

# University of Colorado Colorado Springs



COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 20, 2024

## FROM THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY TO THE CLASS OF 2024

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Dear Graduate,

One of the greatest honors for the University of Colorado Board of Regents, the institution's governing board, is to be part of this commencement ceremony. Your success is a success for us all. Your degree is a measure not only of an accomplishment of dedication and talent, but also notice to the world that you have the skill and discipline to contribute greatly to any endeavor you pursue.

This commencement ceremony, like every University of Colorado graduation since 1935, will close with the reading of the Norlin Charge. As originally expressed by former CU President George Norlin in 1935, graduation "marks your initiation in the fullest sense of the fellowship of the University, as bearers of her torch, as centers of her influence, and as promoters of her spirit." Welcome to the ranks of CU's alumni family, which is over 560,000 strong. Congratulations on achieving this milestone. Well done and well earned!

Cordially,

**The Regents of the University of Colorado**



Back Row: **Callie Rennison**, Chair, District 2 (Boulder), **Mark VanDriel**, District 8 (Greeley), **Frank McNulty**, District 4 (Castle Rock), **Wanda James**, District 1 (Denver), **Glen Gallegos**, District 3 (Grand Junction)

Front Row: **Nolbert Chavez**, District 7 (Lakewood), **Ken Montera**, Vice Chair, District 5 (Colorado Springs), **Lesley Smith**, Regent at Large (Boulder), **Illana Dubin Spiegel**, District 6 (Highlands Ranch)

## ORDER OF EXERCISES

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### **DR. JENNIFER KLING, COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL UCCS MARSHAL'S CLUB MEMBER\***

#### **PROCESSIONAL**

Pomp and Circumstance Military March No. 1 in D, Op. 39, No. 1 . . . Arranged by Joseph Prostackoff  
Lecturer/Pianist Kelly McSweeney Zuercher

#### **CEREMONY**

Land Acknowledgement . . . . Graduate Lillian Gray, Bachelor of Arts in Women's and Ethnic Studies  
with a minor in Sustainability and certificate in American and Indigenous Studies

Posting of the Colors . . . . . UCCS ROTC Color Guard

The National Anthem . . . . . Graduate Tay Tallerday  
Directed by Instructor Solveig Olsen, Masters in Mechanical Engineering

UCCS Chancellor's Welcome . . . . . Chancellor Jennifer Sobanet

University of Colorado President's Remarks . . . . . President Todd Saliman

Class of 2024 Gift . . . . . SGA President Carson Hodges

Congratulations from Distinguished Alumnus . . . . . Commander John Herrington

Recognition of the Class of 1999 . . . . . Chancellor Jennifer Sobanet

Recognition of 1965 Main Hall Society Inductees . . . . . Chancellor Jennifer Sobanet

**CONFERRING OF ADVANCED DEGREES** (page 14) . . . . . Chancellor Jennifer Sobanet  
and Academic Deans

Recognition of Honors Graduates . . . . . Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor  
for Academic Affairs, Dr. Lynn Vidler

**CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES** (page 20) . . . . . Chancellor Jennifer Sobanet  
and Academic Deans

Initiation of Graduates into Alumni and Friends Association . . . . . Graduate Olivia Davis  
Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Representative, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

Norlin Charge to the Graduates . . . . . Regent Frank McNulty

#### **RECESSIONAL**

Music . . . . . Lecturer/Pianist Kelly McSweeney Zuercher

**To view Virtual Ceremony videos, visit [commencement.uccs.edu](https://commencement.uccs.edu)**

*\*The 2013-14 Faculty Assembly created the UCCS Marshal's Club; the Club selects a Commencement Marshal for each graduation ceremony starting this year going forward.*

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#### **REAL-TIME CAPTIONING**

All spoken information during both ceremonies will be captioned and made available to follow along in real time from a personal, mobile device. To access this service and follow along during the ceremony, open the browser on your mobile device and enter the following website: [uccs.edu/cc](https://uccs.edu/cc). Please keep in mind that data rates from your personal device may apply. Venue Wi-Fi is not available. *Captioning Services provided by: Verbit.ai*

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December 20, 2024

Congratulations, University of Colorado graduates! Today marks a major milestone in your lives, and we're excited to celebrate your achievement. With your CU degree and the many things you've learned during your time here, you're well-positioned for the future. The entire CU community stands behind you and is rooting for your continued success.

You're now part of an extraordinary network of CU alumni making significant contributions to their communities, the state of Colorado, the nation and the world. As a fellow CU alum, I have experienced firsthand the transformative effects of a CU education. I know yours will serve you well.

During the course of your educational journey, you've undoubtedly benefited from others' support. I urge you to pay this forward as you make your way in the world. Helping others – in any capacity – is among the most rewarding and important things you can do in life.

On behalf of the CU community, I wish you success and fulfillment now and in the years to come. Again, congratulations!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Saliman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd Saliman  
President, University of Colorado



December 20, 2024

Today, the entire university community comes together in celebration of the achievements of the class of 2024. We gather to celebrate your academic success and to honor the extraordinary journeys you have undertaken to reach this pivotal milestone. We are confident UCCS has prepared you to thrive in a complex and fast-changing world.

And we know you have not arrived at this achievement alone. Your peers stand beside you and your support system of family and friends will cheer from the stands.

As you step forth into the world as graduates of UCCS, you carry with you the lessons you have learned both inside and outside the classroom. The knowledge you have acquired here is not merely a set of facts and figures; it is a foundation upon which you will build your future. But remember that learning is a lifelong journey, and your capacity to adapt and grow will be your greatest asset.

Your graduation today is not the end; it is the start of a new chapter filled with endless possibilities. After all, “commencement” means “beginning.” Devote yourselves to becoming lifelong learners and creative problem solvers. And remember to always keep a curious mind.

This is your moment, graduates. I have every confidence that you will continue to make us proud as you embark on the exciting journey ahead. Congratulations, Class of 2024!

With pride and great respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Sobanet', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jennifer Sobanet  
Chancellor

## **UCCS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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The University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) commits to acknowledging the land on which we reside. We honor our Native Indigenous communities past, present, and emerging, and recognize the original inhabitants and traditional guardians of what is now Colorado Springs.

We honor this land as the ancestral home of the 'Nuuchiu', which includes the Northern Ute, the Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute Peoples. The 'Nuuchiu' originally referred to Pike's Peak as 'Tava-kaavi', or Sun Mountain, being the first peak of the Shining Mountains to see the sun's rays.

We also recognize the many Indigenous Peoples in this region, including the Apache Nation, the Arapaho Nation, the Cheyenne Nation, the Comanche Tribe, and the Kiowa Tribe, and their historical and continuing relationships as stewards of this land.

Land acknowledgments do not exist in the past or as historical context. Colonialism is a current and ongoing practice, and thus we remain mindful of its present impacts. As an institution of higher education, we share the responsibility to actively listen, reflect, and center the histories and lived experiences of Indigenous Peoples.

In community, we will work to dismantle the tragic and oppressive systems that displaced Native Peoples and commit to promoting Indigenous visibility and re-indigenizing our spaces.

## **CU SYSTEMWIDE LANDS RECOGNITION STATEMENT**

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As we gather, we honor and acknowledge that the University of Colorado's four campuses are on the traditional territories and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne, Arapaho, Ute, Apache, Comanche, Kiowa, Lakota, Pueblo and Shoshone Nations. Further, we acknowledge the 48 contemporary tribal nations historically tied to the lands that comprise what is now called Colorado.

Acknowledging that we live in the homelands of Indigenous peoples recognizes the original stewards of these lands and their legacies. With this land acknowledgment, we celebrate the many contributions of Native peoples to the fields of medicine, mathematics, government and military service, arts, literature, engineering and more. We also recognize the sophisticated and intricate knowledge systems Indigenous peoples have developed in relationship to their lands.

We recognize and affirm the ties these nations have to their traditional homelands and the many Indigenous people who thrive in this place, alive and strong. We also acknowledge the painful history of ill treatment and forced removal that has had a profoundly negative impact on Native nations.

We respect the many diverse Indigenous peoples still connected to this land. We honor them and thank the indigenous ancestors of this place. The University of Colorado pledges to provide educational opportunities for Native students, faculty and staff and advance our mission to understand the history and contemporary lives of Native peoples.

## **INTERNATIONAL STAGE FLAGS**

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Displayed on the stage are the flags representing the home countries of our international graduates, alongside the tribal flags of our Native American graduates. These flags symbolize the diverse cultural backgrounds and rich heritage of our graduating students. By featuring these flags on stage, we celebrate the global community represented at UCCS and honor the unique identities and contributions of all our graduates. This display reflects our commitment to fostering an inclusive environment that recognizes and values the diverse experiences of each student.

**John B. Herrington, Ph.D.**

**Commander, USN (Ret) and former NASA Astronaut  
(Chickasaw)**

Commander John B. Herrington is a retired Naval Aviator, test pilot, aquanaut and astronaut. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School and a PhD in Education from the University of Idaho.

As an aviator, he has flown over 5000 hours in more than 30 different types of aircraft. As an aquanaut, he commanded the sixth NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations (NEEMO) mission, spending nearly 264 hours underwater.

As an enrolled citizen of the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, NASA considers Commander Herrington to be the first citizen of a Federally recognized tribe to fly in space. As an astronaut, Commander Herrington flew aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour on the 16th assembly mission to the International Space Station. During his mission he traveled over 5.6 million miles, accumulating over 330 hours in space, including performing three spacewalks totaling nearly 21 hours.

Following his retirement from the Navy and NASA, Commander Herrington worked in the commercial space sector before embarking on a 4,300 mile bicycle ride across the United States, from Cape Flattery, WA to Cape Canaveral FL, stopping at Indian reservations and NASA Explorer Schools to share his story of motivation and mentorship with Native American youth. At age 52, he entered the University of Idaho and earned a Doctorate in Education, investigating the factors that motivate and engage Native American students to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

He authored a children's book, Mission to Space and is currently working on his personal memoir. He is married and the proud father to two daughters and grandfather to four grandchildren. He resides in the mountains of Northwestern Montana with his wife Danielle, their sled dog Emme and calico cat Ladybug.



## GOLDEN AND SILVER GRADUATES

In 2012, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs began a new Commencement tradition for two very special groups of alumni – our Golden and Silver Graduates. These alumni graduated 50 and 25 years ago, respectively, and helped build the foundation of what our university has become today. We are honored to recognize the classes of 1974 and 1999 at our 2024 Commencement ceremonies — Golden Graduates were recognized at the Spring ceremonies, and Silver Graduates are recognized today, during the Summer/Fall ceremony.

The Golden and Silver Graduate Program offers UCCS alumni the opportunity to celebrate their fiftieth and twenty-fifth reunions in a very special way – by taking part in Commencement. As they reflect on this milestone, I hope they take pride in all that they have accomplished since graduating from UCCS.

Dressed in silver regalia, alumni of the Class of 1999 will lead the 2024 graduates during the ceremony processional. Some alumni will join the ceremony virtually.



UCCS operated as an extension of the Boulder campus in 1971 until 1972. In 1997 a Colorado Springs community referendum merged the city-owned Beth-El College of Nursing, founded in 1904, with UCCS.

### Class of 1999 Attendees

Stephen A. Amella  
Dr. Anastasia Biggs  
Anthony Cordova  
Heather Finch  
Kevin Hornsby  
Lynda Jensen

Nikita S. Johnson  
Sandhyarani Karamsetty  
Diane Lebron  
John Lindsey  
Dominik Norquist  
Zita Quentin

Kim Young Spinelli  
Wendy Lee White  
Robin Wilde  
Colleen (Mafnas) Zufelt

On behalf of the more than 61,000 graduates who span the nation and dot the globe, we are excited that you are now a lifelong member of the Mountain Lion family. Stay informed about UCCS alumni events, benefits and opportunities at [alumni.uccs.edu](http://alumni.uccs.edu) and on social media.



