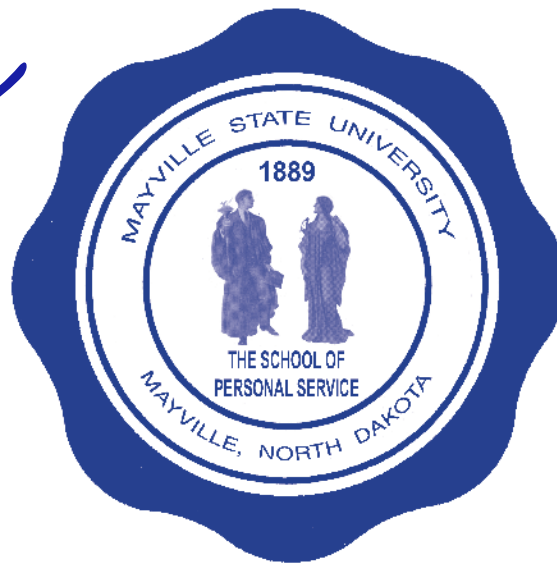


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# *132<sup>nd</sup>* *Commencement*



**MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY**

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

LEWY LEE FIELDHOUSE

MAYVILLE, NORTH DAKOTA



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Be sure to 'like' and 'follow' us. You can post directly to our timeline, or to your own.

Twitter

Our handle is @MayvilleState.

Instagram

You can find us under "Mayville State University."

YouTube

The ceremony will be live streamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/@mayvillestateathletics8018/streams>.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Jacobson Studio will serve as the official commencement photographer.

Photos may be viewed and purchased at [www.jacobsonstudio.store](http://www.jacobsonstudio.store) one week after the ceremony.

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## MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Mayville State University, a land grant institution created in 1889, collectively acknowledges that the region we occupy rests upon the ancestral, traditional, and current lands of Indigenous groups of the Dakota, Ojibwe, and Metis. We pledge to build our relations with the contemporary First Nations of North Dakota including the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation; Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Nation; Spirit Lake Nation; Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, as well as neighboring tribes.

Mayville State University advocates for the healing of the historical trauma endured by the descendants of those who were forcibly removed from their homelands. We recognize and support the sovereignty of tribal nations and for Indigenous communities.

Mayville State University strives toward an emerging future of friendship, collaboration, and progress.

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL .....	Pomp & Circumstance, EDWARD ELGAR
INVOCATION .....	Pastor Ben Tacoma Riverside Evangelical Free Church, Mayville, N.D.
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	The Star Spangled Banner, FRANCIS SCOTT KEY Led by song leader, Ms. Kennedy Soine Mayville State University Student
WELCOME.....	Dr. Brian Van Horn President of the University
GREETINGS .....	Mr. Curtis Biller North Dakota University System State Board of Higher Education
GRADUATE REMARKS.....	Marisa Ostendorf, B.S.Ed. Thyra Peterick, B.S.
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER.....	Dr. Van Horn
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....	Mr. Scott Berry, 1978
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES .....	Dr. Brian Huschle Vice President for Academic Affairs
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....	Dr. Van Horn
MSU SCHOOL SONG .....	Alma Mater, LYTTE & BAKER Led by Ms. Soine
BENEDICTION.....	Pastor Tacoma
RECESSIONAL.....	Triumphal March, G. VERDI

*Please remain at your seats until after the recessional.*

Thank you to soloist Ms. Kennedy Soine and accompanist Ms. Mary Trudeau for providing music for today's ceremony.

