

**Friday, April 30, 2021 — 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 1, 2021 — 10 a.m., 2 p.m.**

Gangelhoff Center  
Concordia University, St. Paul



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College of Business & Technology

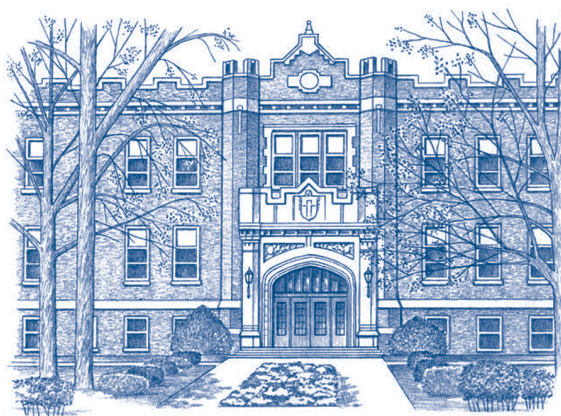
College of Education

College of Health & Science

College of Humanities & Social Sciences

College of Human Services & Behavioral Sciences

*The 2021 Ceremonies at*  
**Commencement**



## *The Concordia Mission Statement*

The mission of Concordia University, St. Paul, a university of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, is to prepare students for thoughtful and informed living, for dedicated service to God and humanity, and for the enlightened care of God’s creation, all within the context of the Christian Gospel.

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## *The Concordia University Seal*



The Concordia University seal was originally designed by Dr. Theodore Buenger for Concordia College in 1895. The Lamp of Learning symbolizes the light of the knowledge of God’s Word illuminating the minds of the students as well as the darkness of the world. The Crossed Quills symbolize the writings of the student and the writings of the great individuals throughout history from which the student learns. The Moccasin Flower symbolizes the State of Minnesota and the beauty of God’s creation. The Latin inscription means, “I wish to be proficient in academics, but even beyond that, I wish to know Jesus.” It is based on Ephesians 3:19: “And to know the love of Christ surpasses knowledge.”

## *The Concordia University Mace*

The Concordia University mace was designed by James and Dr. Sally Baas to mark the importance of formal events. This traditionally designed mace, a symbol of university scholarship and integrity, is used to lead the academic procession at commencement and other special ceremonial occasions. The mace was crafted by James Baas from red and white oak that signifies the strength and permanence of education and Christian faith. It is 47 inches in length and features the Concordia medallion on each of the four sides. The head is topped with a square ball representing the world and Concordia’s mission.

# THE CEREMONIES AT COMMENCEMENT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL

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## *Welcome*



The theme for the 2020-2021 academic year at Concordia University, St. Paul is “**Lord, to whom shall we go?**” taken from Peter’s words to Jesus as recorded in John 6:68. In all of the joys and challenges of this past year, we are reminded that we have a God who is near to us.

As a Christ-centered, Lutheran university that is distinctly different, we hope and pray that you, our graduates, not only feel academically equipped for your present and future, but that you are also keenly aware of the gifts God has given you to serve in your home, workplace, community and beyond. You join 27,000 other living alumni who hold degrees from Concordia, each one created for a unique purpose, but all woven together in the vibrant tapestry of our CSP community.

We celebrate you as the newest alumni of Concordia St. Paul, the skills you have learned, the knowledge you have gained, the friendships and relationships you have built and the opportunities that now lay before you. I pray that as you move forward, you would continue to engage in thoughtful and informed living, dedicated service to God and humanity, and enlightened care of creation, all within the context of the Christian gospel.

Graduates, I look forward to celebrating with you all that you will accomplish in the years ahead. Thank you for being a part of the dynamic and diverse community here at Concordia and sharing your life with us. I pray that God would richly bless you as He continues to grow and shape you in the years to come. Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Friedrich'.

**Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich, BA ‘79**  
President

# Notes on Academic Attire

The gowns, hoods, caps and insignia that are worn in today's processional derive from centuries of academic tradition. Not only do they lend color and dignity to this festive occasion, they also serve to identify the wearers by indicating their field of specialty and by marking their level of achievement.

Gowns are usually black, although in some instances, the institution from which the wearer graduated prescribes a different color. A pointed sleeve indicates the wearer holds a bachelor's degree, while a closed sleeve with a slit is the mark of one who

has earned a master's or educational specialist degree. Those who hold the doctoral degree are recognized by the velvet trimmings on the front facings of the gown and by the crossbars on the sleeve. Similarly, the length and shape of the hood indicates whether the wearer holds a master's or doctoral degree, while the educational specialist recipients wear a stole.

The color of the stole or velvet trim on the hood identifies the field in which the degree was granted:

Accountancy .....	Drab	Economics .....	Copper	Music .....	Pink
Arts .....	White	Education .....	Light Blu	Nursing.....	Apricot
Business Administration .....	Drab	Fine Arts.....	Brown	Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Coaching & Athletic Administration and Sports Management .....	Sage Green	History.....	White	Physical Education .....	Sage Green
Communication Studies.....	Crimson	Humane Letters.....	White	Physical Therapy .....	Teal
Divinity .....	Scarlet	Humanities .....	White	Physics .....	Gold
Dramatic Arts.....	Brown	Law.....	Purple	Political Science .....	Dark Blue
Exercise Science and		Letters.....	White	Science .....	Gold
Orthotics & Prosthetics.....	Forest Green	Library Science .....	Lemon	Social Work.....	Citron
		Literature .....	White	Theology.....	Scarlet

Those who have earned a bachelor's or master's degree typically wear black mortarboard caps with black tassels, while the holder of an education specialist or doctoral degree wears a six-sided tam. Some academic institutions, however, prescribe their own colors for caps, tams and tassels.

You may note, some professors in the processional wear the bronze medallion bearing the seal of Concordia University. This indicates that the professor has attained tenure at this institution.

## ACADEMIC HONORS

Undergraduate students who have earned **60 or more credits at Concordia University, St. Paul** and have earned the following Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):

- 3.90 or higher are designated as graduating *summa cum laude* (gold medallion)
- 3.75 to 3.89 are designated as graduating *magna cum laude* (silver medallion)
- 3.60 to 3.74 are designated as graduating *cum laude* (bronze medallion)

Undergraduate students who have earned **59 or fewer credits at Concordia University, St. Paul** and have earned the following Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):

- 3.90 or higher will be recognized as graduating with high distinction
- 3.75 to 3.89 will be recognized as graduating with distinction

Students receiving a Master of Arts Teaching, Master of Arts, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Science or Master of Business Administration degree receive a medallion that signifies their achievement in maintaining the rigorous standards of academic programmatic requirements. An Education Specialist medallion indicates an achievement of maintaining a 3.25 Cumulative Grade Point Average.

