The first commencement for the University of North Florida will be held in the campus courtyard at 4 p.m. Sunday for 34 students.

UNF President Dr. Thomas G. Carpenter will be the speaker.

"This first graduating class is a tangible representation of the university’s community, the Northeast sector of the state and the state at large," Dr. Carpenter declared.

Candidates for both bachelor’s and master’s degrees will be honored during the program.

UNF was created and authorized by the state legislature in 1965 with Dr. Carpenter appointed as president in 1969. The school opened last fall to 2,000 students.

The current building program will double the capacity of the school next winter.

The graduation program will be followed by a reception in the library lounge.

Graduate students scheduled to receive the master’s degree in education are Joseph G. Board, Bernadine J. Bolden, Sandra G. Davis, Julia B. Florentino, Betty S. Holzendorf and Virginia Sikes of Jacksonville and Gerald Stewart of St. Augustine.

The College of Arts and Sciences will award the largest number of bachelor’s degrees. Candidates for the B.A. degree are Robert S. Berry, Albert J. Brooks, Susan H. Cantrell, Sharon D. Chester, Thomas B. Clark, Faye S. Geary, Grover T. Gray, John D. McCormick and Richard D. Oldham III, all of Jacksonville.

Also, Janet M. Poole, Bernard Rach, Elizabeth D. Rosborough, Susan R. Simon, Aurelius D. Stafford and Dan L. Williamson of Jacksonville; Barbara J. Bruce of Atlantic Beach; and Bonita M. Ridge of Jacksonville Beach.

Candidates for the B.B.A. degree from the College of Business Administration include Ronald D. Barker, Margaret A. Coppins, Charles P. Mock, Gary E. Perkins, James R. Richardson III, Augustine J. Smith, and Rachel J. Tretchick of Jacksonville; Melvin E. Brierley of Atlantic Beach; and Donald M. Schwartz of Ponte Vedra Beach.

Estus R. Stone of Glen St. Mary is a candidate for the B.A.Ed. degree from the College of Education.