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 445,000 strong. Congratulations on achieving this milestone. Well done and well earned!

Cordially,

The Regents of the University of Colorado

Glen Gallegos  
Chair, District 3  
(Grand Junction)

Lesley Smith  
Vice Chair, At Large  
(Boulder)

Nolbert Chavez  
District 7  
(Lakewood)

Heidi Ganahl  
At Large  
(Superior)

Chance Hill  
District 5  
(Colorado Springs)

John "Jack" Kroll  
District 1  
(Denver)

Callie Rennison  
District 2  
(Boulder)

Sue Sharkey  
District 4  
(Castle Rock)

Ilana Dubin Spiegel  
District 6  
(Highlands Ranch)
ORDER OF EXERCISES

DR. CHRISTOPHER BELL, COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL
UCCS MARSHAL’S CLUB MEMBER*

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

CEREMONY
The National Anthem (Lyrics on page 33) ............... 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 2021 Gift .................................................. Aidan Meadows
SGA President

Congratulations from 2021 Student Achievement Award Recipient . . . Graduate Gwenyth Rosenkrantz
B.A. in Human Services

Recognition of the Class of 1971 ................................ Chancellor Venkateshwar Reddy

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Academic Deans

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

CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES (page 19) . . Chancellor Venkateshwar Reddy
and Academic Deans

Initiation of Graduates into Alumni and Friends Association . . . . Student Grace Benskin
Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Representative

Norlin Charge to the Graduates .................................. Regent Chance Hill

Closing

To view Virtual Ceremony videos, visit commencement.uccs.edu.

Picture on the Plaza Event • May 17, 2021
First-ever graduate-only, outdoor “Picture on the Plaza” celebration at which professional photo taken of
graduates on El Pomar Plaza in front of marble mountain lion mascot statue. Other photo stations set up for
graduates to take pictures at with cell phones. Graduate names read as part of a livestream for family and
friends, as they pose for their professional photo. Event open to all 2020 and Spring 2021 graduates.

*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.
May 14, 2021

Dear Graduates,

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.

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. After more than a year of uncertainty, we are pleased to hold a mix of virtual and in-person celebrations this spring to mark commencement and honor your achievements.

Earning a degree during a global pandemic is no small feat. To do so required adaptability, innovation, creativity, critical thinking and teamwork. 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
May 14, 2021

Dear Graduates,

After years of tireless work, your graduation day has arrived. Today is a momentous day!

I know we had all hoped to be celebrating together in person today. This year has been full of challenges – challenges that led us to our decision to celebrate Commencement in a hybrid format, to ensure that we keep our entire community safe.

Please know that I am equally disappointed to not have an in-person Commencement celebration with you, and that we are committed to offering a future in-person ceremony. More importantly, know that whether you are earning a bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degree, our entire Mountain Lion Family is cheering for you today in celebration of the phenomenal achievements of the Class of 2021.

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 – a story of perseverance and success, despite the obstacles.

As a campus community, we salute the accomplishments of your past, present and future. We expect the members of the Class of 2021 to achieve great things personally and professionally and to make their mark on the world. Just as you rose to face trials in your life again and again, we are confident UCCS has prepared you for the challenges inherent in a complex and fast-changing world.

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 delighted 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
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

In 2009, the UCCS administration decided to showcase a graduate as the main speaker during the Spring Commencement ceremonies. They chose to designate the speaker honor to the recipient(s) of the Student Achievement Award, an annual award that has been in existence since 1982. It is presented during the annual Campus Awards Ceremony to student(s) who have excelled in one or both of the following areas:

• Made a significant personal accomplishment in conjunction with earning a degree (e.g., overcame a personal barrier, or undertook a special student research project)

• Made a substantial contribution to the quality of student life at UCCS (e.g. served with a student organization, launched a new program or group)

This year’s speaker is: Gwenyth Rosenkrantz

Gwenyth Rosenkrantz (They/Him) is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services. Gwenyth is a Chancellor’s Leadership Class Scholar, a Live leader, performed as Clyde the UCCS mascot, and competed with an on-campus Esports team. You could even spot them performing improv comedy at Clyde’s Gastropub and the Ent Center for the Arts.

Gwen is just as involved off campus as they are on campus. Off campus, Gwen runs Colorado Springs’ only LGBTQ+ improv troop, shining light on diversity within comedy. They’ve created a wide variety of accessible arts programs for kids around Colorado Springs including performing arts summer camps and after school classes. Gwen works as a simulated patient for the Paramedic Academy at Penrose Hospital, helping to train paramedics to respond empathetically to transgender patients. They write and perform standup as well as sketch comedy for multiple programs including Science Riot, an educational program working to amplify the voices of scientists across the country. Gwen also teaches comedy classes for Rise Comedy in Denver, their favorite comedic arts theater.

