

Metropolitan
State University



**107th
Commencement
Exercises**

December 12, 2020



President's Greeting



Thank you all for being part of one of Metropolitan State University's most memorable commencement celebrations. Not even a global pandemic can interfere with our joy and pride in your academic accomplishments.

On behalf of our entire university community, I offer my warmest congratulations to our graduates who are participating in our 107th commencement ceremony. As Metropolitan State builds on 49 years of service to Minnesota, we have 49,230 alumni contributing to the vibrant life of the Twin Cities Metropolitan region and to our state. We are proud of our rich heritage, and we are ready to embrace the future.

Metropolitan State University serves as the public, urban, comprehensive university whose primary mission is to make an excellent, engaging and inclusive learning experience accessible for all learners. We promote the social mobility of our students and their families and instill the importance of community and civic engagement in our graduates.

We pursue our mission in partnership with the extended Metropolitan State community—students and their families, resident and community faculty members, staff, alumni, our Foundation, the Minnesota Legislature, philanthropic institutions, the business community, local government agencies, and neighborhood organizations—to deliver the educational programs that build strong communities in a world economy. Thank you for being part of this proud partnership, and part of today's ceremony.

*Virginia "Ginny" Arthur, JD
President*



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Interim Dean, Community Studies
and Public Affairs

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and Institutional Research,
Chief Information Officer

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Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts

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Operations and Student Affairs

Dr. Kyle Swanson
Dean, College of Sciences

Dr. Charles Tedder
Interim Dean, College of Individualized Studies

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made possible by the Center for Accessibility Resources.*





10 a.m. Program

Prelude and Processional

Welcome Dr. Amy Gort
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic and Student Affairs

Ms. Virginia “Ginny” Arthur, JD
President

Greetings Mr. Jay Cowles, Chair,
Minnesota State Board of Trustees

Dr. Matthew Filner, President,
Inter-Faculty Organization

Ms. Kasey Fox,
Metropolitan State University Student
Association Board Member

Emeriti Dr. Amy Gort
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic and Student Affairs

Outstanding Students Dr. Amy Gort
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic and Student Affairs

Student Address Ms. Anna Lehn,
President’s Outstanding Student Recipient,
School of Urban Education
Graduate

Presentation of Degree Candidates Dr. Amy Gort
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic and Student Affairs



10 a.m. Program *continued*

*Presentation of Degree Candidates
(continued)*

Graduate Programs

Doctor of Business Administration
Master of Business Administration
Master of Management Information Systems
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
Master of Science in Technical Communication
Master of Science in Computer Science

School of Urban Education

Dr. Timothy Berry, Interim Dean
Bachelor of Science

College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Doug Rossinow, Interim Dean
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science

College of Sciences

Dr. Kyle Swanson, Dean
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Applied Science

College of Management

Dr. Rassule Hadidi, Dean
Bachelor of Applied Science
Bachelor of Science

Conferring of Degrees

Ms. Virginia “Ginny” Arthur, JD
President

Closing

Ms. Virginia “Ginny” Arthur, JD
President



Outstanding Students–10 a.m. Program

College of Liberal Arts

Undergraduate Recipient

Anthony VanDenEinde

Undergraduate Finalists

Jasmine Raymond

Jennifer Mukarram

Sarah Xiong

Graduate Recipient

Christina Ricke

College of Management

Undergraduate Recipient

Naomi Jackson

Undergraduate Finalists

Cody Arnold

Maria Hernandez Becerra

Derrek Hall

Sanaa Syed Ali Hussain

Mohamed Mohamud

Joseph Nelson

Graduate Recipient

Maria A. Jollie

College of Sciences

Undergraduate Recipient

Eliahou “Eli” Maruani

School of Urban Education

Undergraduate Recipient

Nathan C. Bautista

Undergraduate Finalists

Oscar Espinoz Cortes

Leonel Meja-Toribio

Keng Xiong

Graduate Recipient

Anna Lehn

Graduate Finalist

Therese O’Meara



1 p.m. Program

Prelude and Processional

Welcome Dr. Amy Gort
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic and Student Affairs

