

MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY



COMMENCEMENT

MAY 6, 2023

1:00 P.M.

CIMPL ARENA, YANKTON, SD

2023 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Marches OP. 39, No. 1

by Sir Edward Elgar

Led by Dr. Alan Ferris

Academic Senate Chair

NATIONAL ANTHEM

“The Star Spangled Banner”

by Francis Scott Key

Mount Marty University Choir

INVOCATION

Eric Vargas VanderLee '23

“The Mount Marty University
Prayer”

by Anthony Maglione

Mount Marty University Choir

WELCOME

Dr. Marcus Long

President

STUDENT AWARDS

Dr. Andrea Roberts '19

Director, Nurse Anesthesia

Dr. Kathy Magorian '97

Dean of Faculty and Dean of

Nursing and Health Sciences

HONORARY DOCTORATE AND COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Timothy Semple '73

HOODING AND

PRESENTATION OF

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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WELCOME

Dr. Taylor Rehfeldt '19

2022 Recipient of the

Distinguished Professional

Achievement Alumni Award

BENEDICTION

James Berdahl '23

“Flight Song”

by Kim Andre Arnesen

Mount Marty University Choir

RECESSIONAL

“Procession of the Nobles”
from *Mlada*

by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Led by Dr. Alan Ferris

It is customary for the audience to stand during the Processional,
National Anthem, Invocation, Benediction and Recessional.

MOUNT MARTY PRAYER

O God,

Creator of all things and source of wisdom and knowledge, send your Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, words, and actions so that everything we do will begin with your inspiration and continue with your guidance and blessing. Help us to speak and act with integrity so that we may uphold the values of Mount Marty University. May we use our talents and abilities in the best ways possible so that You may be glorified and our neighbor served.

We pray these things through Jesus, your Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

by Timothy Semple '73

Timothy D. Semple has more than 50 years of experience in the healthcare industry. He served in the United States Navy Reserve as a Hospital Corpsman from 1966-1968. After the Navy, he went to St. Luke's School of Nursing in Sioux City, IA, and graduated in 1971. That fall Tim came to Mount Marty as one of the first two students in the Bachelor of Science in Anesthesia program, later graduating in 1973. His first job out of school was at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln, NE, where he became Director of Nurse Anesthesia. He left in 1989 and joined a group of five CRNAs who covered a group of small hospitals in Eastern Nebraska. During this time Tim discovered his love for Obstetric (OB) Anesthesia.

With a desire to learn as much as he could about OB Anesthesia, Tim went to Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento, CA, in 1992 on an interim assignment. This hospital performed about 8,000 deliveries per year and was well known for its expertise in OB anesthesia. Two years later, Tim and his wife, Sheri, moved to Indianapolis, IN where he took a position in the OB Anesthesia Department at Community Hospitals of Indianapolis, a CRNA managed OB practice. He was the OB Anesthesia Manager of Community Hospitals South, one of three OB sites in the system. In 2001, he was promoted to Chief CRNA of OB Anesthesia Services for Community Health Systems. At that point, CRNAs were providing quality anesthesia for over 4,000 deliveries per year. The OB Anesthesia Service had the highest patient satisfaction scores in the city.

In 2005, Tim left his position in Indianapolis for an opening at St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Maryland. Tim and Sheri moved because there were now two new grandchildren in their lives. Tim says grandchildren, not career, made this the best move of his life. Twelve years later, in 2017, Tim retired from Anesthesia and earned the CompTIA IT Certification through the College of Southern Maryland. He enjoys building custom PCs and providing computer services for friends and family. In 2019 Tim volunteered as the Database Manager and Donor Relations Coordinator for The Mission, Seeking Shelter, which provides shelter and meals for those in need in St. Mary's County, MD.