Gwenyth made their mark at UCCS through their work advocating for a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment. They grappled chronic physical and mental health hurdles, switching majors from English to Inclusive Elementary Education, ultimately earning a degree in Human Services. They are thankful for the support they have had in finishing school. Gwenyth is proud to be the first openly transgender student to receive the Student Achievement Award. It is no doubt that Gwen has left a legacy here at UCCS and made an impact on creating a campus that is more diverse, equitable, and inclusive. Their passion for others and strength in advocacy is one to be admired and mirrored on what it means to be equitable and inclusive.

FORMER GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

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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 class of 1971 at our May 2021 Commencement ceremony, along with our spring 2021 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.

**COMPREHENSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

In 2016, the Colorado legislature passed Senate Bill 196. This bill established a pilot program to develop opportunities for inclusive higher education for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our state. UCCS was one of the institutions given the opportunity to develop a pilot program because of our reputation for excellence and the expertise of the professors and staff in our college of education. This spring, the following students with disabilities completed the 54-credit course of study program.

Benjamin Kim
Dylan Prosser
Caitlin Ray

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.uccs.edu and on social media.
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 NORLIN CHARGE TO GRADUATES

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.”

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.
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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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:

Lawrence Silverman 1974-1977
Don Schwartz 1978-1982
Neal Lane 1984-1986
Dwayne Nuzum 1986-1993
Linda Bunnell Shade 1993-2001
Pam Shockley-Zalabak 2002-2017
Venkat Reddy 2017-present
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 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
Business . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sapphire
Criminal Justice . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Peacock
Education . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Light Blue
Engineering . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Orange
Letters, Arts and Sciences . . . . . . . . . . . . . White
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**

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.

**RECOGNITION OF 2020-2021 RETIREES**

Valerie Anderson (staff)  Letitia Fleener (staff)  Douglas Martin (staff)
Cynthia Applegate (faculty)  Susan Garrett (faculty)  Mary McGill (staff)
Mike Belding (staff)  Eileen Gerrard-Gough (faculty)  Sally Planalp (faculty)
Sheryl Botts (staff)  Thomas Gomez, Sr. (staff)  Carol Quillin (staff)
Pamela Carter (faculty)  Edie Greene (faculty)  Maura Rainey (faculty)
George Cheney (faculty)  Timothy Hightower (staff)  Lorada Shrawder (staff)
Edward Chow (faculty)  Ron Honn (staff)  Anna Smith (staff)
Sharon Coddington (staff)  Ruth Jackson (staff)  Charles Sweet (administrator)
Anthony Cordova (staff)  Steven Jennings (faculty)  Cathy Thompson (faculty)
Stephen Dewey (staff)  Mary Lou Kartis (staff)  Ramon Tirado (faculty)
Jody Doster (staff)  Donald Klingner (faculty)  Kirk Von Loh (staff)
Robert Dougherty (staff)  Valerie Layfield (staff)  Rhonda Williams (faculty)
Robert Durham (faculty)  Steve Linhart (staff)  Sandra Wurtele (faculty)

**IN MEMORIAM**

Jack Kent Anderson, Regent Emeritus, University of Colorado System
Marcus Anthony Brown, student
Evelyn Closson, Retired Administrative Assistant, School of Education
Robert Durham, Associate Professor, Psychology Department
Marian Harris, Retired Staff, Office of the Registrar
Rodger Ziemer, Professor Emeritus, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department
CANDIDATES FOR
ADVANCED DEGREES

The following list of candidates for degrees includes students graduating in May 2021.

GRADUATE SCHOOL
Kelli Klebe, Dean

PH.D. – EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP RESEARCH & POLICY

Philip K. Haisley
“Student Engagement and Academic Success: A Regression Analysis of Institutional Level NSSE and CCSSE Data on Rates of First-Year Retention and Graduation”

Tony Peter Martinet
“Begin with the End in Mind: A Phenomenological Understanding of How Teachers Conceptualize the Purpose of Education”

PH.D. – COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jebreel Omar Alamari
“Web Browser as a Computation Container”

Abdullah Hindi Aljuhni
“Towards Effective Multi-Task Adaptive-ticks Timer in Linux Kernel for Full Tickless Function”

Marc Moreno Lopez
“Evaluating the Interference of Noise When Performing MRI Segmentation”

Aidi Pi
“Profiling and Improving Performance of Data-Intensive Applications in Cloud Systems”

PH.D. – ENGINEERING

Arkan Waleed Alkamil (emphasis in Electrical Engineering)
“Dynamic Reconfigurable Architectures to Improve Performance and Scalability of Cryptosystems on Embedded Systems”

Gary Allan Frazier (emphasis in Electrical Engineering)
“A Process-Dependent Generalized Compact Model for MOS Transistors”

