ivy Wiggs, Saint Hilaire, Minn.

### Autism Spectrum Disorder - Certificate
- McKenzie Jacobson, West Fargo, N.D.

### Child and Adolescent Therapeutic Behavioral Health - Certificate
- McKenzie Jacobson, West Fargo, N.D.
- Leah Omer, Paynesville, Minn.

### Global and Intercultural Studies - Certificate
- Jamie Smith, Moorhead, Minn. **

### History Transfer Pathway - AA
- Caleb Metlas, Lonsdale, Minn. **

### Liberal Arts and Sciences - AA
- Deng Agullo, Fargo, N.D.
- Kaiah Baker, Detroit Lakes, Minn. *
- Melissa Bascom, Hawaii, Oreg.
- Renae Campbell, Sebeka, Minn.
- Chayna Cousey, Backus, Minn.
- Alyona Day, Menahga, Minn.
- Lameina Delphine, Land O’Lake, Fla.
- Erin Easton, Fergus Falls, Minn. *
- Amelia Ebsen, Fargo, N.D. **
- Cassidy Erickson, Lake Park, Minn.
- Kendra Emney, East Grand Forks, Minn.
- Shawna Fox, West Fargo, N.D.
- Emilee Freeman, Detroit Lakes, Minn.
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- Vincent Graham, Battle Lake, Minn.
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### Eyelash Extension Technician-Certificate
- Ariane Alaker, Burtum, Minn. *
- Jordynn Brule, Crookston, Minn.
- Angela Koep, Henning, Minn. *
- Alexandra Horn, Moorhead, Minn. *
- Joseph Hess, Fargo, N.D.
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- Natalie Lue, Morgan, Minn.
- Geno Nelson, Alexandria, Minn. *
- Chelsea Olson, Fargo, N.D.
- Adobe Price, Detroit Lakes, Minn. *
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## Science and Mathematics

### Biology Transfer Pathway - AS
- Malenka Anderson, Ulen, Minn.
- Jacob Field, Twin Valley, Minn. **

## Psychology Transfer Pathway - AA
- Carissa Kaiser, Detroit Lakes, Minn. *
- Daniel Lin, West Fargo, N.D. **
- Ashanti Valdez, Moorhead, Minn.

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Thaden, Sri ............................................................Nursing
Thompson, Fonda Ruth .............................................Diesel Equipment Technology
Thorstenson, Anthony .............................................English
Verduzco, Ethan .............................................Medical Laboratory Technology
Yglesias, Tomi ..................................................Sociology
Volkmuth, Brian ..................................................Information Technology
Wacker, Darby ..................................................Surgical Technology
Waldera, Michele Lee ...........................................Accounting
Walters, Christopher A ...........................................English
Weber, Richard T ..................................................English
Welk, Rick ..........................................................Plumbing
Westland, Lori ...................................................Graphic Design
Whitney, Sara Lynn ...........................................Communication
Xie, Sue T ....................................................Sociology
Wildung, Marissa .............................................Medical Laboratory Technology
Winter, Kent ....................................................Electrical Technology
Zachariason, Robert J ...........................................Electrical Technology

MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE STAFF

Aasen, Lynn .....................................................General Maintenance Worker
Adamczyk, Megan ..................................Director of Dual Enrollment
and Academic Success
Allen, Shariene .............................................Interim Director of Financial Aid
Anderson, Amy ..................................SBC Associate Director
Anderson, David ............................................General Maintenance Worker
Anderson, Heidi .............................................Dental Department Lab Assistant
Anderson, Kaitie ...............................................Enrollment Manager
Bahls, Rhonda .....................................Administrative Assistant
Bailey, Cindy ..................................................Grant Coordinator
Balgaard, Heidi .............................................Human Resources Associate
Beltefeulle, Brianna ...........................................Administrative Assistant
Beltefeulle, Richard ...........................................General Maintenance Worker
Bement, Alecia .............................................Administrative Assistant
Bergerud, Rachel ..................................HRSIC Regional Payroll Coordinator
Beyer, Kelsey ..................................................Administrative Assistant
Billodeau, Patrick ............................Lead Applications Developer
Blickenstaff, Brittany ..................................Campus Store Associate
Bloomquist, Sarah ...........................................Administrative Assistant
Bokinskie, Joanne .............................................Administrative Assistant
Breuer, Denise ..............................................Administrative Assistant
Britten, Shannon ..........................Associate Director of Advancement
Broderick, Ashley ............................Accessibility Resources Coordinator
Brush, Penny ..................................................Academic Advisor
Buboltz, Karen ..................................................Data Analyst
Burns, Michele ..................................................Academic Advisor
Campion, Alyssa ...................................Executive Assistant to the President
Capistran, Thomas ...........................................General Repair Worker
Carlson, Daulton .............................................Campus Resource Specialist
Carlstrom, Ian ............................................SBC Regional Director
Carpenter, Janice ...........................................Purchasing Account Clerk
Christlieb, Kelsey ...........................................Success Navigator
Cookington, Tori ..................................HRSIC Regional Payroll Coordinator
Crawford, Tracy .............................................College Applications Processor
Crowser, Abby ............................................Support Center Resource Specialist-Intermittent
DeBoer, Christopher ........................................Custodian
Dick, Kenneth ..................................................Custodian
Dukowitz, Cindy ..................................General Maintenance Worker Lead
Dunbeck, David ..............................................Data Systems Architect
Eklund, Dawn .............................................Academic Specialist
Eksel, Pathy ..................................................Account Payable Coordinator
Engstrom, Carlissa .........................................Enrollment Manager
Ericson, Brandon ..................................Campus Store Coordinator
Ericson, Lacey ..............................................Associate Registrar
Fensom, Abigail ..............................................Administrative Assistant
Friesen, Derek ..............................................Intermittent Campus Crossing Assistant
Friesen, Melissa ..................................Associate Director of Financial Aid
Fylling, Sheri .............................................College Processing Specialist
Goodyear, Marcia .............................................Administrative Assistant
Gould, Kim ..................................................Associate Registrar
Gruber, Sally .............................................Enrollment Manager
Habib, Dilvin .............................................Associate Director of Equity and Inclusion
Hage, Darren ..................................................IT Help Desk
Haugen, Kim ..............................................Financial Aid & Records Assistant
Hanson, Austin .............................................System Administrator
Hanson, Brent .............................................Computer Help Center Director
Harris, Emma .............................................Social Media Specialist
Hauge, Doreen .............................................Academic Specialist
Haukus, Jeffrey .............................................Multimedia Information Technician
Haverkamp, Emily ...........................................Enrollment Manager
Hayward, Cynthia .............................................Central Financial Aid Loan Processor
Heikkila, Michael .............................................General Maintenance Worker
Heikkila, Victoria .............................................General Maintenance Worker
Helmig, Kara ...........................................Title IX & Clery Compliance Coordinator
Wiek, Mario ..................................................Campus Resource Specialist
Hinichs, Lori ..................................................Social Worker
Hochgraber, Amy ...........................................Director of Business & Industry,
Workforce Development Solutions
Hoffman, Joel .............................................Nursing Lab Assistant
Holmquist, Tyler .............................................Electrical Line Worker Lab Assistant
Holmstrom, Amber ...........................................Custodian
Houge, Derek .............................................Building Maintenance Supervisor
Hughes, Alan .............................................General Maintenance Worker
Jasken, Laura .............................................Academic Specialist
Jennens, Peter .............................................Information Technology Specialist
Kendall, Casey .............................................Web Portal and Application Developer
Johnson, Brooke ...............................................Success Navigator
Johnson, Carol .............................................Exam Monitor
Johnson, Chris ..................................................Director of Credit for Prior Learning
Johnson, Marie .............................................Senior Communications Specialist
Jones, Laura .............................................Senior Graphic Designer
Joy, Andrew ..................................................Network Administrator
Karst, Rachel ..................................................IT Help Desk
Keddy, Jessica .............................................Area Clerk/Campus Store Coordinator
King, Marci ..................................................College Admissions Specialist
Kraft, Lynn .............................................Reservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant
Kramer, Jodi .............................................Academic Specialist
Leatherbury, Dennis ...........................................Computer Help Center Specialist
Lesch, John ..................................................Computer Help Center Specialist
Lindbom, Stacy .............................................Intermittent Campus Crossing Assistant
Lindsey, Joshua .............................................General Maintenance Worker
Lindsey, Julianna .............................................Campus Resource Specialist
Loreth, Charles .............................................Supervisor, Building & Grounds
COLLEGE HISTORY

Minnesota State Community and Technical College was created July 1, 2003, with the merger of Fergus Falls Community College and three campuses of Northwest Technical College. The College was developed to better serve the needs of the communities in west central Minnesota and the Red River Valley through the combination of strong technical programs and comprehensive community college curriculum.

Each of the campuses has been meeting the educational and workforce needs of its community for a half century or more.

The Detroit Lakes, Moorhead and Wadena campuses were established when state leaders recognized the need to provide education and training to meet workforce demands. The three campuses have experienced a series of name changes. Wadena was founded in 1959, Moorhead in 1965 and Detroit Lakes in 1966. True to the goal of meeting workforce needs, each campus has added and enhanced programs as demands have changed.

The Fergus Falls campus was established in 1960 thanks to the initiative of community leaders determined to create a community college where area students could complete the first two years of a four-year degree.

The College currently serves more than 7,000 students each year in on-campus courses and through online education, which provides students the option of taking individual courses or complete degree programs online.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic dress worn by the M State faculty and graduates reflects a tradition that dates back to the 11th and 12th centuries, when heavy robes purportedly served to distinguish the academic standing of the wearer and offer protection against the chill of unheated buildings.

The markings, cut and color of academic apparel – cap, gown and sometimes hood – indicate the wearer’s academic degree, field of study and the institution that granted the degree.

Gowns vary in the trimming and the design of the sleeves. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet chevrons. The master’s gown has oblong sleeves, and the bachelor’s gown has long pointed sleeves; neither has any trimming.

The predominant color on the hood signifies the academic color or colors of the institution from which the degree was received. The second color designates the department or field of study. The length and shape of the hood reflects the highest degree earned by the wearer.