Ms. Virginia “Ginny” Arthur, JD
President

Greetings Mr. Jay Cowles, Chair,
Minnesota State Board of Trustees

Dr. Matthew Filner, President,
Inter-Faculty Organization

Ms. Kasey Fox,
Metropolitan State University Student
Association Board Member

Emeriti Dr. Amy Gort
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic and Student Affairs

Outstanding Students Dr. Amy Gort
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic and Student Affairs

Student Address Mr. Avraham Aharoni,
President’s Outstanding Student Recipient,
College of Individualized Studies
Undergraduate

Presentation of Degree Candidates Dr. Amy Gort
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic and Student Affairs



1 p.m. Program *continued*

*Presentation of Degree Candidates
(continued)*

Graduate Programs

Doctor of Nursing Practice
Master of Science in Nursing
Master of Advocacy and Political Leadership
Master of Public and Nonprofit Administration
Master of Arts in Psychology
Master of Nonprofit Leadership and Management
Master of Public Administration
Master of Science in Co-occurring Disorders
 Recovery Counseling
Master of Individualized and
 Interdisciplinary Studies

College of Community Studies and Public Affairs

Dr. Ajay Panicker, Interim Dean

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Applied Science
Bachelor of Human Services
Bachelor of Social Work

College of Individualized Studies

Dr. Charles Tedder, Interim Dean

Bachelor of Arts

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Dr. Doris Hill, Dean

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Conferring of Degrees

Ms. Virginia “Ginny” Arthur, JD
 President

Closing

Ms. Virginia “Ginny” Arthur, JD
 President



Outstanding Students–1 p.m. Program

College of Community Studies and Public Affairs

Undergraduate Recipient

Jasmine Hornbrook

Undergraduate Finalists

Carla Coates

Richard Taylor

Alexandra Wieber

Graduate Recipient

William D. Leaver

Graduate Finalists

Margo Britten

Julie Hickock

Linh Nguyen

Urias Tombekai

Linda Tran

Jenny Xiong

College of Individualized Studies

Undergraduate Recipient

Avraham Aharoni

Undergraduate Finalists

Lloyd Abrahams

Mubi Mandondo Blaise

Leah Crosby

Angela Keen

Tahanee Madison

Heather Paulsen

Brian Peterson

Donovan Solbreken

Margaret E. Zopelis

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Undergraduate Recipient

Maxwell Afram

Undergraduate Finalists

Jess Hall

Mariah Johnson

Catherine Onwuegbule

Mary Olufunmilola Rotimi

Graduate Recipient

Tommy Reyes

Graduate Finalists

Mary Kimlinger

Zeddy Mobagi

Anna Nordlund

Kelsey Shaw



Emeriti



Birtukan Abebe, Advisor Emerita

In her 20 years as an advisor, primarily for the Computer Science and Cybersecurity Department (CSC), Birtukan “Birt” Abebe has modelled a patient, calm approach to her work that has put both advisees and colleagues at ease. Her vast institutional knowledge and supportiveness render her as valuable an asset for faculty as she is for the advisees she works with.

In the words of her CSC colleagues, Abebe “often volunteers to take on advisees who are being advised by faculty and are having academic difficulty. Her calm, unflappable demeanor goes hand-in-hand with her patience to make her an excellent advisor. This is especially amazing given that she regularly has more than 500 advisees. We have no idea how she does this!”

As a mentor to faculty, Abebe also shines. New faculty always note her thoroughness in imparting what it takes to be an effective faculty advisor. In this endeavor, she is assisted by her encyclopedic knowledge and understanding of relevant institutional policies and procedures. Here too, Abebe’s deep well of patience is of great help, as instructing faculty can be an equally challenging task to advising students.

Abebe’s work has not only been lauded and noticed by her College of Sciences and CSC colleagues, of course. In 2016, she was recognized by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees, receiving the system’s Professional Excellence in Service Award. That same year, Abebe was awarded Metropolitan State’s Excellence in Advising Award.

More than her professionalism, advising acumen, and knowledge, however, Abebe’s colleagues in CSC will miss a department member who is “always cheerful, supportive of our work, and lends a hand whenever she can. And she makes a mean baklava.”



