



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

**FALL 2024 COMMENCEMENT**

Friday, December 20, 2024 | 4 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. . . . . Mr. Grover C. Sayre III  
Chair, Board of Trustees

Trio Sonata in G Minor, Op. 2, No. 6, HWV 391. . . . . George Frideric Händel  
I. Andante-Allegro

Grace Abt, violin 1  
Sophia Larson, violin 2  
Cora Tsang, piano  
Brittany Quinn, Faculty Coach

Scripture. . . . . Dr. Joel T. Johnson  
Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Administration & Assessment

Hymn: May the Mind of Christ My Savior . . . . . Audience  
Lyrics: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925                      Dr. Richard Lawrence Joseph  
Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925                      Assistant Professor of Music

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 . . . . .	Mrs. Rebecca J. Svendsen College of Graduate, Online, & Adult Learning Mr. Luke Rodemeyer College of Professional Studies
Introduction of Speaker . . . . .	Dr. Corbin Hoornbeek
Address . . . . .	Dr. Neal J. Rich Vice Chair, Board of Trustees
Presentation of the Class . . . . .	Dr. Janet B. Sommers Provost   Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Degrees and Certificates . . . . .	Dr. Corbin Hoornbeek
Presentation of Candidates . . . . .	Mr. Andrew L. Simpson Registrar
Hooding of Graduate Candidates . . . . .	Dr. Kirk D. Moss Assistant Vice Provost for Faculty & Academic Programs
Presentation of Degrees and Certificates * . . . . .	Mr. Grover C. Sayre III Dr. Corbin Hoornbeek Dr. Janet B. Sommers
Welcome to the Northwestern Alumni Family . . . . .	Mr. Monte W. Abeler Director of Alumni & Parent Engagement
Ceremony of the Tassel	
Charge to the Class of 2024. . . . .	Dr. Corbin Hoornbeek
Benediction ♦ . . . . .	Mr. Erick P. Klein Vice President of Enrollment Management & Marketing
Recessional and Postlude . . . . .	Dr. Leonard P. Danek

  
 Please join President Corbin and Mrs. Heather Hoornbeek in  
 the Billy Graham Community Life Commons for a reception for  
 graduates and guests.  


\* 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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*Magna Cum Laude*

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Abigail Pierce Schlabach  
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Parker Louis Revell

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Cristina Joy Lumppio  
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\* ActSix Scholar

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are pleased to introduce our commencement speaker, Dr. Neal J. Rich. Dr. Rich is an active member and current vice chair of the University of Northwestern – St. Paul Board of Trustees. Throughout his professional career, Dr. Rich, a 1987 Northwestern alumnus, has provided both entrepreneurial and strategic leadership in a variety of vocational opportunities. Today, he serves as the lead pastor of Cedar Valley Church in Bloomington, Minn.

Dr. Rich accepted Christ as his personal savior as a sophomore in high school due in large part to the influence of his youth pastor. After graduating from what was then Northwestern College with a bachelor's degree in education, he entered the workforce as a high school teacher in Dallas, Texas. Meanwhile, Neal was also heavily engaged in youth ministry, especially with several high-profile basketball camps throughout the country.

Rich went on to earn a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Northwestern Health Sciences University before owning and operating his own clinic for 19 years. While called into ministry much earlier in life, Dr. Rich joined Cedar Valley as Pastor of Adult Discipleship before being named the church's lead pastor in 2016. Neal desires for Cedar Valley to be a church that meets tangible needs in the immediate community and doesn't shy away from life's complicated issues.



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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 passerby. 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, 3½ 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 some F-1 Visa students who are members of the December 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.