# Candidates for Degrees

## 2023-2024

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

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

**Lori Ann Hoffert**

*Leeds, ND*

**Shalee Lorenz †**

*Grand Forks, ND*

**Sarah Elizabeth Tarvestad †**

*Fargo, ND*

**Ashlie Varilek †**

*Devils Lake, ND*

### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

**Christina Gonzales**

*Waxahachie, TX*

**Briana Ingraham †**

*Red Lake Falls, MN*

**Hannah Jo Lemer**

*Drake, ND*

**McKenzie LeRae LeTexier**

*Cavalier, ND*

**Megan Edith Odermann**

*Perth, ND*

**Erik Peterson**

*Minneapolis, MN*

**Lynnsey Slaubaugh**

*Wolford, ND*

### MASTER OF EDUCATION

**Kaitlyn McKenna Bakken**

*Thief River Falls, MN*

**Allison Jo Campos**

*Grand Forks, ND*

**Jaden Evangeline Christianson**

*Fertile, MN*

**Bryce James Connick**

*Annandale, MN*

**Rachelle Dawn Corbin**

*Grand Forks, ND*

**Susan Cordahl †**

*Mayville, ND*

**MiKara Lee Johanson**

*Edmore, ND*

**Daphne Aaron Kenninger †**

*Cooperstown, ND*

**Evan Michael Kritzberger**

*Lamoure, ND*

**Hattie Jean Marohl †**

*Mooreton, ND*

**Ryan Marshall**

*Grand Forks, ND*

**Hunter Clark McCall †**

*Breckenridge, MN*

**Amber A. Mooney**

*Grand Forks, ND*

**Jessica Marie Ogburn**

*Mayville, ND*

**Stephanie Marie Olson**

*Grand Forks, ND*

**Elora Passa**

*Barnesville, MN*

**Miranda Petersen**

*Mayville, ND*

**Payton Richter**

*Casselton, ND*

**Chelsey Sorvig †**

*Saint Hilaire, MN*

**Eric Anthony Staebler**

*Morris, MN*

**Susan Verwest †**

*Portland, ND*

**Dempsie Wagner †**

*Mandan, ND*

**Lucas Weber**

*Bismarck, ND*

**Julia Winegar †**

*Fargo, ND*

**Stephany Lynn Wold †**

*Underwood, MN*

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**Natasha Abentroth \*\***  
*Hillsboro, ND*

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*Portland, ND*

**McKenzie Lynn Alveshere \***  
*Harvey, ND*

**Lexy Marie Awalt**  
*East Grand Forks, MN*

**Tucker Jonest Bercier \*\*\***  
*Saint John, ND*

**Darcie Jae Besette**  
*Tower City, ND*

**Courtney Boll \***  
*West Fargo, ND*

**Tapanga Jo Bratager \***  
*Ersline, MN*

**Jacqueline Diane Brockwell \*\***  
*Williston, ND*

**Susie Buretta \*\***  
*Fargo, ND*

**Chelsea Kate Campeau \*\***  
*Burlington, ND*

**Anna Marie Christiansen \*\***  
*East Grand Forks, MN*

**Samantha Marie Daily \*\***  
*Wahpeton, ND*

**McKenzy Dockter**  
*Medina, ND*

**Brandon Elfman**  
*Devils Lake, ND*

**Ashley Fetsch \***  
*Briarwood, ND*

**Ryan Froemke**  
*West Fargo, ND*

**Thomas Gieske \*\***  
*Sartell, MN*

**Brittany Ann Haaland**  
*Moorhead, MN*

**Briar Izabel Halberg \***  
*Lakota, ND*

**Molly Halsa \***  
*Thief River Falls, MN*

**Morgan Lee Hanson**  
*Dunseith, ND*

**Brooke-Lynn Hodenfield**  
*Sartell, MN*

**Abigail JoAnne Holter \***  
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*Omaha, NE*

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**Parker August Schmid**  
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CURTIS BILLER

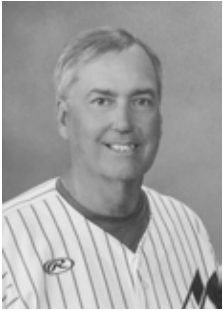
Curtis Biller began his term of service with the State Board of Higher Education in May, 2023. Curt has been a business consultant for Strengths, Inc. focusing on hiring, retention, strategic planning, and culture since 2000. Prior to that he spent 12 years in the restaurant business.

In addition, Curt has served the Sigma Chi fraternity in a number of positions for over 30 years focusing on leadership training and development. He currently serves as a founding member (through 2025) for the Sigma Chi Leadership Institute providing accredited educational training in Transformational Leadership.

Curt has been married for 23 years to his wife Cheryl. They reside in Fargo, N.D.



## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



### SCOTT BERRY

Scott Berry came to Mayville State from his hometown of LaMoure, N.D. in 1973. As a student athlete, he played baseball for another legendary Mayville State baseball coach, Al Meyer. After graduating in 1978 with a B.S.Ed. (Social Science) degree, he coached baseball teams in Ellendale, Binford, Rolla, and Casselton, N.D. before returning to Mayville as an assistant baseball coach in 1980. Berry became head coach for the Comets in 1982. Meyer and Berry were the only two coaches to have been at the helm of Comets Baseball in a 75-year span. Scott Berry closed out his shining career with 1,196 victories and was the 2nd winningest active coach in the NAIA when he retired in 2023.

One of the foremost and highly respected baseball coaches in America, Scott Berry ran one of the most outstanding college baseball programs in the nation. A member of seven halls of fame and an active participant in local, regional, and national baseball organizations, Berry kept Mayville State on the collegiate baseball map for more than four decades. In 2010, the baseball field at Mayville State University was named in his honor.