Nancy Nentl, Professor Emerita

Nancy Nentl joined the College of Management (COM) as resident faculty in 2003, having taught MBA and undergraduate courses at both the University of Minnesota and the University of St. Thomas. Over her 17 years of service to Metropolitan State University, she served in many capacities over and above her instruction duties, including serving as Marketing Curriculum Coordinator from 2004–2016; Department Chair of Marketing, Decision Sciences, International Business and Business Law; and Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program Director.

As an instructor, first and foremost, Nentl demonstrated extraordinary commitment to student success and the success of the COM's programs. Her acumen in teaching is reflected in the many successful graduates of COM degree programs, and in her 2011 Outstanding Teaching Award. In addition, she served ably in the advisory capacity, mentoring many MBA and marketing students over the years. Nentl was notably the advisor for the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) program's first graduate and has advised several DBA candidates since.

Nentl's service to Metropolitan State also includes many committee appointments. She served as the Grade Appeals Committee Chair, the Human Subject Review Board, and many faculty and administrative search committees for both COM and the university as a whole.

Beyond the classroom, Nentl is both a prominent academic and accomplished professional. Her articles have featured in respected academic journals such as the Journal for Quality and Participation, Journal of Business and Industrial Marketing, Management in Practice, and the Society for Advancement of Management. She is a respected reviewer of others' articles as well, for the Marketing Management Association and the Midwest Academy of Management, and served as a judge for the American Marketing Association's 2013–2014 Marketing Case National Student Competition. Nentl also co-founded Panoptics, LLC, a company developing business simulations for professional training, higher education, and workforce development applications from 2001–2011. The company's SimSeries, a series of five Marketing, Selling and Sales Management, and Marketing Research and Product Development simulations, was edited and published by McGraw Hill.

Nentl's dedication to students, colleagues, and the institution leave a strong legacy of service to live up to, and the COM community will lose a supportive, exemplary educator, administrator, and colleague.



Graduate Students

Doctorate of Business Administration

August 16, 2020

Jonathan Nykanen

Doctor of Nursing Practice

December 13, 2020

Ann Marie S. Equio

Master of Advocacy and Political Leadership

August 16, 2020

Matthew Langland
Angela Marlow

December 13, 2020

Jordan Ash
Robert Boos
Godson Daniel Gayflor
Amanda Koehler
Madison Rose McConnell
Pamela Mercado Michelli

Madeline Aurora Moran
Lucky M. Rosenbloom
Lulu Simba
Hailey Jane Sprinkel
Sabastine Nah Weah

Master of Arts in Individualized Studies

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Naima Dhore

Master of Business Administration

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Kevin B. Horrocks
Gary Robert Nielsen
Nga Thi Thuy Tran

December 13, 2020

Adibiari Ayawari Andrew-Jaja
Koamivi Attisso
Andrew Robert Collins
Valerie C. Dano
Anthony Matthew Gore
Lorelle R. Hall
Maria Jollie
Sara Jing Kong
Alain Kpela
Jayant Mehta

Tammy H. Melvin
Robert Douglas Menard
Justin B. Paulson
Courtney Kay Richards
Ryan Sroda
Michelle Lyn Torrey
Solomon Tsega
Shao Vang
Anisha Darlena Vasquez
Jaime Voigt
Anthony E. Zessman