Srikanth Ramadurgam (emphasis in Electrical Engineering)
“Optimized Embedded Architectures and Techniques for Machine Learning Algorithms for On-Chip AI Acceleration”
PH.D. – SECURITY

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Henry D. Collier

Henry D. Collier
“Enhancing Information Security by Identifying and Embracing Executive Functioning and the Human Behaviors Related To Susceptibility”

Abdelhamid B. Elgzil
“Cyber Anonymity Based on Software-Defined Networking and Onion Routing (SOR)”

Randal Lane George
“An Experiment to Determine if Following a Process Improves Cybersecurity”

Scott Melton
“Network Security and Quality of Service Assessment for Hybrid Software Defined Networks”

PH.D. – APPLIED SCIENCE

Olha Melnyk (emphasis in Physics)
“Fast Switching Liquid Crystal Materials: From Design to Biomedical Application”

PH.D. – PSYCHOLOGY

Alisa Bartel* (emphasis in Trauma Psychology)
“Examining Change in Objective and Subjective Neurocognitive Performance Following a Brief Online Trauma Intervention”

Amanda Devane* (emphasis in Trauma Psychology)
“Examining the Effect of a Coping Self-efficacy Induction Paradigm on Improving Treatment Outcomes for Trauma”

JoAnna Dieker* (emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“Meaning-Focused Coping in Dementia Caregiving: Predicting Positive and Negative Outcomes”

Katie Johanson*
(emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care: Attitudes and Perceptions of the Healthcare Team”

Lauren Schneider*
(emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“Capturing COVID-19: Understanding the Biopsychosocial Impact on Staff in Long-Term Care”

*Summer or Fall 2021 graduate walking in Spring 2021 ceremony following successful defense of dissertation; internship completion Summer 2021.

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Billie Jo Baptiste
“Reducing Unnecessary Antibiotic Prescribing for a Pharyngitis and Tonsillitis Diagnosis in a College Health Wellness Center”

Allie DiBasilio
“Improving Diabetic Foot Exams in a Nurse-Managed Primary Care Clinic”

Allison Lauren Duchman
“Pre-transition Program Development for Adolescents and Young Adults with Type I Diabetes”

Frances Jane Gorman
“Chronic Pain and Depression: Evoking Provider Behavior Change to Improve Depression and Pain”

Hannah Grace Hofreiter
“Improving Blood Pressure Control with an Evidence-Based Lifestyle Education Program”

Rachael Krueger
“Delirium Screening Protocol Implementation in Recently-Hospitalized Geriatric Residents of a Skilled Nursing Facility”

Laura Flores Marquez
“Diabetic Foot Exams in Primary Care”

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“Diagnosis of Hospital-Onset Clostridioides Difficile Infection: Use of Computerized Tool and Didactic Education to Improve Appropriate Testing by Providers”

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“Improving Depression and Anxiety Screening in an Infertility Practice through Implementation of an Evidence-Based Screening Tool and Process Protocol”
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Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year: Stefani Nicole Hille, Andrew Michael Simmons

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Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year: Patricia Irene Keith, Brenda Sebastian, Amanda Smith

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Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year: Brandon K. Archuleta, Javier Benedicto Serrano*

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Lynn Vidler, Dean

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Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Alison Christofferson

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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE SCIENCE
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Valerie Elizabeth Lonsky, Rubina Shrestha

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Nicole M. Smith**
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Joseph Allen Stone
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Juan Carlos Urbina**
Lillian Jewel Valenzuela**
Taylor Katherine Wallau***
Amy Wellington***
Joshua Whitton*
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Micaela Lynn Wiley***
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Explanation of SPA Honors: *Cum Laude - 3.5 - 3.699; **Magna Cum Laude - 3.7 - 3.89; ***Summa Cum Laude - 3.9 or above
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Valerie Martin Conley, Dean

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Alberto Leandro Castillo, Jr.*
Rachel Elizabeth Duryea*
Huma Baqir Habib
Anika Rae Kwasny**
Gwenyth H. Rosenkrantz**
Matthew Nicholas Schramm
Marina Cecile Statekevics
Alberto Josue Velez-Trujillo

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INCLUSIVE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Haley Marie Davis, Amanda Kay Gallegos, Jasmine Diane Kern,Shaunna Leigh Schaefer, Courtney Alexandra Warnick, Kayla Wilson