Academic departments grant **Departmental Honors** in their majors to students who have completed selected course work including a capstone experience that demonstrates excellence in their field.

Concordia's University **Honors Program in litteris fideique** ("in learning and faith") is an interdisciplinary course of study that challenges talented students of diverse backgrounds to integrate Christian faith and academic learning as they practice scholarship and service in a global context.

**Solus Christus Fellows** is a mentoring program that fosters reflection on the connections between the Christian faith, academic learning, and life together. In a small group setting, students lead and participate in discussions of readings that deepen their faith, build community, and help them to live well in their various God-given callings in life.

The **Ignite Leadership Certificate Program** supports students in identifying, developing, and refining their leadership skills and abilities through programming in 10 different competency areas. Participating in Ignite encourages students to engage with other student leaders, to develop workforce-ready leadership skills, and to become a more socially-just leader.

# *The Ceremony at Commencement*

for the  
UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

in the  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH & SCIENCE  
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

and  
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SERVICES & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Friday, the thirtieth of April, two thousand twenty-one

At seven thirty in the evening

Saturday, the first of May, two thousand twenty one

At ten in the morning and two in the afternoon

Gangelhoff Center  
Concordia University, St. Paul  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

THE ASSEMBLY COMES TO ORDER AT THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

## PRELUDE

Concordia Faculty Brass Ensemble

## PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp and Circumstance*  
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Crucifier  
Faculty Marshal  
Board of Regents  
Honored Guests  
College Deans  
Rev. Thomas Gundermann, University Pastor  
Dr. Kevin Hall, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich, University President

## INVOCATION

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Rev. Dr. Robert Holst | Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Alfrieda Baldwin | Saturday, 10 a.m.

Ms. Jamie Walker | Saturday, 2 p.m.

## PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREES

Rev. James McDaniels, Doctor of Letters

## PRESENTATION OF *AETERNA MOLIRI* AWARD

Rev. Dr. Robert & Ms. Lynne Holst

Mrs. Janis McDaniels

## RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS

## CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

## PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

## HOODING

Doctor of Education | Saturday, 10 a.m.

Doctor of Physical Therapy | Saturday, 2 p.m.

## RECOGNITION OF LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATE COMPLETION

## STUDENT ADDRESS

Ms. Huldah Phillips | Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Theresa Thao -Yang | Saturday, 10 a.m.

Dr. Allison Jensen | Saturday, 2 p.m.

## ALUMNI WELCOME

Ms. Rhonda Palmersheim

## PRAYERS

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

*This choral piece is Concordia's traditional closing anthem for commencement;  
the composer was a Concordia, St. Paul music faculty member.*

Peace be to you and grace from Him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed His blood  
That we might saved be.  
Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
The Lord Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come,  
Sing holy, holy Lord.  
Rejoice in heaven  
All ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming soon.  
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
And night shall be no more,  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
For Christ will be their All.

*Ruth Manz (1919-2008)  
based on Rev. 1, 12, and 22  
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## FAREWELL FROM PRESIDENT BRIAN FRIEDRICH

### RECESSIONAL

Concordia Faculty Brass Quartet

### *In Memoriam*

The vase of gladiolas on the stage is in memory of the loved ones of a number of our faculty, staff, students, and parents who were called to their eternal homes during this academic year.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him” (Romans 15:13).

# *Participants*

Officiants.....	Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich, BA '79, University President Dr. Kevin Hall, BA '83, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College of Business & Technology
Liturgist.....	Rev. Thomas Gundermann, University Pastor
Deans .....	Dr. Kevin Hall, BA '83, Dean of the College of Business & Technology Prof. Lonn Maly, BA '81, Dean of the College of Education Dr. Katie (LaViolette) Fischer, BA'08, MA '09, Dean of the College of Health & Science Dr. Paul Hillmer, BA '83, Dean of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences Dr. Michael Walcheski, BA '83, Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Dean of the College of Human Services & Behavioral Sciences
Commencement Speakers .....	Rev. Dr. Robert Holst, HS '54, AA '56   <i>Friday, 7:30 p.m.</i> Ms. Alfrieda Baldwin   <i>Saturday, 10 a.m.</i> Ms. Jamie (Hrabe) Walker, BA '07, MBA '19   <i>Saturday, 2 p.m.</i>
Student Speakers .....	Ms. Huldah Phillips   <i>Friday, 7:30 p.m.</i> Dr. Theresa Thao Yang, BA '05, MA '12   <i>Saturday, 10 a.m.</i> Dr. Allison Jensen   <i>Saturday, 2 p.m.</i>
Recipients of Honor ( <i>Friday</i> ).....	Rev. James McDaniels, BA '72, Doctor of Letters Mrs. Janis (Grant) McDaniels, <i>Aeterna Moliri</i> Award Rev. Dr. Robert, HS '54, AA '56, and Lynne Holst, <i>Aeterna Moliri</i> Award
Hood Presenters.....	Dr. Ric Dressen, Chair of Doctoral Studies in Education   <i>Saturday, 10 a.m.</i> Dr. Peter Rundquist, Chair of Doctor of Physical Therapy   <i>Saturday, 2 p.m.</i>
Degree Presenter .....	Mr. Chester Tajeha, President of Voice Talent, LLC
Honor Marshals .....	Mr. Justin Kohlman, President of Student Senate, '22   <i>Friday, 7:30 p.m.</i> Ms. Tara Webster, Vice President of Student Senate, '22   <i>Friday, 7:30 p.m.</i> Dr. Laura Wangsness Willemsen, College of Education   <i>Saturday, 10 a.m.</i> Dr. Colleen Arendt, College of Humanities & Social Sciences   <i>Saturday, 10 a.m., 2 p.m.</i> Dr. Robert Krueger, College of Business & Technology   <i>Saturday, 2 p.m.</i>
Faculty Marshals .....	Dr. Sally Baas, College of Education   <i>Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.</i> Dr. Jean Rock, College of Business & Technology   <i>Saturday, 2 p.m.</i>
Music.....	Faculty Brass Ensemble Dr. Takako Seimiya Senn, faculty trumpet Mr. Joe Hazlett, guest trumpet Prof. Kira Seidel, faculty horn Prof. Ben Bussey, faculty trombone Christus Chorus Ensemble Dr. David Mennicke, conductor

## Commencement Speaker

SATURDAY, 10 A.M.



