The First Commencement

The following is excerpted from University of the Northern Plains, the history of the University of North Dakota written by Louis G. Geiger and published in 1958 as part of the University's 75th anniversary celebration.

A major milestone in student affairs, as well as in the University's history, was the graduation of the first college class in 1889. A faculty committee was appointed in February to plan the exercises. In April the student body met and chose the school colors, the pink and green of the prairie rose, "suggestive of our green prairies and rosy prospects." On June 13, a cool, fair day, the ceremony began at ten o'clock in the University assembly hall, which had been decorated with flags and flowers and a large "89" centerpiece. A capacity crowd of students and spectators (perhaps as many as 250) was on hand as the graduates — "the ladies … dressed in white" and "the gentlemen … neatly attired" — marched to their places on the stage to the accompaniment of music by W. W. Hall's Cadet Band. Special guests were the Regents, H. M. Mellette, governor of the Territory, several other territorial officials [North Dakota did not attain statehood until November 2, 1889], and Nehemiah Ordway, who as governor had signed the organic act of the University. [President Homer B.] Sprague presided and introduced the speakers. Mellette observed that it was a "Red River letter day." Ordway spoke with pride and feeling on the University's founding. One of the Regents relieved the occasion with a touch of unconscious humor when he explained: "As to the faculty we have done the best we could with the money at hand." Following the official commemoration of the occasion, the main part of the program began; there were essays and orations presented by each of the eight graduates, six from the college and two from the four-year normal course; Frances M. Allen (B.A.), Clinton S. DeGroat (B.S.), Ben E. Ingwaldson (B.S.), Cora Smith (B.S.), Marie Teel (B.S.), May Travis (B.A.), and Genevieve Arnold and Irene Mares (normal certificates). The orations, on current as well as literary and moral subjects, were printed in full in the Grand Forks newspapers.

Three of the college graduates were from Grand Forks; none had come from farther than Hillsboro. Not one had been born in North Dakota; Ben Ingwaldson had been born in Norway. In the class of 1890, of seven college graduates, four were from Grand Forks, three were women, and six took the science degree. A considerable proportion of the early graduates entered medicine, law, or teaching. Cora Smith, a member of the first class, took a degree in medicine at Boston University; Mary Crans of the second class completed the course in dentistry at the University of Michigan. Ben Ingwaldson went on to the University of Minnesota law school. North Dakota's first appointee to West Point, Joseph Travis, graduated in the class of 1890.
THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
PRESIDENT MARK R. KENNEDY, PRESIDING

2018 SUMMER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
3:00 P.M., FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, CHESTER FRITZ AUDITORIUM

The Order of Exercises

PRELUDE MUSIC .........................................................Brent Hermans

PROCessional .................................................. “Pomp and Circumstance”
Brent Hermans
Please stand during the Processional

“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” ............................................. Haley Olson

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS ...... President Mark R. Kennedy

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION ........ Casey Ryan, SBHE Member

REMARKS .................................................................President Mark R. Kennedy

CONFERRING OF
ACADEMIC DEGREES ................................ President Mark R. Kennedy
David Tack, Proctor
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ALUMNI GREETINGS ...........................................DeAnna Carlson Zink
UND Alumni Association and Foundation

“ALMA MATER” .............................................................. The Assemblage
Haley Olson, Song Leader

RECESSIONAL ................................................................. Brent Hermans

Alma Mater
Hail to thee, O Alma Mater!
Hail to thee with heart and tongue!
Pride we feel and love yet greater
While we raise our grateful song.
Home of lofty thought and learning,
Beacon o’er our western land,
Shrine whence still the everburning
Torch is passed from hand to hand.
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Alicia Kyren Andes
Biology
Dissertation: Evaluation of Nest Fate Classification, Research Activities and Nesting Behaviors of Least Terns and Piping Plovers on the Missouri River
Advisor: Susan Ellis-Felege

Julio Brionez
Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: The Impact of Implicit Attitudes on Behavioral Intentions to Prevent Suicide
Advisor: Rachel Navarro

Eric Elias Castle
Earth System Science & Policy
Dissertation: Health Aspects of Community Engaged Natural Play Space Planning, Design and Implementation
Advisor: Rebecca Romsdahl

