

University of Colorado Colorado Springs



COMMENCEMENT

MAY 14, 2021

FROM THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY TO THE CLASS OF 2021

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)



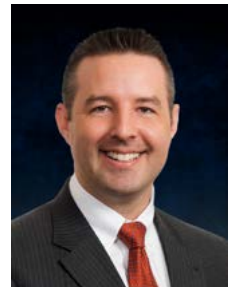
Lesley Smith
Vice Chair, At Large
(Boulder)



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)

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

CONFERRING OF ADVANCED DEGREES (*page 12*) 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 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,

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

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Venkat Reddy". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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

2009	Michael Reyes		Paige Wilson (pm)	2018	Nayda Benítez (am)
2010	Caleb Rainey	2015	Dylan Shuster (am)		Justin McConnell (pm)
2011	Benjamin Jourdan		Matthew Prichard (pm)	2019	Victoria Asuquo (am)
2012	Mary Commerfor	2016	Christopher Roth (am)		Ryan Dobbs (pm)
2013	Maria Tobin (am)		Tanweer Saleem Baig (pm)	2020	JayJay Porcadilla (speaker)
	Jesse Perez (pm)	2017	Mykinthia Ebron (am)		Abigail Solis
2014	Chris Richey (am)		Nicole Chung (pm)		

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.

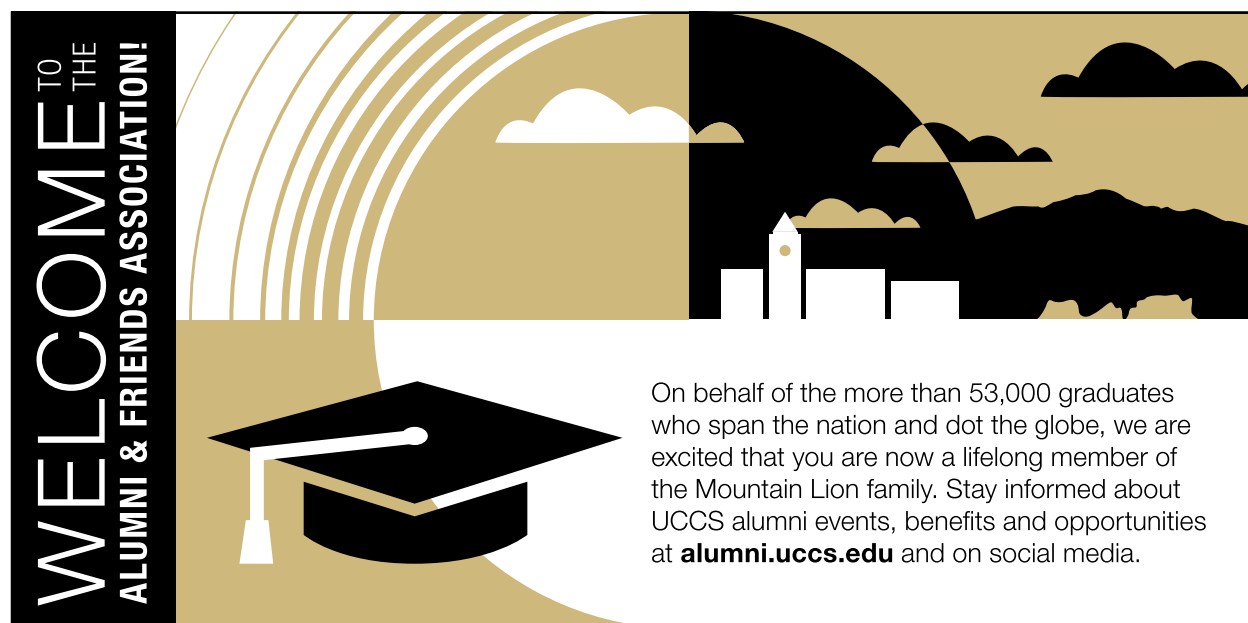
COMPREHENSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

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





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.

*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.*

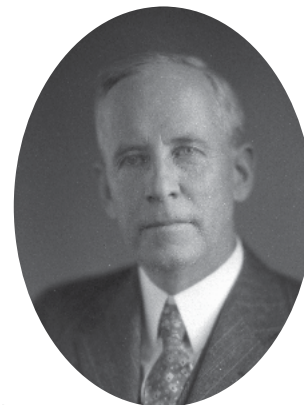
“You are now certified to the world at large as alumni of the university. She is your kindly mother and you her cherished sons and daughters.

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.”

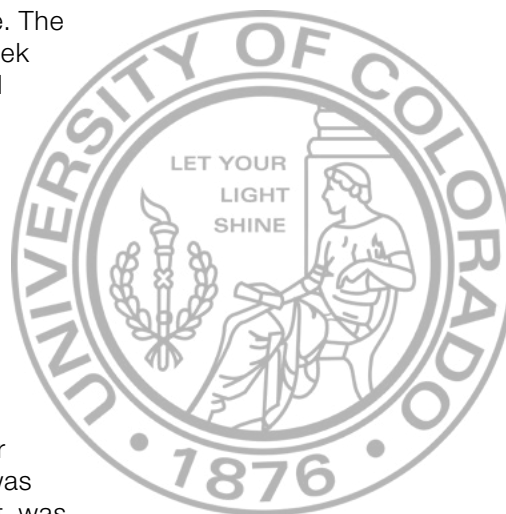


THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

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.



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:

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



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	Linda Bunnell Shade	1993-2001
Don Schwartz	1978-1982	Pam Shockley-Zalabak	2002-2017
Neal Lane	1984-1986	Venkat Reddy	2017-present
Dwayne Nuzum	1986-1993		

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



HONORS DESIGNATIONS DESCRIPTIONS

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

with Honors

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

with Special Honors

with Distinction

with High Distinction

with Highest Distinction

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

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

University Honors

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

Mountain Lion Honors

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

RECOGNITION OF 2020-2021 RETIREES

Valerie Anderson (*staff*)
Cynthia Applegate (*faculty*)
Mike Belding (*staff*)
Sheryl Botts (*staff*)
Pamela Carter (*faculty*)
George Cheney (*faculty*)
Edward Chow (*faculty*)
Sharon Coddington (*staff*)
Anthony Cordova (*staff*)
Stephen Dewey (*staff*)
Jody Doster (*staff*)
Robert Dougherty (*staff*)
Robert Durham (*faculty*)

Letitia Fleener (*staff*)
Susan Garrett (*faculty*)
Eileen Gerrard-Gough (*faculty*)
Thomas Gomez, Sr. (*staff*)
Edie Greene (*faculty*)
Timothy Hightower (*staff*)
Ron Honn (*staff*)
Ruth Jackson (*staff*)
Steven Jennings (*faculty*)
Mary Lou Kartis (*staff*)
Donald Klingner (*faculty*)
Valerie Layfield (*staff*)
Steve Linhart (*staff*)

Douglas Martin (*staff*)
Mary McGill (*staff*)
Sally Planalp (*faculty*)
Carol Quillin (*staff*)
Maura Rainey (*faculty*)
Lorada Shrawder (*staff*)
Anna Smith (*staff*)
Charles Sweet (*administrator*)
Cathy Thompson (*faculty*)
Ramon Tirado (*faculty*)
Kirk Von Loh (*staff*)
Rhonda Williams (*faculty*)
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

Phillip 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

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Aidi Pi

Jebreel Omar Alamari

"Web Browser as a Computation Container"

Marc Moreno Lopez

*"Evaluating the Interference of Noise When Performing
MRI Segmentation"*

Abdullah Hindi Aljuhni

*"Towards Effective Multi-Task Adaptive-ticks Timer in
Linux Kernel for Full Tickless Function"*

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"*

Srikanth Ramadurgam

(emphasis in Electrical Engineering)

*"Optimized Embedded Architectures and Techniques for
Machine Learning Algorithms for On-Chip
AI Acceleration"*

Gary Allan Frazier (emphasis in Electrical Engineering)

*"A Process-Dependent Generalized Compact Model for
MOS Transistors"*

PH.D. – SECURITY

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Henry D. Collier

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“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”

Whitney Leigh Miller

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

Kimberly Walker

“Improving Depression and Anxiety Screening in an Infertility Practice through Implementation of an Evidence-Based Screening Tool and Process Protocol”

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

Kevin Laudher, Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING (MSAT)