## 1965 MAIN HALL SOCIETY

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Established in 2015, the 1965 Main Hall Society recognizes donors who have shown extraordinary generosity to the University of Colorado Colorado Springs through their lifetime gifts. Named in honor of one of the original buildings on the campus, Main Hall, the Society's membership now totals 62 donors – comprised of individuals, foundations and corporations – an enormous tribute to the value of a UCCS education, its impact on individual lives, and benefits for the future of our region, state, and world. In its introductory year, UCCS recognized donors who had contributed lifetime gifts of \$500,000 or more spanning the first 50 years of the institution. Since 2016, UCCS recognizes cumulative lifetime giving of \$1 million or more. Some of these donors have asked to remain anonymous, and thus, we respect their choice not to be publicly recognized as a Society member. The UCCS community celebrates these extraordinary donors with recognition at various events, in select publications, and in a planned future commemoration marker on the UCCS campus.

### 2024 New Inductees:

Becky and Jon Medved  
Michele Strub-Heer and Jordan Strub  
T. Rowe Price Foundation

### Continuing Society Members:

Anschutz Foundation	Greg Ireton
Thomas (MBA '87) and Nancy Arata	Helen K. & Arthur E. Johnson Foundation
The Balsells Foundation	Kane Family Foundation
James and Winnette Berger	Keith D. Ketelsen
Boettcher Foundation	Keysight Technologies
Caring for Colorado Foundation	Charles G. Koch Foundation
Bert R. Carollo, MD and Mary L. Carollo, PA-C	Sandy and Dorothy Kraemer
Randle and Lena Gail Case	Kevin and Jamie Kratt
Mary K. Chapman Foundation	John E. Lane & Margaret L. Lane Foundation
Clement Family Foundation	Lester B. (Dusty) Loo and Katherine H. Loo
The Colorado Health Foundation	Nor'wood Foundation
Colorado Springs Health Foundation	Scott D. Oki
The Daniels Fund	Kevin W. O'Neil (BA '90)
Jane C. Dillon	Ed and Mary Osborne
The Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation	The Penrose-St. Francis Health Services
El Pomar Foundation	Jim and Karen Possehl
Ent Credit Union	The Reisher Family Foundation
Jeffrey Flygare	Tom and Charlotte Saponas
Mike D. Fryt	Schoffstall Family
James L. and Janet M. Gallogly	Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation
Dr. Susan Rae Jensen	Symetrix Corporation
Dona R. H. Hildebrand	Peter and Vivian Teets
Darwin and Kirsten Horan	UCHealth Memorial Hospital
Inasmuch Foundation	Joe and Linda Woodford
	Charles and Pam Shockley-Zalabak



Circa 1980s, Main Hall  
Courtesy, Kraemer Family Library,  
UCCS Archives



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## **MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO**

The University of Colorado is a public research university with multiple campuses serving Colorado, the nation and the world through leadership in high-quality education and professional training, public service, advancing research and knowledge, and state-of-the-art health care.

Each campus has a distinct role and mission as provided by Colorado law.

*(Laws of the Regents, Article 1, Part C. Adopted 02/11/2010.)*

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## **MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS**

The Colorado Springs campus of the University of Colorado shall be a comprehensive baccalaureate and specialized graduate research university with selective admission standards. The Colorado Springs campus shall offer liberal arts and sciences, business, engineering, health sciences, and teacher preparation undergraduate degree programs, and a selected number of master's and doctoral degree programs.

*Colorado Revised Statutes. Senate Bill 11-204. Section 2. 23-20-101 (1) (c) Approved June 10, 2011.*

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## **VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS**

UCCS, a premier comprehensive undergraduate and specialized graduate research university, provides students with academically rigorous and life-enriching experiences in a vibrant university community. We advance knowledge, integrate student learning with the spirit of discovery, and broaden access to higher education for the benefit of southern Colorado, the state, nation and world.

## THE NORLIN CHARGE TO GRADUATES

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*From the baccalaureate address by President George Norlin, of the University of Colorado, June 1935.  
Portrait of University of Colorado President George Norlin taken by Charles Snow, January 27, 1931  
Courtesy, CU Boulder Libraries, Collections of Distinction.*



“You are now certified to the world at large as alumni of the university. She is your kindly mother and you her cherished sons and daughters.

This exercise denotes not your severance from her, but your union with her. Commencement does not mean, as many wrongly think, the breaking of ties and the beginning of a life apart. Rather it marks your initiation in the fullest sense into the fellowship of the university, as bearers of her torch, as centers of her influence, as promoters of her spirit.

The university is not the campus, not the buildings on the campus, nor the faculties, nor the students of any one time — not one of these or all of them. The university consists of all who come into and go forth from her halls, who are touched by her influence and who carry on her spirit. Wherever you go, the university goes with you. Wherever you are at work, there is the university at work.

What the university purposes to be, what it must always strive to be, is represented on its seal, which is stamped on your diplomas — a lamp in the hands of youth. If its light shines not in you and from you, how great is its darkness! But if it shines in you today, and in the thousands before you, who can measure its power?

With hope and faith, I welcome you into the fellowship. I bid you farewell only in the sense that I pray you may fare well. You go forth, but not from us. We remain, but not severed from you. God go with you and be with you and us.”

*We take a moment to orient the Norlin Charge in the context of its history, which includes harmful ideologies that historically plagued our community, state, and nation. We remind ourselves of the values we stand for and the power of education to combat ignorance and hatred. A UCCS degree not only qualifies our graduates to be leaders in their respective fields but is a mandate to positively influence the world and combat negative forces that seek to divide us.*

## THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

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The University of Colorado has used three seals in its lifetime.

The present seal, adopted in 1908, depicts a classical male Greek figure seated against a pillar and holding a scroll. Laurel branches frame a burning torch beside him. The Greek inscription means “Let Your Light Shine.” The seal’s designer, Henry Reed of Denver, chose the classical motif because Greek civilization “stands as the criterion of culture.” The laurel symbolizes honor or success, the youth of the figure suggests the “morning of life,” and the scroll represents written language.



From 1893 to 1908, the university seal was a copy of Wyon’s medallion, “Science Trims the Lamp of Life.” The classical figure of a Greek woman knelt before a lamp and was flanked by mariposa lilies, which President Baker described as “a true Colorado flower.” Before 1893, a seal was used which essentially copies the Colorado state seal. It was never adopted by the Regents.

The official seal of the University of Colorado is used primarily on official documents, such as diplomas and transcripts that have been issued on behalf of the university. The Board of Regents uses the seal in transmitting official business.

## THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

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Chains of office or “necklets” are one of the oldest symbols of authority. They have been worn as early as the days of the Roman Empire and displayed by emperors, kings, pharaohs, and religious figures as physical representation of their power and position. In their formal portraits, both Napoleon and Henry the 8th were pictured wearing these symbols.

The tradition of the chain of office was passed down through the Middle Ages and coincided with the rise of the university system in Europe. Many of these European institutions of higher learning were branches of the church or connected to royal power and soon the chain of office became a treasured part of university practice.

When American colleges and universities began to establish themselves in the 17th century, they adopted the same chain of office tradition from their European counterparts.

Each chain of office is as unique as the institution it represents. In most designs a prominent medallion or shield is suspended from a series of links. The central piece usually bears the institution’s official seal or logo, and it may be enhanced with enamel in the official colors of the school.

The links in each chain of office are also highly personal to the institution they represent. Often shaped to resemble specific school symbols, they can be engraved with meaningful words, mottos, or ideas. Chains of office are worn as part of the pomp and ceremony at official public celebrations of the college or university.

The University of Colorado Presidential Chain of Office was created in 1980 by Mary Sartor, M.F.A., University of Colorado Boulder, for the inauguration of President Arnold R. Weber. The chain was a gift to the university by Mr. and Mrs. David G. Hawthorn, Class of 1924.

Colorado gold and silver are used throughout the chain to symbolize the importance of those minerals to the history of the state. The gemstones chosen also consist entirely of minerals from Colorado.

Three pendants are suspended on the chain. The back pendant is the seal of the State of Colorado surrounded by a golden ribbon representing the golden “Circle of Knowledge.” The top pendant in the front, the seal of the University of Colorado surmounted by an arch set with diamond and topaz, signifies the necessary link between the search for knowledge and its practical application to the world outside the university. The seal is supported at the bottom by the laurel wreaths found in the seal, emblematic of honor and success.

The bottom pendant is centered with a golden topaz indicating man’s quest for knowledge. The surrounding ring is paved with fragmented cubes and diamonds which suggest fragments of knowledge with brilliant breakthroughs of understanding. The chain surrounding these pendants symbolizes the endless but ever-changing cycle of human knowledge.

The presidents of the University of Colorado are:

Joseph A. Sewell	1877–1887	Arnold R. Weber	1980–1985
Horace M. Hale	1887–1892	William H. Baughn	1985
James H. Baker	1892–1914	E. Gordon Gee	1985–1990
Livingston Farrand	1914–1919	William H. Baughn	1990–1991
George Norlin	1919–1939	Judith E. N. Albino	1991–1995
Robert L. Stearns	1939–1953	John C. Buechner	1995–2000
Ward Darley	1953–1956	Alexander E. Bracken	2000
Quigg Newton	1956–1963	Elizabeth Hoffman	2000–2005
Joseph R. Smiley	1963–1969	Hank Brown	2005–2008
Eugene H. Wilson	1969	Bruce Benson	2008–2019
Frederick P. Thieme	1969–1974	Mark Kennedy	2019–2021
Roland C. Rautenstrauss	1974–1980	Todd Saliman	2021–present



## THE CHANCELLOR’S CHAIN OF OFFICE

A campus commencement tradition began in 2008 when the Chancellor’s Chain of Office was created to recognize and celebrate the chancellors who have led the University of Colorado Colorado Springs since its founding in 1965. The chain was a gift to the university from Kathy Griffith and other campus leaders. Mrs. Griffith worked in the Chancellor’s Office for 30 years – upon her retirement in 2008, and provided the initial gift to create the chain.

The chain is a traditional part of academic regalia that provides recognition at formal events to the person who currently holds the position of chancellor, as well as those who previously filled the role.

The Chancellor’s Chain of Office is connected with the interlocking CU to symbolize campus ties to the University of Colorado System. The words “Chancellor” and “Colorado Springs” surround the chain’s medallion of the university’s seal. The chain includes links denoting the university’s six colleges; it also includes individual links recognizing all UCCS chancellors.

The chancellors listed are:

Lawrence Silverman	1974–1977	Linda Bunnell Shade	1993–2001
Don Schwartz	1978–1982	Pam Shockley-Zalabak	2002–2017
Neal Lane	1984–1986	Venkat Reddy	2017–2023
Dwayne Nuzum	1986–1993	Jennifer Sobanet	2023–present

## ACADEMIC DRESS

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The tradition of the academic costume began during the twelfth or thirteenth century in the early European universities. Since the clergy composed the majority of the educated class, academic dress is an adaptation of the cape or mantle which was usually of silk or wool and worn by church dignitaries in religious processions.

Through the years, great diversity in color and in style of cap, gown and hood developed. In 1896, the colleges and universities in the United States adopted a uniform code governing academic dress. Today, the black gown, hood, and mortar board worn by the graduates in most institutions follow this code.

While it is not apparent to the casual observer, the gowns worn by the recipients of the various degrees differ somewhat in design. The sleeves of the gown worn by the baccalaureate candidate are long and pointed, while the sleeves of the gown worn by the master's degree recipients are square at one end with a slit at the elbow. The doctor's gown has flowing sleeves with three bars of velvet and facing of velvet down the front of the gown.

Those who receive a master's or a doctoral degree from the University of Colorado wear hoods lined with the school colors, silver and gold. The hood worn by the doctoral candidate differs in design from that of the master's as it has side panels and is slightly longer. The velvet border of the hood indicates the degree and usually follows the same code as the color of the tassels.

