



Commencement

Friday, December 12, 1997

7:30 p.m.

James E. O'Neill Jr. Arena

Ryder Center

Saginaw Valley State University

Academic Procession

The Marshal
 Faculty and Administration
 The Deputy Marshal
 Candidates for Master's Degrees
 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees
 Deans
 Vice Presidents
 Board of Control Members
 President

The audience is requested to stand during the Processional, the singing of the National Anthem and the Recessional.

A professional photographer will take portraits of the graduates during Commencement. Proofs will be supplied and photo orders may be made if desired.

Personal pictures may be taken from your seat. In order to preserve the view of each member of the audience, we ask that no photographs be taken from any area of the floor during the Processional or during the Commencement ceremony. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

Order of Events

Friday, December 12, 1997

MarshalDavid E. Barker, Ph.D.
Deputy MarshalRobert C. Braddock, Ph.D.
Pre-Commencement ConcertValley Brass Ensemble
 Trumpet: Andy Anderson, Ken Bellen, Ed Cunningham
 Trombone: Susan Gessford, David Gessford, Arnold Huntress, Jim Morrissey
 Horn: Bob Ralston, Bill Wollner
 Tuba: David Kjellberg

Sarabande and MinuetJohann Sebastian Bach
GopakModest Mousourgsky
Fanfare and ChorusDietrich Buxtehude
Trumpet TuneJohann K.F. Fischer
IntradaJohann Pezel

Processional (Please stand and remain standing for the National Anthem)
Pomp and CircumstanceSir Edward Elgar

National Anthem
Star Spangled BannerFrancis Scott Key

PresidingEric R. Gilbertson, J.D.
 President

InvocationJohn R. Willertz, Ph.D.
 Professor of History

AddressDonna J. Roberts, Member
 SVSU Board of Control

Presentation of Master's Degree Candidates
Master of Arts in Criminal Justice/Political Science
 Presented byDonald J. Bachand, Ph.D.
 Dean, College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences

Master of Business Administration
 Presented bySeverin C. Carlson, D.B.A.
 Dean, College of Business and Management

Master of Arts in Teaching and Master of Education
 Presented byEllen Curtis-Pierce, Ph.D.
 Dean, College of Education

Master of Science in Nursing
 Presented byJanalou Blecke, Ph.D.
 Acting Assistant Dean, College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

Conferring of Master's DegreesEric R. Gilbertson

Presentation of Baccalaureate Degree Candidates

College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences

Presented byDonald J. Bachand

College of Business and Management

Presented bySeverin C. Carlson

College of Education

Presented byEllen Curtis-Pierce

College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

Presented byJanalou Blecke

College of Science, Engineering and Technology

Presented byThomas E. Kullgren, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Science, Engineering and Technology

Conferring of Baccalaureate DegreesEric R. Gilbertson

Induction into SVSU Alumni Association

Charles M. Graham, P.E., B.S.Executive Director of Development
and SVSU Foundation

Cynthia K. Morley, M.A.President, SVSU Alumni Association

Shawnette MollPresident, SVSU Student Association

Concluding RemarksEric R. Gilbertson

Recessional

The RejoicingGeorge Frederic Handel

The audience is requested to remain seated until the program is completed.



Reception

Immediately following the Commencement ceremony, the graduates, their families and friends, faculty and staff are invited to a reception to be held in the east end of James E. O'Neill Jr. Arena.

Acknowledgments

The graduates' names read by J. Chris Looney, M.A., Registrar and Director of Academic & Student Support Services

Ushering services provided by the SVSU Alumni Association

Service for the hearing impaired provided by V.O.I.C.E. Inc.

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Commencement Speaker



Donna J. Roberts in 1992 was appointed to, and has served as secretary of, the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control.

Roberts also has been a member of the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors, is an emeritus member of the Board of Fellows and served on the Annual Fund Committee and The Campaign for Distinction. As co-chair of the Campaign's Midland Division, Roberts inspired donations in excess of \$250,000.

She is the recently retired Corporate Secretary and Assistant General Counsel of The Dow Chemical Company. In 1994, Roberts received

the Midland Rotary Club Vocational Award for her professional achievement and outstanding contributions to the community. In 1984, she was elected to the Academy of Women Achievers of the YWCA of the City of New York.

Roberts is a familiar face at SVSU Commencement ceremonies. As a member of the Board of Control, she has attended each Commencement occurring during her tenure. "Certainly one of the things I have enjoyed is participating in Commencement ceremonies," Roberts said. "It is very exciting to see the proud graduates cross the stage and to see the results of their work here."