Master of Nonprofit Leadership and Management

December 13, 2020

Margo L. Britten

Master of Public Administration

December 13, 2020

Sally Jo Dufner

Luke Ulstad-Lisiecki

Paia Vang

Donna Vu

Master of Public and Nonprofit Administration

August 16, 2020

Nathaniel Dyess

Daeona Donarese Griffin

Tolulope Olowo

December 13, 2020

Steve Asencio

Sauhardh JB Bom

Tyler Oneian Burch

Momodou Dibba

Angela Garrity-Scharffbillig

Julie Hickok

Rachael Leah McConnell
Okerlund

Linh Nguyen

Taylor Marcus Tollefson

Urias Bai Tombekai

Linda Lan Tran

Jenny Xiong

Master of Science in Computer Science

August 16, 2020

Nishtha Neerav Kotecha

December 13, 2020

Sonal Sune

Master of Science in Individualized Studies

December 13, 2020

David Bellefeuille

Master of Science in Management Information Systems

August 16, 2020

Kerry R. Reiter

December 13, 2020

Mary Infant Sonia David Xavier

Paul Deonarine

Landry Djeutchant Fekwoua

Jennell Katherine Wortham

Flodquist

Chheang Sear Lim

Kathleen S. Shaw

Maxine Sayaovong Vang

Nong Xee Xiong



Master of Science in Nursing

December 13, 2020

Eric Duane Aho
Libby Marie Anderson
Emme Blue Bachhuber
Ruth Balk
Allison Brimeyer
Elizabeth Marie Burda
Emily Ferrell
Jason Hyatt
Biftu Khalif
Mary Jacinta Pereira

Jacob Krebs
Shauna Mae Lambert
Teresa Marie McAllister
Zeddy Mobagi
Anna J. Nordlund
Fardowsa Omar
Lindsay J. O'Mara
Alyssa Heather Perry
Tyler Marie Pinkston
Tommy Reyes

Lisa Samano
Kelsey Nicole Shaw
Ashley M. Som
Tendar Tsering
Kayla Wagner
Jaime Terese Weisser
Natalie S. White
Shannon M. Zappa

Master of Science in Technical Communication

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Christina M. Ricke

Master of Science in Urban Education

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Courtney Antone
Samantha Berg
Lisa Fralish
Blair Rebecca Hanson
Donelle Harvey
Samantha Hedden
Amy Jennifer Jacobson
Kiera Kisic
Jaia Lee
Anna Christine Lehn
Michael McCartan
Lidia Talia Yetlanetzi Miranda
Carrillo
Kowsar Mohamud
Sonja Muus
Therese L. O'Meara
Mark Sri Spurlin
Sheila Takanen



Undergraduate Students

College of Community Studies and Public Affairs

August 16, 2020

Hana Abdalla, BS
Hamisha Alkamoonneh, BA,
cum laude
Mariam H. Almeala, BA,
cum laude
Robrika Eleisa De'shay Alston, BS
Jessica Lynn Amacher, BS,
magna cum laude
Charles Syrus Ammons, BA
Mfon Etim Basse, BS
Nicole Marie Bellamy, BS
Rebekah Berg, BA
Emily Bethke, BAS
Elena Delia Bisoc, BA
Valora Brown, BA,
magna cum laude
Brandon C. Bullis, BA
Bethany Burns, BA,
summa cum laude
Michelle Caballero, BS
Marilyn Venita Cagle, BA
Cammy Rae Christianson, BS,
cum laude
Lindsay L. Clark, BA,
magna cum laude
Carla Denise Coates, BS,
summa cum laude
Jennifer Kathryn Connolly, BS
Joseph Carl Davis, BA
Hayat El Hilali, BS
Fonchin III Emmanuel, BS,
summa cum laude
Josephine Etoll-Neveu, BA
Ikran Farah, BA
Berlynn Fleury, BS, *cum laude*
Irina Fokina, BA,
magna cum laude
Stephen Lee Forrest, BA,
magna cum laude
Brian Fuhrmann, BS
Chanel Dawn Futrell, BS
Cody Thomas Gardas, BS
Catina Gardner, BA
Urji Gedefa, BA
Johnalle Elizabeth Ray Moore, BA
Beni Eric Gonzalez, BA
Jacob William Gran, BS
Melissa Gruenewald, BS,
magna cum laude
Emily J. Haaland, BA
Courtney Judith Hamilton, BAS,
cum laude
Maryama Hassan, BHS
Salwa Hassan, BA
Keiosha Holt, BA
Najmo Hoosh, BA
Hamdi Issak, BS
Dmitry A. Ivanov, BS
Allen Johnson, BS
Julie M. Joloka, BS, *cum laude*
Ryan Jones, BS, *summa cum laude*
Laura G. Kelly, BS
Alexander Klobe, BS
Denise Michelle Knox, BA
Alex Kosar, BA
Dana M. Le Duc, BS,
summa cum laude
Amalitha Lee, BS
Kao Lee, BA
Kateri Lee, BS
Ming Lee, BS, *magna cum laude*
Theodore S. Letofsky, BS,
summa cum laude
Megan Levander, BS,
summa cum laude
Jacqueline Jo Loudon-Paron, BA,
magna cum laude
Stuart Allan Margraves, BS
Morgan Elizabeth Marrin, BA
Jessica Martinez-Martinez, BHS,
cum laude
Robert McNamara, BS
Ashley Marie Miller, BS, *cum laude*
Amina Dahir Salad Mohamed, BS
Zonita Moore, BHS
Mushtaq Muse, BHS
Matthew Nelson, BS
Rayler Paw Omoo, BAS,
magna cum laude
Josephat Chukwuebuka Onuoha,
BA, *summa cum laude*
Markitta Owens, BA
Ramona Ozoria Vasquez, BA
Kiana Michelle Page, BS
Grant Marschall Paulson, BA,
summa cum laude
Paris J. Pederson, BS
Caitlin Pedracine, BA
Heidi Lynn Pointner, BA
Trevan Rafter, BA
John William Santa, BA
Benjamin Matthew Seidl, BS,
summa cum laude
Tamika Shiraz Smith, BS,
magna cum laude
Robin C. Soutar, BS
Timothy A. Sule, BA
Paige Tack, BAS,
summa cum laude
Kia Thao, BS
Matthew Joseph Twaroski, BS,
cum laude
Ger Vang, BS
Vernadette Antoinette Velardi, BA
Ksenia Vickery, BS, *cum laude*
Gretchen Wege, BA
Adrienne Elizabeth Wellman, BA
Yer Xiong, BA
Cynthia Yekaldo, BA