Lauren Elise Chapple
Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: Characteristics of Individuals who Participate in Autoerotic Asphyxiation Practices: An Exploratory Study
Advisor: Cindy Juntenen

Shari Lynn Daniels
Teaching and Learning
Dissertation: Teacher-Writer Perceptions on the Essence of Writing: Influences, Identity and Habits of Mind to Sustain a Writing Life
Advisor: Pamela Beck

Bethany Anne Davis
Biochemistry
Dissertation: The Involvement of Polyol Pathway in Hyperglycemia and Cadmium Toxicity in the Establishment of Diabetic Nephropathy
Advisor: Seema Somji

Erica Kay Dolinar
Atmospheric Sciences
Advisor: Xiquan Dong

Sara Elizabeth Dupree
English
Dissertation: Wild and Domestic: Short Stories
Advisor: Patrick Henry & Christopher Nelson

Sara Franceen Edel
Criminal Justice
Dissertation: "Representative Bureaucracy" in Police Hiring Practices: A Case Study of a Diverse Police Agency
Advisor: Michael Meyer

Antonia Kristin Forbes
Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: Critical Counseling Competencies for the English-Speaking Caribbean
Advisor: Ashley Hutchison

Jason M. Hicks
Chemistry
Dissertation: Computational Studies of Oxides Relevant to Clean Energy, Catalytic Processing of Renewables, and Biological Systems
Advisor: Mark R. Hoffmann

Sheryl Ann Holter Vogel
Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: Examining the Relationship between Technology Usage and Objective Assessments of Impulsivity and Cognitive Performance in Young Adults
Advisor: Francis Richard Ferraro

Sandanuwan Prasad Kalawila Vithanage
Physics
Dissertation: Exploring Star Formation in Cluster Galaxies
Advisor: Wayne Barkhouse

Peter Leo Knopick
Microbiology
Dissertation: Staphylococcal Enterotoxins G and I Elicit Long-Term Anti-Tumor Responses in HLA-DQ8 a & Transgenic Mice
Advisor: David Bradley

Hamzat Amoussa Koriko
Educational Foundations & Research
Dissertation: The Case of the Missing Girl: Exploring Sex-Selective Abortion Through Ethnodrama
Advisor: Marcus Weaver-Hightower

Rachel Amy Kramer
Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: Yoga as an Intervention Among College Students: Measuring Changes in Body Dissatisfaction, Disordered Eating, Self-Compassion, and Experiential Avoidance
Advisor: Francis Richard Ferraro

Kathryn Ashley LaBore
Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: Yes Means Yes, but does it Work?: An Empirical Investigation of Affirmative Consent Policies on Heterosexual Sexual Assault Scenarios
Advisor: Kara Wettersten

Andrew Patrick Leonard
Aerospace Sciences
Dissertation: The Impact of Pre-Entry Attributes and College Experiences on Degree Attainment for Students in a Collegiate Flight Program
Advisor: Elizabeth Bjerke

Nnenna Irene Lindsay
Petroleum Engineering
Dissertation: Microstructures and Nanomechanical Properties of The Bakken Shale
Advisor: Mehdi Ostadhassan

Carissa Ann Malevich
Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: The Effect of Sexually Objectifying Media and Social Threat on Sexual Coercion
Advisor: Ashley Hutchison

Victoria Morrisette
Higher Education
Dissertation: Women Engineering Majors’ Choice to Stay: A Phenomenological Exploration of Persistence Experiences
Advisor: Joshua Michael Cohen

Lindsey Marie Morrissey
Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: A Grounded Theory Approach to Defining Emotional Infidelity Among Mid-Career Women in Monogamous, Cross-Sex Relationships
Advisor: Kara Wettersten

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Chemical Engineering
Dissertation: Modeling of Detonations Using Scenarios with Hydrogen as a Fuel
Advisor: Gautham Krishnamoorthy

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Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: The Long-Term Effects of Parental Military Deployment on Perceived Parent/Child Relationship Quality
Advisor: Cindy Juntenen
Doctor of Philosophy, continued

Laurie Elizabeth Pierce  
*Nursing*  
Dissertation: Exploring the Experiences of African American Nurses: An Emancipatory Inquiry  
Advisor: Gayle Roux