In addition to her involvement at SVSU, Roberts' volunteer commitments include a number of Tri-County community organizations — several of which she has served in leadership capacities. She was chairperson of the 1991 United Way of Midland County Campaign and was a member, and former president, of its board of directors and a member of its executive committee.

She has served on the Judicial Selection Committee of the Congress of the United States and has been a member of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, the Midland Foundation, the Comerica Bank-Midland Region Board of Directors and the League of Women Voters. She also was a member, and former president, of the Midland Public Schools Board of Education, and the board of directors of The Dow Chemical Employees Credit Union. She chaired the Program Committee of the Delta College Select Citizens' Committee of 100.

A resident of Midland, Roberts received her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Detroit Law School. She is a member of the American Society of Corporate Secretaries, the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan and the Midland County Bar Association. She is a Michigan State Bar Foundation Life Fellow.

Candidates for Master's Degrees

College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences

Donald J. Bachand, Dean

M.A. — Master of Arts (Criminal Justice/Political Science)

Cynthia Marie Conway	Rod Eugene Reamer
James R. Furbush	Karen A. Tomicek
Kimberly M. Klein	Emmanuel Ikwuka Unobagha

College of Business and Management

Severin C. Carlson, Dean

M.B.A. — Master of Business Administration

Carl E. Bell Jr.	Su Lay May
Troy Steven Champagne	Gary Allen McIntyre
Brian G. Glowiak	Michael Roger Murray
Clarice E. Holm	Valerie Newson Peterson
Kevin Andrew Kokaly	Johnny Earl Townsend
Erik Joseph Loper	Chun-Chieh Wang

College of Education

Ellen Curtis-Pierce, Dean

M.A.T. — Master of Arts in Teaching

Shelli Wixtrom Anderson	Jacqueline M. King
Lesley Kay Argiri	Denise Hope Kopp
Janice G. Barel	Christine Nicole Lehotsky
Joanne Anahid Black	Randi Cheryl Mailloux
Suzanne Virginia Cleveland	Deborah Lynn Mostek
Dawn Kay Deisig	Judith Louise Noveroske
JoAnn Mary DellaSantina	Billie-Lu Ada Opsomer
Samuel Dykstra	Michelle Kristie Rybak-Galloner
Lori A. Farr	Renee F. Schoenknecht
Cynthia Kay Greskowiak	Janet M. Skillman
Ann Marie Hund	Pamela M. Smith
Kathryn A. Kern	Alice Wilma Stricker

M.Ed. — Master of Education

Sandra Lee Bashaw	Dorothy Dow Hannum
Amy Catherine Blenman	Derek John Jimenez
Maria Ann Bolen	Stewart J. Kieliszewski
Susan Marie Brasseur	Jeffrey Harold LaPerriere
Dennis Maury Brown	Wendy Lynn Millett
Stacey Lynn Byle	Joe M. Noha
Christopher Allen Connors	David Miguel Quesada
John Anthony Flores	Tonya J. Reed
Mary Z. Francis	John Michael Reincke
Stacey Anne Gierman	Dawnielle Leniere Richmond
Janet S. Gray	

College of Education

M.Ed. — Master of Education (continued)

Sandra Lynne Schafer	Kimberly Jeane Wegener
Elaine Marie Smith	Toby Kurt Wegener
Victoria Mary Stewart	Victoria A. Wright
JoAnne Mantay Thompson	Suzanne Zwierzchowski

College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

Cheryl E. Easley, Dean

M.S.N. — Master of Science in Nursing

Joanne Sraj Sopko

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Students Graduating with Honors

The three honors categories for undergraduate students are:

Summa Cum Laude3.80 to 4.00 Grade Point Average
Magna Cum Laude3.60 to 3.79 Grade Point Average
Cum Laude3.40 to 3.59 Grade Point Average

In order to graduate with academic honors, a student must have completed 62 credit hours at SVSU.

Honors Program

Honors Program graduates completed approved theses that represent creative work in their fields, and maintained a minimum 3.40 SVSU grade point average.

