Commencement Program

Processional
National Anthems ................................................................. Casey Meyers, RRCC Student
Welcome ......................................................................................... Dr. Roxanne Kelly, RRCC Provost
Greetings on behalf of NHED : Dr. Michael Raich, Interim President of the Northeast Higher Education District

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Presentation of the Class of 2020 .................................. Amy Amundsen, RRCC Staff, Brooke Boulton, RRCC Faculty
Recognition of RRCC/ICC Practical Nursing Graduates .......... Donita Ettestad, Healthcare Program Director
Recognition of RRCC/HCC Registered Nursing Graduates..... Donita Ettestad, Healthcare Program Director
Conferring of Degrees ............................................................... Interim President Raich, Provost Kelly

Recessional

2020 Graduates

Tenneyson Amdahl** Benjamin Lucek Tanner Wood
Gracie Bahr** Hannah Mark
Eugene Barnes** Kenneth Markel**
Elizabeth Batdorf* Kora Martin**
Riley Beck Gunnar Mason
Sophia Benedix Casey Meyers*
Brenden Benike Ian-Michael McCambridge**
William Bess* Vilawn Mobley
Dayton Busch Erin Moseman
Jesus Carmona** Elina Nelson**
Adam Davies Sarah Parker
Thomas Emanuel-Roche Julia Perdou*
Emily Fairchild* Alfonso Pesquera
Fabian Figueroa-Estronza Evan Peterson**
Frank Folsom** Weston Piekarski*
Teah Goulet Bryce Reddish
Alexis Graves Melody Ruelle*
Tyler Gray Sarah Schoon**
David Griffith Priscilla Schrock**
Jace Hallin Nathan Simutkin*
Nehemiah Harrigan Parker Stevens
Tucker Hauschen Matthew Strizich
McKenna Holt Ariana Vacura**
Emma Johns Monica Vellieux*
Aurora Johnson Maria Vollom*
Kira Johnson Alphonse Wayman
Marissa Kerry Chad Wennerstrand*
Alexandrea Krause Paul Wilken
William Laabs Hunter Wilson
Emily LeMasurier Trey Winkler**

Practical Nursing Graduates
Cassie Harju Julia Herbert**
Lacy Palmer** Hailee Schaaf**
Macy Skrien** Gina Thydean

Registered Nursing Graduates
Christine Baade* Anna Bortnik*
Kyle Bounds Laura Hilliard
Emily Rasmussen Amy Weems

**With Highest Honors
3.75 - 4.0 Cumulative GPA
(Gold honor cords)

*With Honors
3.25 - 3.74 Cumulative GPA
(Silver honor cords)
Phi Theta Kappa

The students wearing the gold stoles belong to the two-year international honor society, Phi Theta Kappa. When RRCC students earn a 3.5 GPA or higher, they are invited to join. Members participate in our local chapter, Alpha Rho Alpha, and work toward four hallmarks: service, scholarship, fellowship, and leadership. The Greek letters on the stoles represent wisdom, aspiration and purity.

Academic Attire

All RRCC faculty and staff who participate in commencement and hold a college degree wear black gowns. Design/styles of the gown sleeves signify degrees held. A pointed sleeve represents a bachelor’s degree. A sleeve with a slit toward the top designates a master’s degree. A round, open sleeve indicates a doctorate degree. Academic hoods are worn to symbolize the school attended as well as the degree and subject of earned degree. School of Business and Economics is drab or copper; College of Education and Human Services Professions may be light blue, gray, sage or gold; College of Liberal Arts may be white, gold, purple, copper, peacock, pink, citron, or brown; School of Fine Arts is brown or pink; and College of Science and Engineering is gold or orange.

Nursing

The white robes are being worn by nursing graduates. Rainy River Community College, Itasca Community College and Hibbing Community College have partnered to offer the nursing programs at RRCC.

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