**Alfrieda B. Baldwin** worked as an attorney for Securian Financial until her retirement at the end of 2013. Over her 32 year career, Baldwin had the opportunity to provide legal counsel on a wide range of matters, including intellectual property rights, insurance advertising law compliance, and data privacy. At the time of her retirement, Baldwin was Securian's Chief Privacy Officer and a Certified Information Privacy Professional.

Post-retirement, Baldwin embarked upon her second career as a "professional volunteer." Baldwin was a tutor and mentor with the St. Paul Public Library's Reading Together program. She was a volunteer in elementary schools in her local school district and Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest (JAUM). In 2018 she was named a JAUM All-Star in recognition of her service.

Volunteering with elementary students caused her to reflect on the education she had received while attending a Lutheran grade school. She realized that God was calling her to start a school accessible to families regardless of income. Relying on the micro-school concept (a re-invention of the one-room schoolhouse), Baldwin is opening Laurel Community School. Laurel will serve students in grades K-8. Baldwin's vision is to plant Christian micro-schools across the Twin Cities.

Baldwin serves on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. She is also involved with TakeCharge MN, an organization dedicated to restoring the Black community's cultural roots of faith, family, and education.

Baldwin holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Knox College and a Juris Doctor from DePaul University College of Law.

## Commencement Speaker

SATURDAY, 2 P.M.



**Jamie (Hrabe) Walker**, BA '07, MBA '19 is a seasoned professional with a passion for healthcare consumerism and product strategy. Jamie is a recognized leader in advocating for consumer-centric product designs which yield increased adoption and stakeholder engagement; this thought leadership has yielded recognition by the American Medical Association and the National Committee for Quality Assurance, received a patent for consumer engagement, and led to the creation of new products.

Jamie is currently working as the Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at UnitedHealthcare with accountability for delivering \$250M in annual affordability across a \$4.5B business unit. In December of 2020, she was awarded the honor of Healthcare Leader of the Year for North America in 2020 by an independent third-party global review board. She hopes to one day advise the federal government on how to create consumer-centric healthcare markets and teach healthcare informatics at the graduate level.

Jamie graduated *summa cum laude* from Concordia University, St. Paul where she studied Marketing and Innovation. She returned to Concordia University to earn her MBA in healthcare.

## *Student Speaker*

FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.



**Huldah Philips** is graduating from Concordia University, St. Paul with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Resource Management, continuing her work as an HR Specialist. During her time at Concordia, she has been involved in the Entrepreneurship Club, Student Senate, Alumni Advisory Council, MAPCS and a student member of the Diversity Committee. Her future aspirations are to take the LSAT exams in January 2022 and begin a Juris Doctorate program the following fall. She enjoys quality time with her family, reading, traveling, and a good adventure.

## *Student Speaker*

SATURDAY, 10 A.M.



**Theresa Thao-Yang** earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Concordia University, St. Paul in 2005 and began her career teaching kindergarten and first grade. Theresa then obtained her Master's degree in 2012 from her alma mater in Classroom Instruction with a K-12 Reading Endorsement. After receiving her English Learner's Licensure in 2017 from the University of St. Thomas, Theresa decided to continue her educational journey. She enrolled in Concordia's Educational Leadership Doctorate program while teaching K-5 English Learners and pursuing her Administrative License. Concordia University, St. Paul has provided Theresa with an invaluable education that has helped her grow, reflect, and challenge both herself and her thinking.

Theresa is married and has three children. She enjoys running and completed her first marathon last November. When not reading and hiking, she finds most enjoyment spending time with family.

## *Student Speaker*

SATURDAY, 2 P.M.



**Allison Jensen** completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California, Davis where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Biology. Allison then moved to St. Paul, Minnesota to begin her Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at Concordia University, St. Paul. Jensen continuously demonstrates her passion for supporting the community and currently volunteers at Lutheran Social Services in their Neighbor to Neighbor program and at Rock Steady Boxing, a non-profit program for people with Parkinson's disease. She is a member of the APTA Pediatric Practice Development Committee and has aspirations to work in an ICU or acute care setting after graduation. Allison plans to advocate for people with disabilities and use her voice to address the inequities found in the healthcare system.

During her journey at Concordia University, Allison is extremely grateful for the genuine kindness shown by her classmates, faculty members, and clinical instructors and will fondly remember them.



**Rev. James McDaniels**, BA '72 is a native of Philadelphia, Penn., where he attended public schools before attending Concordia College, Bronxville, N.Y. After graduating with an Associate of Arts degree, he transferred to Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn. where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. He then attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. and transferred to Christ Seminary (now part of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago) where he received his Master of Divinity degree. He then entered the LCMS ministerium through colloquy.

Rev. McDaniels served congregations in New York City, Omaha, Neb., St. Louis, Mo. and Greensboro, N.C. He also worked for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the Nebraska District LCMS as executive staff.

During his 40 years in ministry, he has served many boards, committees, and ministries of the church. He is a member of the Interim Ministry Network, Inc., and during the past 15 years he has worked with 7 congregations in transition.

In 2002, he completed a two-year residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at Alamance Regional Medical Center in Burlington, N.C. He then worked at the Lutheran Nursing Home (now Trinity Glen) as a chaplain and retired from there. The LCMS honored Rev. McDaniels with the Christus in Mundo ("Christ in the World") award in 2019 in recognition of his work in Specialized Pastoral Ministry, which includes the ministry of chaplains.

Rev. McDaniels has been a leader in Black ministry in the LCMS throughout his ministry and was the first African American to serve in an executive position for the LCMS Board of Mission Services or on the district level. Rev. McDaniels currently serves as pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in High Point, N.C.

He is married to Janis (Grant) McDaniels. Their son William is deceased and is survived by daughter-in-law Bridget and granddaughter Robin, who live in Portage, Ind.

## Aeterna Molori Award Recipient

FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.



**Janis (Grant) McDaniels** is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. After high school, she worked in the financial sector as well as with the Lutheran Council in the USA. She married Rev. James McDaniels in 1981. In 1988, she graduated *cum laude* from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish with minors in religion and sociology.

After graduation, Janis became a Lutheran educator. She taught Spanish and English at St. Matthew Lutheran School in St. Louis, Mo.; Spanish and substitute teacher at St. Matthew Lutheran School in New York City; and was a teaching assistant at Grace Lutheran School in Greensboro, N.C.

She has also tirelessly served the church at the congregational, district, and synodical levels, seeking to bring the gospel message to people of all cultures, ethnicities, and abilities. She has served on the board of directors for the Atlantic and Southeastern Districts (LCMS), the board of regents for Concordia College, Selma, Ala., the Board for Black Ministry Services, and the Coalition of Lutherans in Black Ministry.

