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 475,000 strong. Congratulations on achieving this milestone. Well done and well earned!

Cordially,

Back Row: Linda Shoemaker, District 2 (Boulder); Lesley Smith, Vice Chair, At Large (Boulder); Chance Hill, District 5 (Colorado Springs); John Carson, District 6 (Highlands Ranch); Glen Gallegos, Chair, District 3 (Grand Junction)

Front Row: Heidi Ganahl, At Large (Superior); Sue Sharkey, District 4 (Castle Rock); John “Jack” Kroll, District 1 (Denver); Irene Griego, District 7 (Lakewood)
ORDER OF EXERCISES

DR. PATRICK MCGUIRE, COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL
UCCS MARSHAL’S CLUB MEMBER*

Prelude
Instrumental Music .......................................................... UCCS Music Honors Ensemble
Co-Directed by Associate Professor of Music Jane Rigler
and Professor of Music Glen Whitehead

Ceremony
The National Anthem (Lyrics on page 29) ....................... Visual and Performing Arts University Choir
Directed by Instructor Solveig Olsen

UCCS Chancellor’s Welcome .............................................. Chancellor Venkateshwar Reddy

University of Colorado President’s Remarks .................... President Mark Kennedy

Class of 2020 Gift ............................................................... SGA Vice President Rachel Cauwels

Congratulations from Distinguished Alumnus .................... Dr. Patricia Erjavec


Recognition of 1965 Main Hall Society Inductees .............. Chancellor Venkateshwar Reddy

Conferring of Advanced Degrees (page 14) ..................... Chancellor Venkateshwar Reddy and Academic Deans

Recognition of Honors Graduates ................................. Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Thomas Christensen

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees (page 20) ............. Chancellor Venkateshwar Reddy and Academic Deans

Initiation of Graduates into Alumni and Friends Association ........................ Student Karel Hernández Bandrich
Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Representative

Norlin Charge to the Graduates ....................................... Regent John Carson

Closing

To view Virtual Ceremony videos, visit 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.
Congratulations on achieving a significant milestone in your life and welcome to the University of Colorado alumni family. To say you are graduating at an extraordinary time would be a huge understatement. That you have done so amid challenging circumstances is testament to your perseverance and resilience.

We appreciate your flexibility this year and regret having to cancel in-person commencement ceremonies. However, the health and safety of our community is paramount. You have worked hard to earn your degree and we recognize the importance of sharing your joy and success with those who supported you on your educational journey. We are planning ways to host ceremonies for you in the future to appropriately honor your achievement.

Perhaps more than any other graduating class, you appreciate the importance of adaptability. It will be essential to your success, in this time of COVID-19 and in the longer term. Throughout your experience at CU, and particularly during this past year, you employed innovation, creativity, critical thinking and team work to reach your educational goal. These skills will serve you well as you enter a world where the galloping pace of change favors those most prepared to adapt to new challenges, new technologies, new thinking and a new reality.

I applaud your efforts and wish you the very best in this next phase of your life. I trust your University of Colorado degree will serve you well no matter the path you take.

I leave you with the words of former President Theodore Roosevelt, who said, “Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.” You are now part of a network of alumni that excels at work worth doing. Again, congratulations!

All the best,

Mark Kennedy
President
December 18, 2020

Dear Graduates,

Today is a momentous day! Yes, we all hoped to be celebrating together in person, as we have every year since the first UCCS graduate walked across a Commencement stage in 1966, but this year has been one of challenges – challenges that led us to our alternative ceremony decision. Please know that although it is in a virtual format, the entire university community celebrates the phenomenal achievements of the Class of 2020, whether you are earning a bachelor’s, master’s or a doctoral degree.

Your last year has been a trying one. I hope you will take pride in overcoming the test of transitioning to remote learning and adjusting to a variety of challenges. You could not have given the world a more powerful demonstration of your resilience and determination to succeed. And though this is not the ceremony you envisioned, you now have a unique story to tell in years to come – how you persevered and tasted success.

As a campus community, we salute the accomplishments of your past, present and future. We expect the members of the Class of 2020 to achieve great things personally and professionally and to make their mark on the world. We are confident UCCS has prepared you for the challenges inherent in a complex and fast-changing world, just as you rose to face trials in your life again and again.

The support of the members of the University of Colorado Board of Regents, faculty, staff and alumni shows the pride this university has in you: its graduates. We are pleased to welcome you to the family of more than 53,000 UCCS alumni as you begin a new chapter in your lives.

We are so very proud of your tremendous accomplishment. Graduates, this is your moment. You earned it. Congratulations!

Respectfully,

Venkat Reddy
Chancellor
PATTY ERJAVEC ’15, PH.D.