Heather Bradford

A Letter to My Daughter (Performance) and *Stereotypes of Asian Women in Film and Theatre: From Villain to Lotus Blossom* (Written)

Dr. Janet E. Rubin, Thesis Advisor

College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences

Donald J. Bachand, Dean

B.A. — Bachelor of Arts

Lisa Marie Benjamin cum laude	Micky Lin Leaman
Richard S. Blakeley	Dana Maria Long
Serena Elizabeth Boggess	Melody Gene Mallek
Clinton Lamont Bryant	Robert LeRoy Mavis Jr.
Mitchell Scott Burnash	David Meyers Moore
Catherine Louise Butler	Jeffrey Lee Moore
Diane L. Campbell magna cum laude	Jodi Lynn Nagy cum laude
Jeffrey David Carpenter	Randy Allen Norton summa cum laude
Lerone Clement	Kathleen L. O'Brien summa cum laude
Christin Joanne Colton	Char Lynn Palmer
Peggy Jean Condon Watson	Kim Allen Peterson magna cum laude
Margaret Louise Converse magna cum laude	Kathleen Joyce Reed cum laude
Ann Marie Craig	Cheryl Eileen Rienstra magna cum laude
John F. D'Arcy	Mary Eulalia Rocha
Darl Jay Daniels cum laude	Brenda Lee Rockwell
Jessica Heath Daniels	Willie Ray Rodgers Jr.
Debbie Marie Dauer magna cum laude	Stanley John Rutkowski summa cum laude
Erica R. Enciso	Robert Wade Sager
Matthew Todd Foote	Sylvia Sidney Sajdak summa cum laude
Michael Heath Fowler	Christa Lyn Schubert
Tracey Lynne Freehling cum laude	Erick Jon Serbus
Patricia Elaine Furtaw magna cum laude	Leslie Ann Sheridan
Danielle Marie Gargano	Julie Ann Sickles
Mary F. Gebhard	Bridget Sue Spalding
Mary Kristine Hansel summa cum laude	Tracy Marie Sparks
Charles H. Hinman	John William Steele magna cum laude
Jeffrey John Hogan	Catherine Marie Storm
Jeremiah A. Hulburt	Angela Marie Szidik magna cum laude
Stacey Lynn Kasprus cum laude	Stacey Lynn Taylor
Tadd Robert Klimmek	Grant Percy Thomas
Ka Man Ku cum laude	Steven Michael Torres
Heather Mills LaLonde	Leonora Williette Townsend
Gerald H. LaFlure	Jennifer Anne Urban
Jon Scott Lefevre	Leann A. Rinehart Ventrone

B.F.A. — Bachelor of Fine Arts

Chad Michael Geiger
Melissa Ann Goble
Mark Allen Johnson
Bethany Dawn Rienstra

College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences (continued)

B.S.W. — Bachelor of Social Work

Shannon Marie Anderson
Brent Matthew Call
May Louise Ponder
cum laude
Christopher Paul Tomczak
cum laude

Shawn Kristen Vrable
magna cum laude
Tyani Williams

College of Business and Management

Severin C. Carlson, Dean

B.B.A. — Bachelor of Business Administration

Kristina Fay Babich
David Andrew Barnhart
Tricia Faith Belt
Jill Anne Bender
Trent J. Bitzer
Suzanne Marie Boswell
magna cum laude
Matthew Troy Brownlee
David Michael Chritz
cum laude
Jeffrey Alan Churchfield
Jill Ann Cichowski
Amy Lynn Coyer
Frank John Cruz
Tammy J. Daley
Theresa Ann Dean
Jason Daniel Dietlin
Jason Carl Dore
Tina Marie Duletzke
Deidra Ann Eickholt
Michael John Eifert
cum laude
Patrice Ann Emmendorfer
Joe Ed Ezell III
Timothy David Franzel
cum laude
Deidre Ann Frolo
Pam Marie Hayes
Michael Joseph Hitchcock
Brendan Thomas Isom

Carla A. Jeffs
Rebecca Jean Johnson
Judy Ann Koski
magna cum laude
Corina A. Krahner
Katrina Lynn Krueger
Jeanne Marie Lemanski
Carol Ann Loeffler
Kathy Ann Marchlewicz
Loree B. Marquez
Lisa Pack
summa cum laude
Bhavesh A. Patel
magna cum laude
Kevin James Pawlowski
Nicholas R. Peet
Brenda Ann Phillips
cum laude
Angelo Pizzo
Joseph H. Polzin
Matthew James Porath
Diane Simon
Barry Bernard Small
Stephanie Mae Szarapski
Becky Lynn Walther
Barbara Watkins
Michael Joseph Windy
cum laude
Lee Bernard Wyckoff
Wendy Kay Yelsik