Janis has been deeply involved in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League over the past 28 years, from her local congregations to the national level as the Vice President of Gospel Outreach. She was also the first African American president of the LWML Carolinas. In 2018, the Southeastern District awarded her the Servant of Christ Award.

Janis has been a long-time leader in Black ministry, advocating fearlessly for support of Black LCMS clergy and church members. She currently serves on The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Board for National Mission, elected to her first term in 2019.

# *Aeterna Voliri Award Recipient Commencement Speaker*

FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.



**Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) Holst**, HS '54, AA '56 was born and raised near Austin, Minn. and **Lynne Holst** was born in Rochester, Minn. Bob attended Concordia High School and Junior College in St. Paul before going to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, where he gained the Bachelor of Arts, Master of Ministry and Master of Sacred Theology degrees. Lynne attended nursing school at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. After Bob finished his vicarage, he and Lynne married, and have been blessed with three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Holsts first served as missionaries for five years in the mountainous rain forest of Papua New Guinea with pre-literate people. They shared God's love as they learned the unwritten language and helped the people overcome malnutrition. Lynne used her nursing experience to treat malnourished infants, severe infections, and other health challenges. With indigenous and expatriate partners, Bob developed an indigenous orthography, wrote and published several books, and translated numerous Bible stories and Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

When the Holsts returned to the US, Robert attended Princeton Theological Seminary and earned a Ph.D. At Princeton, Bob taught Greek and served as co-director of the Black Studies program. Lynne served as a nurse at a hospital during this time. The Holsts then moved to Fort Wayne, Ind. for Bob to serve at Concordia Senior College while Lynne was a full-time homemaker.

In 1976, the Holsts moved to Irvine, Calif. for Bob to help launch Christ College (now Concordia University Irvine). To connect with the diverse student body, Bob learned Spanish, and led monthly service projects in Tijuana, Mexico and academic experiences in Mexico City. Lynne served as a nurse in a variety of places, including Christ College.

In 1991, Bob was called to serve and began his tenure as president of Concordia College, St. Paul until his retirement in 2011. The Holsts' 20 years at Concordia were marked by significant growth and change.

Thanks to the support of strong leaders and generous financial supporters, CSP moved from a college to a university, enrollment grew, the student body became more diverse, programs were added, and buildings—like the Gangelhoff Center, E.M. Pearson Theatre, Library Technology Center, Fandrei Center, Cross of Christ Fellowship Center, Residence Life Center, and Sea Foam Stadium—were added to Concordia's campus to serve students, the community, and the church. These transformations put Concordia on a stronger foundation that continues to this day.

Lynne and Bob consider it a God-given blessing to have lived and served at CSP with talented and caring students, faculty, staff, parents, area pastors and teachers, and benefactors. Fond memories from their time at CSP include hosting monthly faculty-staff birthday lunches, accompanying choir tours, leading travel programs with CSP friends and alumni, and sharing Concordia with area congregations and the community.

In Concordia's dynamic urban setting, the Holsts found inspiration and joy in helping the university welcome and share its educational resources with new immigrants and people of varying backgrounds and cultures. Bob remains convinced that, despite prejudice in society, Concordia's mission, in the context of the Christian Gospel, prepares students for thoughtful and informed living, dedicated service to God and to love their neighbors as themselves.

Bob and Lynne Holst have embodied CSP's mission throughout their ministry. As a missionary, pastor, author, scholar, and teacher, Bob has faithfully communicated the Christian gospel around the world. As a missionary and nurse, Lynne has served the people God created wonderfully. God has used them to make an impact on generations of individuals and families around the world into eternity.

*Friday, April 30, 2021 — 7:30 p.m.*

**College of Business &  
Technology**

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**Farhan Hassan Abdi**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Business Management

**Maryam Ahmed**  
Apple Valley, MN  
Business Management

**Abdullah Al Hashem**  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
Business Management

**Kayla Brotzman**  
West St. Paul, MN  
Business Management  
IGNITE Leadership Program

**Alexandra Jean Dahl**  
Stillwater, MN  
Business Management

**Alec R. Hagman**  
Roseau, MN  
Business Management

**Lilian Mary Hanson**  
Apple Valley, MN  
Business Management  
*summa cum laude*  
IGNITE Leadership Program

**Itzel Hernandez**  
Fridley, MN  
Mathematics

**Arik Richard Johnson**  
Inver Grove Heights, MN  
Business Management

**Matthew Albert Lasko**  
Lakeville, MN  
Business

**Bee Lor**  
St. Paul, MN  
Business Management

**Erika Jordyn Maalis**  
Milaca, MN  
Human Resource Management  
*summa cum laude*  
**Lyndsay Murray**  
Maplewood, MN  
Business Management  
*cum laude*

**Payton Rose Nutter**  
Waterville, MN  
Business Management

**Joseph Michael Perreira**  
White Bear Lake, MN  
Business Management

**Huldah Inoko Philips**  
Woodbury, MN  
Human Resource Management  
*cum laude*

**Noah Layne Pieper**  
Plymouth, MN  
Business Management  
*cum laude*

**Alhrik Ty Schommer**  
Anchorage, AK  
Business Management  
Solus Christus Theology Fellow

**K'La Sorquist**  
Bemidji, MN  
Human Resource Management

**Mayah Varnado**  
St. Paul, MN  
Human Resource Management

**Michael John Voss**  
Edina, MN  
Business Management  
*magna cum laude*

**Riley Morgan Wheatcraft**  
Prior Lake, MN  
Business Management

**JiaYu Xu**  
St. Paul, MN  
Business Management

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**Ahmd Abufoor**  
Al-Qatif, Saudi Arabia  
Finance  
*cum laude*  
IGNITE Leadership Program

**Mustafa Al Ghawas**  
Finance

**Nizar Alabdullah**  
Alahsa, Eastern Province  
Finance

**Wedad Alabdullah**  
Saudi Arabia  
Finance  
*cum laude*

**Nicholas L. Andersen**  
Marketing

**Abigail Abeba Assefa**  
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Marketing

**Ibrahim Saleem Binsalem**  
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*cum laude*

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Biology  
Biology Research Honors  
*summa cum laude*

**David Richard Gustafson**  
Merrill, WI  
Mathematics  
*cum laude*  
Solus Christus Theology Fellow

**Acacia Halverson**  
St. Michael, MN  
Accounting

**Rachel Elizabeth Hernandez**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Computer Science  
*in litteris fideque*