The oxford cap, usually referred to as a mortar board, is black and has a long tassel which is fastened by a button on the top. Candidates for the baccalaureate degree wear the tassel pendant over the right front of the cap before the degree is conferred, then it is worn on the left thereafter.

Cum Laude candidates wear bronze honor cords. Magna Cum Laude and honors candidates wear silver honor cords. Summa Cum Laude and special honors candidates wear gold honor cords. The color of the tassel on the bachelor's cap indicates the field of study, with the exception of the BA degrees in Letters, Arts & Sciences whose candidates wear white tassels indicating the arts.

### DOCTORATE TASSEL COLORS

Doctor of Philosophy . . . . . Old Gold  
Doctor of Nursing Practice . . . . . Apricot  
Executive Doctor of Business Administration . . . . . Drab

### MASTER TASSEL COLORS

Master of Science/Sciences (Beth-El) . . . . . Gold  
Master of Social Work . . . . . Citron  
Master of Business Administration . . . . . Sapphire  
Master of Criminal Justice . . . . . Peacock  
Master of Public Administration . . . . . Peacock  
Master of Arts (Education) . . . . . Light Blue  
Master of Sciences (Education) . . . . . Light Blue  
Master of Engineering/Science . . . . . Gold  
Master of Arts (LAS) . . . . . White  
Master of Science/Sciences (LAS) . . . . . Gold

### BACHELOR TASSEL COLORS

Nursing . . . . . Apricot  
Health Care Science . . . . . Green  
Social Work . . . . . Citron  
Business . . . . . Sapphire  
Criminal Justice . . . . . Peacock  
Education . . . . . Light Blue  
Engineering . . . . . Orange  
Letters, Arts and Sciences . . . . . White

ASSOCIATES TASSEL COLOR . . . . . Black



## HONORS DESIGNATIONS DESCRIPTIONS

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Undergraduates having been awarded honors are noted in the program. Definitions of Latin honors appear in the footnote following each college's graduate listing. Following is an explanation of the criteria required of the additional honors designations. Please note not all colleges recognize all types of honors.

### ***with Honors***

These terms denote students who have met criteria including, but not limited to, grade point average set by the college from which they are graduating that demonstrate exceptional academic performance within the college.

### ***with Special Honors***

### ***with Distinction***

### ***with High Distinction***

### ***with Highest Distinction***

These terms denote students who have met criteria including, but not limited to, grade point average set by the department of the student's major that demonstrate exceptional academic performance within the major.

Undergraduates having completed an honors program are also noted in the program. Following is an explanation of the criteria required of the honors programs.

### ***University Honors***

This program recognizes students who have successfully maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.75 and have completed 18 hours of Honors-dedicated or designated courses, including the First-Year Honors Seminar, Honors Public Speaking, and the Honors Capstone Seminar.

### ***Mountain Lion Honors***

This program recognizes students who have successfully maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.50 and have completed the First-Year Honors Seminar, Honors Public Speaking, and the Honors Capstone Seminar.

## COLLEGES GONFALON BEARERS

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**Graduate School** – Dr. Kelly Klebe

**Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences** – Keston Lindsay

**College of Business and Administration** – Jeff Ferguson

**College of Public Service** – Dr. Arlene Bjugstad

**College of Education** – Dr. Monica Yoo

**College of Engineering and Applied Science** – Dr. Scott Trimboli

**College of Letters, Arts & Sciences** – Dr. Brandon Strubberg

## IN MEMORIAM

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Haleh Abghari, *Faculty, VAPA*

Tabatha Carbonell, *Student*

Kristina Coggins Heck, *Staff, University Advancement*

Gavin Olguin, *Student*

Rian Ortiz, *Student*

Tristan Sauer, *Student*

Paul Schauer, *Regent Emeritus, University of Colorado System*

## UCCS ROTC COLOR GUARD PARTICIPANTS

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John Paul Aguilar

Kyle Frakes

JJ Gonzales

John Ryan

# CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

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The following list of candidates for degrees includes students graduating in August and December 2024.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

Hillary Fouts, Dean

### PHD – EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP RESEARCH & POLICY

*Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Emma Reeve-Lobaugh*

**Jennifer Denise Abeyta**

*“A Double-Edged Sword: Black and Latinx Principals Take on the Most Difficult Turnarounds”*

**Carrie DeAnne Brenner**

*“The Stratified Proliferation of 504 Plans in American Public High Schools”*

**Hiram Daniel Hixson**

*“Measuring the Influence of Title IV Student Aid on the Financial Health of Religious Higher Educational Institutions”*

**Emma Reeve-Lobaugh**

*“Legalizing Hate: Problematization in Queer Content Prohibition Policies”*

**Leslie Faith Rutberg**

*“The Art of Educational Leadership”*

**Mona Ahmed Monkez Shaker**

*“The Transition to Online Education During COVID-19 in Egypt: A Descriptive Study of Educators’ Experiences”*

### PHD – COMPUTER SCIENCE

**Uchenna Ezeobi**

*“Vulnerability Discovery for Industrial Control System (ICS) Network Protocols Using Fuzzing”*

**Theodore Tangie Longtchi**

*“Characterizing Internet-Based Social Engineering Attacks through a Psychological Lens”*

**Taniza Sultana**

*“JSP-LOC: An AI/ML Algorithm to Predict Jamming and Spoofing in Satellite Communication”*

### PHD – APPLIED SCIENCE

*Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Markus Tyboroski*

**Markus Tyboroski** (emphasis in Physics)

*“Reflectance Studies of Nanostructured Metallic Gratings Using Effective Medium Theory and Attenuated Total Reflection”*



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## PHD – PSYCHOLOGY

### Katie Lynn Granier\*

(emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)  
*“An Examination of the Differential Effects of Age and Cognitive Functioning on Late Life Presentations of Anxiety and Worry”*

### Julie Hurd\*

(emphasis in Trauma Psychology)  
*“We Can Do It: Intraindividual and Interindividual Effects of Dyadic Efficacy on Posttraumatic Stress and Relationship Quality”*

### Sophie Rebecca Oliver

(emphasis in Trauma Psychology)  
*“Temporal Relations among Posttraumatic Growth, Posttraumatic Depreciation, and Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms in Interpersonal Trauma Survivors”*

*\*Summer 2024 graduate walking in Spring 2024 ceremony following successful defense of dissertation; internship completion Summer 2024.*

### Lisa Stone-Bury\*

(emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)  
*“The Alternative Model of Personality Disorders and Psychosocial Functioning in Later Life: A Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Study”*

### Kendall L. Weber\*

(emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)  
*“Neuropsychological Evaluation Recommendations: Exploring Psychologists’ Views on Implementation”*

## DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Yehia “YaYa” Ahmed

*“Framework for continuous cybersecurity management”*

### Bob Cook

*“Understanding Insider Threats from Traditionally Low-Risk Employees Cause by Organizational Catalyst Events”*

### David Durnil

*“Improving User Discernment: A Cognitive Security Approach”*

### Eric Graham

*“Methodology for Assessing Information Security of Third-Party Risk Management in Healthcare Organizations”*

### Omar Ortega

*“Cybersecurity turnover: An organizational strategic failure”*



## HELEN AND ARTHUR E. JOHNSON BETH-EL COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Kevin Laudner, Dean

### THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Augusta Aggrey  
Mary Catherine Star Avila  
Vanessa Lea U. Bergstreser  
Michaela Black  
Katherine Elizabeth Booth  
Joanna Chism

Gina Kim Clark  
Samina Louise Fitch  
Andrea Bostan Kittredge  
Tamra Marie Martinez  
Shannon Alexandra Mast  
Renee Pabilonia-Cole

Jennifer Ellen Powell  
Faustine Quigley  
Marla Ann Sabicer  
Tabitha Sanchez-Siles  
Michon Blas Santos  
Nicole Marie Wheeler

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## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

Thomas Aicher, Dean

### THE DEGREE **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

*Distinguished Graduate Academic Achievement Awards: Heeyeun Joo, Danielle Katz, Michael Krugly,  
Richard Lee Twiggs, William Umpaiboon*

Denise Wilson Alamo  
Christelle Therese Leynes Badillo  
Joshua Beacham  
Amanda Beerer  
Erik Arthur Billie  
Lauren Ashley Blanch  
Ashley Linda Brown  
Christopher Brian Carmona  
Brooke Cline  
Jesse Alan Cottle  
Emily Drapeau  
Kain Evans  
Jane Marie Richardson Ferdig  
Joshua Jeffrey Finkral  
Christopher Allen Frankel  
Dominic Gonzales

Jacob Heaps  
Ashley Nicole Hoff  
Rose Marie Jaramillo Hoyle  
Heeyeun Joo  
Lance Vernard Kaska  
Danielle Katz  
Eric Richard Knudson  
Michael Krugly  
Kyle Larsen  
Nicholas James Lee  
Cameron Alexander Martin  
Carolyn Marie Mayes  
Koal Middleton  
Christopher Kirk Nelson  
Jessica Newman  
Jason O'Connell

Kolby Luck Raineri  
Lachu Rajesh  
Bryce Ryan Rindahl  
Jason James Rodriguez  
Lindsey Romine  
Alicia Salviejo-Roberson  
Justin Seimet  
Beau Smith  
Benjamin Thomas Snuggerud  
Jack Ryan Sullivan  
Richard Lee Twiggs  
William Umpaiboon  
Amanda M. Weed  
Wesley Wood  
Alexander J. Zollweg

### THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING**

Sonya Roberts Alexander  
Justin Barron

Tram Ha

Giao Nguyen

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## COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Jonathan Caudill, Interim Dean

### THE DEGREE **MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Timothy Edward Dooley  
Marcus Graham

Derek Matthew Irvine  
Schericka Lewis

Faith Elizabeth McCreight  
Alexandria Nicole Remillard

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THE DEGREE **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

*Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Ashley Miyeun Peacock*

Hanah Julan Cronk  
Timothy Edward Dooley  
Brooke Noelle Garner  
Emily Kathlene Garrett  
Matthew Scott Harris

Ryan Kiesler  
Hannah Marie Meek  
Ryan Matthew Nickerson  
Ashley Miyeun Peacock  
Kayle Prilliman

Alexandria Nicole Remillard  
Alvin Joe Sexton  
Deanna Stark  
Caroline Loren West

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

Helen Christine Anderson  
Michael Anthony Brown

Jose Michael Ochoa

Laiken Amanda Thompson

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**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Joseph Wehrman, Interim Dean

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Erica M. Edwards

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

*Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Katelyn Marie Graham*

Kathryn Anderson  
Jennifer L. Bruns  
Jenice Melissa Calderon  
Bethany Grace Champlin

Stacie Ellison  
Katelyn Marie Graham  
Abigail Elizabeth Hall  
Camille Jackson

Timothy Nelson Ortega  
Jessica Dea Read  
Damion Troy Templeton

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN LEADERSHIP**

*Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Seth Ryan Burney*

Haley Elizabeth Beurskens  
Seth Ryan Burney  
Carla Cano  
Andrea Cichosz

Connie Draper  
Caren Goldberg  
Lisa Griebel  
Rachel Nicole Leidel

Matthew Nam McEnroe  
Edlin Sanchez  
Robert Allan Zanzig

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**

*Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Sarah Ann Hawkins*

Leslie Roxana Aguilar Bardales  
Timothy Aluise  
Lori Alene Johnson Bender

Tricia DeHaan  
Roxaly Esmeralda Diaz Delgado  
Sarah Ann Hawkins

Megan Renae Keehne  
Luis Quiles  
Laura Jacqueline Urschel

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING ENGLISH  
TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES**

*Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Madison Jean McGriff*

Yohanna Guerra  
Jessica Jones

Madison Jean McGriff  
Jessica Rebecca Orinak

Brian Scott  
Yixin Weng

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Ying Shang, Dean

### THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ENGINEERING**

Andrew Bathurst  
Colin Michael Deane  
Ryan Earl  
Nicholas Andrew Miller  
Dakota Chase Andaya Morgan

