BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE
COMMENCEMENT
MAY 16, 2014 | MANKATO, MINNESOTA
Welcome

We welcome you to this ceremony of commencement at Bethany Lutheran College. We are proud of these graduates, confident that they have grown both intellectually and spiritually during their days here. Your presence at this milestone in their lives is another sign of your support and love, which has continued over many years, and which we know they deeply appreciate. It is our prayer that Bethany Lutheran College, and especially the lessons learned here, will remain in the lives of these young men and women on whichever paths they are led by the Lord.

Order of Procession

The commencement ceremony begins with the procession of participants. The chair of the faculty assembly leads the procession carrying the college mace, followed by the college president and the officiants, including the dean of academic affairs, a member of the board of regents, and the chaplain. The graduation marshall follows the officiants and leads the rest of the procession. The emeriti lead the faculty, who march in order of seniority, and the graduates follow the faculty. Banners are carried by junior marshalls and represent the various academic divisions of the college.

Academic Apparel

Today’s graduates and faculty members are wearing ceremonial regalia that conform to traditions and practices of the academy. The graduates are wearing black gowns with an open pointed sleeve. Ceremony participants with advanced or terminal degrees wear gowns that represent their earned degree. Those holding a master’s degree wear a gown with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The oblong shape is square cut in the back, the front section tailored with an arc cut. Those who have earned a doctorate wear a gown distinguished by velvet trim on the front facings and three stripes on the sleeves. This trim may be black or may have color identifying the individual’s major field of academic achievement.

Ceremonial regalia also includes academic hoods. The size and cut of the academic hood indicates the level and type of degree an individual holds. The lining of the hood, in Bethany’s case red and white, indicates the school colors and the outer velvet trim indicates the bachelor of arts degree. As with the bachelor’s hood, the master’s and doctor’s hoods have the same color designations in the lining of the school where the degree was earned and velvet trim indicating the field in which the degree is held.

Photography & Video

Professional photography and video will be taken at today’s ceremony. Bethany will be sending one 4” x 6” photograph to each graduate. Candid photographs from the ceremony will be available to download and a video link will be available from the commencement web page: www.blc.edu/commencement.
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Lehtola enrolled at Bethany (BLC) in 1969 and earned an associate in arts degree from BLC in 1971. After two years at BLC, Lehtola transferred to South Dakota State University (SDSU) where she was the first female ever to be enrolled in agricultural engineering courses. During her summer breaks she worked as a trainee engineer with the United States Soil Conservation Service (now National Resources Conservation Service). After earning her degree at SDSU, Lehtola lived and worked in the Baltimore area—two years as a reliability engineer at Westinghouse Defense & Space Center and then two years at the University of Maryland in their agricultural engineering department.

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Lehtola renovated agriculture safety courses at Iowa State and also developed a videotape version used for teaching off-campus students. After working for Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health located at the University of Iowa, she moved across the country to a position for extension and teaching of agricultural safety at the University of Florida. Lehtola is a pioneer in her field of expertise—agriculture safety. She has written dozens of articles for publication and has received numerous awards including recognition as the Undergraduate Teacher of the Year at the University of Florida Agriculture and Life Sciences School, she was recognized by The Extraordinary Women Engineers Project Coalition, and in 2006 was featured in Changing Our World: True Stories of Women Engineers, published by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Lehtola has two grown children; both are married, and three grandchildren in Iowa. Recently retired, Lehtola uses her skills as much as possible to give back to the community and her church.

Commencement Speaker

Dan Browning is recently retired from a career with the global information services firm, Unisys Corporation. Browning joined Unisys in 1975 and has had numerous assignments in sales, marketing, and consulting during his nearly 39-year career. In his last position, he served as an Executive Client Director for the Managed Infrastructure Services Division, with primary emphasis placed upon representing the full portfolio of Unisys to major state and local government organizations throughout the United States.

Mr. Browning represented Unisys to numerous industry and community-related organizations including the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO), the Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA), the St. Paul Riverfront Corporation, and Friends of the Minneapolis Riverfront. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Unisys U.S. Employees' Political Action Committee (UPAC).

Mr. Browning earned an associate in arts degree from Bethany Lutheran College in 1968, and later the University of Iowa with a bachelor of science degree in marketing and psychology. In 1974 he earned a master of business administration degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Browning proudly served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific arena during the Vietnam War.

Browning currently serves as Chairman of the Board for World Outreach (BWO) for the Evangelical Lutheran Synod; and has held numerous past and present positions of leadership with his home congregation, King of Grace Lutheran Church of Golden Valley, Minnesota.