**Drake Hill**  
Bloomington, MN  
Mathematics  
Mathematics Honors

**Andrew Rodney Johnson**  
Inver Grove Heights, MN  
Finance

**Sean Olaf Johnson**  
St. Anthony, MN  
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Hastings, MN  
Marketing

**Kacie Margaret Lansing**  
Ellsworth, WI  
Marketing

**Kara Grace Lindberg**  
Pine Island, MN  
Accounting  
*summa cum laude*

**Skyler Quinn Mihajlov**  
Marketing

**Hanna Marie Mortenson**  
Cottage Grove, MN  
Mathematics  
Mathematics Honors  
*summa cum laude*  
Solus Christus Theology Fellow

**Kiara Kami Myers**  
Apple Valley, MN  
Accounting

**Andrew Richard Saal**  
Rosemount, MN  
Marketing  
*magna cum laude*

**Jonathan Saavedra**  
Tarzana, CA  
Finance

**Alexis Marie Sickels**  
Mukwonago, WI  
Marketing

**Zachary David Wolfram**  
Maplewood, MN  
Marketing  
IGNITE Leadership Program  
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**Emily Lynne Woodhall**  
Shakopee, MN  
Mathematics  
Solus Christus Theology Fellow

## **BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Rachel Nicole Tschida**  
Little Canada, MN  
Accounting  
*summa cum laude*

## **College of Education**

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Tyra Valerie Anderson**  
Cambridge, MN  
Individually Designed Major

**Peyton L Barrett**  
Cambridge, MN  
Elementary Education  
*cum laude*

**Jack Becker**  
New Prague, MN  
Child Learning & Development  
Solus Christus Theology Fellow

**Tatiana Marie Donlan**  
Apple Valley, MN  
Elementary Education

**Erin Emily Fallert**  
Elementary Education  
*summa cum laude*

**Katelin Ann Gilbertson**  
Lacrosse, WI  
Elementary Education

**Mark Alexander Hanson**  
Owatonna, MN  
Elementary Education

**Racquel Hawkins**  
St. Paul, MN  
Individually Designed Major

**Elyse Brijet Hillyer**  
Apple Valley, MN  
Secondary Education

**Joseph Hoeve**  
Farmington, MN  
Elementary Education

**Sydney Iverson**  
Lino Lakes, MN  
Elementary Education  
*cum laude*

**Alexandra Marie Lake**  
Lakeville, MN  
Elementary Education  
*magna cum laude*

**Danielle Mahlum**  
Waconia, MN  
Elementary Education  
*summa cum laude*

**Grace Constance Marchand**  
Ham Lake, MN  
Early Childhood Education

**Erika Lee Olson**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Secondary Education  
*magna cum laude*

**Danielle June Schaub**  
Brooklyn Park, MN  
Elementary Education  
*magna cum laude*

**Alexandra Joan Sirek**  
Rosemount, MN  
Elementary Education

**Clara Snow**  
Chaska, MN  
Early Childhood Education

**Ellie Veldman**  
Prior Lake, MN  
Elementary Education  
*cum laude*

**Mai Ger Vue**  
Maplewood, MN  
Elementary Education

## College of Health & Science

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

**Kiana Butler**  
Owatonna, MN  
Sonography

**Amalia Elizabeth Grimm**  
Arlington, MN  
Sonography

**Jessica Hanson**  
Cleveland, MN  
Sonography

**Jessica Kowalsky**  
Sonography

**Alyssabeth Schlager**  
Burnsville, MN  
Sonography

**Kayla Ann Stewart**  
Rosemount, MN  
Sonography

**Tracey Xiong**  
Elk Grove, CA  
Sonography

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Jenan Mohammed Al Ghawas**  
Maplewood, MN  
Community Health Science  
*magna cum laude*

**Zahra Al Ghawas**  
Maplewood, MN  
Community Health Science  
*summa cum laude*

**Meshari Al Murayh**  
St. Paul, MN  
Community Health Science

**Mohammad Alballwi**  
St. Paul, MN  
Community Health Science

**Yousef Alsamkhan**  
Saudi Arabia  
Community Health Science  
*cum laude*

**Humom Asamarai**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Exercise Science

**Carlos Jose Barela**  
Albuquerque, NM  
Exercise Science

**Scott Baehler Burazin**  
Cottage Grove, MN  
Sport Management  
*magna cum laude*

**Ryan John Christopher**  
Jackson, MN  
Sport Management

**Foster Conzet**  
Plymouth, MN  
Exercise Science

**Lucas Neke Degrammont**  
Lakeville, MN  
Sport Psychology  
*cum laude*

**Nathaniel Andrew Gimza**  
Chicago Ridge, IL  
Sport Management

**Justin Todd Hoffmann**  
New Ulm, MN  
Sport Management  
*magna cum laude*

**Kenneth Gerald Holz**  
Iola, WI  
Sport Management

**Matthew Laabs**  
Northfield, MN  
Biology

**Ayla Grace Lemke**  
Two Harbors, MN  
Chemistry  
*magna cum laude*

**Jason Antonio Mercado**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Exercise Science

**Lucia Mesfin**  
New Brighton, MN  
Public Health

**Belgis Nasser Mohamed**  
Sana'a, Yemen  
Individually Designed Major

**Zachary R. Muccio**  
Inver Grove Heights, MN  
Sport Management

**Debraha John Omot**  
St. Cloud, MN  
Public Health

**Meng Vang**  
St. Paul, MN  
Public Health

**Mariah Catherine Wagner**  
St. Cloud, MN  
Biology

**Sidney Nichole Wentland**  
Elk River, MN  
Sport Psychology  
*summa cum laude*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**Rahmat Abdurahman**  
St. Paul, MN  
Exercise Science  
*summa cum laude*

**Nada Mohamed Abouelnaga**  
Egypt  
Exercise Science

**Haleigh Renee Bares**  
Belgium, WI  
Exercise Science  
*summa cum laude*

**Hannah Rose Bies**  
Anoka, MN  
Orthotics & Prosthetics

**Meagan Nicole Bliese**  
Woodbury, MN  
Biology  
*cum laude*

**Samantha S. Cole**  
Eagle River, AK  
Biology  
*summa cum laude*  
Solus Christus Theology Fellow

**Kali Dawson**  
Osseo, WI  
Orthotics & Prosthetics

**Georgeann Marie Kolbow**  
West Bend, WI  
Orthotics & Prosthetics

**Alexis L. Mamer**  
Hastings, MN  
Orthotics & Prosthetics

**Madeline Mandoza**  
Goshen, KY  
Biology  
*magna cum laude*

**Skye Elisabeth Martin**  
Maplewood, MN  
Chemistry & Biology  
*summa cum laude*  
Biology Research Honors

**Margaret Louise Panek**  
St. Paul, MN  
Exercise Science

**Arianna Marie Renteria**  
Chicago, IL  
Orthotics & Prosthetics  
with high distinction

**Cayla Lynn Renwick**  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
Individually Designed Major & Biology  
*summa cum laude*