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Nick Merna

Nick Merna

Karolina Paulsen

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Grace Brown Adam Elliott

Jillian Ader

Amy Amoroso

Sami Axtman

Jeff Baker

Kaylee Billinger

Emma Marie Broussard

Neltada Charlemagne

Katie Lee Chmielewski

Jorge Silas Correia

Morgan Atwell Davis

Kristen Dirks-Finley

Stephanie Marie Petersen Dupuis

Traci Sue Durant

Fatima Pendor Farl

Chris Evan Fischer

Sophia French

Mandy Gibson

Darielle Brandy Johnson

Kathleen Mary Johnson

Sarah Katherine Johnson

Connor Mark Larson

Jim Lynch

Kristin Nicole Magnuson

Jon Meacham

Kolby Nicole Monette

Benjamin Patrick O'Brien

Hayley Roberson

Natalie Marie Santucci

Chandra Nicole Schwab

Amanda Michelle Slattery

Amanda Spinuzzi

Riley Swonson

Amanda Renee Tedford

Anna Seon Hwa Todd

Elizabeth Verno

Morgan White

Amie Marie Wunder

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN HEALTH PROMOTION

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Nicole Elyse Odell

Jessica Nicole Arent

Karisa Lynn Dreyer

Tina Miller

Nicole Elyse Odell

Mary Catherine Ward

Whitney Wymer

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN SPORTS NUTRITION

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Jenna Nicole Bobroski

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Nikki Fioretti

José Juan Leon

Nithyasri Sundar

Maria Eugenia Valarezo

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

Karen Markel, Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Thomas Daniel Acker

Neelema Ahmed

Shannon Amundson

Evyn Patricia Anderson

Dara LeAnne Bender

Cheryll M. Boutin

Amber Lynn Bridges

Megan McGinley Burrell

Ernest C. Chamblee

Kathy Liliana Chinchilla

Stephanie Marlene Christoffersen

Daniel Cusack

Joel Jeffrey Damec

Christine DeJohn

Olivia Denham

Mark Dubbe

Hassan Farhan

Rich Manuel Fierro

Kelli Patricia Foley

Jani Denea Gardner

Jared Geissler

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION** *CONT.*

David Goemaere
Matthew Emil Grulkowski
Michael Newton Jourdan
Daeguen Kim
Jessica Kingery
Jerrie Ann LaLond
Cassandra Lueras
Casey Lyells
Sayed A Shouib Mehreyar
Robert Michael Merrion
Swapnil Krishnakant Nagvekar

Matthew Kane Newman-Mercer
Fred Nguyenloc
Jane Elizabeth Olsen
Sean Von-Wilhelm Paschke
Kristin Pfenning
Benjamin James Preston
Isaac Ramirez
Matthew Thomas Reynolds
Caitlin Seibel
Sonal Shukla
Cory Don Shultz

Sylvia Nicole Steinkamp
Amy Sumontha
Joshua Cory Theys
Larus Wayne Thomasson
Eric Orlandis Thompson
Ryan Browning Townsend
April Trevino
Jacob Wise
Bryan Matthew Wright
Roselin Yost

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING**

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Gabriella Rivera-Ramirez

Lauren Renee Griswold

Gabriella M. Rivera-Ramirez

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

George Reed, Dean

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Amber Peterson

Steven Gregory Alcala
Kim Blair
Andrea Alexis Casados
Lindsey Davidson
Jessica L. Elgin

Cameron Leigh Gilbert
Dalvin Goodloe
Adam Tyrel Jennings
Matthew Terry Lemon
Katherine Elizabeth Martin

Tabatha Louise Meredith
Amber Peterson
Payton Riley Ptacek
Cassandra Williams

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year: Brendan Ryan Georgas, Jordan Matthew Simmons

Kyle Bifano
Andrea Alexis Casados
Sun-Woong Choi
Shannel Cox
Andrew Haldan Drescher
Yessenia Enriquez
Emily Sue Evans
PJ Forrest
Brendan Ryan Georgas
Cameron Leigh Gilbert

Courtney Mariah Hammock
Collin Joseph Hocker
Anthony Krenz
Tessa-Mae Little
Katherine Elizabeth Martin
Emily Dannielle McDonald
Tabatha Louise Meredith
Annabelle Vera Ursula Nippe
Ariadna Edeliz Ochoa Magallanes
Todd Joseph Pepino

Payton Riley Ptacek
Lauren Norton Shakes
Molly Shipp
Jordan Matthew Simmons
Rachel Sizinski
Lindsay Snyder Hurley
Jessie Elizabeth Spiers
Tisha Lanay Sweeney
Julie Witkowski

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Valerie Martin Conley, Dean

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

Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year: Azariah Eaman, Kyria Aiyana Jack, Taylor Klock, Valdra Pufpaff, Chris Taylor, Donald James Thomas, Jr., LK Waters

Amairani Alamillo	Joshua Lee Goldberg	Darci Nealeigh
Andrew Atanasoff	Raelynn Goodwin	Ciana Rochelle Neely
Kate Atanasoff	Daniel Conner Grant	Ron Oswalt
Lauren Ray Atencio	Brian Reagan Guyette	Maria Belen Patino
Amanda Bagwell	Sharon A. Gwynn	Amanda Edith Patton
Amanda Grace Bear	Ryan Miller Hagener	Francisco Eric Pizana, III
Emma Blair	Daniel Hendren	Kristin Posthumus
Bethany Ann Cantrell	Kyria Aiyana Jack	Valdra Carolyn Pufpaff
Andrew Caswell	Tyler Jay Keidel	Alysha Renee Rushing
Caitlin Caviness	Taylor Klock	Ryan David Rutter
Alanys Chavez	Lauren Kruse	Hailey Santonastaso
Angelica Clayton	Catherine Lawson	Daryk Thomas Scott
Nicholas Eli Conover	Samantha Jolin Mangar	Kristina Louise Bayles Stoltzfus
Bradey Disbrow	Lindsay Lee Martinez	Noah Suess
Azariah Noelle Eaman	Chris Mathews	Chris Taylor
Hope Erickson	Clark Maxon	Kevin Ray Taylor
Alec Finley	Mathew Francis McCue, III	Donald James Thomas, Jr.
Lindsey Frazier	Ariel Sumay McPherson	Sandietta Walter
Hailey Gabrielle Gloden	Eric Miller	Jeff Walters
Jack Glojek	Lee Morgan	LK Waters
Dale Robert Gogan	Geffrey Moy	Christy Marie Wise

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

Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year: Stefani Nicole Hille, Andrew Michael Simmons

Israel Damen Bowman	David Michael Kagarise	Andi Walker
Caroline Chubb	Jake Laux	Kashli Nicole Kay West
Linda Gerron	Andrew Michael Simmons	
Stefani Nicole Hille	Lenny Tardiff	

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

Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year: Jeremy Kendell Lee Aguilera, Krista Wallace

Jeremy Kendell Lee Aguilera	Ali Langfels	Hannah Alyssa Scobba
Keelan Jeffery Bailey	Meg Malone	Ashlynn Marie Smith
Jamie Brackney	Mark Paquette	Rosanna L. Smith
Leah Michelle Butler	Darius James Pardner	Rochelle A. Taylor
Jordan Ann Cushman	Karen Perez	Daniella Jeanine Trujillo
Laura Estevez	Beckie Pyles Munoz	Stephanie Kimberly Trujillo
Joseph Thomas Karwin	Grady Ellis Rogers	Krista Wallace

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

Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year: Kylie Farrar, Dallas Michelle Hall, Rachel Leigh Lake, Nicole Renee Miller, Kimberly Anne Tucker

Amethyst Marie del Pilar	Rachel Leigh Lake	Allison Jo Pacheco
Kylie Farrar	Ashley L. Lawless	Anna Carrigan Smith
Dallas Michelle Hall	Cortney Jane McLaughlin	Kayla Chisako Sunada
Jessica Ann Jury	Nicole Renee Miller	Kimberly Anne Tucker

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

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

Karen Abbott
Patricia Irene Keith

Alan Gary Lane
Brenda Sebastian

Amanda Smith

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Donald Rabern, Dean

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ENGINEERING**

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Cassandra Putman

Michael Robert Arnold
Ismail Mohammed Bahkali
Travis J. Berka
Satya Kumar Pavan Bodige
Tim Brouillette
Tom Brouillette

Preston Russell Locke Church
Jake DeMaria
Garrett James Hayward
Matthew Daniel Moore
Aleksandra Nations
Luis Alonso Pinales

Zachary Thomas Pollmiller
Maria Psarakis
Cassandra Putman
Brian Kevin Quinn
Nick Jacob Robbins
Graham John Stringert

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

Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year: Brandon K. Archuleta, Javier Benedicto Serrano[#]

Brandon K. Archuleta
Ryan E. Darras
Wes Harris

Matthew Gerard Higgins
Sean Higgins
Justis Hsieh

Chris Liang
Adria Llop Girones
Chander Thangavelu

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

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Marina Villalba Carballo[#]