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Ahmed Ali Abdi, BA
Naimo Hassan Abdi, BHS
Yasmin Abdi, BAS
Sucdi Abshir, BSW
Mana Ahmed, BA
Niema Ahmed Ismael, BA
Bayan Mohammed Algazi, BA
Kaitlyn Grace Alger, BA,
summa cum laude
Afrah Ali, BA
Andrea Amos, BS
Carley Jo Anderson, BSW
Kevin Brehm Anderson, BA
Deren Argir, BA
Sequoya VanShe' Ashley, BSW
Amanda Bade, BA
Alina Bak, BSW
Samuel Baker, BS
Chaz Lorenzo Barrera, BS
Kayla Bauer, BS,
summa cum laude
Tela Bellaphant, BSW
Tara Leigh Blaisdell, BA
Kayla Jane Thorn, BA
Brooklyn Jae Bromley, BA
Yei Y. Browne, BSW
Meekey Kemokai Brownell, BS
Irene Bunton, BA
Steven M. Buric, BA
Jasmine Cantoran Gonzalez, BSW
Georgia Ann Carlson, BS
Pheng Chang, BS,
summa cum laude
Aidan Donovan Chapman, BA
Mary Chavez, BA
Paul Condon, BA
Meghan Ann Rubin Connoy, BA,
summa cum laude
Bridgette Crisp, BA
Raven Nicole Davis, BS
Shannon Rose DeMuth, BSW
Vanessa Lora Diaz, BS
Delyla Doshie, BSW
Molly Ekbom, BSW
Howard L. Ellis Jr., BS
Paris M. Ellis, BS
Gladys Maurice Eta, BS
Jhonique Evans, BA
Hunter L. Fahey, BA
Abdi Rahman Hassan Farah,
BSW, *cum laude*
Eqbaal Farah, BS
Ifrah Ali Farah, BAS
Rakia Farah, BSW
Aireen Bacosa Felizarte, BA
Keil Figenskau, BS
Rachel Fulin, BSW
Andrew Gabbert, BA
Samantha Margaret Gillette, BA
Natalie Goodman, BA
Joesha A. Green, BA
Amanda Brook Gruidl, BS
Brandon Alan Gustafson, BS
Darcie Ranee Hanna, BS
Asha Mohamed Hassan, BA
Angela Jean Henson, BS
Vang Her, BA
Valerie Pierce Heron, BA
Mai Anisa Herr, BSW
Benjamin D. Hoag, BS,
summa cum laude
Jasmine Hornbrook, BA, BSW
Kelsey N. Humpfer, BA,
summa cum laude
LuAnn Hurley, BS,
summa cum laude
Adna Jahic, BA
Saynab Dahir Jama, BHS
Ty R. Jindra, BS
Andrew Allen Johnson, BS
Rachael Ann Johnston, BSW,
magna cum laude
Barbara Renee Jones, BA
Farhio Karie, BA
Maureen Muthoni Karugia, BA
Angela Susan Keener, BA
Misgana A. Lajebo, BA,
cum laude
Heather M. Lander, BA
Inaabam Noche Lawrence, BA
Malinda Lee, BSW
Natalie Lunzer, BA
Shantel Rene Magadanz, BS
Lindsey Mahnesmith, BS,
magna cum laude
Kurt William Marsh, BSW
Krista Anne Marshik, BA,
summa cum laude
Matthew Marson, BS
Ann Lasoi Masek, BSW
Alexander Michael McKenzie,
BA, *summa cum laude*
Sheri Lynne McLeod, BSW
Melissa McMillan, BS
Ilma Mehic, BA
Camila Figueiredo de Melo, BA
Robert Lev Metelitsa, BA
Wendy Miranda Arechiga, BSW
Miranda Nicole Mitchell, BA
Hodan A. Mohamed, BSW
Obsitu Mohamed, BSW
Sudi Ali Mohamed, BSW
Madelyn Mongoven, BA
Yareli Montes Cenicerros, BSW,
magna cum laude
April J. Moran, BSW
Cheer Moua, BA
Sue Moua, BS
Hinda Mukhtar, BA, *cum laude*
Bumana Makkiyah Mulongo, BA
Cyrus Todd Nagbe, BA
Kathryn R. Nichols, BA
Carol A. Nielson, BSW