Tim and Sheri are active in their local church. They serve together on the Coffee Cafe staff and on the WARM Project that provides short term shelter and meals for the homeless through churches throughout Southern Maryland. Tim works on the church maintenance staff, as well as leading a men's growth group. He is an affiliate volunteer with the Maryland American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. Both he and his wife are charter members of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

DOCTOR OF NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE

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Neola, IA

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MEDINA

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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AGHBASHIAN

Family Nurse Practitioner

Lead-Deadwood, SD

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Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse
Practitioner

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Tea, SD

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Family Nurse Practitioner

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KRISTIN THOMPSON

Family Nurse Practitioner

Winner, SD

DEVIN D. WATTS

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse
Practitioner

Pierce, NE

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The tradition of academic costume has a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townsmen wore long flowing robes or gowns. The materials and colors varied greatly, according to wealth and rank of the individual and were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns developed for the various professions, trades and guilds. This tradition survives today in gowns of religious orders, the judiciary and the academic regalia.

The gowns worn by the recipients of the various degrees vary somewhat in design. The sleeves of the gown worn by recipients of the baccalaureate degree are long and pointed, while the sleeves of the gown worn by the master's degree recipients are square at one end with a slit at the elbow. The doctor's gown has flowing sleeves with three bars of velvet and a facing of velvet down the front of the gown.

Most distinctive of the academic regalia is the hood, which identifies the graduate degree and the institution where the degree was awarded. The hood is lined with silk in the official colors of the institution. The velvet edging indicates the degree as follows:

Arts, Letters, Humanities: White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business: Drab
Education: Light Blue
Fine Arts: Brown
Music: Pink
Nursing: Apricot
Philosophy: Dark Blue
Physical Education: Sage Green
Science: Golden Yellow
Theology: Scarlet

Names listed in this publication and participation in the commencement exercises may not be construed as documentation of completion of degree requirements. Certification of the conferral of a degree is by official transcript noting degree completion.

MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

Mount Marty University is a Catholic, Benedictine institution of higher learning founded in 1936 by the Sisters of Saint Benedict of Yankton, South Dakota. The institution is named in memory of Martin Marty, a Swiss monk, who came to the Dakota Territory in 1876 as a missionary to the Native Americans, and became the territory's first Catholic Bishop. As bishop, he invited the Benedictine Sisters to establish a religious community in Yankton.

The university functioned as a junior college for women for 15 years; in 1951 it awarded its first Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. In 1969, the college became coeducational. Associate of Arts degree programs were introduced in 1975 in areas compatible with already existing programs. Graduate study came to the institution with the first Master of Science degree being awarded in 1983, followed closely by the first Master of Art degree in 1999. The first doctorate, Nurse Anesthesia Practice, was approved in 2016.

Mount Marty University's main campus is located in Yankton, SD. There are two additional locations in Watertown, SD, and Sioux Falls, SD.

MMU-Watertown has been serving northeast South Dakota since 1972 and offers numerous undergraduate degrees in non-traditional formats. This non-residential learning environment offers flexible options that cater to all students and working professionals looking to further their careers through higher education.

Sioux Falls is home to the MMU Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Practice graduate program, a program that has been producing successful nurse anesthetists for over 75 years. This 36-month program prepares the next generation of advanced practice nursing professionals for commitment to excellence in clinical care, advancing the profession and service to the human community.

In keeping with the Benedictine tradition, the university exists as a community of learners. Primary emphasis is placed on the development of each person as a complete human being with intellectual competence; professional and personal skills; and a composite of moral, spiritual and social values.

PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The Presidential Medallion represents the authority granted to the President of the institution by the Board of Trustees. It carries the seal of the university as well as four banners with the core values: awareness of God, community, hospitality and lifelong learning. They serve as a constant reminder that these values are believed in and carried out from the leader of the institution on to the various internal and external publics that Mount Marty University serves. On the bottom of the medallion are the words; scientia (knowledge), veritas (truth) and sapientia (wisdom). It is a symbol that will inspire the quest for knowledge by the faculty and our students. It is a symbol that will inspire the pursuit of spiritual wholeness for all the members of our community.

MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Mount Marty University, an academic community in the Catholic Benedictine liberal arts tradition, prepares students for a contemporary world of work, service to the human community and personal growth.

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