Joshua Reed Chism
David Kambich

Lidiya Pilli

Matt Spears

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

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Pau Saldana Baque

Norman Edward Anderson
Travis Gurley

Estanislao Ortiz
Danny Paredes

Pau Saldana Baque

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COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS & SCIENCES

Lynn Vidler, Dean

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION**

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Alison Christofferson

Lani-Elaine Castruita
Alison Christofferson
Ashley Ercolano

Julie Estlick
Taylor Gousse

Brystal Karber
J'nae Marie Squires-Horton

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY**

*Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year: Barry C. Binder, Michelle Lynn Mason, Kyle Joseph Newkirk[#],
Paul David Tomes*

Heather Bergh
Barry C. Binder
Daniel Eickstedt

Kimberley Marie Fujikawa
Hannah Lynn-Taylor Lane
Michelle Lynn Mason

Tania Reyes
Paul David Tomes

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

Jamie Hansel
Madeline Rose Lag

Margarita Victoria Meza-Whitlatch
Mimi Morison

Annie Nickell

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year: Sherry Dawn Mason

John Cooke

Sherry Dawn Mason

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCES IN BIOLOGY**

Cody Alan Bridgewater
Brittini Hill

Julia Hilliard
Travis Jeremy Loos

Kiara Nath
Santana Navarrette

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCES IN BIOCHEMISTRY**

Sara Rodriguez

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCES IN CHEMISTRY**

Stacey Lazzelle

Brennan Watts

THE DEGREE **MASTER OF SCIENCES IN PHYSICS**

Brandyn Ness
Daniel Joseph Noble

John Stroud

Ricardo Arturo Gabriel Unglaub

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

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

Kevin Laudner, Dean

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

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Keegan David Ewing, Kiersten Anna Tarvainen

Lois Oppong Aboagye
Heidi Totten Beier
Kasidy Mae Boyd-Griffin
Jacklyn M. Candler**
Heather Capen***
Gabriel Guiliano Carmosino***
Allorah Michelle Edwards*
Rebecca Young Emmel*
Keegan David Ewing***
Abigail Feickert***
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Olivia Ann Galor
Anna Rose Goodenbour**
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Tawny Elizabeth Langseth**
Briana Mari Lindly
Shaylee Miera
Jose Carlos Millan, Jr.
Spencer Thomas Morton*
Ryan James Oliver**
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Alexzander Christopher Romero***
Amanda M. Rusch
Donald Lee Saarela**

Hayden Todd Salverda
Kendra Schaap*
Haley Danielle Scott
Samantha Hope Segrest
Adam F. Shaffer
Chad Fitzgerald Sheehan
Mckenna Kathleen Sigler
Andrew Sintas*
Dotson Nguyen Sykes
Milena Rael Tapia
Kiersten Anna Tarvainen***
Kennedy Michelle Tibbs
Amanda Rose Trenkel**
Adam David Whitby
Brittany Marie White

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

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Valerie Elizabeth Lonsky, Rubina Shrestha

Layla Samer Almasri*
Habib Alsebea
Tanna Da'nae Anderson
Michelle Marie Archuleta**
Rose Ann Bolstad
Kyle McCord Botts
Clyde I. Campbell, IV
Elinor Ann Enderle**
Tyania Alexis Evans
Sarah Farinella*
Riley Thomas Gregory
Jessica Lynn Guzman*
Jackson Clark Hazelett
Peyton S. Hemmes
Gilly K. Hemming

Briana Renee Hidalgo
Amanda E. Janke
Rachel Marie Jardon
Abdul Karim Kamara
Ellie Adela Lenius
Valerie Elizabeth Lonsky***
Nohemi Lopez-Duran**
Gina Leigh Lunsford*
Nick Merna***
Jack Alan Mills
Megan Marie Monson*
Emilio Luis Ochoa
Trenton Keller Parr**
Jared Michael Price*
Keyla Stephanie Reynoso Polanco*

Jeffrey Paul Rieck*
Luke Rodriguez
Anna Akiko Schlosser***
Shelby Nicole Scott*
Rubina Shrestha**
Hannah Lee Stobbe**
Sarah Denise Taylor
Stacey Ann Tope*
Laura Terese Wagner**
Hailey Nicole Weingart*
Ashley Smoak Williams*
Triva LeeAnn Wilson***
Kayla J. Zink**

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THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Amber Kaylee Galligan, Marie Amelia Lucero, Heidi Kay Stauss

Jessica Marie Anderson**	Demi-Nykole Hassan-Smith**	Ena V. Osmanovic*
Riley Elizabeth Anthony	Sammie Heater*	Kimberly Sue Parr
Samantha Ann Armbruster*	Anna Marie Helsham	Ryan Lee Ross Peltier
Claire Denise Arndt**	Destannie Renee Henriquez	Halee Love Pilcher**
Grace Elaine Aschenberg**	Kylee Larie Holden**	Kevin Preza**
Sara Bernal Beas***	Elizabeth Ann Holmes**	Veronica Steele Purcell**
Jennifer Jean Bias	Delaney Kay Howard*	Kyela Merete Raben**
Marisa Lou Bisgrove***	Qingxuan Hua**	Cody Mckee Reynolds***
Jillian Rae Bair Block*	Holly Ann Hueser***	Sydney Jane Richter*
Slater John Boland**	Sarah Lynne Humphries*	Joleen Ricketts
Sawyer Brannen**	Kieu Anh Huynh***	Kerry Eileen Salcedo
Lynn Marie Brickell**	Alayna Lee Jackson**	Amanda Christine Schaefer
Marielle Sangria Bueno*	Russell Douglas Jeffries*	Sarah Mackenzie Scott*
Krissa Nicole Burdan***	Tobias Ray Kersey*	Summer Nadine Slone***
Shelbie Lynn Burke	Laura A. Kratko*	Sahouda Nicole Smith*
Andrea Mariah Cahhal	Garrett Luke Krueger*	Noah A. Stangebye***
Anna Rose Carder***	Tyler T. Kukula**	Heidi Kay Stauss***
Colleen Marie Corliss	Thomas Christian Kuttner*	Maria Angelica Steele***
Nicole Dominguez	Gabrielle R. Lammon***	Katrina Stichter*
Joshua David Fagerburg*	Nicole Marthon Lierly***	Chelsea Ayonnia Tamsi*
Mary K. Falsetto***	Elissa Lonne Loomis***	Travis Michael Taylor
Nicholas James Farley	Marie Amelia Lucero***	Maria Elizabeth Tinsley*
Camille Elizabeth Floring***	Ashley Jordan Lutterman**	Sarah Rose Tosches*
Makenna Jean Fuhrmann**	Elise Maldonado	Elise Linette Tourville***
Shannon Alice Gallagher*	Autumn Rose Mannel*	Geryn Nicole Van Zwienen*
Amber Kaylee Galligan***	Kellie Renae McDermott***	Dawn R. Velazquez
Madeline Marie Gatesh*	Jeriah-Travis Buisson Mendaro*	Treanna Anastasia Wade*
Sheri Jean Gibson**	Bailey Miller***	Brooke Delia Warbington*
Danielle A. Green*	Perla Yadira Moncayo**	Elissa Isabel Watson**
Emma Marie Grothe	Nicole Kathryn Moody**	Georgie Rachel Weber
Kalene Marie Guerra*	Jordan Moore***	Alea Jane Weiner**
Heather Hageman**	Yana Vladimirovna Nebradovskaya*	Tayah L. Weist**
Baylee J. Hanner*	Tatum Lessie Nitzel***	Shana Farrah Yates***
Emily R. Hanner*	Whitni Raelee Oquist*	
Emiko Joy Hardman**	Rebekah Anne Ortiz Soto***	

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

Karen Markel, Dean

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

Sarah Candia	Darian T. Hill	Braden Alexander Sherfy*
Matthew Martin Chedid	Alex Michael Hilton*	Glenn F. Shoptaugh
Stephanie Marlene Douth**	Kaitlin Lannon**	Dylan P. Traylor
Noah John Engen*	Connor S. Matthes	Haley Morgan Tuggle**
Matthew Thomas Feigenbaum	Cheyenne Marie Otten**	Gavin Bryce Urban**
Taj T. Ford	Iain Schuyler Pals	Derek James Van Gosen
Bailey Scott Gentile	Staci Maria Prevato**	Hayden William Wehe*
Bridgette Heiner*	Madelyn Shea Rodriguez	

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THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS**

