

Ahmed Dagane chosen Metropolitan State outstanding student

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A Burnsville man has been selected an outstanding student at Metropolitan State University. Ahmed Dagane, chosen fall semester, was among 920 students receiving bachelor's and master's degrees at Metropolitan State's 85th commencement exercises on December 15.

"I'm at a loss for words; I wasn't expecting to receive it," said Dagane, the first in his family of five siblings and 10 half siblings to graduate from college.

The native of Kenya is a registered nurse in inpatient psychiatry at the Hennepin County Medical Center. A member of the Minnesota Nurses Association, he previously worked as a patient services coordinator in the hospital's emergency department. Before that, Dagane was a health care assistant for a hospital in Kenya that serviced many Somali refugees.

He received his associate of science degree from Minneapolis Community and Technical College. Dagane, a B.A. recipient, received an academic scholarship from the Hennepin Health Systems foundation, is pursuing a bachelor of science in nursing from Metropolitan State.

Dagane, married with three children, eventually plans to pursue a graduate degree in nursing.

Metropolitan State University, a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, provides high-quality, affordable education programs for adults seeking bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. It is the only state university in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.