Pueblo native Patty Erjavec is the president of Pueblo Community College, a role she has held since 2010. She oversees the college’s main campus in Pueblo, Colorado as well as its Fremont Campus in Canon City and its Southwest Colorado Community College campuses in Durango and Mancos. Her primary areas of emphasis during her tenure at PCC have been improving student access, retention and graduation rates, as well as enhancing student success and growth. She is the school’s first female president.

Erjavec completed her Ph.D. in Education Leadership, Research and Policy at UCCS in 2015. She holds a master’s degree in nonprofit management from Regis University and a bachelor’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Prior to her tenure at PCC, Erjavec was employed in a variety of positions with PCL Packaging, Inc., including six years as its general manager, and spent nearly a decade as president and CEO of El Pueblo, an adolescent treatment community. Under her leadership, El Pueblo evolved into a Center of Excellence, noted for providing high-quality care in a continuum of residential and nonresidential services. It also became an accredited behavioral healthcare facility and was licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services’ Division of Behavioral Health to provide substance abuse treatment.

Erjavec has been recognized by numerous organizations for her professional and personal contributions, including a 2010 induction into the Pueblo Hall of Fame. In 2005, Erjavec was named Administrator of the Year by the Colorado Adolescent Mental Health Coalition and in 2003 she became the first woman to receive the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce’s Charles W. Crews Outstanding Business Person of the Year Award. That same year, she was recognized with the YWCA Anna Taussig Award for her work with at-risk youth.

In 2013 and 2018, she earned the Colorado Community College System’s Outstanding President Award for her support of students, and in 2013, the Dr. Idahlynn Karre Exemplary Leadership in Higher Education Award. She was presented with a Distinguished Service to Education Award by CSU-Pueblo in 2013 for her current and cumulative efforts to aid students. In 2016, she received the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction for her work with Phi Theta Kappa, the community college honor society.

Erjavec currently serves on the boards for US Bank and the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation, and in 2020 was appointed by Governor Polis to the Education Leadership Council. She is a member of Rotary #43 and a former board member of the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center, the Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry Education Foundation, the Colorado Association of Family and Children’s Agencies, St. John Neumann Catholic School and the Workforce Development Board of Pueblo, Huerfano and Las Animas counties.

She has participated in leadership programs with the Center for Creative Leadership, the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, El Pomar Foundation and the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce.
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 1970 and 1995 at our December 2020 Commencement ceremony, along with our summer and fall 2020 graduates.

In 1997 a Colorado Springs community referendum merged the city-owned Beth-El College of Nursing, founded in 1904, with UCCS. Though not graduates of UCCS, we are pleased to include graduates of the Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences in our tradition.

On behalf of the more than 53,000 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.uccks.edu and on social media.
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 58 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.

2020 New Inductees:
Colorado Springs Health Foundation
Schoffstall Family
Symetrix Corporation

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

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.

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 UNIVERSITY SEAL

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 NORLIN CHARGE TO GRADUATES

From the baccalaureate address by President George Norlin, of the University of Colorado, June 1935.

“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.”
THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

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:

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<td>John C. Buechner</td>
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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 and schools; it also includes individual links recognizing all UCCS chancellors. The chancellors listed are:

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<td>Lawrence Silverman</td>
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<td>Dwayne Nuzum</td>
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<td>Linda Bunnell Shade</td>
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<td>Pam Shockley-Zalabak</td>
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ACADEMIC DRESS

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

MASTER TASSEL COLORS
Master of Science/Sciences (Beth-El) .... Gold
Master of Business Administration ...... Sapphire
Master of Science (Business) .... Sapphire
Master of Criminal Justice .... Peacock
Master of Public Administration ...... Peacock
Master of Arts (Education) .............. White
Master of Sciences (Education) ........ Gold
Master of Engineering ................. Gold
Master of Science (Engineering) ...... Gold
Master of Arts (LAS) ................. White
Master of Science/Sciences (LAS) ...... Gold

BACHELOR TASSEL COLORS
Nursing .................................. Apricot
Health Care Science .................. Green
Business ................................. Sapphire
Criminal Justice ....................... Peacock
Education ............................... Light Blue
Engineering ....................... Orange
Letters, Arts and Sciences ............ White
HONORS DESIGNATIONS DESCRIPTIONS

Graduates having been awarded honors are noted in the program. Following is an explanation of the criteria required of the honors designations.

with Honors    with Special 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 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.

Graduates 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.
The following list of candidates for degrees includes students graduating in August and December 2020. Graduates will receive their diploma jackets by walking across the commencement stage in two lines in order of college or school listed in the program.