In 42 years, Berry's Comets won 24 regular season conference championships (including 17 in a row from 1986-2002) and 25 conference tournament championships. His teams made 30 appearances in the NAIA national playoffs. Under Coach Berry, the Comets won three NAIA regional titles and the 2002 Plains Super Regional title. They finished in fifth place at the NAIA World Series in 2002.

His impressive winning record and the respect of his colleagues earned him conference coach of the year honors 24 times, District 12 Coach of the Year 12 times, and NAIA Region Coach of the Year four times.

The accolades for Coach Berry are many. Along with the seven Halls of Fame (Mayville State University Athletics, NAIA, North Dakota Amateur Baseball, CHRISTIAN Sports Commission, Central Cass High School Athletics, American Baseball Coaches Association, North Dakota Sports) he was honored in 1998 with the North Dakota Associated Press Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association "Special Achievement Award." In 2010, he received the NAIA Robert E. Smith Achievement Award which is presented to an NAIA coach or administrator who has demonstrated unselfish promotion of NAIA Baseball. In 2011, Berry was presented with the FCA Jerry Kindall Character in Coaching Award which is presented annually to the college or high school baseball coach who best exemplifies the Christian principles of character, integrity, excellence, teamwork, and service on and off the baseball field. Coach Berry was selected for the heralded ABCA Dave Keilitz "Ethics in Coaching" Award in 2017.

Scott Berry was a loyal and faithful employee of Mayville State University who served the members of the Mayville State family well. In addition to serving as head baseball coach, he filled a number of other roles over the years, including Instructor in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, Director of Housing, Assistant Athletic Director, and more.

Coach Berry mentored his players not only as athletes, but also as men. His dedication to his alma mater shines through in the many ways he has demonstrated his unwavering support for the university, and his efforts have strengthened and improved the institution.

Berry and his wife, Shari, reside in West Fargo, N.D.



### THYRA PETERICK

Thyra Peterick is graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree and has earned a major in allied health and a minor in fitness and wellness. Thyra has been extremely active on the Mayville State campus as a member of the varsity volleyball team, band, choir, Drama Club, and Science Club. She has served as a residence hall

assistant and a member and presenter for one of Mayville State's student scientific research teams. Thyra was chosen by her peers for the Mayville State homecoming court in 2023. A Dean's List student and scholarship recipient, she was nominated for the 2024 Student of the Year Award, and she was also selected to participate in the North Dakota Intercollegiate Concert Band and received the HPER Allied Health Major of the Year Award in 2024. Her parents are Tom and Tammy Peterick, Hatton, N.D.



### MARISA OSTENDORF

Marisa Ostendorf is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. She has earned a major in elementary education and a library media and information science minor with a reading specialization. As a non-traditional online student, Ostendorf has had an unconventional journey to earning her degree, a testament to her resilience and

determination to reach her dreams and goals. A Dean's List student, Marisa was a presenter at the North Dakota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education conference in 2023. The 2023-24 recipient of the Leila Ewen Outstanding Achievement in Elementary Education Award, she intends to continue her education by entering the Mayville State Master of Education program in innovative education. Marisa's husband, Paul, and children, Dylan and Lily, have been instrumental in the support they have provided throughout her journey to earning her college degree.

## COMMENCEMENT HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Honor cords are worn by candidates for the bachelor's degree who have completed a minimum of two semesters and 30 semester hours in residence from Mayville State and achieved a scholastic average of 3.50 (Cum Laude, blue cord), 3.70 (Magna Cum Laude, silver cord), and 3.90 (Summa Cum Laude, gold cord). For publication purposes, honors are based on the cumulative grade point average at the end of the previously completed term. Once final semester grades are recorded, grade point averages are recalculated and final graduation honors are recorded to the transcript and diploma.

Candidates may wear pieces of traditional regalia such as a stole representing their cultural heritage.

The hooding ceremony for the Master degree signifies a scholarly and personal achievement. The light blue color in the hood represents the field of education for both the Master of Arts in Teaching and Master of Education. The apricot color in the hood represents the field of nursing in the Master of Nursing.

As a symbolic tradition to welcome individuals in to the nursing profession, nursing candidates will be presented with the baccalaureate nursing program pin and receive recognition for advancement of their nursing education.

The color of the tassel denotes the degree. At Mayville State University, the tassel colors associated with programs are: **black**, Master of Nursing; **black**, Master of Arts in Teaching; **black**, Master of Education; **light blue**, Bachelor of Science in Education; **apricot**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; **royal blue**, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of University Studies, **white**, Associate of Arts.

## THE ACADEMIC COSTUME

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the early days of the oldest European universities. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the garb of a cleric. In the unheated buildings of the early universities, the long gowns would have provided warmth, while hoods would have served to cover the scholars' shaved heads.