Distinguished Academic Achievement Award: Kenneth Darrin Devens

Tucker Frank Albright*	Jonathan Edward Genrich*	Jay Mohler**
Asma Alghamdi	Kendall Lauren Girard*	Aydan Lukas Mortensen**
Salwa Abdulla Alhadad**	Isaiah Andres Gonzales**	Margaret Erin Muenchrath
Kathryn Marie Anderson**	Shaun Dean Goodenow	Chloe Rene Mundorf
Alexander James Bates*	Bailey Bacall Green***	Sean Gabriel Myers*
Mandy May Bates	Aaron Elgin Griffith	Sarah Melina Neumeister
Dustin Matthew Bean**	John Groe	Lauren Cathleen Newey
Skyler Justis Beauchamp*	Jonatan Gutierrez*	Allie Dawn Nidey
Alexander Beckley	Shade A. Hadley	Emily N. Nolley
Cynthia Daniela Benitez**	Alexander Phillip Bokenkai Hall*	Caiden Alexander Orosco
Matthew Richard Berg**	Kwesi Hanson**	Harrison S. Parham
Lindsey Anne Morgan Bergen	Tanner Lee Harbick	Michael Joseph Petkash**
Brett Mackenzie Bierschenk***	Bill R. Hengsteler	Nicholas Winfield Piantanida
Nathan Daniel Bokol*	Garrett Addisson Hipps	Thomas Carl Pool
Emily Rose Booth	Dawson Hopkinson***	Ethan Macs Powell
Thomas Jay Braaten***	Harrison Colter Hough	Mikayla Mae Prevost*
Jimmie Anne Brauer**	Kyle William Householder**	Saleen Marie Quinonez
Daniel Lee Buehner	Joshua Paul Howe***	Gabriel David Ramos Esquerra
Angela Calhoun***	Laurny Ashlee Hyong**	Jacob Andrew Ratliff**
<i>With University Honors</i>	Ji Young Im*	Andrew John Rediger
Camden Wanek Campbell	Dustin Joseph Jewell**	Daniel Stephen Renner
Tara Elizabeth Card	Alison Frances Johnson*	Kaylea Marie Renteria
Wyeth Havemeyer Catlin	Erin Marie Jolly**	Evan William Richards
Diego Ryo Colunga	Victoria Jones*	Darsen Ringling*
Mallory Colleen Corrigan*	Bridget Kalicki**	Isabel Rivera-Escalera
Adriano Michael Cruz	Reagan Kearns	Angel Manuel Rivera
Kaleigh Cunneff	Bradley Duane Kettlewell	Alyssa L. Roach
Tamara Awa Curry	Conner James Kilbourn	Andrew John Robbins
Chevelle Davis*	Ben Kiley	Ashton Dale Rogers***
Krista Rae Davis***	Brandon William Krueger	Shannon Renee Ross**
Adam James Davitz	Sean Robert Kukuruzovic	Taylor Denise Ruehl
Alexander Griffin Deal	Stuart Evyn Lane	Joseph K. Ryder*
Richard Anthony DeLude, III	Kelsey Anne Lanham	Rebecca Adriana Sanchez*
Kenneth Darrin Devens***	Jacklynn Larson***	Scott Loyal Savage
Regina Kelly Dillon	Kathryn Marie Lasater*	Casey M. Shannahan*
Mackenzie Rose Dixon*	Stella Phuong Le	Sarai L. Shelton**
Luke Doster*	Sierra Nicole Lee	Sierra Christina Shipley
Emilie Douglass	Caleb John Lindsey	William Mark Sieracki
Amanda Doyle	Alex Giovanni Lorenzin	Daniel Gabriel Silva
Cameron R. Duffey*	Robert Schafer Loughman	Jared Michael Sitzman*
Jeffrey Wynne Dunston*	Julie Ann Lowe	Cameron Rey DeLeon Skalla
Adam Joseph Eckhardt*	Kiera Anne Lowe	Dominique Carlina Solognier**
Jacob Joseph Edmonds***	Annie Teresa Lujan	Molly Kate Stavang***
Sarah Noelle Elliott	Kati Kay MacDonnell**	Travis D. Stedman
Azur Edward Ewari**	Evan J. Mahon***	Hunter R. Steffek
Trevor Bert Fenimore	Jessica Alicia Makynen**	Rylie Emiko Tanoura
Sam Cooper Flaten***	Martin Marshall***	Mitchell Harrison Robert Teeters
Kalvin David Fletcher	Isabelle Margaret Martinez**	Aidan Cole Tibbets
Zachary Terrence Flynn	Parker McClure**	Jeffrey Michael Todaro*
Glenn Foley*	Cristina Raquel Mendoza*	Lindsey Marie Torres
Teri Elissa Forney**	Ben Meuret	Haley Morgan Tuggle**
Alex Nicholas Fredrich**	Dylan Mileto	Leah N. Tulepkalieva
Renea N. Fuller	Jackson Miller	Harry Tirohn Upshaw III

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Derek M. Valdez
Jacob Jonathan Van Drew
Chance Joe Ben Vasquez**
Stephen Paul Walker
Blayke Ryan Walsh

Chad Alan Watkins
Lauren Danielle Weber
Madeleine Theresa Werthman*
Reese Evans Westbrook
Avery Catherine Whitehouse*

Nathan Wich***
Spencer Taylor Wilkens*
Mitchell D. Wilkins
Ronan Fitzgerald Witte*
Jordan Wright**

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

George Reed, Dean

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

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Micaela Lynn Wiley

Jacob Lee Adelgren**
Tiffany Amber Aich
Joseph Allee
Jake Thomas Anderson*
Juanita Maria Ayala*
Emery Barber
Elena Samantha Barboza
Jon Bell**
Miranda Lynn Bisgrove***
Lynett Amber Bowen**
Kashif E. Boyd
Mason Lane Bristowe*
Jake Stephen Bullock*
Jessica Ann Burton**
Ashley Nicole Campbell**
Mackenzie Louise Campbell
John Connor Canfield
Chad Moses Chedid**
Ella Suzette Taylor Chilcote**
Marianjely Clark Pujols
Chase Anthony Clements*
Hannah Grace Clymer
Kaylin DeeAnn Cole***
Kaitlin Mae Corless
Emily J. Crane
Elle Crouch
Kenidi Donna Dyer**
Ashlyn Jewel Edens**
Annie Feauto
Hanna Felice**
Brandon Sergio Garcia
Ronald Benjamin Garcia

Keagan Corrinne Gracy
Brainne Nickole Grady
Ashley Brea Gueths
Kiara Janae Guy*
Lauren Christine Hart**
Courtne Ann Heller**
Sharon Judith Heredia-Gudino
Austin Jeffrey Hermes**
Brittany Johanna Hernandez
Sidney Elizabeth Howard
Krystal Frances Hubbert*
Blake Donald Imgrund*
Alexander Ryan Jaeger*
Lara Elizabeth James-Roxby
Jacob Robert William Jones
Drew McLaren Kessel
Michaela Deanna King***
Chad Gordon Dicey Leong**
Miranda Noel Loflin
Charles Edward Lopez, Jr***
Maija Sophia Lopez
Jackson Joseph Lyscars
Garrett Kent Magnuson**
Aiyana Lee Maloney
Aaron Michael McClenathan
Morgan E. McKinney*
Elizabeth St. Germain Meyer
Shane Anthony Michael
Diego A. Montoya***
Luke S. Mounts**
Harris Nguyen
Indigo Isabella Parks

Zachary Thomas Paul
Serena Marie Peterson
Carlos Jaiver Pittman
Katherine Sophia Agnew Polasek**
Meaghan Camille Raetz**
Zano Sabir Rana***
Jake Allen Rickerman**
Yaletzi Abigail Rodriguez**
Taylor Nicole Roney
Kacie Louise Sanchez
Nicole Emilia Sawires**
Kathryn Adelle Schultz***
Natalie Searle*
Nicholas D. Sheriff***
Kyle Austin Sherry
Tyler C. Slone***
Nicole M. Smith**
Sarah Nicole Smith**
Shanice Monea Smith***
Michaela Steefel
Joseph Allen Stone
Chandler Raquel Strickland
Shelby Elizabeth Terry*
Brianna M. Torrez**
Juan Carlos Urbina**
Lillian Jewel Valenzuela**
Taylor Katherine Wallau***
Amy Wellington***
Joshua Whitton*
Archer Wiesner***
Micaela Lynn Wiley***
Dominique E. Zinserling*