GRADUATE SCHOOL
Kelli Klebe, Dean

PH.D. – EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP RESEARCH & POLICY
Matthew Adams
“Investigating the Lived Experience of Teachers Interacting with Difficult Student Behavior”
Adric Arndt
“Predicting Student Outcomes Using Principal Evaluation Results of SB-10-191: An HLM Approach”
Brandon Comfort
“The Study of Open Enrollment Programs in Two Colorado Metropolitan Areas”
Holly Sandler
“Exploring the Evolution of First-year Educators’ Dispositions Towards Diverse Students and Perceptions of Performance as Culturally Responsive Educators: A Portraiture Case Study”
Darrin Steele
Marjory Webster
“Tuition Discounting: Promoting Access in American Postsecondary Education?”

PH.D. – COMPUTER SCIENCE
David William Honorio Araujo da Silva
“A Mathematical Framework Towards Efficient Clifford-Based Homomorphic Cryptosystems via Hensel Codes”
Chad Mello
“Towards the Amelioration of Classification Models for Evoked Potentials in Brain-Computer Interface”
George Mudrak
Brandon Nesterenko
“Reconditioning Scientific Applications for Performance, Resilience, And Energy Efficiency”
Jiange Zhang
“Enhancing the Use of Concurrent Data Abstractions In Multi-Threaded Applications Through Automation”

PH.D. – ENGINEERING
Bashir Alnajar (emphasis Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
“Numerical and Constitutive Modeling of Encapsulated Microbubbles: Nonspherical Deformation and Transient Network Theory”
Fathia Arifi (emphasis Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
“Stability Analysis and Optimal Control of the Nonspherical Oscillation of Encapsulated Microbubbles for Biomedicine”
Anne K. Madsen (emphasis Electrical Engineering)
CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

PH.D. – APPLIED SCIENCE
Gabriel Wilson (emphasis in Physics)
“Analysis and Applications of Ionospheric Measurements from the Integrated Miniaturized Electrostatic Analyzer”

PH.D. – PSYCHOLOGY
Cara Bussell (emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“Factors Influencing Individuals’ Capacity Decisions for Patients Requesting Medical Aid in Dying”
Jessica Saurman (emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“Longitudinal Measurement Invariance of Executive Functioning Measures and the Use of Process Variables to Differentiate Novel and Familiar Test-Taking Strategies”
Carolyn Yeager (emphasis in Trauma Psychology)
“If We Build It, Will They Come? Engagement with Digital Health Interventions For Trauma Recovery”
HELEN AND ARTHUR E. JOHNSON BETH-EL COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Kevin Laudner, Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Abbey Nicole Aaroe
Allison Odato Armitage
Isatu Bah
Tani Calderon
Kate D. Cannon
Sarah Rose Darmofal
Karlee Davis
Melinda L. Evans
Brooke Ellen Ferguson
Isabella Ashley Hertz
Woodrow Hill
Mary Elizabeth Jamison
Abigail Amoah Kyeremeh
Melanie Rose Lindley
Becky Ann Lowe
Lindsey Gray Mortensen
Cortney Lee Smith
Carolyn Todd Strappini
Darin Michael Usher
Genevieve Willis

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN SPORTS NUTRITION

Elizabeth D. Hubbell

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

Karen Markel, Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Distinguished Graduate Academic Achievement Awards: Davis Emeis, Matthew Wayne Gonzales, Karl Adam Hall, Louise Palermo, Grace Ann Podoll, John Joseph Raimo, Martin Springer, Eric Thomas Vandal, Christopher Kai Wai Wong

Kevin Allen
Shannon Ashley Arguello
Angela Jeanne Askins
Sara Emilia Beauchamp
Guinevere V. Bernard
Jason Burks
Renato Garcia Cayuela
Steven Chiotras
Dennis Lloyd Claflin
Amanda Marie Condrenas
Marjolein Crucitt
Pierce Marvin Dayuta
Rebecca Leigh Derenzis
Michael Alex DiFelice
Riley Bryant Dugan
Michael Jason Ebersohl
William Joseph Ebersohl
Brian Charles Elzas
Davis Emeis
Ryan Todd Erickson
Andrew Earl Essington
Esmeralda Garcia
Matthew Getze
Nicole Ann Gilbert
Matthew Wayne Gonzales
David Anthony Gonzalez
Karl Adam Hall
Andrew M. High
Jeff Alden Hoffman
Jenna Leigh Ives
Mitch Kasyon
Bethan Jesse Keith
Sarah Caitlyn Kelsey
Kathryn Anne Kewley
Daeguen Kim
Jenna Jean Knapp
Judith Legrand
Aaron Arthur Lewis
Xiaoyin Li
Jason Litman-Quinn
Ryan Martin
Kimberly Monjesky
Alexis Marie Mora
Danielle Marie Morgan
Iain Rhys Morrison
John Wayne Mortimer, II
Robert John Neff
Skyler Jordanne Nuss
Sara Louise Oddi
Ally Ostrander
Louise Palermo
Jessica Pauls
Grace Ann Podoll
Jennifer Price
John Joseph Raimo
Jordan Reiss
Alfred Douglas Saisi
Christopher Torrez Salazar
Joseph Felimon Sanchez
Kate Schifani
Martin Springer
Taylor Stanecek
Alexandre Joseph Alain Francois
T. Pedneault
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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?