**Noah Walton**  
Maple Grove, MN  
Exercise Science  
*cum laude*

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING**

**Maria Elizabeth Brown**  
Elk River, MN  
Nursing  
*magna cum laude*

**Bao Her**  
St. Paul MN  
Nursing

**Tori Nicole Jensen**  
St. Michael, MN  
Nursing

**Nicole Luttenegger**  
Richfield, MN  
Nursing

**Hafsa Abdighani Mohamed**  
Nursing

**Kylie Peterson**  
Albertville, MN  
Nursing

**Alexa Ann Seifert**  
Hutchinson, MN  
Nursing

**Samantha Sue Zgutowicz**  
East Bethel, MN  
Nursing

## **College of Human Services & Behavioral Sciences**

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Jordan Marie Anderson**  
Andover, MN  
Psychology  
*cum laude*

**Cadia Leigh Gren**  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Individually Designed Major  
& Criminal Justice  
*cum laude*

**Mariam Ibrahim**  
Blaine, MN  
Psychology

**Aicha Kanneh**  
Brooklyn Park, MN  
Psychology

**Grace Jeanabette Keck**  
Albany, MN  
Family Science  
*summa cum laude*

**Aubrielle Kromer**  
Apple Valley, MN  
Psychology

**Timothy Robert Morgenstern**  
Apple Valley, MN  
Public Relations & Criminal Justice  
*summa cum laude*  
Communication Studies Honors

**Samantha Margaret Parker**  
St. Paul, MN  
Sociology

**Darnell Rolle**  
Miami, FL  
Criminal Justice

**Isabella Kay Saal**  
Rosemount, MN  
Psychology

**Nasteho Shafi**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Psychology

**Jacob Shields**  
Houston, TX  
Sociology

**Kathryn Ann Sullivan**  
Forest Lake, MN  
Psychology

**Connor Joseph Weiss**  
Lake Elmo, MN  
Criminal Justice

## **College of Humanities & Social Sciences**

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Mackenzie Amerine**  
Glyndon, MN  
Christian Ministry  
Solus Christus Theology Fellow

**Devan Gordan Arntson**  
Duluth, MN  
Christian Ministry  
*cum laude*

**Kayla D Brinkman**  
Northfield, MN  
History  
*summa cum laude*

**Phillip Clomon**  
Woodbury, MN  
Music

**Danielle Elizabeth Critchley**  
West St. Paul, MN  
Christian Ministry  
*cum laude*

**Jolie Dirksen**  
Anchorage, AK  
Art Studio  
*cum laude*

**Sophia Kathleen Drager**  
Racine, WI  
Christian Ministry  
*cum laude*  
*in litteris fideque*

**Ruth Ann Elkerton**  
North Branch, MN  
Theatre Arts

**Anna Grace Fritze**  
Watertown, SD  
English Journalism  
*magna cum laude*

**Sydney Yvonne Frye**  
New Hope, MN  
Art Studio

**Kalynn Marie Fuller**  
Wausau, WI  
Christian Ministry  
*magna cum laude*  
Christian Ministry Honors  
IGNITE Leadership Program  
Solus Christus Theology Fellow

**Lee De'mon Higgins**  
Chicago, IL  
Sport Communication

**Isaiah Phillip Hollman**  
Wausau, WI  
Church Music

**Anna Marie Huttunen**  
Wadena, MN  
Christian Ministry

**Rachel McCloskey**  
Steubenville, OH  
Theology  
*summa cum laude*

**Dylan Kenneth Meyer**  
Buffalo, MN  
Theology

**Bethany E. Mrosko**  
Waukesha, WI  
Christian Ministry  
*summa cum laude*  
IGNITE Leadership Program  
*in litteris fideque*

**Sumeya Hussein Nur**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Individually Designed Major

**Riley Nicole Peltz**  
St. Croix Falls, WI  
Theatre Arts  
*cum laude*

**Joseph Pothast**  
Eagan, MN  
Sport Communication  
Communication Studies Honors

**Alexander Charles Preis**  
Shoreview, MN  
English Creative Writing  
*cum laude*

**Anna C. Reineke**  
Antigo, WI  
Christian Ministry  
*summa cum laude*  
*in litteris fideque*

**Alexis Lacole Stanley**  
Farmington, MN  
Public Relations  
*cum laude*  
Communication Studies Honors

**Gage Thalmann**  
St. Michael, MN  
Communication Studies

**Rebecca Lynn Tutewohl**  
Faribault, MN  
Church Music

**Lucy Vang**  
St. Paul, MN  
Communication Studies

**Kathleen Taylor Wenger**  
Christian Ministry  
*summa cum laude*  
Solus Christus Theology Fellow

**Cali Marie Yee**  
Woodbury, MN  
Christian Ministry  
*magna cum laude*

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

**Carli Bruckmueller**  
Eagan, MN  
Graphic Design  
*summa cum laude*

**Geoffrey Allen Bruick**  
Bakersfield, CA  
Graphic Design  
*cum laude*

**Ezekiel Allen Green**  
Oronoco, MN  
Graphic Design  
*magna cum laude*

**Deborah Rebentisch**  
Seward, NE  
Graphic Design

**Sierra Christine Ross**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Graphic Design  
*magna cum laude*  
*in litteris fideque*

**Kalika Lei'ā'i Yamada**  
Hilo, HI  
Graphic Design  
*summa cum laude*

## ELIGIBLE FOR CHURCH PLACEMENT

**Mackenzie Amerine**  
Christian Ministry

**Devan Gordan Arntson**  
Christian Ministry

**Peyton L Barrett**  
Elementary Education

**Danielle Elizabeth Critchley**  
Christian Ministry

**Sophia Kathleen Drager**  
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Christian Ministry

**Kathleen Taylor Wenger**  
Christian Ministry

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## **College of Human Services & Behavioral Sciences**

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Taylor Lynn Anderson**  
Farmington, MN  
Criminal Justice