Zainab Temitope Olalekan  
Phillip Farias Pereira  
Jonathan David Rasmussen  
Benjamin Robert Schlegel  
Michael Spencer

Christopher Bryan Stroud  
Caroline Nicole Walters  
Liam Pearse Wynne

### THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Targol Bakhtiarvand  
H. M. A. Mohit Chowdhury  
Akshat Ghiya  
Guanchu He

Sarah Kalyan  
Thoai Quang Mai  
Jahanara Mohamed  
Srikanth Varma Mudunuri

Samuel Ayokunmi Olowofila  
Sai Prakash Pathuru  
Justin Henry Wilmes

### THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

Craig Arlin Chambers  
Jacob Jost

Kaylie Noel Maddux

Josh Walker Vernon

### THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Andres Miguel Gonzalez

Alyssa Celeste Jameson

Taylor Nancy Tallerday



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# COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS & SCIENCES

Constance Staley, Interim Dean

## THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED GEOGRAPHY**

Samantha Rose Kathleen Bailey  
Tim Chambers

Katherine Anne Lanerie  
Ashlyn Morrison

Kayla E. Williams

## THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION**

*Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Meigan Deater*

Audrey Neal Bloomquist  
Meigan Deater

Nathaniel Hernandez

Shantelle Zimmer

## THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY**

*Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Martin Lee Ditkof*

Martin Lee Ditkof  
David Thomas Herrera

Richard Joyce

Abigail Seman

## THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

Elizabeth Anquillare  
Marcus Kai-Young Chur  
Caroline Collins-Pisano

Savannah Michelle Lee  
Adrianna Christine Neiderman  
Caitlyn Isabella Seymour

Bernardo Ubaldo Seixas  
Megan A. Wendling

## THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

*Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Brooke Noelle Garner*

Brooke Noelle Garner

Emily Kathlene Garrett

## THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

*Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Jack Connor Brett*

Jack Connor Brett

## THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCES IN BIOCHEMISTRY**

Julia Franziska Baroth  
Christopher Gareth Graves

Kyrie Grace Milliron  
Abigail Ann Senne

William Randon Kyle Talley

## THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCES IN BIOLOGY**

Chance Rankin

## THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCES IN CHEMISTRY**

Jonathan Lee Gertner

Amanda Jean Wessels

## THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCES IN PHYSICS**

Sam Richard Schutz

Thomas Ronald Stroup

# CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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The following list of candidates for degrees includes students graduating in August and December 2024.

## HELEN AND ARTHUR E. JOHNSON BETH-EL COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Kevin Laudner, Dean

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EXERCISE SCIENCE**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Trinity Elizabeth Harvey*

Ruby Esmeralda Bocanegra Cano  
Peterson Bohannon  
Chase Lee Casias  
Jared Nathaniel Caughel  
Alexandra Faith David\*\*\*  
Elaina Nevaeh De Hoyos  
Alexa Faith Dominguez  
William Anthony Gabriel  
Trinity Elizabeth Harvey\*\*\*  
John Jeffery Hodson

Mason Lois Ingallinera\*  
David Odhiambo Jabedo  
Katherine Virginia Kascak  
Wadnise Julie Kinch  
Morgan Mae Kirkland\*  
Matthew Scott Lloyd\*\*  
Jonathan Gabriel Loya  
Elizabeth Raye MacKendrick  
Carlos Manuel Meza\*\*  
Matthew David Montoya

Zachary Steven Puleo  
Nathaniel Lee Rose  
Noah T. Schrag\*\*  
James Robert Singleton  
Isabella Briana Smaldino\*\*  
Madalyn Unrein\*\*  
Michael Alano Weber\*  
Eryn Elizabeth Wood

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE SCIENCE**

America Maria Bryant\*\*  
Emily Elizabeth Coats\*\*\*  
Arianna Nickole Hawkins  
Halie Martin

Raleigh Patricia Martin\*\*\*  
Aitana Reyes Farinas  
Erika Arline Rizzardo\*\*\*  
Zachariah Zane Shelest\*

Mercede Reece Smith\*\*\*  
Jessica Marie Sutton  
Maycie Tan\*\*  
Kara Anne Zaczek

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY AND NUTRITION**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Breann Elizabeth Ritter*

Nickolas Franklin Esquivel\*\*  
Kaihosha Ashanti Hooper  
Jordan Lyn Kuhn\*  
LeiLani Aiko Lickteig

Pablo Hector Lomeli Lluís\*\*  
Alicia Nguyen\*\*\*  
Alyssa Li Pecoraro\*\*  
Jillian Raiger

Breann Elizabeth Ritter\*\*\*  
Nikki Christine Vasquez\*\*\*  
McKenna Raye Walker\*

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Ami Adams\*  
Kalob O. Amrine\*\*\*  
Danielle Báez-Duke  
Jeanine Laray Bahr\*\*\*  
Megan E. Ball\*\*\*

Hanah Keren Samson Blakely\*\*  
Casey Rhianna Brandau\*  
Sean Cahill\*\*  
Mary C. Callahan\*\*  
Vivian E. Carswell

Rita Claire Chambers  
Diana Marie Chandler  
Jennifer Chow\*  
Bianca Rachelle Cooper\*\*  
Kansas Rebecca Marie Coughlin\*\*

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## THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING** *CONT.*

Shannan Dahl**	Heather M. Hentze	Isabella Marie Novello***
Elise Dalton*	Nicole Traci Hibler*	Michelle Nicole Olson**
Ashlyn Victoria Davis**	Samantha Veronica Jacoby***	Kali Renee Peltier
Justin Charles De Nardin	Sarah Kim***	Mackenzie Brienne Pepin*
Taryn Elise DeBoer	Jessica Erin King**	Lauren Elise Rice**
Billie Dion***	Isabelle Kinney***	Courtney Skiles*
Bayli Dlug	Katelyn Nicole Lackey**	Sarah Nicole Smith**
Lauren Elizabeth Emerson**	Juliette Letterman	Anna Marie Trillana Soriano**
Kelsi Marie Farlin**	Tori Julianna Litwin	Cheyenne Olivia Stephens***
Susan Auld Fell**	Vanessa Lozano-Agredo***	Karen Maria Steppe***
Dennis Gonzalo Garcia***	Tiffany Rose Lucero**	Cole Joseph Strauser
Karsten Marie Garwood***	Alyssa Lyons***	Julianna Tidwell
Emma Christine Gregory**	Erin Mahler***	Bryce Lauren Vaughn*
Gregory James Hamm	Tyler James Mitcham*	Jennifer Minh Nguyen Western*
Laura Harvey**	Trey Arthur Navalta	Holly Wiley**
Gabriella Anna Hennage**	Braley Nelson*	Leah L. Williams

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## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

Thomas Aicher, Dean

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Aiden Akli Aliouche**	Dominic Gabriel Haggerty	Jeffrey Allen Smith**
Max Christopher Anderson*	Dylan Grey Patrick	Reese Michelle Smith**
Hayden Michael Craz		

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS**

*Distinguished Academic Achievement Award: Delaney Dormer*

Shafiq Abdul Qader	Alexander Brett Collins	Natasha Elena Geissler
Alejandra Alvarado	Megan M. Correia	Gerardo Gonzalez
Courtney Anderson**	Daylon Moses Cortez	Jaland Malik Gooch
Alex Claes Andersson	Patrick Covey	Alyssa Mae Gusty*
Hallie Ann Apodaca*	Daniel Francisco Cowles	Cody Austin Hartsock
Benjamin Walker Arneson	Trey Eric Davis**	Jennifer Haughin
Isiah Angel Arvizu	Felix Delmolino III	Kasey Leigh Havig
Mark Aschmann	Delaney Dormer***	Mason Scott Hazard
Alexander Manuel Bejarano**	Nathan Kyle Durbin	Matthew Ryan Henry
Hannah Mae Blackwood	Alyssa Rose Durham	David Andrew Heurtevant
Simon Henry - John Bonney	Dustin Julian Elder**	Matthew Hinkle
Mikayla Brandt**	Noah Sergio Espino-Kennedy	Erin Hosick*
Samantha Brogan	Shane R. Fanning*	Ethan T. Htut
Tara Marie Burtness***	Nathan Daniel Feldhaus	Emily Rae Hughes
Kylee D. Burton	Amanda Estelle Ford**	Lewis Kalaekaulanaokaena Humber
Henry K. Butterfield	James Andrew Gainous	Santiago Alejandro Hurtado Suarez
Victoria Cherish Cardona Meza	Jazlynn Gamez**	Quynh Nhu Huynh*
Elisabeth Anne Chambers***	Vincent Marcus Garcia	Christopher Egron Jonell

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*Explanation of COB Honors: \*Cum Laude – Overall GPA: 3.3 - 3.49 with COB GPA: 3.5 - 3.69; \*\*Magna Cum Laude – Overall GPA: 3.5 - 3.69 with COB GPA: 3.7 - 3.89; \*\*\*Summa Cum Laude – Overall GPA: 3.7 or above with COB GPA: 3.9 or above*

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## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS** *CONT.*

Alaine Victoria Kallungi***	Jermarco Devon Phillips	Douglas Sly
Michael Joseph-Carl Kendzior	Lukas Daniel Preuhs	Tyler Smith*
Amanda Raquel Knowles	Daniel Puk	Amanda Ruth Smock
Justin Daniel Kochis*	Matthew Rabago	Rachel Leah Stange**
Piper Jaelynn Koehler	Isaiah Michael Reed	Colin Steele
Emily Erin Kroll	Javon Destin Reed	Matthew Ronald Stefureak
David S. Langfield	Jonathan Peter William Reeves	Broderick Reid Stenhaus**
Gavyn Rees Mayer	Christal Ann Reiss***	Matthew Tekulsky**
Nicole Rianne Medlin	Matheau Merrick Richard	Sean Bernard Thomas*
Brian Francis Mercer*	Alexandra Cleo Riser***	Paige Noelle Thompson*
Robert Michon	Breelyn Robinson	Tabitha Tibbetts**
Ty Mitchell	Kayden Bailey Rodgers**	Hannah Shea Tindle
Michole Joy Simbulan Morales	Christopher Austin Rolater	Angel Daniel Trejo
Zachary Michael Morrell*	Clarissa Romero	Gabriel Nikolas Tvedt*
Jonathan Kyle Nelson	Ethan Timothy Rossi	Garrett Adams Tyler
Joseph Nelson*	Claire Russell	Lars Walczyk
Zachary Lee Nelson	Devon Wayne Russell	Ethan Ward
Duyen ThaiThuy Nguyen*	Sybrene Hoekstra Russell	Madison Caroline Watson
Benjamin Luke Paddock*	Jaya Patton Saied**	Alannah White
Aspasia Zoe Paganis**	Maisa Alyse Schnuelle	Raviel BaShawn Winters
Kevin Pasion*	Cassidy Nicole Schwindt	Madison Taylor Wright**
Avani Elizabeth Patel*	Benjamin B. Shirley*	Thomas Zona
Katelyn Ashlee Pearne***	Caroline Marie Sitter	Aspyn Nicole Zuccone
Ciara Perry	Frances Sloat	

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## COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Jonathan Caudill, Interim Dean