IN MEMORIAM

James Eberhart, Professor Emeritus, Chemistry Department  
Lisa Herman-Worley, Senior Sponsored Projects Accountant, Controller’s Office  
Michelle Neely, Director of Writing Across the Curriculum and Assistant Professor Attendant Rank, English Department  
Marcus Pumphrey, student  
Arnold Weber, President Emeritus, University of Colorado System  
Robert Wilson, student  
Elizabeth Young, student
1966
First UCCS student graduates; walked in the Boulder Commencement and listed in the Boulder program.

1975 & 1976
Graduates were honored with a “recognition ceremony” on-campus.

1977-2005
Professor Paul Ballantyne was the featured vocalist at every UCCS commencement.

1965 1975

1976-1985
Graduates wore gold regalia from 1976 (centennial year of the University) to 1985.

1977-1992
Until 1977, UCCS graduates marched in CU Boulder’s Commencement. UCCS held its first official Commencement at the BRO'DMOOR International Center on May 17, 1977. Later ceremonies moved to the original BRO'DMOOR World Arena.

2007
First December Commencement for Summer and Fall graduates held at the Pikes Peak Center on December 14, 2007. Moved to the World Arena in 2009.

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First Ph.D. Psychology graduate.

2006
Stephen Ludwig (’93) becomes the first UCCS alumnus to serve on the CU Board of Regents and attend Commencement in that role.

2007-2013
December Commencement Marshal is that year’s Faculty Award for Excellence in Research recipient.

May 2008
First graduates under reworked Ph.D. in Engineering.

May 2009
Student Achievement Award recipients are first introduced as May Commencement speakers.

May 2012
First recognized Golden and Silver graduates.

2013-present
Increasing numbers of graduates prompts a need for two May Commencement ceremonies; separated into LAS and all other colleges.

2014
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.

2015
First ceremony to be livestreamed.

2016
First Ph.D. in Applied Science graduate.

2017
First concurrent high school/UCCS graduate – earns BS in Biology.

2018
First Ph.D. in Nursing Practice graduates.

2019
First Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.

2020
More than 53,000 alumni.

First Virtual Ceremonies (in-person ceremonies cancelled due to COVID-19).
1984-2013
May Commencement Marshal is the previous year's Outstanding Teacher Award Recipient.

1993-1998
Commencement held on campus in former parking lot in front of Engineering Building.

1999-present
May Commencement held at new World Arena

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First Bachelor of Innovation™ graduate.

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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 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 Sanatorium 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 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, 55 years after its beginning, UCCS offers 50 bachelor’s, 25 master’s, and five doctoral degrees in six colleges and schools. 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 affairs 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 Lane Center for Academic Health Sciences 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 continues growth with the opening of the William J. Hybl Sports Medicine and Performance Center this past summer.

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 Commencements to be the first-ever in-person ceremonies to be cancelled. Since the first UCCS commencement in 1975, more than 53,000 students have graduated from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.
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 Longneckers” – 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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VIRTUAL CEREMONY SOUNDTRACK

Countdown Music ........................................... Performed by UCCS Music Honors Ensemble
“Norwegian Wood,” The Beatles (1965)
“Strasbourg St Denis,” Roy Hargrove Quintet (2008)

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

HONORS ENSEMBLE
Fall 2020 Members
Juan Valdes Bueno, guitar,
Student Manager of the Honors Ensemble
Amanda Dillon, voice/piano
Jenna Hinkle, cello
Emerson Olson, violin
Jack Synder, piano
Steven Vertucci, guitar

UNIVERSITY CHOIR
Fall Semester 2020 Members

Soprano
Danielle Belter, Graduate,
B.S. in Mathematics
Evelyn Curtis
Mikayla Dobyns
Natalie Jensen
Madison Nunez
Maria Plett
Zoe Paganis
Julia Schooley
Bailey Stoke
Cassi Trevino
Victoria Volpi
Erin Wilson

Alto
Kayla Ball
Katelynn Carver
Leilani Sloan
Anneliese Soller

Tenor
Jeremy Arellano Ortiz
Emilio Figueroa, Graduate,
B.S. in Business - Marketing
Isaiah Romero
Noal Wolboldt

Bass
Wylie Harris
Wesley Hathaway
Kevin Luc
Caleb Pace
Ricardo Toves
Jeremy Weseman, Graduate,
B.I. in Visual and Performing Arts - Music
Ziyi Zhang