**Jacey Carlisle**  
Bloomington, MN  
Psychology

**Amy DeWitt**  
North Branch, MN  
Psychology

**Catherine Opeoluwa Duyile**  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Psychology

**Kareth Evans**  
Cape Coral, FL  
Psychology

**Aruna Anne Evenson**  
Albert Lea, MN  
Psychology  
*cum laude*

**Mariah Frigaard**  
Brooklyn Park, MN  
Criminal Justice  
with high distinction

**Angelic Mone' Heller**  
St. Paul, MN  
Psychology

**Sasha Johnson**  
Miami, FL  
Psychology

**Melinda Sue Klotz**  
Plymouth, MN  
Criminal Justice  
*summa cum laude*

**Kathleen Joanne Lottsfeld**  
Stillwater, MN  
Criminal Justice

**Abby Marie Malecha**  
Braham, MN  
Psychology  
with distinction

**Madisen Hollie Rademacher**  
St. Paul, MN  
Psychology  
*magna cum laude*

**Chelly Ramon- Martinez**  
Fort Myers, FL  
Psychology  
with distinction

**William Ray II**  
Miami, FL  
Psychology

**Elizabeth Ann Roth**  
Council Bluffs, IA  
Family Science

**Karla Kae Schultz Stavlo**  
Wabasha, MN  
Family Science  
*summa cum laude*

**Jennifer Ruth Sutch**  
Aitkin, MN  
Psychology

**Alexandra Mary Van Heel**  
Psychology

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**Tacora Leeshae Taylor**  
Miami, FL  
Psychology

### **MASTER OF ARTS**

**Cherri Lynn Boller**  
Simpsonville, SC  
Family Science

**Kathleen Eng Chartrand**  
The Woodlands, TX  
Family Science

**Mariel Elizabeth Czech**  
Houston, TX  
Human Services

**Lauren David**  
St. Paul, MN  
Human Services

**Amanda Ashley Jahnke**  
Fort Worth, TX  
Family Science

**Jeanetta Pandora Lindo**  
Chicago, IL  
Criminal Justice Leadership

**Adam Scott-Schatzlein Meierding**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Criminal Justice Leadership

**Kennedy Navis**  
Eau Claire, WI  
Family Science

**Danielle Leah Perkins**  
Eau Claire, WI  
Human Services

**James Tate Ross**  
Blaine, MN  
Criminal Justice Leadership

**Alexandria Marie Stepka**  
New Prague, MN  
Criminal Justice Leadership  
Linda Ann Woodbury  
Long Beach, CA  
Family Science

## **College of Humanities & Social Sciences**

### **ASSOCIATE OF ARTS**

**Rebekah Mae Fraser**  
Baudette, MN  
General Studies

**Daisey Lynn-Marie Lewis**  
St. Paul, MN  
General Studies

### **BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**

**Steven Yang**  
Crystal, MN  
Graphic Design

## MASTER OF FINE ARTS

**Resa Danielle Delaney**  
Albertville, MN  
Creative Writing

**Sarah Harman**  
Iowa City, IA  
Creative Writing

## College of Education

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Kimberlee Asfahl**  
Kasson, MN  
Child Development