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Mariana Evadel Alirez***, <i>With University Honors</i>	Jasmine LaShae Jackson**	Brianna Nicole Ritchie
Kaydee Alexis Alvarez**	Ghada John*	Brooklyn Leigh Romero
Julia Renae Hope Anderson	Ashlyn Nicole Jones***	Kaila N. Scarlett
Kayla Mari Benton	Billy LaPorte**	Tami Sirota
Kennedy G. Boileau*	Madelyn Grace Lister	Alyssia Renee Solano-Hinojosa
Devin Maurice Broxton*	Jade Lee Littrell*	Aanika Janavi Spigarelli***
Benjamin Confer***	Julianna Katherine McElmell	Jaycie Michelle Swift**
Kalea Margaret Shea Cook	Erin Margaret McMahan**	Alexia Tabarez-Halcomb
Olivia Yvonne Aliyah Davis**	Antonia Mariah Medina	Bradin Clark Tafoya
Taylor Dawn Fielding	Beacon Joy Meier	Paige Trapman
Grace K. Garcia	Megan Merrit	Alayshia Kisha T'nice Treadway
Vaughn Rhys Gilbert*	Brianna Juanita Micciche**	Madeline Grace Trumbo**
Konrad Joseph Haussmann	Alexander David Miller*	Efrain Velazquez-Lebron
Catalina Fransisca Holguin	Richard Warren Newton*	Jackie Maison White*
Conner John Hyvonen	Vanessa M. Pieper***	Layla Iris Willis
Ashley M. Imel	Madeline Elizabeth Pope**	
	Anastasia Marie Rendon	

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

Dawitt Eton Sheldon Percy**	Rebecca Marie Sharp	Steven Valencia***
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# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Joseph Wehrman, Interim Dean

## THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HUMAN SERVICES**

Sofia Soledad Beran  
Gabrielle Renee Bivens  
Andi Ashley Brown  
Summer M. Brownsberger  
Lia Christine Gentry\*\*\*

Erricka Demaria Gwynn  
Aimee Lynell Hatley  
Dorothy Johnson  
Elaine Manning\*\*\*  
Alexis Lynn Shearer\*

Brian Vincent Stewart\*\*  
Jonathan David Thompson  
Riley Gabrielle Waggoner

## THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INCLUSIVE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

Samantha Christine Atkins\*\*  
Nicole Alexa Connolly  
Reagan Margaret Gatlin\*\*

Matt Jonathan Grant  
Kathleen Kelley\*\*\*  
Brandy M. Loseke\*\*\*

Cassandra Shaw\*  
Tyler Stryffeler

## THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INCLUSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Bethany Joy Gilbert  
Nichole Myers\*\*\*

Tiffany Salazar

Elisha Stewart\*\*

## THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN INCLUSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Alina Isabel Ehry-Ventura



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recalculated once all grades are posted and will be displayed on official diplomas and transcripts.*

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Ying Shang, Dean

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Darion Badillo  
Robert Allan Berg  
Matthew Sheng Yi Cao\*  
Benjamin Matthew Ferrara

Reilly H. Gardner  
John Derek Gary  
Mercury Goodwin  
Nicholaas Stephen Hallisey

Donald Ung Kim  
Jacob Wyatt Larsen  
Kalina Sarah Nazi  
Kaleb Andrew Ohlmeier

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

William Nathaniel Peckham\*\*\*

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE & SECURITY**

Victoria Nichol Merkle\*

Chris Michael Moody

Alan Sanchez\*

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN GAME DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT**

Blake Taylor Fuschich\*  
David Hutyra

William Nathaniel Peckham\*\*\*  
Evan Jacob Schilling\*\*\*

Alyssa Walker\*  
Nahum A. Zewdie\*\*

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

Michael Benjamin Robertson

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Mark Mathew Angelo  
Bruce Allyn Beaulieu  
Nicholas Gaetano Boland  
Andrew M. Bruce  
Daniel J. Buck  
Austin Eagle Harlan Byrd\*\*  
Emiliano Chavez De La Torre\*  
Jason Lee Gregory Cuthbert

Riley Alan Daughton\*\*\*  
Michael A. Delgado  
Travis James Ditmanson\*\*  
Ryan A. Du Plooy\*  
Joel Douglas Flinn\*  
Joshua J. Fuentes\*  
Annabel Dawn Fuina\*\*\*  
Kiersten Horning\*\*\*

Johnny Colby King  
Joshua David Lahman  
Danica Mae Aguinaldo Malaban\*\*\*  
Kory Ryan Mayberry\*  
Aubrey Morgan\*  
Scott Alexander Rytting

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DATA ANALYTICS AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERING**

Janette A. Christen\*\*

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

Yugesh Bhattarai\*\*\*  
Amy Elizabeth LiJin Giles

Ian Thomas Locke

Benjamin David Sun\*\*\*

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## THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Ivy T. Bang\*  
Diego Armando Castro  
Logan Orlando Diethrich  
Nicholas Scott Dunham  
Brandon Reed Hickman  
Jeffrey Holloway

Julian Zachary James\*\*  
Bridger Lee Keane  
Ty Colton Kimsey  
Brianna D. McCague\*\*\*  
Nicholas J. Misquez  
Juan Daniel Muniz

Patrick Tien-Thang Nguyen  
Joseph Francis Russ  
Gabriel Alfredo Sampayo  
Tucker Walsh  
Norman Matthew Wetzel\*  
Jakob William Wolff

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## **COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS & SCIENCES**

Constance Staley, Interim Dean

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Keelyn Skye Blacketer, Evelyn Sakura Cartwright,  
Kyle Austin Herbert, Jacqueline Dean Pfeil*

Olivia Mary Azadmanesh  
Keelyn Skye Blacketer

Evelyn Sakura Cartwright  
Kyle Austin Herbert

Jacqueline Dean Pfeil\*\*\*  
Shandel Marie Teafatiller

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHEMISTRY**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Kyla N. Magar*

*Kyla N. Magar\*\*\*, With Distinction*

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Sydnie Autumn Atkins, Cale Walker Claridge,  
Joshua Christopher Reynolds, Alexander Weatherford*

Jae M An  
Ben Ashfield  
Sydnie Autumn Atkins\*\*  
Christine Dionne Bailey  
Bryson Simuel Cintron Baugh\*\*  
Michael Lee Brown  
Kieron Daniel Brunner  
Noah Charles Burget  
Kyle Nathaniel Cabs  
Diana Muntean Cameron\*\*,  
*With High Distinction*  
Alexia Campos Gomes  
Cameron J. Carr  
Cale Walker Claridge\*\*  
Francisco Antonio Corral  
Klarissa Alondra Gamboa  
Jacob Haden Groe  
Caleb M. Inama

Navjana Drhnay-lee Jenkins  
Juliet Kearns  
Tyler Khanbabian  
Hannah Krall  
Ryan John Krueger  
Christopher Robert Lalone  
Kalie Elizabeth Lynn Martinez  
Michael Dean Mathews\*  
Colyn Logan McCaffrey  
Grace Maria McCracken\*\*,  
*With High Distinction*  
Laura Faith Mikolaitis  
DeeAnna Chia Milne  
Christopher Bennett Monsen  
Isabella AnnMarie Mulch  
Christina Maribel Page  
Grace Elizabeth Patnesky\*  
Olivia Paulk

Christopher Scott Peters  
Evie Pfeil  
Selena Shirley Pierre  
Rogelio Ramirez  
Lauren Renee Reinstein  
Joshua Christopher Reynolds\*\*\*  
Tabitha Lynn Richardson\*\*\*,  
*With Honors*  
Loren Rachel Ruckmich\*  
Jasen Quentin Sebben  
Reilly Maria Steinhour  
Samantha Switzer  
Jacob William Swords  
Alexander Weatherford\*\*  
Mariah Whitaker  
Mitchell Willman

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## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS**

Brendan Philip Bradfield\*\*\*  
Declan James Domyan  
Teresa Maria Gonzalez-Moreno

Shea Daniel Marko  
Michael William Menzies  
Riley Christopher Mustoe

Jacob P. Peebles  
Evan Martin Smith\*\*  
Ethan Ames Yanez

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Joseph Thomas Brucker, Evangela Kathryn Dudeck,  
Erin Spencer Hansen, Tabitha Lynn Richardson, Larissa Katelyn Snoddy*

Theresa Ann Allen  
Jane Cady Almand  
Heather Baker\*  
Jenna Marie Brewer  
Joseph Thomas Brucker,  
*With Honors*  
Nataly E Castano Henao  
Evangela Kathryn Dudeck,  
*With Honors*

Aviel Bradley Fitch\*  
Erin Spencer Hansen\*\*\*,  
*With Honors*  
Orrin William Marcy  
Kaitlyn Elizabeth McDonald\*\*,  
*With Honors*  
Mackenzie Lea Merson  
Amanda Miranda

Tabitha Lynn Richardson\*\*\*,  
*With Honors*  
Nicholas Ryan Smith\*\*  
Larissa Katelyn Snoddy\*\*\*,  
*With Honors*  
Coral Alexis Tamayo  
Ashleigh Rose Wright\*\*,  
*With Honors*

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Justin Dwayne Theis, Frank A. Vazzano*

Kimberly Gail Carlson  
Stephen Castellani\*\*  
Caleb Cullen\*\*\*  
Lauren Kathleen DeLeonardis  
Raegen Noel Emery  
Matthew Daniel Garfinkel  
Mandi Love Johnson\*

Kayla Irene Lamreau  
Jack Trevor Leddington  
Nicholas William Marsh\*\*  
Dailyn A. McAdoo\*  
Samuel Robert Oyadamari Owens  
Ella Renee Pantalone  
Nicolaos Paul Pappas

Kendall Siana Scott\*  
Laurel Elizabeth Smith  
Teresa De Jesus Talbot  
Justin Dwayne Theis\*\*  
Frank A. Vazzano\*\*,  
*With Highest Honors*  
Marvin Liang Worsham

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Brayan Montes De Oca, Veronica Camille Harding, Alicia Marie Portillos,  
Hannah Grace Murray, Jayda Rai Wayman*

Joshua Mark Cheatwood  
Audra Michael Craig\*\*,  
*With High Honors*  
Brayan Montes De Oca\*\*,  
*With High Honors*  
Cassidy Fowler\*\*  
Landon Scott Fox\*, *With Honors*  
Christopher Michael Graziano

Veronica Camille Harding\*\*,  
*With High Honors*  
Noah Reese Hudson  
Christopher Paul Mayberry  
Hannah Grace Murray  
Victoria Renee Pemberton  
Alicia Marie Portillos\*\*\*,  
*With Highest Honors*

Grant William Spengler  
Gavin Tayler Szafraniec\*,  
*With Honors*  
Jayda Rai Wayman\*\*,  
*With High Honors*  
Clio Wilkerson

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Maxwell John Fruge*

Maxwell John Fruge

Breanna Wilson

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## THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Austin Ashmore*