Royleen Joan Ross  
*Clinical Psychology*  
Dissertation: *v* American Indian Biculturalism Inventory - Pueblo  
Advisor: Douglas J. McDonald

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*Biochemistry*  
Dissertation: RPC1-mediated Ca2+ Entry Regulates Metabolism by Modulating Adipose Differentiation, Autophagy and Adiponectin Secretion  
Advisor: Brij Singh

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*Biomedical Sciences*  
Dissertation: The Effects of 27-Hydroxycholesterol and Palmitic Acid on Parkinson’s Disease-like Pathology  
Advisor: Othman Ghribi

Swojani Shrestha  
*Biochemistry*  
Advisor: Somji Seema

Madina Renatovna Sultanova  
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Dissertation: Automatic Approach to Morphological Classification of Galaxies with Analysis of Galaxy Populations in Clusters  
Advisor: Wayne Barkhouse

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Dissertation: The Impact of Stellar Convection Criteria on Population III Supernovae Nucleosynthesis  
Advisor: Timothy Young

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Dissertation: To “Own Yourself a Little More”: Afropolitan Feminism in Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie’s *Americanah*  
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Marnie Marie Wetzstein  
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## Bachelor of Science in Nursing
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- Anna Marie Zoller
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## School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Joshua Wynne, Dean

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- Jodi Marie Olson
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- Karla Rae Diehn
  - Medical Laboratory Science
- Matthew Steven Sprague
  - Medical Laboratory Science
- Colton Steven Wolf
  - Medical Laboratory Science

## College of Education and Human Development
Cindy Juntunen, Dean

## Bachelor of Science in Education
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  - Early Childhood Education
- Charley L. Garmaker
  - Early Childhood Education

## Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology
- Jacob A. Becker
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- Savanna LynneRae Buskness **
  - Kinesiology
- Elizabeth Nicole Smith
  - Kinesiology

## Bachelor of Science in Public Health Education
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  - Public Health Education

## Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation & Human Services
- Carissa Ann Fahey
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### Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

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  Chemical Engineering
- Candance Dawn Canerday  
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- Nicole Marie Eisenschenk  
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  Chemical Engineering
- Nicholas Clay Lander  
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- Nicholas N. Njuguna  
  Chemical Engineering
- Bryan Owen  
  Chemical Engineering
- Brandon Phillip Severson  
  Chemical Engineering
- Natalie Marie Stjernen  
  Chemical Engineering
- Edita Margot Tello  
  Chemical Engineering

### Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

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  Computer Science
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  Computer Science
- Matthew W. Watson  
  Computer Science

### Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

- William Joseph Kayser  
  Electrical Engineering
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  Electrical Engineering
- Tate Anthony Messmer  
  Electrical Engineering
- Cyrus Ahmed Morshed  
  Electrical Engineering
- Gabriel Ruiz  
  Electrical Engineering
- Christopher L. Turner  
  Electrical Engineering

### Bachelor of Science in Engineering

- Will N. Brandenberger  
  Geological Engineering
- Daniel Joseph Sprengelmeyer  
  Geological Engineering
- Merry Desalegn Tesfu  
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### Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

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- **Jeffrey S. Widner**  
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### Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

- **Sarah E. Reagen**  
  Chemistry

### Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies

- **Alexander Thomas Kenemore**  
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- **Bailey Jo Long**  
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### Bachelor of Science in Geology

- **Aric B. Roth**  
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  Fisheries & Wildlife Biology

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• Denotes cum laude  
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See description on page 14
• The individual is the first or last to receive a degree in the graduation ceremony, the conferring of that degree is a very special event for every graduate and family. To this end, it is requested that everyone remain seated until the conclusion of the commencement ceremony.

• Share your experience at graduation by tagging your Instagram or Twitter posts with #UNDproud. Your post my appear on UND.edu!

• The University has contracted the services of Lifetouch Special Events Photography for all commencement ceremonies. This service will provide each graduate with two photos, a photo taken when accepting congratulations from the President, and a second, posed photo taken after leaving the stage.