**Saffron Buettner**  
Grand Island, NE  
Child Development  
with high distinction

**Brittany Engelke-Affronti**  
Santa Rosa, CA  
Child Development

**Martha Isela Fagerlie**  
Blaine, MN  
Child Development  
*summa cum laude*

**Clara Michelle Gunter**  
Morgan Hill, CA  
Child Development  
*magna cum laude*

**Kayley Mercedes Indrehus**  
Savage, MN  
Child Development

**Amanda Rosemark**  
Isanti, MN  
Child Development  
with distinction

**Misty Sue Strube**  
Hico, TX  
Child Development  
*magna cum laude*

**Rocio Vasquez**  
Rochester MN  
Child Development

**Rachel Anne Westemeier**  
St. Michael  
Secondary Education  
*summa cum laude*

## MASTER OF ARTS TEACHING

**Catherine Jo Avakian**  
Eagan, MN  
Teaching

**Evelyn Latrice Boone**  
St. Paul, MN  
Teaching

**Sara Gorsuch**  
Ramsey, MN  
Teaching

**James Robert Mathison**  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Teaching

**Monica Mathison**  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Teaching

**Natalie Sandstrom**  
Lindstrom, MN  
Teaching

**Amanda Vesaas**  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Teaching

**Natalie Zobel**  
Eagan, MN  
Teaching

## MASTER OF ARTS

**Lalla Aisha Abdul-Jalaal**  
Washington, DC  
Education

**Dana Renee Abrams**  
St. Paul, MN  
Education

**Nimco Abdi Ali**  
Blaine, MN  
Education

**Cassandra Amos**  
Brooklyn, NY  
Education

**Evelyn Ruth Andrews**  
Owatonna, MN  
Special Education

**Melissa Becker**  
Education

**Terrin Leigh Boozikee**  
New Ulm, MN  
Education

**Meaghan Rose Burns**  
Lino Lakes, MN  
Education

**Randa Jo Carlson**  
Marion, ND  
Education

**Emily Joy Collette**  
Andover, MN  
Special Education

**David Charles Collova**  
Mahtomedi, MN  
Education

**Ellen Cooper**  
Maplewood, MN  
Education

**Rachel Utter Cornes**  
Education

**Totie DeVlaeminck**  
Minneota, MN  
Education

**Julie Ann Erlandsen**  
Carver, MN  
Education

**Brooke Esselman**  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Education

**Karissa Evans**  
Bemidji, MA  
Education

**Sadari Lashawn Evans**  
Chicago, IL  
Education

**Gabrielle Gerdes**  
Clara City, MN  
Special Education

**Sadie Gilberg**  
Duluth, MN  
Education

**Autumn Gill**  
Hortonville, WI  
Education

**Janet Marie Gromek**  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Education

**Karen Groth**  
Ogema, MN  
Education

**Christina Gudknecht**  
St. Cloud, MN  
Education

**Janae Harris**  
Anoka, MN  
Education

**Brittney Holle**  
Education

**Kaatrin Holmberg**  
Minnetonka, MN  
Education

**Nenah Kathleen Howard**  
Woodbury, MN  
Education

**Katryn Lynn James**  
Joplin, MO  
Education

**Joseph Jameson**  
Timonium, MD  
Education

**Katlyn Ann Janssen**  
Crookston, MN  
Education

**Haley Juricko**  
Eagan, MN  
Education

**Hilary Kampmeier**  
Chokio, MN  
Education

**Andrew Phillip Klaers**  
Loretto, MN  
Education

**Amy Koltes**  
Sartell, MN  
Education

**Erik Bruce Kottom**  
Hopkins, MN  
Education

**Abby Larshus**  
Bismarck, ND  
Education

**Miranda Lynne Larson**  
Special Education

**Austin James LeTexier**  
East Grand Forks, MN  
Education

**Justin Jermaine Lewis**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Education

**Sarah Lewis**  
Forest Lake, MN  
Special Education

**Jill Love**  
Brooklyn Park, MN  
Education

**Sarah Elizabeth Merchlewitz**  
Houston, MN  
Education

**Ginger Marie Montezon**  
Roseville, MN  
Education

**Amanda Niznik**  
Columbia Heights, MN  
Special Education

**Amy Osen**  
Blaine, MN  
Education

**Benjamin James Pieper**  
Education

**Carol Jean Prestegard**  
Hampton, MN  
Education

**Chrysteena Rene Saehler**  
Owatonna, MN  
Education

**Daniel Saehler**  
Iowa City, IA  
Education

**Thomas Sandman**  
Education

**Ellen Schafer**  
St. Paul, MN  
Education

**Mollie Rose Schellinger**  
West St. Paul, MN  
Education

**Ashley Schimmel**  
Becker, MN  
Education

**Kathryn Schott**  
Fargo, ND  
Education

**Emily Ann Seaberg**  
South St. Paul, MN  
Education

**Jeanetta Yvonne Searcy**  
Prior Lake, MN  
Education

**Mikala Erica Simon**  
Montgomery, MN  
Education

**Ellen M Skaja**  
Mahtomedi, MN  
Education

**Allison Smith**  
Rochester, MN  
Education

**Tu Lynn Sommerfeld**  
Crookston, MN  
Education

**Paige Elizabeth Specken**  
Hopkins, MN  
Education

**Bridget Suess**  
Hastings, MN  
Education

**Elizabeth Terry**  
Sultan, WA  
Education

**Megan Thorstad**  
Champlin, MN  
Special Education

**Laura Catherine Vaughan**  
Maple Grove, MN  
Education

**Troy Vaughn**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Education

**Kathrine Walter**  
Education

**Jonetta Ann Waters**  
New York City, NY  
Education

**Kayla Wester**  
Moscow, KS  
Education

**Sara Beth Wester**  
Randall, MN  
Education

## EDUCATION SPECIALIST

**Lorenzo Farley**  
St. Paul, MN  
School Administration

**Brittany Leigh Gladis**  
Rochester, MN  
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**Jenna Elizabeth Held**  
Cannon Falls, MN  
School Administration

**Talisha Jackson**  
St. Paul, MN  
School Administration

**Collin Lewis Katainen**  
Vadnais Heights, MN  
School Administration

**Emily Renner**  
Minneapolis, MN  
School Administration

**Carlottia Ruff**  
Detroit, MI  
School Administration

## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

**Andrew Fischer Beard**  
Educational Leadership

**Brian Christopher Boothe**  
Cottage Grove, MN  
Educational Leadership

**Claude Cassagne**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Educational Leadership

**Julie Ives Delich**  
Marietta, PA  
Educational Leadership

**Beatriz DeSantiago-Fjelstad**  
St. Paul, MN  
Educational Leadership

**Fatima Nouamane Lemtouni**  
St. Paul, MN  
Educational Leadership

**Matthew Martinez**  
New York City, NY  
Educational Leadership

**Tamara Jeanne Nuttall**  
Educational Leadership

**Darlene Faye Olson**  
Hastings, MN  
Educational Leadership

**Alicia Ponds**  
Clearwater, FL  
Educational Leadership

**Logan Schultz**  
Apple Valley, MN  
Educational Leadership

**Theresa Thao-Yang**  
Educational Leadership

**Gabriela Maria Theis**  
Navolato, Sinaloa  
Educational Leadership

**Stefanie Joy Whitney**  
Truman, MN  
Educational Leadership

*Saturday, May 1, 2021 — 2 p.m.*

**College of Business &  
Technology**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Carlos Andres Aguilera**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Management & Leadership  
*cum laude*

**Alexandra Ruth Barron**  
Lakeville, MN  
Management & Leadership  
*magna cum laude*

**Ryan Bayer**  
Ham Lake, MN  
Business  
*magna cum laude*

**Annjela Bhutia**  
Information Technology in Management

**David Burciaga**  
South St. Paul, MN  
Human Resource Management  
with high distinction

**Carrie Christenson**  
Faribault, MN  
Business  
with distinction

**Therese Collins**  
Roseville, MN  
Information Technology in Management

**Krystal Compher**  
Ham Lake, MN  
Management & Leadership  
with high distinction

**Shaun Austin Fitterer**  
Eagan, MN  
Marketing  
with high distinction

**Jennifer Victoria Flynn**  
Hastings MN  
Business  
*summa cum laude*

**Enrique Franco**  
Maple Grove, MN  
Business  
*magna cum laude*

**Charles Graupman**  
Cannon Falls, MN  
Management & Leadership  
*cum laude*

**Hannah Lynn Heath**  
Andover, MN  
Business Management

**Blia Vang Her**  
Wausau, WI  
Human Resource Management  
*cum laude*

**Denise Jordan**  
Business

**Russell Vince Kostreba**  
Elk River, MN  
Organizational Management &  
Leadership  
*summa cum laude*

**Florence Wambui Matonda**  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Business  
*summa cum laude*

**Asia Rae Mclaughlin**  
Portland, OR  
Business

**Leslie Sanchez Mesta**  
Faribault, MN  
Accounting

**Donna June Moe**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Human Resource Management

**Oscar Murillo Tovar**  
Columbus Junction, IA  
Management & Leadership

**Bryan Joseph Nash**  
Plymouth, MN  
Business

**Lydia Olund**  
North Branch, MN  
Business

**Bryce Oslund**  
Lakeville, MN  
Marketing

**Amal Osman**  
Mankato, MN  
Accounting

**Marco Antonio Parra Larios**  
Human Resource Management

**Emily Peterson**  
Rosemount, MN  
Marketing  
*summa cum laude*

**Anthony David McDonough Rees**  
Woodbury, MN  
Business  
with high distinction

**Robin E. Riley**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Information Technology in Management

**Melissa Sue Scalora**  
Bloomington, MN  
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So I wish you every success in your chosen calling, but most of all I pray that all your knowledge and achievements will be ordered and draw meaning from the wisdom that shines forth from God's love in Jesus Christ.

May the adventure of such wisdom and faith guide and brighten each day of your life.

Yours in Christ,

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