



**UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHWESTERN**
— ST. PAUL —

SPRING 2024 COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 18, 2024 | 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

COMMENCEMENT VERSE

“And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you.
He will be with you, He will not leave you nor
forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

DEUTERONOMY 31:8 (NKJV)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Dr. Leonard P. Danek, organ
Professor Emeritus of Music

Processional* Dr. Leonard P. Danek
Pomp and Circumstance
Edward Elgar
*Audience: Please stand during the processional.

Welcome Dr. Corbin Hoornbeek
President

Invocation. Dr. Margaret A. Diddams
Member, Board of Trustees

Choral Selections. Northwestern Choir
Prof. Timothy K. Sawyer
Professor of Music, conductor

Bless the Lord, O My Soul Victor C. Johnson
Words adapted from Psalm 103 Dr. Heather A. Hood, piano

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
And all that's within me, bless His name, His holy name.
For the Lord our God is good, and His mercy is everlasting.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

For the Lord is gracious, and is merciful toward us,
The Lord is forgiving, and we are crowned with lovingkindness.
The goodness of God is forever! Bless the Lord, O my soul.

For the Lord is righteous, and His truth is ever for us,
He's full of compassion, and is abounding in forgiveness.
The love of God is forever! Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Jesus, I Adore Thee Thirteenth-century Gregorian Chant
arr. Stephen Caracciolo

Jesus, I adore Thee, Word of truth and grace,
Who in glory shineth light upon our race.
Christ, to Thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed.
Alpha and Omega, Thou true Son of God.

Taste and touch and vision to discern Thee fail;
Faith that comes by hearing pierces through the veil.
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told.
What the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

Word of God incarnate, Lord of life and light,
Teach me how to love and worship Thee aright.
Holy Spirit, ever bide within my heart,
Speaking Thy commandments, telling all Thou art.

Wondrous revelation, verity and grace.
Lo, in heaven's glory I see Thee face to face.
Light of endless light Whom heaven and earth adore,
Fill me with Thy radiance, now and evermore.

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Scripture

10 a.m. Dr. Randy W. Nelson
Interim Dean, College of Graduate, Online, & Adult Learning

2 p.m. Dr. Kirk D. Moss
Dean, Colleges of Arts & Humanities and
Behavioral & Natural Sciences

Hymn: *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* Audience
Lyrics: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925 Led by Prof. Timothy K. Sawyer
Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea,
Him exalting, self abasing — this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

Graduating Class Speakers

10 a.m. Mrs. Grace L. Gould
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Miss Adeola A. Adeleke
College of Behavioral & Natural Sciences

2 p.m. Ms. Grace D. Pompilio
College of Arts & Humanities

Miss Anna M. Podolinsky
College of Professional Studies

Introduction of Speaker Dr. Corbin Hoornbeek

Address Mrs. Betty M. Mertens
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Presentation of the Class Dr. Janet B. Sommers
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Conferring of Degrees and Certificates Dr. Corbin Hoornbeek

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Presentation of Degrees and Certificates * Dr. Margaret A. Diddams
 Dr. Corbin Hoornbeek
 Dr. Janet B. Sommers


Welcome to the Northwestern Alumni Family Mr. Monte W. Abeler
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Charge to the Class of 2024. Dr. Corbin Hoornbeek


Benediction ♦
 10 a.m. Mr. Jason R. Sharp
 Senior Vice President for Media

2 p.m. Dr. Kirk D. Moss

Recessional and Postlude Dr. Leonard P. Danek



Graduates and guests are invited to join President Corbin and Mrs. Heather Hoornbeek on the campus green for an outdoor reception.



* The Registrar confirms that degrees and certificates are conferred by the Board of Trustees only upon successful completion of all degree and certificate requirements. Listing of student’s name does not guarantee degree or certificate completion.

♦ Please be seated following the benediction until the entire line of march has recessed.

Note: Monitor viewing in the lobby is available for guests.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are pleased to introduce our commencement speaker, Mrs. Betty M. Mertens. Mrs. Mertens '07, M'09 is an exemplary model of University of Northwestern – St. Paul's (UNW) mission to equip students to grow intellectually and spiritually, to serve effectively in their professions, and to give God-honoring leadership in the home, church, community, and world.

After growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, Mertens attended Northwestern, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, followed by a Master of Organizational Leadership degree. During her undergraduate experience, Betty was voted President of the Student Government Association by her peers; she was the first female to be elected to that position in the institution's history.

Following graduation, Mertens' professional career began at Northwestern, where she oversaw the successful completion of a capital campaign to build the Billy Graham Community Life Commons. She then returned to St. Louis to begin a corporate career—first for technology firm Landis+Gyr, then Nestle Purina. Currently, Mrs. Mertens works as Senior Account Manager for Jump, a marketing agency that specializes in strategy, creative, and media.