  Graduates will receive a message sent to their official UND e-mail address containing a link to the commencement photo proofs. There is no obligation to purchase photographs.

  Go to the events.lifetouch.com/UND for information about commencement photographs.

  Contact Lifetouch Special Events with any questions at specialevents@lifetouch.com, by calling 800.505.9496, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST, or on their Web site events.lifetouch.com/about/contactus.aspx.

• UND provides a live video stream of commencement to allow family and friends to participate in commencement, even if they cannot attend in person. The stream, will begin about 2:50 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, August 3. The ceremony begins at 3:00 p.m.

  The stream is available on:
  * UND’s Website (www.und.edu)
  * UND Facebook page

  If you have trouble seeing the video, you can chat with tech support at http://www1.und.edu/uit/ (scroll down to find the chat link) or call 701-777-2222.

An archived video will be available after August 8th for free download: https://vimeo.com/281836099
**Academic Pageantry**

The pageantry of American colleges and universities, including such ceremonies as commencement, has been inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries. Academic life as it is known today began in the Middle Ages, first in the church and then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, in which the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility.

The ceremony you will witness today will be less formal than would have been the case even two decades ago. Still, many traditions have continued. To maintain continuity with the past, University of North Dakota faculty, the stage officials and the degree candidates will wear academic dress.

Principal features of academic garb are the gown, cap and hood. Early it became necessary for universities to set rules to preserve the dignity and meaning of academic dress. Both Cambridge and Oxford since the 15th century have made academic dress a matter of university control even to its minor details, and have repeatedly published revised regulations. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1895.

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**The Mace**

The mace was initially modeled after a 12th century implement of war. In earlier days, the mace, or heavy staff, was borne by or carried before a magistrate or other dignitary as an ensign of authority. A mace is placed as the symbol of royal authority on the treasury table in the British House of Commons at the opening of each session and is removed at its close. In the U.S. House or Representatives, it is a rather plain staff mounted in a marble pedestal at the right hand of the Speaker. The mace of the University of North Dakota symbolizes authority to carry out its mission, especially the granting of degrees. Made from the oak of the University’s first building, “Old Main,” the mace is carried by a marshal during academic processions and is placed at a prominent spot on the stage during commencement.

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**The Medallion**

A medallion or seal of office worn by the head of an educational institution is a practice that also dates to the Middle Ages. In those times, a medallion or seal of office worn by the head of an educational institution is a practice that also dates to the Middle Ages. The wearing of the seal eventually became a symbol of authority. One side of the medallion worn by the president bears an engraving of the University’s official seal and the names of all former presidents are included on the chain of office.

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**The Charter**

The University of North Dakota was founded six years before North Dakota became a state. The original, handwritten charter, enacted in 1883 by the Dakota Territorial Assembly, is preserved in UND’s archives. One facsimile is displayed in the President’s Office and another is used at commencements and other special occasions.

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**The University Flag**

The University flag features the UND flame logo set on a white background. The flag is used at ceremonial events and is carried by the honorary faculty flag marshal to lead the commencement procession. The flag is displayed on the stage during the commencement ceremony along with the mace and charter.

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**The Awarding of Degrees**

The awarding of degrees and academic distinctions listed in this program is contingent upon successful completion of the various program requirements.

Commencement ceremonies at UND are planned through the Office of Ceremonies and University Events in the Division of University and Public Affairs.

The University of North Dakota is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

For more information on equal opportunity policies and procedures, see UND catalogs and other major printed pieces.
Approved Academic Honor Cords and Stoles

Students who are members of the following honor societies will be wearing these adornments to their regalia:

- **Alpha Phi Sigma** — National Criminal Justice Honor Society; blue and gold cords
- **Beta Alpha Psi** — International Academic Honor Society for Accounting Majors; red and white cords
- **Beta Gamma Sigma** — Honor Society accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International; worn by students and faculty members; blue and gold cords
- **Epsilon Pi Tau** — National Academic Honor Society for Technology; blue, gold and white cords
- **Gamma Sigma Alpha** — National Academic Honor Society for Greek Members; red and yellow cords
- **Gamma Theta Upsilon** — International Honor Society in Geography; blue, brown and gold cords
- **Golden Key International Honor Society** — royal blue and gold cords
- **IEEE - Eta Kappa Nu** — Honor Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; gold cords with red/blue tassel
- **Mortar Board** — National Honor Society; silver and gold cords
- **National Residence Hall Honorary** — blue and silver cords
- **National Society of Collegiate Scholars** — recognizing outstanding academic achievement and involvement on campus; gold and burgundy cords
- **Order of Omega** — National Leadership Academic Honor Society for Greek Members; gold and white cords
- **Phi Alpha** — National Social Work Honor Society; gold cord
- **Phi Alpha Theta** — History Honor Society; red and blue cords
- **Phi Beta Kappa** — National Scholarship Honor Society for Liberal Arts and Sciences; pink and blue cords
- **Phi Eta Sigma** — Honor Society for First Year Students; black and gold cords
- **Pi Alpha Alpha** — National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration; light blue and gold cords
- **Pi Kappa Lambda** — National Music Honor Society; gold and white cords
- **Pi Theta Epsilon** — National Occupational Therapy Society; blue and gold cords
- **Psi Chi** — Psychology Honor Society; platinum and navy cords
- **Sigma Gamma Epsilon** — National Honor Society for Earth Sciences; gold, blue and silver cords
- **Sigma Pi Sigma** — National Honor Society for Physics; green and white cords
- **Sigma Tau Delta** — National Society for English representing high achievement in English language, literature, and writing; Cardinal red and black double strand cords
- **Sigma Theta Tau** — International Honor Society for Nursing; purple and white cords
- **Tau Beta Pi** — National Engineering Honor Society; white/orange cords
- **Tau Sigma** — Transfer Student Honor Society; maroon and gold cords
- **Theta Alpha Kappa** — National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology; red cords
- **Upsilon Pi Epsilon** — International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines; maroon/white cords

Non-Academic Recognition Cords

**UND Legacy Cords**

Legacy students will be honored with a green, pink and white cord to recognize the connection they share with their family members who have graduated before them. Students with UND graduates in their family history (parents, step-parents or grandparents) are considered legacies.

**Veteran and Military**

Veterans who are graduating from UND and students who serve in the military will be wearing red, white and blue cords to honor them for their service to our country.

**First Generation Cords**

Students who are the first in their immediate family to graduate with a four-year degree from a college or university are recognized and honored at UND. The multi-colored cord they are wearing represents growth/new beginnings (green) and wisdom/confidence (blue).

Multicultural Symbols

- American Indian students graduating today may wear any of several pieces of traditional American Indian regalia including an eagle feather considered sacred and attached to their mortar board tassel representing honesty, truth, courage and wisdom; beadwork representing their tribal or individual cultural designs on top of the mortar board, or traditional clothing/regalia under their gown.
- Woven cloths representing traditional patterns and designs signifying a graduate’s cultural heritage may be worn during the commencement ceremony.
- Hawaiian and Polynesian leis made from flower, vines, or leaves maybe worn by students leaving UND as symbols of good luck, affection and appreciation.

Student Honor Medallions

Honor Medallions are worn by candidates for the bachelor’s degree who have at least 50 graded hours from the University of North Dakota and achieve a scholastic average of 3.50 (cum laude), 3.70 (magna cum laude), and 3.90 (summa cum laude) in courses completed at the University of North Dakota. For the purpose of the commencement program and publication, honors are based on the UND grade point average at the end of the previously completed term. Once final semester grades are recorded and the degree has been cleared by the college, grade point averages are recalculated and final graduation honors are recorded to the transcript and diploma.
A tradition since the early years of the University of North Dakota, students serve as marshals and ushers for commencement exercises. They are selected primarily on the basis of academic excellence.

**Grand Marshal**
Zachary Kretchmar

**Charter Marshal**
Alyssa Hegerman

**Candidates Marshal**
Ananth Ramaseri

A UND faculty member, chosen from the ranks of the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors carries the University flag and leads the commencement procession.

The Faculty Flag Marshal at today’s ceremony is Dr. Alena Kubátová, Professor of Chemistry. Dr. Alena Kubátová joined UND in 2000 and was awarded a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professorship in 2018. She received her Master’s and Ph.D. degrees at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic.