Browning has been married for 41 years to Linda (Madson) Browning (HS '66, JC '68) making their home in Minnetonka, Minnesota. They have been blessed with three children, all graduates of Bethany, as well: Kathryn ('95), Jacob ('96) and Alexander ('01). Dan and Linda take delight in seven grandchildren living in the Twin Cities area.

Distinguished Alumna Award

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PRE-CEREMONY MUSIC

Music for the Royal Fireworks by George Frideric Handel, arr. Jerry Brubaker
Fantasy On American Sailing Songs by Clare Grundman
Bugler’s Holiday by Leroy Anderson, arr. Michael Edwards
An Irish Party In Third Class Traditional, arr. Richard Saucedo
Military Escort by Harold Bennett

PROMENADE MUSIC

Marche de Henri IV François Eustache du Caurroy, arr. William A. Schaefer
The procession across campus is shown live on the video screen.

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC*

Sine Nomine Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Adrian Lo
Organist, Laura Matzke
Bethany Concert Band, Directed by Adrian Lo
*Please rise when the procession enters the gymnasium

INVOCATION

Chaplain Donald Moldstad
Director of Campus Spiritual Life

COLLEGE CHOIR

All Those Who Trust in Christ (Jerusalem) H. Parry, 1916
Directed by Dennis Marzolf
All those who trust in Christ are blest
And find in Him eternal rest;
This world’s allurements we despise
And fix on Christ alone our eyes.
Through Him we heirs of heav’n are made;
O Brother, Christ, extend Thine aid
That we may firmly trust in Thee,
And through Thee live eternally.

O Christ, our Savior, Helper Friend,
Be with us till our journey’s end.
In mercy guide us by Thy grace
Till we behold Thy glorious face.
Though Satan rage, His pow’r is gone
His thundering roar can harm us none
Our strong Defender hurls him down,
And wins for us a heav’ly crown.

Author unknown, 1607; 2. K. Stolshagen, 1550-94
Welcome

Dan R. Bruss, Ph.D.
President, Bethany Lutheran College

Commencement Address

Seven Operating Principles
Mr. Dan Browning

Conferring of Degrees and Honors

Eric K. Woller, Ph.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Mr. Bruce Gratz
Bethany Lutheran College Board of Regents

Distinguished Alumnus Award Presentation

Dan R. Bruss, Ph.D.

College Choir

On My Heart Imprint Thine Image
Genevan Psalter, 1551; Arr. A. Fremder

**At this time the choir encourages alumni, family members, and anyone who has a special place in their heart for this arrangement to come join the choir in the singing of this anthem.

On my heart imprint Thine image,
Blessed Jesus, King of Grace
That life’s riches, cares and pleasures
Have no power Thee to efface.
This the superscription be: “Jesus Crucified for me”
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, and my glory and salvation.

T.H. Kingo, 1634-1703

Benediction

Chaplain Donald Moldstad

Recessional Music

Lead On, O King Eternal by Henry Smart; Arr. James Swearingen

Post Ceremony Music

Finale from Symphony No. 3 by Camille Saint-Saëns, arr. James Curnow

Water Music by George Frideric Handel, arr. Robert Longfield
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**SUMMA CUM LAUDE** (GPA 3.9 - 4.0)

- Heather Jo Alvina Carmichael
- Eileen Carol Heintz
- Jenny Lee Lohmiller
- Diana Marie Marzinske
- Grace Kathryn Merchant
- Caleb Zahn

**MAGNA CUM LAUDE** (GPA 3.67 - 3.89)

- Kaylee Jean Anderson
- Moriah Lilaca Barker
- Hanna Elizabeth Beussman
- Janessa Nicole Beyer
- Elise Renae Browne
- Gena Elizabeth Chester
- Sophia Aasa Faugstad
- Jordan Nicole Feis
- Katheryn Marie Kock
- Brittany Alyssa Lilienthal
- Jade Joann Pelzl
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- Kayla Noelle Radke
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- Krystal Victoria Zaske

**CUM LAUDE** (GPA 3.33 - 3.66)

- Joshua Branndon Arndt
- Zechariah John Owen Bartlett
- Jordan Leigh Fassler
- Marta Elisabeth Faugstad
- Ezra G. Grabau
- Seth Donovan Grabow
- Shannon Hamer
- Lauran Carrie Johnson
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- Shelby Ann Latuske
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- Marie Lyn Rose
- Nicole Danielle Starkson
- Kasslin Alice Swenson
- Hannah Rose Thiesfeldt

Graduation honors were calculated based on fall 2013 cumulative GPA. Publication in today's program is not official documentation of graduation or academic honors.