Stacia M. Nosko, BAS,
summa cum laude
 Brandie Nicole Olson, BA
 Fuad M. Omar, BA
 Nasriya Ali Omar, BA
 Violet Ongeri, BSW
 Daisy Pacheco, BA
 Geolana Petersen, BAS
 Jeremy F. Plonski, BS
 Jordan D. Pray, BSW
 John Quarberg, BS
 Casey Lee Quick, BA
 Amber Marie Quigley, BS
 Ashley May Quigley, BA
 Celina Aurora Ramos, BA
 Chelsea Nicole Rivers, BSW
 Bailey Olivia Roberts, BA,
summa cum laude
 Shanayla Kapree Robinson, BA
 Megan Roller, BA
 Sonia Morquecho Rosas, BSW
 Timothy Rozas, BA
 Michael Sadowski, BA
 Mohamed A. Salad, BS
 Hamdi Ali Salat, BHS
 Krystle Saldana, BA
 Seiyefah Sanders, BSW
 Victor Santamaria, BA
 Elizabeth Seidl, BS
 Christina Severson, BA
 Amien Hassan Shakur, BA

Natalie Shea, BA,
summa cum laude
 Eh The Kot Paw Shwe, BAS
 Cierra Jade Smith, BA
 Jolene E. Stark, BS,
summa cum laude
 Lauren Marie Stitt, BS
 Ruth Ann Sullivan, BSW
 Angela Tamburro, BA, *cum laude*
 Adam Tancabel, BSW,
magna cum laude
 Catrina Denise Tanner, BSW
 Therence N. Tasha, BS
 Richard Timothy Taylor, BA
 Selena Kae Terrazas, BA
 Ahadu Berhane Tesfaye, BSW
 Aaron Chan Thao, BA
 Debra Blidehncia Thao, BA
 Kassandra Shoua Zhong Thao,
 BSW, *magna cum laude*
 Paul Thao, BS
 Vilai Thao, BA
 Meghan Thoennes, BA,
summa cum laude
 ELECIA Thomas, BS
 Grace Ann Tippy, BS,
summa cum laude
 Najma Tobe, BS
 Kali Nicole Tusler, BA
 Judi M. Tuzun, BS
 Maleny Valencia Perez, BSW,
magna cum laude
 Gao Zoua Vang, BA