Ashley Renee Almirez*
Arshdeep Kaur Bajaj
Alexa R. Bauer**
Jessica Aide Bencomo**
Blanca E. Blake***
Julia Bossi**
Robyn Christine Brandhuber***
Enya De Ette Brass**
Kelsey Julianna Brostrom***
Nicole Mae Bystrom
Delaney Grace Christopher***
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Ashley Valentina Collins***
Katheryne Faythe Conner***
Tara Marie Coyne***
Sandra Amanda Curry***
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Esperanza Adriana Dominguez**
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Juliana Catherine Duncan*
Quillian Marie Edwards
Samantha L. Eisenbarth
Devynn Evans**
Desiree Paige Fisher***
Samantha Alyssre Fitchett**
Tarryn Colleen Flaherty
Kristen Rose Flores
Hannah Amber Frasersmith
Amanda Kay Gallegos***
Tori Shavonne Garcia**
Catherine Louise Haack***
Kylie Sue Hart*
Haleigh Lynn Helcl*
Melissa Grisel Hernandez**
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Halle Elaine Holiski***
Emma Catherine Horoszczak
Lauren Marie Hugill**
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Jacqueline Jimenez
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Selina Christine Krieg**
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Stephony Lynne Leuallen
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Sarah Marie Patterson**
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Kayla Yvette Sanchez*
Shaunna Leigh Schaefer
Mary Ann Schedlbauer
Nina Gabrielle Schroeder**
Erin Colleen Shaw
Jenny JaeMin Smith*
Jordyn Paige Spresser*
Ashlie Alyse Steel***
Hanna Jill Stump**
Katie Katherine Stutts***
Mary Ellen Temple**
Harley Nichole Terrell***
Grace Elizabeth Terrones**
Cassidy Fontaine Thompson*
Amy Michelle Travis Schneider**
Jayline Vargas Delgado*
Kristina Marie Vatter**
Madison Lynn Velazquez
Brandon Lee Vojinovic*
Kaitlin Vylecka
Courtney Alexandra Warnick***
Amber Marie Wetherill***
Bailey Erica Williamson**
Kayla Wilson***
Kellee Renae Womack**
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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN INCLUSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Emily Grace Sturt

Fiona Breon***
Holly Renee Eckstedt*
Alex Ibarra*
Katherine Nicole McChesney
Laurie Snyder***
Emily Grace Sturt***

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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE
Donald Rabern, Dean

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Jono Schwan

Luna Yemane Ambaye
Jacob Benjamin Rothberg
With Honors
Jono Schwan

With Honors

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE & SECURITY
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Brian Alexander Yee

Mauricio Andres Aquino
Alexander Sergey Korobchuk
With Honors
Helaina Han Thanh Le
Patrick Turechek

Pi Chandramouli
Keeyahaanii James Anthony Nilsen
Brian Alexander Yee

Joseph Thomas Fertitta
Autumn Taylor Owen
With Special Honors

Patrick Collin Hanna
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Bryce Young

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With Special Honors

With Honors

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN GAME DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Galen Bryce Atkinson*

Logan Agatani Arakaki
E Manuel Fraire
With Honors
Noah Rodgers

Henry Thomas Bennett
Logan M. Guy
Tyler Mark Schumacher

Michael Anatolio Buslik
James Calvin Houdeshell
Kyle Scott Smart

Nathan M. Calderella
Patrick Turechek
Brianna N. Tan

Jacob Alexander Cihak
Joshua Jaramillo
With Special Honors

With Honors

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Ethan David Blagg

Ethan David Blagg
Emily Claire Feller
With Special Honors
Benjamin Nicholas Martinez

With Honors
Colton M. Homuth

Anthony Patrick Farinella
With Special Honors

With Special Honors

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Joseph Harrison Mazzocco*

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Bryce David George
With Special Honors
Nick Mendiola

Kayla Renee Alverson
Brett Harriman
With Honors
Jacob Robert Metcalfe

Nicholas Wade Barcalow
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With Special Honors
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Eric S. Quan

Luke Connor Coddington
Sean Hoversten
Fred Fredi Reyes

With Special Honors
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Romnesia Lashauan-Channell

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Samuels-Lawrence

With Special Honors

Dea

With Special Honors

Jisop Lee, With Special Honors
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David Cruz
Thomas Chester Lence
With Special Honors
With Special Honors

Joshua Nova Doucet
Cesar Oswaldo Larrea

With Special Honors

With Special Honors

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Jisop Lee, With Special Honors

With Special Honors

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Jared Maione, With Honors

Jack Michael Gambrell
Joshua Michael McBride

With Special Honors

With Special Honors

With Special Honors

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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE CONT.