Throughout her 18 years at UND she has been involved in research and teaching with high commitment to work with students. She brought significant funding to UND in both research and scholarship programs (> $1.5M), spearheading the work of faculty teams. Her research areas are diverse, covering a wide range of intertwined renewable and environmental applications resulting in over 70 peer reviewed publications. Her work in atmospheric chemistry focusing on particulate matter may find connections to the sources of particles from biomass processing, either natural or industrial. At the same time her research is also contributing to the development of new environmentally friendly recyclable materials.
The Chester Fritz Distinguished Professorships were established with an endowment gift from the late UND benefactor Chester Fritz, 1892-1983. Revenue from the endowment provides for cash stipends to one or more full-time UND faculty members, who thereafter may use the title “Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor.” Nominations are solicited from members of the V.P.A.A. Academic Cabinet and the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors; these are evaluated by a committee chaired by the graduate dean and composed of three Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors and faculty representatives from each academic college not represented by a Fritz Professor. The recommendations are reviewed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and forwarded to the President for final decision.

Chester Fritz attended UND from 1908 to 1910. He became an international trader in precious metals and lived most of his life in China and Europe. In establishing the endowment for the professorships — just one of his many gifts to UND — as an “investment in the future of my Alma Mater and of the people who make the future what it shall be.” He added, “I am especially indebted to the fine teachers who, in the end, have determined in large measure, how well I was able to learn and to use the knowledge that the University of North Dakota could provide.”

Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors currently serving on the faculty include:

- Holly Brown-Borg, Basic Sciences
- Sharon Carson, English
- Colin Combs, Biomedical Sciences
- F. Richard Ferraro, Psychology
- Michael J. Gaffey, Space Studies
- Jonathan Geiger, Basic Sciences
- William D. Gosnold Jr., Geology & Geological Engineering
- Birgit Hans, Indian Studies
- Joseph Hartman, Geology and Geological Engineering
- Mark R. Hoffmann, Chemistry
- Gordon Iseminger, History
- Cindy L. Juntunen, Counseling
- Alena Kubátová, Chemistry
- Michael Mann, Chemical Engineering
- James Mochoruk, History
- Thomas Mohr, Physical Therapy
- Myrna R. Olson, Teaching and Learning
- Thomas V. Petros, Psychology
- Michael Poellot, Atmospheric Sciences
- Wayne Seames, Chemical Engineering
- Mary Ann Sens, Pathology
- William F. Sheridan, Biology
- Roxanne Vaughan, Basic Sciences
- Jack Weinstein, Philosophy and Religion
- Michael Wittgraf, Music
- Stephen A. Wonderlich, Psychiatry and Behavioral Science

Former faculty members who were honored with Fritz Professorships include:

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- James Antes, Psychology
- Michael C. Beard, English
- Robert Beck (deceased), Law
- Richard Beringer, History
- William V. Borden (deceased), English
- Edward C. Carlson, Basic Sciences
- William E. Cornatzer (deceased), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Richard D. Crawford, Biology
- Kenneth J. Dawes, Social Work
- Sandra Donaldson, English
- Manuchair Ebadi (deceased), Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics, and Clinical Neuroscience
- Ronald C. Engle, Theatre Arts
- Albert J. Fivizzani, Biology
- Mary Lou S. Fuller, Elementary Education
- Elizabeth Hampsten, English
- David Hein, Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Carla Wulf Hess, Communication Disorders
- Richard L. Hill (deceased), Educational Administration
- Warren Jensen, Aviation
- Harvey Knall, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- David O. Lambeth, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Richard G. Landry, Educational Measurements and Statistics
- Diane K. Langemo, Nursing Practice and Development
- Donald K. Lemon, Educational Leadership
- Robert W. Lewis (deceased), English
- Frank Low (deceased), Anatomy
- Richard L. Ludtke, Sociology
- Roger Melvold, Microbiology and Immunology
- James E. Mitchell, Psychiatry and Behavioral Science
- Robert C. Nordlie (deceased), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Lewis K. Oring, Biology
- Leon F. Osborne (deceased), Atmospheric Sciences
- Surendra S. Parmar, Physiology
- Brian O. Paulsen, Art
- Russell Peterson (deceased), Education
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- Paul D. Ray (deceased), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
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- Santhosh K. Seelan, Space Studies
- Donald E. Severson, Chemical Engineering
- Brij Singh, Basic Sciences
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- Jeffrey L. Stith, Atmospheric Sciences
- Kathleen A. Tiemann, Sociology
- D. Jerome Tweton, History
- Stephen K. Wikel, Microbiology and Immunology
- Sharon C. Wilsnack, Psychiatry and Behavioral Science
- Charles A. Wood, Space Studies
- Kevin D. Young, Microbiology and Immunology
### Honorary Degrees Awarded

