

UND announces 2024 fall semester student honors lists, winter graduates

The University of North Dakota's Office of the Registrar issued its fall semester 2024 dean's list and president's roll of honor as well as its list of 2024 winter graduates on Monday, Feb. 24.

What it takes to make each list:

The dean's list comprises students whose grade point average are in the top 15% of the enrollment in each of the University's degree granting colleges and schools. A student must have completed no fewer than 12 semester hours of academic work for the semester, of which eight or more hours must be graded work rather than "satisfactory/unsatisfactory."

Bowdon: Madison Jones
Carrington: Kenzie Edland, Lucas Hendrickson, Nicole Lee, Hudson Schmitz, Mya Schroeder

Cooperstown: Jaxon Gronneberg, Shayla Rickford
Fessenden: Emily Schmitz
Maddock: Logan Fossen, Cole Wentz
Medina: Brittney Reister
New Rockford: Keaton Cudworth, Cassie Longnecker, Brianna Price
Saint Michael: Christopher Knoxsah
Sheyenne: Emily Tjelta

To qualify for the UND president's roll of honor, a student must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or higher. The student must also have earned a minimum of 30 semester hours and have completed a minimum of 12 hours at the close of the semester, eight of which must be for traditional letter grades.

Binford: Ryan Gilzean
Bowdon: Madison Jones
Carrington: Kenzie Edland, Lucas Hendrickson, Nicole Lee, Hudson

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Cooperstown: Jaxon Gronneberg
Harvey: Carsyn Ziegler
Maddock: Cole Wentz
Medina: Brittney Reister
New Rockford: Mya Cudworth, Cassie Longnecker, Brianna Price

Some 870 undergraduate and graduate students were eligible to receive degrees at UND's Winter Commencement ceremony, which was held on Dec. 20 in the Chester Fritz Performing Arts Center on campus.

"Ella Henry, a vocal performance major, opened commencement proceedings at the 1 p.m. ceremony with a rendition of 'America the Beautiful,'" the Grand Forks Herald reported.

"University President Andy Armacost saluted administrators, faculty, international students, event staff and current and former military service members in his remarks."

Nicole Poolman, a UND graduate, educator and former state senator, was the speaker at both the speaker at undergraduate and graduate ceremonies.

Cooperstown: Jayden Sherrard, Bachelor of Business Administration*
Medina: Courtney Reister, Master of Arts
New Rockford: Bo Belquist, Bachelor of Business Administration
Saint Michael: Marie Martin, Bachelor of Science in Social Work
Sheyenne: Willanette DuBois, Bachelor of Science in Social Work *cum laude

Weninger named to dean's list at Minn State, Mankato

President for Academic Affairs David Hood.

Among 4,404 students, a total of 1,354 students qualified for the high honor list by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 3,050 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the honor list.

Logan Weninger of Carrington, N.D. was named to the honor list. Weninger is the son of Brad and Lisa Weninger.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (dean's lists) for the fall 2024 semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by Provost and Senior Vice



Spirit Lake man sentenced to federal prison for second degree murder

United States Attorney Mac Schneider announced that Austin Cody Littlewind, a/k/a Austin Cody Littlewind Jr., age 22, from Spirit Lake, appeared in United States District Court for the District of North Dakota in Fargo today and Chief Judge Peter D. Welte sentenced him to serve 192 months (16 years) in prison to be followed by five years of supervised release during which time Littlewind will be required to abide by a number of conditions.

Littlewind had previously pleaded guilty to Second-Degree Murder within Indian country. In November of 2023, Littlewind stabbed another man to death in Fort Totten, N.D., after Littlewind confronted the man over \$40. As part of sentence, Littlewind was also ordered to pay restitution for funeral and related expenses.

"This crime was both extremely violent and totally pointless," Schneider said. "While there is no undoing the tragic loss of life that occurred, we hope this sentence provides a measure of justice and reassures the community that violent criminals will be pursued, prosecuted, and sent to federal prison for their crimes. Our career prosecutors and partners at the FBI deserve credit for their successful efforts on this case and their dedication to public safety in Indian country."

"Senseless acts of violence have no place in our communities," said Special Agent in Charge Alvin M. Winston Sr. of FBI Minneapolis. "Today's sentencing reaffirms that committing a violent crime carries serious consequences. The FBI, alongside our tribal and law enforcement partners, will continue to seek justice for victims and hold offenders accountable."

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant US Attorney Lori H. Conroy.

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