Noah B. Thovson
Braun Alexander Valadez
Danny Josef Wandeler
Brian Alexander Yee
With Special Honors
Spencer Robert Yoneoka
Bryce Young
With Special Honors
Lily Zephyr, With Honors

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DATA ANALYTICS AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Ayana Cruz Rodgers

Jacob Bostick
Bryce David George
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Ayana Cruz Rodgers
With Honors
Kanyon Haze Rogers

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Jordan Isabella Pattee

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Nicholas Wade Belcher
Timothy Robert Burgie
Nicholas Allen Jeffrey Byers
Peter Ty Garate
Jon Austin Gomez
Haider Ali Khan
Kainen B. Nicholas
Jordan Isabella Pattee
With Honors
William Michael Ross
With Special Honors
Kayce Lynne Serafin
With Special Honors
Ethan E. Sherman
Jared Smit, With Special Honors
Will Thornton
Mikayla Ayanna Washington
With Honors
Chris William Weber
Colton Mitchell Weese
Jacqueline Marie Wrobel
With Special Honors

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Sean Garrett Bateman, Vanessa Alexus Puakea Roybal

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Alexander Hall Allen
Asil Khaled Almohammed
Mohammed Abdullah Alnajrani
Jonathan Taylor Aragon
Brittany Mae Arnold
Tristan Reid Barkley
Sean Garrett Bateman
With Special Honors
Caden Blue
Parker Bosworth
Jazzymn Denise Boykins
Jessica Michelle Cagliaro
Drew Michael Chesire
Jonah Chrisman, With Honors
Isaiah Collins
Shanelly Jacqueline Corbitt
Sanjeev Dahal
With Special Honors
Alec Christopher Dasher
Joseph Day, With Special Honors
Keaton Edward Dontaflare
Scott Doyle
Cameron Michael Drew
With Special Honors
Preston David Emick
Santiago Erazo Papagayo
With Special Honors
Alexander Dakota Fauson
Mitchell Lee Fosdick
Caleb Foster, With Honors
Tony Groff Jr.
Cedric Gruden, With Honors
Logan J. Hansen
John Eugene Hillier, Jr.
Jeremy Paul Hochmuth
Jake Clive Horwood
Jarred Michael Hutchison
Matthew Johns, With Honors
Eli Denham Kalmus
Charles Marzell Kieffer
With Special Honors
Ryan Kight, With Special Honors
Sawyer James Kitching
Matthew James Kleine
Tessa Krager
Michael A. Krause
Colin David Ludwig
Rio Manley, With Honors
Kiererrene Helene Maughan
With Special Honors
Ryan N. McAlmonis
Gabe Gabriel Mooneyham
With Special Honors
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Devin Duy Quach, With Honors
Alec Rambo
Matthew Aaron Reed
Kevin James Reiter
Robert Edward Richardson
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Michael William Ross
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With Special Honors
Maria Alejandra Sanchez
With Honors
Nathanael Santonastaso
With Special Honors
Tanner Alek Schiom
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With Special Honors
Dominic Alan Smarjesse
Isaac Drew Spillum, With Honors
Brennan Andrew Sullivan
Brysen Tyler
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COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS & SCIENCES
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Shannan Craine
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With Highest Distinction
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Dylan Kenichi Sadler*
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Eric Dylan Wall**
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Rheannon Michelle McDonald* Brooke Ashley Poss**

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION
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Bennet Matthew Lockridge
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Daisy O. Monticelli**
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Roxana Mpsyoyewo
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Lindsey Renea Rice**
Ashley Taylor Riehl
Ryan Charles Rike
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Sierra Strickland**
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Stephanie Taylor
Tatum Elyse Tellin**
Sarah G. Tindal
Tiana Tolbert
Torey Nicole Travis*
Aylen Trejo
Alex James Trujillo
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Joshua G. Walker
Taylor Mark Wallerstein
Biao Wang*
Peter James Wardell
Megan Elizabeth Waters***
Alyssa Marie Madison West*
Jordan Wilson
Collin Joseph Wolff
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Van Hovenga***
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Josbert Muhigirwa
James Mark Quigg*
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Ange Sky Ferrantelli**
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William Blane Gilsier
Mary Greenway
Naomi Lauren Gunter*
Joshua Aaron Kint
Daniel Thomas Kriner
Andrew James LaBasi
Sophe Jane Linhart
Emma Rose Longwell*
Landon William Lowery
Brian Ortiz-Soto***
Ashley Peisley*
Quincy Duncan Ryan***
Joseph B. Schwartzze***
Chloe Brooke Storm***
Hannah G. Swenson
Taylor Joseph Von Feldt
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Amanda Wich

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Abigail Barta
Alexander W. Booth
Dylan Thomas Brightwell
Prudence Keetle Crawmer
Riley Scott De Ryk
Joseph Hosea Eubank***
Jade Jeannine Gallagher
Taylor Rae Ann Gilbert
Corey Lynn Hager***
Alex Harvey
Bethany Ann Haynes*
Gabriel Lee Hegstad
Bianna Lynn Herder
Ben Jones
Robert Keith Landals
Richard Allan Langley
Shawn Lawrence
Matthew Luke Learned
Dominic Andrew Lira***
Jenna Elizabeth Lozano**
Samantha Carnell MacAffer*
Cristel Marie Madden**
Katie Isabel Martins
Ashlyn Morrison
Shannon Christine Mustoe
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Erinn Michele Pablo***
McKenzie Reed Parsons**
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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY
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Richard Carl Haenke III**
Madison Harris***
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Andrew Justin Belet***
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Shannon Fortune**
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John Michael Rork
David Abraham Satin**
Baylee Helen Schopp*