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Valerie Martin Conley, Dean

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

Estephania Marie Barrera
Alberto Leandro Castillo, Jr.*
Rachel Elizabeth Duryea*

Huma Baqir Habib
Anika Rae Kwasny**
Gwenyth H. Rosenkrantz**

Matthew Nicholas Schramm
Marina Cecile Statkevicius
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***
Hannah Jane Clair***
Ashley Valentina Collins**
Katheryne Faythe Conner**
Tara Marie Coyne***
Sandra Ama Curry***
Haley Marie Davis***
Sydney Nicole DeLuzio*
Esperanza Adriana Dominguez**
Caitlin J. Duncan
Julianna Catherine Duncan*
Quillan Marie Edwards
Samantha L. Eisenbarth
Devynn Evans**
Desiree Paige Fisher***
Samantha Alysse 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**
Alyssa Ann Hicks***
Halle Elaine Holiski***
Emma Catherine Horoszczak
Lauren Marie Hugill**
Gabrielle Desiree Huneycutt
Jacqueline Jimenez
Sahmyah Kelley***
Jasmine Diane Kern***
Kayla MacKenzie Krakofsky
Selina Christine Krieg**
Brenna Kuskie***
Stephony Lynn Leuallen
Brittany Marie Murphy***
Gilda Rose Outlar**
Sarah Marie Patterson**
Chloe Virginia Peterson***
Jenny Pott***
Jaine Queen**
Nebai Quezada*
Emily C. Robberson**
Emily A. Rydlund**

Kayla Yvette Sanchez*
Shaunna Leigh Schaefer
Mary Ann Schedlbauer
Nina Gabrielle Schroeder**
Erin Colleen Shaw
Jenny JaeMin Smith*
Jordyn Paige Spresser*
Ashlie Alysse 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 Vvylecka
Courtney Alexandra Warnick***
Amber Marie Wetherill***
Bailey Erica Williamson**
Kayla Wilson***
Keilee Renae Womack**
Taylor Marie Worley**

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

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Emily Grace Sturt

Fiona Breon***
Holly Renee Eickstedt*

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
Tyler Joseph Bramlett
With Honors

Jacob Benjamin Rothberg
Joshua A. Saller

Jono Schwan
With Honors

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

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Brian Alexander Yee

Mauricio Andres Aquino
With Honors
Pi Chandramouli
Joseph Thomas Fertitta
Patrick Collin Hanna
Orion Daniel Humphrey
With Honors

Alexander Sergey Korobchuk
Helaina Han Thanh Le
Keeyahaanii James Anthony Nilsen
Autumn Taylor Owen
Matthew John Rieth, *With Honors*
Nathan W. Sanders
With Special Honors

Patrick Turechek
Charlie William Walker
Brian Alexander Yee
With Special Honors
Bryce Young
With Special Honors

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

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Galen Bryce Atkinson**

Logan Agatani Arakaki
Henry Thomas Bennett
Michael Anatolio Buslik
Nathan M. Calderella
Jacob Alexander Cihak

E Manuel Fraire
With Honors
Logan M. Guy
James Calvin Houdeshell
Joshua Jaramillo

Noah Rodgers
Tyler Mark Schumacher
Kyle Scott Smart
Brianna N. Tan
With Special Honors

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

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Ethan David Blagg

Ethan David Blagg
With Special Honors
Anthony Patrick Farinella
With Special Honors

Emily Claire Feller
With Honors
Colton M. Homuth
With Honors

Benjamin Nicholas Martinez

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

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Joseph Harrison Mazzocco**

Joshua Emmanuel Aggrey
Kayla Renee Alverson
Nicholas Wade Barcalow
Christin Renea Boicourt
With Special Honors
Luke Connor Coddington
Danny David Cruz
Joshua Nova Doucet
With Special Honors
Matthew G. Fawcett
Ciara Diamond Fergins
With Special Honors
Sydney Anne Floren
Jack Michael Gambrell

Bryce David George
With Special Honors
Brett Harriman
Marisa Rachel Harris
Dean Adam Heard, *With Honors*
Joseph Steven Hibbs
Sean Hoversten
Meghan Corrinne Johnson
With Special Honors
Cesar Oswaldo Larrea
Jisop Lee, *With Special Honors*
Thomas Chester Lence
Jared Maione, *With Honors*
Joshua Michael McBride

Nick Mendiola
Jacob Robert Metcalfe
With Honors
Gregory Paul Phares
Zachary A. Quail
Eric S. Quan
Fredri Fredi Reyes
Ronniesha Lashaun-Chanell
Samuels-Lawrence
Jessica Renee Sandwick
With Special Honors
Patrick Christopher Schmidt
With Special Honors
Steven Oliver Strantz

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Explanation of Honors: Honors - 3.6 - 3.79; Special Honors - 3.8 - 4.0

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
With Special Honors

Ayana Cruz Rodgers
With Honors

Kanyon Haze Rogers

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

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Jordan Isabella Pattee

Sang Hyun Baek
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 Alexis Puakea Roybal

Ali Aldarweesh
Alexander Hall Allen
Asil Khaled Almohammed
Mohammed Abdullah Alnajrani
Jonathan Taylor Aragon
With Special Honors
Brittany Mae Arnold
Tristan Reid Barkley
Sean Garrett Bateman
With Special Honors
Caden Blue
Parker Bosworth
Jazzmyn Denise Boykins
Jessica Michelle Cagliaro
Drew Michael Chesire
Jonah Chrisman, *With Honors*
Israel Collins
Shanelly Jacqueline Corbitt
Sanjeev Dahal
With Special Honors
Alec Christopher Dasher
Joseph Day, *With Special Honors*
Keaton Edward Dontanville
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 Hiller, 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*
Kierenne Hélène Maughan
With Special Honors
Ryan N. McInnis
Gabe Gabriel Mooneyham
Samuel Allen Evgeniy Nofziger
Gerardo Olivares
Jacob Phillip Olsen
With University Honors
Micah A. Orcutt
Wilson James Parker

Jericko Mariñas Poss
AnnaMarie Catherine Pyne
Devin Duy Quach, *With Honors*
Alec Rambo
Matthew Aaron Reed
Kevin James Reiter
Robert Edward Richardson
Isaac Paul Romero
Michael William Ross
Vanessa Alexis Puakea Roybal
With Special Honors
Maria Alejandra Sanchez
With Honors
Nathanael Santonastaso
With Special Honors
Tanner Alek Schlom
Laurimar Serrano-Vega
With Special Honors
Dominic Alan Smarjesse
Isaac Drew Spillum, *With Honors*
Brennan Andrew Sullivan
Brysen Tyler
With Special Honors
Michael Joel VanderMeer
With Special Honors
Jacob R. Ward
Donovan Daniel Warren
Joseph Wintergerst
Richard A. Womack, *With Honors*

Explanation of Honors: Honors - 3.6 - 3.79; Special Honors - 3.8 - 4.0

COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS & SCIENCES

Lynn Vidler, Dean

THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Shannan Craine, Charles Edward Mathis, III, Kean Senderak Matlack, Austin Michael McCoy, Isabella Clare Recca, Grace Quincy Emerson Shepherd*

Zeno Andre AuBuchon	Charles Edward Mathis, III*** <i>With Highest Distinction</i>	Isabella Clare Recca***
Shannan Craine	Austin Michael McCoy	Dylan Kenichi Sadler*
Michael Anthony Deliberti***	<i>With Highest Distinction</i>	Grace Quincy Emerson Shepherd
Nicolle Delena Kaminsky	Brianna Bouche Miller**	Eric Dylan Wall**
		Sophia Rose Zanon***

THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOCHEMISTRY**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Henry Joseph Thomas

Luke Arsenault** <i>With Distinction</i>	Aryana Lee Rodgers** Henry Joseph Thomas*** <i>With Distinction</i>	Molly E. Weir* <i>With Distinction</i>
Tak Nagasawa		

THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOLOGY**

Rheannon Michelle McDonald*	Brooke Ashley Poss**
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THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Jessica Nichole Ameter, George Henry Atkinson, IV, Lindsay Leigh Goss, Andrew LaCroix Moraes, Morgan Ellen Pracht, Tess Elizabeth Stanton, Tatum Elyse Tellin, Torey Nicole Travis

