

MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

THE 130th COMMENCEMENT

Fall 2021, Spring 2022, and Summer 2022 Graduates

Saturday, May 14, 2022 2 p.m.

Lewy Lee Fieldhouse Mayville, North Dakota

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. Follow us to see all the commencement tweets and retweets.

Instagram You can find us under "Mayville State University."

YouTube The ceremony will be live streamed at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiI8_zi9LlalejD7NZSkpiQ.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Jacobson Studio will serve as the official commencement photographer. Photos may be viewed and purchased at www.jacobsonstudio.store one week after the ceremony.

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While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this Commencement Bulletin, printing deadlines may result in omission of some names and use of names of persons not completeing graduation requirements as intended. This printed program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's academic or degree status. The university's official registry for conferral of degrees is the student's permanent academic record, kept by the Office of Academic Records.

INTERPRETATION

American Sign Language will provide interpreting services during the in-person commencement ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Prelude and Processional

Invocation	Pastor Martin Avery
	Mayville and Gran Lutheran Churches, Mayville, N.D.
"The Star Spangled Banner"	
	Mayville State University Student
Welcome	Dr. Brian Van Horn
	President of the University
State Board of Higher Education Greetings	Mr. Jeffry Volk
Graduate Remarks	Josiah Walker, B.S. Business Administration
	Taylor Reilly, B.S. Education
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	
Commencement Address	Mr. Thomas Capouch
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Ms. Heather Hoyt
	Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
Conferral of Degrees	
"Alma Mater"	Ms. Heil
Benediction	Pastor Avery

Recessional

Please remain at your seats until after the recessional.

Thank you to soloist Ms. Rylee Heil, accompanist Mei Chuan Lin, and the Mayville State University Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Cody Hunter, for providing music for today's ceremony.

Candidates for Degrees 2021-2022

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Amber Leigh Kuhn Fargo, N.D.

Lori Lynn Martinson Rolette, N.D.

Amy Jo Medhaug † Lidgerwood, N.D.

Kristen Rae Schimmel Harwood, N.D.

MASTER OF ARTS

Chloe Elizabeth Eastwood *Washington, D.C.*

Cheryl Lynne Jacobs Rugby, N.D.

Tabitha Mae Kimball-Carlson Williston, N.D.

Joy Christine Marimon Wing, N.D.

Casey Materi Wahpeton, N.D.

Yancey Kruger Travassos Norfolk City, Va.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Krista Teola Abrahamson Backoo, N.D.

Kaitlyn McKenna Bakken *** Thief River Falls, Minn.

Carina Florence Bercier Lidgerwood, N.D.

Ann Marie Berry Dickinson, N.D.

Annalise Mary Bittner Fargo, N.D.

Shelby Rae Botha ** Carrington, N.D.

Kayce Madison Briss Cooperstown, N.D.

Laura Nicole Buchmann ** Bismarck, N.D.

Peyton Catherine Campbell *** Watford City, N.D.

Delaney Clark ** Williston, N.D.

Anne Elise Collette Grafton, N.D. Amber Renae Doll † Cavalier, N.D.

Jeffrey C. Donegan Harwood, N.D.

Kyla Grace Dougherty Fargo, N.D.

Jess Michelle Edwards *** Starkweather, N.D.

Heather Ann Elfering *** Falcon Heights, Minn.

Kade Donald Elliott *** Galesburg, N.D.

Skyler Dennis Forst † Greenbush, Minn.

Halie Marie Geesey Wahpeton, N.D.

Brooklynn Handly *** Hatton, N.D.

Allie Harmon ** Bettendorf, Iowa

Bobbi Sue Marie Hayes ** Langdon, N.D.

Rylee E. Heil * Harvey, N.D.

Kylee Joan Heurung ** Brainerd, Minn. Skyler Rose Hill * Ashby, Minn.

Kristen Hillier * Cando, N.D.

Trisha Gayle Howell Makoti, N.D.

Kari Lynn Jackson Devils Lake, N.D.

Ethan M. Jacobson Page, N.D.

Madison Johnson Thompson, N.D.

Kristen Andrea Jones Bowdon, N.D.

Mary Grace Kalal Zortman, Mont.

Emily Elizabeth Kennelly *** *Grafton, N.D.*

Daphne Aaron Kenninger * Cooperstown, N.D.

Ashley Kessler Beulah, N.D.

Emylee Carolyn Landeis ** *Forest River, N.D.*

Jordyn N. Lucas Nevis, Minn.

Hattie J. Marohl Mooreton, N.D.

Michael Scott McCall Wahpeton, N.D.

Cameron Rose McMillin Devils Lake, N.D.

Paige Marie McPherson *** Grand Forks, N.D. Alisha LeaAnn Morrison * Big Lake, Minn.

Jessica Mae Nelson Davenport, N.D.

Yessenia Acosta Neri Tioga, N.D.

Erin Rae Okerlund * Brandon, Minn.

Ashley Osero Peoria, Ariz.

Kayla Jo Ostlie ** Northwood, N.D.