Honorary degrees have long been awarded by institutions of higher learning to recognize lives of achievement. In 1909 UND presented its first honorary degree, a Doctor of Laws, to Webster Merrifield, who served the University for 25 years, including 18 as its third president.

Honorary degrees from UND particularly recognize those with an association with the University or with the state and region; they also have been presented to such notables as philosopher Mortimer Adler, heart surgeon Michael DeBakey and President John F. Kennedy.

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Michael DeBakey and President John F. Kennedy.
The ceremonial mace was first a practical weapon intended to protect the king and borne by the Sergeants-at-Arms, a royal bodyguard. The history of the civic mace begins about the middle of the 13th century. Since about the 15th century, universities have displayed a mace as a symbol of both internal authority and the independence of the scholarly tradition.

The mace of the University of North Dakota came into being at the direction of George W. Starcher, president from 1954 to 1971. In 1963 he approached Alvin Rudisill, chairman of the Industrial Arts Department, with the idea of creating a mace with materials from “Old Main,” UND’s first building. Condemned for decades for its severe structural deficiencies, Old Main was being demolished as administrative offices had moved to the newly completed Twamley Hall.

Rudisill turned to one of his students, Dennis Kulas, who was also pursuing a minor in art. Kulas crafted a mace in wood and then a second, when some thought the first might be too heavy for ceremonial use. The first one is the mace that has been carried at the front of all commencement ceremonies since.

Kulas explained the artistic ideas he incorporated into his design:

“The theme used for making the mace was like a drop of water falling into a body of water, its effects sending out ripples throughout the water. Likewise, a little learning affects everyone by sending out knowledge to all four corners of the Earth, hence the design. The globe: symbolizing the Earth. The rings: symbolizing a drop of knowledge ever spreading throughout the Earth. The four spikes: emphasizing the four corners of the Earth.”

The second mace used the same theme, but the globe was hollowed out to make it lighter by using recessed rings.
UND HISTORY

With help from more than 150,000 proud alumni, UND’s traditions have endured for more than a century. Our history is colorful and diverse. From educators to political leaders and astronauts, our alumni credit UND for their successes. Here are some facts:

- UND was founded in 1883 by the Dakota Territorial Assembly – six years before North Dakota became a state.

- The cornerstone for Old Main – UND’s first building and where the Eternal Flame in the Old Main Memorial Plaza now stands – was laid in the fall of 1883.

- As part of its evolution into a full-fledged, multi-purpose University, UND added research and the instruction of graduate students (the first master’s degree was awarded in 1895) before the end of the 19th century.

- Four faculty members met the 11 students who entered the University on opening day, September 8, 1884.

- Three U.S. Presidents have visited campus: Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan.

- The first class of eight students graduated on June 13, 1889.

- Unlike most state institutions of higher education west of the Mississippi, UND did not begin as an agricultural school or as a teachers college. It was organized initially as a College of Arts & Sciences, with a Normal School for the education of teachers.

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Like our founders, we believe that no obstacle is too big and no challenge is too great. Throughout our long history, we have faced our fair share of challenges, but each time we’ve come back stronger. In times of adversity, we come together and keep fighting. For us, persistence pays off.

Our eternal flame represents our resilience. No matter how frigid winters are, our eternal flame is always lit and always moving, bending to the winds of change, but never surrendering to it. It reminds us of those who came before us, and the future that lies before all who pass through our doors.

Now, the torch has been passed to you. Together, let’s ignite the future.
Congratulations and Best Wishes

The University of North Dakota 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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