In the United States, the American Council on Education approved a code of academic costumes that has been in effect since 1932, with changes made in 1959 and in 1986.

**Gowns.** In United States colleges and universities, black is the recommended color for all degrees. Variations in style represent the type of degree. The bachelor's gown has long pointed sleeves; the master's gown has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrists; and the gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves. The doctor's gown is trimmed down the front with velvet, and there are three bars of velvet across the sleeves.

**Hood.** The hood gives color and meaning to the costume. The hood is black with a colored lining, which is the official color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The binding or edging of the hood signifies the branch of learning to which the master's or doctorate degree pertains. Colors of some of the various subjects are: Arts, Letters, Humanities - white; Education - light blue; Fine Arts - brown; Library Science - lemon; Music - pink; Physical Education - sage green; Science - golden yellow.

**Caps.** Caps are black and of a material which matches the gown. A tassel is fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap. The tassel is also black or of a color appropriate to the subject. The doctor's cap may have a tassel of gold thread. The academic cap symbolizes the freedom of scholarship.

At Mayville State, candidates for degrees are asked to wear the tassels on the right front side before degrees are conferred and to shift these to the left at the moment when degrees are awarded to them.

Persons who hold degrees from foreign universities may wear the entire appropriate academic costume, including cap, gown, and hood.

**North Dakota University System.** Members of the State Board of Higher Education and officers of the North Dakota University System are attired in special regalia that signify their leadership role. The robe and tassel reflect the blue and gold colors found in the North Dakota state flag. A gold medallion, worn around the neck, is engraved with the North Dakota state seal.

## MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY MACE

A mace is a ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority. In the Middle Ages, a mace was a heavy club weighted with a spiked or flanged metal knob at one end, and it was used chiefly by knights to crush armor. It further evolved to become a hand weapon that was used by archers and other warriors on foot. Those who guarded monarchs or other officials in processions often used a mace. By the 14th century, maces had become more ceremonial in nature and were decorated with jewels and precious metals. In modern times a mace is often carried in academic and ecclesiastical processions, especially in English-speaking countries. In the academic setting, the mace symbolizes the institution's authority to carry out its mission of seeking wisdom and truth.

A black walnut tree still growing in Mayville yielded the wood for the Mayville State University mace. Craftsman George Lilleberg, Mayville, N.D., assisted by Patrick Balch and MSU Professor Emeritus of Mathematics Dr. Merwin J. Lyng, designed, turned, and finished the mace in 2004. It is decorated with the Mayville State University seal on one side, and a rendering of "Old Main" on the other. The seal features the figures "The Graduate" and "Discipline," first seen in a famous mural by artist Edwin Blashfield, as well as Mayville State's well-known motto "The School of Personal Service." Doug Anderson, a Mayville State alumnus, was the artist who created the rendition of "Old Main." The mace is 38" long. It was first carried by Dr. Gary D. Hagen at the inauguration of former Mayville State University President Dr. Pamela M. Balch.



## MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY MEDALLION

The tradition of the chief officer of an educational institution to wear a medallion dates to the Middle Ages, when a seal was used to mark documents as important. Because actual possession was so significant, the seal was usually worn around the neck for safekeeping. Wearing the seal eventually became a symbol of authority.

Mayville State University's presidential medallion features two teachers and two students in front of "Old Main." The medallion is intended to be a visual representation of the intensely personal learning relationship that the university fosters among teachers and students. The bronze medallion was cast in 1999 by P. Richard Szeitz, Moorhead, Minn.

# THE STAR SPANGLLED BANNER

Oh say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh say, does that star spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

WORDS BY FRANCIS SCOTT KEY  
MUSIC BY SAMUEL ARNOLD

## ALMA MATER

West Wind, whistling 'round our towers,  
Voice of this Dakota land!  
Rouse in us our highest powers  
While in College halls we stand.  
Alma Mater! Alma Mater!  
May we meet thy just demand.

Wild Rose, emblem of our lov'd State,  
Growing by our campus fair!  
Teach us Truth and Beauty, the great  
Virtues now and everywhere.  
Alma Mater! Alma Mater!  
White and blue we proudly wear.

Spirit of the Pioneer days  
That has built our College here!  
We shall not be false to thy ways;  
We shall keep thy ideals near.  
Alma Mater! Alma Mater!  
All thy children hold thee dear.

WORDS BY MSU ALUMS LYTTE AND BAKER  
SUNG TO HYMN BY HENRY SMART

## CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!

*Mayville State University is proud to recognize the accomplishments  
of its graduates and to extend best wishes to them,  
their families, and loved ones.*