Tyber Joe Carl Pokrzywinski ** Drayton, N.D.

Taylor Reilly *** *Hoople, N.D.*

Leeausha Lynn Richard Worland, Wyo.

Danielle Annette Ring * Strathcona, Minn.

Austin Keith Robb Ada, Minn.

Naomi M. Robinson Oklee, Minn.

Natasha Sailor Tolna, N.D.

Ariel Ann Sand ** Devils Lake, N.D.

Wendy Marie Vesledahl * Ada, Minn.

Racheal Dawn Bernadette Wright Grand Forks, N.D.

Ashley Yanchuck Spotswood, N.J.

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McKenzie Lynn Beaken † Fargo, N.D.

Danica B. Calderon † Fargo, N.D.

Veronika Georgina Castellanos † Hopkins, Minn.

Shenay Connelly † Hillsboro, N.D.

Ashley Engbrecht † Fargo, N.D.

Ernestine Navti Fodiy † *Moorhead, Minn.*

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Hunter Holzer † Mandan, N.D.

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April Lynn Leiran Perham, Minn.

Nicole Lien Barnesville, Minn.

Kinze Martinson † Rolette, N.D.

Summer Dawn Morgenstern † Bismarck, N.D.

Leah Kathryn Nelson † Grand Forks, N.D.

Anna Marie Novacek † Grand Forks, N.D.

Erika F. Ochsner † Bismarck, N.D.

Zoe Michaela Odell Grand Forks, N.D.

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Angela M. Rosing Hawley, Minn.

Alagie Saidykhan * Moorhead, Minn.

Nikki Schmaltz † Bismark, N.D.

Jonah Luke Schwindt † Bismarck, N.D.

Allison Slaubaugh * Churchs Ferry, N.D.

Traci Steiner † *Pelican Rapids, Minn.*

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Chinyere Josephine Ukeje † *Moorhead, Minn.*

Jackie White † Fargo, N.D.

Margaret Wiertzema † Campbell, Minn.

Margaret Julia Wilson † Hillsboro, N.D.

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Neil Kasmarek *Rhinelander, Wis.*

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



THOMAS CAPOUCH

Thomas (Tom) Capouch, Portland, N.D., is Market President for First State Bank. Previously, he served as president of The First and Farmers Bank of Portland from 1992 to 2017. Tom began his career in the banking industry as a high school student and continues to share his knowledge with

others as a faculty member of Dakota School of Banking and Schools of Banking. Tom served as an adjunct instructor in business at Mayville State from 1998 to 2012.

Capouch is a faithful supporter of the Mayville-Portland community, where he is currently secretary/treasurer of the May-Port Economic Development Committee, youth advisor at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, secretary and past president of the Portland Commercial Club, and treasurer and past president of the MSU Foundation Board of Trustees.

Tom was named the 1994 May-Port High School Businessperson of the Year and the 2002 Northwestern Financial Review Rising Star for North Dakota. He received the Greater North Dakota Association Leadership Award in 2005 and the Mountain Plains Business Educators Distinguished Service Award in 2006.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Mayville State University in 1984, earning a major in business administration and minor in accounting. In the spring of 1990 he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Moorhead State University. Tom earned his Series 7 Stockbroker License in 1994. He is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking and Financial Managers School, Commercial Lending School, and Dakota School of Banking.

Tom and his wife, Nancy (von Ruden), are parents to Ryan (wife Maggie) and Ross.



JEFFRY VOLK

Jeffry Volk grew up on a dairy farm near Raleigh, N.D. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University, and worked for Moore Engineering and affiliated companies in West Fargo, N.D. for his entire career. He is currently CEO and executive chair for

Moore Holding Company.

He is on the Executive Committee for the American Council of Engineering Companies / North Dakota and is their national director. He has recently served as chair of the board of directors for the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation, as a member of the board of directors for the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber and on the Executive Governing Board for the NDSU Foundation.



TAYLOR REILLY

Taylor Reilly is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a major in in social science. A four-year Dean's List student and scholarship recipient, she is graduating with summa cum laude honors. She was selected to receive the Dennis Kost Outstanding Achievement in Secondary Education

Award this spring. Taylor has been involved on campus as a lifeguard and as a member of the women's basketball team, Student Education Association, and Peer Leaders. She was named an NAIA Scholar-Athlete in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Taylor has given of her time and talents as a community and church volunteer. Her parents are Brian and Stacey Reilly from Hoople, N.D.



JOSIAH WALKER

Josiah Walker is graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree, earning a major in business administration and minor in biology. He is a Dean's List honoree and Mayville State Student of the Year award recipient. Josiah played football for the Comets and served as the team's captain for four years. He is a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Club and served as the group's president for one year. He has volunteered his time with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee Trick or Treat with a Comet project and Comet Athletic Club 3-on-3 basketball tournaments. Josiah is the son of James and Deidra Walker, East Windsor, N.J.

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 of Arts in Teaching degree signifies a scholarly and personal achievement. The light blue color in the hood represents the field of education.

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**, Masters of Arts in Teaching; **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: 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. 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

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.