James Vang, BSW
 Nhailee Vang, BA
 Alma Delia Velazquez-Lopez, BA,
summa cum laude
 Rachel Jennifer Wagner, BA,
magna cum laude
 Michael Walden, BS
 Samantha Rose Waldron, BA,
summa cum laude
 Cheree Janette Walker, BA,
summa cum laude
 Nathan P. Watson, BS,
summa cum laude
 Gloria Jean Weaver, BSW
 Alexandra Wieber, BSW,
cum laude
 Amanda Wiethorn, BS
 Essence Amani Zenobia
 Williams, BA
 Tyler P. Worwa, BA
 Choua Xiong, BSW
 David Xiong, BA
 Dylan Tong Xiong, BS
 Mai Yang Xiong, BSW
 MucHe Xiong, BA
 Lavee Yang, BS
 Pader Yang, BSW
 Peter Yang, BA
 Wandee Yang, BS
 Sefinesh Mulaw Zenebe, BS
 Dei Zimay, BSW
 Josefa Zon, BA, *magna cum laude*

College of Individualized Studies

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Jalilia A. Abdul-Brown, BA
 Mark Anthony Bascovsky Jr., BA
 Jasheena Bond, BA
 Lachaela Brown, BA
 Honee Jam M. Collins, BA

Priscilla Donnelly, BA,
magna cum laude
 Youssef El Hamawi, BA,
magna cum laude
 Sarah Jane Farnham, BA
 Cory Farnquist, BA

Tammy M. Festvog, BA,
magna cum laude
 LaShawnda Michelle Ford, BA
 Hercules Goss-Kuehn, BA,
summa cum laude



Christine L. Gramse, BA,
summa cum laude
Sawyer Helgeson, BA, *cum laude*
Alicia Ann Hoch, BA,
summa cum laude
Jalen Voshon Ingram, BA
Aaronica D. Jackson, BA
Leaha Marie Jackson, BA,
summa cum laude
Chivon Marie Johnson, BA
Kenneth Eugene Jones, BA
Paul James Karpinski, BA
Hilaire Karala Luke, BA
Fathi Mohamed Mahad, BA
Robert Lee Manne, BA

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Ibtisam Ahmed Abdulkadir, BA
Maha Abduselam, BA
Judith Abla Reyes, BA
Lloyd L. C. Abrahams, BA,
cum laude
Avraham (Avi) Aharoni, BA,
magna cum laude
Janella Thies, BA
Michael Blahnik, BA,
magna cum laude
Haile Blonigen, BA
Erin Burns, BA, *magna cum laude*
Jessica Bush, BA
Lania Shaney Caldwell, BA
Amy Beatrice Burkheiser
Christiansen, BA,
summa cum laude
Leah Magdalena Rose Crosby,
BA, *summa cum laude*
Emma Daugherty, BA
Ashley Deonarain, BA,
summa cum laude
Michelle Elizabeth Dominik, BA,
magna cum laude
Sarah Christine Fisher, BA
Sandra C. Flynn, BA, *cum laude*
Jonathan Michael Foster, BA

Shalonda R. McKinney, BA
Cara Lisabeth McMahon, BA
Sarah Terese Moran, BA,
cum laude
Rebecca Nelson, BA
Mia Norstad, BA
Jody Olejar, BA
Jessica Marie Ogle, BA
Mary Ama Pabi, BA, *cum laude*
Parisa Marie Parsakalleh, BA
Shauen Vickie Ti'Esha Pearce, BA
Kristine Susan Pfau, BA
Bobbi Alexis Pratt, BA
Mitesh Rai, BA

Gifti Teferi Geleta, BA
Neal Gupta, BA
Abdallah El Hamawi, BA,
magna cum laude
Aja Ree Harris, BA
Laurie Hedesh, BA
Nou Chee Hoernemann, BA
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Academic Regalia

The traditions of academic apparel and procession date back to as early as the 12th century when the first “modern” universities at Bologna and Paris were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time was a long gown—a necessity for warmth in unheated buildings of that era. Scholars, generally members of church orders in those days, wore such robes as well as hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later the hood became a cape that could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather.

Today there are three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed at the front. The master’s gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is a full design with voluminous bell sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed.