Amy Joelle Adams	Phil Abad Fisco	Chase Jeanne McBride
Jessica Nichole Ameter*	Jacob Steven Fitzgerald	Robert Henry McKelvey
Isaiah Federico Amparan	Elizabeth Franco	Nicole Anne Miller
George Henry Atkinson, IV**	Amanda Nicole Franklin	Julia Maria Miszczak
Antony Levon Ausborne, II	Manuel Alejandro Garcia***	Daisy O. Monticelli**
Roxana Irali Avila	Jacob Goggin	Joshua Moore**
Andrew Bansal**	Lindsay Leigh Goss**	Andrew LaCroix Moraes
Sophia Maria Barnhart	Randy J. Graves, II	Roxana Mpoyi Oyewo
Chris L. Berarducci	Morgan Anne Gray*	Emma Caroline Pirzadeh**
Jeff Carr	Tiana Lynn Harvey	Morgan Ellen Pracht***
Erick Alberto Carrillo*	Thomas Marston Haskins, IV	Ricardo N. Rangel
Claire Ann Changras	Allison Rae Hawkins**	Lindsey Renae Rice**
Haley Christman	Huston Clyde Holston	Ashley Taylor Riehl
Joshua Cornwell	Heike Andrea Jones	Ryan Charles Rike
Richard Benjamin Cote	Kara Lyn Kennedy	Sarah Clark Robertson
Alba Nelmarie Cuebas-Fantauzzi	Brianna Lynn Kraemer*	Meagan Nicole Robinson
Jason L Davis	Jordan Larson	Blake Simon Rolley**
Megan Davis***	Rylee Elizabeth Lay**	Tanner Reese Ruppel
Avery Elizabeth Dinnel*	Bennet Matthew Lockridge	Brianna Ruth Russell-Weddington*
Brian Scott Dunn	Lilia Vitalievna Marinitch	Bobbi Michelle Schneider-Harris
Chance Amere Dyer	Niomi R. Mayes	Jacob Sellinger

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THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION** *CONT.*

Svea Tress Sendejo*	Tatum Elyse Tellin**	Taylor Mark Wallerstein
Brooke Taylor Shaw	Sarah G. Tindal	Biao Wang*
Bradley Dale Smith*	Tiana Tolbert	Peter James Wardell
Grehson Goddard Smith	Torey Nicole Travis*	Megan Elizabeth Waters***
Tess Elizabeth Stanton***	Aylen Trejo	Alyssa Marie Madison West*
Allyson Noele Story***	Alex James Trujillo	Jordan Wilson
Sierra Strickland**	Andrew Jacob Tsiao	Collin Joseph Wolff
Danielle Cheyenne Tagliaboschi	Tyler Thomas Velasquez	Alyssa Breanne Young***
Stephanie Taylor	Joshua G. Walker	

THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Delanie Reese Duplessis, Brandon Richardson

Tyler Chance Alcon	Keith David Higginbotham	Harrison Patrick Sedmak
Piero Eduardo Bazan Huerta	Van Hovenga***	Braden Alexander Sherfy
Jakeline Madeira Bezerra	Robert Anthony McDowell***	Saray Tovar
Steven Wesley Brown	Josbert Muhigirwa	Tristan Wiesenmeyer
Delanie Reese Duplessis**	James Mark Quigg*	John A. Wilmer***
Trey Michael Hannam*	Brandon Richardson***	

THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Ange Sky Ferrantelli, Brian Ortiz-Soto, Quincy Duncan Ryan, Chloe Brooke Storm

Shyloe Cheyenne Adams	William Blane Gliser	Ashley Peisley*
Sophie Jade Baker**	Mary Greenway	Quincy Duncan Ryan***
Cordero A. Behrman	Naomi Lauren Gunter*	Joseph B. Schwartz***
William James Boswell	Joshua Aaron Kint	Chloe Brooke Storm***
Kelly Colette Carter	Daniel Thomas Kriner	Hannah G. Swenson
Kazuo Tomas Colunga	Andrew James LaBasi	Taylor Joseph Von Feldt
Derrick Lee Deleski	Sophe Jane Linhart	Joyclie Harmony Webb**
Ange Sky Ferrantelli**	Emma Rose Longwell*	Amanda Wich
Brandon Flanery*	Landon William Lowery	
Joel Thomas Francis	Brian Ortiz-Soto***	

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

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Joseph Hosea Eubank, Erinn Michele Pablo, David William White

Dylan James Anderson	Gabriel Lee Hegstad	Shannon Christine Mustoe
Leslie Patricia Andros***	Brianna Lynn Herder	Brianna Kelcy Niklaus
Abigail Barta	Ben Jones	Erinn Michele Pablo***
Alexander W. Booth	Robert Keith Landals	McKenzie Reed Parsons**
Dylan Thomas Brightwell	Richard Allan Langley	Rebecca Jean Reberry**
Prudence Keetle Crawmer	Shawn Lawrence	Zachary Reese
Riley Scott De Ryk	Matthias Luke Learned	Emily Frances Shelton
Joseph Hosea Eubank***	Dominic Andrew Lira***	Jesse Remington Smith
Jade Jeannine Gallagher	Jenna Elizabeth Lozano**	Brett Matthew Weinberger
TaylorRae Ann Gilbert	Samantha Carnell MacAffer*	Kaelynn Stevie West
Corey Lynn Hager***	Cristel Marie Madden**	David William White***
Alex Harvey	Katie Isabel Martins	Alyssa Breanne Young***
Bethany Ann Haynes*	Ashlyn Morrison	

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CANDIDATES FOR **BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: April Ruth Benson[#], Marisa Erin Cassibo, Madison Harris, Joshua David Van Sanford[#]

Andrew Justin Belet***
Corinne Belva
Marisa Erin Cassibo***
Shannon Fortune**
Adam James Gravenor
Richard Carl Haenke III**
Madison Harris***
With University Honors

Brianna Michelle Hartke
Seif Jensen
Jonathan David Reed
Joshua Rodriguez**
Ezekiel I. Romero
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

Mariah E. Mayhugh
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

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

CharLea Monee Polk*
Tanesha Kiante Temple*
Brisia Yisel Velasquez
Daniel McBurney Wardwell
Joyclie 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***

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

Joshua Edward Tandy
Aylen Trejo
Taylor Katherine Wallau***
Bryce Alan Westrick*

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THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

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

Ben Ackman	Brynna Katherine Greenfield**	Indigo Isabella Parks
Bethany Lynn Anderson*	Anna Tanrei Hale**	Gracie Noelle Passarelli
Juanita Maria Ayala*	Nicole Alexis Hansen	Joe Keegan Pfeleger*
Olivia Bader***	Lani Layla Sun Harris***	Jade Aleysia Phinn
Kalara-Anastasia Wikolia Barnes**	<i>With High Distinction</i>	Asia Reid
Wesley Alan Benjamin	Bianca Angel Headen*	Gabriel Ash Thundercrow Romero**
Miranda Lynn Bisgrove***	<i>With High Distinction</i>	Taylor Nicole Roney
Tylia DiZana Blissett**	Krystal Frances Hubbert*	Jeffrey Lee Rosado***
Jordan Clare Bremer	Rebecca Maria Jimenez	Josie Russell**
Velette Christine Britt***	Andrew Thomas Johnson	Michaela Katherine Russom
Thalia Mercedes Buckley	Jacob Robert William Jones	Tyler Lee Sandoval*
Shannon Rebecca Buxton	Lee A. Keller	Taylor Renee Saunders**
Marissa Amaris Camargo	Patrick Joseph Kingdon	Kellie Morgan Savage
Mackenzie Louise Campbell	Amy Catherine Klimm	Nicole Emilia Sawires**
Brianna Rose Carrubba*	Gary Enrique Kurtz*	Malcolm Alexander Seibel***
Moriah M. Ceballes	Jolene Marie Lally*	Danielle Sharkey
Kaitlin M. Choi	Jessica Ann Lane	Yulia Shtanko***
Kaylin DeeAnn Cole***	Moriah Lynn Larrew	Josh Shulkin***
Kyle Collins	Christiana Los	<i>With High Distinction</i>
Shannon Jennifer Cornuke**	Gerardo Rafael Marmolejo-Daher	Aurora Christine Soper***
Emily J. Crane	Ashley Brooke Marshall*	Aidan Gregory Strauss
Leah Rose Cunningham	Lynnette Marie Mc Hardy***	Megan Ashley Sutter
Ahria Jordan Dominguez***	Casey Brooke McFerron	Kyle John Szlenk
Cameron John Dupy	Lucas William McKinon	Decia Marie Taylor
<i>With High Distinction</i>	Serena McNearny**	Lindsey Renee Thomas**
Donovan Durrrough [#]	Sara A. Melby***	Sydney R. Unbewust
Ashlyn Jewel Edens**	Elizabeth St. Germain Meyer	Danielle Marie Wahlmeier
Cristina Rae Federico*	Kamryn Leigh Neu	Connor L. Wallace
Hayley Ferguson	Emily Nguyen**	Emmaline Faith Watkins
Zackary Thomas Gainer**	Autumn Marie Olmos**	Ben Wheller
Camille Gardner**	Maryah Elisa Daisy Padilla	Mae Williams**
Kilie Denae Godec**	Kathryn Palm**	Mallory Yeoman
Brainne Nickole Grady	Jasmin Panique***	
Holly Hood Grasso	Melissa Harlie Paradine	

THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Jason Rogers, Shanice Monea Smith

