



Roger Mandigo joined the University of Nebraska in 1966. Now a professor of animal science, Mandigo has distinguished himself as an expert in meat science and is internationally known for his discoveries in meat restructuring; his findings have helped the meat-processing industry better use lower-value meat parts to produce new, lower fat, flavorful products. In October, he will be inducted into the Meat Industry Hall of Fame, along with 11 other individuals, such as McDonald's Ray Kroc, KFC's Col. Harland Sanders, and Wendy's Dave Thomas.

Widely respected in his profession, not only for his science but also for service and leadership, Mandigo is known at UNL for his long-standing affiliation with the university's Commencement Committee and Marshal Corps. University Marshals are faculty members who serve as ceremonial leaders during academic ceremonies such as commencements, honors convocations and investitures or installations. Mandigo joined the Marshal Corps in May 1979 and has been Head Marshal since December 1982. Since then, he has officiated at three commencement ceremonies each year, all honors convocations and the investitures of three chancellors.

Mandigo is relinquishing his duties as Head Marshal, and this is his final commencement. The job of Head Marshal involves juggling many details and personalities, which can be exciting, frustrating and rewarding. But, he writes, "There is the unbelievable sense of accomplishment at the end of each 'recessional' and this has been the driving motivation to continue. Being a part of the team of great players has made each Commencement a fantastic experience and one that I know I will miss."

Mandigo earned his B.S. from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona in 1961, his M.S. from New Mexico State University in 1963, and his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in 1967. He has served as president of the American Meat Science Association. In 2003, he received the Louise Pound-George Howard Award for Distinguished Service from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.