Two potted pines on the stage are the newest release from Dr. Todd West’s woody plant improvement program. Hyland Guard™ Mountain Pine – Pinus mugho ’GuarDak’ (2022) is cold hardy to zone 3b, has an upright narrow pyramidal growth pattern, and can grow taller than currently available Mugo pines.

Ten market classes of dry edible beans are provided by Dr. Juan Osorno’s dry bean breeding research program. North Dakota leads the U.S. in dry edible bean production and Osorno’s program is responsible for developing high quality and high-yielding varieties in all 10 classes for North Dakota farmers.

The floral display is provided by Dr. Esther McGinnis’ horticulture research program from the NDSU Horticulture Research and Demonstration Garden. Selections in the bouquet include native North Dakota flowers and grasses and ornamental flower cultivars.

Displayed in the “potato bowl” are a range of germplasm from the NDSU potato breeding program led by Dr. Susie Thompson, including specialty types such as Dakota Dawn, the tablestock cultivar Dakota Ruby, and dual-purpose (frozen processing and tablestock) russets such as Dakota Russet. All are nutritious, flavorful, attractive and grower-friendly. The farm gate value of North Dakota potatoes is about a quarter of a billion dollars.

The Division of Performing Arts for hosting this event
Bison Arts Singers for leading us in song
NDSU student ushers – Bison Ambassadors and Student Senators
NDSU Department of Plant Sciences for stage decor
Karen Hertugaard for assistance with stage display

Ann Braaten
Anastassiya Andrianova
Amy Ochoa
Maggie Latterell
Marisa Paccella
Maximus Swenson
Fred Hudson
Laura McDaniel
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM............................ The Star Spangled Banner
   Francis Scott Key
   NDSU Bison Arts Singers

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   NDSU President

NDSU SCHOOL SONG............................. The Yellow and the Green
   Words by A.E. Minard
   Music by C.S. Putnam

Hol' a cheer for Green and Yellow,
Up with Yellow and the Green;
They're the shades that deck our prairies
Fur and wide with glorious sheen,
Fields of waving green in springtime,
Golden yellow in the fall —
How the great high-arching heaven
Looks and laughs upon it all!