Tom Bancroft*	Kaylyn Miranda Dart	Hagan Marozas
Elena Samantha Barboza	Margaret Rita Marie Genevich***	Peter Nicholas McCann*
Joseph Bono	Holly Hood Grasso	Jason Rogers***
Mason Lane Bristowe*	Bianca Angel Headen*	Mike Allen Ruff
Chantalle Irene Butterfield	Richard Thomas Kaminski	Madilynn Saucerman
<i>With Honors</i>	Bret Kendall	Shanice Monea Smith***
Hannah Grace Clymer	Drew McLaren Kessel	Audrey Tang
Madison J. Cobert	Mackenzie Jane Lafean	Shelby Elizabeth Terry*
Emily J. Crane	Destiny Maestas	Brianna Meshae Vigil***

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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 McNearney**
Gilbert Noel Jr.
Salvador Castillo Placencia

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
With University Honors
Brianna Huynh

Monica S. Jurgeleit
Erika Nicole Kelley**
Shane Michael Lisius*
Antoinette Misty Mannie
Yulia Shtanko***
With Highest 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***
Tayler 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***	Matthew Joseph Lucero*	Chandler Rhodes Roop*
Lekeisha Nicole Dobbins	Stevie Lee Lucero**	Isaiah Paco Royx**
Syria S. Falkenberg**	Charlene Brienna Madden***	Neil Paco Royx**
Miquella Farris	<i>With University Honors</i>	Kyle Rudy
Rick Fernandez	Julia Grace Cabrido Magbanua	Leigh Anne Russell
Christian Frausto Garcia	Jade Malenkovic	Alexis Katen Sato**
Madison Rose Golla**	Hannah Rose Matson	Mary Elizabeth Selenke*
Kinsey Greve***	Amelia McKenzie***	Aspen Elise Serfoss***
<i>With University Honors</i>	Joshua Michlin	McKenzie Shypitka
Sork Iskandar Hamad	Chyla Middleton	Andi Smith**
Alex Steven Hamilton	Sydney Payton Mircetic**	Abbey Swift
Madison Harris***	Alex N. Mitchell	Jeremiah Tackett
<i>With University Honors</i>	Trey Arthur Navalta	Decia Marie Taylor
Alejandro Fabin Hernandez	Anh T. Nguyen**	Stevi Angel Tomlinson**
Sydney Hodison	Seth Michael Nolen	Thanh Thanh Nguyen Tran*
Danielle Caterina Hoffman	Molly Jean O'Bryan	<i>With University Honors</i>
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Matresa L. King	Kacie Claire Quigley	Kaylee Wong Dolloff***
Lila Elizabeth Klingman***	Trenton Daniel Reinicke*	Jeremy William Wright
Alexandria Anne Klovas	<i>With University Honors</i>	Sabine Mathilda Zinserling*
Shane Michael Lisius*	Isabella Ryan Rogge***	

THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Gavin Hoffman

Sam Bieber**	Bonnie Sue Matchavariani	Sydney Alexis Steffens
Andrew Lawrence Davis	Jake Miratsky	Loren Jessica Taylor
Logan Epperson*	Christopher Dino Salazar	Sophia Rose Zanonii**
Gavin Hoffman***	Morgan Lynn Schachterle***	
<i>With Highest Distinction</i>	<i>With Distinction</i>	
Nicholas William Kujalowicz	Micella Santa-Maria Staiano	

THE DEGREE **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS**

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

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

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

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

*Explanation of Honors: *Cum Laude - 3.5 - 3.69; **Magna Cum Laude - 3.7 - 3.89; ***Summa Cum Laude - 3.9 or above*

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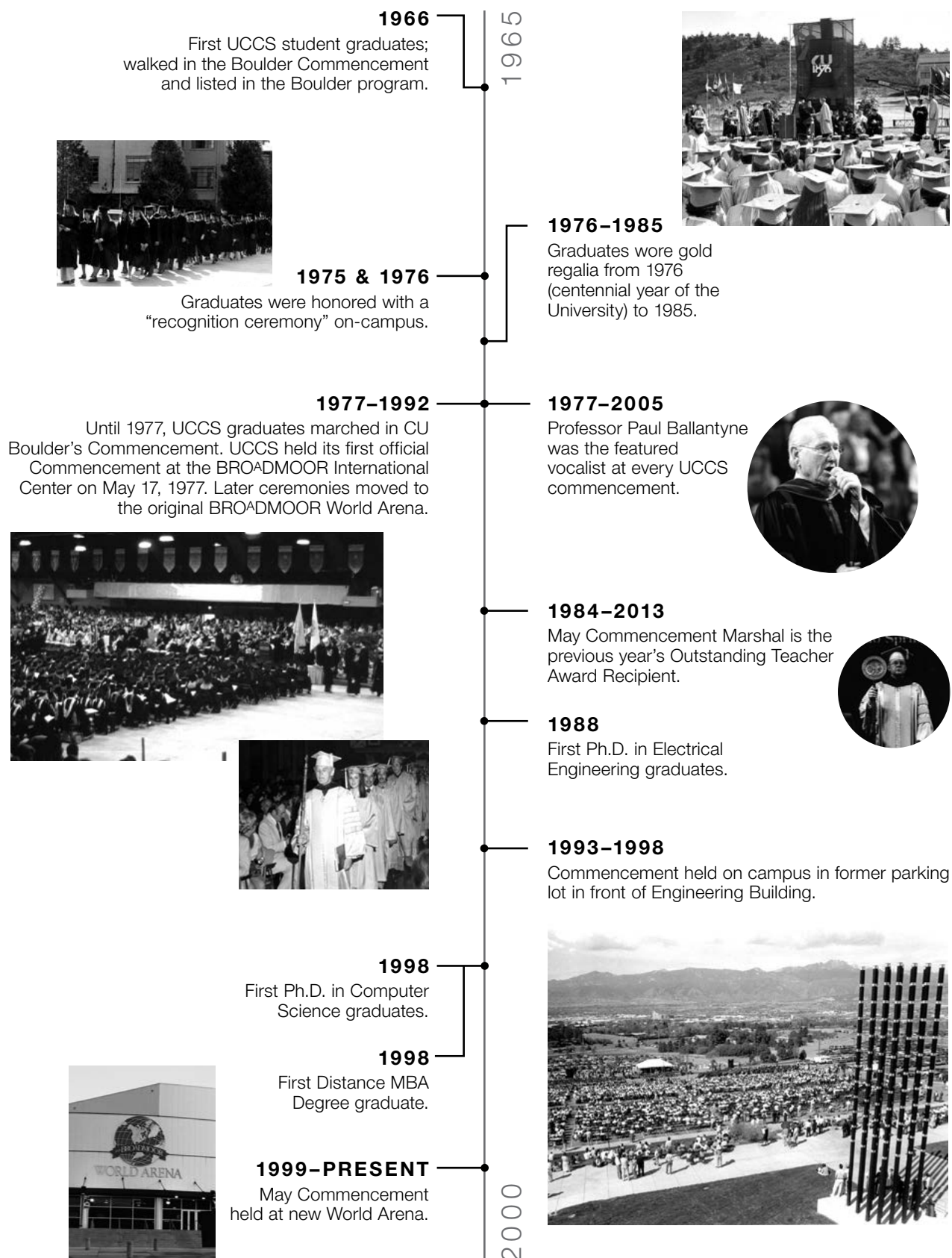
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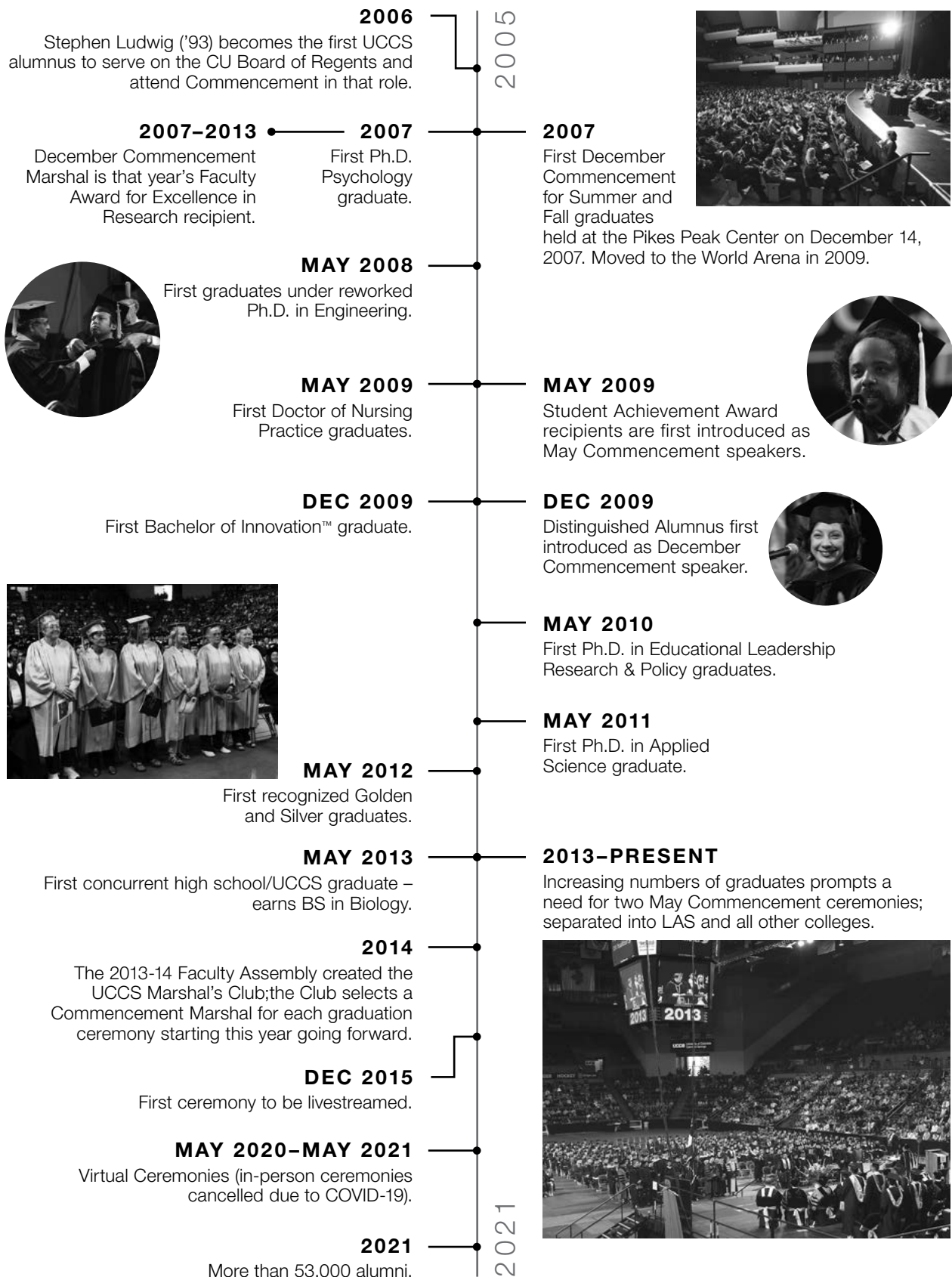


THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

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?



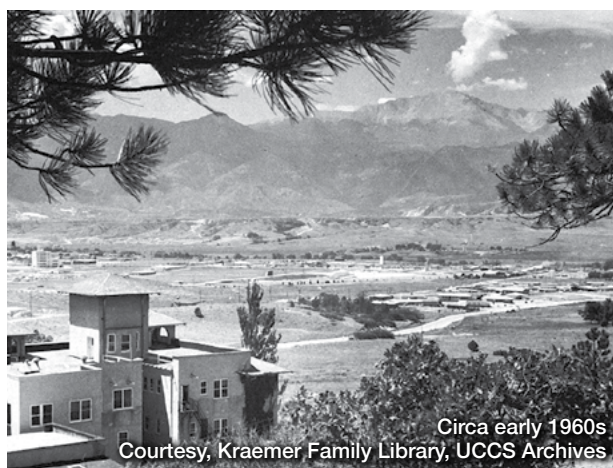




The history of the University of Colorado dates back to the earliest days of Colorado and precedes the creation of the state. At its first session in 1861, the Colorado territorial legislature passed an act providing for the creation of a university in Boulder. To establish the university, the legislature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

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

Henry Austin, for whom the bluffs on campus were named, purchased a large part of what is



now the campus in 1873 to graze herds of sheep. The first known building on the site was a cabin built by the world-famous physician, Dr. Edwin Solly. Dr. Solly suffered from tuberculosis and moved from England to the area, as the region was becoming known for its healthy climate. After years of planning for a sanatorium on the site, Dr. Solly was spurred into action in 1902 when General William Jackson Palmer (founder of Colorado Springs) gave him 100 acres of land on Austin Bluffs and \$50,000 towards the start of his sanatorium. Solly selected one of the most important and versatile architects working in Southern Colorado, Thomas MacLaren. MacLaren (1863-1928), acknowledged master of architecture, designed many structures in Colorado Springs including several sections of the opulent BROADMOOR Hotel. The sanatorium building echoed the aesthetics of the founders merging with Spanish-Moorish influence; it embodied the heritage of the builders of Colorado Springs and the understated beauty of the Hispanic culture. Cragmor Sanatorium (now Main Hall) opened its doors to patients on June 20, 1905, and thereafter became the most luxurious place for well-to-do consumptives in the United States. Dr. Solly named the site Cragmoor (later shortened to Cragmor), reminiscent of the crags and moors he had left behind in Great Britain.

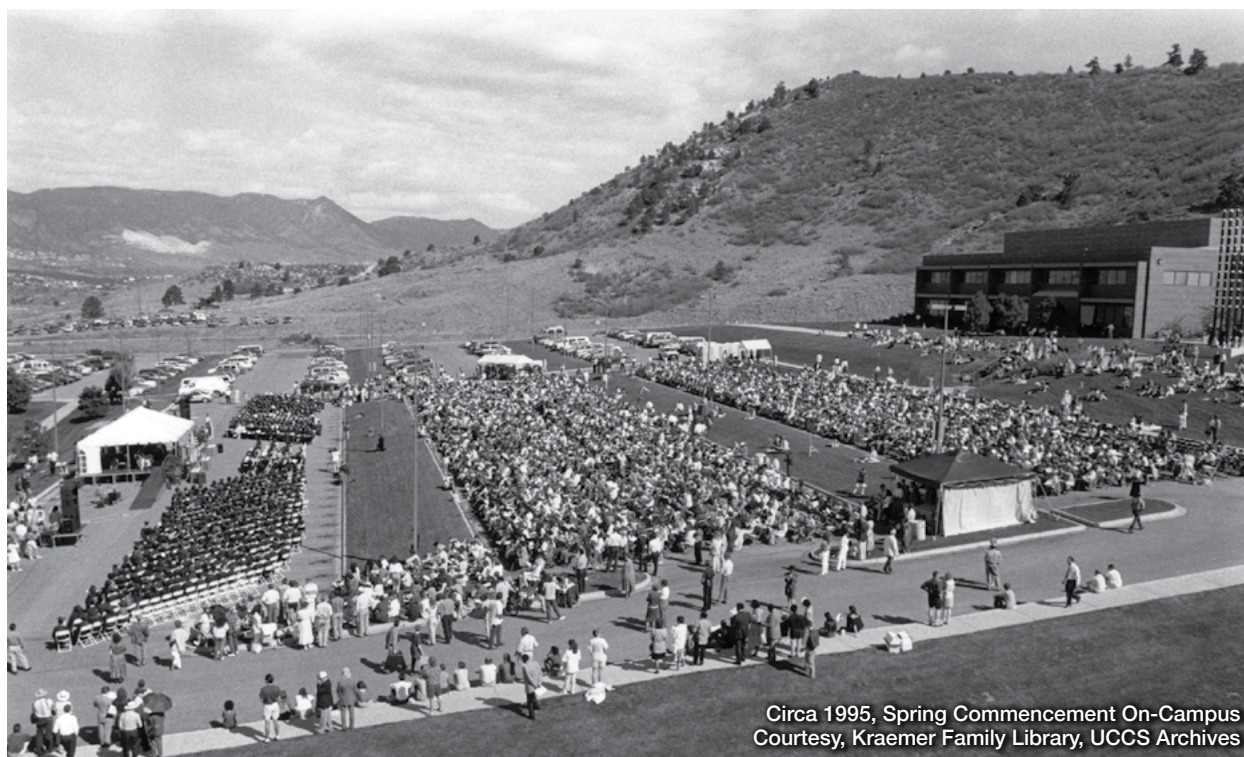
Cragmor became the health mecca for artists, writers, and corporate tycoons who found not only their health but also a new home in Colorado Springs. Laura La Tille (Broadway performer), Constance Pulitzer (Joseph Pulitzer's daughter), Murielane Pancost (concert soprano), Jeanette

MacCoil (well-known New York musician), and Russell Cheney (renowned painter) spent time and regained their health at Cragmor. Upon his death Solly was memorialized as a world class physician who had brought the Colorado Springs community to global acclaim for its outstanding health facility. Ironically, the world forgot Solly as Cragmor became even more established under the direction of new 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 Sanatorium'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 sanatorium'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.





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

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 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.



Photo by Jeff Foster, staff, 2021



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

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

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

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

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

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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

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