College of Education

Ellen Curtis-Pierce, Dean

B.A. — Bachelor of Arts

Elizabeth Anne Adams
William Barkowska III
Valerie Joan Bartlett
summa cum laude
James Byron Becker
Alicia Marie Bell
Jill Lynette Bilacic
magna cum laude
Sheryl Lynn Boensch
magna cum laude
Holly Michelle Bolton
summa cum laude
Amy Lynn Bourdon-Garwick
magna cum laude
Heather Su Bradford
magna cum laude
Hollie Beth Brock
summa cum laude
Deanna Marie Bukoski
magna cum laude
Vicki Ann Carto
summa cum laude
Kristine Robin Clark
magna cum laude
Renee Jeanne Brabo Clinesmith
Brian Mitchell Eilers
summa cum laude
Matthew Wayne Emerick
Stephanie Lynn Ferchau
cum laude
Barbara Ann Forsyth
Sean Patrick Gallagher
Amy E. Gerisch
Pamela Ruth Goddard
cum laude
Candace Lynn Gotham
Annie Pearl Green-Carr
Beverly June Guile
magna cum laude
Hollce Anne Hart
summa cum laude
Kathleen J. Hayes
Tina Marie Hendershot
magna cum laude
Tamara L. Henderson
Elizabeth Ann Houghteling
magna cum laude
Amy Joy Idzior
summa cum laude

Bethany Adele Jill
summa cum laude
William Scott Kendall
Maria Anna Kreiner
George Joseph LaFramboise
Christopher Michael Lerczak
Angela Renee Lewis
Brenda Rae-Meinecke Link
magna cum laude
James Brian Masterson
Amy Jo Maurer
Robbyn Christina Michaels
magna cum laude
Heidi Lynn Miller
Laura Ann Miner
Curtis Todd Moses
Ryan Patrick Mullins
cum laude
Kelly Lynn O'Shea
cum laude
Randy W. Ott
cum laude
Darlene Lorraine Patterson
cum laude
Jodi Kay Peters
magna cum laude
Kari Rose Roethlisberger
cum laude
Cathy J. Scanlon
Christopher Alan Schram
magna cum laude
Tamara June Smoot
Marian Helen Somerville
Andrew James Sorenson
Steven Jeffery Stodolak
Bradley Charles Suggs
Christine Elaine Sweigart-Lagalo
Tara Ann Timm
cum laude
Theresa Marie Vondra
magna cum laude
Kathleen M. Wade
summa cum laude
Greg Alan Watson
Trina Marie Whittaker
cum laude
Sarah Lynn Williamson
Rebecca Lynn Zinz

College of Education (continued)

B.S. — Bachelor of Science

Wendy Sue Berner cum laude	Steven J. Clarkson
Charlene Renee Carter	Kristi L. Hanby
	Carrie Etta Nichols

College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

Cheryl E. Easley, Dean

B.S.N. — Bachelor of Science in Nursing

David Sidney Anderson magna cum laude	Theresa Ann Houthoofd magna cum laude
William Carl Antell cum laude	Deborah Lynn Jias
Suzanne Patrice Bishop cum laude	Aimee Lynn McGillis cum laude
Janet Renee Bottrill summa cum laude	Jennifer Marie McKenna summa cum laude
Nancy Ellen Bramblett cum laude	Jodie A. Muirhead cum laude
Sabrina Ann Cantu	Julie D. Phillips summa cum laude
Cori Sue DeWolfe	Kari Nicole Richter summa cum laude
Karen Liv Dettmer	Patricia Forsyth Stevenson
Monica Ann Girbach	Tammy Kay Wee
Nancy Anne Hall magna cum laude	Kari Lee Wray summa cum laude
Megan Ann Sandifer Harrison	
Pamela Kaye Hill	
Jennifer Ann Hiller magna cum laude	

College of Science, Engineering and Technology

Thomas E. Kullgren, Dean

B.S. — Bachelor of Science

Dale Kenneth Bannick	Tamara Lynn Kremer
Darren Dwight Bielby	Shannon May Krieger
Donald L. Brink magna cum laude	Mark McCubbin cum laude
Richard Phillip DeCaire	Allen Robert Minar cum laude
Tamburayi Ratidzo Dombo	Scott Allen Niswander
Chad Lee Dunlap	Michael C. Petrowski magna cum laude
Barbara Jean Guile cum laude	Daniel Paul Reeves cum laude
Craig W. Halm	Krystal Renee Rife
Franklin Floyd Harroun	James Paul Schmidt
Todd William Hofer cum laude	Jeffrey Thomas Shaft
James Philip Janson	
Julie Ann Kohlhoff	

College of Science, Engineering and Technology

B.S. — Bachelor of Science (continued)