The hoods worn by those who hold a master’s degree are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. Graduates of Metropolitan State University wear a hood lined with blue and white. Hoods on the Metropolitan State faculty and administration show the colors of the institutions where their degrees were earned. The binding or edging of the hood is silk or velvet and the color indicates the subject area or discipline as listed below.

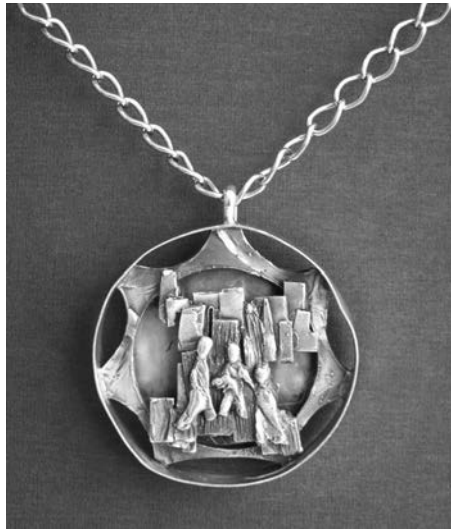
Some of the colors of the master’s and doctoral hoods indicate the following disciplines:

accountancy, business,
commerce—drab/gray
arts, letters, humanities—white
dentistry—lilac
economics—copper
education—light blue
fine arts—brown
journalism—crimson
law—purple
library science—lemon
medicine—green

music—pink
nursing—apricot
philosophy—dark blue
physical education—green
public administration—peacock blue
public health—salmon pink
science—golden yellow
social science—cream
social work—citron
speech—silver gray
theology—scarlet



President's Medallion



The President of Metropolitan State University wears this medallion on ceremonial occasions. The President's Medallion was presented on Oct. 5, 1975, and was crafted by Arleene Sweet, wife of the university's first President, Dr. David Sweet, and given as a gift to the university. The medallion is cast in rough-hewn sterling silver, surrounded by a circle and rests on a seven-pointed star, one point for each of the counties initially served by the university. The star symbolizes knowledge and the State of Minnesota's *L'Etoile du Nord*, or Star of the North. The circle symbolizes infinity, with the light of knowledge radiating from the star reaching into that infinity. An abstract outline map of the state of Minnesota rests on the star, filled by abstract depictions of buildings and other elements making up the Twin Cities. Dominating the medallion are three abstract figures representing members of the community whom the university exists to serve.



Metropolitan State University

“Minnesota Metropolitan State College” was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 1971 as the seventh member of the Minnesota State University System to complement and enhance the area’s educational resources. Fifty students were admitted to Metropolitan State in 1972. The first graduating class numbered 12 on Feb. 1, 1973. In 1975, the renamed Metropolitan State University was accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. A nursing program began in 1981, and a master of management and administration program (now divided into the master of business administration and the master of public and nonprofit administration) was added in 1983. In 1987, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated money to plan four new baccalaureate degree programs—accounting, professional communication, information and computer systems, and human services.

The university has since added a number of baccalaureate programs, including law enforcement, business administration, psychology, mathematics, history, natural sciences, screenwriting, social work, studio arts and theater, and additional master’s programs, including master of science degrees in alcohol and drug counseling, computer science, criminal justice and technical communication, a master of management information systems, and master of arts programs in psychology and liberal studies. The university offers a doctorate in nursing practice, an applied doctor of business administration, and a master of science in advanced dental therapy. A master of science in urban education and a master of advocacy and political leadership were recently added. Enrollment has grown from 50 students in 1972 to more than 10,000 students in 2019. Graduates number 49,230.

Metropolitan State continues to build on its strengths as an innovative, comprehensive university. The university will, in collaboration with other institutions and agencies, continue to meet changing higher education needs in the greater Twin Cities region. The university provides affordable, high-quality education to the citizens and communities of the metropolitan area through degree programs, nondegree instruction, applied research and community engagement activities. The university builds on its national reputation for excellence in teaching and offers programs that enable students from diverse backgrounds to achieve their educational goals.

The future holds much promise for this university. Building on its rich legacy, Metropolitan State looks forward to continued growth and to meeting the challenges posed by its mission to serve both students and the community.



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