Scholastic Leadership Society

SLS members wear gold cords.

- Janessa Nicole Beyer
- Heather Jo Alvina Carmichael
- Eileen Carol Heintz
- Jenny Lee Lohmiller
- Diana Marie Marzinske
- Kayla Noelle Radke
- Hannah Rose Spaulding
- Caleb Zahn
- Krystal Victoria Zaske

Sigma Tau Delta

International Honor Society for English Students | Honorees wear red and black cords.

- Eileen Carol Heintz
- Gena Elizabeth Chester
JUNIOR MARSHALS

The junior marshals are chosen to represent their academic divisions based on their high grade point averages and the high regard in which they are held by their divisions and departments.

Arts & Humanities
Annalise Tecken
George, Iowa
Aaron Faugstad
Lengby, Minn.

Communication
Ashton Nelson
Mountain Lake, Minn.

Health & Human Performance
Hilary Cagle
Trimont, Minn.
Religious Studies
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF BETHANY

In 1911, Bethany Ladies College opened with forty-four students, four faculty members, and a mission to educate young women. In 1927, the Norwegian Synod, later known as the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), purchased the college. The ELS operated the school as a co-educational high school and junior college until 1969, when the high school department was closed. Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary began in 1946 as a department of the college; in 1975 it became a separate institution.

In May 1996, the Board of Regents resolved to move Bethany from an associate to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution. In the spring of 2001, Bethany awarded its first baccalaureate degrees.

MISSION STATEMENT

Bethany Lutheran College, owned and operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is a private, residential, liberal arts college committed to the teachings of the Bible as set forth in the Lutheran Confessions. Bethany provides studies culminating in a bachelor of arts degree. The college serves Lutherans and others by offering a challenging, student-centered approach to education that fosters spiritual development, intellectual and creative growth, self-understanding, and responsible citizenship. In keeping with its heritage, Bethany aspires to produce students with a clear understanding of Christian vocation, which encourages students to make the most of their God-given talents.
COLLEGE SEAL

The college seal, which appears on the cover of this program, was made official by a resolution of the Board of Regents in 1932. The idea of the college seal originated with Ruth Seidel, who was an instructor at Bethany, and her artist brother, Wilbur Seidel of Chicago, who furnished the detailed drawing.

The seal is distinctive and most appropriate. The inscription “ΕΝΟΣ ΕΣΤΙΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ” is Greek and means “One Thing Is Needful,” the words of Christ spoken to Martha at that first Bethany. The “One Thing Needful” is the Gospel of the crucified Savior, expressed by the cross upon which the inscription is placed. For Bethany Lutheran College we thereby declare that there is no true education, even as there is no salvation, without the Gospel of Christ, Son of God and Savior of the world from sin. That Gospel is, and must remain, the heart and soul of every educational effort at our beloved institution. The cross is encircled by a star with twelve points, upon which are shown rays of light extending from the cross. As the twelve apostles were commissioned to be bearers of the light from the cross, so the goal of our training at Bethany must not be our own advancement, but the spread of the Gospel.

MACE

The college mace is a symbol of power or authority. Its origins can be traced to early medieval times when it was literally an instrument of power as a war club. It eventually evolved into the ceremonial scepter of monarchs. For colleges and universities it symbolizes the authority to grant degrees given to the faculty by the state or church. The mace is carried by the chair of the faculty assembly.

The mace was designed and carved by Bethany art professor Eric Ouren. The wooden cross at the top of the mace is carved from one of the “Koshkonong Oaks.” The first Norwegian Lutheran worship service in America was conducted under the oak trees by Lake Koshkonong near Madison, Wisconsin, in 1844. The shaft of the mace has three bands over what looks to be “roots” connecting the top to the bottom. This is reminiscent of Scandinavian/Viking carving, something that connects Bethany to the old world and its Norwegian-American cultural origins. At the base of the shaft is a small piece of the old Bethany gates. These gates had been part of the foundation of a planned conservatory next to Old Main that was never finished. Inset in the top of the mace is a bronze casting of the college seal.

MEDALLION

The presidential medallion signifies the authority of the college’s chief executive. The college president wears the medallion at commencement, opening service, and other times when academic apparel are appropriate. The medallion is hand tooled, cast in oxidized bronze and hand polished. It measures 3-5/8 inches in diameter with a decorative bezel around the three-inch medallion. The presidential medallion hangs on a bronze chain individually listing the past presidents of the college on a small metal banner. The current president’s banner is in the center above the medallion, and is separated from those of past presidents by leaf clusters. The seal of Bethany Lutheran College is engraved on the front side of the medallion.
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