John Thomas Sexton***
Zachary James Shereck
Leigh Sullivan**
Jeff Turkowski*
Nichelle L. Walker

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Emma Marie Brumm

Emma Marie Brumm***
Rae Canton*
Teodora Luna

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Rae Canton*
Teodora Luna

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Mikinzie JoAnn Nelson
Mariana Quintero

Quinita Contrella Thomas
Jonathan Zeas

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Tina M. DuMosch, William Tin Pham

Sophia Maria Barnhart
Alicia Ezri Nerys Collins
Tina M. DuMosch**
Ange Sky Ferrantelli**
Isaac L. Hart
Spiros Chris Hristopoulos

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Alicia Ezri Nerys Collins
Tina M. DuMosch**
Ange Sky Ferrantelli**
Isaac L. Hart
Spiros Chris Hristopoulos

Larissa Huhn***
Seif Jensen
Meghan Lastrelia**
Alexis Sarah Mandel
Wyatt Curtis Maples
William Tin Pham**

CharLea Monee Polk*
Tanesha Kiante Temple*
Bricia Yisel Velasquez
Daniel McBurney Wardwell
Joyclic Harmony Webb**
Bryce Alan Westrick*

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Larissa Huhn, Taylor Katherine Wallau

Sean Bromley
Alicia Ezri Nerys Collins
Caleb Maurice Cott
Grace Durbin***
Larissa Huhn***

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Alicia Ezri Nerys Collins
Caleb Maurice Cott
Grace Durbin***
Larissa Huhn***

William John McCadden
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Nicole Michon Piggot*
James Mark Quigg
Brandon Richardson***

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Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Olivia Bader, Paul M. Bauman Baluck, Ahria Jordan Domínguez, Lani Layla Sun Harris, Wendi Lee Kitzman, Jasmin Panique, Whitney Sherraden

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Bethany Lynn Anderson*
Juanita Maria Ayala*
Olivia Bader***
Kalara-Anastasia Wikilia Barnes**
Wesley Alan Benjamin
Miranda Lynn Bisgrove***
Tylia DiZana Blissett**
Jordan Clare Bremer
Velette Christine Britt***
Thalia Mercedes Buckley
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Marissa Amaris Camargo
Mackenzie Louise Campbell
Brianna Rose Carrubba*
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Leah Rose Cunningham
Ahria Jordan Domínguez***
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Ashlyn Jewel Edens**
Cristina Rae Federico*
Hayley Ferguson
Zackary Thomas Gainer**
Camille Gardner**
Klie Denae Godec**
Braine Nickole Grady
Holly Hood Grasso
Bryonna Katherine Greenfield**
Anna Tanrei Hale**
Nicole Alexis Hansen
Lani Layla Sun Harris***
With High Distinction
Bianca Angel Headen*
With High Distinction
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Rebecca Maria Jimenez
Andrew Thomas Johnson
Jacob Robert William Jones
Lee A. Keller
Patrick Joseph Kingdon
Amy Catherine Klimm
Gary Enrique Kurtz*
Jolene Marie Lally*
Jessica Ann Lane
Moriah Lynn Larrew
Christiana Los
Gerardo Rafael Marmolejo-Daher
Ashley Brooke Marshall*
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Casey Brooke McFerron
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Sara A. Melby***
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Kamryn Leigh Neu
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Maryah Elisa Daisy Padilla
Kathryn Palm**
Jasmin Panique***
Melissa Harlie Paradine
Indigo Isabella Parks
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Joe Keegan Pfeiger*
Jade Alesyia Phinn
Asia Reid
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Jeffrey Lee Rosado***
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Michaela Katherine Russom
Tyler Lee Sandoval*
Taylor Renee Saunders**
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Nicole Emilia Sawires**
Malcolm Alexander Seibel***
Danielle Sharkey
Yulia Shtanko***
Josh Shulkin***
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Aurora Christine Soper***
Aidan Gregory Straus
Megan Ashley Sutter
Kyle John Szlenk
Decia Marie Taylor
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Sydney R. Unbewust
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Connor L. Wallace
Emmaline Faith Watkins
Ben Wheller
Mae Williams**
Mallory Yeoman

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Jason Rogers, Shanice Monea Smith

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Kaylyn Miranda Dart
Margaret Rita Marie Genevich***
Holly Hood Grasso
Bianca Angel Headen*
Richard Thomas Kaminski
Bret Kendall
Drew McLaren Kessel
Mackenzie Jane Lafean
Destiny Maestas
Hagan Marozas
Peter Nicholas McCann*
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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPANISH
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Carlos Carreón