Austin Ashmore\*

Michael David Miller\*

## THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY**

Jordan Benjamin August\*\*\*

Musa Ibrahim Brennan\*

Hannah Lauren Clark

Dakota B. Evans-Cerezo

Jack Trevor Leddington

Ashlyn Paige Lohr\*\*\*

Savana Rose Mayer\*\*\*

Ryan Mitchell

Kolin R. Rest

Lauren Robinson\*\*\*

Robynette Ashleigh Wruck\*

Rebecca May Young

## THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Emmanuel De Jesus Alfaro Andasol

Tazia Rae Carrillo

Jacob Dean Dundas\*\*

Sara Olivia Gallego\*\*\*

Emily Hope Graf

Cody Jordan Kragel

Patrick Major

Sahza Osmanovic

Kolin R. Rest

Steven M. Rudolphi\*\*

Sarah Elizabeth Tovar

Baylor Jean Tschappler\*

## THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Ashlyn Nicole Jones, Haley Robillard, Michelle Peng Wilke*

Mariana Evadel Alirez\*\*\*,

*With University Honors*

Kaydee Alexis Alvarez\*\*

Julia Renae Hope Anderson

Evangeline Marie Blucher\*\*

Kennedy G. Boileau\*

Madison Faith Bradigan

George Greyson Bruder

Tobias Michael Campbell

Hannah Renee Chopiowskyj\*\*\*

Carrie Christensen\*\*\*

Kalea Margaret Shea Cook

Brenda A. Cruz\*\*,

*With Honors*

Dakota Jackson Daniels

Caleb Dayes\*\*

Sharla Rae Deffendall

Abigail Delzeit\*\*\*

Livia Joy Demopoulos\*\*\*

Keilynn Marie Engbers\*\*

Dakota B. Evans-Cerezo

Tayden Marie Fairbanks\*\*

Tayllor Fischer\*\*

Maria Angelica Fouts\*\*

Seth Madison Fuller\*\*\*

Jayda E'monni Glover

Eli Harper

Konrad Joseph Haussmann

Catalina Francisca Holguin

Ashley M. Imel

Chanel Nicole Jackson

Veronica Jamshid

Ashlyn Nicole Jones\*\*\*

Kylie Camille Jones\*\*\*

Layla Jones

Levi Travon Jones

Arianna La Londe

Margaret Louise LaSalle

Steven Michael Leo

Meghan Elizabeth Leonas

Jade Lee Littrell\*

Ashlyn Paige Lohr\*\*\*

Stephen Randolph Lorenz

Janelle Martinez

Antonia Maria Medina

Marlyn Meraz

Megan Merrit

Samantha Milhollan

Che'paris Mobley

Alexandra Nevarez Rojo\*

Molly Jone O'Brien

Emilia Katheryn Palos

Grace Elizabeth Patnesky\*

Katherine Kay Perry\*\*

Savannah Peterson

Vanessa M. Pieper\*\*\*

Madeline Elizabeth Pope\*\*

Cassidy Lynn Queen

Julius I. Ramirez

Anastasia Marie Rendon

Haley Robillard

Lauren Robinson\*\*\*

Abigail Christine Rodriguez

Angelique Joann Roybal\*

Mitchell Mckenzie Ryan\*

Kaleah Pearl Sammy

Kaitlyn Skay

Evan Martin Smith\*\*

Helen Elizabeth Smith

Amber Nicole Solorzano

Hazzel Somoza Palacios

Kai Lin Wei Sweet-Seip\*,

*With University Honors*

Jaycie Michelle Swift\*\*

Megan Trout

Angel Vargas

Jose Alberto Vargas

Michelle Peng Wilke\*\*\*

Brittany Williams\*\*\*,

*With Honors*

Layla Iris Willis

Nikita Shayne Wong

Robynette Ashleigh Wruck\*

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## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Teresa Jeanette Miller*

Desirae Nicole Bayuk  
Nicholas Sterling Hampers  
Evan Shay Hayden  
Ghada John\*  
Cadence Koppi-Lowe

Billy LaPorte\*\*  
Steven Michael Leo  
Madelyn Grace Lister  
Benjamin McArthur  
Teresa Jeanette Miller,

*With Honors*  
Olivia Wynne Themely  
Joshua Patalinghug Umaguig

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION DESIGN**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Ashleigh Rose Wright*

Conner R. Munn  
Samantha Victoria Rivas\*

Donah Nai Schroeder  
Nicole Andrea Taclin\*, *With Honors*

Jenna Catherine Vidal\*  
Ashleigh Rose Wright\*\*

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Annaliese Caitlin Allen*

Annaliese Caitlin Allen\*\*\*  
Grace Emerald Arnold\*\*  
Luke P. Bettner\*\*,  
*With Highest Honors*  
Carla Camille Brown, *With Honors*

Kylee M. Cotterman  
Evelyn Paige Curtis  
Kate Dankanich\*\*  
Emma Dunlap\*\*  
Tayler Lanae Hale\*\*

Claire Danielle Kallio  
Perla Guadalupe Ortiz  
Daniel M. Posusta\*  
Quinn Elias Smola,  
*With Highest Honors*

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WOMEN'S AND ETHNIC STUDIES**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Kathryn Elizabeth Byrne, Lillian Melvina Gray*

Kathryn Elizabeth Byrne

Lillian Melvina Gray\*

Amaya Vallance

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN ANTHROPOLOGY | MUSEUM PRACTICE AND HERITAGE MANAGEMENT**

Myia L. Morales

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMMUNICATION | DIGITAL FILMMAKING**

Matthew Miles Perlinger

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMMUNICATION | DIGITAL MEDIA**

Garret Alan Overcast\*\*

Sabrina Randolph\*\*

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS | MUSIC**

Hunter Marino

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOCHEMISTRY**

Daniel Bazan  
James Carl Beham

Nicole Julia Beitle  
Emma Grace Eberly

Breanna Alexis Mariscal

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## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES AND FOR COMMISSION

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### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Kiersten Victoria Brock*

Natalie Elaine Bondarchuk  
Kiersten Victoria Brock\*\*\*  
Kyle Nathaniel Cabs  
Sidney Danielle Crook  
Thane Michael Duzenack  
Katelynn Fearnot  
Brianna Juliet Figueroa Fletes\*\*\*  
Tyanna Noel Gutierrez  
Mercedes Renee Hackathorn\*\*\*  
Collin Reece Henkemeyer

Jordan Robert Hester  
Logan Joel Hite  
Carlie Allanah James  
Tyler Mayson Kaess  
Safarmokh Haqnazarovna  
Khamidova  
Ashley M. Nguyen  
Olivia Quinci- Durbrow  
Benjamin D. Ramirez\*\*\*  
Sloane Alexandra Rittler

Anastasia Rybitskiy  
Zachary Tyler Scriven\*  
Derek Jaden Shimizu\*\*\*  
Sean Allen Simpson  
Aaliyah Stewart  
Kevin Michael Stibitz  
Alvin G. Syquia  
Nathan Jesus Urquidi  
Rebecca May Young

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY**

Jacob Cook

Vasilisa Hebert

Brandon Anthony Shull\*

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS**

Alena Belle Anderson  
Tyler Joseph Barcelon

Rocco Giovanni Caputo  
Ann Cecilia Hrbacek\*

Joshua Yasafumi Lipphardt  
Madeline Nicole Moen

### THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS AND ENERGY SCIENCE**

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Ian Mathew Culbertson*

Keawe Chun

Ian Mathew Culbertson\*\*\*

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## CANDIDATES FOR **COMMISSION**

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### **AEROSPACE STUDIES**

Colonel Rebecca S. Lange, United States Air Force

**SECOND LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

Duyen T. Nguyen

### **MILITARY SCIENCE**

Lieutenant Colonel David R. Campbell, United States Army

**SECOND LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES ARMY**

Jacob Swords

John Hodson

# CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Oluwanifesi Adewole-Stevens	Aaron DesForges	Lokalia Hawks	Patrick McClellan	Brittney Smith
Maria Alcalá	Gabriella DesForges	Alexis Hazelwood	Jed Mendicino	Casey Smith
Madison Aragon	Amanda Dixon	Jaeden Hegmann	Joshua Miller-Ramon	Tristan Solome
McKenna Arzu	Kayla Doerfler	Dwight Howard	Jared Millsap	Alex Somosky
Alexandria Belmontes	Jackson Drake	Victoria Hudak	Dyllan Murray	Joshua Spinner
Georgia Benway	Courtney Duran	Christopher Hull	Aleah Myles	Sydnee Tamayo
Clover Bernard	Dion Duran	Megan Humphreys	Rachel Newcomb	Tionna Thompson
Connor Blasdel	Vincent Dzotefe	Doris Irechukwu	Allison Nickerson	Brian Toutant
Nicholas Broomfield	Ty Etwiler	Megan Joyner	Catherine Nilles	Cameron Tracy
Aidan Brown	Maxine Eurich	Sarah Kamel	Holden Nitchals	Daniel Trapp
Elizabeth Cashman	MaKayla Evans	Daniel Kanjo	Justin Norton	James Tufaro
Rebecca Castaneda	Branden Fahey	Erno Kiss	Wendy Padilla	Austin Turner
Alexander Chase	Darryl Ferguson	Lily Kjelstad	Belen Payarez	April Vaughn
Noelle Christie	Ashley Frasersmith	Mark Kneis III	Brianna Peska	Justin Vaughn
Jaiden Clark-Muth	Autumn Frei	Arman Kumar	Lola Pollack	Edgar Velasquez
Austin Clark	William Frodge	Elizabeth Lalor	Rachael Pummill-Sutton	Tyler Verhovec
Jourdan Collins	William Fuller	Genesys Lemus	Phoebe Raines	Eric Vilmer
Kayleigh Comerford	Johnathan Gachuzo	Amanda Lentz	Abegail Reisinger	Garrett Waggoner
Ce'Nedra Cordova	Gonzalez	Brooke Lewis	Nicholas Robertson	Joshua Walton
Jacob Cortese	Brandon Galloway	Anna Loehr	Luis Samorano	April Rose White
Brandon Cortez	Kyle Gatton	Kailey Lusher	Andrea Santos	Sean Whitlock
Stephen Crockett	Mussie Gebremariam	Noah Lykins	NiKayla Schermer	Michael Willis
Gabrielle Cronin	Sydney-Mae Hanks	Laura Mack	Kaylee Schneegass	
Alexander Denney	Anna Harder	Dawafina Maclaryn	Evelyn Schoonmaker	
	Corryne Harrell	Audrianna Manzanares	Emanuela Serra	

**Associate of General Studies degree:** UCCS welcomes the second class of Associate of General Studies degree recipients to these Commencement exercises, as part of the State of Colorado Re-Engaged (CORE) Initiative. The CORE Initiative enables four-year higher education institutions to award earned associate degrees to eligible former baccalaureate students who have met specific criteria including the course requirements defined by the four-year institution.

<https://cdhe.colorado.gov/students/attending-college/colorado-re-engaged-core-initiative>

The preceding list of candidates for degrees is not an official record that such candidates have been awarded such degrees or honors.

Diplomas will be mailed late February 2025 to your address of record.

This program and other graduation information is available on the UCCS Commencement website: [commencement.uccs.edu](https://commencement.uccs.edu)

This program is produced collaboratively by the Chancellor's Office, University Events, Marketing and Communications Office, Information Technology Office and the Office of the Registrar.



## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
 What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?  
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
 O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?  
 And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
 Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.  
 O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?





The history of the University of Colorado dates back to the earliest days of Colorado and precedes the creation of the state. At its first session in 1861, the Colorado territorial legislature passed an act providing for the creation of a university in Boulder. To establish the university, the legislature appropriated \$15,000, which was matched by Boulder residents. However, the formal founding was delayed for another fifteen years by the Civil War. When Colorado became the 38th state in the Union in 1876, the university was declared an institution of the state, and the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado was established under Colorado's State Constitution as its governing authority.

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs has a rich history as a site and campus. Many millennia before any students began studying here, a small group of ancestral American Indians set up camp overlooking an arroyo on the west edge of what is now the campus. Remains from approximately 30 sites used by Plains Indians from about 100 A.D. to 1400 A.D. dot the campus grounds. The cultural heritage of the area is witnessed not only architecturally and in diverse ecological phenomena but also in the significant prehistoric archeological components observable throughout the University acreage. The daily discarded artifacts of Cragmor Sanatorium life - medicine bottles, crumbling foundations, and broken dishes are intertwined with artifacts from the prehistory of the region.