Deborah Anne Smith magna cum laude	Lisa Patricia Verdoni summa cum laude
Gregory Jay Smothers	Chih-Chieh Wen
Kenneth Eldon Tessin	Ronald Lawrence White summa cum laude
Joshua Michael Thomas	

B.S.E.E. — Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Mark Edward Gracias cum laude	Mathew Willard Slough
Michelle Lynn Herr magna cum laude	Dennis A. Thompson
John James Izzo III	Robert David Wood magna cum laude

B.S.M.E. — Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Steven Joseph Benaske magna cum laude	Brian Scott Haubenstricker
Jeremy Gene Bickel magna cum laude	Tina M. Hollenbeck
Shane Edward Bremer	David J. May cum laude
Christopher Mark Charlebois	Randall Michael Rodriguez
John David Hatton magna cum laude	Michael David Salowitz
	David Juwono Wongso cum laude

Color Designation of Degrees

The colors of tassels being worn by the candidates for baccalaureate degrees indicate the field of study. The color designations are as follows:

College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences

B.A.	White
B.F.A.	Brown
B.S.W.	Citron

College of Business and Management

B.B.A.	Drab
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College of Education

B.A.	Light Blue
B.S.	Light Blue

College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

B.S.N.	Apricot
B.S.-Medical Technology	Gold
B.S.-Occupational Therapy	Gold

College of Science, Engineering and Technology

B.S.	Gold
B.S.E.E.	Orange
B.S.M.E.	Orange

The colors of velvet borders of the hoods worn by candidates for master's degrees also indicate the field of study. The color designations are as follows:

College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences

M.A.	White
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College of Business and Management

M.B.A.	Drab
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College of Education

M.A.T.	Light Blue
M.Ed.	Light Blue

College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

M.S.N.	Apricot
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Academic Attire

Academic achievement is recognized by a special ceremony known as commencement and the participants are clad in distinctive dress referred to as regalia. The caps, gowns and hoods worn today evolved from costumes worn several centuries ago during European religious and university processions of the Middle Ages. The purpose of the distinctive design of the regalia was to distinguish church and university members from the laity.

Academic regalia worn by participants in today's commencement procession symbolizes degrees held and institutions where these degrees were earned. Bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree gowns traditionally are black, although some academic institutions prescribe a school color for their graduates' gowns. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown has a sealed, oblong section at the wrist. Doctoral gowns are identified by bell-shaped sleeves with velvet crossbars.

The academic hood, which drapes over the back of the gown, denotes the academic institution, degree and college where the degree was earned. The colors revealed in the center back of the hood signify the school colors of the academic institution granting the degree. The color of the trim in the front of the hood indicates the college granting the degree. The width of the trim is two inches, three inches and five inches for the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree, respectively. The master's hood is pointed and the doctoral hood is bell-shaped. The hood's length is three feet, three and one-half feet and four feet for the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, respectively.

The head covering is either mortarboard or a soft beret modeled after the cap of Cambridge University. The tassel on the cap may be black or a color indicating the college where the degree was earned. A gold tassel signifies the holder of a doctoral degree.

At Saginaw Valley State University, the colors of the lining of the hood are red and blue. The SVSU Board of Control and President wear regalia especially designed for them in SVSU's colors to distinguish them as members of the governing board of this academic institution.

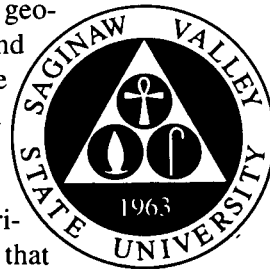
Saginaw Valley State University

Board of Control

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Burnett S. Kelly, Vice-Chairperson
D. Brian Law, Secretary
Robert J. Vitito, Treasurer
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Elias J. Escobedo, Jr.
Donna J. Roberts
Thomas E. Rush
Eric R. Gilbertson, President

The Seal of Saginaw Valley State University

The triangle within the SVSU seal symbolizes the geographical area formed by Bay City, Midland and Saginaw. It denotes the linking of three separate communities and surrounding areas through an institution dedicated to higher education.



Three symbols within the seal are of Egyptian origin. The figure at the top represents life, denoting that education is an ongoing, life-long process and has a value that lasts forever.

The symbol at the lower left represents light — perhaps the inner light. It recognizes that our knowledge is a torch of smokey pine that lights the pathway but one step ahead. Opposite the light of knowledge in the lower right corner is a staff, which stands for strength. This may be regarded as an appeal for the endurance necessary to search for and find the truth, as well as the strength to speak and live it.

The year of the University's founding, 1963, appears below the triangle.