Carlos Carreón
Sarah Jean Huerta**
Caitlyn Nicole Scott
Jeanine Smith*

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION DESIGN
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Curtis Don Blair

Curtis Don Blair
Lynsey Marie Romero*

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Jonah Jeffrey Brock, Nick Burlison, John Alexander Colón, Amanda Joy Dillon

Nathalia Barud
Brandon James Bockstahler***
Jonah Jeffrey Brock**
Nick Burlison***
John Alexander Colón
Amanda Joy Dillon**
Shannon Michelle Eaton
Seth Allen Edwards
David Tyler Guzman
George Edward Hill
Lillian Marie Horn**
Rebecca Ann Hurley**
Rebecca M. Knaff**
Bradley Kent Koerwitz
Olivia Iris Langley*
Hunter Michael Martin
Malley Katheryn McKenzie
Serena McNearny**
Gilbert Noel Jr.
Salvador Castillo Placensia
Mateo Miguel Robinson
Sophia Rossi***
John Thomas Sexton***
Jorden Micheal Smith*
Kalyn Monae Spivey***
Blake Stachel
Katie Lynn Swajanen
Kathryn Michel Vickous

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WOMEN’S AND ETHNIC STUDIES
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Krystal Frances Hubbert, Aja’Dae L. Trent

Jodyanna Danielle Gallegos
Krystal Frances Hubbert*
Tayla Kelly
Aja’Dae L. Trent

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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMMUNICATION | DIGITAL FILMMAKING
Stephanie Michelle Moyer  Kayla Hunter Mulkin**

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMMUNICATION | DIGITAL MEDIA
Casey Christian Pappas**  Amanda Lea North**

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS | MUSIC
Megan Colleen Jenkins  Landon Dale Lucero

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOCHEMISTRY
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Yulia Shtanko
Erika Miae Eggert*  John Antonio Hegg  Max Thomas Hexom***  With Distinction  Brianna Huynh
Monica S. Jurgeleit  Erika Nicole Kelley**  Shane Michael Lisius*  Antoinette Misty Mannie  Yulia Shtanko***  With Distinction
Nhu Tran**  Brianna Meshae Dulcinea Vigil***  With Highest Distinction  Ian Joseph Wisniewski**  With University Honors

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Sylvia Rose Conquest
Tasha Jo Albright  Johrdan Noelle Alexander  Shawna Kay Arbuckle***  Taylor Michelle Baize  Angela Marie Barros
Eden Alexandria Brownlee  Megan Kathleen Byers  Liam Patrick Callahan  Emily Marie Clair*  Hannah Marie Clemens**
Sylvia Rose Conquest***  Kayla Vittoria Curry  Melissa Dahal  David Andrew Danis***  Abby Lynne DeNardis

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Alexandra Morgan DeVries***
Lekeisha Nicole Dobbins
Syria S. Falkenberg**
Miquella Farris
Rick Fernandez
Christian Frausto Garcia
Madison Rose Golla**
Kinsey Greve***
With University Honors
Sork Iskandar Hamad
Alex Steven Hamilton
Madison Harris***
With University Honors
Alejandro Fabin Hernandez
Sydney Hodison
Danielle Caterina Hoffman
Annalise Marie Hopkins***
With University Honors
Bailey Anne Hornby*
Kanon L. Huffman
Sara Aim Khammass***
Matresa L. King
Lila Elizabeth Klingman***
Alexandria Anne Klovas
Shane Michael Lisius*
Matthew Joseph Lucero*
Stevie Lee Lucero**
Charlene Brienna Madden***
With University Honors
Julia Grace Cabrilo Magbanua
Jade Malenkovic
Hannah Rose Matson
Amelia McKenzie***
Joshua Michlin
Chyla Middleton
Sydney Payton Mircetic**
Alex N. Mitchell
Trey Arthur Navaalta
Anh T. Nguyen**
Seth Michael Nolen
Molly Jean O'Bryan
Amber Janelle Okazaki**
Emily Renee Ovnicak**
Hannah Nicole Pacheco
River J. Pauls
Chinh Anh Pham
Kacie Claire Quigley
Trenton Daniel Reinicke*
With University Honors
Isabella Ryan Rogge***
Chandler Rhodes Roop*
Isaiah Paco Royx**
Neil Paco Royx**
Kyle Rudy
Leigh Anne Russell
Alexis Karen Sato**
Mary Elizabeth Selenka*
Aspen Elise Serfoss***
McKenzie Shypitka
Andi Smith**
Abbey Swift
Jeremiah Tackett
Decia Marie Taylor
Stevi Angel Tomlinson**
Thanh Thanh Nguyen Tran*
With University Honors
Sean Steven Vasas***
Hannah Marie Vujicic
Tanner John Walsh
Kayla Jae Waterman**
Kathryn Lauren Whitson***
Kaylee Wong Dolloff**
Jeremy William Wright
Sabine Mathilda Zinserling*