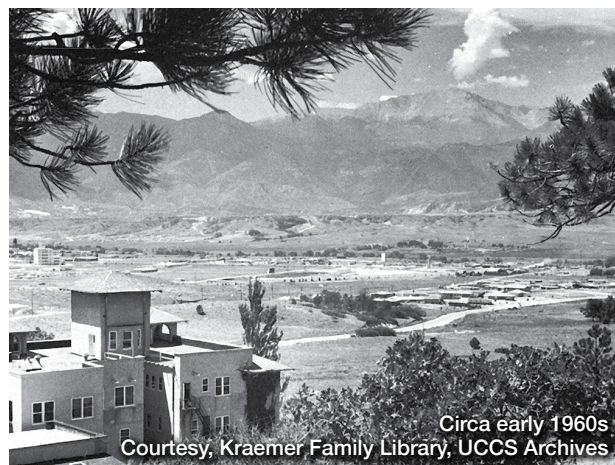
Henry Austin, for whom the bluffs on campus were named, purchased a large part of what is now the campus in 1873 to graze herds of sheep. The first known building on the site was a cabin built by the world-famous physician, Dr. Edwin Solly. Dr. Solly suffered from tuberculosis and moved from



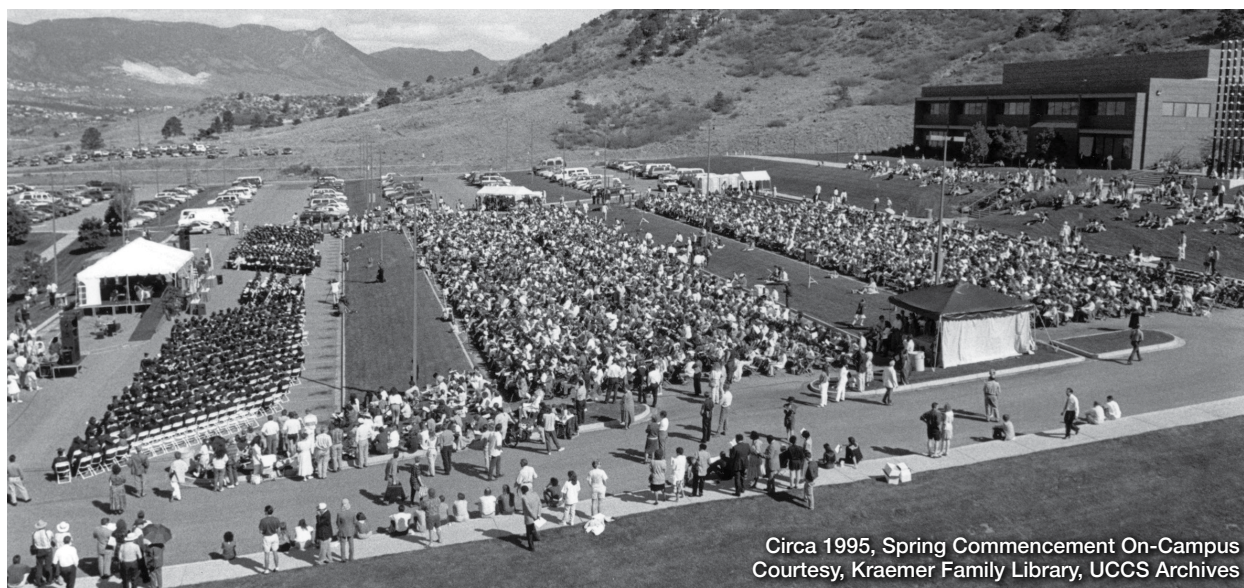
Circa 1968, Cragmor Campus sign  
Courtesy, Kraemer Family Library, UCCS Archives

England to the area, as the region was becoming known for its healthy climate. After years of planning for a sanatorium on the site, Dr. Solly was spurred into action in 1902 when General William Jackson Palmer (founder of Colorado Springs) gave him 100 acres of land on Austin Bluffs and \$50,000 towards the start of his sanatorium. Solly selected one of the most important and versatile architects working in Southern Colorado, Thomas MacLaren. MacLaren (1863-1928), acknowledged master of architecture, designed many structures in Colorado Springs including several sections of the opulent BROADMOOR Hotel. The sanatorium building echoed the aesthetics of the founders merging with Spanish-Moorish influence; it embodied the heritage of the builders of Colorado Springs and the understated beauty of the Hispanic culture. Cragmor Sanatorium (now Main Hall) opened its doors to patients on June 20, 1905, and thereafter became the most luxurious place for well-to-do consumptives in the United States. Dr. Solly named the site Cragmoor (later shortened to Cragmor), reminiscent of the crags and moors he had left behind in Great Britain.

Cragmor became the health mecca for artists, writers, and corporate tycoons who found not only their health but also a new home in Colorado Springs. Laura La Tille (Broadway performer), Constance Pulitzer (Joseph Pulitzer's daughter), Murielane Pancost (concert soprano), Jeanette MacCoil (well-known New York musician), and Russell Cheney (renowned painter) spent time and regained their health at Cragmor. Upon his death Solly was memorialized as a world class physician who had brought the Colorado Springs community to global acclaim for its outstanding health facility. Ironically, the world forgot Solly as Cragmor became even more established under the direction of new



Circa early 1960s  
Courtesy, Kraemer Family Library, UCCS Archives



Circa 1995, Spring Commencement On-Campus  
 Courtesy, Kraemer Family Library, UCCS Archives

leaders in health care: Gerald B. Webb, Alexius M. Forster, Otto Einstein, and George J. Dwire.

The 1930's stock market crash brought financial disaster to many of the Cragmor Sanitorium's exclusive clientele. The facility was adapted to serve the health needs of less affluent patients. Alexius Forster's death in 1954 (took charge of Cragmor in 1910 at age 29) found Cragmor at a loss for medical and financial leadership. The last decade of the sanitorium's homeopathic life was to become tied to the Bureau of Indian Affairs as Navajo Indians were flown in to Cragmor. This was one of the first public health programs launched by the newly formed U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). The first Indian patients arrived at Cragmor in 1952 with the signing of a government contract between the Cragmor Foundation and HEW. The institution would be guaranteed a permanent base of financial support. In return, Cragmor would provide for the medical needs of hundreds of tuberculous Navajos. George Dwire, Managing Director, oversaw the decade of fiscal recovery for the institution. He created a dynamic program which not only provided for the health needs of hundreds of Navajos infected with tuberculosis but also expanded to include educational and occupational therapy. As the health crisis of the Navajo people subsided so did the Federal funding for Cragmor. By April of 1962, remaining patients were being transferred to other facilities.

As early as the 1920s, the University of Colorado offered courses at numerous Colorado Springs

locations including Colorado College and various storefronts. By the mid-1960s, community leaders were pressing for a full-fledged University of Colorado presence in the community. In his negotiations with then-Governor John Love, Hewlett-Packard (HP) co-founder David Packard, a Pueblo native, wanted a permanent University of Colorado campus in Colorado Springs to support the educational needs of company employees. The combination of the state's desire to attract HP to Colorado Springs and George J. Dwire's sale of the defunct 80-acre Cragmor Sanatorium property for \$1 led to birth of the Colorado Springs Center of the University of Colorado. June 15, 1964, commemorated the funding and legislation signed by Governor Love allowing the University of Colorado to assume custody of Cragmor. In 1965, the Colorado Springs Center of the University of Colorado opened on the south side of Austin Bluffs, an area which showcased a spectacular panoramic view of Pikes Peak and the Garden of the Gods; tuition was \$13 per credit hour. Professor offices in Cragmor Manor (now Cragmor Hall) were equipped with small kitchenettes and private bathrooms, due to the building's previous use as a nursing home (Cragmor Manor was added to the Sanitorium in the 1950s). A few offices were still outfitted with this unique piece of history as late as 2002; Cragmor Hall was completely remodeled and reopened in January 2004.

From 1965 to 1972 the Colorado Springs Center operated as a division or extension of the Boulder

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campus. It became the first permanent home for a growing following of scholars. Colorado Constitutional Amendment 4, approved at the 1972 Colorado General Election, designated the Colorado Springs campus and two other centers as distinct campuses of the University of Colorado. Dwire Hall opened as the first solely academic building on campus in 1972; it was completely remodeled in 2007. In 1974, the University of Colorado reorganized into four campuses – Colorado Springs, Boulder, Denver, and the Health Sciences Center in Denver. The two Denver campuses later consolidated administratively in June 2004; the model was reversed in 2014 for each campus to again have its own chancellor. 1974 also marked the establishment of the first Chancellor of the Colorado Springs campus, with ties to the Boulder campus being changed to have the campus directly reporting to the President of the University. UCCS grew over the years, and in 1996 the first on-campus student housing opened. The next year a community referendum merged the city-owned Beth-El College of Nursing with the campus. During the 2010-2011 new branding campaign, “at” was removed from the official UCCS name – University of Colorado at Colorado Springs – to become University of Colorado Colorado Springs.

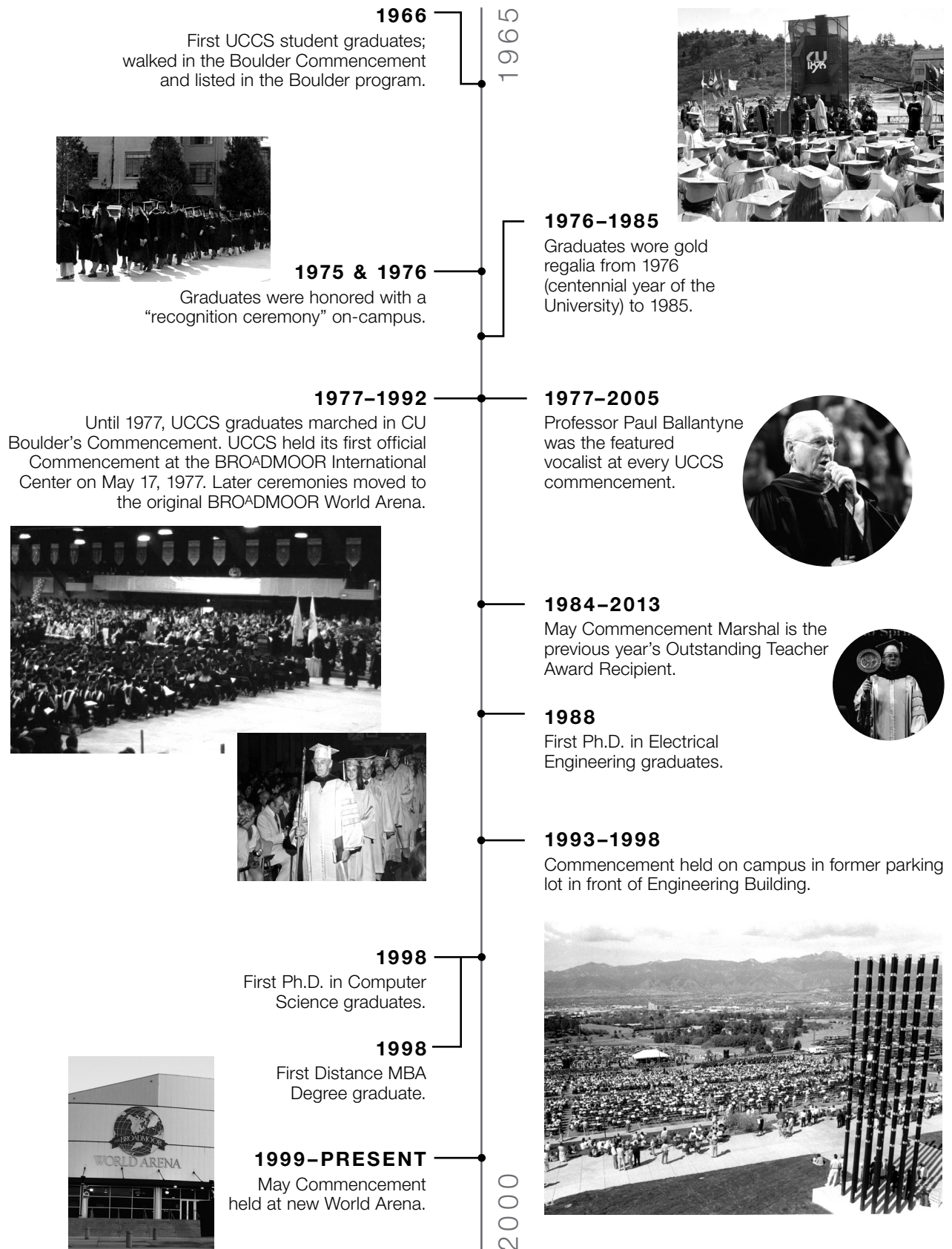
Because of the ties to HP, initial university programs focused on engineering and business. Today, 59 years after its beginning, UCCS offers 55 bachelor’s, 38 master’s, and ten doctoral degrees in six colleges. The initial university programs of engineering and business still serve as pillars of the university, and are joined by a broad range of degree programs offered in the