Mertens also channels strong amounts of energy beyond the workplace towards additional passions of helping others, be it in the arenas of emotional resilience, physical fitness, or at home as a devoted wife and mother. She is the founder and president of Ella's Umbrella, a nonprofit dedicated to helping hearts, both physically and emotionally. Mrs. Mertens is the author of two books, *Unraveled: When Loss Changes Everything* and *Never Far Apart*, and teaches as a NASM certified personal trainer at her local gym. She has remained connected to Northwestern as a member of the Alumni Council, crediting the university for the firm foundation it provided in both her personal faith and career journey.

Betty's favorite job is being a mom. She and her husband of 10 years, Kyle, are parents to three children. Mertens enjoys traveling, spending time outside, and helping things grow—especially relationships, people, and plants.



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EAGLE SCHOLARS HONORS PROGRAM

Eagle Scholars graduates have completed all requirements for the Northwestern Honors Program, including taking honors courses, completing honors papers and projects, and attending various honors seminars. We consider these Eagle Scholars to be a testimony to the Christian call to excellence in scholarly achievement.

UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATION HONORS

Honors registration for graduates is based on cumulative grade point average (GPA) and University of Northwestern credits earned (minimum of 60). Honors recognition is given according to the following scale:

Summa Cum Laude	3.90-4.00
Magna Cum Laude	3.75-3.89
Cum Laude.	3.65-3.74

The cumulative GPA used in the graduation honors scale is based on all letter-graded University of Northwestern credits earned at the time of degree completion. This includes work taken in all academic programs of the university.

Bachelor's degree students with a minimum of 60 Northwestern credits will be eligible for Latin honors recognition as listed above. Bachelor's degree students with between 30-59 Northwestern credits with a Northwestern cumulative grade point average of at least 3.90 will be recognized as graduating "with distinction."

Final graduation honors listed on the transcript depend on the cumulative GPA at the end of the semester when degree requirements are satisfied.

ACADEMIC APPAREL

The wearing of bright, colorful hoods and somber gowns at academic functions of colleges and universities likely began in the twelfth century when universities were taking form under the jurisdiction of the church. Most of those studying were clerks in holy orders, monks, or priests. They wore a cloak or habit to which was attached a cowl or hood, which was used to warm their tonsured heads or thrown back in mild weather. Sometimes it served the purpose of holding food or the alms that were dropped in by passersby. As the years passed it came to be the symbolic garb of the college and university world. Styles and colors varied greatly in Europe, but by the late 1800s colleges and universities in the United States adopted a uniform code of academic garb that is still in use today.

Bachelor 2-inch border
Sleeves long and pointed, hoods pointed, 3 feet long.

Master 3-inch border
Sleeves long and very oblong, slit halfway up for arms, hoods pointed, 3 1/2 feet long.

Doctor 5-inch border
Very full sleeves with 3 velvet bands, hoods 4 feet long, rounded at bottom.

The color of the hood indicates the department or field in which the degree was given.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business Administration	Drab
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts, Architecture	Brown
Journalism	Crimson
Laws	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Oratory (Speech)	Silver Grey
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Psychology	Royal Blue
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Science	Citron
Theology, Ministry	Scarlet

The inside colors of the hoods represent the colors of the university or college granting the degree.

DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL BANNERS

During the ceremony, department/school banners will be electronically displayed featuring a variety of colors and symbols. These banners were created by Mr. John Printy, Assistant Professor of Art & Design, along with some of his design students.

Each department's/school's mission is interpreted in symbolic logos, which may be used in other Northwestern promotional literature.

DEPARTMENT/SCHOOLS

Adult Undergraduate	Graduate Studies
Art & Design	History & Related Fields
Biblical & Theological Studies	Interdisciplinary Studies
Biology & Biochemistry	Kinesiology, Sports Management, & Physical Education
Business	Music & Theatre
Christian Ministries	Nursing
Communication	Psychology, Criminal Justice, & Law Enforcement
Computing, Analytics, & Mathematics	World Languages
Education	
Engineering	
English & Literature	

THE FLAGS

In addition to the United States and Christian flags, there is a flag on display representing the home country of students who are members of the May 2024 graduating class. This year we are featuring the flag of the People's Republic of China.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Amateur photographers are asked to be aware of and respect others in the audience who are taking pictures, including the university's contracted photographer. Photographs may also be viewed and purchased online.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available on two levels in Totino-Knight Hall and in other campus buildings.

SAFETY

Members of Public Safety staff are in uniform and available throughout the ceremony. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to seek them out. You may reach a member of the Public Safety staff at 651-631-5310.