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Gavin Hoffman

Sam Bieber**
Andrew Lawrence Davis
Logan Epperson*
Gavin Hoffman***
With Highest Distinction
Nicholas William Kuhalowicz
Bonnie Sue Matchavariani
Jake Miratsky
Christopher Dino Salazar
Morgan Lynn Schachterle***
With Distinction
Miccella Santa-Maria Staiano
Sydney Alexis Steffens
Loren Jessica Taylor
Sophia Rose Zanoni**

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Eden L. Ketchum, Robert Anthony McDowell

Jennifer Marie Arguello
Sterling Cheremack
Kahlee Wong Dolloff***
Ohmar Nathaniel Gonzalez***
Van Hovenga***
Jose Manuel Hurtado Ureno, Jr.*
Ruihao Jin
Eden L. Ketchum***
Derrick Michael Kluck
Kyle Matthew Kuechle
Robert Anthony McDowell***
Luke Meyer
Daniel Jeffrey Mitchell***
Mary Rosa Olson
William Tin Pham**
Mark H. Pinson***
Mark Marie Roberts
Marlee Ruge*
Tj Smith

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS AND ENERGY SCIENCE

Devin Mark Abler-Miller
Jesse Brinkman
Helen Catherine Byrnes*
Bri Frye
Tina Alexandra Schmidt
Kurt Robert Ulrikson
Katlyn Marie Warren
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed 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?
CELEBRATING UCCS COMMENCEMENT

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.

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 BROÂDMOOR International Center on May 17, 1977. Later ceremonies moved to the original BROÂDMOOR World Arena.

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

1984–2013
May Commencement Marshal is the previous year’s Outstanding Teacher Award Recipient.

1988
First Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering graduates.

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

1998
First Ph.D. in Computer Science graduates.

1999–PRESENT
May Commencement held at new World Arena.

1998
First Distance MBA Degree graduate.
Stephen Ludwig ('93) becomes the first UCCS alumnus to serve on the CU Board of Regents and attend Commencement in that role.

2005

2006

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

2007

First Ph.D. Psychology graduate.

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.

2007

First Ph.D. Psychology graduate.

2008

First graduates under reworked Ph.D. in Engineering.

2009

First Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.

2009

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

2009

First Bachelor of Innovation™ graduate.

2009

First Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.

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First Bachelor of Innovation™ graduate.

2009

First Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.

2009

First Bachelor of Innovation™ graduate.

2010

First recognized Golden and Silver graduates.

2010

First Ph.D. in Educational Leadership Research & Policy graduates.

2011

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

2011

First Ph.D. in Applied Science graduate.

2012

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.

2013

First ceremony to be livestreamed.

2013

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

2014

Virtual Ceremonies (in-person ceremonies cancelled due to COVID-19).

2021

More than 53,000 alumni.
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 Sanitorium 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 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 sanitorium 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 Sanitorium (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 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 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 last summer.

UCCS spring commencement ceremonies have been held at the old BROADMOOR Ice Arena, a campus parking lot where the Osborne Center for Science & Engineering now stands, and The BROADMOOR 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 BROADMOOR 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, 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
“Almost There” – Anika Noni Rose (2009)
“I Wish” – Stevie Wonder (1972)
“Cantina Band” – John Williams (1977)
“Tormenta de Fuego” – Ruben Romero & Lydia Torea (1992)
Pomp and Circumstance Military March No. 1 in D, Op. 39, No. 1 ............. Arranged by Joseph Prostakoff
Performed by Lecturer/Pianist Kelly Zuercher

UCCS MUSIC HONORS ENSEMBLE
Spring 2021 Members
Juan Valdes Bueno, guitar,
Amanda Dillon, voice/piano,
Graduate, B.A. in Visual and Performing Arts – Music
Jenna Hinkle, cello
Emerson Olson, violin
Jack Synder, piano
Steven Vertucci, guitar

UNIVERSITY CHOIR
Spring 2021 Members
Kayla Ball
Advita Bhatia
Bailey Bowker
Alexandra Carter
Evelyn Curtis
Megan Davis, Graduate,
B.A. in Communication – Digital Filmmaking and Media Arts
Kaylee Gilman
Angelika Guerrero
Meri Khachikyan
David LaBeaux
Shayla Mellen
Daniel Posusta
Ethan Schaefer
John Sexton, Graduate,
B.A. in History and B.A. in Visual and Performing Arts – Film
Twain Slayter
Leilani Sloan
Jared Sowa
Jacob Swords
Sierra Tune
Vic Volpi