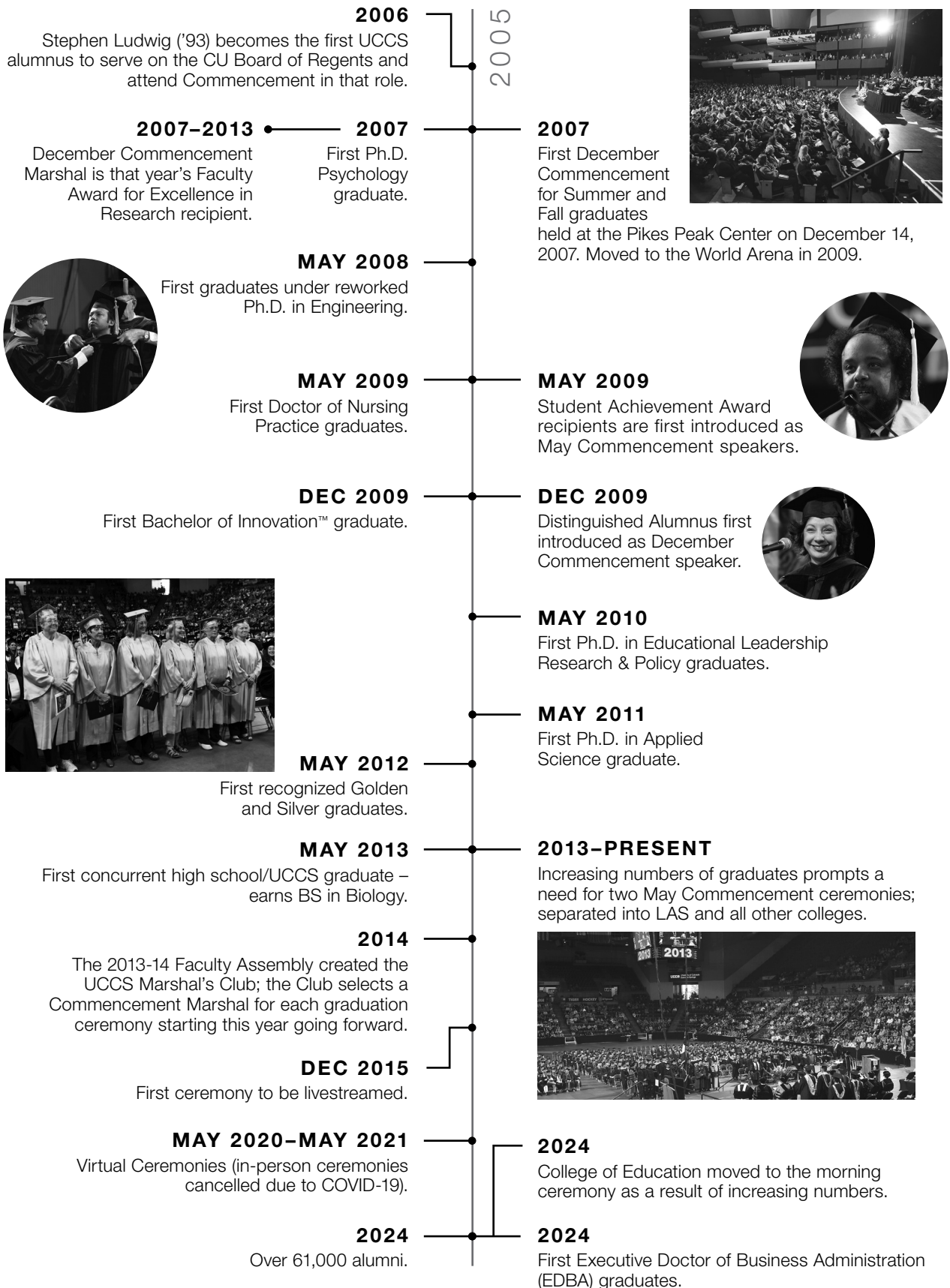
liberal arts and sciences, as well as professional programs in nursing, education and public service to meet the needs of Colorado’s second-largest metropolitan area and beyond. In 2012, Colorado Springs voters again added to the UCCS campus by agreeing to lease city-owned Memorial Hospital to University of Colorado Health. As part of the agreement, an administrative branch of the CU School of Medicine is in the University Hall at UCCS. Recently, partnerships such as with the National Cybersecurity Center cast an eye toward the future. From its original 80 acres, UCCS has added 450 additional acres along Austin Bluffs Parkway and North Nevada Avenue. North Nevada Avenue continued growth with the latest opening of the William J. Hybl Sports Medicine and Performance Center adjacent to the Lane Center in summer 2020. Most recently, UCCS opened the Anschutz Engineering Center in February 2024.

UCCS spring commencement ceremonies have been held at the old BRO^DMOOR Ice Arena, a campus parking lot where the Osborne Center for Science & Engineering now stands, and The BRO^DMOOR World Arena. The first December commencement ceremony for summer and fall graduates was held on December 14, 2007 at the Pikes Peak Center. After only two years, the December graduates outgrew the Pikes Peak Center, and now all yearly ceremonies are held at The BRO^DMOOR World Arena. The COVID-19 pandemic caused the May and December 2020 and May 2021 Commencements to be the first-ever in-person ceremonies to be cancelled. Since the first UCCS commencement in 1975, over 61,000 students have graduated from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.



Photo by Gabby Hensley, Staff, 2023







**The University of Colorado Colorado Springs mascot is the mountain lion.** It is visible across campus in a variety of ways – as the artistic logo on UCCS shuttles, the grand marble statue on El Pomar Plaza (moved from University Center Lower Plaza in March 2016), and the costumed mascot who ignites crowds at athletic games and official campus events. The mountain lion is an integral part of campus life, but that has not always been the case.

As UCCS began to develop an intercollegiate sports program in the 1980s, it became necessary to establish team identity with official colors and a mascot. In 1986, the first UCCS mascot, the hawk, was chosen and green and white sports uniforms were purchased. The Editor’s Corner in *The Scribe* (student newspaper) was even renamed “The Hawk’s Eye.” Until this time, the campus was told it was part of the University of Colorado System, and as such, already had a mascot — the buffalo. NCAA rules stated that due to differences in division level sports played at the Boulder and Colorado Springs campuses, UCCS was not allowed to claim the buffalo as its mascot. At the June 18, 1987 University of Colorado Board of Regents Meeting, the “regents decided not to officially designate a school mascot and colors for UCCS, but instead opted to allow UCCS to choose its own mascot while still maintaining the official CU colors of gold, silver, blue and black” (*The Scribe*, August 1987, pg 1). “CU Gold” became the accepted identity of the sports teams in Fall 1987.

In 1991, the student body voted for the “Fighting Longnecks” – or giraffes – to become the unofficial spirit symbol. This was personified by “Stretch,” a costumed giraffe obtained by former chancellor Dwayne Nuzum. Other options for a new spirit symbol considered by the Student Government Association (SGA) Committee were eagles, prospectors, gold diggers, golden avalanche, and pronghorns. Popularity of the spirit symbol waned with time. Many did not connect the giraffe with “CU Gold” and wanted a stronger identity.

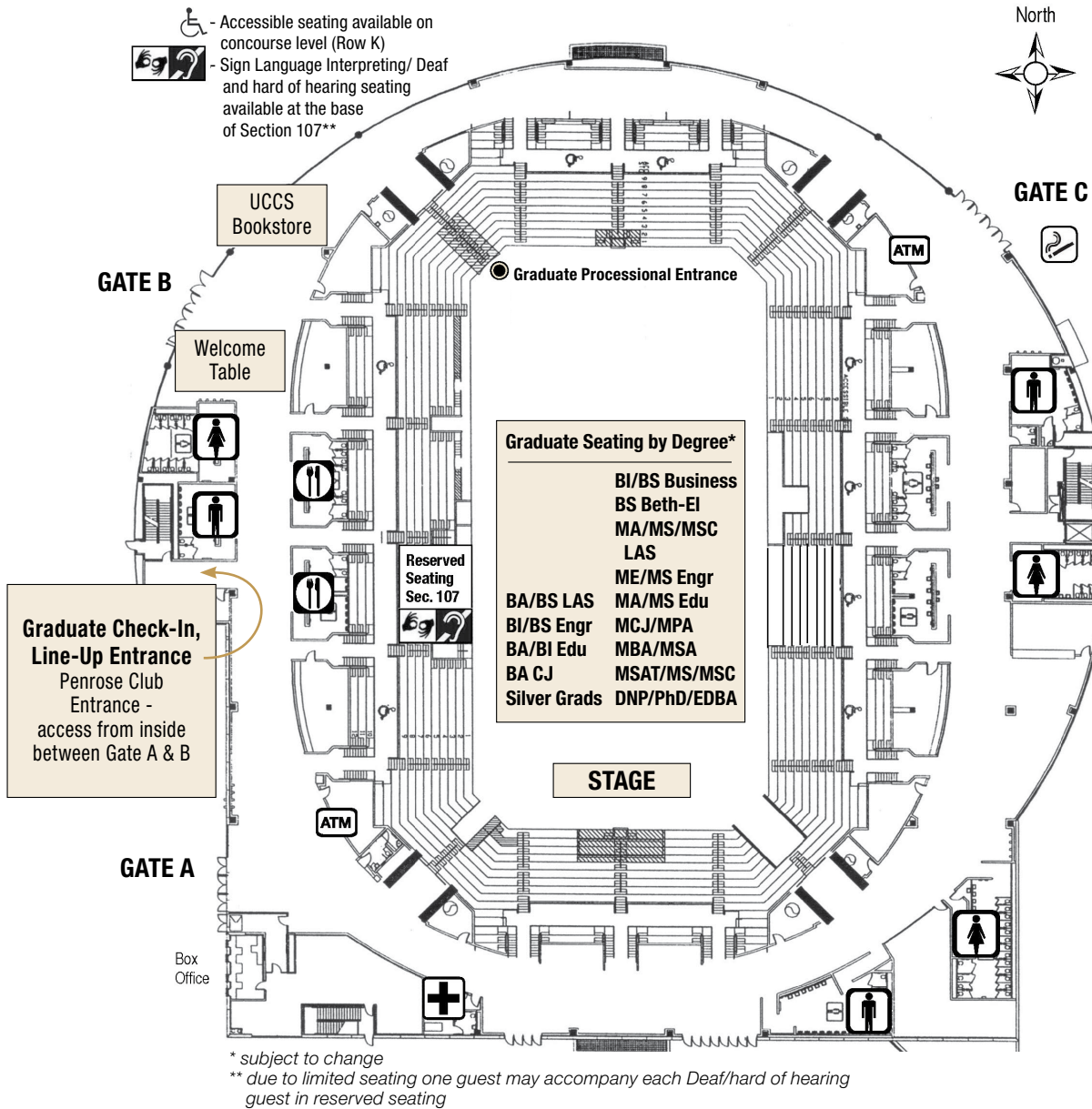
Not until 1997 did a new campaign for a UCCS mascot begin. Realizing a need for a credible mascot, the SGA collected nominees for an official mascot. The overwhelming suggestion was the mountain lion, which won by 86% of the student body vote in spring 1998. Since that time, it has been the officially recognized symbol of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. Dakota, a 14-year-old mountain lion at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, was adopted by the student body in December 2002. Boomer, the costumed mascot, was named by the winner of the “Name the Mascot” contest in September 2003 and was officially introduced at Fall Fest (original name for Back to the Bluffs and Homecoming) that year.

In spring 2011 the UCCS student body voted to officially change the name of the school mascot to Clyde, based on the name of a live mascot UCCS supported at the time.

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# BRO<sup>^</sup>DMOOR WORLD ARENA MAP AND SECURITY INFORMATION



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Thank you, and congratulations to our graduates!



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